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SEPTEMBER 2006

2006 COMING EVENTS

Wed 6 September Sat 23/Sun 24 Sept.	Meeting at BP Truckstop, Cluden MISSION BEACH WEEKEND	7:30pm See this newsletter
Wed 4October Sat 28/Sun 29 October	Meeting at BP Truckstop, Cluden PANNIA'S LUNCH IN THE CLOUDS	7:30pm TBA
Wednesday 1 November	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
Saturday 25 November	CHRISTMAS PARTY	TBA
Sunday 26 November	RECOVERY PARTY	TBA

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Sunday Runs A reminder that these runs will now only be held (Townsville members) if there is interest. If you are interested, or even if you're driving through, give one of the above committee members a call and it could be all systems go.



MEETING – WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2006

Meeting opened 7:35pm

PRESENT:

Kevin Fitz Gerald, Reg & Jan Fels, Joe Pannia, Richard Dixon.

APOLOGIES:

Alan Collins, Michael Fitzgerald


MINUTES:


The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 August 2006, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and were confirmed.


Jan Fels / Joe Pannia


BUSINESS ARISING:


List


 Joe P has fixed up the Member's Trophy. It looks great and gives us another 12 years!

 The Best Car Trophy also needs a makeover.....

 We have lost Craig's ABD sign that was on the Anderson Park fence.

 We will set ABD's date one week before school term ends next July and advise the other clubs.

 Richard will chase up Kevin Fleming again for photographs of All British Day.

 It's too late to send thankyou letters to ABD attendees but they know who they are and they know we're appreciative of their efforts anyway.

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS:

Spirit of Thuringowa Community Awards, Thuringowa City Council

Advanced Display Systems Brochure

Cherrabah Homestead Brochure

Winnebago Homes, Honeycombes

Book offer – Grit by Peter Wherret

Flying Doctors Magazine, August 2006

Capricorn Newsletter No. 72

OUTWARDS:

NIL

Richard Dixon / Joe Pannia

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance at 31 July 2006 was \$685.70. \$87 cheque still outstanding for newsletter postage costs.

Joe Pannia / Reg Fels

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Craig's Yacht Cruise. Postponed. Unfortunately there was a hiccup with the on board refrigeration that needed sorting, so maybe next time.....

Rally As part of next year's calendar we should entertain a rally around Townsville and ask the Marque Sports Car & Mini Car Clubs

Christmas Party Prawns wine and bbq is this years Christmas dinner. Once again Reg and Jan have kindly offered their home to hold it. Craig and Virginia have apparently also said (unconfirmed) that the recovery breakfast can be at their place.

URGENT URGENT URGENT

Mission Beach Weekend 23 & 24 September. There should be at least half a dozen cars heading to the Mission Beach Resort, Wongaling Beach Road for this month's run. There may also be a quick dash up to Paronella Park if there's any interest.

If you want to go, bookings must be made as soon as possible. *Rooms are going fast! And there's mostly only Saturday night rooms available:*

Rates are:


Budget room \$70
Standard Room \$125
Semi Deluxe Room \$125
Deluxe Room \$162

Bookings can be made by calling the resort on (07) 4088 8288.

Meeting closed 8:30pm

The Airline Saloon

Acclaimed from the moment of its introduction as "the most beautiful interpretation of streamlining," this model is characterised by a modernity of outline dignified in its restraint. That its distinguished appearance has not been secured at the expense of practical considerations is demonstrated by the roominess of the interior, the ample head room and the extraordinarily capacious luggage compartment. The same spirited road performance typical of all SS products is manifest in the Airline, and is exemplified in high speed, superb road-holding and a degree of comfort without parallel.



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£350 (20 b.p.)

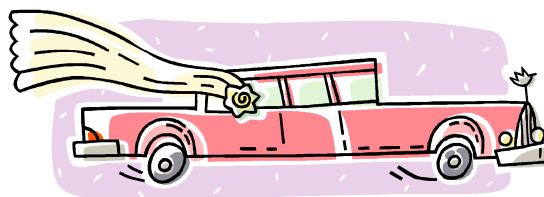
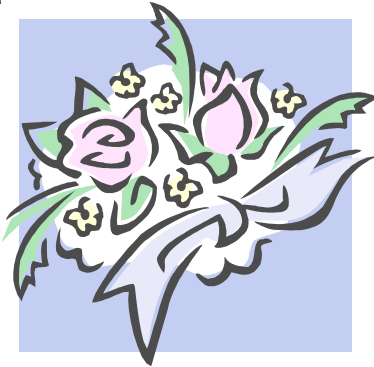


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CONGRATULATIONS! Dick & Anne managed to tie the knot on Sunday (3/9). The bride looked fabulous . The groom looked sober.

To the relief of all the weather held off even though it did its best to thwart all – including Jim, Elma, David & Wendy as they traveled south with landslides and flash flooding north of Ingham.

We wish them both all the very best and many happy years ahead!



THE SCRIBE KNOWS.

The Jag Scribe would like to know the following

Who was the club member who assisted an about to be married woman in losing her pyjama bottoms PRIOR to her wedding?

Who was the newly married groom spotted in an emotional embrace immediately after the service with another MAN!

Who was the "experienced" club member who returned from a fishing trip after upending his dingy and losing oars and equipment!!!!

Who was the club member who used his Jag as a boat while crossing a very flooded causeway and with out any snorkel!

Who was the club member whose family love him enough to give EXPENSIVE personalized car plates on his recent 70th?

Who was the club member recently seen holding his car fuel switch in position with a piece of timber?

THE SCRIBE KNOWS.

NEW JAG NOT PURRFECT

18 August 2006

James Stanford

Herald-Sun

Cat's whiskers: the S-Type has a sweet diesel engine with an impressive 435Nm, but the cabin is cramped.

A friend standing next to the Jaguar knocks on the window soon after the engine starts.

"There's something wrong with the engine, it sounds sick," she says.

When told it is a diesel, there is a puzzled look followed by the question: "A diesel in a Jaguar?"

Yes, Jaguar has released a diesel-powered car.

It is the latest move from a company that has continued to challenge its brand image since Ford bought it in 1990.

First there was a front-wheel-drive and even a wagon.

The only thing left is a hulking Jaguar four-wheel-drive designed for Americans -- we hope that never comes.

The switch to diesel is logical. It is the fuel of choice in much of Europe and more refined turbodiesel engines are now available.

The first diesel Jaguar in Australia is the S-Type, a rival to the BMW 5-Series and Mercedes-Benz E-Class that both have diesel offerings.

With a price of \$101,490, the diesel Jag slips into the S-Type range above the petrol V6 at \$89,990 and below the \$124,990 V8 and \$169,990 supercharged V8.

When you take into account the gear that comes standard with the diesel S-Type, it most closely matches the \$99,990 petrol V6 Luxury model. So the diesel engine adds about \$1500 to the price.

Jaguar says owners can expect to recoup the extra cash within three years thanks to its economy, but expects many customers will be attracted to the diesel because of the way it drives.

It is a sweet diesel engine. The twin-turbo V6 is the same hi-tech powerplant used in the Peugeot 407. The motor was developed as a joint project between the French carmaker and Ford's Premier Automotive Group.



It pumps out 153kW, which is impressive, but it is the figure of 435Nm that really stands out.

The torque tally is higher than the petrol V8 and yet the official fuel consumption figures suggest the diesel uses 47 per cent less fuel than the eight-pot engine.

Still, the V8 is faster -- able to dash from 0-100km/h 2.1 seconds quicker than the diesel, which takes 8.6 seconds.

The S-Type is a fairly heavy beast at 1790kg, which doesn't help when it comes to performance.

The diesel is at its best low down in the rev range, with 80 per cent of its torque available from 1500-4000 revs.

You can tell it is a diesel when idling and sometimes at low revs, though it is a very quiet diesel. When it revs higher, it doesn't sound like a diesel and even emits a sporty note.

But it is still noisy from outside the car or inside with the window down.

The official fuel economy figure for the S-Type diesel is 7.8 litres/100km for the combined city and highway cycle.

It can drop to 6.8 litres/100km on the highway and rise to 8.8 litres around town, which is still good.

The engine works well with the six-speed ZF automatic (which is also used in the BMW 7-Series and Ford Falcon), though you sometimes miss being able to rev it nicely like a petrol engine.

So the diesel engine is a good thing. But what about the rest of the car? A new S-Type is due some time next year and it couldn't come soon enough.

There is nothing glaring that stands out with the S-Type. It's just that the whole package is disappointing and feels out of date.

It looks big on the outside, but feels much, much smaller on the inside.

There is little leg-room for rear passengers and the boot is so shallow that it is hard to carry bulky items that slip into other sedans of this size.

It is impossible for a taller driver to really get comfortable because the steering wheel doesn't extend out enough.

THE interior is loaded with wood and sumptuous leather trim, which is a nice touch, but all the work is undone by dated brown dashboard plastic.

At least the touch-screen sound system and satellite navigation screen is easy to use.

There is more tyre noise and wind noise than you would expect and the ride quality doesn't match its rivals.

The standard parking sensors are useful, but those fitted to the test car are temperamental and sometimes beep repeatedly in slow-moving traffic.

The nice diesel engine might tempt some into the current S-Type, but most would do better to wait for the new model.

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
 Mirror LHS to suit late Series II XJ. Contact Richard 0428 524 827

Wanted: Stories and other items for this newsletter.

EMAIL ADDRESS REMINDER

Remember - if you have an email address and can receive newsletters *or* if you change your email address *please* let me know. It saves me time *and* the club money.

IT'S A JOKE !

Duties of wives

Three men were sitting together bragging about how they had given their new wives duties.

Terry had married a woman from America, and bragged that he had told his wife that she was going to do all the dishes and housework. He said that it took a couple of days but on the third day he came home to a clean house and the dishes were all washed and put away.

Jimmie had married a woman from Canada. He bragged that he had given his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. He told them that the first day he didn't see any results, but the next day it was better. By the third day, his house was clean, the dishes were done, and he had a huge dinner on the table.

The third man had married an Australian girl. He boasted that he told her that her duties were to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed and hot meals on the table every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything, but by the third day most of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye. Enough to fix himself a bite to eat, load the dishwasher, and call a gardener.

GOD BLESS AUSTRALIAN WOMEN!

The **SSI** 2-Door Saloon (16 h.p.)

Outstanding by the sheer merit of its splendid performance, this beautifully proportioned sports saloon is firmly established in its leadership of contemporary sports car design. Instantly responsive, either to bursts of vivid acceleration or long sustained periods of high speeds, this car is handled with an ease that is as satisfying as it is exhilarating. The comfort afforded the driver and passengers is of the most luxurious order, whilst the now famous SSI road-holding qualities induce a mental restfulness resulting from effortless control at the highest speeds and on the longest journeys.

Price, £320 (16 h.p.) ex works
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