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ALL BRITISH DAY

JULY 2006

2006 COMING EVENTS

Wed 5 July Meeting at BP Truckstop, Cluden 7:30pm YORKEY'S KNOB WEEKEND Fri 21/Sat 22/Sun 23 July

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Meeting at BP Truckstop, Cluden Wed 2 August Sat 26/Sun 27 August **CRAIG'S YACHT CRUISE**

Wed 6 September Meeting at BP Truckstop, Cluden 7:30pm MISSION BEACH WEEKEND Sat 23/Sun 24 Sept. TBA

7:30pm Wed 4October Meeting at BP Truckstop, Cluden Sat 28/Sun 29 October PANNIA'S LUNCH IN THE CLOUDS TBA

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7:30pm

TBA













MEETING - WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 2006

Meeting opened 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Kevin Fitz Gerald, Alan Collins; Reg & Jan Fels, Joe Pannia

APOLOGIES:

Richard Dixon, Craig Scholz, Michael Fitzgerald

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 June 2006, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Alan Collins / Reg Fels

BUSINESS ARISING:

All British Day.

- All agreed that this years' event was a success and an improvement on 2005.
- Thank you letters to go out as usual to all participating clubs as well as Frank Ceruti for the Denis Fire Engine.
- Motorcycle event held at Showgrounds on 18-Jun-06 was the reason that the Restored Motorcycles club did not participate. Stationary Engines were absent also at the Showgrounds.
- Jan enjoyed the British music but would like the 4TTT speakers pointed away from the Jag members' tent next year.
- The fig tree with overhanging branches reduced display area and tended to separate the Jags from the rest of the show.
- Shannons Insurance gave out two trophies to best car and motorbike.

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS:

NIL

OUTWARDS:

NIL

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance at 31-May-06 was \$849.37. ABD parking sign expenses of \$165 outstanding.

Joe Pannia / Kevin Fitz Gerald

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Cairns Yorkey's Knob Weekend

Craig has booked the accommodation for Cairns. Friday, Saturday and also Sunday night if anyone wants to stay.

Total cost- \$1,275.00 to be divided amongst those staying at Yorkey's Knob.

Address - 2 Dauville Close, Yorkey's Knob. Total of 5 bedrooms.

Confirmees to date - Joe & Chris, Reg & Jan, Craig & Father.

Joe and Chris are staying at Clifton Beach.

Kevin to contact Craig to check any more members contacted.

Jan to contact Cairns and Tablelands members.

Joe to contact Bill & Jean Honniball

Departure arrangements are 10:00AM Friday 21-Jul-06 at RAAF Base. Presentation to members by ROIL Representative



Roil Presentation

Bevan Reeve

Roil is a metal conditioning treatment that benefits any machinery. It reduces engine heat, guards against corrosion, minimises repair costs, helps prolong engine life and blends with petrol and synthetic oils.

Product story was in Edition 107 of "jag mag".

Special offer to members: 19lilte \$1250, 4l \$300, 480ml \$50.

Meeting closed 8:25pm





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Photos: Joe Pannia & Richard Dixon



ABD turned out to be a lovely day. There were even a few enquiries from prospective members. Scattered about this newsletter are some photographs of the event. Thanks to all

those who displayed on the day (some with more than one vehicle) and all the out-of-towners who also made the journey. Even though it was a reasonable turn out, Jags were still outnumbered by about 5 or 6 MG's!! We must try harder next year.......

JAGUAR XK TAKES ON IT RIVALS

30/06/06

Joshua Dowling, The Sydney Morning Herald,

Jaguar's new XK coupe went on sale locally this week. JOSHUA DOWLING compares the best of British with its German and Japanese rivals.

Flying coupes... (clockwise from above), the new Jaguar XK, Mercedes-Benz SL and Lexus SC430. Picture: Mark Bean.

How they compare

<u>Jaguar XK</u> **Price:** \$199,900 <u>Lexus SC430</u> **Price:** \$161,100 <u>Mercedes-Benz SL</u> **Price:** \$214,900

THE VERDICT



If you're fortunate to be faced with the dilemma of picking one of these three, you're going to end up with a stylish car, whichever you choose. However, taking the emotion out of the decision and comparing the price, performance, (relative) practicality and driving enjoyment of these cars, the Mercedes-Benz SL was the first to be crossed off our imaginary wish-list.

The Mercedes is a stunning-looking car and has the strongest resale value of these three but it's the most expensive and least enjoyable to drive.

The Lexus is a surprise package; the improvements made to this model last October are clearly worthwhile. It's well-priced, well-equipped, impeccably built and is (at last) a decent drive.

And with its folding metal roof, you have the best of both worlds. We're now wondering why we haven't seen more of these on the road.

The biggest surprise to us, however, is the Jaguar XK. It's the first time a Jaguar has won a Drive comparison. We've been a harsh critic of the brand for many years and we believe the comments have been justified.

It's a cliche, and car makers love to use it, but the XK really does mark a turning point for Jaguar. Modern design, good performance, agile handling in a liveable package. Let's just hope all future Jaguars can share these qualities.

JAGUAR XK

RRP: \$199,900. **Engine:** 4.2-litre V8.

Power: 224kW at 6000rpm. **Torque:** 420Nm at 5600rpm.

Transmission: Six-speed automatic.

Weight: 1635kg.

Claimed fuel consumption: 11.3 litres/100km.

LEXUS SC430

Price: \$161,100. **Engine:** 4.3-litre V8.

Power: 210kW at 5600rpm. **Torque:** 419Nm at 3500rpm.

Transmission: Six-speed automatic.

Weight: 1740kg.

Claimed fuel consumption: 12.2 litres/100km.

MERCEDES-BENZ SL350

RRP: \$214,900. **Engine:** 3.5-litre, V6.

Power: 200kW at 6000rpm.

Torque: 350Nm from 2400rpm to 5000rpm. **Transmission:** Seven-speed automatic.

Weight: 1825kg.

Claimed fuel consumption: 11.7 litres/100km.

Where's the BMW?

We couldn't get a BMW 6 Series in time for this test, probably because BMW is selling every one it can get its hands on. Sales are up 91 per cent in the first five months of this year compared with the same period last year and is outselling the Mercedes SL.

However, the BMW 6 Series usually trails the Mercedes, which has outsold the BMW for the past two years (sales of the Mercedes softened in the past six months because an updated model was due).

As with Mercedes, BMW recently gave the 6 Series a freshen-up. The

6 Series was launched in 2004 with a 4.4-litre V8 (245kW) and was upgraded in December 2005 with a 4.8-litre V8 (270kW). The new model, called the 650i, costs \$205,000. In earlier Drive road tests of the 645i, we praised the BMW 6 Series for its crisp handling but criticised its controversial i-Drive cabin control system and interior ergonomics (there's little to no storage).

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: Daimler MkII 1964. Contact Don 0407244825

Wanted: Items for these classifieds

Stories and other items for this newsletter.

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