

JAGUAR

NORTH QUEENSLAND



REGISTER



CHRISTMAS 2005

FEBRUARY 2006

2006 COMING EVENTS

Wed 1 February	Meeting at BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
Sun 12 February	Sunday Run departing McDonald's (Stockland)	3:30pm
Sun 26 February	BALGAL BEACH BBQ AFTERNOON TEA	3:00pm
Wed 1 March	Meeting at BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
Sun 12 March	Sunday Run departing McDonald's (Stockland)	4:30pm
Sat 25/Sun 26 March	MACKAY WEEKEND	See next issue

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MEETING – WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2006

Meeting opened 7:55pm

PRESENT:

Alan; Kevin; Dick; Joe; Richard

APOLOGIES:

Michael Fitz gerald


MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 November 2005, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and were confirmed.


Alan Collins / Dick McInnes


BUSINESS ARISING:


 **ABD Committee** – a letter to the other British vehicle clubs is required to form a committee for this year's ABD

 **The Christmas function and recovery** breakfast were well attended and enjoyed by club members.

 As we have changed our name an **authorising letter** is required by the bank to make the changes.

 Kevin will ask Craig to organise, liaise with the Mackay Register and have the details ready for the **Mackay Run** for next months meeting.

 Starting this month we are changing the **monthly runs up Hervey's Range** to a 3:30pm departure from the carpark opposite McDonalds at the Willows. This allows more members to attend and ensures the teahouse is open when we get there.

 The members trophy is in need of a facelift and more name space.

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS:

1. The Running Board January 2006;
2. COT Sport & Recreation Strategy 20/01/06; and
3. Sapphire Resort (Brisbane) Accommodation offer.

OUTWARDS:

1. COT Sport & Recreation Strategy survey.

Joe Pannia / Dick McInnes

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Closing balance at 30 December 2005 was \$947.96 including a JDCQ membership cheque for \$290 and interest of \$1.01

Joe Pannia / Dick McInnes

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Balgal Beach Breakfast on Sunday 26 February has been changed to a 3:30pm afternoon tea. Meet at the RAAF base roundabout for a 3:00pm departure. Bring anything and everything you think you might need!

Meeting closed 7:48pm

FEBRUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT REG & JAN'S 26 NOVEMBER 2005

Other than to say it was great fun, we'll let the some of the pictures do the talking.....







CHRISTMAS PARTY RECOVERY AT CRAIG & VIRGINIA'S
27 NOVEMBER 2005





A very special thanks to Reg, Jan, Craig & Virginia for opening up their lovely homes and letting the rest of the marauding hordes in for two days of some great Christmas Cheer.

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

REGISTER NAME CHANGE

We have officially changed our from the Townsville to the North Queensland Register. This was done to recognise all our northern based Jaguar drivers. Our calendar of events also reflects this as we have added more trips 'away' to try and involve as many members as possible. Hopefully you will be able to find some time to support your register by attending some events and meeting up with other members.

NEWSLETTER LAYOUT

For those of you who still receive posted copies of this newsletter, you'll notice that the format has changed yet again. This is due to a change in jobs and the availability or rather the lack of photocopying equipment.

Better still, if you have the means and you'd like future copies sent to an email address (as most members now do) please let me know what your address is. This has the added advantage of a quicker delivery, saves a few trees and me a lot of time.

2005 AWARDS

The awards presented at our 2005 Christmas dinner were as follows:

Member of the year: Joe Pannia (119 points), R/up: Kevin Fitz Gerald (103 points);
Car of the year trophy: Reg Fels (Series 3 XJ12);
Bent Valve trophy: Craig Sholz for the trials and tribulations of his Daimler.

JAGUAR XK SPORTS COUPE

07 January 2006

Stuart Innes, The Advertiser

Australia is set to get midyear the new XK Jaguar that tries to combine new technology with Jaguar tradition.

Frankly, Jaguar sales have been struggling lately. One theory is that its cars dwell too much on its past – the XJ saloon, for example, being a design clone from the 1970s.



Yet another argument is that a Jaguar's asset is its past – its glorious traditions of performance, race winning, lithe bodywork, design ahead of its time and superb engineering.

And Jaguar's management has kept a foot in both camps.

"Jaguar is proud to announce a new era ... focus is firmly on the future ... the most technologically advanced Jaguar ever" is all in the first paragraph of its announcing the new XK sports coupe.

Yet the second paragraph begins: "The all-new XK continues the Jaguar tradition ..." The oval-shaped grille, for example, reminds of the great E-Type.

Now, provided it is built properly, the new XK should be a beauty, although at this stage it is to be launched with only one engine, and not a sensationally powerful one at that. The 4.2-litre V8 is familiar in the English manufacturer's stable of cars. Known as the AJ-V8, it is normally aspirated and develops 224kW of power – good but not remarkable for this level of sports car. While power is not fantastic compared with potential rivals, the 2006 XK has shed 90kg from the superseded model and this will help its power-to-weight ratio and handling agility, the latter especially given that a more rigid body shell is claimed. Jaguar cites 0-100km/h in 6.2 seconds on its way to a governed top speed of

250km/h. The aluminium monocoque body borrows aerospace technology for strength and lighter weight. It is said to be 31 per cent stiffer than the previous model and the whole car weighs in at 1595kg.

SMALL TORQUE

Out of the bag

The new XK Jaguar is due out in Britain early in the year, with an Australian sale date expected mid-2006.

Gear changes

THE 2006 XK will get the six-speed automatic gearbox from the Ford family. For the first time, a Jaguar will have paddleshifts by the steering wheel and the box can be switched into Sport from regular Drive mode. Downshifts commanded by the driver are accompanied by a computer-controlled throttle blip.

Inside edge

THE interior will be fine-stitched leather, body-hugging seats, have a low-tyre-pressure warning system, whiplash-reducing head restraints and more headroom than before. It is a 2+2.

V8 mate

The 224kW power arrives at 6000rpm. Torque peaks at 420Nm at 4100rpm but Jaguar says 85 per cent of that is available 2000-6000rpm.

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. Photos are welcome for inclusion too.

For Sale: White sheepskin seat covers to suit Series 3 XJ DAIMLER.
Contact Richard 0428 524827

Wanted: Items for these classifieds

Stories and other items for this newsletter.