

JAGUAR

Townsville



Register



April 2004

MEETING – 7 APRIL 2004

Present:

Richard Dixon, Joe Pannia, Craig Scholz, Kevin Fitzgerald, Alan Collins, Bill Honniball, Peter Carlson, Ross Douglas.

Apologies:

Michael Fitzgerald.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 March 2004, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Alan Collins / Joe Pannia

Business Arising:

It was reported that the Poker Run had once again proven an outstanding success with five Jags, 4 Minis, one Austin 1800 and one Magna participating. (Craig left his 4WD at the starting line in favour of navigating for Kevin in the XJS-C). Two prizes were awarded for the best poker hands - a much coveted and keenly contested bag of lollies to the best hand held by a visitor and an only marginally less desirable, beautifully crafted model XK8 for the best hand held by a member; the latter kindly donated and won, appropriately enough, by the Dixon's. It is widely rumoured that the model will again be offered as a prize at a future outing. On the other hand, it is believed unlikely that the lollies will ever be seen again.

Correspondence:

- Inward: Two editions of *Capricorn Topics*, Jan/Feb and Mar/Apr.
February edition of *Marque Times*.
Request for donations to the Red Shield Appeal.
- Outward: March minutes and newsletter to members and JDCQ, Brisbane.
Updated information about Townsville Register has been sent off to the Queensland Government Communities Register.

The secretary sheepishly admitted that our registration with the NextCar web site had been put on hold while he tidied his office (and located the application form).

Bill Honniball / Peter Carlson

Treasurer's Report:

Richard reported a closing balance of \$681.79 as at 29 February 2004 with an unrepresented petty cash cheque for \$50.50 outstanding.

Richard Dixon / Alan Collins

General Business:

Poker Run

There was further discussion of this successful event with agreement that Giru park was the ideal afternoon tea stopover point.

April Sunday Run

With the second April Sunday falling during Easter, it appeared unlikely there would be any starters for this month's run. It was therefore decided to combine this with the April Outing (breakfast at Balgal Beach) - see below.

Craig's Corner

The second edition of Craig's exploits and tips, which appeared in the March issue Newsletter, was received no less enthusiastically than the first. Members eager to catch up on breaking news of Craig's gearbox transplant may just have to wait however with Craig unsure if he will have time to document the saga for the April issue. Meanwhile, other members are still encouraged to provide their own copy. All contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Register Library

This is progressing slowly, the only contribution so far having come from Kevin.

Register "Business" Cards

Also progressing slowly but expected to be available at the next meeting.

April Outing

Breakfast at Balgal Beach - byo or purchase from the local store. As usual, cars are to line up opposite the RAAF base for a **7 am** start on **Sunday, 18 April**.

Register Bank Account

This is held at the Uni Credit Union and requires the secretary to organise transfer of signing authority from Peter Carlson to Kevin Fitzgerald. The other two signatories are the secretary and treasurer. Secretary to action.

Newsletter Cover Photo

Members should provide Richard with photos of their pride and joy to be featured on the cover in the attractive new colour format. Craig expects to be able to provide the April photo.

All British Day

The following matters were discussed.

Kevin has contacted Peter Vollugi and confirmed 20 June at Cathedral School as the date and venue. Peter has passed ABD and other club paraphernalia to Kevin for safe keeping. Bill to contact Ron Bairstow regarding promotion of the event. Richard to produce 50 A4 and 1000 A6 Flyers for distribution as below. Bill to write to the following groups and include Flyers where appropriate: Mini Club; Marque Sports Car Club; Historic Motorcycle Club; Vintage, Veteran and Historic Motor Vehicle Club; Stationary Engine Club; Tony Ireland Jaguar; Rising Sun Honda; Geoff Pickering Mini. Contact with the print and broadcast media will depend on outcomes of discussions with Ron Bairstow. Peter will also provide a list of individuals who can be contacted. Flyers will be distributed at the next meeting for further distribution by members to service stations and other outlets such as Supa Cheap Auto Parts.

APRIL 2004 NEWSLETTER

Cover Photo

This snazzy snap of an XJ12C forms part of a six page 1976 US/Canadian sales brochure titled "Jaguar, The uncommon luxury sedan." The accompanying blurb states, "Here are the pillarless two-door hardtops, a sportier version of the XJ sedan series. And like all XJs, they are complete motorcars with automatic transmission, thermostatically-controlled air conditioning, electric windows and door locks, and even an 8-track AM/FM stereo sound system as standard equipment." Note the two cool swanky individuals in the background; the one in the turtleneck obviously being the owner of the uncommon but complete motorcar!!

If you have a Jag related photo you'd like to see on the cover please email it in .JPG format with a description to Richard Dixon at rg.dixon@bigpond.com.

Bill's Baloney

Stolen Jaguar

With Craig otherwise occupied, it has fallen to me to pen a few lines. I begin with a cautionary tale. Be on the lookout for a '73 BRG XJ6 with a black vinyl hood. It was stolen while parked outside the owner's home at 13 Oxford Street, Hermit Park. While we all know the importance of guarding against theft, be advised that this vehicle had the carby disassembled at the time and must have been first pushed, then towed away. Someone was very keen to get their hands on it and the owner is worried it may be broken up for parts as, although registered, it was an on-going restoration project. Members are asked to phone Clint Conner on 4771 4830 should they have any information which might help Clint track down his vehicle.

Peter's Back

Yes he's back and he's on a mission which, unfortunately (for us), is to sell his house and head back to Miva and restoration heaven. Meanwhile Peter has been attending meetings and outings and may, with a bit of luck, still be here for ABD and one final showing of the famous 'E', not to mention the chance to lend a hand with the only slightly less famous ABD notice boards. Since Peter left town last December, these have been put to work in my car port protecting my XJ from the ravages of our tropical sun, a task for which they are eminently suited due to their extreme immobility. They will no doubt be hauled out again on 20 June and a few bashed ankles later, serve their secondary role of directing exhibitors and spectators alike to our blue ribbon event of the year, All British Day. If Peter's stay doesn't extend until then, it is hoped he'll still be here for the 30 May Table Tennis afternoon. We plan at this stage to turn this into a bit of a farewell for Peter so members are encouraged to attend if at all possible. See Coming Events.

Project 'Z'

This has pretty much taken over my life. I say "pretty much" only because the boss is refusing to pay me unless I also put aside some time to attend my official place of work. That leaves 7 am until nightfall most weekends plus public holidays. I do admit to resting on the fourth day of Easter however, having rubbed all the skin off the tips of my fingers on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The reason the pace has picked up is that bits are starting to go back on now, a process which is so much more rewarding than taking bits off. Having failed "Project 2" a few years ago, I now realize that this is a crucial turning point. By the time I had disassembled the Mark 2 into its 1000 or more constituent parts I was so depressed at the sight of them all, I more or less gave up on the spot. Had I known then what I know now, as they say, I might have been driving my pristine all time dream car, the 3.8 litre, manual o/d Mark 2 saloon. But then again, I probably wouldn't have had the Zed.

For those who don't know, I should explain that the "Zed" is a Morris Z ute, purchased some two or so years ago from the estate of Johnny Quong Chong, storekeeper, of 25 Allen Street, South Townsville. The ute had lived there all its life, Johnny being the only owner. I bought it for one reason only, the first car I ever rode in was my Granddad's little Morris Z Ute which he bought in about 1950 to carry the produce from his small crops farm at Cleveland to the markets. Actually that's not the only reason I bought it - it's also just about the cutest thing you'll ever see, which you will do if you come to All British Day at the Cathedral School this year. It may not be registered (49ZED) but it'll be there, sure as you're born.

Poker Run

A bit more on this event, mentioned above in Business Arising from the Minutes. A number of participants chose to record their fuel consumption on the day and the results are interesting if not enlightening. As you will see from the table below, fuel consumption varied considerably, but not as much as odometer readings, making any attempt to identify a "winner" something of a challenge. You may make of them what you will.

JDCQ Poker Run - 27 March 2004

<u>Driver</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Speedo</u>	<u>Litres</u>	<u>L/100km</u>	<u>mpg 1</u>	<u>mpg 2</u>
Bill	XJ6 Ser II 4.2	121.9	15.82	12.97	21.78	23.02
Richard	XJ6 Ser III 4.2	147.0	15.39	10.47	26.98	23.64
Joe	XJ6 Ser III 4.2	120.9	13.92	11.51	24.54	26.13
Kevin	XJS-C 5.3	125.5	19.30	15.32	18.44	18.86

Notes: L/100km and mpg1 are based on the distance recorded by the individual drivers

mpg2 is based on the average of all distances recorded - 128.8 kilometres

Frank and Glenys Munis

Far West members Frank and Glenys are intending to go touring in PURRRR, their immaculate 1964 E-type. Since they will be traveling in a more or less circular pattern and visiting a number of Registers on the way, I have asked them to check out a possible route for a future "Grand Tour" of the state by members of our Register, possibly in celebration of the 20th anniversary of our founding in 1986. Their intended route, starting in Mt Isa, includes Cloncurry, McKinlay, Kynuna, Ilfracombe, Jondoran, Warwick, Gold Coast, Esk/Kilcoy, Mackay, Townsville, Richmond and back to Mt Isa. As well as attending meetings in a number of centres along the way, including Gold Coast, Mackay and Townsville, they will be catching up with a number of members in some of the more far flung regions and looking out for good accommodation and points of interest for Jag Club members. The trip will take a couple of months starting at the beginning of May and will therefore allow them to display their car at All British Day in Townsville on 20 June. They will no doubt have plenty of info to pass on to members.

For Sale / Wanted

I have adopted an informal policy of running these for 3 months unless advised that the item has been sold/found. If you want it reinstated after that time, just say so.

For Sale: - 1974 Series II XJ6, new transmission, tinted windows, crazed paint.

Asking \$2000, not registered. Call Tina on 4723 5606.

- Early Series II XJ12, good one for the enthusiast; PLUS

'79 Series III parts car (no motor or gearbox). Asking \$1800 the lot.

Contact David Taylor on 4724 0374 or 0414 820 362.

- As Z-Day (Morris Z ute) draws nearer, Bill is getting keener to sell his excellent Series II XJ6. There has been some interest so make sure you don't end up kicking yourself because you missed out. Phone 4774 0043.

- Series II LHS mirror, offers to Richard on 4789 3672.

- Sovereign badge to suit XJ series. \$15 (Richard 4789 3672).

Wanted: - Section of RHS mudguard from XJ including petrol filler well (Kevin 4778 3144).

Coming Events:

Sunday 18 April	Breakfast at Balgal Beach, Depart opposite RAAF Base, 7 am.
Wednesday 5 May	Meeting, Shelley's Diner, Norgate Ingham Road, 7:30 pm.
Sunday 9 May	Sunday Run departing McDonald's car park, Stockland, 4:30 pm.
Sunday 30 May	Combined Table Tennis / Farewell Peter afternoon 98 Hammond Way.
Wednesday 2 June	Meeting, Shelley's Diner, Norgate Ingham Road, 7:30 pm.
Sunday 20 June	All British day, 10 am - 4 pm, Cathedral School, Mundingburra.

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