

# JAGUAR

TOWNSVILLE



REGISTER



FEBRUARY 2005

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2 FEBRUARY 2005

Meeting opened 7:30pm

### **PRESENT:**

Alan Collins; Kevin Fitz Gerald; Michael Fitz gerald (until 7:55pm!); Dick McInnes; Richard Dixon

### **APOLOGIES:**

Craig Sholz

### **MINUTES:**

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

Alan Collins / Dick McInnes

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

As mentioned in November's newsletter we need to attract a) more members and b) more members to the meetings. As discussed the club will place an advert in the local paper calling for new members. Also as mentioned cards can be placed under the wipers of those Jags spotted around town. Don't forget if you'd like some cards please let one of the committee know.

Our president noted the absence of a president's report last year and as soon as a couple of sharpened goose feathers become available will set to correct this major league oversight.

The Yellow Pages listing is due for renewal. Richard will send the forms away.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **INWARDS:**

1. My Label wine bottle offer
2. yellow Pages renewal
3. Rose Gums Wilderness Resort brochure
4. Wine fundraiser
5. Jaguar Magazine Issue 118
6. Jaguar Driver November 2004
7. JDCQ 2005 Office Bearers and December 2004 – February 2005 Activity/Event List
8. TVV&H Motor Club Inc. January 2005 Newsletter
9. Westpac Society Cheque Account Statement
10. Jaguar Driver January 2005
11. JDCQ Financial Statement & Registers Contribution Cheque for \$311.75

#### **OUTWARDS:**

NIL

Kevin Fitz Gerald / Alan Collins

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

(Approximated in Joe's absence. Joe where were you - Christmas is over?!)

Closing balance as at 31 December 2004 is \$342.79

Registers membership Contribution Cheque for \$311.75 to be deposited.

Total \$654.54




Michael Fitz gerald / Alan Collins

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

For insurance purposes, JDCQ advised that the 2005 calendar events being held at private residences must include the full name and address of the host. The Calendar will also be reviewed. An amended list will be sent to JDCQ as soon as possible.

Apparently Reg and Jan Fels have kindly donated their house at Christmas time this year. If the rumour indeed proves to be correct, then the Club's Christmas Dinner will be held at Reg and Jan's. Thanks guys!









We have reviewed our 2005 calendar of events. There are revisions. So please make note of these changes:

-  Saturday 26 February - **Breakfast at Balgal Beach.** *Departing 8:00am outside the RAAF base entrance;*
-  Friday 25 & Saturday 26 March – **Yungaburra Saturday Markets Overnight Run**
-  Saturday 30 April - **Giru Poker Run.** *Departing BP Cluden at 2:00pm.* (And don't forget that the Mini's will be out to run rings around us too!)

Needless to say that any articles by members and non-members alike are always welcome. We had excellent articles submitted by members last year so let's keep them coming in.

Those of you who requested a CD of the register's newsletters haven't been forgotten. Christmas hit hard and early but hopefully a copy will be winging it your way shortly.

All British Day is on Saturday 25 June this year between 10:00am and 3:00pm. Here are some of the ideas and other things mentioned that will need organising:

-  A letter to the Cathedral School requesting permission to use the grounds and if agreeable, to provide the catering;
-  A letter to 4ttt Radio to provide a day of pommy pop music;
-  Invitations to other European marques (ie clubs, dealers, windscreen notices etc) to display on the day;
-  Advertising notices, write-ups in the Bulletin & RACQ Open Road magazine;
-  Parking banners as the old ones were thoughtfully disposed of;
-  Raffles;
-  Displays by Insurance, car detailers, upholsterers etc.,
-  A big screen TV to run Jaguar DVD's throughout the day;

Letters and the like will be ready for approval at the next meeting. If anyone has any other ideas or don't like the sound of some of those mentioned above, LET US KNOW!!

Meeting closed 8:40pm

## FEBRUARY 2005 NEWSLETTER

### COVER PHOTO - CHRISTMAS DINNER






Craig & Virginia Scholz

A big thank you to all those who managed to attend our Christmas party! Great food, drinks and company all made for an enjoyable night out.

Thanks also to Elma & Jim for remembering their camera. We are now able to provide most of the party attendees with an alibi.

2004 Award recipients were:

-  Best Jag: Jim Lewis' XK140
-  Bent valve: Craig Scholz for his Daimler's best efforts to reject a new gearbox
-  Member of the year: Richard Dixon.



Elma Raw & Jean Honniball

### 2004 PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another year has come and gone. The usual activities were held again through the year. These included the All British Day, Mission Beach weekend, Ravenswood weekend, barbecue at Allan Collins place, Bocce at Richard Dixon's place, Sunday

morning breakfast at Reg & Jan Fels' place after the Christmas break-up on Saturday night which was enjoyed by all. The Sunday afternoon drives have been reduced to once a month now.

During the year Reg Fels and Joe Pannia have added XJ sovereigns to their collection and Michael Fitz gerald's restoration of his 1977 XJS is nearing completion and he hopes to have it ready for the 2005 All British Day.

Craig Scholz and Christine Pannia have had some health problems but both are recovering and look forward to seeing them at our activities.

We have lost our two foundation members in Bill Honniball and Peter Carlson whose presence will be sorely missed. Bill has sold his Jaguar and is restoring a Morris Z ute. Peter has retired and moved south to the family farm. I don't think he will get much relaxation in his retirement.

We look forward to another year of busy activities.



## JAGUAR SEES THE LIGHT

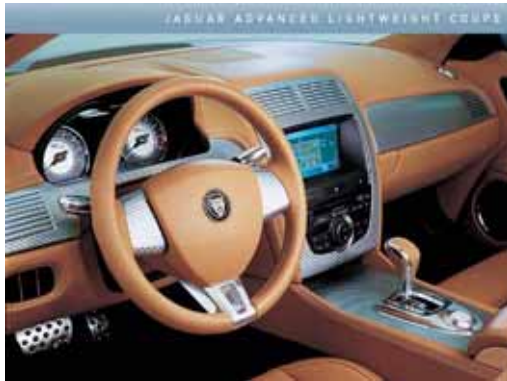
Reported by Joshua Dowling  
Sydney Morning Herald  
January 14, 2005



The next XK coupe was unveiled with great fanfare at this week's Detroit motor show, reports JOSHUA DOWLING.

Jaguar calls it an Advanced Lightweight Coupe but despite all its technical innovation, it's possibly the most authentic Jaguar concept car yet, even though the British brand has been owned by US giant Ford for more than a decade.

As the sleek coupe was carefully driven onto the main stage of the Detroit motor show's Cobo Hall, in a Hollywood-style introduction with smoke, lights and loud music, it rumbled into view ... with just one headlight working.



Charismatic Scotsman and Jaguar's chief designer Ian Callum (better known to Australians for his work as a designer of Holden Special Vehicles) either didn't notice or carefully avoided the issue as he walked around the car, nursing a broken collarbone from an earlier mishap.

"This car represents the very essence of Jaguar, its heart and soul. If you want to know what direction we're going to take, this is our answer," waxed Callum, apparently oblivious to the car's sole working headlight as the vehicle spun slowly on a turntable so the packed arena could see it. "Even standing still, it's poised to move."

Callum's boss, Jaguar chief Joe Greenwell, also may not have appreciated the irony in his speech when he said the car was "true to our past". In the 1980s, when British-owned and made, the brand's vehicles were notoriously unreliable and poorly built.

Greenwell said the concept coupe would lead Jaguar into a new era of smarter and sharper design. For some time now the brand has been criticised because its new models too closely resembled the old.

With massive job losses, financial losses and sales losses, Jaguar had a forgettable year in 2004 and the company was trying to cast a shiny outlook.

"We had some significant challenges but we faced up to them," Greenwell said. "It's no quick fix and we have a plan to turn Jaguar around."

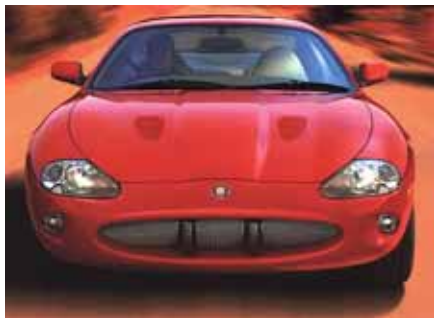


Officially, the Advanced Coupe Concept is a "design study", car talk for "we're going to build it but we don't want to tell you yet in case it brings sales of the current model to a halt as buyers wait for the new one".

Unofficially, it's the long-awaited replacement for the XK coupe and it will be on sale in the US early next year and Australia by the end of 2006.

The show car was powered by a supercharged 4.2-litre V8 but Jaguar did not release any technical details. A welcome highlight of the car was the much improved interior layout. Gone are the fussy and fiddly toggle switches and the mish-mash of buttons; they've been replaced with a dial and a couple of well-placed buttons in a much cleaner and more open layout. These photos show a largely finished design. Note the sharp creases on the rear wheel arches to give the car a "powerful appearance". Drive understands the sheetmetal has been finalised and minor changes only are expected to front and rear bumpers.

## **BIG CAT CAUGHT SLEEPING**



The current Jaguar XK coupe was released in 1996 and has received minor revisions throughout its life cycle, the most recent of which was in March last year. Just 721 XKs have been sold in Australia over the past eight years, making it rarer than a Porsche 911, according to sales figures compiled by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries. Sales peaked in 1998 with 140 XK-8s leaving showrooms but slowed to a trickle of just

30 last year, when the car cost between \$188,000 and \$237,000. In 2003, when the XK played paid-for cameo roles in James Bond and Austin Powers movies, just 47 XKs were sold locally.

## **COMPANY CARS ARE BETTER THAN REGULAR CARS BECAUSE...**

1. They travel faster in all gears, especially reverse.
2. They accelerate at a phenomenal rate.
3. They enjoy a much shorter braking distance.
4. They can take bumps at twice the speed of private cars.
5. Oil, battery, tire pressures and fluid levels do not need to be checked nearly so often.
6. They have a much tighter turning radius.
7. The floor is shaped like an ashtray.
8. They only burn the cheapest gas available.
9. They do not have to be garaged at night.
10. They can be driven up to 100 miles with the oil warning light on.
11. They need cleaning less often, especially inside.
12. The suspension and trunk floor are reinforced to allow concrete slabs and other heavy building materials to be carried.
13. They are adapted to allow reverse to be engaged while the car is still in forward motion.
14. The tire side walls are designed for bumping into and over curbs.
15. Unusual and alarming engine noises are easily eliminated by the adjustment of the radio volume control.
16. No security is needed. They may be left anywhere, unlocked, with the keys in the ignition.
17. They have special batteries that can be drained and jumped repeatedly without damaging the electrical system.
18. They come with "temporary" spares that are good for 50,000 miles.
19. They have specially reinforced bumpers for moving annoying objects, such as shopping carts and sub-compact cars in parking lots.
20. All repairs can be accomplished with the cheapest after-market parts available.
21. Parking brakes do not need to be dis-engaged to drive.
22. When parking on a hill, it is safe to leave it gear and ignore the parking brake.
23. The upholstery is impervious to stains, burns, and makeup.
24. They are easily parked in spaces intended for much smaller cars.
25. They are bullet-proof, so you can be as obnoxious behind the wheel as you want to be.

## 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:**

1. Jaguar MKV 3.5litre two tone grey, recon. engine, new brakes, no rust but roof lining required. Asking \$9,000 ph. 4096 5054 (Martin)
2. Jaguar MKII Asking \$6,000 ph. 07 5524 2163 for details (Tom)

### **Wanted:**

### **Wanted Known:**

## A SIGN OF THE TIMES



## COMING EVENTS

Wed 2 February Meeting, Shelley's Diner, Norgate Ingham Road, 7:30pm  
Sun 13 February Sun. run departing McDonald's carpark, Stockland, 4:30pm  
Sat 26 February **Breakfast at Balgal Beach.** Departing 8:00am outside the RAAF base entrance.

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