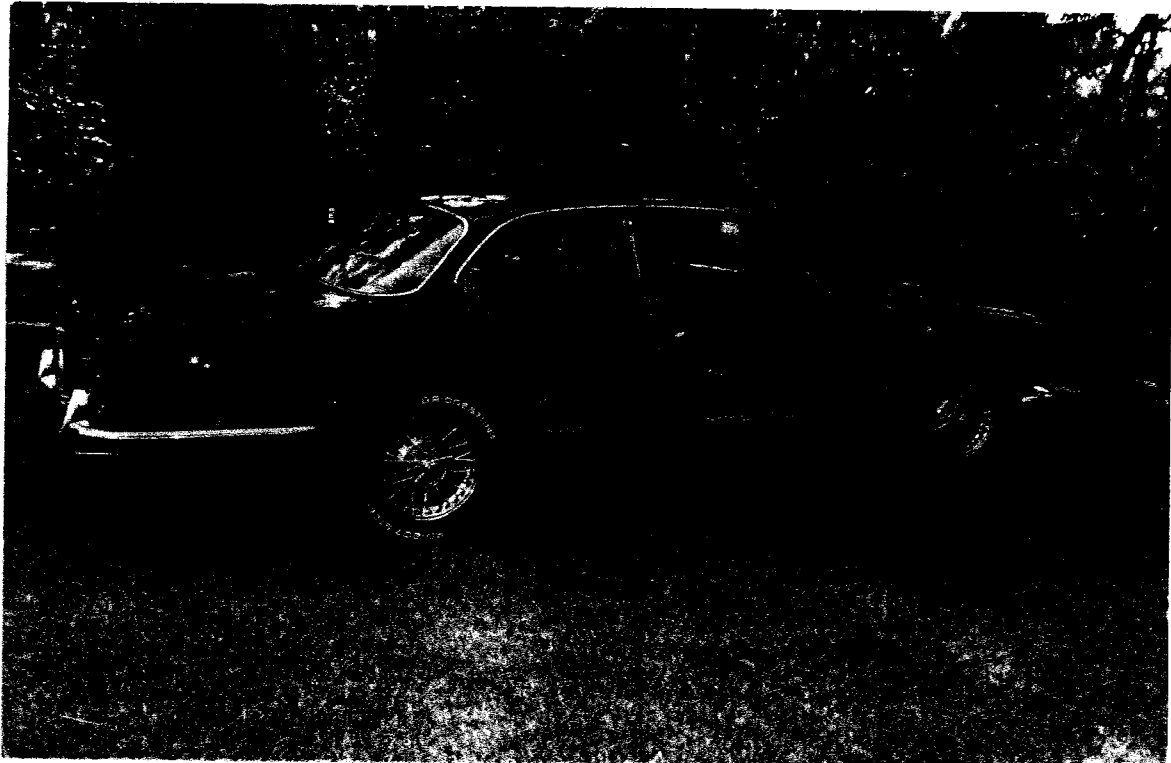


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February 2000

MEETING - 2 FEBRUARY 2000

Present:

Peter Carlson, Bill Honniball, Cameron Bell, Peter Simmonds, Kevin Fitzgerald, Mick Gawalski.

Apologies:

Alan Collins, Michael Fitzgerald.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 November were read and confirmed.

Kevin Fitzgerald / Cameron Bell

Business Arising:

The Christmas break-up went smoothly at the Commonwealth Hotel where the following awards were announced:

Member of the Year	Kevin Fitzgerald	XJS-C
Bent Valve Trophy	Monty Campbell	E-type, Mark 2, XJ6....
Car of the Year	Clive Hutchison	XK-140.

Correspondence:

- Inward:
- Christmas card from Paul Hawkins with photos of his restored Series I XJ6
 - Capricorn Topics Newsletter
 - From Ron Cheesman with newspaper cutting of an E-type upside down in a gully
 - Advertising from Electric-Life P/L, specialists in power windows, cruise control etc
 - From JDCQ Liaison Officer, Peter Tett, concerning Club Accounts, Regalia, Calendar, Magazine, Newsletters and an attached Membership List
 - Sunshine Coast Register Newsletter
 - Christmas card and price list from JagCare
 - Information on Spectator Tour of Targa Tasmania 2000 (cost from \$1,885)
 - Mackay-Whitsunday Register Newsletter

- Outward:
- To Ross Oldman, Cairns, with details of Townsville Register
 - Minutes, newsletter and financial statement to JDCQ Brisbane

Peter Simmonds / Kevin Fitzgerald

Treasurer's Report:

Regalia sales (Carlson \$10, Bell \$10, Simmonds \$10, Fitzgerald \$5) of \$35 will be deposited in the Register's account. No report was available as the treasurer was not at the meeting.

General Business:

The Events Calendar for 2000 was agreed upon:

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| Sunday 27 February | - Alligator Creek byo bbq. Meet at Information Centre opposite Stuart Drive-in at 9:30. Proceed to picnic area by 10 am |
| Sunday 26 March | - 10-pin bowling at Kirwan Bowl in the afternoon |
| Sunday 7 May | - Economy Run to Giru and perhaps beyond via picturesque Cromarty. Possibly lunch at the Giru International Hotel |
| Sunday 28 May | - Go-karts at Kartzone, Mount Louisa |
| Sat/Sun 10/11 June | - Charters Towers Swap Meet |
| Sat/Sun 29/30 July | - Wine and Cheese evening during stop-over at Mission Beach, meeting up with northern members |
| Sunday 13 August | - All British Day at Cathedral School of St Anne & St James |
| September weekend | - Stop-over at Airlie Beach - will contact Mackay-Whitsunday Register for further details |
| Sunday 29 October | - Beach barbecue at Pallarenda |
| Saturday 25 November | - Christmas break-up. |

FEBRUARY 2000 NEWSLETTER

Cover Photo:

Paul Hawkins' stunning Series I XJ6 in all its restored glory. The wires add that touch of class. We look forward to seeing it make an appearance at this year's All British Day.

Peter's Panorama:

- At our first meeting for 2000 we managed to do something we haven't managed the last couple of years—set a calendar of events for the whole year. All that's needed now is for members to come along and enjoy them. The events on the calendar are not cast in iron. If more popular possibilities present themselves during the year, we can incorporate them. In an attempt to make 2000 a bit special we have included two outreach events—one to Mission Beach to link up with our northern members and one to Airlie Beach to meet up with members of the Mackay Register. Another special occasion is All British Day, set down for Sunday 13 August.
- Speaking of northern members, over the Christmas break I received correspondence from two of them. Paul Hawkins sent down some very nice photos of his Series I XJ6 during the restoration process. There's no doubt the XJ6 as Sir William Lyons originally designed it is a beautiful work of art. It looks good in any colour but red seems to suit it particularly well. This is demonstrated by Paul's photos and by Don Radke's stunning example we saw on our 10th Anniversary Tablelands run. I'd better not go on extolling the virtues of Series Is or I will be accused of bias.
A letter from Ron Cheesman from Cairns also contained a photo but this was a more sobering kind—a white Series III E-type roadster upside down in a steep gully. Owned by a lady doctor in Cairns, it apparently left the road when she was attempting to overtake in heavy rain on the Cook Highway north of Cairns. She suffered serious spinal and head injuries but her passenger escaped virtually unscathed. As the owner of a similar car, no doubt Ron will take a keen interest in what happens to the vehicle.
- Had a phone call from Jim Lewis the other night. He was in Sydney and had inspected a couple of XK-140s there. His own XK-140 project is proceeding well with most of the major mechanical work done and the body being prepared for painting. Light blue with matching interior should suit the car very nicely.
- Had an overnight stay in Brisbane over Christmas. Saw a few XJ40s on the road and an X300 exhibited as feature car in a used car yard but Series III XJ6s are still the most prolific on the roads.
- A few days ago I spotted a very nice looking Series I XJ6 in a sort of metallic charcoal with alloy wheels parked in Ross River Road Aitkenvale. Almost daily now I see a brand new white XK8 coupe at the end of my street. It belongs to one of the Honeycombe family. On my first fleeting glance my thoughts went something like this — 'Is nothing sacred? Those bl..... Japanese car makers copy everything! They've even copied the XK8 now!' Then at the second swivel of the head I realised it was the real thing. My first impression was that it was smaller than I imagined. The longer I looked the more appreciative I became of the shape. Every surface seemed to be a compound curve. Some definite E-type looks too, especially around the C pillar.
- Heard a brief headline on the news the other day that Jackie Stewart has quit as manager of the Jaguar F1 team. I believe he is staying in an advisory capacity. Next month will see the team in action for the first time right here in Australia. Gone though is the traditional British Racing Green I believe. Not photogenic enough for TV!
- Our first event for this year is a barbecue at the National Park at Alligator Creek. No doubt the pet goanna, wallabies and scrub turkeys will be in attendance. We will take this opportunity to christen the John Gibson memorial barbecue that Eveline supplied for the Club last year. We intend to leave from the Information Centre on the southern approach to the city at 9:30 on Sunday 27 February. Come along and enjoy a relaxed barbecue brunch.

• Coming Events:

Sunday 27 February: Alligator Creek barbecue. Leave from Information Centre at 9:30

Wednesday 1 March: Meeting at Speedy's Pizza

Sunday 26 March: Bowling at Kirwan Bowl

A good Bowling role up is required to help turn the tables on the Marque Sports Car Club. We hope to see more Marque members at our events again this year. Participating in each others events helps to strengthen and improve both clubs.

Keep on Jaguaring ... Peter

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