

JAGUAR

NORTH QUEENSLAND



REGISTER



Reg in Adelaide, polishing his car for all those people to admire.....

MAY 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

2 May 2007	Meeting, BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
26-27 MAY 2007	AIRLIE BEACH WEEKEND	See this Newsletter
6 June 2007	Meeting, BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
17 JUNE 2007	ALL BRITISH DAY	TBA
4 July 2007	Meeting, BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
29 JULY 2007	POKER RUN	TBA
1 August 2007	Meeting, BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
25-26 AUGUST 2007	ATHERTON TABLELANDS	TBA
5 September 2007	Meeting, BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
30 SEPTEMBER 2007	WINE & CHEESE EVENING	TBA
3 October 2007	Meeting, BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
27-28 OCTOBER 2007	PORT DOUGLAS WEEKEND	TBA
7 November 2007	Meeting, BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
24 NOVEMBER 2006	CHRISTMAS DINNER	TBA
25 NOVEMBER 2006	CHRISTMAS RECOVERY BREAKFAST	TBA

*Subject to confirmation

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MEETING – WEDNESDAY 2 MAY 2007

Meeting opened 7:40pm

PRESENT:

Kevin Fitz Gerald; Joe Pannia; Richard Dixon, Reg & Jan Fels;. Craig scholz; Alan Collins

APOLOGIES:


Michael Fitz gerald.


MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 April 2007, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Kevin Fitz Gerald / Joe Pannia


BUSINESS ARISING:

 Richard will fill out the Westpac forms for himself and Reg for the new cheque book signatures.


 Business cards are being organised and will be ready next month!

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS:

 Targa Tasmania Event Brochure

 Lions Annual Markets notice

 Community Water Grants

 ATR form

 Photographic Society (K Fleming) CD of ABD 2006

OUTWARDS:

 NIL

Richard Dixon / Jan Fels

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance at 24 April 2007 was \$626.12.

Joe Pannia / Alan Collins

GENERAL BUSINESS:

All British Day 2007

Posters approved and attached in this newsletter. The Cathedral School is booked for Sunday 17 June 2007. Craig has kindly offered up their place for a BBQ for the Saturday night before. All locals will be asked to bring a plate to assist. More details next month.

Airlie Beach 26 & 27 May

Airlie Beach Hotel has offered corporate rates at \$99 per night to members if you mention you're with the Jag club. Contact details are:

Airlie Beach Hotel
Cnr The Esplanade and Coconut Grove
Airlie Beach, Qld, 4802
Ph: (+61 7) 4964 1999
Fax: (+61 7) 4964 1988
Toll Free Reservations (within Australia) 1 800 466 233
reservations@airliebeachhotel.com.au



The planned meeting place is at the Airlie Beach Yacht Club at 2:00pm on Saturday afternoon. Us northern members are looking forward to meeting members from the some southern registers. For those Townsville members the convoy will leave at 8:00am on the dot from Alligator Creek Roadhouse. **DON'T BE LATE.** Regs' mobile number is 0412777043 if you have any queries.

Please ring Jan on **4721 3636** to let her know you are coming. Also call Jan if you have any questions!!

Meeting closed 8:15pm

REMEMBER:

Sunday Runs These runs are now only 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 may well be all systems go!

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

MARCH 2007 NEWSLETTER

FELS JAGUAR JAUNT TO THE NATIONAL RALLY IN ADELAIDE.

Jan Fels



Just Reg and I set off for Adelaide on April 2nd. Originally there were going to be 3 other couples coming with us. Frank Munis was told he could have his operation for his knees, so there was no stopping him and he and Glenys set off for Brisbane. Then Craig and Virginia couldn't find a babysitter to look after their horses and dogs, plus hundreds of peacocks!!!!. Finally Dick and Anne were unable to come because of work commitments. So that left Reg & me. I should

say now we missed you all, as our Adelaide friends, except for one couple, were not the most welcoming of people, but that's another story.

We left our friends babysitting our home for a month and headed out to Charters Towers. Then turned left on to the Gregory Development road. The start of that road was very narrow but work is in progress and soon it will be as good as the rest of this highway. We made Injune that night, as there was very little traffic.

Next day we headed down the Carnarvon Highway and stopped in Surat for an hour to see Reg's Aunt who at 93 is a very sprightly young lady. On our way again, over the Border and that night stayed in Coonamble. They have a huge Bowls Club which has recently been refurbished and is a great place to have a meal.



Up early and headed for the small town of Conbara from there we then drove to Warren thus cutting off that dog leg into Gilgandra and saving ourselves about 80kms. On through to Nyngan then into Cobar where we refuelled but thought it too early for lunch so decided to stop at Emmdale Roadhouse, 159kms down the track.

While Reg was napping and I was driving, I saw 4 silver Commodores [well I thought they were Commodores] stopped in a clearing and wondered what they were up to-----.

The Emmdale Roadhouse is not a very welcoming place, its surrounded by a steel fence and looks neglected. Reg pulled up to the bowser and found that padlocked so went inside to find the owner. Mean while two fellows walked out of the place just carrying soft drink and chocolates and got into their trucks and drove off. I thought then it odd they were not eating meat pies or similar. Reg came out with the owner who then proceeded to disassemble the bowser with a long handle-shifting spanner. In the process he lost a good amount of fuel on the ground. At this stage the 4 Silver Commodores drove in. Imagine my surprise when I realised they were S type Jaguars. They were from Sydney and heading to the Rally. The owner of the Roadhouse looked in horror to

see all these people. One of the cars had a slow leaking puncture and had been stopping at regular stops to pump up the tyre as no one could get the tyre off. It seems this model Jaguar has a special spanner for the retaining nuts and nobody had one with them exceptt one clever fellow who had put in an airpump. They were hoping to find an up and running repair shop!! With all the tools, etc. Reg keeps in the car he was unable to help. While all this was going on I wandered into the shop to find out



if we could get some coffee and sandwiches. It was then I realised the owner was on his own and when I asked if we could buy some sandwiches his reply was, "Not now lady, I'm too busy with all these people." He was able to lend the man with the puncture a large wheel cross brace which did the trick. So while the tyre was changed we sat at an outside table and ate our Chocolate Have a Hearts and drank our Orange juice and all the other Jag owners did the same. One of them had checked out the pie warmer but the pies were two months out of date, so the ice creams seemed the safer bet.

This Roadhouse is for Sale and also has a liquor licence. I am sure an enterprising couple could make this place a gold mine. It is situated 160kms from Cobar and as no one stops in Wilcannia that makes it 296kms to Broken Hill. A long way between pit stops. Last time we went through Wilcannia the Supermarket had been burnt down and this time not much had changed in the place.

Leaving our fellow Jag friends we headed for Broken Hill, where we found a great place to stay. It is a Hotel with modern Motel rooms out the back. They also have a good dining room and, after our day, we enjoyed that dinner!!



That night we paid for our accommodation, as we wanted to be on the road early the next day. I wanted to stop in Burra on our way down to Adelaide. It is such a pretty place and has unique shops. Reg wanted to stop in Kapunda to see his Aunt & Uncle. Twenty clicks down the highway, I asked Reg did he have his wallet??? After checking out the car we realised we had left it in the dining room of the Hotel; so back we went. Once there we had to wait

another 30 minutes for someone to let us in. Fortunately the wallet was where Reg had left it. So off we set again, over the Border into South Australia. From outside Cobar to the Adelaide Hills the countryside was bare and brown. We did see Emus and sheep but there was very little feed.

On into Adelaide we arrived at my sister's house Thursday afternoon just in time for a nice glass of wine!!!! Good Friday we had to register at the Grand Hotel in Glenelg. Fortunately for us my sister only lives about 10 kms from the Hotel, but being Easter and Glenelg being a tourist centre this place was packed. We should have received info from the Adelaide Club on how and where to park in this very congested area. But we didn't so after many wrong turns etc we finally found a parking space and on into Register. We were then told we could park in the car park attached to



the Grand. So much easier for most of us if we had been notified by email before we left home.

That night we went to the Cocktail Party held in the Ballroom at the Grand. Like most cocktail parties with many people standing around being served copious amount of wine, beer or soft drink, the food rarely gets further than that first bunch of people standing in the door way. Once again it happened here, but everyone was enjoying him or herself and catching up with old friends. Not knowing anyone, Reg and I stood for a long time on our own but finally a fellow from Geelong came over for a chat. Towards the end of the evening we did meet an Adelaide couple and over the next couple of days became good friends. We ended up being some of the last to leave and that is when I found out what happens to all the food at cocktail parties. They bring it in when practically everyone has gone home. Plates of lovely food was offered to us but by then no one was hungry so I presume the wait staff had a lovely feed.



Easter Saturday and we were to assemble at Morphettsville racecourse at 10.00am. Unlike Newcastle where we were shown to our places so all the XJS were in one line and V12's in another and so on. This time we just drove in and just parked wherever. By this time the Concourse event had started and they were all parked further down the track. It was very disappointing that few members of the public came to see our cars.

So many of my friends told me over the coming week that they had heard very little about the Rally. There were so many beautiful cars there, it is a shame that more people did not see them. At the same time our Rally was on, the Adelaide Art and Craft Show was held in the Members Stand so we were all able to go and have a look. I think the convenors of the Craft Show would have been thrilled to have so many Jag people buying their wares.

Saturday Night was the Le Mans Masquerade Dinner Night and held at the Glenelg Function Centre. Most people wore masks and what imagination some have. I am sorry I left the camera home that night, as there were some great masks. One fellow wore a gorilla mask and I have yet to find out how he ate his dinner. The 'E Type Jazz Band' played most of the night and it wasn't long before couples were up dancing. The food was set up on long tables down the centre of the room and there was plenty for everyone. Two girls stood at the end of the tables and carved and carved, ham, beef, lamb on and on they carved. How they were able to keep carving for so long beats me. It was a good evening and this time we sat with some Gold Coast people.

Sunday Sporting Event was held at Mallala, 70 kilometres north of Adelaide. This sporting event was held in conjunction with the Sporting Car Club of S.A. Those people who did not want to watch the races were able to drive along the seafront suburbs to the historic areas of Semaphore and Port Adelaide then travel up to Mallala in time for lunch and that afternoon had a tour of the Barossa Valley. Needless to say we did not go on this trip as we met up with Family, but we were sorry to miss the lunch and the Barossa Jaunt. When we checked the Internet re the Rally, there was no mention of a run to the Barossa. A shame there was so little information on the Web site when we came to Register.



The Sunday Night was the Presentation Dinner at the Grand. This time we sat at a table with some Adelaide members. During the course of the evening there were many prizes to be won and then they had an Auction. Graham Gauld, author and Ecurie Ecosse team reformer, who now lives in France donated an original Ecurie Ecosse car badge along with his autographed book. It wasn't long and they had passed the reserve price, it appeared many people wanted this badge. The bidding went up and up \$1000 then \$2000 and watching by the sidelines we could see the people bidding. We noticed one woman who would put her hand up but was ignored, finally she had had enough. She yelled 'What kind of Auctioneer are you?' Poor fellow had to reply that he was not a professional auctioneer but as she said it looked more like he was blind not to see her hand, so after much talking and apologies on went the bidding and to everyone's delight the lady from [we think] Victoria won the badge for \$3500.

Then it was time for the presentations for Concourse d'Elegance, Concourse d'Etat and many many other awards. Must say the South Australians ran away with most of the awards. They were sitting at our table and every time one of the men would go up to receive yet another trophy this lady would say "Where are we going to put them?" I think they needed the Hotel Luggage Trolley to take all their gear downstairs. His car is lovely and having worked on it for the last 13 years I'm sure he deserved all those awards. It was lovely to see Helen McCubbin win a gold award. She is a great friend of Frank and Glenys Munis so when he asked us to call and see her on our way home we jumped sat the chance. But that's another story. So hopefully next month we can tell you about that meeting and some of the other places we saw on our way home. We travelled 7500kms and except for the last day the Little Grey Pussy (our XJS) ran like a charm.



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:

Slightly dead Series 2 XJ6 motor and Borg Warner gearbox asking \$50?
Phone Joe 4778 1072

Wanted: NIL

IT'S A JOKE:

One day a father gets out of work and on his way home he remembers that it's his daughter's birthday. He pulls over to a toy store and asks the salesperson, "How much is the Barbie on the display window?"

The salesperson answers, "Which one? We have:

Work-out Barbie for \$19.95
Shopping Barbie for \$19.95
Beach Barbie for \$19.95
Disco Barbie for \$19.95
Divorced Barbie for \$265.95

The amazed father asks: "What? Why is the Divorced Barbie \$265.95 and the others only \$19.95?"

The salesperson annoyingly answers: "Sir, Divorced Barbie comes with:

Ken's Car,
Ken's House,
Ken's Boat,
Ken's Furniture,
Ken's Computer and...
One of Ken's Friends.



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Cathedral School

(cnr Ross River Rd & Thompson St, Mundinburra)

Sunday 17 June 2006

10am – 3pm

Owners interested in displaying vehicles or machinery should contact the Townsville Jaguar Drivers' Club after hours on 4789 3672 or 4721 3636 (or just turn up on the day).