

NORTHERN JAGUAR MAGAZINE



YUNGABURRA TRIP

Fri 27th to 29th March 2015

APRIL 2015 - EDITION

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015*

<u>CLUB MEETINGS</u>: Time: 7.30PM on 1st Wednesday of each month except January and December (no meeting) Place: Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld 4810 *Note these events are only suggestions at this stage until discussed at our meetings.

FEBRUARY 2015 Wednesday 4th Sunday 22nd	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld Drive via Woodstock to Giru Hotel for lunch.
MARCH Wednesday 4th Sunday 22nd Fri/Sat/Sun 27,28,29th	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets Overnight Tablelands (Yungaburra Markets Sat Morning)
APRIL Wednesday 1st Easter 3rd to 6th Sun 19th	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld Easter Holidays Lunch at Forrest Beach (Early run this month because of Easter & Anzac Day 25th)
MAY Wednesday 6th Sunday 24th Sat/Sun 30th/31st	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets Overnight Airlie Beach
JUNE Wednesday 3rd Saturday 13th Sunday 14th	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld International Meet & Greet (LocationTBA) All British Day at Cathedral School(confirmed)
JULY Wednesday 1st Sunday 12th Sunday 26th	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets Run to Tyto Wetlands, Ingham (Lunch at the Café)
AUGUST Wednesday 5th Fri/Sat/Sun 28/29/30th	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld Trip to Undara National Park (lava tubes) - yet to be confirmed
SEPTEMBER Wednesday 2nd Sunday 13th Sun 27th	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets Drive to Charters Towers for lunch
OCTOBER Wednesday 7th Sun 25th	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld Drive to Balgal Beach with T'vle Historic & Vintage Car Club & Mini Club
NOVEMBER Wednesday 4th Saturday 21st Sunday 22nd	Meeting at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, 261 Stanley St, City, Townsville Qld Christmas Dinner (To be decided, maybe Lucinda or Kurramine Beach?) Recovery Breakfast/AGM (To be decided, maybe Lucinda or Kurramine Beach?)

NOTES:

Emails: If you have an email address and can receive newsletters or if you change your email address please advise the Editor as emails save time and money.

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.

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It pays to know your onions

Pete"

"Our Ray of sunshine"

"The rose between the JAGed thorns"

The March sausage sizzle attracted a large and keen number of club members who did the necessary preparations, set up, serving and packed up. Though the market attendance was poor and our takings meagre, a fun time was had by all. Thank you all, David Ashton



SOCIAL EVENTS

YUNGABURRA TRIP Fri 27th to 29th March 2015



JAG JAUNT TO YUNGABURRA

By Linda Ashton

What an absolute blast!! Friday March 27th saw a troupe of club members ... Marg and Laurie, Jim and Ryu, Sue and Steve, Julie and Ray, David and Linda, Allan and brother John Francis Jack (visiting from England), motoring north for the weekend to the cooler climes of the Atherton tablelands. Most members were retired while one poor soul worked that Friday, and another took a well-earned sicky. Three jags met at Yabulu before a leisurely ...km per hr convoy in glorious weather, to picturesque Yungaburra. Lunch at Cardwell was an opportunity for coffee and fresh mud crab sandwiches at Café Viva. Yum. Onwards and upwards through the spiraling, dizzy heights of the Gillies highway. We stopped at one scenic lookout to gaze over the tablelands. Such greenery and beauty.

All cars safely arrived at the Curtain Fig motel. There wasn't room to line all of our gorgeous gals up for a photo shoot but they sure filled the car park with graceful lines... all except one chunky V8 four wheel drive that is. Wendy, David, Jim and Warren joined us in their far NQ jagwahs.



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Staff at the motel welcomed us by displaying our names and allocated room numbers on their chalkboard at the entrance. After a quick unpack and room inspection (10/10), the group had afternoon drinkies and nibbles on the porch of Jim and Ayu's presidential suite. The gathering was enjoyed by all (except Jim and Ryu) who were still travelling. After discovering the door to their suite to be unlocked, the jokers amongst us colluded and created some ha voc inside ... short sheeting the king sized bed, writing with lipstick in the luxurious spa tub along with a few other predictable pranks. There were giggles and smiles of anticipation. When would we hear Jim bellowing from the bungalow? ... "You crazy "bleep bleeps". What the bloody 'ell do you think you were doing?" But no No cursing because Jim (exhausted by the arvo drive) slept on top of the bed covers. Ryu was short enough not to feel the secretly rearranged sheeting. Damn ... that was fun though.



After more refreshments we dressed up for dinner and meandered across the road to the renowned Nick's Restaurant. The décor was historic to say the least. Chef Nick was a proud Italian /Swiss yodeler and accordion player. He had the venue adorned with antique musical instruments, home wares, knick knacks, black smithy tools, old cow bells, international bank notes, stag heads and more. Every wall had something of interest to view. The service was excellent, the food sumptuous, servings were generous and the wine irresistible. Some apprentice cougars in our club found one young waiter quite irresistible. We thought the night was almost over when there was an announcement that Nick would be coming out to entertain us with a few songs on his trusty accordion.



That's when the real fun began. His repertoire of old time melodies begged some seriously talented accompaniment. Now where could such talent be found at this hour in such a small town? Ta Daaaah! The NQ Jag Band was born. Armed with crazy hats from all over the world, with percussion instruments from Nick's collection, we sang and played, laughed and admired our superstars... Jim B on bass drum, Jim on euphonium, Steve on lagerphone, Ray on tambourine and Marg, the lead singer. What an unexpected after dinner experience and one that is permanently etched into our minds. In fact Nick was so impressed, we were invited to perform with him as wandering minstrels, at the popular Saturday markets the next morning. After contributing a heartfelt appreciation message in the restaurant's guest book we toddled back to the Curtain Fig motel for much needed pre-performance sleep.

The Yungaburra markets had many more tents and stalls than our Willows markets and a huge variety of items, services, curiosities, delicious treats, plants, produce, clothing, books, home wares, toys, woodwork, jewellery, tools and much more. In preparation for the premiere performance we cruised the markets for a while to relax and soak up the atmosphere. Unfortunately for some, many stalls had eftpos ... enough to damage some members' credit cards just a little. There were some real bargains to be had however. One stall sold scrumptious spiral deep fried potatoes on skewers ... an idea for our sausage sizzle menu. There were pikelets and cream, freshly baked bikkies and tasty that dishes and more.

Soon it was time for Nick's highly anticipated entertainment to begin. He assembled his troupe and we tuned our instruments. On his signal, and without the need for rehearsal, we played and sang and gradually meandered through the grassy aisles and rows of stalls. The public reaction was mixed. Some faces smiled while others were a bit bemused. A couple of large dobermans had to be physically restrained because of their proximity to such intense and exciting rhythms. The sound was infectious ... contagious even. At one stop a couple of our hats were placed innocently on the ground. No one was more surprised than us when people started to throw coins in. A local 93 year old harmonica player, whom Nick knew well accompanied us for one song. We donated our coin donations to him in appreciation.



Just when we thought we were excused, Nick announced that we were to walk some distance to the local CWA hall to entertain/amuse the volunteer seniors who served patrons their country cuppas, scone, jam and cake. The highlight was when a little boy pointed and exclaimed "Mummy loo. There's a band!" That was affirmation enough. We were a hit. Time to go while we could escape our adoring fan.

Opposite the historic CWA hall was the local pub. Some had worked up a thirst which responded thankfully to the range of frothy brewed liquids. After refreshments at the silky oak bar it was time for the ladies to hit the shops while some chaps required additional alcoholic sustenance. Others retired to the motel for a snooze. A few submerged themselves in the motel's

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By Linda Ashton

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clear blue pool or basked in the sun. There was a period of inebriated silence once the walking wounded retired to their lairs. Like all big cats, jaguar enthusiasts have limits.

As evening fell we emerged, ready for a bbq area. There were salads and sweets and wagu meats (from the markets), snags and onions and lots of other yummies. The lighting in this area was so minimal that each mouthful was an absolute surprise. Once the feasting was over, an early night beckoned as the pace had been hectic since leaving Townsville. No need for Nick's accordion melodies to rock us to sleep on Saturday night.

What a glorious, dew-filled morning greeted us on Sunday. The early risers washed and chamoised their magnificent motors, till they gleamed in the sun. Some sat in quiet meditation, awaiting sumptuous full breakfast orders served on the deck. Very satisfying. What a pity it was time to leave. We did look a splendid sight, exiting Yungaburra's tourist filled streets, in our purring pussycats.

Time to follow Wendy and Dave on a scenic half hour drive to the rainforest retreat known as Chilverton. Nestled among the tree ferns, native plants and soaring trees, was the B and B to die for. We were greeted by hosts Gwen and Bruce for complimentary coffee and tea and enjoyed delicious cakes and slices thoughtfully baked by jag ladies. The patio area comfortably accommodated us and we learned about some of the history of Chilverton and its range of 5 star self contained cottages. We were invited to stroll the sprawling and beautifully manicured gardens. We had to traverse a wooden swing bridge (only 2 at a time Allan!!!!) and no rocking the planks (Ray). Ryu broke a record for the fastest crossing with her feet hardly touching a plank. She loved it really.



The crystal clear stream babbled by with fish, platypus and shrimp. Butterflies flitted and the cool breeze was a welcome change. We visited the immaculately maintained cottages which ranged from \$200 to \$300 per night. There was a camping area and an enclosed dog run for guests who were permitted to bring their pooches, No children allowed though. Our jags were parked in yet another small space and only two or three at a time could be photographed. The host's white 1962 Mark II grand old lady was surrounded by our more modern models.

Sadly it was time to bid the tablelands goodbye. We thanked our Chilverton hosts Gwen & Bruce Bradford for their hospitality and sharing their beautiful estate with us. The Palmerston highway was the preferred route home. For some cars this was a direct drive through to Innisfail. Wendy, Dave and Jim led a small convoy via Milla Milla before bidding farewell to our far NQ club members. They wished us a safe trip home, sending greetings to all back in the Ville. Some members enjoyed lunch at Cardwell again on the home leg. We reminisced on the great three day outing. Superb cars, fabulous food, gorgeous climate, classy accommodation and unique experiences. All in all a very special Jaguar club event. Thanks to all who organised this for us and to those who attended.

When the moment has passed ... as it just has we have dreams, memories, stories and art. (Linda Ashton).





COMING EVENTS

Next Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets Sun 24th May 2015

Please come along and give a hand "More hands make light work"



COMING EVENTS

Overnight Airlie Beach

Sat/Sun 30th/31st May 2015



No details and not confirmed as yet; to be discussed at next meeting Wed 6th May



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JAG FOR SALE

1979 XJ6 Series 3 (4.2 ltr)

57,000 klm \$7,500



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Prior to our purchase of this Jag in late 2012, it was previously stripped back and completely re-sprayed along with installation of a reconditioned motor. The hood linings and seats were also redone. Since we purchased the car we have also carried out the following restoration work:

- 1.Floor wells & boot, cleaned, treated & painted with POR15 & new padding & carpet installed.
- 2.Bonnet removed, cleaned, re-painted underneath & re-insulated.
- 3. Wheels removed & bell housings and wells cleaned and painted & all wheel nuts replaced & new battery.



4.Replaced fan belts, air-conditioner belt & drive belt. Radiator removed, cleaned & repainted by Natrad & radiator shroud & fan cleaned and repainted and all refitted. **5.**Full Hose Kit (10-12hoses) purchased and installed. **6.**Front suspension coils and shockies replaced. **7.**Fitted new top and bottom ball joints. **8.**Power rack removed and refitted with new bushes. **9.**Fitted new rubbers & sway bar links, tie rod ends and rear cotton reel bush.

10. Fitted new doughnut rubbers to front suspension unit & new locknuts. 11. Fitted atmospheric coolant tank.

12.Removed rear suspension radius arms & drive belt covers, prepped & refitted bells & new radius arms, bushes/rubbers.

13. Fitted all new fuel hoses to fuel rail/injector delivery units and refitted new air flow meter. 14. Air conditioner unit removed and reconditioned, refitted along with TX valve and hoses. 15. Fitted new fuel sender units to both tanks. 16. Fitted tail shaft pinion seal to diff. 17. Replaced 2 exhaust flange gas rings. 18. Removed old radio/tape player and installed new Pioneer CD/Tuner with remote & fitted new wood steering wheel.

19. Tappet cover removed and cleaned and new gaskets and seals installed. 20. Fitted new exhaust rubbers and olives. 21. Fitted new power steering rack, washers & bushes installed and wheel alignment done. 22. Fitted new front brake caliper kit, pistons and hoses. 23. Rear brake pads replaced and bearings checked.. 24. Replaced front headlights and installed new wheel arch mouldings & front passenger engine mount.

Our selling price for this vehicle is far less than the restoration costs and our reason for selling is that we have to reduce the number of vehicles we own. The vehicle comes with Qld Personalised Plates JAG679 (appropriately a 6 cyl 79 model) and a Roadworthy Certificate.

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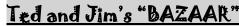


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Reminder from our President

This is a timely reminder to Members that before any outgoing correspondence and emails are sent on behalf of the Club, plus any information and photos to be placed on our website, that it must firstly be approved by myself, so as to eliminate the possibility of any litigation against the Club. If you require any further information or clarification, regarding this matter please contact me.

Thank you,

Reg Fels (President)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to our new Members "Travis & Lynette Smith" of Hyde Park, Townsville. We do hope that Travis & Lynette will be able to join us on our outings and at our meetings and also we wish them all the best in their search for the Jag of their choice.



"ONE LIFE - LIVE IT" AND ENJOY YOUR JAGS

