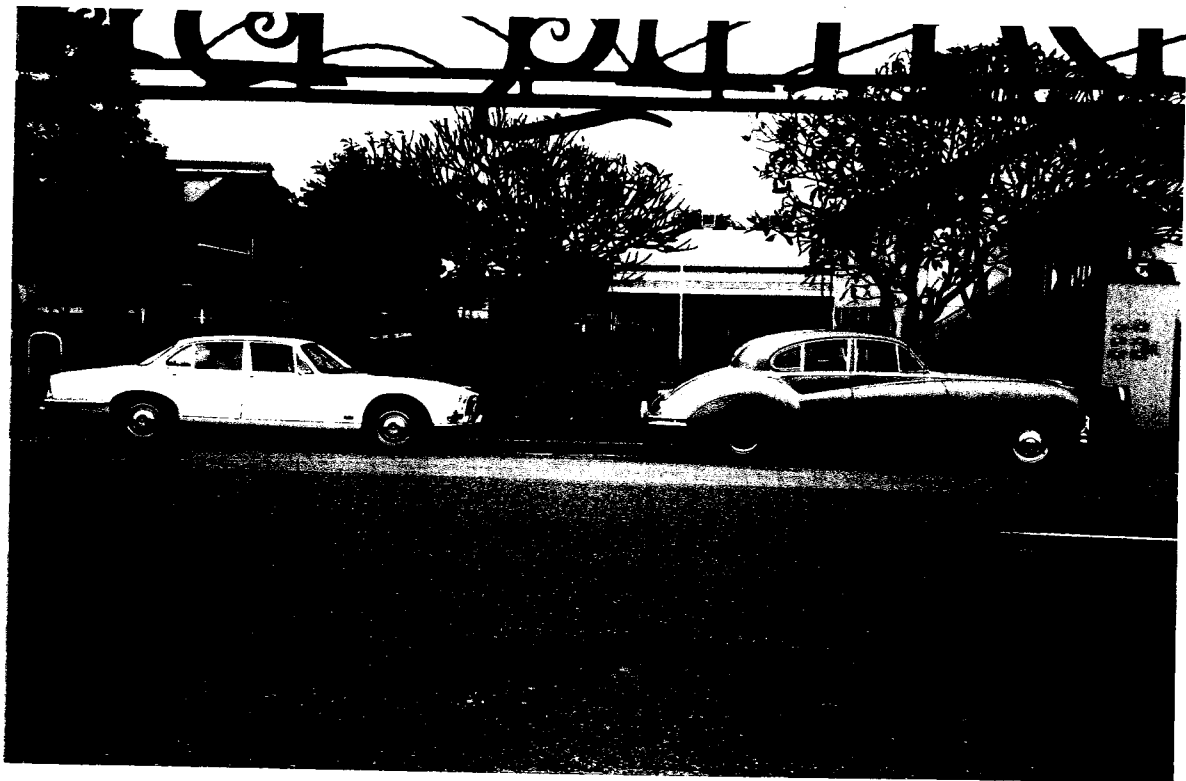


# JAGUAR

Townsville



Register



May 2000

## MEETING - 3 MAY 2000

### Present:

Michael Fitzgerald, Peter Carlson, Phil Robin, Alan Collins, Kevin Fitzgerald, Bill Honniball, Dennis Hakanson.

### Apologies:

Mick Gawalski, Alan Chung, Cameron Bell.

### Minutes:

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

Alan Collins / Kevin Fitzgerald

### Business Arising:

A letter has been sent to Ralph Spunde.

### Correspondence:

- Inward:
- Marque Sports Car Club newsletter
  - All Classic Motor Club, Central Queensland - notice of Swap Meet 5 August
  - Letter from JDCQ Brisbane treasurer re audit requirements
  - Charters Towers Restorers Club - notice of Swap Meet Queen's Birthday 10-12 June

- Outward:
- Minutes, newsletter and financial statement to JDCQ Brisbane
  - Letter of thanks to Ralph Spunde for donating John Gibson memorial engraving

Phil Robin / Bill Honniball

### Treasurer's Report:

02/05/00

#### **General Account** As of 31 March 2000

Date	Num	Name	Amount	Balance
General Account				405.44
20/03/2000		Adjustment to chq 38171	6.00	411.44
31/03/2000	d/debit	Bank Charges	-0.30	411.14
31/03/2000		Bank Interest	0.03	411.17
Total General Account			<b>5.73</b>	<b>411.17</b>

Phil Robin / Alan Collins

### General Business:

- Economy Run to Giru  
Departs 9 am from Mobil Service Station in Bowen Road arriving around 10 o'clock after travelling via Cromarty. Sandwiches, burgers, pies etc. are available from the store opposite the picnic area. We will return via Pangola park before refuelling at Mobil Bowen Road.
- Go-Kart Outing  
Our planned date (Sunday 28 May) clashes with a Sprint Meet and Regularity Event to be staged by the Marque Sports Car Club at the Bohle Kart track. It was decided therefore to hold a combined (with the Marque Sports Car Club) Go-Kart outing on either Sunday 25 June at 3 pm or Tuesday 27 June at 7 pm, depending on numbers from each club wishing to participate. Those present intending to participate voted 6-0 in favour of Sunday and we await figures from the MSCC before a final decision is made. Members wishing to participate in the Sprint/Regularity Events should contact Warren Skimmings on 4773 3274 or 4772 5288 as soon as possible. Should an alternative JDCQ event be organised for 28 May, members will be notified. [Secretary's Note: See Peter's Panorama for latest news]

- **Charters Towers Swap Meet: Saturday 10 - Monday 12 June**

This one-time swap meet is now more of a car show with many local and some more distant clubs participating. Our club usually displays on the Sunday only but those wishing to stay over night should refer to the Newsletter for an accommodation list. Starting time on Sunday is usually 8:30 - 9:00 am.

- **Mission Beach Stop-over: 29 - 30 July**

Paul Hawkins will be contacted to finalise arrangements for this event..

- **Membership Fees**

These are due at the end of June. Be on the lookout for renewal notices in the club magazine and remember to pay through the Townsville register.

## **APRIL 2000 NEWSLETTER**

### **Cover Photo:**

Only fifteen years separates these two particular vehicles, yet the one on the left could almost pass for a current model while Jim Lewis' Mark VII is obviously from a bygone era. Mick Gawalski's XJ6 is a 1969 model making it an early Series I. These were in production from 1968 until 1973 while the basic formula and timeless lines survived in Series II and III guise until 1986. Even after that XJ12s were sold into the early nineties. One has to wonder how many cars GMH would have sold in 1970 if their current model had still been the FJ! While the Mark VII first appeared in 1950, Jim's is actually a VIIM of 1954 vintage. Despite what appears to us now as an old-fashioned shape, the formula survived into the 1960s, the Mark IX ceasing production in 1961. The VII-VIII-IX series have seen a dramatic and well deserved rise in popularity in recent years and Jim's car is a particularly exquisite example. The photograph was taken during the recent Giru economy run.

### **Peter's Panorama:**

- **Economy Run**

Topical isn't it? To have an economy run at federal budget time I mean. And didn't the interest rate rise among participants when we calculated the final figures at the end of the run. Now if we could just get those polities to be as frugal with our taxes as we were with the petrol.

Having filled our tanks to the top and set trip metres to zero we set out — four Jags and one Mag. It was great to have the company of that gracious lady, the Mk VIIM of Jim Lewis all the way from Richmond. Jim had called in the previous afternoon while Bill and I were stripping his power steering pump from the Series II (hence the Mag and not the Jag). Jim told us then of his intent to take advantage of his trip to Townsville to join in this event. It's not often we have the chance to meet some of our more far flung members so it was wonderful to spend some time with Jim and Shirley the next day. Jim also took the opportunity to meet up with Clive and Charmaine Hutchison so they could compare XK140 notes which I believe they did at length!

We travelled at a sedate pace to the old Cromarty homestead. We could go no further because the area is so waterlogged that the road is out. The old homestead looks appealing set in a lush and very picturesque setting. Always reminds me of some South American plantation owners home. On arrival at Giru we checked trip metres and found discrepancies up to several kilometres despite having played follow the leader all the way. We settled under an unusual shade tree in the park and enjoyed some very good pies and burgers from the café opposite. We were unable to identify the tree but it was loaded with large fruit that looked somewhat like small cabbages. Soon an eagle-eyed picnicker announced, 'Here comes a white Jag.' 'That will be the Gawalskis', we said. And it was. All four - including the unfortunate asthma sufferer, Bernie, whose illness had delayed their departure. The next arrivals were a contingent from the Burdekin Cruisers in their Mustangs and T-Bird. They showed great interest in the Jags—one of their group owning a Series II XJ6. They told us they were intending

to go to the 'Back to Ravenswood event at the end of the month and wondered if we were going (details of this later).

On the way home we detoured into Pangola Park (which is now closed) to give us a little extra mileage for calculating our economy or lack of it. Then it was back to the servo to top up once more and warm up the calculator. We decided to use the unladen weight of the cars as recorded in books and dispensed with the weighing of passengers for fear of reprisals. Having calculated km per litre we then multiplied by vehicle weight to arrive at the totally meaningless but comparable tonne.km/l figure for each. The results are shown in the table below. Congratulations to Mick and Christine as the first of the Jags. Kevin was sure he should have multiplied by the number of cylinders as well to give the V12 a chance. You will notice there are some very close results. I was a bit miffed at finishing between the Mk VII and the XJS so went home to lean off a couple of carbies even though they didn't appreciate it. Then Bill massaged the figures a bit more and provided the more reasonable mpg figures and suddenly 29.3 mpg looked very acceptable. Think I'll turn those carbie screws back where they were... Another very enjoyable day of Jaguaring.

		<b>Economy Run — Townsville to Giru and Return — 7 May 2000</b>							
		litres	km/litre	tonnes	ton.km/l	l/100km	mpg	outright	place handicap
Jim & Shirley	Mk VIIM 3.4	15.80	7.50	1.769	13.27	13.33	21.2	5	4
Mick & Christine	XJ6 Ser I 4.2	14.00	8.46	1.680	14.22	11.81	23.9	4	2
Alan & Margaret	Mk II 2.4	12.88	9.20	1.450	13.34	10.87	26.0	3	3
Kevin	XJS-C 5.3	17.08	6.94	1.755	12.18	14.41	19.6	6	6
Peter	E-type Ser I 4.2	11.43	10.37	1.277	13.24	9.65	29.3	2	5
Bill & Jean	Magna 2.6	9.71	12.20	1.216	14.84	8.19	34.5	1	1

- **Next Outing (27/28 May)**

As mentioned in the minutes, the Go Kart outing planned for 28 May has been postponed to the end of June (details in the next newsletter). We racked our brains at the meeting to come up with an alternative and we have arrived at two alternatives now. One is the event at the new Kart track at the Bohle. Probably the most interesting part for members would be the regularity trial — nominate a time you think you could comfortably drive one lap of the track and the person closest to his/her nominated time is the winner. This event is on Sunday 28 May. Phone Warren Skimmings on 4772 5288 (W) for details. Alternatively, the Back to Ravenswood event is on the same weekend. As mentioned, the Burdekin Cruisers intend to go and so are some of the Vintage and Veteran members we believe. The best day to go would be Saturday 27 May as that is the day of all the novelty events—pub to pub race, mullock heap race, toad race etc. If you are interested, phone me on 4779 0765 (A/H).

- **June Events (11 and 25/27 June)**

Two weeks later is the Charters Towers Swap Meet on the Queen's Birthday weekend. We have usually travelled up on the Saturday afternoon, stayed overnight and returned after the show on the Sunday. Personally I think this year I will leave it until Sunday (11 June) and make it a day trip. If you would like accommodation, it would be wise to book now. See the accommodation directory published at the end of this newsletter.

The other June event is the Go Karts at Kartzone on either Sunday 25 June or Tuesday 27.

- July Event (29/30 July)

This is one of our special events to mark the significance of the year 2000—our overnigher in Mission Beach on Sat/Sun, 29/30 July. Our member on the spot, Paul Hawkins, is very much looking forward to the weekend and is happy to help us have an enjoyable time. He is checking out various accommodation options for us and has even offered his own acre block in central Mission Beach as a camping ground if anyone would like a bit of adventure. He has also offered his place as the venue for a Saturday night barbecue if we wish. Paul is enjoying driving his newly completed Series I and says he recently saw a red Series I E-Type from Cairns in Mission Beach.

- August Event (13 August)

The monster event of the year — All British Day. Our member on the spot at Cathedral School, Peter Vollugi, has confirmed that it is all systems go for Sunday 13 August. He is checking out the availability of the canteen and the school band. We are now contacting other clubs and the media.

- Membership Renewals

If you check carefully in your May *Qld Jaguar Driver* you should find your membership renewal notice requesting renewals be paid TO OUR REGISTER. You will notice also that GST has already left its ugly mark on our fees. Check the 'pay by' date at the bottom to avoid a joining fee + GST.

- Formula 1 Bits'n'Pieces

- Excerpt from *Motor Sport*'s editor's report on the Melbourne GP: 'The very first thing we see when we step from the Qantas Boeing is a huge hoarding, bearing a picture of the Jaguar R1 and the words "The Cat is Back". Melbourne, it turns out, has been hired by Jaguar for the weekend. The car is everywhere, from billboards by the motorway to billboards on the sides of the city's trams.' Pictures to support the article show a great neon 'JAGUAR' sign covering one wall of a high rise building about twenty floors up and a tram with large back to back leapers.
- the V10 'Jaguarised' Cosworth engine has the best power to weight ratio on the grid – 800 horsepower from just 97 kilograms.
- Late on Saturday right before the Melbourne GP the Jaguar mechanics found the answer to a mystery that had plagued the engine during testing. Bad winter weather in England had cut testing time to nothing and there had not been time to solve the problem of disappearing oil pressure under hard cornering. They knew there was a problem with the scavenge pump but eventually they found a faulty return valve in the gearbox.
- After every two hours on the track the V10 engine needs a 200 hour overhaul—puts our grumbles about mechanical maladies into perspective doesn't it?
- Consistency was the name of the game at Silverstone and the Spanish GP. Both Jaguars finished about 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in both races. Maybe they'll move up a place or two at the Nurburgring – viewing time is 11:40 pm on Sunday 21.

Keep on Jaguaring ... Peter

### **Coming Events:**

- May 27/28 - Regularity Trial at Kart track (28<sup>th</sup>)
  - Back to Ravenswood (27<sup>th</sup>)
- June 7 - Meeting: Speedy's Pizza 7:30 pm
- June 11 - Charters Towers Swap Meet
- June 25 or 27 - Go Karts
- June 30 - Membership renewal due
- July 5 - Meeting: Speedy's Pizza 7:30 pm
- July 24/30 - Mission Beach Weekend
- August 2 - Meeting: Speedy's Pizza 7:30 pm
- August 13 - All British Day

### **Stop Press:**

Go Karts scheduled for 25 or 27 June are in doubt. The yachtie missing near the Palms is the proprietor of KartZone. More information next newsletter.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

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- COUNTRY ROAD 07 47872422
- CHARTERS TOWERS HERITAGE LODGE 0747874088
- GOLD CITY 07 47872187
- HILLVIEW 07 47871973
- ENTERPRISE 07 47872404
- CHARTERS TOWERS 07 47871366
- GOLD CITY 07 47872187
- CROWN MOTEL/MOTEL 007 47872471
- RIX 07 47871605
- COMMERCIAL HOTEL 07 47871391
- WAVERLEY HOTEL 07 47872591
- MEXICAN CARAVAN PK. 07 47871161
- DALRYMPLE CARAVAN PK 07 47871121
- CHARTERS TOWERS CARAVAN PK 07 47877944
- SCOTTY'S BACKPACKERS 07 47871028

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