

# JAGUAR

TOWNSVILLE



REGISTER



Easter Poker Run

APRIL 2005

## MEETING – 6 APRIL 2005

Meeting opened 7:30pm

### **PRESENT:**

Alan Collins; Kevin Fitz Gerald; Craig Scholz; Dick McInnes; Joe Pannia Richard Dixon

### **APOLOGIES:**

Michael Fitz gerald

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 March 2005, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Alan Collins / Dick McInnes

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

The club is still going to place an advert in the local paper calling for new members.

JDCQ Brisbane advised that All British Day will need a special arrangement for insurance which they will sort out.

We still need to send the Yellow Pages notice of a change of address.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **INWARDS:**

1. Drive autoparts.com.au – auto parts and accessories
2. 4ttt ABD music confirmation.
3. JDCQ Capricornia – Emu Park Lunch.
4. RFDS Magazine.
5. Cyclones Rod & Custom Show and Shine.
6. Vintage & Vets March 2005 Newsletter.
7. Vintage & vets Car Rally for 15 May 2005.

#### **OUTWARDS:**

1. ABD The Principal, Cathedral School. Request for grounds use.
2. ABD Publicity Officer, radio 4ttt. Request for promotion and music on the day.
3. ABD The Manager Shannon's Events. Request for support.
4. ABD Ms K. Pincott, Townsville Bulletin. Request for editorial support.

Craig Scholz / Alan Collins

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Closing balance at 31 March 2005 was \$654.99












Joe Pannia / Craig Scholz

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

An amended 2005 calendar of events was sent to JDCQ.

Craig Scholz was approached to once again fill the position of Social Secretary. Craig happily accepted and was duly voted in. Thanks Craig.

All British Day, Sunday 26 June 2005.

-  Kevin & Richard will organise a doorknock and letters to car dealers to advise/invite them to display at this years event.
-  Cathedral School have advised over the phone that its grounds are available.
-  4ttt have also advised that they are available to provide music.
-  Alan and Joe will show their Jags at the Cotters Markets to promote ABD on a day to be decided
-  Richard to write to RACQ re entering ABD as an event into Open Road magazine;
-  Advertising notices, write-ups in the Bulletin - Craig will chase the Bulletin;
-  Parking banners - some of the old smaller ones were kept;
-  Raffles - John's Hobbies were approached to provide some prizes and agreed;
-  Displays by Insurance, car detailers, upholsterers etc. - Although they will be unable to attend, Shannons will provide 'goody' bags for entrants,
-  A big screen TV to run Jaguar DVD's throughout the day - Dick advised that he has 'connections' and can do this; and
-  A letter to invite the Mackay and Bundaberg registers should be sent.

### **Yungaburra Overnight Stay, 29 & 30 May 2005 (May Day Weekend)**

There may be six or seven Jags heading north from Townsville on the Friday of the May Day weekend. Please advise Kevin of your intentions to travel with the group or if you will make your own way to the pub. Accommodation hasn't been arranged with the pub so it is advised to get in early and book your room - especially as it's a long weekend. Failing this there may be other accommodation available elsewhere.

The Yungaburra Pub's contact and tariff details (obtained from the web) are as follows:

The Lake Eacham Hotel  
29 Gordonvale Road  
Yungaburra Queensland 4872 Australia  
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fax: (07) 4095 3202  
email: [info@yungaburrapub.com.au](mailto:info@yungaburrapub.com.au)  
web: [www.yungaburrapub.com.au](http://www.yungaburrapub.com.au)

Tariffs as at 1st April 2004  
Check in Time: 2.00pm  
Check Out Time: 10.00am

#### **Accommodation:**

Double or Twin \$65.00  
Single \$54.00  
per extra person \$15.00  
per child (under 12) \$8.00  
Budget Room - 2 persons \$45.00  
Budget Room - 1 person \$35.00

#### **Breakfast:**

Full Cooked Breakfast \$15.00  
Continental \$10.00

**REMEMBER:** Please advise Kevin on 4778 3144 of your intentions and to coordinate a meeting point and time to travel as a group. And don't forget to book your room early!

Meeting closed 8:15pm

## APRIL 2005 NEWSLETTER

### COVER PHOTO – EASTER POKER RUN GIRU/WOODSTOCK

Sunday 27 March 2005



Bill Honniball and Dick McInnes at Giru

as my guest after having spent the earlier part of the weekend at the Vintage & Vets Hub Rally.

Not ten minutes into the run down the highway we spotted a certain white XJS driven by a certain distinguished gentleman not too dissimilar to our own president driving in the opposite direction. Maybe he decided to start earlier and travel in an anti-clockwise direction?

With two lowly pairs, the poker run around Mt Elliot was won by Craig Scholz, shown on the cover displaying his first prize trophy.

The day started with one Daimler, one Jaguar, two Minis, a Landcruiser and a Camry. The two Minis became one when one decided it was not up to a run down the highway and unfortunately left. The owners of the 'cruiser (Dick & Anne) decided to travel with Craig, while the Camry owner opted for a run in the second Mini. Bill came with me



The only Mini contender remaining.

Our first stop at Giru was a miserable one. The shop was shut and the park was overrun by mosquitos. No point stopping any longer so off we went to Woodstock where the shop was open with nary a mosquito in sight.



rousing game of chicken with oncoming traffic to get past.

A quick run back to Cluden, our starting point, and the day was done. Craig was held up for the last ten kilometres without a passing opportunity by a semi trailer with which the mini had earlier played a

Happily to say that even though the event was poorly attended; possibly due to the long weekend being Easter and all that, it was an enjoyable afternoon.

## **JAGUAR LEAPS BACK ON BONNET**

SMH 18 March 2005

JAGUAR'S jumping cat is back. After 35 years in the wilderness, the famous Leaper – the brand's trademark Jaguar symbol – has returned to the bonnets of new Jaguars sold in Australia.

Every X-Type, S-Type and XJ built from last month for the Australian market now has the spring-loaded cat perched above the grill.

The Leaper fell victim to the strict Australian Design Rules relating to pedestrian safety, and the 420G, which was replaced by the XJ6 in 1970, became the last Jaguar with the emblem to be sold in Australia.

However, Jaguar Australia general manager David Blackhall's return from a five-year stint in the United States was the catalyst, pun intended, for the Leaper's return.

"I'd been driving Jaguars in the States and they always had a pedestrian-conscious, spring-loaded Leaper," Blackhall says.

"When I got back here I told the team I thought it was an iconic representation of the brand, and people who buy these cars like those kinds of things.

"It got dropped for safety reasons (in Australia), and fair enough, but I knew the spring-loaded ones fitted in the States would pass design rules here," he says.

"We talked to the Government, they came back and told us it fully complied with all rules. The reality is, though, if you were hit by a Leaper you'd be in a lot of trouble anyway, because it's a fair way back on the bonnet."

The emblem has been sold continuously in the US and other countries, though not in Britain, which, ironically, remains Leaper-free.

Jags destined for Australia are now being fitted with the bonnet designed for the US market (previously, Aussie Jaguars were fitted with the British-style bonnet). This style of bonnet is designed to collapse to protect pedestrians and the Leaper.

But the Leaper won't be fitted to the XK sports coupe because it doesn't lend itself to the car's sleek shape, he says.

The way in which the Leaper is attached to the bonnet makes it difficult to break off or steal.

"If you were really determined you could pull it off, but with bare hands it's a bit of a challenge.

"Before the Melbourne Motor Show we had a good go at it to see if people could break them off and nick them. We didn't lose any at the show.

"The response (to the Leaper) at the motor show was quite staggering. I saw people getting photographed with the Leaper, playing with the spring-loading mechanism.

"The owners' clubs love it too. We made presentations to them last year and pre-warned them about it, and they've been very supportive of the idea," Blackhall says.

He says the emblem's return has been greeted enthusiastically by Jaguar's band of brand loyalists.

"It's a unique thing. We hear from our customers part of the reason they're buying a Jaguar is because they don't want just another BMW or Benz."





### **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 months issue.

**For Sale:** XJ Fuel Pump. Offers. Contact Joe on 47781072

**Wanted:** Pair of Rear Jaguar mudflaps in good condition to suit Series 3.  
Contact Craig on 47290908

**Wanted**

**Known:**

### **A JOKE**

A couple decide to go for a meal on their anniversary and after some deliberation decide on their local Chinese restaurant. They peruse the menu and finally agree to share the chef's special 'Chicken Surprise'. The waiter brings over the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot. Just as the wife is about to start in on the meal, the lid of the pot rises a tiny amount and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down. 'Good grief, did you see that?' she asks her husband. He hasn't so she asks him to look in the pot. He reaches for it and again the lid rises, and again he sees two beady little eyes looking around before it firmly slams back down. Rather perturbed he calls the waiter over, explains what is happening and demands an explanation. 'Well sir', says the waiter, 'What did you order?' 'We both chose the same', he replies, 'the Chicken Surprise' 'Oh I do apologise, this is my fault' says the waiter.....I've brought you the Peking duck.'

### **A HAPPY SNAP!**



Test Drive of the Worst Kind

## COMING EVENTS

Sun 10 April	Sunday Run departing McDonald's carpark, Stockland, 4:30pm
29, 30 April & May 1	Yungaburra Overnight. Ring Kevin for departure details.
Wed 4 May	Meeting, Shelley's Diner, Norgate Ingham Road, 7:30pm

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