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Townsville



Register



August 2000

MEETING - 2 AUGUST 2000

Present:

Peter Carlson, Bill Honniball, Joe Pannia, Alan Collins, Kevin Fitzgerald, Cameron Bell, Peter Simmonds, Monty Campbell, Phil Robin, Alan Chung.

Apologies:

Mick Gawalski, Michael Fitzgerald.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 July were read and confirmed.

Kevin Fitzgerald / Alan Chung

Business Arising:

Those present who had participated in the Mission Beach weekend reported on its success. Of particular note were the hospitality of Paul and Kaye, the Jags and the surprise discovery of restorer-extraordinaire, Ron Burns. A thank you letter will be sent to Paul and Kay.

Correspondence:

- Inward:
- Marque Sports Car Club newsletter
 - Townsville Bulletin re 'Club Talk' - an opportunity to publicise the Club
 - Townsville Region Recreation Directory 2000 Update - responses wanted by 28 July
 - Mark Beckett's newsletter returned - address Unknown
 - Jim Lewis - re membership renewal & update on latest gossip in downtown Richmond
- Outward:
- Participating Clubs and Tony Ireland re All British Day

Kevin Fitzgerald / Alan Collins

Treasurer's Report:

02/08/00

General Account As of 31 July 2000

Date	Num	Name	Amount	Balance
General Account				371.88
(1) 10/06/2000			529.80	901.68
(2) 10/06/2000			151.80	1,053.48
17/07/2000	381718	JDCQ	-924.60	128.88
(3) 18/07/2000			301.40	430.28
(4) 18/07/2000			104.80	535.08
23/07/2000	381719	JDCQ	-475.60	59.48
23/07/2000	381720	Petty Cash	-47.35	12.13
(5) 24/07/2000			567.80	579.93
Total General Account				579.93

- Fees:
- (1) Fitzgerald, Carlson, Radke, Vollugi, Munis, Simmonds, Bell
 - (2) Honniball, Robin
 - (3) Nannestad, Gray, Lewis, Hawkins
 - (4) Hakanson
 - (5) Lilles, Sutton, Campbell, Collins, McIntyre, Gawalski, Pannia

Phil informed the meeting that despite the increase in fees due to the GST the Register retained the same amounts as previously: \$11 for renewals plus \$15 of any joining fees.

Phil Robin /Kevin Fitzgerald

General Business:

- **All British Day**

It would appear most of last year's participants are aware of the upcoming event. Peter Carlson and Bill Honniball have distributed our advertising pamphlets widely among garages, car parts retailers etc. Participating Clubs and Tony Ireland have received a map and letter similar to last year. Children's entertainment will be similar to last year except that a jumping castle will replace the mini jeeps. Peter Carlson has organised mention on air by 4TO, 4TTT and the ABC. Articles have appeared in the Bulletin and Sun. The 4TO Fun Bus will be parked outside on the day.

A number of volunteers will ready the grounds from 8 o'clock Sunday 13 August erecting tents, positioning signs, directing traffic etc. Catering will be handled by Jenny Smith from the School canteen.

- **Christmas Function**

As reported last month, this is on Saturday 2 December at 7:30 pm at the Australian Hotel. The function will be in the Palmer Room. We will need at least 16 starters. Please confirm your intention to attend with Alan Chung.

- **Spare Parts**

Bob at Bayswater Road Radiators has a V12 engine surplus to requirements. If it is not claimed by a third party the Club hopes to obtain it for display purposes.

- **Airlie Beach**

The proposed date is now 23 September during school holidays. The Bells and Fitzgeralds are likely starters with the Honniballs a possibility. (See newsletter for change of date)

AUGUST 2000 NEWSLETTER

Cover Photo:

What a nostalgia trip this is. Nothing under 35 years old, with the VII and 140 ten years older than that. There's no mistaking the common lineage of Jim's Mark VII, Cameron's Mark 2 and Clive's XK140 but where does that leave Peter's E Type. No wonder it was such a sensation when released. These were the four Jags flying the flag at the Charters Towers Swap Meet this year. If nothing else it was the very, very coldest Swap Meet I've ever been to. I was colder once, but they weren't having a Swap Meet on the top of Mt Wellington the day I was there.

Peter's Panorama:

Mission Beach Weekend

Our outreach event for the year 2000 was a memorable one – unparalleled since our tenth anniversary run to the Tableland! As on that previous occasion, the hospitality extended to us (this time by Paul and Kaye Hawkins) was overwhelming.

We got away to a delayed start. I was the delay, but my lateness was exacerbated by having to interrupt packing the car to run upstairs to answer phone calls telling me I was late! We could have made up time on the way to Ingham had we accepted the challenge of an eager Porsche 928. While we may have had itchy throttle toes, no one dared to flout the law. Our customary stop at the park in Ingham for morning tea was extended while everyone looked up each other's exhaust pipe for the right shade of grey, went off to scour the town for desserts for the evening barbecue or played cricket with young Hamish Bell who would have to rank highly on the list of any selector picking an under-5 Australian side. As a result it was well after midday when we pulled into the sign posted J.D.C. car park at Paul and Kay's place in Mission Beach.

The Tableland contingent of Jim and Elma Raw and David Anderson (unfortunately Wendy was unable to come) were already relaxing at tables and chairs set up on neat green lawns under the palm trees

in front of the Hawkins home. What an idyllic setting! After cups of tea, some 'catching up' and some peering under bonnets we headed for the beach for a bite of lunch and a walk on the chilly wind-bitten beach to see some parachutists landing. Then it was back to the caravan park to welcome Kim and Gabby McDowall who had trailed their SS100 down from Cairns. More tea, more 'catching up' and more peering under bonnets followed with a few joy rides in the SS100 thrown in. Attracted by the scent of Jaguars, local restorer extraordinaire and E Type owner, Ron Burns called in to check out the activity as darkness fell. Then the feasting began. And what a smorgasbord had been prepared for us by Paul and Kaye! Unfortunately Kaye had work commitments and couldn't join us till late (arriving just in time to clear away the remains of our gorging). Michael Fitzgerald gave Paul a hand on the barbecues while we devoured a multitude of courses. We had billed the conclusion of the evening as a wine and cheese tasting but 'tasting' was much too delicate a word to describe the event. With a wide variety of wines on hand and an even wider variety of cheeses provided by Paul and Kaye it was quite late by the time we stumbled home to our beds, tripping over the R.B.T. van parked outside the entrance to our caravan park on the way.

Next morning we enjoyed a leisurely, late breakfast at the nearby coffee shop with a fine line-up of Jaguars out the front. Then the cry went up, "There's a green E Type!" Sure enough, there was Ron Burns ready to guide us up to his treasure trove of valuable vehicles at Bingle Bay. On the way we detoured into the Sunday morning markets where most of us came away carrying something. At Ron's we were treated to a restored Austin 'Chummy' which he had purchased in Rockhampton and driven to Bingle Bay in a non-stop epic journey. Nearby was a big Healey almost ready for the road and beside that a Bullnose Morris chassis that Ron was working on; and that was all in the lounge room! Though we hadn't seen Ron's wife yet, we knew that here there dwelt a very understanding woman. When we saw the ammeter that Ron was making for the dash of the Morris (an exact likeness of the original) and the waisted wheel studs he had machined, we knew we had found a true restorer. The Morris 1100 in the carport was surrounded by engines while a spare Morris chassis was hanging from the ceiling. In the shed, besides the E Type and MGB GT, was an almost finished 1912 Calthorpe abounding with beautiful brass fittings. Behind this was a 75% finished 1908 F.N. (of firearm fame). Ron had begun this project with just the engine. By scouring the 1922 burial site of a similar vehicle with a metal detector, Ron was able to get some rusted bits from which he was able to machine up new parts. With only one other F.N. of this model in going condition known in the world this is a very rare car. Various other projects were hanging from walls and ceilings or stuffed in an adjoining shed.

A day would have passed like a minute in this restorer's paradise, but we had been summoned to return to Paul and Kaye's for a barbecue lunch since we had not succeeded in eating everything prepared for us the previous evening. After a leisurely and substantial lunch (and much conversation) we headed off in our various directions mid afternoon, all carrying wonderful memories of our year 2000 special event.

All British Day

Just two weeks after our pilgrimage to Mission Beach we were fronting up again for another major event. We had good media coverage on three radio stations and in two newspapers in the lead up to All British Day. The coverage on ABC radio was particularly good—one on-air interview in the breakfast show caught me bleary eyed wandering around in my pyjamas. Saturday found Bill and I packing up the trailer with signs, posts and tent after we had spent the morning locating the cause of a miss in Bill's Series II which seemed to be related to the ballast resistor. The afternoon was related to car washing.

Sunday morning was spent deploying signs, erecting the tent and placing marker posts so spectators could find their way from the car park to the display area. Meanwhile Kevin was directing traffic at the front gate. A little bit of car shuffling and we were ready. A steady stream of spectators ensued until about 2 p.m. when the flow dried up, probably sucked away by other activities such as the South Townsville free neighbourhood activities. The number of display vehicles was down a bit this year with good representation from the clubs but few individual entrants. The canteen staff reported slightly better sales than last year and the Cathedral School Band and Jazz Quintet were well received. Jaguar numbers

were down this year with about twelve cars displayed in our area (including Eric's Daimler 2½ litre twins and a Series III Daimler.) Other cars included two Mark 2s, an S Type (original style), an E Type, three Series IIs, an XJS and a Mark VII. Two new S Types were displayed by Tony Ireland.

At our September meeting we will need to think about where we go to from here with All British Day.

September Outing

A Poker Run organised by the Marque Sports Car Club has fallen into our laps. Don't know what a Poker Run is? Neither do I! Assemble at Top Gear in Charters Towers Road at about 9:45 a.m. on Sunday 3 September to hear all about it. After being briefed by Asser (of Singer racer fame) we will set off at 10 o'clock for parts unknown. Approximately 100 kilometres later we will be enjoying a delightful barbecue somewhere at Alligator Creek. Cost is \$10 per car (per hand in Poker Run speak) and you can bring your own tucker or pay \$7 per head for a barbecue which includes real damper, dessert, tea or coffee and it is rumoured, a taste of home brew. There is also a bottle shop nearby where one may make purchases. It may not be a bad idea to throw a folding chair in the boot. For the winner there will be a substantial prize (which is of course where your \$10 went). Confirm by 28 August with Genesse on 4781 4409 (work) or 4779 6058 (home). p.s. It is advisable to have at least two people per car.

Odds'n'Ends

- The joint trip to Airlie Beach with the Mackay Register planned for September has now been postponed to early October – date yet to be finalised.
- The previous owner of my Mark V for thirty years, Ron Stevens, died at the age of 84 two months ago. I had been keeping him informed of progress on the restoration and hoped one day to be able to show him the finished product, Alas, that was not to be. 'The Jag' (as he always called the Mark V) figured prominently in his obituary.
- Had a long and interesting conversation with Karl and Audrey Lehrke at A.B.D. Jaguars they owned included a Mark IV, two Mark Vs and a Mark VII. Their son Peter is secretary of the SS Mark IV and Mark V Register in Brisbane.
- Jaguar's F1 team continues the search for form with Irvine finishing 8th at the Hungarian G.P. on 13 August. Johnny Herbert ran mid field until sidelined by mechanical problems near the end.

Keep on Jaguaring ... Peter

Coming Events:

3 September: Poker Run. Assemble at Top Gear in Charters Towers Road at 9:45 a.m.

6 September: Meeting Speedy's Pizza 7:30 p.m.

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