



NORTHERN JAGUAR MAGAZINE



Mission Beach Trip 29/30th September 2012

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012*

CLUB MEETINGS: 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 all events are subject to change – for confirmation refer to newsletter closer to event date

<u>FEBRUARY 2012</u> Wednesday 1st Sunday 26 th	Meeting (At new venue Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel) Hervey's Range Heritage Tea Rooms
<u>MARCH</u> Wednesday 7th Sunday 18th Sunday 25th	Meeting (At new venue Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel) Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets Run to Frosty Mango then back to Bluewater Park/Creek for BYO Picnic lunch/Swim
<u>APRIL</u> Wednesday 4th Easter - 6th to 9th Sat/Sunday 28th/29th	Meeting Jaguar Nationals in Perth Overnight Tablelands
<u>MAY</u> Wednesday 2nd Sunday 20th Sat/Sun 26/ 27th	Meeting Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets Overnight & Sunday BBQ at Bivouac Junction Holiday Camp (outside Charters Towers)
<u>JUNE</u> Wednesday 6th Saturday 16th Sunday 17 th Sunday 24 th	Meeting BBQ Soiree All British Day (confirmed) Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets (NOW CANCELLED due to Rotary double booking)
<u>JULY</u> Wednesday 4th Sunday 22nd Fri-Mon 27 th to 30th	Meeting Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets Winton/Longreach Trip cancelled & now day trip to Alva Beach Sun 29 th July.
<u>AUGUST</u> Wednesday 1st Sunday 26th	Meeting Run with MG and Mini Clubs
<u>SEPTEMBER</u> Wednesday 5th Sunday 16th Sat/Sun 29th/30th	Meeting Sausage Sizzle Willows Markets Overnight Mission Beach
<u>OCTOBER</u> Wednesday 3rd Sat/Sun 27th/28th	Meeting Overnight Bowen or Airlie Beach
<u>NOVEMBER</u> Wednesday 7th Saturday 17th Sunday 18th	Meeting Christmas Dinner at Comfort Inn Robert Towns Motel, Townsville Recovery Breakfast/AGM

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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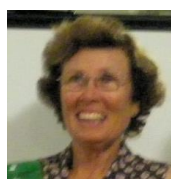


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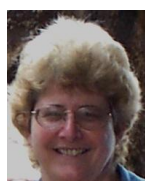


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SOCIAL EVENTS

Mission Beach Trip – 29/30th September 2012

Mission Beach Run. (By Jan Fels)

Our run to Mission Beach this year saw 4 Jags leave the Yabulu Roadhouse.



With Peter in the lead it wasn't long before we pulled into the Cardwell foreshore for morning tea. Marcia had made banana pikelets which everyone "scoffed" as they were so nice. Peter ended up with more cream on his face than on the pikelets.



Julie raced off to get one of the famous pies from the pie van and much to the disappointment of Ray brought only one back which they shared, but we won't tell Julie how many pikelets and cream cakes Ray ate while she was away.



Soon we were on our way again and this time Reg was in the lead. Somehow he managed to lose the others and when asked to pull over after the turnoff to Mission Beach and wait for the others his reply was "oh they all know the way". Well they didn't and all ended up in Bingle Bay, however they finally found the resort. Jim from Yungaburra was already there waiting for us and Judy & Keith arrived on Friday as they like to check out the garage sales etc before we get there. It's amazing some of the things Judy has found and I hope next trip she brings her coffee making pot it looked intriguing. Monica and John arrived from Cairns a little after us and also from Cairns came David and Linda who were travelling in two cars; David in his X300 and Linda in her newly purchased 2nd hand Mercedes Kompressor coupe which they bought in Cairns as a reward for Linda's promotion to Assoc.Professor. Next to arrive was our new member Cleve from Ravenshoe, who was driving a very nice Mk2.

That afternoon we all drove over to Bingle Bay. This time Reg managed to get us all lost and had Jaguars going in all directions, however we finally found Ron and Wendy's home where they have the most extraordinary collection of cars including a FN, E Type Jag, Austin Chummy a Morris 1000 and sitting in the lounge room is a Bullnose Morris.



<<How would you like this in your lounge ladies??

Ron has to finish off the body but has all the mechanical and engine components ready to install. This is the oldest Morris in Australia and Ron is taking it down to NSW next year for a special show. Hopefully we can get Ron to tell us more about his cars in a later edition of our newsletter as Ron and Wendy are now members of the Jag Club. Congratulations and welcome to the club. Once again Wendy gave us a wonderful afternoon tea. There we were sitting on their veranda with the rainforest just metres away; such a pretty area but those darn march flies were a menace.

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Before dinner we took over the BBQ area for drinks and nibbles. Who was the person who brought the olives??? And who in the crowd kept throwing those olive seeds at everyone.



Next morning the boys cooked breakfast which was great, hopefully next time we will remember to take knives, forks and plates and David to bring one of his two picnic sets. After breakfast we were allowed to park our cars on the large grassed area next to the resort where we had our famous photo shoot. Pride of place out the front was Ron's Austin Chummy and Linda was allowed [because it was new] to have her Mercedes in the shoot too.



Next it was time to head to the Markets and this time Mission Beach turned on perfect weather but at the markets it was boiling. Too soon it was time to head home. There was a bit of a mix up at Cardwell some stopped for Crab sandwiches while others had the pies and after that of course we had to stop at Frosty Mango for ice-cream. A very popular place as there would have been at least 50 bikes from the Ulysses Club there too. A dark Blue Jag was seen travelling through Cardwell [driver unknown] but he was in a hurry as he was picked up by an unmarked police car further up the track. Thanks Keith for warning us. (Not that Reg speeds anyway !!!)



MEMBERS STORIES

It's promotion time for our club member Linda Ashton. Now in semi retirement Linda is enjoying social and artistic days and lots more time with David and their grandchildren. Still interested in publishing academic articles and working with students, staff, colleagues and schools for research and consultancy. Linda has been promoted to Assoc. Professor.

As a reward for the promotion and 40 years of hard work in teaching, research and community engagement Linda was treated by David to a zippy automobile. Not a JAG (What! I hear you cry, not a Jag!?!?) . This car is a supercharged Kompressor Mercedes coupe, and was a (welcome?) guest at the Mission Beach weekend get together. Our Jag and the new coupe get along very well sharing the family transport and fun. Our grandson calls it the "star" car.

As for the Ashton Jag - still number one and going strong. XJX300 1995 Arctic Blue Sport Sedan - JAG 127. Purchased locally from Geoff Harris. 128000 kms. Used for local JAG events and touring as well as everyday transport. Trouble free luxury motoring and an absolute dream to drive.



Don't forget to see Linda to enter your Jag details on a club approved A3 flier. These laminated descriptors are for the windshields at Jag activities to provide the public with basic info about the beautiful cars on display. Phone Linda 0419713242 who can enter your details for you with your selected text in place.

COMING EVENTS

OVERNIGHT BOWEN OR AIRLIE BEACH – Sat/Sun 27/28th October

This will be our last trip for the year and each year we have a great time. So if anyone would like to join us please ring Jan on 47213636 and she will book you in.

We will meet at the Alligator Creek Roadhouse at 8.30 on Saturday morning, then head to Ayr Snake Park where we will have coffee, pikelets??? and cake with cream. Please bring thermos etc. Then off to Bowen where later in the afternoon after certain people have had their nanny nap we will have drinks and nibbles [olives this time without seeds] on the lawns by the sea. Dinner this time will be in-house BYO dish.

Sunday morning we can browse the market for a while then head down to the esplanade for brunch, or up the hill for a coffee and photo shoot, to be decided on the day.

CHRISTMAS DINNER/RECOVERY BREAKFAST and AGM – 17&18th November 2012

This year we are holding our Christmas Weekend at the Comfort Inn Roberts Town Motel

Located at 261 Stanley Street, City, Townsville on Sat 17th and Sunday 18th.

We will start the evening at 6.00pm with welcome drinks and our all time favourite Prawns. For those who do not eat shell fish there will be nibbles.

After our dinner and dessert we will then have the presentation of trophies.

- 1: Member of the Year Award [the person who has shown outstanding contribution to the club]
- 2: Bent Stem Award [member who has had the most trouble with their car]
- 3: Vehicle of the Year [member who has worked to improve their vehicle]

Finally "Secret Santa" each person is asked to bring a gift to the value of \$6 [that's inflation] wrap each gift but do not put any names on the gift. This year the gifts will start with the letter "J". [If a couple then please bring two gifts]

Many of you are wondering why I have "spelt" out the evening in so much detail but we have many new members and I am sure they would like to know what is happening!!! A number of members have booked rooms for the evening so we are asking out of town members plus new members who wish to stay the night please ring Anne or Tony at the Motel on 47742378 and they will gladly book you a room. They have kindly offered a special price for Motel Rooms.

On Sunday morning everyone is invited to Breakfast which will be held in the dining room at 8.00am. To give everyone time to vacate their rooms we will start the AGM at 10.00am

The Club will subsidise the dinner and breakfast and Members will be advised accordingly on the night. The price of beer or glass of wine will be \$4. Spirits will be paid for by members.

We welcome everyone in the club to attend our Christmas Event this will be our last one for the year and our next meeting will be held in February 2013.

Now we do need to know who will be attending for catering purposes so could those who have not notified us please ring or send an email to Reg or Jan on 47 213636 or regjan8@bigpond.com We look forward to seeing you all there and meeting new members and their partners.



SAD FAREWELL

Members and seven Jags were in attendance on Monday 22nd October for the funeral of our long time fellow Member and friend Kevin FitzGerald, who passed away suddenly last week.



Kevin FitzGerald - History in the Jag Club – by Joe Pania

Kevin joined the club in 1995 when we were the Jaguar Drivers Club of Queensland Townsville Register which was inaugurated in 1986. He was one of our longest serving members. The equally important member was his Jaguar - a 1984 white XJS Cabriolet with a 5.3 litre V12. Kevin also had an impressive workshop. He had huge metal lathes and other machinery and tools which could make anything. If you asked Kevin whether he lived in a house or a workshop he would say workshop.

The club awards a trophy each year to the most active and hardest working member. Kevin won the Member of the Year award in 1999. In 2004 Kevin took over as Club Chairman from Peter Carlson and presided over three notable years. Our membership had been low for some time and Kevin took several initiates to increase numbers. We changed the name to North Queensland Register to encourage out of town membership. Kevin organised three very successful All British Day events. He handed over to Reg in 2007.

Some members may remember the mechanical problem Kevin had with his XJS where he complained of a persistent knocking noise. Over several months he examined and tightened any loose parts – exhaust, spare wheel, tool box etc, but could not find the source of the knocking noise and took the car to every half decent mechanic in town. Reg had not surfaced at that stage as the north's No.1 Jag mechanic. Finally at a meeting Kevin announced amongst much laughter and some ridicule that the noise was his dog in the back compartment wagging its tail against the side of the car. True story!

We got to know Kevin on one of our out of town trips to Ravenswood. Just to reminisce a bit on that trip - we were lunching out in the country enjoying the food and good company, Jags were parked under trees and nobody noticed that miniature figs and bird droppings had badly messed up some cars. No problems – Kevin brought out a load of cleaning gear which you could see had never been used and which was obvious if you looked at Kevin's car. We don't know about his younger days but Kevin was no party pooper. He and some other un-named members bought the whole stock of wine in the old pub cellar and partied all night until the early hours - and was still up at seven for the big English or was it Irish breakfast. That same morning Jags were lined up neat and shiny ready for the usual photo shoot being admired by owners and several members of the public. One was a German tourist who was impressed by Kevin's Cabriolet and asked if he could have a ride in it. Kevin very kindly obliged and took him for a few laps. The chap was thrilled and very grateful and also very polite. He did not mention the dog smell.

When Kevin's motor played up the best option was engine replacement. He managed to get hold of a big mean 6 litre V12 racing engine and fitted it. Kevin's car still has the biggest meanest engine in the club. With that motor he could lead a convoy and blow all cobwebs out of all Jags that dared to follow. With that much power Kevin didn't have to worry a lot about the appearance of his Jag. It always got a clean and polish the day before All British Day though.

We will certainly miss the sight of Kevin riding low in his seat along Stuart Drive in his very mean looking low white and black soft top Jaguar Cabriolet – always got a friendly wave. Members will also miss him at our Willows sausage sizzles. He was a hard working regular until lately when he had to stay home for health reasons. We will definitely miss his one-liners. He always had some left of field humorous comment to make about most things. He once said that there are many people who die these days who have never died before. On many occasions he was told to desist so that the meeting could return to order.

Kevin made a point of telling us that in old Irish family tradition his surname FitzGerald is spelt with a capital "G" which is a privileged position for the oldest family member. Michael (no capital) has well and truly followed in his dad's footsteps by owning a dazzling white with white interior prestigious looking XJS hardtop. He says the new LED interior lights look brilliant at night and the soon to be fitted custom made alloy wheels should really top it off.

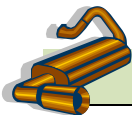
Goodbye Kevin – you were a good and proper bloke. See you in Jag Heaven.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members
and look forward to their participation and enjoyment of the Club events etc

Ron & Wendy Byrnes (1964 XKE 4.2 Coupe- being restored) and Ray Ryan



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An 'all nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom.



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