

JAGUAR

NORTH QUEENSLAND REGISTER



**NEWSLETTER
MAY 2010**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

February 2010		CLUB MEETINGS 1st Wednesday of each month except January & December (no meeting) at BP CLUDEN, Racecourse Road, 7:30pm
Wednesday 3	Meeting	
Sunday 21	No event held due to wet weather conditions	NOTES: Sunday Runs These runs are now only held in Townsville if there is sufficient interest. If you are interested, or driving through, give one of the committee members a call to discuss.
March 2010		
Wednesday 3	Meeting	Emails If you have an email address and can receive newsletters <i>or</i> if you change your email address <i>please</i> let the editor know as emails save time <i>and</i> money.
Sunday 28	Run to Halifax for lunch at Halifax Hotel.	
April 2010		
Easter 2 - 5	National Rally Gold Coast	
Wednesday 7	Meeting	
Sunday 18	PIZZA night at Atherton Tablelands	
Sunday 26	Anzac Day	
May 2010		
Wednesday 5	Meeting	
Sat 30 and Sunday 31	Overnight on Atherton Tableland	
June 2010		
Wednesday 3	Meeting	
Sunday 6	ALL BRITISH DAY	
July 2010		
Wednesday 7	Meeting	
Saturday	Overnight at Mission Beach	
August 2010		
Wednesday 4	Meeting	
Saturday and Sunday 28 - 29	Overnight at Hichinbrook Island	
September 2010		
Wednesday 1	Meeting	
Saturday 26	BBQ/Run with Mini and MG Club	
October 2010		
Wednesday 6	Meeting	
Saturday and Sunday 23 - 24	Overnight at Bowen	
November 2010		
Wednesday 3	Meeting	
Saturday 27	CHRISTMAS PARTY	
Sunday 28	Recovery Breakfast	

*Note all events are subject to change – for confirmation refer to newsletter closer to event date!

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WEDNESDAY 5 MAY 2010

Meeting opened by the Chair at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

A Collins, R & J Fels, K & J Metcalfe, J Pannia, R Dixon, B Moore, C Scholz, K Fitzgerald, N Walker, R Douglas, P Dixon, A Goss, J Morrissey, Joshua ?

APOLOGIES:

L Jones, M Fitzgerald

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting on 7 April 2010 were taken as read.

AC/KF

BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS:

- All British Day attendance acknowledgments from Mini Car Club, Marque Sports Car Club and Vintage Stationary Engines Club. Brad Webb is unable to attend.
- All British Day attendance acknowledgment from Mayor.
- From JDCQ acknowledging request for change of contact details on website and for mailing.
- From JDCQ advising of current listing NQ Register members.
- From TCC advising of Community Grants & Sponsorships Scheme – March 2010 Round.
- From TCC regarding the annual Heritage Day to be held on 16th May 2010 at West End Park.

OUTWARDS:

- To Christian Smith advising of the club's agreement to participate in the planned social ride to Ingham to be held on Sunday 16th May 2010.
- To QLD Jaguar Drivers magazine advising change of the club's postal address.
- To FNQ Restorers Club thanking them for the Pizza and Gymkhana Day held at Cirrani's family farm at Tolga.
- All British Day invitation to participate sent to all Queensland JDCQ registers, FNQ Restorers Club, Vintage Stationary Engines Club, Restored Motor Cycle Club, Mini Car Club, Marque Sports Car Club, Military & Historic Vehicle Club and Brad Webb.
- Request to Townsville Bulletin and Townsville Sun newspapers for All British Day promotion.
- Request to Triple t radio for All British Day on-air segment promotion.
- Request to Shannon's Insurance for All British Day sponsorship.
- To Southern Cross Media – application for ABD to be included on the Community Switchboard.
- ABD request for promotion to Tony Ireland Townsville and Trinity Jaguar Cairns.
- Invitation to Mayor of Townsville to attend ABD.
- Request to Phil from Jag Prestige Spares for any monthly "Specials" to be included into the next newsletter.

Correspondence Accepted

RD/KF

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance as at 25 /04/10 is \$200.90

Treasurer's Report is Accepted

JP/AC

GENERAL BUSINESS:

ALL BRITISH DAY – Sunday 6th June

RF advised that the ice-cream vendor is unable to attend.

JP confirmed that Frank Cerutti's 1916 Dennis Fire Engine will be on display at ABD.

AG confirmed that the Willows Mobile Slot Cars "big track" will be attending.

PD is coordinating the raffle – all donations of raffle prizes to be delivered to Reg.

KM asked members for ideas on how to evaluate and confirm the numbers of people attending the day.

Club Dinner on Sat 5th June at Craig's & Virginia's place at Alligator Creek.

CLUB WEBSITE

RF – reminded members of the club's website

The website address is <http://www.jagnq.com/2010.html>

Suggestions for further additions to the website are welcomed.

CLUB EVENTS

A very enjoyable weekend on Atherton Tablelands on 17/18/19th April.

A number events are scheduled in May.

On **Sunday 16th May** the club has been invited to participate in a Social Drive from Yabulu to Ingham as part of the Ingham Italian Festival. For free entry to the festival participants are obligated to show/display their vehicle for two and a half hours. The mini club has also been invited to participate. See the attached information sheet.

Also happening on **Sunday 16th May** is the Townsville City Council's annual Heritage Day. Members wishing to participate should telephone Lisa Harris on 47279455 asap.

On the weekend of **29th/30th May** is weekend trip to Atherton hosted by our Far North members.

A preliminary suggested schedule is:

- commence from Yabulu Mobile Service Station at 8:00am
- Spend the late morning doing the Manu Rainforest walk. Cost is \$20 pp or \$16 pp concessional rate.
- Alternatively for those who do not wish to do the walk – the opportunity is there to drive through to Yungaburra and visit the town markets.
- Accommodation is again at the Atherton Woodlands Tourist (Caravan) Park on Herberton Road.
- Saturday Dinner venue to be confirmed
- On Sunday it is proposed to visit the Herberton Historic Village – a very worthwhile visit. Cost is \$24 pp or \$20 pp concessional rate.
- Sunday afternoon - return home

Members are to confirm their participation in the event and accommodation required to Jan during the week prior to the event.

Club Event Trip to Atherton Tablelands 17/18/19 April 2010

Many thanks to Craig Scholz for this article

The Pizza Run

Greetings, Jag Lovers....'tis I, the Feral Fingered Phantom back on the keyboard. But alas and alack, I'm not about to regale you with the grisly details of the hanging, drawing and quartering of some incompetent "specialist" or one of the myriad rip-off workshops that seem to abound these days. All you're going to get out of me today is the account of our week-end trip to Atherton. Don't be disappointed my pets, it'll be a good story.

How many other car clubs would change their calendar and drive 5 hours just for the chance to sink their teeth into a pizza? Big Pizza companies in town won't even drive 15 minutes to sell me one of theirs, which is fine because I wouldn't drive 5 minutes to buy one. But Atherton...are we mad or do we know something? Ha! Ha! Ha!...you should know by now my pets, the Feral Fingered Phantom might be mad and he might be bad but he's not bloody silly and neither are the rest of us, who jumped at the invitation by the Far North Queensland Restorers Club.

Saturday started rather ignominiously for Virginia and I, well, for me at least. After all my bragging about the reliability of the Old Girl and pulling the piss out of Reg every time his conks out, guess what? On Saturday morning the Old Girl refused to start and she is still refusing. I had just spent two days tarding her up and her beauty treatment included an engine bay wash. Getting the picture? I put a heavy towel doubled up over the valley and was very careful with the water blaster but obviously not careful enough. To cut a long and embarrassing story short, I have since found out that it wasn't the water in the distributor that pulled her up, it was the Innox I sprayed into it. As a result, our mobile mechanic reckons I've probably blown the arse out of it. That won't be a problem if I can get the SM2 to run Jaguar coil packs; the dizzy will end up in the wheelie-bin, if not, it's a rebuild. If that wasn't bad enough, I also got the departure time wrong by two hours, so Virginia and I missed the convoy.

As Virginia and I piled our stuff into the little red shopping trolley, for the first time, I know



what it feels like to go on a Jag trip in something that is not a Jaguar or Daimler. Even Virginia complained about the loss of prestige, comfort and luxury and you know her views on the Old Girl. Despite my loss of face and the cramped and bumpy ride in the shopping trolley, we pulled into the Big 4 on Herberton Road at about 1500hrs. The first thing we noticed was a gaggle of familiar faces under the pool gazebo getting stuck into plonk and nibblies. Thank heavens nothing changes. We also got a

very pleasant surprise when we noticed that one of the familiar faces was Brendan on his first Jag trip. He and his daughter Sarah had come up in his beautiful XKR. Unfortunately, they had to leave early the next morning due to circumstances beyond his control. It's a dead set shame they missed the pizzas but we hope he enjoyed himself enough to want to do it again.

The afternoon continued on in the plonk and nibbly theme with Reg giving me shit about the Old Girl. I suppose I deserve it, sort of, but at least the Old Girl didn't let me down, I let her down.

That evening we went to dinner at our favourite pub, the Barron Falls Hotel. As usual we had a great feed with great service in a very convivial atmosphere. You can't beat country pubs. There is a bit more of a story surrounding the dinner but you'll have to get the details from someone who was there. It's not appropriate for me to mention it.

The next morning while we were bemoaning the departure of Brendan and Sarah, Jim turned up in his Sovereign and a little later, Dave and Wendy in their lovely blue Mk2. With Reg in his grey cat XJS, Judy and Keith in their burgundy Sovereign, Peter in his silver/grey Sovereign and Virginia and I in our honorary



Jaguar red shopping trolley, we had a convoy. Unfortunately, Jan didn't come on the trip. For some unfathomable reason, she seemed to prefer a trip on the Ghan from Darwin to Adelaide and Elma was busy making a squillion at a wedding expo.

When we arrived at Frank's potato farm, we could only see an early 1960's Falcon and an early Mercedes Benz. It wasn't long before the rest of the Restorers Club turned up in all sorts from a 1950's Dodge to a Corvette Stingray to MGs. There was even a perfectly restored C type Jaguar which was fascinating to examine. Not as big a turn out as last time but every car impressive.

For those of you unfortunate enough not to have experienced the hospitality of the Restorers Club, the pizza day is held on Frank's farm outside of Tolga. Frank grows potatoes, corn, peanuts and hay amongst other things. The soil looks so rich I reckon he could grow shit on a stick. Frank's pizza oven is a large ridgy-didge Italian stone



wood-fired oven that he built himself. The deal is that you supply your own pizza plate and toppings and the Restorers Club supplies the bases and the cooking. They have a commercial dough maker and they make



the bases in-situ, to what must be a secret Italian recipe. I guarantee you have never tasted pizzas like them. It was Virginia's first pizza trip and she was enthralled with every detail. While we were waiting for our pizzas to be cooked by expert wood-fired pizza cooks, we wandered over to the big machinery shed where the kids had set up a little fruit and vegetable stall. Kids don't miss a trick do they? I got some pecan nuts, corn in the husk and got stood over by a 10 year old to buy raffle tickets. It was another absolutely great day and much appreciation and many thanks go to Frank and the Restorers Club for their hospitality and great company. We hope that as many of them as possible can make it to our camp-fire soiree' on Saturday night 5 June when they come down for All British Day.



Virginia and I had to call it quits around 1500 hrs because we had to drive to Cairns. Virginia had court all week. We settled in to the hotel early so she could relax and review her notes for an early start Monday. I left on Monday morning and you know how they say things come in threes? As I was leaving Tully in the pouring rain, the wipers on the shopping trolley threw in the towel and I drove all the way home peering between the rain drops.

Until next time Jag Lovers.

PS: Don't forget the camp-fire soiree' and All British Day. Be there or be square, like a Holden or Ford driver.



Photo gallery of the weekend



Upcoming Club Event

Social Ride Drive Day – Sunday 16 May 2010. (See flyer attached). Participants will receive free entry to the festival as long as their vehicle is on display for the required period (2.5 hours), so it is an opportunity to take pride and joy for a leisurely spin in the countryside, meet some likeminded enthusiasts and enjoy the ambience of the Australian Italian Festival.

UNA GIORNATA DI AVVENTURA (A Day of Adventure)

Townsville City Council Heritage Day – Sunday 16 May 2010.

Members wishing to participate should telephone Lisa Harris on 47279455 asap.

Atherton weekend: Saturday May 29th/Sunday May 30th

For those travelling from **Townsville:**

- Please be at the **Yabula Roadhouse by 8.00am on Saturday 29th.**
- We will then travel to Cardwell for coffee.
- Then on to **MAMU RAINFOREST CANOPY WALK.** This is situated on the Palmerston Highway, 63kms this side of Milla Milla. Here we plan to meet our Tableland & Cairns members @ approx. 12.30. There are no retail items for sale nor restaurant or café facilities so it would be a good idea to bring a picnic lunch. There is a privately owned food van that offers a range of snack & drinks. Please wear sensible walking shoes, sunhats & sunscreen. Also bring plenty of drinking water, though drinking water is available on site. Cameras & Binoculars are recommended. Toilets are located near the entrance. Entry Fee for the Walk is \$20 (\$16 concession) the walk should take up to an hour.
- **Saturday Night:** We will make a group booking at the **Big 4 Caravan Park, Woodlands Tourist Park.**
Ensuite cabins \$90 to \$95 a night
Ensuite Cottages \$100 to \$105 these include carport!!!

Please ring Jan 4721 3636 in the preceding week so she can book accommodation.

- **Sunday May 30th:** For those who would like, we plan to visit the **Herberton Historical Village.** Entry fee: \$24 (\$20 concession) We will meet there at 9.15am as there is a lot to see.

It was suggested at the last meeting those who do not want to do the Mamu Walk would go to the Yungaburra Markets unfortunately these markets are not on that weekend, they are held every 4th Saturday.

Elma has suggested we all take warm clothing as it is colder up on the Tablelands.

Make a note in your calendar re the following events:

- ✓ **Pre All British Day dinner 5 June 2010:** This will be held at the residence of Craig and Virginia Scholz, “Muntalunga Park” 265 Bentley Drive, Alligator Creek (about 2.65 km along Bentley Dr). Start gathering there from 1730 hrs, bring your own drinks, drinking glasses and chairs.
Craig has issued a challenge to dethrone Reg as the Damper King. He invites all challengers to arrive early, with ingredients, utensils and secret recipe in hand. You will have to dig your own hole and make your own fire. Camp ovens will be provided. Good luck and may the best bush cook win.
- ✓ **All British Day – 6 June 2010. 1000 hrs to 1500hrs. (See flyer attached).** All members to assist in promoting All British Day.
- ✓ **Ingham Wings and Wheels Airshow 2011.** Christian Smith, Event Coordinator, advised our club that he is still planning to stage the Ingham Wings and Wheels Airshow on 3 – 4 September 2011. Once finalised, (hopefully in the next couple of months) formal invitations will be posted out to clubs.

CLASSIFIEDS

These classifieds are free to advertise and items don't have to be Jaguar related. Ring or email Judy Metcalfe on 47291662 / bluedogs@hotmail.net.au to have your items inserted in next month's issue. Photos welcomed.


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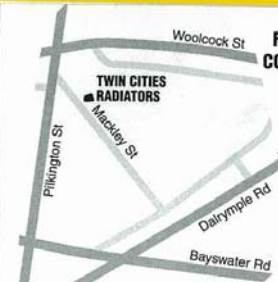
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UNA GIORNATA DI AVVENTURA
(A Day of Adventure)



SOCIAL RIDE
DRIVE DAY



Sunday 16th May, 2010

CALLING ALL ITALIAN VEHICLE OWNERS!

Bring your “Latin Passion” out for a day’s fun.
All Italian marques welcome—classic & modern.

0930 : depart Mobil Yabulu
1100 : meet at Forrest Beach Hotel
1130 : group convoy to Ingham Showgrounds
1200 - 1430 : Italian vehicle display
1430 : ride/drive home

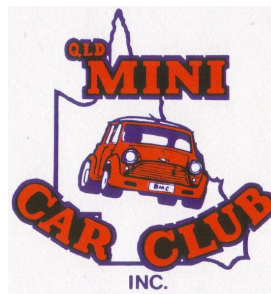
Enjoy authentic Italian cuisine, entertainment
and cultural displays at the Festival Piazza.

For more details contact :
Social Day coordinator : Christian Smith
Mobile : 0418 636 727
or the Festival office : phone 4776 5288



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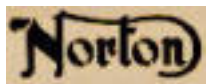
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ALL BRITISH DAY



FREE ENTRY

to a display of British vehicles and machinery



Cathedral School

(cnr Ross River Rd & Thompson St, Mundingburra, Townsville)

Sunday 6 June 2010

10am – 3pm

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