

JAGUAR

NORTH QUEENSLAND



REGISTER



HINCHINBROOK

JUNE 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
April 2008

Meeting
EASTER NATIONAL RALLY

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 4 JUNE 2008

Meeting opened 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Reg & Jan Fels, Kevin Fitz Gerald, Joe Pannia, Richard Dixon, Peter Dixon, Michael Fitz Gerald, David Ashton, Gary Doak

APOLOGIES:

Nil

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 May 2008, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and were confirmed despite JP's concerns about his comments being ignored (as they are continually, he believes!!).

MF / JF

BUSINESS ARISING:

- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS:

- Letters/Notices:, ABD Pens Invoice
- Newsletters: TVV&H
- Catalogues: NIL
- Magazines: RFDS

OUTWARDS:

- Some emails regarding ABD e.g. K Pincott (Bulletin); Cathedral School; W Skimmings (Shannons).

RD / PD

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance at 23 MAY 2008 was unchanged at \$640.66 (\$0.00 interest), with a \$137.78 payment to be made for ABD pens ordered.

JP / CS

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Hinchinbrook Weekend 24/25 May 2008

It was a 'roaring success' with Peter Dixon, the Fels, the Munii and the McInnes' in attendance. See below for more words and pictures.

All British Day 15 June 2008

Everyone is invited to a BBQ this Saturday night, for a meet and greet before All British Day on the Sunday. Please bring chairs, salad or dessert and your drinks. Jan will supply fruitcup and meat. Ring Jan or Reg on 47213636 by Wednesday 11th. to confirm you are coming. Looking forward to seeing everyone next Saturday night.

Raffle: Jan is organising a basket of goodies to raffle on the day using \$100 of the club's funds. Tickets will be \$1 per ticket. Please buy 'lots' as the proceeds are going to a great cause – the Club

Willows Display: JP, PD & DA have agreed to display their cars and handout leaflets (provided by RD) on Sunday 8 June 2008 as a teaser for ABD.

Support Wanted: In support of other clubs who have responded to our call to display at ABD, a request has been made from another club for the jag Club to support other local events in and around the area.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fund Raiser. Is it possible? Yes, but a fair amount of organising and notice given needs to be done. Are there any takers?

Clubs Contacted: There was spirited debate on whether all clubs have been actually invited or notified. The Dennis fire engines and Rolls have been invited and accepted.

BBQ @ the Fels' DON'T FORGET!! JF to email Mackay register. BYO please.

Parking Signs: JP to hang as required

Displays: Sodablast may or may not turn up on the day!

Other

Life memberships. GD to read rules and report on how this is carried out and 'who' can do it.

Subscriptions. RD to draft a letter to JDCQ to request increase in contributions to the NQ register.

Meeting closed 8:40pm



JUNE 2008 NEWSLETTER

HINCHINBROOK WEEKEND

Story: Craig Scholz, Pictures: Jan Fels
Hinchinbrook Adventure

G'day Jag Lovers....yes, it is I, returneth to the keyboard after a long absence. Did you miss me? I haven't fallen off the perch yet but I have been very busy. I've been dragged out of blissful retirement and thrust back into the work force, on a casual, very casual basis, but worse still, the Old Girl has been stranded in the carport since the February floods. I'm still waiting for Humes to deliver my new culvert headwall. Just as well I haven't been hanging by my goolies.

However, I still managed to make the Hinchinbrook adventure as a passenger in Reg and Jan's Sovereign V12, and what a great weekend it was. For all those who chose not to go.....what can I say?....stab yourselves in the heart with a blunt knitting needle.

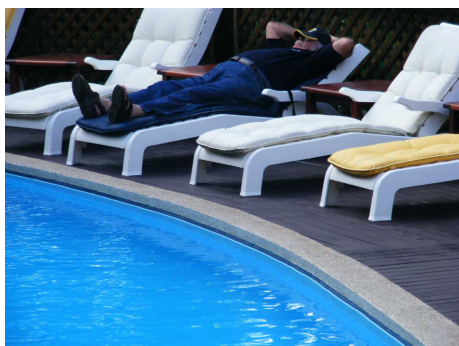


It wasn't the biggest Jaguar convoy that has ever left Townsville, only Reg and Jan's Sovereign, with myself and Peter as passengers and Frank and Glenys in the XJS. Kevin nearly made it in his XJS but for an unfortunate last minute systems melt-down. Dick and Anne met us in Cardwell in their BMW.

We arrived in Cardwell on Friday afternoon and booked into the Beachfront Motel. Very acceptable. Right on the waterfront with

balconies looking out to Goold Island and Cape Richards and resonating to the sound of the pounding?? surf. The moon at night beamed over the water and sunrise in the morning was well worth getting out of bed for. If that sounds idyllic, it's because it bloody well was.

Early on Saturday morning we headed down to the marina and boarded the Hinchinbrook Explorer II, for an 18 knot cruise to the Hinchinbrook Wilderness Resort at Cape Richards. It's the first time I've been aboard that vessel and I wasn't disappointed. Any boat that has free bottomless cups of coffee gets a tick from me.



At the resort pontoon, the crew tried to lure Frisky the Groper up with a dead mullet, big enough to stun a horse with. However, Frisky has recently had a girlfriend move into his pontoon pad and must have been busy being frisky because both he and his girlfriend ignored the mullet. I've seen Frisky before and he is truly impressive. After being stood up by Frisky, the crew piled a bunch of hikers on board and we headed over to Creek 8 and the Ramsay Bay boardwalk.

On the walk from the Creek 8 pontoon, up over the sandhills to Ramsay Bay, Frank showed that he got his money's worth on his knee jobs. He was getting around like a two year old colt. At the beach, I propped in the shade of a pandanus palm while the rest of the group negotiated the beach looking for flotsam and jetsam. The hikers, all loaded up like pack horses, took off up the beach to the start of the Thorsborne trail. Thirty odd kilometres of

steep inclines, precipices, swamps, mossies and sandflies, all the way to George Point. One young girl even had a 6-8 month old baby on her back.

We then followed the skipper back to the pontoon to be ferried back to the mother ship. Our little boat was trimmed well, as the skipper was using Reg for lateral ballast. On arrival back at the resort, we had one last look for Frisky and then headed up to lunch. Lunch was a very enjoyable affair, after which we lounged around the pool, read the paper and generally chilled out, in superb picturesque surroundings.

We would have loved to have settled in, but around 4.00 pm, we reluctantly headed down to the boat for the return trip to Port Hinchinbrook. Dinner that night was again in the restaurant at the Beachfront Motel. We were joined by a local Jaguar owner, Brian Smith. Smithy has a 1989 XJ40 Sovereign, a Series I and a Series II. Smithy will be coming to Townsville for All British Day and looks like becoming a new member.



On Sunday morning, we headed down to the Cardwell jetty to check out the scene and to see what was biting. Very little actually but the kids on the jetty were enthusiastic and we had



our picture taken with the catch of the day. Dick and Anne then headed back to Atherton and the rest of us headed off to Halifax to check out a great little pub that Frank had heard about. The Halifax pub had won tourism awards for excellence and we were going to check it out for future Jag Club trips.

After driving around Halifax in circles, eyeing off two dubious looking establishments, Frank remembered that the pub in question was actually the Port O'Call in Lucinda. By the time we got to the "real deal", it was smoko time. After great coffee and cake, we diddly-bopped down to Dungeness to inspect the recent developments and another jetty. We also found a great set of units on the riverside, with a pontoon to fish from, a BBQ to munch from and coconut palms to sit under. Enquiries made at reception revealed that the tariff is most reasonable and an even better deal is to be had if we go as a club. It appears highly likely that Dungeness will be added to next year's social calendar. BYO fishing gear.



After leaving the reception office clutching our brochures, we headed back to the Port O' Call for a very enjoyable BBQ lunch in the covered beer garden, before heading back to Townsville.

Our next big adventure will be the Mackay trip in July. Don't miss it.

IS THAT A JAG.....YOU'RE KIDDING?

Craig Scholz

Hey Jag Lovers.....what do you think of the new XF. When I first saw a picture of one in a magazine, I thought I was looking at a Hyundai Sonata, or one of the myriad of generic looking cars that have flooded the market. What a disappointment!

The Jaguar marque is famous for its distinctive style and aesthetic appeal. A Jaguar is a Jaguar. I know that Jaguar has copped a hiding from armchair critics who whinge that the new S Type and the XJ are too retro-styled, but who are these 'wankers' anyway.

As you know, my Old Girl is a 1981 Daimler Double Six Vanden Plas. She's just turned 27 years old and she's still drop dead gorgeous. I have people of both sexes from 17 to 70 drooling over her. I recently had an 18 year old female service station attendant tell me how she would love to have one just like her. How many cars are there driving around town that excite pedestrians to pull out mobile phones and start taking pictures?

It doesn't matter how old you are, or what sex you are, or even what species you are, if you see anything from a Mark I to an X308, you know straight away it's a Jaguar. Now that the modernists have grabbed control of the drawing board at Jaguar, who knows what the future holds.....

TOWNSVILLE WHOLESALE PAINT

TWP have offered trade prices storewide to club members on presentation of their card or stamped NQ Register business card (available from Reg). Call into their shop at 72 Pilkington Street and ask for Michael Cann (47253082) if you need some restoration paint or other product.

ABOUT THE MORGAN ON THE ALL BRITISH DAY HANDOUT

The Turquoise Morgan pictured on the attached All British Day handout belongs to Jerry Reeves who gave me the history of the vehicle. His father Tom Reeves bought the "Morgan Runabout Family Model with a 1000cc twin Jap engine" on 20th June 1928 from Pages Cycle & Motors for 160 pounds with a deposit of 102 pounds, registered and insured and a monthly repayment of 5pound 9shillings and twopence for 12 months. The current owner Jerry was born 3 months later so he has grown up with this vehicle and both are in excellent condition.

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:

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Cheap single pepperpot for spare wanted. Call Peter on 0431 224061