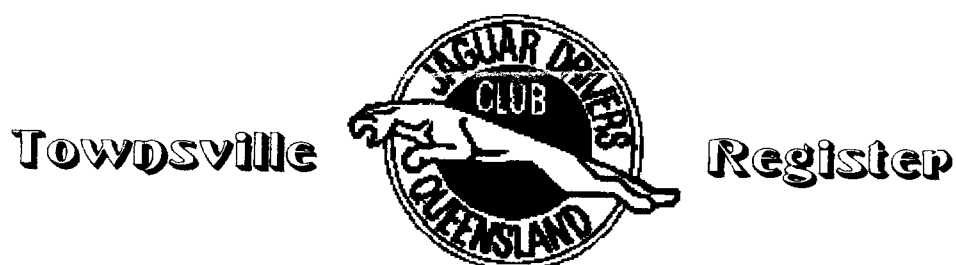


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******* IMPORTANT *******

Membership Renewals Now Due

See details inside

June 2000

MEETING - 7 JUNE 2000

Present:

Cameron Bell, Peter Carlson, Shane Jarvis, Alan Collins, Michael Fitzgerald, Kevin Fitzgerald, Bill Honniball, Phil Robin, Alan Chung, Dennis Hakanson, Peter Simmonds.

Apologies:

Mick Gawalski, Clive Hutchison.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 May were read and confirmed.

Kevin Fitzgerald / Alan Collins

Business Arising:

Alan Collins reported on a successful economy run to Giru. He had also managed to identify the mystery fruit, found at the park where we had gathered, as an elephant apple. It was noted that membership renewals were due by the end of June.

Correspondence:

- Inward:
- Marque Sports Car Club newsletter
 - Mini Car Club indicating they will participate in All British Day in August
 - Paul Hawkins concerning accommodation for our Mission Beach stop-over
 - Mackay/Whitsunday Register newsletter
 - Sunshine Coast Register newsletter

- Outward:
- Minutes and newsletter to JDCQ Brisbane
 - Letters re All British Day to Veteran Vintage & Historic Motor Club, Marque Sports Car Club, Restored Motorcycle Club, Mini Club and Tony Ireland.

Alan Collins /Kevin Fitzgerald

Treasurer's Report:

06/07/00

General Account As of 30 April 2000

Date	Num	Name	Amount	Balance
General Account				411.17
05/04/2000	381717	Petty Cash	-49.05	362.12
30/04/2000			-0.30	361.82
30/04/2000			0.03	361.85
Total General Account			-49.32	361.85

Phil Robin /Kevin Fitzgerald

General Business:

- Go-Kart Outing
This will be on Sunday 25 June at 3 pm at KartZone in Mather Street, Mount Louisa. Unless substantial numbers participate it is highly probable the cost (including obtaining a licence) will start at \$30 for two 10-minute rides, \$38 for three and so on, the cost per ride coming down as the number of rides increases. So far there are four Jaguar Club participants plus some Marque Sports Car Club members.
- Charters Towers Swap Meet
Scheduled for Saturday 10 - Monday 12 June it is expected that three or four members will travel up on the Sunday to display their cars. Participants will leave from the front of the Stuart Hotel at 6:30 am!

- **Mission Beach Stop-over**

As a special event for the year 2000 members are expected to travel from Townsville, Cairns and surrounding areas to Mission Beach on Saturday 29 July. Accommodation in the form of five units is being booked at the Hibiscus Caravan Park. Cost ranges from \$36 to \$55, some units sleeping two and others three. Paul Hawkins, our Mission Beach member, has also offered to allow visitors to camp on his acreage if they wish. There may also be a barbecue and perhaps wine and cheese at Paul's place on Saturday night. Peter will contact our northern members to confirm numbers participating.

- **All British Day**

There have been largely unsuccessful attempts to convince 4TO that an All British Music Day on 13 August would go down well. While the reaction so far has been underwhelming, we will pursue a couple more avenues before we approach 4TTT as an alternative. As well as the print media, it was suggested that Channel 10's Townsville Life Style program would probably promote the event for us. Peter Carlson will also contact Peter Vollugi concerning catering which it is expected will be a similar arrangement to the 1999 event.

JUNE 2000 NEWSLETTER

Cover Photo:

Just a reminder this month that fees are now due. To ensure that you continue to receive club magazines and avoid paying a new joining fee, subscriptions should reach the President, Secretary or Treasurer by the end of June. Addresses and phone numbers appear at the end of this newsletter. Individual membership is \$74.80, family membership \$77 (including GST). Members who haven't renewed by 31 July will not receive any magazines and after 31 August a joining fee of \$33 will be payable.

Peter's Panorama:

- **June Meeting**

We had a very good turn out despite the threatening weather which ended in light rain that broke up the usual after meeting meandering of mechanical mysteries and sent us home. Speaking of mysteries (many were revealed that night), one was solved when we discovered that the light blue S-type (original) seen by several members in recent times does indeed belong to Shane Jarvis as he was there in person to confirm it. Shane is contemplating engine work in the foreseeable future. Good to see the controller of the weather (which seems totally out of control this year), Dennis Hakanson, join us again. He has found a mysterious vibration developing in the Series II that so far has defied diagnosis. Peter Simmonds has been looking at ways to cure a mysterious ailment to his starter motor without removing it. There is no doubt that long, strong fingers are an advantage when plucking a starter from the depths of the engine bay. Alan Collins brought news of the mysterious large fruit found at Giru. He triumphantly pronounced it to be an 'elephant apple', which raised some more mysteries – are they native or exotic? – are they edible? – why the name?, etc. Cameron related tales of his marathon fishing trip which took him to Darwin and back by Land Rover. Even though they caught only three barra, we were all wishing we could have participated in such a trip.

- **Monaco Grand Prix**

First points for Jaguar R1! Eddie Irvine picked up fourth place to record the first Grand Prix points ever scored for Jaguar Cars Ltd. Johnny Herbert finished in ninth place after a couple of unscheduled stops. There was a high attrition rate that played into the hands of the consistent Jaguars. Only about ten cars finished. The Montreal Grand Prix is at a very unfriendly hour on Monday Morning next.

- **Charters Towers Run (or the Big Freeze)**

This was a case of fooled by the weather. I don't know if sleet or snow have ever been recorded in Charters Towers but it came close on the Queen's Birthday Sunday, 2000. We waited till Sunday morning before deciding to go or not but with a weather forecast for rain clearing and a near cloudless sky at 4:30 am, conditions looked perfect. At 6:30 it looked just as good so a revised starting time

was arranged and at 7:30 with low scudding clouds rolling in ominously we set off. The tops of the mountains around Stuart were covered in the whitest of white clouds that looked for all the world like snow. With the noses of the Bell Mark 2 and the Hutchison XK140 filling my rear vision mirror I found it difficult to keep my eyes on the road ahead. The similarities from that low angle are striking. Those early model Jaguars have an almost fluid presence on the road — poetry in motion.

Soon after Mingela we struck the rain and by the time we pulled into the motel at Charters Towers to pick up Jim and Shirley it was extremely bleak with a biting wind and there was to be no change in conditions all day. Although the swap sites were reduced in number because of the wet weather preceding the show (my search for a regulator cover and side entry distributor cap for the Mark V was fruitless) there was a strong showing of display cars. A beautifully restored 1912 Hupmobile and a chain driven Reo took my eye. Our four car display (Mark VII M, E Type, Mark 2, XK140) attracted a lot of attention and plenty of comments. Once again many people came forward to talk about a Jaguar connection from earlier times. One elderly man recalled collecting a burnt out Mark VII on the side of a deserted road for a six pack of stubbies. He and his mates stripped it out, painted it orange and raced it successfully in central NSW for some years. Another had fond memories of a Mark 2 owned from new until quite recently by a garage proprietor for whom he worked as a mechanic. Another talked of an SS100 owned by a family member. Some knowledgeable comments were passed on mechanical details of the cars on display.

Once again Jim Lewis picked up a trophy in the European section to add to his collection. This year he also gained the runner up prize for car of the show—a cheque for \$200. This was a well deserved win for 'The Magnificent VII' and for Jim who travels a long way each year to support the Charters Towers Restorers and to fly the Jaguar flag. Bill Honniball arrived by Series II in the afternoon but didn't display the car, driven home by the prevailing weather conditions. A local XJ40 with very stylish wheels, owned by a lady working in the canteen, was parked nearby.

The highlight of the trip home for me was to watch the XK140 devour the road in front of me. The hunched rear quarters inspire visions of a live animal ready to pounce on anything moving on the road. Truly inspirational stuff. Motorists must have been gob smacked by these vehicles when they first appeared. They are probably even more awe inspiring now, 50 years later. It always seems to me that Jaguars really come alive on a highway with long sweeping bends. The other wonderful aspect of the day that shone even if the weather didn't, was to see two dads having a day out with their sons. Cameron brought Hamish and Clive brought James to educate them in things Jaguar.

- Mission Beach Weekend

This is drawing rapidly closer now and bookings will soon have to be made for accommodation. Paul Hawkins has been spotting for us and sent down details of some possible places to stay. At the June meeting we decided to go for cabins at the Tropical Hibiscus Caravan Park which is close by Paul and Kaye's home. Indications at the meeting were that about ten people would be going up from here. I have since rung the caravan park. They have twelve units available, ranging in price from \$36 or \$40 per couple plus \$5 for each additional person. There are seven of these units and the occupants use the caravan park amenities blocks. The \$55 units (five of them) include en suites and contain a double bed and four bunks. Costs are similarly \$55 per couple plus \$5 for each additional person. All prices would be plus GST. Additional items required are towels and bed linen, or bed linen can be hired for \$3 a set. I have tentatively booked five of the cheaper cabins with accommodation for four people each. Two are the \$36 ones and three are \$40 cabins.

I have been in contact with the Cairns/Tableland crew with the following results: Ron Cheeseman has his E Type in peak condition but it is in Brisbane and advertised for sale in the current club magazine as he has no time to drive it, so cannot come. Don Radke will be in Brisbane training to be an aviation engineer. Neil Curcuruto is snowed under with work and can't get away. However Jim and Elma Raw are hoping to get down from the Tableland if they can get their son to do the milking for them. Jim is going to contact David and Wendy Anderson in the hope that they can come down too. Both

these families extended wonderful hospitality to us on the occasion of our tenth anniversary club celebrations on the Tableland a few years ago and it would be great to see them again. Kim and Gabby McDowall from Cairns are keen to attend in their SS 100. Kim was telling me the other night that they spent six months overseas last year and on their return were amazed to find another SS 100 living in their street not more than 100 metres away. This car belongs to the same people who owned the Series III E Type which rolled down the embankment north of Cairns last year. The wife, who was driving at the time, was seriously injured and is now a paraplegic. She was a person who enjoyed motor sport—she and her husband having campaigned the SS 100 in a Targa Tasmania.

The accommodation we have tentatively booked should be adequate for those who have so far indicated they will be going. If there are others wanting to come along to this weekend on 29 and 30 July, please ring me **by 30 June at the latest** so I can try to book more accommodation. The caravan park owners have pointed out to me that July is their busiest month so they could fill up quickly and we need to give them definite numbers by 17 July at the latest.

- Go Karts

Warren Skimmings from the Marque Sports Car Club is getting numbers together for this. We have passed ours on to him. If there are others intending to go along please ring him on 4772 5288 (w) or 4773 3274 (h) as soon as you receive this newsletter. This event is timed for 3 pm on Sunday 25 June and will cost approximately \$30.

- All British Day

The time is approaching for us to begin publicising this event. On approaching 4TO's program manager to see if they would do an outside broadcast on the day I received a negative response. My fall back position of an All British Music Day received the same response. My final fall back position of one hour of British music on the day received a one word response, 'No.' My approach to their promotions person received a more favourable response with a promise of some promotion both before the event and on the day. I related to her that the program man had knocked back my proposition of playing British music on the grounds that it appealed to too small a range of listener and she seemed as surprised as I was, so I haven't taken 'No' as final yet. Hopefully we will have some more dodgers produced in time to hand out at the next meeting. Last year we went to garages, service stations and tyre dealers etc. and left copies of them on their counters as well as stuffing them under the wipers of any British built cars we came across. We will also need to approach other media outlets for some publicity.

- Odds'n'Ends

Remember that membership renewals are due by the end of June.

On the Queen's Birthday holiday I was looking forward to spending a full day on the Mark V. Cleaned up the yard before breakfast and thought I would just spend a few minutes fixing the headlight flashers on the E Type after breakfast. This was prompted by our being saved from a speed camera on our way to the Towers the day before by an oncoming thoughtful motorist's signal. Thinking it would be the switch, I was soon forced into a wider search when that proved to be okay. The I found that the high beam warning light I intended to fix at the same time was not suffering from a simple earthing problem either. Before long I had several dash coverings removed, the steering column lowered and the fuse wiring exposed as the search continued fruitlessly. Next I found that the left hand headlight which was working when I started was now not working. Pretty soon I was pulling the bonnet apart to get at the connection block behind the headlight and things were obviously getting out of control. Next task was to drag out the wiring diagram and suss out where the problem might be. I was determined to find the problem before lunch. More exasperation when the headlight unit itself proved okay on direct connection to a battery, there was power available at the plug yet the light failed to work when plugged in. By 2 pm all faults had been found—poor connection at the connector block for the headlight, loose connection where the flasher wire joined the dipper switch, warning light bulb not screwed right into socket. Time for a late lunch. Then two hours to replace the pesky headlight

cover, dash panels, steering column etc. by which time darkness was descending. Total time taken for five minute job—7½ hours. Minuses: Loss of a total day's work on the Mark V. Pluses: Everything now working on the E Type and no bill for \$337.50 for labour at a garage.

Keep on Jaguaring ... Peter

For Sale:

Bill Honniball is thinking of disposing of his excellent Series II XJ6 for the right price. Phone him at the number below with offers of cash or interesting swap ideas.

Coming Events:

- June 25 - 3 pm Sunday, KartZone—phone Warren now if going
- June 30 - Last chance to register for Mission Beach Weekend—phone Peter now if going
- June 30 - Membership renewals due to Townsville Register
- July 5 - Meeting: Speedy's Pizza 7:30 pm
- July 29/30 - Mission Beach Weekend
- August 2 - Meeting: Speedy's Pizza 7:30 pm
- August 13 - All British Day

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