

JAGUAR

Townsville



Register



September 2000

MEETING - 6 SEPTEMBER 2000

Present:

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

Apologies:

Mick Gawalski, Alan Chung.

Minutes:

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

Kevin Fitzgerald / Alan Collins

Business Arising:

- All British Day - discussed in General Business.
- Poker Run - none present had participated in this Marque Sports Car Club event.

Correspondence:

- Inward:
- Marque Sports Car Club - newsletter & Survey response
 - Tony Ireland - survey response
 - Brisbane JDCQ - requesting information on the GST
 - Shell - promotional material for Optimax

- Outward:
- Letters of Thanks and Surveys to all clubs participating in ABD
 - Completed questionnaire to Townsville & Thuringowa Recreation Directory
 - Letter of Thanks to Paul and Kaye Hawkins
 - Letter of Thanks to the Cathedral School

Kevin Fitzgerald / Michael Fitzgerald

Treasurer's Report:

06/09/00

General Account As of 31 August 2000

Date	Num	Name	Amount	Balance
General Account				579.80
04/08/2000	Fees	Chung/Raw	152.00	731.80
14/08/2000	381721	JDCQ	-129.80	602.00
31/08/2000			-2.90	599.10
31/08/2000			0.09	599.19
Total General Account			19.39	599.19

Phil Robin / Anthony Cooper

General Business:

All British Day

The returned questionnaires were discussed. While there was some support for moving to once every two years, it was decided to retain it as an annual event. Provided it fits into the school calendar, the 2001 ABD will be in July/August. The rides were not a success this year. Alternative attractions mooted included displays, workshops, videos etc. A static display developed from the likely acquisition of a V12 engine was a possibility. There were mixed views on the desirability of voting for a "best vehicle". While it would possibly attract patrons, some individual exhibitors with daily drivers may be put off. Phil will approach a contact at 4TTT to try and arrange comprehensive radio coverage for next year.

Airlie Beach

Peter Carlson has been in contact with Warwick McAllister from the Whitsunday Register and 14/15 October has been decided upon. Details will be faxed to Peter when available. Additionally, Cameron's in-laws have a log cabin in that neck of the woods which may serve as a gathering point. Those indicating their likely participation were the Bells, Fitzgeralds, Coopers, Peter Carlson and possibly the Honniballs.

Christmas Function

It's still on 2 December, it's still at the Australian Hotel and we still want final numbers by next meeting. At least 13 or 14 starters are needed to make it viable and there appears to be more than enough interest for that.

Sunday Drivers

Anthony has put forward the remarkable proposition that a Jaguar Drivers Club should be about driving Jaguars. Be advised that, starting this Sunday 17 September, there will be a fortnightly drive to places of interest around Townsville. Assemble in the Target car park off Woolcock Street adjacent to the Mobil Service Station by 7 a.m. After about an hour's cruising we will stop for breakfast and then it's off home for a hard day's toil.

AUGUST 2000 NEWSLETTER

Cover Photo:

Taken at the home of Paul and Kaye Hawkins during our recent Mission Beach sojourn. In the background is Paul on the left talking to Ron Burns from Bingle Bay. Seated around the table clockwise from left are: David Anderson (Wendy was unable to come), Kevin Fitzgerald, Jean Honniball, Jim Raw, Elma Raw, Bill Honniball, Gabby McDowall and Kim McDowall who took most of those pictured for a spin in his SS100. Michael Fitzgerald is standing at the far end of the table.

Peter's Panorama:

September Meeting

There was a good turn out of Jaguarphiles again this month. The Redline Motorcycle Club were just moving out for their Wednesday night run as we were preparing to begin. There's nothing like the deep throb of a motorcycle engine to make you think you were born to ride. Even the Japanese have finally swapped their sewing machine noise for a genuine note. I couldn't help noticing the size of the fuel tank on a late model Triumph – the rider could almost rest his chest on it.

Speaking of Wednesday night runs, the meeting decided to take up Anthony's suggestion of regular fortnightly Sunday morning runs. I hope members find they can join in at least some of these events. While the timing won't suit everybody all the time, let's hope everybody has an opportunity to get along to some. The belief behind these trips is that Jaguars were born to run. By starting reasonably early in the morning the bulk of the day will still be available for other pursuits.

Michael brought along some brag photos to share around. Some showed him with the SS100 at Mission Beach and others were a sequence of shots showing how to rubberize your driveway. The tyres off Kevin's XJS (worn out ones) provided the rubber and Michael did the job of 'smokin them up' with his F100 which eventually disappeared from view in the photo sequence as the billowing smoke engulfed it. Kevin reported that the dog went and hid under the bed for fear that he would be put on the back of the F100 when his rightful riding place is in the back of the XJS. Kevin said he was tempted to join the dog. Luckily the neighbours were out.

Dennis is escaping the country just as the rest of the world is landing on our doorstep for the Olympics. He and Joy are off to England for a few weeks. Sounds like a smart move to me. Dennis is hoping to visit Brown's Lane and to spend some time viewing the Jaguar/Daimler Heritage Trust's collection of vehicles.

I was surprised and delighted to receive from Anthony a framed photo of my E-type that he took at the Cathedral School grounds. It is the only professional quality photo I have of the car and I am indebted to him for it.

Airlie Beach Weekend

The new date for our rendezvous with the Mackay Register is October 14 and 15. In this special outreach year for our register, this is our second foray to the outside world and follows closely on the heels of our recently completed expedition north to Mission Beach. Other registers have regular contact with neighbouring groups but we are the most far flung register and have had little contact with others. This is our chance to make that contact. Bill and I have recently received bounteous hospitality from the Mackay group and this will be a golden opportunity to strengthen those bonds. I hope we can muster a good representation from our group. The Mackay group are in the process of organising accommodation. Hopefully we will have further news at the October meeting. We will need to know numbers by the night of that meeting, 4 October, so let us know at the meeting or by phone beforehand if you are a starter.

Cairns Register

While writing about meeting the Mackay group I suddenly realised that at Mission Beach David Anderson had shown me an ad in the Cairns paper for those interested in forming a Jag club to ring a particular number. Having just rung the number I can now pass on to those who might be interested that the person to ring is Ron and his details are as follows:

Ron Polley
176 English St
Manunda 4870
Ph. 4053 1700

Ron has made quite a lot of contacts with possible members. Let's hope the Cairns Register can be resurrected. When it was active we used to make annual contact with their group at Cardwell.

Le Mans 2000

Recently read a report of this year's race which was a procession for Audi whose three entries finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd. With no representation from BMW, Nissan, Toyota or Mercedes it was left to the Chrysler Vipers to provide a little opposition. The fourth placed car finished 176 miles astern of the slowest Audi. It was the most dominant win by any team in the history of the race. Two of the Audis had time to stop to have complete rear ends replaced as a precautionary measure. The report gave a one-word summary—'boring', and suggested it would be 2002 before interest picked up with the expected return of Aston Martin, Bentley, Maserati, Cadillac and a new Chrysler.

Mark V Restoration

Having decided not to rebuild the engine I am now stripping it down. I was advised by other owners to check for fatigue prone alloy con rods and replace with steel ones. I looked and there they were smiling back at me. Further investigation revealed three stuck valves, worn bores and a big end on the wear limit.

Keep on Jaguaring ... Peter

Coming Events:

17 September Morning run, Target car park, 7 am
1 October Morning run, Target car park, 7 am
4 October Meeting, Speedy's Pizza, 7:30 pm
14/15 October Airlie Beach
15 October Morning run, Target car park, 7 am

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