

Northern Jaguar

October 2017 Edition





Car (and bike) lovers all in a row



A Hidden Gem!



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PRESIDENT'S Report



A bit hot and steamy but a very enjoyable outing to Giru last Sunday for our All British Day Reviver. It was a great cruise and lunch with lots of classic cars and bikes showing up. I think we have started a tradition here with many people wanting the Giru run to be held annually. I am a big supporter of ABD and would love to see this happen. It is a great promo for the day and we actually get to drive and not just display our cars. Read about it in our magazine coverage inside.

We have a couple more events to enjoy before the end of 2017. Members were keen on a run up to Mingela in November. It is always a beautiful roast dinner there and we can catch up with the Towers Restorers Club as well. We can also safely blow the cobwebs out of those big motors on the newly rebuilt sections of the Flinders Highway.

Our Christmas Party is at the Mecure Inn this year and we are hoping for a good roll up of members for the in-town event. We are having a BBQ Xmas dinner just for a change. The awards for Member of the Year, Car of the Year, Most Improved Car and the dreaded Bent Stem trophy will be announced after dinner.

It is timely to discuss next year's event calendar at the November meeting and I look forward to your feedback on what we can get up to next year. About half of our planned outings are fixed events such as Australia Day, Heritage Day, All British Day and Reviver, Townsville Swap Meet, plus this time our Easter trip to the Hub Rally on the Tablelands. So there are still half a dozen or so events that are open to suggestion. Bear in mind that we have a North Queensland coverage and where we go must reflect this. A draft calendar for discussion is all we need at this stage but it would good to have a plan in place after the February meeting. Members can organise their home activities, see what our club is up to and perhaps avoid some clashes.

Nomination Forms will be sent out shortly for our Annual General Meeting which we are holding prior to the Christmas Dinner. There is a lot of hard and sometimes never-ending work to be done each year by the Management Committee. Let's try to have many active members helping with activities, everything running as smoothly as possible and everyone in our great club just enjoying themselves.

Joe Pannía.
President – JCCNQ Inc.

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EDITOR'S Chit-Chat



Cover photo

Our top cover photo is Arthur Gleeson's shot of the assembled crowd in front of the grandly named Giru International Hotel – and yes, it was hot standing out in the sun! The second picture is the XK140 currently under renovation in the Townsville surrounds. Find out more about it below........

We have a winner!



Our much-anticipated raffle of the signed poster/print of Bob Jane's iconic racing Mark 2 took place at the Giru International Hotel during our ABD Reviver lunch last weekend. Peter and I went around the assembled crowd touting tickets, until it was time for the draw. Grant of Bob Jane T-Marts Townsville was on hand to pull the lucky ticket from the bucket – but not before our good friend Kevin Fleming had done a very passable Town Crier impersonation to get people's attention! I had famously told everyone that I had cleared a space for the grand prize in my man-shed – but as we drew closer to the moment, I started to worry. What if my name is drawn? Who would believe it wasn't rigged? I needn't have worried. The lucky prize winners were Russell & Claire Botha, our most northern club members from Julatten.

Congratulations to both of you. Now all you have to do is come down to my home and pry the masterpiece off my shed wall!!!

All in all we raised a creditable \$500 in ticket sales, resulting in a net contribution to club funds of \$370.

Thanks to Peter Dixon for helping with ticket sales, and to the management and staff of the Giru International Hotel for allowing us use of their premises, but very special thanks must go to Grant Abrahams of Bob Jane T-Marts Townsville – without your generous donation, this raffle would not have been possible.



Club Membership Cards

If you haven't already received yours, Membership Cards for the current year to 30th June 2018 will be available for collection by Townsville members, at the next Members' Meeting at the Robert Towns Hotel on Wednesday 1st November.

A Hidden Gem!



A couple of weekends ago Garry, Glen and I trekked out to the Townsville environs to check out a very special car - a 1956 XK140 Fixed Head Coupé.

I've heard stories about an XK that had been left parked under a tree for many years in Hyde Park, and I thought this was merely an urban legend, but this is almost certainly THAT car!

The owner Phil has owned this car for 4 years, having bought it from a man in Surrey Street who had left it parked under a tree for some time. The penny dropped for Garry who has strong family connections to Surrey Street and remembers the car very well.......

As you can see, the project is part way through an extensive restoration, with bright white paint rather than the yellowish Olde English White it was found in.

P.S. The car has some very special steel wheels – read about them in <u>Technical Matters</u>.

Good Company!

This photo was taken at the recent Bathurst 1000, in the Moet & Chandon hospitality tent, by members Russell and Claire Botha. Our stubby coolers can stand proud in the very best of company!

Car model display cabinet

Finally got around to displaying my son Callum's model car collection - a gift from my dad to him 30 years ago..........

When I say I'll do something, I don't always mean tomorrow - just eventually! Need to find a suitable cabinet for my small but growing collection of Jaguar models.





Club cars

Cars in the club at October 2017	
Mark V	2
XK120/140/150	3
Mark VII/VIII/IX	1
Mark 2/Daimler 2.5	13
E Type	3
Mark 10/420G	1
S Type (classic)	6
XJ6/12 S2	9
XJ6/12/Sovereign S3	14
XJ40/Sovereign	4
S-Type X200/2/3/4	3
XJ6 X300	4
X308	3
XJ6 X350	2
XJ8 X350	3
XJR	2
XJS	9
XK8/XKR	2
X400 X-Type	2
XF	1
XE	1
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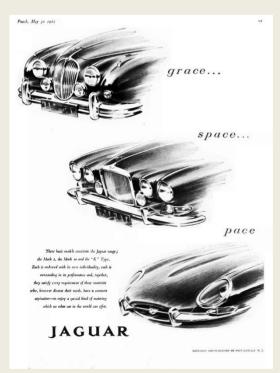
All members of the club will by now have received a copy of the latest membership list. As of Thursday 12th October 2017, we have received 44 subscriptions covering 76 members, and 88 cars. This is slightly up on the last listing in May of this year, when we had 43, 75 and 80 respectively. At least the numbers are going in the right direction!!

A listing of club cars as ever throws up some interesting facts.

29 of our cars — nearly one third — are pre XJ6, although you would be forgiven for not guessing that! We don't often get to see these lovely old cars. Perhaps they're just shy? Lack of air-conditioning may be a factor here in North Queensland!

We have 17 "sports cars" – that is XKs, "E" Types and XJSs, with all the rest being

saloons (even though some may have "sports" in their model description!). There seems to be a lively competition between the Mark 2 (13) and the XJ6 S3 (14) for the most popular model in the club.



Of course, our listing can only be as accurate as the information we have from our members – so please check your details on the listing and let us know if anything is out of date.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

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

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

<u>October</u>	
Sunday 1 st	Sunday run to Hervey Range Tea Rooms
Wednesday 4 th	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, Townsville.
Sunday 29 th	ABD Reviver, Giru
<u>November</u>	
Wednesday 1 st	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns, 261 Stanley St, Townsville.
Saturday 25 th	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



Wednesday 1st November

Monthly Members' Meeting, Comfort Inn Robert Towns, Townsville

Don't forget to come along and have your say at our last Monthly Members' Meeting of the year. From 6:00pm a buffet dinner is served – all you can eat for only \$15! The meeting itself starts at 7:30pm sharp, and generally runs for an hour or so

A great opportunity to meet up with other Jaguar enthusiasts.....

Saturday 25th November

AGM and Christmas Party

The Annual General Meeting is an important event for all club members, being the time when we hear summaries of our activities over the past year, and when Office Bearers of the club are elected for the coming year.

Shortly after the AGM we will hold our Christmas Party. If past events are anything to go by, this will be a "merry" affair. This will be the last official club gathering of the year, the next event scheduled to be the first Members' Meeting of 2018 on 7th February.

As always, details of these events, which will be held at the Mercure Hotel, Woolcock Street Townsville, will be sent out by email – but please let us know as soon as possible if you will be attending, as we need to give the hotel some idea of the number of people for the catering.





Social Events



Sunday 1st October Sunday run to Hervey Range Tea Rooms





We braved the roadworks along Riverway Drive to meet up at Ross Dam car park at 9:am – 8 cars (mostly Jaguars only 1 interloper). After a brief exchange of greetings while waiting for everyone to arrive, we set off just after 9:30, this time taking full advantage of Peter Dixon's "local knowledge" by skirting around and avoiding the trenches and bollards. Ray joined our convoy near the Ring Road, but we were running late passing the Rupertswood turnoff, so missed Ken and Sue Cryer. We all made it up the hill without any mishap, and managed an impressive line-up of our now 10 cars, having been

joined by now by Ken and Sue in their Jensen Interceptor (sadly the E Type is still out of commission).

The Heritage Tearooms was packed and the queues for coffee and breakfast were long – but luckily we had booked a table around the side, and it wasn't TOO long before our coffee and snacks arrived.

We all had a really enjoyable couple of hours chatting and catching the scenery, before setting off to return home for lunch. Everybody seemed to agree the event was enjoyable, giving us a chance to take out our cars on a simple relaxing uncomplicated fun run. Let's hope we have more of these impromptu runs in the future



Saturday 29th October ABD Reviver - Giru

Joe Pannia



and riders were suitably refreshed with some good barista coffee and snacks, the convoy headed for Giru via Woodstock with classic motorbikes from the Restored Motorcycle Club leading the way.

On a hot steamy Townsville spring Sunday morning about 50 cars and bikes gathered at the Stuart Hotel for our All British Day Reviver run to the Giru International Hotel. The purpose of the cruise was to promote next year's ABD and thank all the clubs, sponsors and supporters who attended this year's event. Some vintage cars that were unable to make the fifty minute cruise to Giru had organised a separate town cruise to also revive ABD. Our local Councillor Kurt Rehbein who opened ABD came to the pub to wish us a successful day. After drivers





One of our long-time friends and ABD supporter in Mt Isa, Frank Munis called a few days earlier and was keen enough to drive his beautiful white XJS to Giru. He teamed up with our member Jim Lewis in Charters Towers in his multi-coloured XK140. Two other enthusiastic members Ron Byrnes and partner Wendy had also advised they were coming down from



Mission Beach in their Austin Morris to help us revive ABD. That encouraging news really made my day – both Frank and Jim joined the convoy at Woodstock and Ron

and Wendy joined us at Giru later in the morning. Who loves ABD enough to do just that! Quite a few additional cars and bikes also came later on to Giru for the BBQ lunch.



It was a very relaxing drive especially the scenic rural section on the Woodstock-Giru Road which did look particularly green after some recent drought breaking rain. We



missed a lot of the MG's and other classic cars from the Marque Club this time but we managed to marshal quite a few cars into the grass paddock across the road from the pub which we didn't do last year. Lots of bikes and cars parked

in front and beside the pub made an easily visible and attractive show.



Rosalie and Andrew did a fine job advertising the day for us at Giru with lots of promos spread around.







We raffled the autographed print of Bob Jane's Jaguar Mk2 kindly donated and drawn by Grant Abrahams to raise some funds for ABD 2018. Our PR Wallah Kevin had fun re-enacting the ABD Town Cryer when announcing the raffle. The TRMCC also raffled a beautiful quilt in support of the Heart Kids Foundation of Australia.





Andrew fired up the BBQ early to serve the substantial numbers of supporters there. The smell of that nice sizzling steak was very appetising for most and the hot day made a cold beer very irresistible, especially after inspecting the many cars and bikes parked out in the midday sun. It was a very pleasant lunch and I enjoyed being out on the front veranda of the classic old Queenslander pub, catching the sea

breeze and looking out onto the colourful display.

Kevin had even more Town Cryer practice rallying everyone out to the front of the pub for a photoshoot.



Herding cats would have been easier but most people got to the front lawn in time. Thanks to Arthur Gleeson of the TRMCC for the professional photos

taken. Arthur had to move fast since people didn't want to stand out in the sun for too long. A great shot though and we will circulate it well.

We achieved our purpose and kept the spirit of All British Day alive. It is good to remember what we are celebrating herethe era of the dominant and much admired British marques, ubiquitous many decades ago but now seen mainly at shows like ABD. Our cruise to Giru can become a very popular event. It would be great to rally as many British cars and bikes as possible and make this a very colourful motoring spectacle. Lots of people definitely want to do the cruise again next year.





Technical Matters

Nigel Miller



Stepping out with the Purrrly Queen - Part 2

Nigel Miller

Limited success for phase 1 on my 1966 3.4 "S". She was up and running in time to take part in the Sunday run to Hervey Range Tea Rooms, but the radiator had sprung a leak so had to come out again but, I'm getting ahead of myself!



The power steering pump finally arrived, and after a coat of paint, was successfully reunited with the back of the dynamo. Installing it in the car was a bit tricky, mainly because the unit is so heavy and I only have two hands! It had previously been secured with the wrong bolts, but the correct ones were easily sourced from Boltmasters and now the fan belt tension can be set properly as the dynamo will now pivot on the lower mounting bolts. New p/s hoses were fitted, and the oil reservoir filter was replaced.



Once the dynamo was in place I could set about fitting the exhaust manifolds, crack repaired, sand-blasted and painted – and they look really good! So good in fact they make the rest of the exhaust system look a bit shoddy



The special brass nuts on the manifolds had seen better days, and the studs to the downpipe were badly corroded. Luckily Phil at Jag Prestige Spares has these items in stock at a very reasonable price — and they do look smart!!



The radiator initially looked reasonable to me, and without any obvious leaks, so after replacing all the hoses and hose clips, and cleaning the brass drain tap, I re-installed it with new mounting rubbers – but as noted above, I had missed a small leak at the bottom, so, the day after the Hervey Range run I took the unit out again and handed it over to Bayswater Radiators for them to do their usual magic. The leak was repaired, but the beautiful drain tap is defective!!

There seemed to be little point in trying to source a replacement original tap because the remote control lever had been removed some time in the past when the radiator shroud was replaced with stainless steel, so I decided to try a work-around with some arbitrary fittings from Pirtek. Fingers crossed that these new fittings can handle the heat and pressure.

In summary then, this is what was achieved in phase 1:

- Power steering reservoir, pump and hoses have been refurbished. The power steering now works, although it is still a little heavy at slow speeds.
- Dynamo has been cleaned and serviced, and the right-hand side of the engine block painted black.
- Exhaust manifolds repaired, painted and refitted with new studs washers and bolts.
- Radiator leaks have been fixed, and new hoses fitted.
- Sway bar powder-coated and fitted with new rubbers and bushes.

I've still got plenty of things to do, and haven't decided yet what will be Phase 2. Amongst the items that need looking into are: -

- 1. Brakes are very hard
- 2. Power steering box is leaking and needs refurbishing
- 3. Steering ball joints need replacing
- 4. Front suspension rubbers/springs/shocks need some TLC.
- 5. Cooling system could do with an expansion tank, to improve cooling and prevent unnecessary coolant loss.

I don't know when I'll start Phase 2. I want to enjoy the car for a while before I get carried away again.....

Special fluted wheels

Nigel Miller



The picture on the left is one of the fluted wheels fitted to a 1956 XK140fhc currently under restoration in Townsville. They caught my eye because the vent design is obviously to cool the drum brakes, so could this have been a race-prepared car at some stage? They are clearly Jaguar wheels because they have the three hubcap retainers, and the left and right wheels would have the fluting in opposite directions – this one is a left hand wheel fitted to the right front.

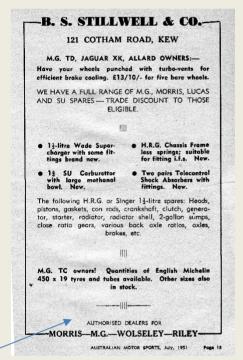
I posted a photo of the Phil's wheel to a Jaguar discussion group on Facebook hoping to get a reaction — and the results far exceeded my expectations! I was soon contacted by well-known author and XK expert Terry McGrath, who gave me the low-down....

The wheels were definitely NOT an original design. They were made specifically for the XK120 by Don Busch in Melbourne around 1950-51. Apparently he made around 10 sets, so Phil's 5 wheels are VERY RARE! Terry has a set fitted to one of his XK120s, and knew of a set in

Townsville, but fitted to a different car. He confirmed that the wheels are directional for left and right sides of the car, and were designed to help cool the drum brakes.

I understand Don Busch died in a motor accident sometime in the early 1950's, before the XK140 entered production in 1954, so Phil's wheels would have been originally fitted to an XK120.

Phil knows little about the history of his car and was very happy to hear about his wheels......



Advert from Australian Motor Sports, July 1951, Courtesy of the Terry McGrath Motoring Archives.

Recalling the photograph published earlier in the season of the wheel-treatment on the "Ecurie Ecosse" Jaguars to assist brake cooling, O. D. Busch of Victoria, Australia, sends us this picture of the arrangement on his wheels. His car has won the Ballarat sports-car race for two successive years.



An extract from Autosport (UK) 25th July 1952, courtesy of the Terry McGrath Motoring Archives.



A fully refurbished wheel, as fitted to one of Terry McGrath's cars.



JAGS FOR SALE



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^{rd} owner, and the car has been unregistered since 2005, but was last run about $2\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

1998 XJ8 - \$6,500

Club member Travis Smith wants to clear the decks to buy an older model Jaguar, so is offering for sale a nice 1998 XJ8, Sports auto, New paint, new wheels & tyres, and in very good condition.



Please call or sms Travis on 0427 804 927 for further 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.



















Key Ring \$6

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



Our Club car badges are now available, at \$30 each. We only ordered 50 – and have already sold half of them! If you'd like to add one to your badge collection, either on your car or on display on your shed wall,:

Call Nigel on 0400 599 637

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 millwind@bigpond.net.au to have your items inserted in next month's issue.

<u>6" stone-guards for classic spotlights</u> <u>Sorry – the Lucas spotlights are SOLD!</u>

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, and the engine and gearbox have been sold, but pretty much everything else 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

XJ6 S2 rear window and chrome strips – offers?



Original driver's handbook for Daimler Sovereign S3 - \$25



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

From: keith sims [mailto:keith.sims@westnet.com.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 25 October 2017 5:46 PM

To: joepannia@bigpond.com

Subject: MK V jaguar parts

Hi Joe, I am looking for the following parts for a MK V Jaguar saloon.

1. Front & rear bumpers. (I will re chrome if necessary)

2. Door lock mechanism inside the doors.

(a) Front door locks: BD2212 passenger. BD2213 drivers

(b) Rear door locks: BD2534 LH & BD 2535 RH

Keith Sims 0413 444 010

Thank you, regards Keith

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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 phil@jagspares.biz

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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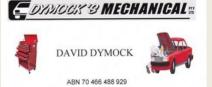
DYNOLINK AUTOMOTIVE

Location: 6 Auscan Cres, Garbutt Townsville Q4814 Directions: 1.Turn up Whitehouse St off Bayswater Rd at the roundabout.

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