

# JAGUAR

Townsville



Register



July 2000

Phil Rôbin  
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## MEETING - 5 JULY 2000

### Present:

Cameron Bell, Shane Jarvis, Kevin Fitzgerald, Alan Chung, Dennis Hakanson, Joe Pannia, Sean Lee.

### Apologies:

Mick Gawalski, Michael Fitzgerald, Peter Carlson, Bill Honniball.

### Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 June were read and confirmed.

Cameron Bell / Alan Chung

### Business Arising:

- Go-Kart Outing. Twenty people had a lot of fun for \$25. Four 10-minute rides in an hour were exhilarating. The Sports Car Club do this every year and it's well worth participating.
- Mission Beach Weekend. See General Business.
- All British Day. See General Business.

### Correspondence:

- Inward:
- Marque Sports Car Club newsletter
  - Mackay/Whitsunday Register newsletter
  - Townsville Vintage, Veteran and Historic newsletter
  - Sunshine Coast Register newsletter

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### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer was not at the meeting.

### General Business:

- Mission Beach Stop-over  
The following members have indicated they intend to participate: Kevin and Michael Fitzgerald, Cameron, Shelly and Hamish Bell, Bill and Jean Honniball, Peter Carlson, Jim and Elma Raw, David and Wendy Anderson (Saturday only?), Kim and Gabby McDowall. Tentatively booked are: Four units, each with one double and two single beds using park amenities and one en-suite unit with one double and four single beds. The bookings need to be confirmed by 17 July. Paul will provide meat and salad for the Saturday night bbq/wine tasting at his place. Members are to take own wine and make arrangements for desserts/cheeses. A convoy will depart from opposite the RAAF Base at 8 am on Saturday 29 July.
- All British Day  
Members received leaflets for slipping under windscreen wipers, leaving at service stations etc. requesting participants for All British Day. We are waiting for 4TO promotions to get back to us re air time. Rides etc. are booked. The Mini, Motor Cycle and Sports Car clubs have all indicated they will participate. Final details for food, band etc. will be confirmed with Peter Vollugi before the next meeting. Media other than 4TO may need to be contacted. Any information on sign-writers would be welcome.
- Christmas Function  
Saturday 2 December at 7:30 pm at the Australian Hotel See attached menu. Approximate numbers will be required at the next meeting.

## JULY NEWSLETTER

### Cover Photo

The number plate says it all. This photo of David Ferguson's car was taken some years ago in Mt Isa. It had previously lived in Darwin and now is for sale in Mackay. The XK150 was the final derivative of the XK120 and was built in the usual three forms – roadster (open tourer), fixed head coupe and drop head coupe. The first appeared in May '57 and the last in October '61 although only the fixed head was available for the last six months. The most expensive XK150 (a drop head 3.8S) cost £2,204. A Ferrari with comparable performance (but better handling) cost £5,951 and would be less reliable/durable than the XK150.

### Peter's Panorama

#### Welcome to New Members

A special welcome to new members, Dennis and Joy Hakanson and Joe and Christine Pannia. These two families between them bring three more XJs to the ranks of our register. The former having a Series II and the latter a very late Series II as well as a very late Series III. We (existing members) need to make sure we make our new members welcome and help to ensure the club meets their needs. If you know of prospective new members, now is the time to introduce them to the club with the new membership season beginning this month.

#### Mission Beach Weekend

This is now only a week away. Accommodation has been booked at the Tropical Hibiscus Caravan Park in Cassowary Drive (main drag). Two groups have each requested a cabin with en suite and we have been able to book these. Cost of these is now \$60.50 (including GST) per couple plus \$5.50 per head for additional people. You have a choice of bringing your own sheets, pillow cases, blankets and towels or hiring these for \$3.30 per set. We should have ample accommodation for the fourteen people we are expecting to attend – eight (including one child) from Townsville, four from the Tableland and two from Cairns.

Paul Hawkins has kindly offered to provide a barbecue for us all at his place (just a stone's throw down the road) on Saturday night. Paul will supply meat, salads and fruit and cheese platters. All we need to bring is our appetites, a bottle of wine and a dessert of some kind. Breakfast will be available from a café across the road from the van park on Sunday morning. There are also venues we can frequent for lunch on Saturday and Sunday if necessary. There are some possible activities we might indulge in – golf at El Arish (Paul and Kaye have a practice 'green'), boat trip to Dunk Island, markets Sunday morning, beach walking etc.

Departure time is 8:00 am Saturday 29 July from opposite the RAAF base.

#### All British Day

This is now just three weeks away. At the July meeting members received leaflets to place under the windscreen wipers of British cars or to leave at Service Stations / garages / auto accessory stores. I have spare leaflets for those who didn't make the meeting. Print and electronic media are being approached to give us some coverage for both prospective vehicles for

display and to inform the general public. Final details will be arranged for preparations for this event at the next meeting on 2 August.

### A Voyage by Series II

On Sunday 2 July Bill Honniball and I set off at 6:30 am for the great south east with a boot load of Mark V chrome pieces. We were in search of Mark 2s (for Bill to buy) and Mark Vs (for me to observe and note). Our first stop was for morning tea at Tonny and Lyn Wolzak's home at Mackay where we had both a Mark 2 and a Mark V to observe. Barry and Joy Cooper and Laurie Grohs, all from Mackay register also were on hand to welcome us. Needless to say we had a very enjoyable morning tea which would be more aptly described as a feast. It was quite late that night when we made landfall at my parent's home (equidistant from Gympie and Maryborough) after a faultless and comfortable day's travel in Bill's Series II.

Having sighted no Jaguars on the road on Sunday we wondered what Monday would bring as we set out to inspect a Mark 2 at Cooloola Village next morning. We weren't left wondering for long. Within fifteen minutes we had sighted three XJ6 Series IIIs on the Gympie-Tin Can Bay road! Having finally located and checked out the Mark 2 we moved on to Caboolture to the chrome plater only to find the business had closed down the previous Friday. Having carried a boot full of re-chroming from Townsville I was at a loss as to what to do next so opted to try the next chrome plater at Lawnton where with some trepidation we deposited the Mark V chrome work and moved on to check out some burr walnut veneer at Strathpine. This turned out to be quite an experience as well and we finally walked away with a bundle of ancient veneer for a modest fee which may turn out to be either a complete waste of money or the bargain of the century. We then inspected a restored Mark V at Clayfield before weaving our way through the night to Bill's relations at the Gap.

On Tuesday morning we met an XK8 in a side street at Nundah on our way to pick up a second hand pipe threading machine for windmill work on the farm. (If anyone has thread-cutting dies for one of these machines please contact me urgently!) We then set off for the Gold Coast. On the way we made a prolonged stop at Springwood to view another restored Mark V as well as three unrestored ones, including yet another car from Imbil. I have now seen five Mark Vs from Imbil (small town near Gympie) and know of two others from Gympie. There were probably more Mark Vs around Gympie than FJ Holdens at one stage. We travelled on between concrete walls most of the way to Nerang where the only recognisable building surviving from my time there in the early 70s was the pub. Then on to Broadbeach to view Ron Gaudian's immaculate Mark 2 and even more delectable XK140 drop head. We just had time to snatch a glimpse of North Burleigh before fading light sent us back to Brisbane to search out an old friend of Bill's who took us to his son's panel works to see an early two litre, 400 series Bristol. There couldn't be more than a handful of these cars in Australia.

The next day I returned to the farm with my brother who was taking his wife home after an operation at the Mater in Brisbane while Bill stayed on for two more days. I had work to do to keep four motor bikes and a 4x4 operating on the farm. It was a wonderful interlude centring around Jaguars and their owners.

### Australian GP

With Eddie Ervine out of action in hospital it was left to Johnny Herbert and test driver Burti to fly the Jaguar flag. Herbert worked his way to fifth position near race end but a slowish pit stop saw him finish just out of the points in seventh place. When pushing on to try to regain a position at the end his car seemed decidedly skitterish requiring some wrestling to keep it on the track. Burti finished in eleventh position. Breaks for ads during the telecast were convenient for viewing the lunar eclipse which was well worth watching.

Keep on Jaguaring ... Peter

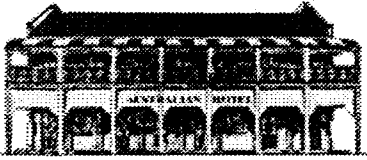
### Coming Events

29 July – 8:00 am start for Mission Beach  
2 August – Meeting: Speedy's Pizza 7:30 pm  
13 August – All British Day  
6 September – Meeting: Speedy's Pizza 7:30 pm  
? September – Airlie Beach stop over with Mackay club

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TOWNSVILLE JAGUAR CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU

ENTRÉE

*Soup of the Day, with Home Baked Bread*

*Or*

*Cajun fries with sour cream.*

MAINS

*Rib Fillet cooked to your liking with mushrooms and green pepper sauce.*

*or*

*Crumbed chicken schnitzel with tomato and orange Salsa.*

*or*

*Fish of the day, pan fried with lemon and fresh herbs.*

DESSERT

*Vanilla ice cream with hot blue berries and cream.*

*or*

*Chocolate cheesecake.*

*\$25.00 per head*

*2 December*

*7:30 pm*

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