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NORTH QUEENSLAND



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HERBERTON
SEPTEMBER 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

5 September 2007	Meeting, BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
30 SEPTEMBER 2007	WINE & CHEESE PICNIC	The Scholz' Place
3 October 2007	Meeting, BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
27-28 OCTOBER 2007	PORT DOUGLAS WEEKEND	Some details this issue
7 November 2007	Meeting, BP Truckstop, Cluden	7:30pm
24 NOVEMBER 2006	CHRISTMAS DINNER	The Pannia's Place
25 NOVEMBER 2006	CHRISTMAS RECOVERY BREAKFAST	TBA

*Subject to confirmation

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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. You're also guaranteed to get your copy of the newsletter much earlier via email.

MEETING – WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2007

Meeting opened 7:33pm

PRESENT:

Joe Pannia, Alan Collins, Bill Moore, Kevin Fitz Gerald; Richard Dixon, Reg & Jan Fels; Craig Scholz; Peter Dixon.

APOLOGIES:

Michael Fitz gerald

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 August 4 July 2007, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Craig Scholz / Jan Fels

BUSINESS ARISING:



Let's do the Westpac forms this month.



Update our details in the State newsletter – done



Email JDCQ newsletter editor with items for sale in future

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS:



Oasis Shades and Shelters brochure



Cairns Auto Spectacular (27/28 October) registration form,



The Running Board

OUTWARDS:



Email JDCQ newsletter editor to update committee details

Kevin Fitz gerald / Richard Dixon

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance at 24 August 2007 was \$567.40

Less cost of Poker Run Trophy \$26.80 to be paid by cheque

Joe Pannia / Richard Dixon

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Port Douglas in October

The Munis' from Mt Isa are intending to be in Port Douglas for this get together in October and then intend travelling to Cooktown for a couple days afterwards. If anybody wishes to join them they would be most welcome! Start your planning now and let Jan know your intentions.

Wine & Cheese Picnic @ Craig & Virginia's, 30 September 2007

Craig has once again removed the padlocks and is allowing us spend an afternoon at Muntalunga Park. . The address is 33 Bentley Drive (turn left just before the Alligator Creek Roadhouse heading out of town) and just over the hill past the 80 sign on the left

hand side Please bring some wine, drinks, nibbles and a chair. Please call Jan if you plan coming along.

Atherton Tablelands Weekend Trip

Craig asked that a special thanks be sent out to Jan for her extra special organising skills. Thanks Jan!!

For those interested some mileage figures were obtained for the trip and were as follows:

Kevin F	XJS 6.0L TWS	10.9L/100km (!!!!!!!!!!!!!)
Reg F	XJ12	23mpg
Craig S	XJ12	18mpg
Richard D	XJ6	17.5mpg

Meeting closed 8:25pm

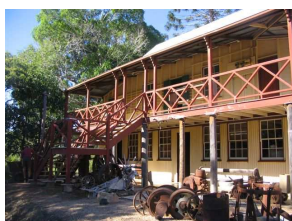
SEPTEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

HERBERTON WEEKEND

Story & Pictures: Jan Fels



I think everyone will agree that our weekend in Herberton was one of the best. We would all like to thank Richard and Anne for organising all the sightseeing. From the fascinating Camera Museum then onto Irvinebank, which turned out to be a most interesting place. Who would have thought there would be so much history to be found at the end of that dirt road!!! The open fire and gas heater were a welcome addition on the Saturday night. You could see who the cold frogs were, they sat almost on top of the fire. Then on the Sunday it was onto Tolga where we visited the Tractor Museum. To those who couldn't make it you missed a treat. Not only were there old tractors on display but Mario the owner had fashioned animals and people out of old tractor parts. It was a fun place to visit. It was lovely to catch up with all our Northern Members and hope to see you all at our Port Douglas weekend which is the weekend of the 26th to 28th. Looks like we will try to stay at Mossman, if anyone



has other suggestions then please let me know. On the Sunday, for those who would like, we will travel up to Cooktown and stay two nights. Again can you please let me know who will be coming to Cooktown and please if you know of anything or place that we can see while up there please share your thoughts with us all.

KARUMBA WEEKEND

Frank & Glenys Munis

About 8:00am on Friday 31st August we set out from Mount Isa in the XJS for Karumba where we hadn't been for 25 years. We had planned on taking the E Type but with temperatures getting up into the 30s we decided the XJS would be much more comfortable. The drive through the hills to Cloncurry was spectacular with the morning sun changing the colours of the hills and grasses. We topped up with fuel at Cloncurry and set off to our next stop at the Burke & Wills Roadhouse. The road was surprisingly good as we had heard reports of a lot of loose stones on the road but this was not so. Not a lot of traffic, a few triple road trains and of course the inevitable 4WDs and caravans. We had an excellent lunch at the Burke & Wills, Franks hamburger with the lot was huge, with a full size rissole instead of the usual hamburger patty. No stone damage so far but Frank had taken the precaution of fitting headlight protectors to the XJS before we left.

The road from the Burke & Wills to Normanton was very good in most sections but there were several kms of narrow bitumen with fairly high shoulders which we coped with oncoming traffic by slowing right down, getting off the bitumen and stopping, letting the traffic stay on the narrow bitumen. Would you believe there was still the odd 4WD that insisted on having two wheels on the road and two in the dirt and stones and not slowing down one iota!!! Through Normanton and on to Karumba, reaching there about 3:00pm. We checked into our motel which was situated right on the point looking straight out to the mouth of the Norman River and the Gulf. The "End of the Road Motel" is only about 2 years old with very spacious room and huge undercover parking. The rooms are fully equipped with all crockery, cooking utensils, microwave, cooktop, frypan, toaster etc as they do not have a restaurant as the Sunset Tavern is right next door. They also do not serve breakfasts but have an arrangement with Ashs across the road where breakfasts can be ordered and are delivered from their café. Everything is very casual, the owner/managers attire is stubby shorts, singlet and occasionally thongs.

We were lucky enough to be able to book on the Croc and Crab sunset cruise that evening which is run on demand. The boat can carry up to 25 people and was powered by two 250 Yamaha outboards, very smooth. We set off about 5:00pm down the Norman River and were lucky enough to see a 13 ft croc basking on the bank. (Frank reckons it is either an inflatable croc or it is tethered there). We cruised back up the river to the Gulf and were regaled with as many prawns as we could eat, bottles of red or white wines and wine glasses etched with Croc and Crab which we got to take home with us. We cruised around and watched the sun go down on the ocean which would be spectacular in the wet season and finally got back at about 7:00pm. Well worth it!!

Saturday was a very lazy day. We drove around the town which is really in three parts, the point where we were staying, about 3 kms to the town itself which is not large and then further out to the port area where cattle are loaded for live export and of course the Century Mine Zinifex complex for the export of zinc which is carried by a slurry pipeline from the mine, dried and loaded onto the barge which then takes it out to sea where the zinc is transferred to the ship. Karumba is very much a fishing town as there appeared to be a boat of some description in every front yard.

We feasted again on prawns which we had purchased from Raptis' outlet with fresh bread from the bakery and a Caesar salad from the Sunset Tavern, this is living!!! We sat outside overlooking the sea in candlelight (as the power was out) with the odd bottle of red until about 10:00pm.

We left Karumba on Sunday and cruised back to the Isa, again stopping at the Burke & Wills for their massive hamburgers for lunch. Very little traffic on the road and no stone damage to the car. A very pleasant weekend which we would recommend to anyone with a few days to spare.

RON STRUTT'S MARK 11



After being unwell last year, Ron is back on deck and is working on his MK 2. Ron has spent a deal of time looking for a leaking welsh plug which was eventually found behind the starter motor. We're all looking forward to seeing Ron and the Mk 2 back on the road and a regular on the club runs!

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 free to good home. Anybody? Phone Joe 4778 1072

Good '78 XJS body, no engine but 350 Chev plated, no exhaust or battery, black interior. Asking \$2800 but will look at offers. T400 gearbox for \$350 Phone Paul Khan 0407 960 602

Free maps sensor in working order for a D Jetronic EFI (1981 V12). Call Craig on (07)4729 0908 for information

XJ6 S1 New Front Disks \$300 and brake pads \$40/set. Call Peter on 0431224061

XJ-C V12 Series II 1973 Auto, Beautiful condition, was actually a Jaguar company car and on display at Earls Court, September 1973. \$30,000 asking price. Call Marg 08 8725 2285 or email lairdandladyh@seol.net.au

Wanted: NIL

