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Word from the President

Nigel Miller



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Greetings Jag-lovers – wherever you are in our great State, or indeed in the world!

The undoubted highlight of our last month's activities was certainly our trip to Yungaburra in the Atherton Tablelands. Attendance at all our planned meets/meals/get-togethers this weekend was nothing short of spectacular for a small club such as ours. It's certainly heartening to experience first-hand the enthusiasm of the Jag community "up north". Thank you. You're an inspiration to all of us.

I'm particularly personally grateful for the LACK of ribbing and jesting (good natured of course!) about the Purrly Queen's adventurous weekend. No details here, but a special thanks to RACQ for the temporary loan of their flatbed, Jim Raw for providing overnight sanctuary, Glenda and Doug for transport and moral support, and last but not least to Ron Polley of Pro-Active Engineering in Tolga for promptly dropping everything else and fitting new bearings to my Lucas dynamo. I arrived home in Townsville at 5:45pm on the Monday – only a couple of hours behind schedule!

During March we're planning a weekend trek to parts SOUTH – Airlie Beach and Mackay are in our sights this time. We are hoping to catch up with plenty of enthusiastic Jag owners "down there". Keep an eye out for informative emails, and please join us if you can.

We've never been for setting boundaries, and we don't have a southern (or northern nor western) boundary for our club's reach. As far as we're concerned, anyone is welcome to join our club, and all our meetings and excursions are open to all regardless of club affiliation. We want people to join our club freely, not because they feel they have no alternative. Join the club if you want to; come and have a coffee-&-chat with us regardless. No pressure

Speaking of Club Membership, current members will all shortly be getting email reminders that subscription renewals will be coming up shortly – please make an effort to pay renewal subscriptions on time; it makes our book-keeping so much easier! And we love to please the accountants!

This year we've attracted an impressive number of new members during the year. Either we're doing somethings right or we're being lucky! And I'm reminded of the quote from the great South African golfer Arnold Palmer – "THE MORE I PRACTICE, THE LUCKIER I GET!"

Which brings me very neatly to our club's rich past. I've always personally been a history buff, and enjoy understanding the origins of traditions of all aspects of life – in this case our club's prolific history. I've started what I hope to be a series of articles on various aspects of the development of our club. While I appreciate and respect our at-times full-bodied past, I think we owe it to all of us to focus on the future.

Onwards and Upwards!



Finally, all members are encouraged to check-in regularly with our club Facebook page. This is the best way to keep up with all developments and announcements, so you don't miss out.

Nigel Miller
President JCCNQ



Know Your Club Part 1

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We all know our club in its current form as an independent entity **The Jaguar Car Club of North Queensland (Inc.)**, but our history goes back many years before the club was incorporated in its own right.



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TOWNSVILLE REGISTER

The oldest set of minutes in our archive (that I can find), for **The Townsville Register of the Jaguar Drivers Club of Queensland Limited**, dates back as far as 2nd February 1987 (but refer back to previous minutes of a meeting on 3rd November 1986). They make reference, in Correspondence Inwards, to a letter received from Mr B Groothoff, Secretary to J.D.C.Q, welcoming the new register. I haven't (yet) managed to find a copy of this letter, but it would almost certainly mark the first official recognition of our club as a distinct and separate entity, and would have been received sometime between 3rd November 1986 and 2nd February 1987.

It's almost certain that local Jaguar enthusiasts would have been meeting regularly for some time before 1987, informally as well as formally. Merv Potter tells me there had been serious discussion involving him, Bill Honniball and possibly others, about setting up a local Jaguar car club earlier in the 1980s, but this never happened.

The first Management Committee of the new register was comprised of:

Mr Johnny Whipp – Chairman
Mr Bill Honnibal* – Secretary
Mrs Joanne Campion – Treasurer

Membership numbered 15, but reference is made to 3 Townsville-based members of the Brisbane Register*.

It's interesting to note that there was a **Jaguar Enthusiasts Club of Cairns** at this time, but it was not affiliated with JDCQ. Their newsletter was called **The Cat's Whisker**.

From the get-go the Townsville Register attracted a number of members from regional areas such as Cairns, The Tablelands, Mount Isa, Charters Towers etc, resulting in the Townsville Register being formally re-branded, as **The North Queensland Register of The Jaguar Drivers Club Queensland**.



By 2008, after many years of co-operation and peaceful co-existence, concerns were being increasingly expressed at the perceived high-handed attitudes from Brisbane towards the regional registers in general and with Townsville/North Queensland in particular, resulting in a resolution being passed at the 2008 AGM to seek independence from the Queensland Club.

The Jaguar Car Club of North Queensland was formally incorporated and registered in the first half of 2010, with the first official Members Meeting of the new club being held on 7th July 2010, with Reg Fels as the inaugural President.

So, how old is our club? And when is our "birthday?"

- November 1986, when we received recognition from JDCQ?
- June 2010, when our incorporation documents were formally stamped by Queensland Government?
- 1st July 2010, the start of our first membership year as noted in our Constitution?
- 7th July 2010, the date of our first Members Meeting?

I'll leave that up to you to decide.

What I DO KNOW however, is that we'll be around for many more years yet.....

* Some will remember Bill and Jean were guests at our Townsville Christmas Party in early December 2021.

** Presumably, initial membership of the Townsville Register was opt-in, not automatic

JAG TALES

by Merv and Jeanette Potter



We have been members of various Jaguar Clubs over the last 40 years but have only been members of JCCNQ for the last few years and don't really know a lot of detail about fellow members' Jaguars. I believe most of us have owned many vehicles over the years and because we love reminiscing, I can go way back and fondly remember all the Jaguars Merv has owned/restored/sold and replaced with others, in addition to all the other cars and motorbikes he has owned.

Merv: My interest in Jaguars began in 1977.



My first Jaguar was a 1956 Mark I 2.4 auto.

I have owned at least 11 Jaguars over the years including 2 x Mk I; Mk II; Series I XJ6; 2 x XJ6; 2 x XJ12; XJS; 2 x S-type and currently an X-type.



Of course all have their own little tale of woes (or pure elation) - way too many to share them all here.



I am sure many of you would have experienced similar dramas or joyous moments when acquiring, restoring and maintaining our beloved Jags – especially the older ones! So maybe just one little anecdote:

I acquired a 1957 Mk I, 3.4 litre, 4 speed auto with overdrive in 1983 for \$500, unpainted and looking pretty shabby but mechanically sound. Nice coat of bronze and it's looking great and proved it's worth on a run from Brisbane to Port Macquarie where the other Jags had trouble keeping up! Entered quite a few car shows, attended many enjoyable sojourns, including numerous Mother's Day outings to Macleans Bridge, Queensland (rubbing shoulders with the opposition but happy for Jeanette to be appropriately indulging in the whole chicken, champagne and lace tablecloths experience). That's part of what the memories are all about.....

Revisited the nostalgic Lowood race track along with an amazing roll up of other Mk I's and II's, and also demonstrated impressive prowess during an enjoyable fun day at Lakeside Raceway.



It was a pleasure to drive and it was the also a purrfect wedding car for a few of our friends. We sold it to our Accountant so it must have been a good investment!

So, my favourite Jag is ... too hard to choose – I enjoyed them all!!

We love to see other members enjoying their newer models but our hearts remain with the “oldies”.

Oh and I’m thinking these should count as well.
Absolutely no horror tales or problems encountered
with any of these - bonus! They don’t get played
with enough though and are very good at attracting
dust....

THE END
(for now anyway)



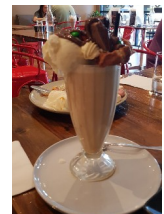
Not sure exactly how many Jaguars our President Nigel currently owns or has restored/maintained, but we really admire his expertise, efforts and ongoing dedication to maintaining his fleet (as well as assisting others) in such a superb way – we feel your pain (and pride) Nigel. Well done. We are sure there will be many more tales to share.



Sunday Prowl 7th February 2022 to Leafwood Cafe by Glenda Unwin



Love our Sunday
Prowls, thanks
everyone!



Sunday Prowl 13th February 2022 to Coffee at Tiffanys by *Glenda Unwin*

We turned many heads as we cruised in convoy (7 cars) along a The Strand, on our way to the cafe.

Tiffanys had lots of larger bookings this morning, but as always, the food and the service were amazing. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped to create some more Jaguar Club memories. A great morning!



YUNGABURRA WEEKEND – 18/19/20 FEBRUARY *Glenda Unwin*

What a great weekend! It was fantastic to see so many of our northern members across the weekend.

Bernie and Nigel travelled north on Friday and Peter, Doug & I travelled up on Saturday. We arrived at Kooka Burra Motel at the same time as Bill & Julie, Don & Judy and Geoff & Eve-Lyn. The motel owners were very impressed to have a carpark full of Jaguars!



Eve-Lyn and I explored the stores of Yungaburra while our 'boys' took an afternoon nap, and Eve-Lyn told me some history of the town and the buildings. Local knowledge certainly does enhance a visit to a town, thanks Eve-Lyn. When we returned, a few of us caught up for a chat (with cheese and wine, thanks Julie & Bill).

After a short walk down the hill, we gathered at Nicks Pizza & Pasta Restaurant for dinner. We had 25 people at our table and it was sooooo good to see everyone and have a chance to wander around and chat. I'm pretty sure that our table was not the quietest in the restaurant! ☺



It was a pleasure to meet Julio and his daughter Gina who joined us at Nicks. Julio became the newest member of our great Club at dinner. Julio owns a beautiful convertible XK8. Welcome to the Club Julio.

It was also a pleasure to meet Gary and hear the story of his Daimlers. Unfortunately he wasn't able to bring one for us to drool over on Saturday night. Sorry I didn't get a clear photo of you Gary.



As we were leaving the restaurant, the Chef came and apologised for the delay in getting our meals to us. I don't think any of us noticed 'slow service' because we were busy chatting and laughing. Maybe Bob & Robin and Kay would disagree with this, however, Bob & Robin seem to have "serve me last" signs on them whenever we go for dinner! I'm sure the meal was worth the wait, wasn't it?

Sunday morning is always 'Prowl & Coffee Day', so we all met at Gillies Café for coffee...and more chatting....



before heading off on a very scenic drive to the edge of Lake Tinaroo. A big thank you to Bob & Robin for being our guides and taking us to this lovely spot, I really appreciate your help and local knowledge.



The Bruce Road boat ramp turned out to be the perfect spot for Bernie to capture amazing drone photos of our cars and the surrounding lake (aerial photos by Bernie).



After the photo-shoot we headed in convoy back towards Yungaburra for lunch at the pub. But....some of us couldn't keep up with the leaders of the convoy, because Nigel's classic Jaguar spat the dummy and didn't want to go back to Yungaburra that day.



Doug & I took David & Wendy and Peter back to Yungaburra for lunch, and Jim waited with Nigel until the RACQ flat-bed truck took the classic S-Type back to Jim's property for a sleep-over. We were soon all together and 24 of us enjoyed a very relaxed and fun lunch.

It was a great pleasure to meet James and Tina & Len at lunch. James and Tina have recently joined our Club, Tina was our newest member until Julio joined the previous night! Welcome to our Great Club James and Tina.



L – R: Len, Tina, James, Carmel

James drives a very lovely, rare, manual XJS-C that he has recently been re-united with after it's long trip from UK. Tina drives a beautiful pale blue XJ6 with white leather upholstery.

After a 3-4 hour lunch, local people started to head home. Nigel, Peter Doug & I stayed another night in Yungaburra.

Nigel made some early phone calls on Monday morning and was able to contact Ron Polley at Pro Active mechanics in Tolga and organise for Ron to look at the car that day. Peter headed for home and we headed over to Jim's place to sort out the flat-bed to take the S-Type to Tolga. Thank you for the coffee and all your help Jim.



It turned out that a 'round thing' in the engine was broken and Ron was able to fix it while we waited. Good luck indeed! You'll need to ask Nigel for more details if you don't know what a 'broken round thing' is!! 😊



With the car as good as new, we all headed back home to Townsville. Doug & I followed Nigel for a while just to make sure everything was OK, and it was.

This was truly a magical weekend with perfect weather, terrific company and many happy memories of a great weekend spent with our northern members. Thank you to everyone who was able to spend this time with us.

Check out Bernie's video on our Facebook page if you get a chance – it's brilliant.





Don't Dream It. Drive It!



OUR BEAUTIFUL JAGUARS CHATTING AMONGST THEMSELVES!



Excellent Video by Bernie Holland: Jag run to Yungaburra:

<https://www.facebook.com/100025945625157/videos/1161308911279191>

Nigel Miller - was at Nick's Restaurant Bar & Pizzeria.

Great turnout for a festive supper at Nick's. People came from Cairns, Julatten, Atherton, Yungaburra, Tully, Townsville, Ravenshoe Milla Milla, Malanda - I'm sure I've missed out a few places.



Sunday 27 February - ABD promotion in Flinders Street markets.

A very hot and humid day for our promotion display yesterday. The market-goers showed lots of interest in the cars and All British Day. Several people wanted to have their photos taken in and with our cars, and of course we were happy to oblige!

Thank you to everyone who came along to make our display so eye-catching.



As you can see in one of the photos, the 'boys' were promoting ABD and not just hanging around outside the sex shop....again!



Monthly meetings are held on the **2nd Wednesday** each month at Royal Hotel,
Stagpole Street, West End, 7 pm.

Next meeting: TONIGHT!! WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH 2022



Our hardworking Secretary, Ross Douglas, is still also acting as Treasurer.

Please contact Ross for more details or if you just know you would be purrfect for that position.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Also refer to e-mails, Facebook and Calendar of Events for regular and other events)

All British Day – **Sunday June 5 2022** - 9 am to 2 pm – Strand Park Townsville.



Townsville All British Day, our local British Cultural Festival, is a free event for exhibitors and the general public, proudly hosted by the Jaguar Car Club of Nth Queensland Inc.

Our "All Things British" theme creates a festival atmosphere at this community event, which attracts visitors and exhibitors from all over North Queensland.

We invite all participants to enjoy a day of nostalgia, enlightenment, entertainment and celebration as they experience the traditions of Britain, in particular the achievements of the British Motor Industry.

Saturday and Sunday June 11 and 12!!

This is our annual run, great swap meet and car show!

(shared by Karen Bird)

[Charters Towers Restorers Club](#)

Covid regulations apply.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022

January 2022		February 2022		March 2022		April 2022		May 2022		June 2022	
SAT 1	New Year's Day	TUE 1		TUE 1		FRI 1		SUN 1	Prowl & Coffee	WED 1	Club meeting
SUN 2		WED 2		WED 2		SAT 2		MON 2	Labour Day	THU 2	
MON 3	New Year's Holiday	THU 3		THU 3		SUN 3	Prowl & Coffee	TUE 3		FRI 3	
TUE 4		FRI 4		FRI 4		MON 4		WED 4		SAT 4	
WED 5		SAT 5		SAT 5		TUE 5		THU 5		SUN 5	ABD
THU 6		SUN 6		SUN 6	Prowl & Coffee	WED 6		FRI 6		MON 6	
FRI 7		MON 7		MON 7		THU 7	Melbourne F1 Prowl & Coffee	SAT 7		TUE 7	
SAT 8		TUE 8		TUE 8		FRI 8		SUN 8	Prowl & Coffee	WED 8	State of Origin SYD
SUN 9		WED 9	Club meeting	WED 9	Club meeting	SAT 9		MON 9		THU 9	
MON 10		THU 10		THU 10		SUN 10		TUE 10		FRI 10	
TUE 11		FRI 11		FRI 11		MON 11		WED 11	Club meeting	SAT 11	Charters Towers swap meet
WED 12	Club meeting	SAT 12		SAT 12		TUE 12		THU 12		SUN 12	
THU 13		SUN 13		SUN 13	Prowl & Coffee	WED 13	Club meeting	FRI 13		MON 13	
FRI 14		MON 14		MON 14		THU 14		SAT 14		TUE 14	
SAT 15		TUE 15		TUE 15		FRI 15	Good Friday	SUN 15	Prowl & Coffee	WED 15	
SUN 16		WED 16		WED 16		SAT 16		MON 16		THU 16	
MON 17		THU 17		THU 17		SUN 17		TUE 17		FRI 17	
TUE 18		FRI 18		FRI 18		MON 18	Easter Monday	WED 18		SAT 18	
WED 19		SAT 19	Northern trip	SAT 19	Airlie Beach - Mackay trip	TUE 19		THU 19		SUN 19	Prowl & Coffee
THU 20		SUN 20		SUN 20		WED 20		FRI 20		MON 20	
FRI 21		MON 21		MON 21		THU 21		SAT 21		TUE 21	
SAT 22	Twilight trains 4pm	TUE 22		TUE 22		FRI 22		SUN 22	Prowl & Coffee	WED 22	
SUN 23		WED 23		WED 23		SAT 23		MON 23		THU 23	
MON 24		THU 24		THU 24		SUN 24	ABD promotion at markets	TUE 24		FRI 24	
TUE 25		FRI 25		FRI 25		MON 25	ANZAC Day	WED 25		SAT 25	
WED 26	Australia Day	SAT 26		SAT 26		TUE 26		THU 26		SUN 26	Prowl & Coffee State of Origin Perth
THU 27		SUN 27	ABD promotion at markets	SUN 27	ABD promotion at markets	WED 27		FRI 27		MON 27	
FRI 28		MON 28		MON 28		THU 28		SAT 28		TUE 28	
SAT 29				TUE 29		FRI 29		SUN 29	ABD promotion at markets	WED 29	
SUN 30	ABD promotion at markets			WED 30		SAT 30		MON 30		THU 30	
MON 31				THU 31				TUE 31			

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2022

July 2022		August 2022		September 2022		October 2022		November 2022		December 2022	
FRI 1	Show day	MON 1		THU 1		SAT 1	Cardwell Seafest Queens birthday	TUE 1		THU 1	
SAT 2	(Bris Air Show)	TUE 2		FRI 2	TARGA Cns	SUN 2		WED 2		FRI 2	
SUN 3	Prowl & coffee	WED 3		SAT 3		MON 3		THU 3		SAT 3	T'ville Xmas??
MON 4		THU 4		SUN 4		TUE 4		FRI 4		SUN 4	
TUE 5		FRI 5		MON 5		WED 5		SAT 5		MON 5	
WED 6	Club meeting	SAT 6		TUE 6		THU 6		SUN 6	Prowl & Coffee	TUE 6	
THU 7		SUN 7	Prowl & Coffee	WED 7		FRI 7		MON 7		WED 7	Northern Xmas??
FRI 8		MON 8		THU 8		SAT 8		TUE 8		THU 8	
SAT 9		TUE 9		FRI 9		SUN 9	Prowl & Coffee	WED 9	Club meeting	FRI 9	
SUN 10	Prowl & Coffee	WED 10	Club meeting	SAT 10		MON 10		THU 10		SAT 10	
MON 11		THU 11		SUN 11	Prowl & Coffee	TUE 11		FRI 11		SUN 11	Prowl & Coffee
TUE 12		FRI 12		MON 12		WED 12	Club meeting	SAT 12		MON 12	
WED 13	State of Origin Bris	SAT 13		TUE 13		THU 13		SUN 13	Prowl & Coffee	TUE 13	
THU 14		SUN 14	Cyclones Show n Shine	WED 14	Club meeting	FRI 14		MON 14		WED 14	Club meeting
FRI 15		MON 15		THU 15		SAT 15		TUE 15		THU 15	
SAT 16		TUE 16		FRI 16		SUN 16	Prowl & Coffee	WED 16		FRI 16	
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MON 18		THU 18		SUN 18	Prowl & Coffee	TUE 18		FRI 18		SUN 18	Prowl & Coffee
TUE 19		FRI 19		MON 19		WED 19		SAT 19		MON 19	
WED 20		SAT 20		TUE 20		THU 20		SUN 20	Prowl & Coffee	TUE 20	
THU 21		SUN 21	Prowl & Coffee	WED 21		FRI 21	Tour de Cassowary	MON 21		WED 21	
FRI 22		MON 22		THU 22		SAT 22		TUE 22		THU 22	
SAT 23		TUE 23		FRI 23		SUN 23		WED 23		FRI 23	
SUN 24	Prowl & Coffee	WED 24		SAT 24		MON 24		THU 24		SAT 24	
MON 25		THU 25		SUN 25	Prowl & Coffee	TUE 25		FRI 25		SUN 25	Christmas Day
TUE 26		FRI 26		MON 26		WED 26		SAT 26		MON 26	Boxing Day
WED 27		SAT 27	Innisfail Auto Fest	TUE 27		THU 27		SUN 27	Prowl & Coffee	TUE 27	Christmas Holiday
THU 28		SUN 28		WED 28		FRI 28		MON 28		WED 28	
FRI 29		MON 29		THU 29		SAT 29		TUE 29		THU 29	
SAT 30		TUE 30		FRI 30		SUN 30	Prowl & Coffee	WED 30		FRI 30	
SUN 31	Prowl & Coffee	WED 31				MON 31				SAT 31	