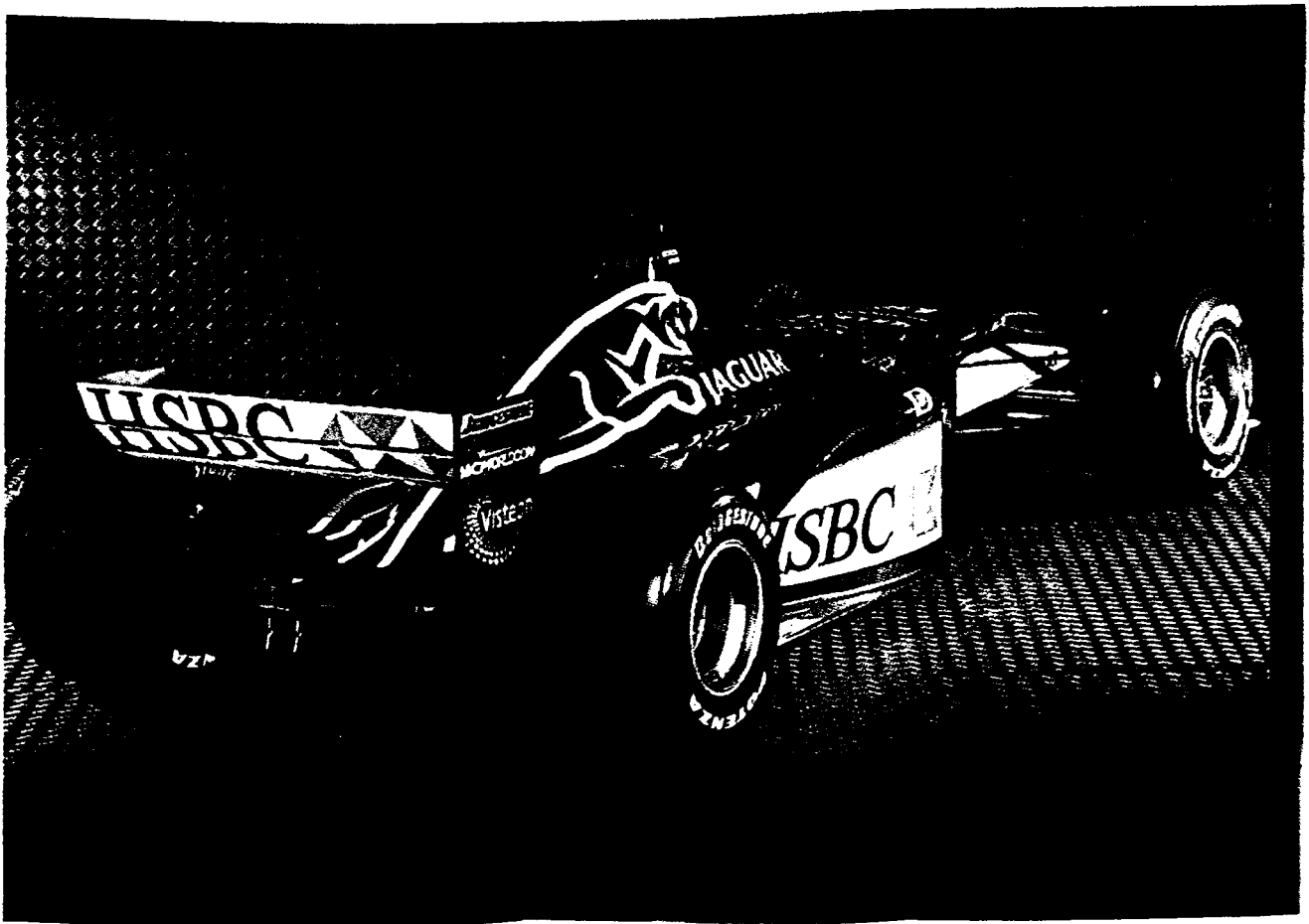


JAGUAR

Townsville



Register



March 2000

MEETING - 1 MARCH 2000

Present:

Peter Carlson, Bill Honniball, Cameron Bell, Alan Collins, Kevin Fitzgerald, Michael Fitzgerald, Phil Robin, Anthony Cooper, Monty Campbell.

Minutes:

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

Kevin Fitzgerald / Alan Collins

Welcome:

The President welcomed Queensland member Anthony Cooper to the Townsville Register.

Business Arising:

Cameron, Peter and Bill had assembled at the Information Centre the previous Sunday to brave the elements. Discretion being the better part of valour, they headed for the safety of Peter's back yard rather than risk a very soggy time atop Mount Elliot. The John Gibson memorial barbecue was fired up under the house and passed muster with flying colours. After Cameron and Bill had departed, Peter discovered he had to enlist the services of the neighbour's 4WD to tow his bogged XJ out of the back yard.

Correspondence:

- Inward:
- Marque Sports Car Club newsletter
 - Life. Be in it re Wheels North Queensland 1999 & 12 November 2000
 - Electric Life advertising

- Outward:
- Minutes, newsletter and financial statement to JDCQ Brisbane

Alan Collins / Kevin Fitzgerald

Treasurer's Report:

03/01/00

General Account As of 29 February 2000

Date	Num	Name	Amount	Balance
General Account				473.64
11/10/1999	381712	JDCQ	-74.00	399.64
14/10/1999			100.00	499.64
31/10/1999			-4.75	494.89
31/10/1999			0.05	494.94
08/11/1999	381713	Yellow Pages Australia	-46.00	448.94
30/11/1999			-0.30	448.64
30/11/1999			0.04	448.68
01/12/1999	381714	Honniball(Petty Cash)	-58.73	389.95
01/12/1999	381715	Spunde(Engraving)	-30.00	359.95
01/12/1999	381716	JDCQ	-54.00	305.95
31/12/1999			-0.60	305.35
31/12/1999			0.03	305.38
04/01/2000			50.00	355.38
31/01/2000			0.03	355.41
Total General Account			-118.23	355.41

Phil Robin / Kevin Fitzgerald

General Business:

- Bill Honniball has donated an out of date 4½ kilogram gas bottle. It was agreed to have the bottle re-stamped or purchase a new one, whichever was cheaper.
- As a replacement activity for the washed out barbecue brunch, interested members will assemble in the public bar of the Centenary Hotel between 12:30 and 1:00 on Sunday 12 March to watch Team Jaguar win its first ever F1 race. Another addition to the calendar will be breakfast at Virginia Park via Mingela around 7:30 on Sunday 2 April. Assemble outside the Stuart Hotel at 6 am.
- Still on the calendar is 10-pin bowling scheduled for 4 pm on Sunday 26 March where we plan to turn the tables on the Marque Sports Car Club.
- Another activity to be shared with the MSCC will be go-karts. This will be in May or June, depending on talks with the MSCC.
- Members were intrigued with a "Hill Climb" advertised by the MSCC for Sunday 5 March at Mount Stuart.
- Monty Campbell will be leaving town later this year and is selling lots of Jaguar goodies. See newsletter for details.

MARCH 2000 NEWSLETTER

Cover Photo:

Here it is – Jaguar R1. The leaper looks perfectly suited to his resting place on the air intake behind the driver. At least there's no need to ask who the manufacturer is as with many other cars where all you can see is sponsor's logos.

Peter's Panorama:

- **Sorry Brunch**

Three optimistic (foolhardy?) souls turned up at the nominated meeting spot on Sunday 27 February. As there had been a heavy downpour half an hour previously and heavy clouds were building up again, Bill, Cameron (with youngster Hamish learning the ins and outs of a Mark 2) and myself decided to turn back and try out the new gas barbecue under my house. It proved to be a very efficient cooker and once we had mastered the art of egg frying on a corrugated hotplate we were soon scoffing down breakfast in double quick time. The only 'snag' encountered was when I went to remove the XJ6 from the back yard and replace it under the house where the barbecue had been. It had sunk into the water-logged ground and refused to budge, even when I put boards and the doormat under the back wheels. My next door neighbour came to the rescue and towed me out with his 4WD.

- **Next Event**

Our next outing is on Sunday 26 March to Kirwan Bowl. We are hoping to entice along some members of the Marque Sports Car Club so maybe we can have a little competition. It doesn't matter whether you are a seasoned player or a 'Mr Bean' you will enjoy yourself.

Because the weather put paid to our Alligator Creek trip, members decided at the March meeting to insert a replacement outing in the Calendar on Sunday 2 April. We have often talked about an early morning run, something similar to what the Brisbane Club does on a weekly basis, but this time we have actually plucked up the courage to do it – mind you it's not a 4 am start like the Brisbane fanatics take on – sometimes they even do a midnight to dawn run. We have chosen the more civilized departure time of

6 am. It would be great to have a pack of Jaguars roaring through the still morning air. We plan to assemble at the Stuart Hotel at 6 am and drive to 'Virginia Park' just beyond Mingila for breakfast at 7:30. So that we don't completely retrace our steps we may return on the Woodstock-Giru road to the Bruce Highway and then return to Townsville up the highway. A great opportunity to stretch the legs of the Jaguar.

- Phil Robin has taken a step back into the original Jaguar period of 'Grace, Space and pace.' He is in the process of acquiring the Mark VII now belonging to former member Bob Steer. This car came to Townsville with a RAAF pilot from Singapore. When Club members first saw it many years ago it was at the Garbutt Air Base. Bob did quite a lot of work on the car – including having the seats reupholstered in acres of leather and most of the bright work re-chromed. Phil is looking forward to finishing the project and putting the Mark VII on the road as a hire car. Unfortunately Bob Steer has recently suffered a stroke and is recuperating at home.
- During all the wet weather in Townsville Kevin Fitzgerald had an unusual and unwelcome experience. One morning while travelling near Cluden Park racecourse Kevin was stopped by water over the road. He was about to open the door of the XJS-C to get out and test the depth of the water when an old man roo of monstrous proportions shot out of the shrubbery straight into the side of Kevin's car. He picked himself up, told Kevin it was his fault for stopping there and bounded off leaving \$800 worth of damage – most of it accounted for by the rear vision mirror apparently.
- Recently there have been reports of a light blue S-Type (old) being seen around town. Could it be the metallic blue, manual o/d belonging to Shane Jarvis from Cairns that I came across at Autobarn one weekend late last year? Does anyone have more info? The other weekend while Bill and I were travelling down University Road in the E-Type on the way back from checking out the Mount Stuart hill-climb we spotted a dark blue S-Type (new). We had just been passed by a new Aprilla whose rider gave us the thumbs up, obviously approving of the E. No sign of hill-climbing activity by the way. The road up to the top was officially closed but for no apparent reason so we drove up. The scenery was spectacularly green and the peacocks at the top were obviously starved of human attention.
- Had a conversation with Bill Monagle in Brisbane the other night. I was checking the phone number of a person in Imbil with Mark V parts. Was able to tell Bill I had seen his Mark 1, now in the hands of Anthony Cooper. It was the object of our attention at the March meeting. It seems this car spent the early part of its life around Rockhampton. It's worthy of note that those heavy door frames of the Mark 1 that were 'refined' on the Mark 2, are now back in fashion with all modern cars sporting chunky style door frames.
- Cameron Bell was interested to find that two photos of his Mark 2 appear in the latest edition of 'The Jaguar Magazine'. On page 51 of edition 89 are two photos of the car, bearing No. 72, participating in the North Cape Rally in Norway while owned by Mike Barron. One shows Mike standing beside the car at the most northerly point in the world that can be accessed by road and the other I think was taken at Lillehammer.
- While Jaguar's two entries in the first Formula 1 race did not cover themselves in glory, the team may take some consolation from two aspects of the race. The commentators seemed to agree that they were the most beautiful cars on the track and the level of support from Australians was immense. Jackie Stewart said that when they were racing under the Ford banner in Australia they sold \$25,000 worth of merchandise. This year they sold \$400,000 worth of Jaguar merchandise. Johnny Herbert's car apparently had a problem with the oiling system for the engine and gearbox and lasted only one lap. Eddie

Irvine's managed to start from seventh place on the grid but his car obviously had handling problems. When he backed off the throttle his car spun. Easily fixed it seems to me—don't back off!

- Breakfast of cereal, fruit plus barbecue will be \$15. All you need to bring is your appetite. Our hosts are Rob and Sue Bennetto. The homestead is eight kilometres off the highway on a good dirt road.
- Coming Events:
 - **Sunday 26 March** 4:00 pm –10-pin bowling at Kirwan Bowl
 - **Sunday 2 April** 6:00 am – Stuart Hotel for run to Virginia Park
 - **Wednesday 5 April** 7:30 pm – meeting at Speedy's Pizza
 - **Wednesday 3 March** 7:30 pm – meeting at Speedy's Pizza
 - **Sunday 7 May** – economy run to Giru

Keep on Jaguaring ... Peter

For Sale:

Jaguar Mk 2 Dec 1962, Old English white, 3.8 litre engine, manual gearbox with electric overdrive, limited slip diff, under dash Air Con system. Currently on Historic Rego plates.

For sale in "as is" condition including numerous spares (panels, wood trim, brightwork, electrics, mechanical etc.) salvaged from second vehicle. Ideal restoration project for only \$4,700 negotiable.

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