

JAGUAR

NORTH QUEENSLAND



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APRIL 2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

CLUB MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of each month except January & December (no meeting) at BP CLUDEN, Racecourse Road, 7:30pm

February 2008

Wednesday 6
Saturday 23/24

Meeting
BALGAL BBQ

March 2008

Wednesday 5
Saturday 25

Meeting
EASTER NATIONAL RALLY

April 2008

Wednesday 2
Saturday 26/27

Meeting
PALUMA OVERNIGHT

May 2008

Wednesday 7
Saturday 24/25

Meeting
HINCHINBROOK YACHT/RESORT OVERNIGHT

June 2008

Wednesday 4
Sunday 15

Meeting
ALL BRITISH DAY

July 2008

Wednesday 2
Saturday 26/27

Meeting
MACKAY OVERNIGHT

August 2008

Wednesday 2
Saturday 26

Meeting
WINE & CHEESE

September 2008

Wednesday 3
Friday 26/27/28

Meeting
CAPE TRIBULATION OVERNIGHT

October 2008

Wednesday 1
Sunday 26

Meeting
HALIFAX PUB

November 2008

Wednesday 5
Saturday 29
Sunday 30

AGM
CHRISTMAS PARTY
RECOVERY PARTY

*Subject to confirmation closer to event date!

NOTE:

Sunday Runs

These runs are now only held in Townsville if there is sufficient interest. If you are interested, or driving through, give one of the committee members a call to discuss.

Emails

If you have an email address and can receive newsletters *or* if you change your email address *please* let the editor know as emails save time *and* money.

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WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2008

Meeting opened 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Kevin Fitz Gerald (A/Chair), Joe Pannia, Richard Dixon, David Ashton, Peter Dixon, Michael Fitz Gerald, Bill Moore

APOLOGIES:

Reg & Jan Fels, Alan Collins

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 March 2008, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and were confirmed.

JP / MF

BUSINESS ARISING:

- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS:

- Letters/Notices: TCC Community Skills Workshop, Shannons Historic Rally
- Newsletters: TVV & H, FNQ Restorers Club
- Catalogues: Squiggle pens, Suncorp Shade Structures
- Magazines: Flying Doctor Qld

OUTWARDS:

- NIL

RD / KF

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance at 25 March 2008 was \$639.82

JP / KF

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Paluma Overnight, Saturday 26 April 2008

The Paluma weekend trip is an overnigher for those interested, otherwise a Saturday afternoon day trip is in order. The Rainforest Inn has 6 rooms, each with a Queen size bed and 2 singles for \$125/night. The Inn has a licensed restaurant and does a Sunday breakfast for extra cost. To book (and get in early to avoid disappointment – 2 rooms are already booked), ring Sue on 4770 8688. We'll depart for Paluma at 2:00pm from the Yabulu Mobil Roadhouse to arrive in time for afternoon tea at the top.

All British Day 15 June 2008

The FNQ restores club have expressed an interest in attending and which may also include non British but otherwise interesting cars for display. This month we identified some horrible tasks for members to do to ease the pain down the track. Here's the list so far:

Trophies	RD to approach Shannons
Advertising	RD to approach Bulletin, RACQ
Other club involvement and confirm their attendance	DA to approach all clubs with list provided by RD
Handouts	RD to organise based on previous years
Fire Engines	JP to contact owners to confirm attendance
Individual vehicles	KF to contact other known individual car owners not in car clubs
Saturday Car rally	Richard to provide draft

Here are the remaining previous months brainstorming ideas repeated for further action:

- Car locations
- Best Car trophy sponsor
- Mini fete
- Encourage owners to display cars with signs detailing car details
- Advertising
- A theme for the day eg a decade or significant world event
- Trade stalls
- Swap meet on the Saturday (another venue)
- Social/fun navigation run Saturday afternoon eg treasure hunt
- Peoples choice of most popular car of the day at the cost of a donation to the school/charity
- Competition for the public with the answers to be obtained from the various club displays.
- Ban Kevin's XJSC until it has been painted or at least cleaned (refer Joe for this one)
- Starting times?
- Raffles

If you wish to have input, please please please contact a committee member as soon as possible.

Meeting closed 8:30pm



APRIL 2008 NEWSLETTER

Ford announces JLR sale

Carsguide website, 27 March 2008

Ford Motor Company announces agreement to sell Jaguar Land Rover to Tata Motors.

Ford is confident that Jaguar Land Rover is in capable hands.



Ford Motor Company announced today that it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Jaguar Land Rover operations to Tata Motors.

The transaction is the culmination of Ford's decision last August to explore strategic options for the Jaguar Land Rover business, as the company accelerates its focus on its core Ford brand and "One Ford" global transformation.

The sale is expected to close by the end of the next quarter and is subject to customary closing conditions, including receipt of applicable regulatory approvals.

The total amount to be paid in cash by Tata Motors for Jaguar Land Rover upon closing will be approximately US \$2.3 billion. At closing, Ford will then contribute up to approximately US \$600 million to the Jaguar Land Rover pension plans.

"Jaguar and Land Rover are terrific brands," said Alan Mulally, president and CEO, Ford Motor Company. "We are confident that they are leaving our fold with the products, plan and team to continue to thrive under Tata's stewardship. Now, it is time for Ford to concentrate on integrating the Ford brand globally, as we implement our plan to create a strong Ford Motor Company that delivers profitable growth for all."

"This is a good agreement. It provides the Jaguar Land Rover management team and employees with the assurances needed to maintain their focus on delivering the best results for the business," said Lewis Booth, executive vice president, Ford Motor Company, who has responsibility for Ford of Europe, Volvo and Jaguar Land Rover. "I am confident that, under its new owner, Jaguar Land Rover will continue to build upon the significant improvements and product successes it has achieved in recent years."

As part of the transaction, Ford will continue to supply Jaguar Land Rover for differing periods with powertrains, stampings and other vehicle components, in addition to a variety of technologies, such as environmental and platform technologies. Ford also has committed to provide engineering support, including research and development, plus information technology, accounting and other services.

In addition, Ford Motor Credit Company will provide financing for Jaguar and Land Rover dealers and customers during a transitional period, which can vary by market, of up to 12 months.

The parties believe these arrangements will support Jaguar Land Rover's current product plans, while providing Jaguar Land Rover freedom to develop its own stand-alone capabilities in the future that will best serve its premium manufacturer requirements.

The parties do not anticipate any significant changes to Jaguar Land Rover employees' terms of employment on completion.

Speaking about today's agreement, Mr. Ratan N. Tata, Chairman of Tata Sons and Tata Motors, commented: "We are very pleased at the prospect of Jaguar Land Rover being a significant part of our automotive business. We have enormous respect for the two brands and will endeavour to preserve and build on their heritage and competitiveness, keeping their identities intact. We aim to support their growth, while holding true to our principles of allowing the management and employees to bring their experience and expertise to bear on the growth of the business."

Jaguar Land Rover's employees, trade unions and the UK Government have been kept informed of developments as the sale process progressed and have indicated their support for the agreement.

Speaking on behalf of Jaguar Land Rover, Geoff Polites, chief executive officer, said: "Jaguar Land Rover's management team is very pleased that Ford and Tata Motors have come to an agreement today. Our team has been consulted extensively on the deal content and feels confident that it provides for the business needs of both our brands going forward.

"We have also had the opportunity to meet senior executives from Tata Motors and the Tata group," Polites continued. "They have expressed confidence in the team that has delivered significant improvements in Jaguar Land Rover's business performance. We feel confident that we can forge a strong working relationship with our new parent company, and we look forward to a bright and successful future for Jaguar Land Rover."

CLASSIFIEDS:

These classifieds are free to advertise and items don't have to be Jaguar related. Ring or email Richard to have your items inserted in next month's issue. Photos are welcome for inclusion too.

For Sale:

- ✓ XJ6 Series 1 spare parts car located in Mundingburra, Townsville. Offers wanted. Call Bernice Day 0434 851410
- ✓ Free maps sensor in working order for a D Jetronic EFI (1981 V12). Call Craig on (07) 4729 0908 for information
- ✓ XJ6 S1 New Front Disks \$300 and brake pads \$40/set. Call Peter on 0431 224061

Wanted:

- ✓ XJ6 '79 Water reservoir wanted. Contact Joe 0409 270971

