

NORTH QUEENSLAND



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MACKAY WEEKEND AUGUST 2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

CLUB MEETINGS 1st Wednesday of each month except January & December (no

PALUMA OVERNIGHT

meeting) at BP CLUDEN, Racecourse Road, 7:30pm

February 2008

Wednesday 6 BALGAL BBQ

March 2008

Wednesday 5

EASTER NATIONAL RALLY

April 2008

Wednesday 2 Meeting

May 2008 Wednesday 7

HINCHINBROOK YACHT/RESORT OVERNIGHT

June 2008 Wednesday 4 Meeting

ALL BRITISH DAY Sunday 15

July 2008

Wednesday 2 Meeting

Saturday 26/27 MACKAY OVERNIGHT

August 2008

Wednesday 6 Meeting

WINE & CHEESE @ THE SCHOLZ'S Sunday 24

September 2008

Wednesday 3 Meeting

Friday 26/27/28 CAPE TRIBULATION OVERNIGHT

October 2008

Wednesday 1 Meeting Sunday 26 HALIFAX PUB November 2008

Wednesday 5 AGM

Saturday 29 CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday 30 RECOVERY PARTY *Subject to confirmation closer to event date!

NOTE:

Sunday Runs

These runs are now only held in Townsville if sufficient there is interest. If you are interested, or driving through, give one of the committee members a call to discuss.

Emails

If you have an email address and can receive newsletters or if you change your email address please let the editor know as emails save time *and* money.

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WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST 2008

Meeting opened 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Joe Pannia, Richard Dixon, Gary Doak, Alan Collins, Craig Scholz

APOLOGIES:

Reg & Jan Fels

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 July 2008, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and confirmed.

AC / CS

BUSINESS ARISING:

• Subscriptions. No response yet to letter sent to JDCQ requesting increase in contributions to register.

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS:

- Letters/Notices:, ABD Pens Invoice
- Newsletters: TVV& H Running Board
- Catalogues: National Pens
- Magazines: NIL

OUTWARDS:

• NIL

CS / AC

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance at 25 JULY 2008 was \$677.85

JP / GD

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Wine & Cheese Evening

The Wine & Cheese is at Craig & Virginia's place on Sunday 24 August starting at 3pm. The address is Muntalunga Park, 265 Bentley Drive which is the LEFT turn at the Alligator Creek Roadhouse. The house is just past the 80 sign up over the hill on the left – you can't miss it! BYOG and the club is footing the bill for the rest. Reg has been nominated to cook one of his world famous Dampers.

Please call Jan 47213636 so we know who to look out for.

Meeting closed 8:15pm

JULY 2008 NEWSLETTER

MACKAY WEEKEND 24TH, 25TH AND 26TH JULY

Story & Pictures: Richard Dixon (Pictures Jan Fels too)

On the Friday before we (as in Reg & Jan in the XJS, Peter in his XJ6 and myself with son and friend in the never before highway tested S Type) set off at 1:00pm from the Alligator Creek Roadhouse.



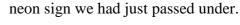
The S cruised along between the XJS and XJ6 although the radio couldn't be heard once we got above 80. First stop at the Bowen roadhouse with only one bowser working and a queue a mile long required a small oil top up - 3.5 litres of oil to be exact. Not ever having run the S before I thought this trip was going to be a one expensive weekend mistake.

About an hour outside Mackay the XJS developed fuel problems so

we all slowed to a crawl and eventually stopped. Reg emptied the boot and fiddled around with the filter (this was going to be repeated a few times as it turned out). We made Mackay with headlights blazing. Nearing our destination Reg once again slowed and pulled over. immediately thought, "Fuel again!" but he hopped out and walked back in the dark to tell me



he would have to put the motel address in his GPS to find the hotel. I said, "It's 800m down the road on the right." "How do you know that?" Reg asked. I pointed back to the glowing





On Saturday morning after breakfast, Bill's X Type joined us and we travelled across town to be shown around Peter Nelson's shed where Tony and Lyn house amongst other 'toys', a lovely BRG series 1 4.2 convertible (owned by Peter) and an XJS undergoing a V12 heart transplant. In the afternoon we travelled the short distance to meet at Andy and Sarah's lovely Dolphin Heads home for a BBQ lunch with the rest of the Mackay crew where we



saw are some more lovely Jags including Andy's E, Ant's S and Lyn's TWR XJS. Saturday night we managed dinner at the very crowded Austral hotel. Unfortunately the Gladstone Club Members weren't able to make it.

Sunday, after breakfast at Mackay' Life Saving Club and a photo shoot, we basically went our separate ways – the XJS to Brisbane to see family, the X-Type to Airlie for the markets and the S & XJ6 back to Townsville.

I was pleased to discover that after the first oil top up in Bowen the S didn't use any oil or other fluid (apart from the fuel). It did however use a little oil the next weekend when I took it down to Ayr for the day. I also discovered the S isn't very fuel efficient but I have put that down to a heavy foot and some required fine tuning (like electronic timing).



CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget to pay up before the end of this month!!

STOP THE PRESS - MEMBER OF THE YEAR DECIDED ALREADY!!

The winner for this year as nominated by Craig Scholz is none other than Craig himself! Why? For having his name published in the Queensland newsletter more times than anyone else. Well done Craig, your B.S. award is in the mail!