

# Northern Jaguar

**August 2017 Edition** 









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### **PRESIDENT'S Report**



First some good news from me – I have the all clear from my medical condition for a good while I hope, so I am very encouraged. All systems go again. We have a couple of club events to organise before our AGM and Christmas function in late November so let's see if we can get together and have a good roll up for these and then celebrate the year with a great party. Quite a few members are keen on the Kurrimine Beach overnighter for the September event and hopefully we'll get a good crowd together there and at Ron and Wendy's place at Mission Beach on the Sunday. It's always good to see how Ron's restoration projects are going. Our All British Day Reviver at Giru in October will just be a fantastic cruise and day out, not only for us but also all of our ABD participating clubs – definitely looking forward to that.

Member participation at events and meetings is something we have been talking about for a while. How in the name of the great growling Leaper are we going to get our numbers up? Admittedly numbers attending are possibly on average a bit more than in the past, but our club was much smaller then. I daresay even Jag lovers have another life, and of course family and work commitments will always take precedence. This is one reason the committee tries very hard at the beginning of each year to make up an annual social calendar as best we can and then try to stick to it. Of course at times plans change when a better option comes up, but it is a helpful guide to avoid clashes. We generally know well in advance when our main events are on and we try to hold the other monthly events on the fourth Sunday of each month. This has been done traditionally and I would like to keep that going. I believe most people think that it has been a good idea and allows members to plan their activities around the club events if they want.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at the Charters Towers Community Day last Sunday. Such a friendly day. It was great to see families with blankets out on the lush green lawn picnicking in front of the Jags. Everyone seemed to love looking at the cars and getting photos taken in front of them. It was great to catch up with our member Jim Lewis and the Towers Restorers Club also. We must get more members along next time.

We would love to hear from some of you about your restoration or repair projects and also any other stories you would like to submit to our magazine. It is great when different members write something about their personal escapades or our club events.

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# **EDITOR'S Chit-Chat**



#### **Cover photo**

Some lovely photos of the club trip to Airlie Beach. The main picture is Wock's S1 "E" Type being inspected by Jim and Glen while Woodie explains his plans for finishing it off. The Corvette looks magnificent, even though it's not a Jaguar! Lots of wine and laughs at La Tabella trattoria.

For more photos of this and other club events, check us out on the club Facebook group.

#### Welcome to the Club

A very warm welcome to Ken and Sue Cryer, our most recent "arrivals". Ken has now registered his Jensen Interceptor so can now concentrate on getting an RWC for his "E" Type V12 S3.

#### Membership cards available for collection

Membership cards for the current year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 are now available for those who have renewed their subscriptions. Townsville-based members can collect their cards at the next monthly Members' Meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Car badges

Our club car badges are on order, and should be available within the next couple of weeks. They will be brass with coloured enamel, patterned after our logo (round), and have pre-cast holes for mounting screws – or alternatively can be stuck in the appropriate place with double-sided tape. We are hoping to have these available for members to purchase at cost, which will be around \$30. I'm sure they will be a fine adornment for our cars, and with only 50 available at this stage, we expect them to sell well. Make sure you secure yours early – don't be disappointed!!

#### **August Members' Meeting**

After our meeting on 2nd August, we were treated to a short chat by Jody Isidro of JBI-Pro. Jody is a mobile mechanic of 20 years' experience specialising in car air conditioning systems, but as a fully qualified mechanic, is happy to turn his hand at anything to help keep a motorist where he/she belongs – and that's on the road! The meeting itself was kept short and sweet, and we all had a great, informative time of it. Let's hope we can do more of this for future meetings.



#### 13 Pages......

This month's magazine is only 13 pages long, much shorter than we have become used to. For various reasons in the last few weeks I haven't been able to give the magazine the attention it deserves – but I'm hoping to resume normal service next month. Please bear with me.............



Freddie and his wife Sheila started dieting a week ago.

Yesterday, Sheila proposed that they should have a cheat day today.

She brought home a McDonalds Burger and KFC wings – and Freddie brought home his secretary.

Freddie is now lying in his hospital bed, wondering when men will ever begin to understand women......

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017**

<u>CLUB MEETINGS</u>: Time: Dinner 6:00PM Meeting: 7.30PM on 1<sup>St</sup> Wednesday of monthly except Jan and Dec.

Place: Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld 4810

August Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, Townsville. Airlie Beach Weekend/Car Show Charters Towers Community Day
September Wednesday 6th TBA Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, Townsville. Burdekin Day Trip (rescheduled) Chilverton Retreat - Tablelands Kurramine Beach Overnighter Day Trip North – Mission Beach?
October Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, Townsville.  ABD Reviver, Giru
November Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, Townsville.  AGM/Christmas Party

#### **NOTES:**

The above is only provisional, and is subject to change. As usual, we will inform members in good time before any events.

Other events will be added to our calendar as details become available, such as the Combined Clubs Swap Meet, car cruises/displays etc.

Sunday Runs: We will as usual be organizing as many "casual" Sunday runs as possible during the year. Please let us know if you have any suggestions as to where we can meet – it would be nice to move around a bit, rather than always meet up in the same place.



# **Upcoming Events**



The eagle-eyed will have spotted that 3 events towards the end of September seem to be overlapping. Well — they are! Details haven't been fully worked out yet, but it seems that we will have a choice of 3 (provisional) trips, one to Chilverton in the Tablelands for 3 days and 2 nights, an overnighter to Kurrimine Beach, with the possibility of us all meeting up somewhere convenient like Mission Beach, for lunch on Sunday before returning home. Some of us like longer trips while others prefer short runs, so here we can cater for us all!

Details will be sent out to all members as soon as they are finalised.



# **Social Events**



# Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August Airlie Beach Weekend/Car Show

**Mary Vernon** 

What a blast! Everyone who didn't come missed a treat.

We, Rick and I, went a day earlier than the others, on Friday – just because we could – and after a stop at the Clove café in Ayr for delicious coffee and scones and a trouble-free run, we rolled into Airlie about 3.30 to find the town in full festival mode.

Despite damage from Cyclone Debbie still being obvious — mainly in the low-lying shopping area which had been flooded and suffered lots of vegetation damage — the mood was upbeat with a fun fair on the beach front, work going full steam ahead on the rebuilding of the lagoon and the streets, bars and restaurants packed with enthusiastic festival goers.

We checked into our motel, Whitsunday on the Beach, which was right in the middle of the action although cleverly built to be an oasis of calm.

We had to be up bright and early on Saturday morning in order to get our car into the Reef Festival car show – 7.30 was the registration time. The main street was blocked off and the cars displayed along both sides for inspection and voting by the public. There were some spectacular entries, a pair of 1960's Chevrolets in immaculate condition, a 1934 Ford, a couple of Mustangs, a 1947 Plymouth once used for ferrying



moonshine, or so they claimed, and lots more. Naturally we thought our 1964 S-type was the best. The car



show, however, would prove a problem later in the morning when the other Jag club members arrived, as access to the motel was cut off. Luckily our persuasive President talked his way through and they managed to get in and check in. We had three Jags for the weekend, including President

Joe's brand new supercharged XJR Sport, Glenn and Karen Bird's XJ6 X350, our 1964 S-type and one Ford as Jim and Rahayu Bateman's Jag had chosen that day to fail to proceed.



Undeterred, all members set about exploring the town, checking out the car show, and seeing what the festival was all about. After a late lunch, the car show was over and the street parade began. 34 floats paraded up and then down the main street – a tribute to the creativity and energy of Whitsunday's citizens.

After a nap and a freshen-up we joined Warwick and Janelle Eastwood (Wock and Woodie), who live nearby at Sugarloaf, at La Tabella trattoria in the main street for a brilliant meal with lots of wine and laughs after which we staggered back to the motel.

Up in the morning to drive in convoy for the traditional photo shoot at the Lions' park in Shute Harbour. Sadly not the best day for photos as a light drizzle kept on intruding but, coming from the drought capital of the world, we can't ever complain about any rain, no matter how annoying.

(Who would have thought of a photo-shoot at Shute Harbour? Ed.)

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Still in convoy we made our way to Sugarloaf and Wock and Woodie's beautiful house and gardens. Some members, however, were more interested in their two Jaguars — Woodie's navy blue diesel XE and Wock's spectacular maroon series 1 E type which he is restoring. He has replaced the SU's with triple Webers and has big plans.

We left them and set off for Bowen where we rendezvoused at the fantastically restored Grandview Hotel for yet another spectacular meal introducing some of us to a new taste sensation – black bread made with activated charcoal. Sounds weird, but when combined with deliciously spiced Cajun fish and salad could not be surpassed.

Replete, we set off for home and, after another trouble free run in the armchair comfort of the S type, we made it back to the ferry in splendid time.

# Sunday 27th August Charters Towers Community Day

Joe Pannia

Chris and I met up with Jim and Alan at Café Bambini and headed for Charters Towers just after 8:00AM as planned. Jim was rearing to go and announced he would lead the convoy. We knew that the black X350 V8 would be disappearing over the western highway horizon very quickly and would not be seen again until we arrived at Centenary Park – and that was in fact the case. It was a very easy run for Alan's V8 S-Type and our supercharged V6 also. The new white Jag purred like a dream and in sports mode actually growled when we passed a couple of slow utes. Alan behaved himself this time after the episode with the policeman last year. There was not a lot of roadworks and one and a half hours is a very manageable cruise without feeling too tired. Towers Hill is always a welcome sight in the distance though. Driving the Jags is half the fun of our outings, although I really rather love it more when we have a decent convoy.

The three Jags settled on the shady mound where we were last year, and were joined shortly after we arrived by our member Jim Lewis's multi-coloured XK140C. I heard people gasping "Look at that Jag" as I was escorting Jim into the park, some were taking snapshots of the XK even before he got out. Jim is one of the club's treasures and has been a member since day one. He spent 61 years in Richmond and has now wisely retired in Charters Towers. He made his mark with big sheep



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speak, as Australia did decades ago — a true blue Australian. We missed Jim at All British Day this year because of our clash with the Towers Motor Show. Although their Motor Show goes for three days, judging is on Sundays and Jim likes to be there as he usually takes a prize with the "little car" as he calls it. We had a good chat to some of the Restorers Club members and I promised we would try our hardest not to clash with their

show in 2018. We just could not move the date for ABD this year for various reasons.

People were very friendly and interest in the Jags was encouraging. It was great to see families put their picnic blankets out on the lush green lawn in front of them. People poured around the XK when Jim lifted the bonnet and I could see he really enjoyed telling them about its



restoration and history. It would be good to pick up some more members in the Towers. One policeman asked me how the white Jag went, and I unwisely said "fast". Should think about the



answer more carefully next time. It was good to see how friendly even the constabulary is to possible law breakers on Community Day. Speeding, not me – never – it was Jim! No, Alan.

Chris wasn't seen for dust as she scooted around the stalls and displays which amazingly took up the whole perimeter of Centenary Park. The Towers has the reputation of being one of the most authentic country towns in Australia. You still get a lot of the home made cooking and wares that you just don't have in the city. She soon had the car boot and the back seat filled with stuff, to my horror, lots of bargaining and items for our very young great nephew. We also met up with our PR Wallah Kevin and wife Yvonne, who were there with a lot of other Townsville folk to experience that unique Charters Towers country town feel. Kevin had some good news





on how we can further promote All British Day next year and it was good to catch up. I like to savour things that were familiar as a kid but nobody makes now, so when I saw some chocolate rice crackles at the bargain price of \$2.50 a grabbed a pack to have with our cappuccinos. I shared one with Alan and we both simultaneously spat it out. Somebody had put salt in instead of sugar. What a disgusting taste. I gave it back to the ladies I bought it from and they had a great laugh and I swapped it for another appetising snack. Alan complained that he was spitting out salted chocolate crackle all day.

There were free scones and jam again and lots of food stalls. Lunch was enjoyed, more reminiscing about the old days continued until 1:00PM with some good tales told by Alan and Jim Lewis. Jim and Alan dropped in for a customary refresher at the Mingela pub on the way home. Chris is an original Towers lady so we dropped in on some family members there after the show. It was a bit sad to leave for home after a good day out. Hope we can get more members along next time.





# **Technical Matters**

**Nigel Miller** 



#### **Complacency – a Cautionary Tale**

#### **Nigel Miller**

Ever since I bought my 1989 XJ6 (Georgie) 20 months ago, my ABS fault warning light has come on, intermittently at first, but increasingly more often. I interrogated the rather basic ECU in the boot, which gave me 3 separate "faults" including a faulty front wheel sensor. As far as I could tell the brakes were working satisfactorily (stopping the car in a straight line!) so I started researching the Jaguar forums (fora?) for hints and pointers. In a nutshell, if the wheel sensors don't work it can trigger the ECU to report other faults, and the main cause of wheel sensor failure is dirty sensors and reluctors (the cog on the disc that is "read" by the sensor). A quick Saturday afternoon job........

The sensors are secured by a small bolt, but simply will not budge, so the only solution is to remove the hubs and see if I can push the sensors clear – but that would mean removing the calipers. The brake hoses look old, and it's pointless changing hoses without refurbishing the calipers, so, a simple job now turns into a much more daunting task. Reinforcements are necessary so a quick call to Andrew Augostis secures much-needed assistance.







Hub seals, brake hoses, caliper seals and pistons in hand, the job commences – given greater urgency by my daughter Jamey taking over my daily driver, a VW Golf, so at least for now Georgie needs to be my gopher vehicle.

Dismantling is routine until we come to the flexible brake hoses, which are seized solid on their mounting brackets, so we have to grind them off while carefully saving the brake pipe unions. Luckily we could rescue the 4 hose-securing nuts because they are almost impossible to source. Being 10ml X 1ml pitch, Boltmasters only had one option, and that turned out to be too thick.

We manage to release the wheel sensors using a deep socket and a light tap with a hammer – and yes, they are both quite dirty. The reluctors are cleaned, bearings repacked and hubs refitted with new seals. Everything seems to be going so smoothly...... Let's turn our attention to the calipers......

The retaining pins and springs are badly corroded, and one of the springs is missing. Buying them individually is expensive, but I found a spring/pin kit for only \$20 online, so no problem there. The caliper pistons however are not co-operating. At least one of them is seized so solidly I fear the caliper may be damaged. A quick call to Greg at Brakeforce follows, and he will look at them and do what he can. Later that same day Greg phones – your calipers are ready for collection! Yes, they could be saved (honed) and are now completely assembled with the pistons and seals in place. My beautiful gold calipers however are now painted black! But, what the heck...... it looks as if we're on the home stretch!

Firstly, the ABS warning light is still misbehaving, so the whole system needs some more attention. Secondly, the brakes are more responsive and immediate, working so much better than before.

And here is where the word of caution comes in – before this whole exercise I was quite satisfied with my brakes, not realising that they were obviously under par, and it's only by chance that the brakes have been attended to. Now that I experience first-hand the way the brakes should be, I realise that before this my safety could well have been compromised by sub-par brakes.

So, don't just rely on your own driving experience to determine whether your car is performing as it should. Try to get a regular second opinion from someone else who can look at your car with a fresh, unbiased perspective – just to be sure!!!!!!



## **JAGS FOR SALE**



#### 2003 X-Type 2.1ltr V6 - \$5,000 neg.



If you are interested in buying a low mileage (<123,000kms) Jag, please phone Russell on 0418 777 662. The car is located in Townsville.



#### 1966 3.8 S (Classic "S" Type) – offers around \$10,000

I've owned my lovely Warwick Grey "S" Type for many years, and have many happy family memories of our times together, but it may be time to move on. I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> owner, and the car has been unregistered since 2005, but was last run about 2½ years ago.



The red leather upholstery and the woodwork are in good condition, but it needs at least a full body rubber kit, tyres, battery, and a carburettor recondition (it has twin 2"



SU's). The bodywork and paintwork are good, but there is some rust spotting on the chrome work. The car needs a sensitive hand to restore it to the condition it deserves.

Please contact me, WARWICK COYNE, on 0407 961 441 for more information.

#### 1986 XJ6 Sovereign and 1983/4 XJ6 Vanden Plas -\$3000 for both o.n.o.



For sale as a pair, is a 1986 XJ6 Sovereign and a 1983/4 XJ6 Vanden Plas. The Sovereign has a good body, and has had plenty of work done on it in the past, having been owned by Jeff Harris, and is a very good candidate for restoration. The Vanden Plas is probably more suitable as a donor car, with rust on the bodywork in the usual places. The interior and the seats are in good nick, with the driver's seat showing some signs of wear, and the car was a runner until quite recently. Located in Townsville.

Contact John Benton on 0401 871 726 for more details.



# **CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE**



These lovely coffee/tea mugs proudly display our Club logo, with a panoramic shot of a number of our well-known club vehicles. The mugs are available for only \$10 each, so treat yourself or someone close.





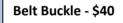














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FOR ALL CLUB MERCHANDISE, INCLUDING MEN'S BELTS, KEYRINGS ETC. PHONE JIM BATEMAN 0448 569 191

#### **CLASSIFIEDS - FOR SALE**

These classifieds are free to advertise and items don't have to be Jaguar related. Ring or email Nigel Miller on 0400 599 637 or <a href="millwind@bigpond.net.au">millwind@bigpond.net.au</a> to have your items inserted in next month's issue.

#### **Lucas Spotlights for sale \$200 the pair**

Phone 0409 724 278



#### Tie rod ends - pair

I have a pair of tie rod ends, part numbers JC27974/JC27975 (sealed unit, no grease nipple), which supersede part numbers C23077/C23080 (with grease nipple). Suitable for Mark 10, Classic S Type, 420 and perhaps others. These were sent to me by mistake by JAG PRESTIGE SPARES - I had changed mine only a few months ago!

Cost me \$190 plus freight, but yours for only \$156.

Contact: Nigel Miller, 0400 599 637 or millwind@bigpond.net.au.

#### **Breaking for Spares**

Ron Schilling has a S3 XJ6 available for parts. Ron is using the front and rear suspension units, and probably the seats, but pretty much everything else, including a good engine and gearbox, is available at very reasonable prices. Please contact Ron on 0412 456 365

#### Selling on behalf of the Club



Chrome taillight surround for XK8/XKR - \$75

S2 rear window and chrome strips



Original driver's handbook for Daimler Sovereign S3 - \$20

Contact Nigel on 0400 599 637 or email millwind@bigpond.net.au

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#### **JAG Prestige Spares, Melbourne**

An account has been established for the Jaguar Car Club NQ to enable members to purchase parts at a competitive rate. Account number: 14387 When ordering parts, phone 1800 337 379 (Freecall) or 03 9870 0542 (Spare Parts direct) and ask for Phil.



He will process your order under this account, you will be required to pay by credit card. If Phil is not available, place your order and ask for the order to be referred to Phil.

Alternatively Email Phil Pietsch at <a href="mailto:phil@jaqspares.biz">phil@jaqspares.biz</a>

If visiting Melbourne you are welcome to call in at....... 52 Palmerston East Road, Ringwood. Business Hours: Mon to Fri 8:30am – 5:30pm Sat 9:00am – 2:00pm

Also **JAG Prestige Service**, 7 Eugene Terrace, Ringwood, Melbourne 3134 PH:03 9870 8280 If you are in need of a vehicle inspection before purchase etc. please contact Herb or Phil for a quote.

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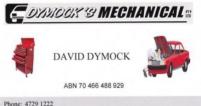
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