

NORTH QUEENSLAND



REGISTER



EASTER NATIONAL RALLY - NEWCASTLE

MAY 2006

2006 COMING EVENTS

Wed 5 April Meeting at BP Truckstop, Cluden 7:30pm Sun 9 April 3:15pm **Sunday Run departing McDonald's (Willows)** CASUAL CASSOWARY RUN (INGHAM) Sun 23 April See this issue

Wed 3 May Meeting at BP Truckstop, Cluden

Sun 14 May Sunday Run departing McDonald's (Willows) 3:15pm Sat 27/Sun 28 May ATHERTON WEEKEND See this issue

Wed 7 June Meeting at BP Truckstop, Cluden

7:30pm Sun 11 June Sunday Run departing McDonald's (Willows) 3:15pm

Sun 18 June ALL BRITISH DAY

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7:30pm

10:00am - 3:00pm











MEETING - WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2006

Meeting opened 7:30pm

Richard Dixon; Alan Collins; Reg & Jan Fels.

APOLOGIES:

Nil

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 April 2006, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Alan Collins / Jan Fels

BUSINESS ARISING:

All British Day. See General Business below.

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS:

JAGUAR Nil:

OUTWARDS:

JAGUAR NI

Richard Dixon / Alan Collins

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Unpresented but previous months closing balance (at 28 February 2006) was \$947.96 with a \$100 cheque outstanding.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Atherton Tablelands 27 & 28 May weekend. Those amongst us intending to travel to the Tablelands this month will be able to attend the Yungaburra Markets on the Saturday and the Ravenshoe Markets on the Sunday. Accommodation is tentatively the Barron Valley Hotel in Atherton's main street (where we stayed last year). The BV's contact telephone number is (07) 4091 1222 for reservations. Before booking please make sure there are other members attending and to ensure your traveling arrangements.

Casual Cassowary Run to replace Atherton weekend. Sunday 23 April 2006 was actually a very sad affair when only two cars (the Pannia's and the Dixon's with special guest Mr B. Honniball) managed to present themselves at the RAAF base. After much grumbling was decided to head for the Rollingstone Pub instead of to the Cardwell range. As it turned out, the meals were very reasonable and the conversation was even better. If there continues to be such little interest, then perhaps in the future we would be better off cancelling the second Sunday runs?

Sponsorship deal 4tttt radio station has asked whether the club is willing to sponsor their British nights for annual cost of \$120. This will get the club naming rights for the show and will also get out name out there for membership. **All in favour?!**

All British Day Sunday 18 June 2006

Telephone advice received from Peter Vollugi, Cathedral School naming Sunday 18 June 2006 as suitable for the school and its canteen staff.

- Shannons Insurance (Todd Martin) contacted and they are willing to provide two trophies (best car and best motorbike)
- Bulletin newspaper, Karla Pincott (or Jeanine) to be contacted for inclusion in weekend features:
- Place cars in Willows markets Sunday before ABD (Joe Pannia to organise);
- A4 flyers to be redesigned for readability and distributed (Kerry Guinea expressed interest in helping to deliver)
- Sandwich board for Ross River Road median to be made and permit organised;
- Hanging sign to be located and strung up week before ABD
- Parking signs to be made up for Ross River Road and Thompson Street
- Townsville Photographic Society (Kevin Fleming) presented his club at the meeting and has reiterated his clubs interest in taking photographs on the day. There were no objections raised;
- Joe will contact the owners of the Denis fire engines to see if they will be available to be displayed; and
- Incorporation of a 'boot sale/swap meet' for British vehicle parts only.

Meeting closed 8:30pm

MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER

STOP PRESS - CONGRATULATIONS TO ALAN AND MARGARET COLLINS WHO ARE GRANDPARENTS FOR THE FIRST TIME!

NEWCASTLE NATIONAL RALLY

Jan Fels



We left Townsville on Tuesday before Easter in pretty dreary conditions, it rained until Proserpine then for the rest of the trip we had bright sunshine. Arrived in Brisbane Wednesday afternoon and had hoped to leave Brisbane on Thursday afternoon to get a couple of kms. down the track but it was not to be, so we left at an ungodly hour Good Friday morning.

Decided to take the New England Highway as other Jag drivers went

via the coast road and found that a slow trip. Our trip was great, the car ran well although the cruise control had a bit of glitch and had to be pushed a bit going up the hills.

The autumn leaves were at their very best and the bright yellow, gold, red and burgundy of the leaves against a backdrop of bright green hills was magic. Then, taking in the sight of dozens of the Blue & White (and some Red) Police cars along with motor cycle cops, made for an interesting trip. How anyone would think of speeding with so many around amazed us.

After 11 hours we finally arrived in Newcastle to be told we were one of the last to arrive. What a sight to greet us at the Travelodge, dozens and dozens of Jags all trying to get in the carpark. We ended up parking in secure parking a few blocks away.

That night we were collected by buses and taken to a lovely hotel situated on the River. In the courtyard Jaguar had on display 4 new jags and we were all able to sit in them and ooh and aah about them and generally dream about owning one someday!! Later, much later, we were ushered inside for finger food and drinks. By this time most of the Qld. members were feeling very peckish so we booked ourselves into the restaurant for a



meal. All that standing is definitely not good for the old back!

Next morning looking down on the carpark from the 5th floor saw all these keen people madly polishing jags. All concourse cars left at 7.30 and we, at a much more leisurely time, at 9.00. The setting for Display Day was down at Foreshore Park, a beautiful area where 300 or more cars were on display.

That night we were again taken in buses, this time to Harbour view

Queens Wharf where we had a great meal. Here they judged the people who had worn 50's gear. There were some fantastic fashions and one wonders where they keep those fox furs, definitely not for the tropics!

The following day people went in all directions; some to the hill climb at Ringwood while others enjoyed the delights of wine tasting in the Hunter Valley. Reg & I headed back to Maitland to see our kids and grandkids and had a great morning hunting for Easter Eggs.

The presentation dinner Sunday night was held in the verv glamorous Art Deco Concert Hall in Newcastle City Hall. To begin the evening we were served champagne with strawberries and those lucky enough finger food, then we went into the main hall and were seated at large round tables which made talking to each other so much easier. The food was fantastic and every one was



presented with a sample bag of goodies. The presentations went on and on. The best part was when Frank and Glenys won the trophy for having travelled the greatest distance. By the time they got home they had clocked up over 7000 kms. With the price of fuel these days one can imagine the cost of such a trip!!! Many cars had come from Perth but all had travelled by train over the Nullarbor.

Next morning it was a 5.00am start back to Maitland to collect our son and grandson then on to Brisbane where our daughter was flying in that night to celebrate her brothers birthday, so we couldn't be late.

Next Easter the National Rally is going to be held in Adelaide so how about all you North Queensland Members joining Frank & Glenys and Reg & myself in 'flying' over to Adelaide in our Jaguars. Newcastle was fun but I am sure with more members going we will have a ball.

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.

