



Cat's Tales

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CHAIRMANS REPORT

Hello All

What a month it has been. After our unofficial Australia Day celebration at my home in Mooloolah Valley we had our first mid-week run in a very long time. This run was organised by Stu and Wendy Gross for Wednesday 14 February, St Valentine's Day, and was an outstanding success (report follows). Such was the success we are planning future mid-week runs. Our next outing was the Noosa boat cruise. Again a lot of fun and I believe a report on this outing is in this magazine. I was very impressed to see Jamie and Deb Cook had pictures of the outing on the JDCQ web site that evening.

One of the stars at the Australia Day meeting at my home was the new F Type belonging to Peter Lehrke. Peter was leaving the next day for "The Sweden ice experience". This is where some brave souls drove Jaguar F Types at frightening speeds on an ice circuit. I was following the fun on Facebook and Peter assures me he was not the one who spun out and had to buy drinks for all attendees. He has agreed to give a report on this event so keep a lookout.

Early February, Joe Day and I travelled to Stanthorpe to recover a 1978 Daimler V12. He was going to use this vehicle as parts for an E Type he is restoring but had decided it is in too good a condition to break. I believe the vehicle is currently for sale. We did the trip in Joe's Jeep Grand Cherokee and I was very impressed at the silence and smoothness of the vehicle. It is far in advance of its Asian competitors.

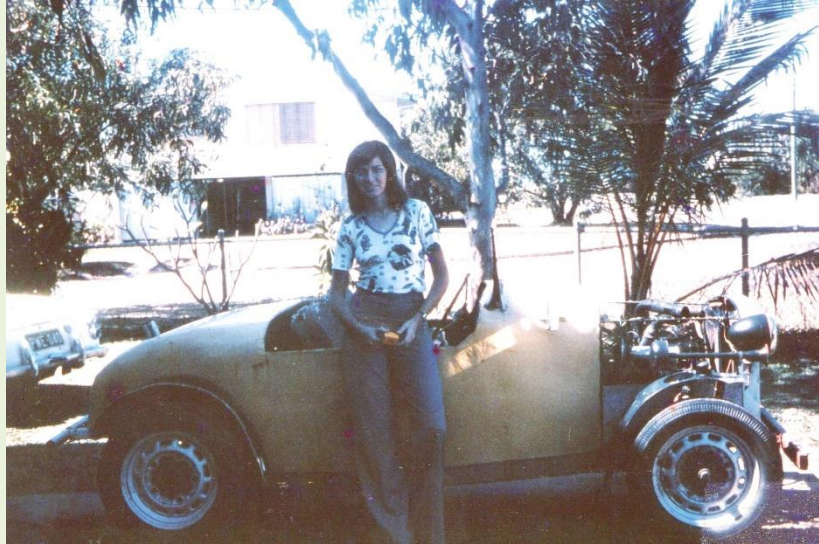
On Monday 19 February, Margaret and Joe with Susan and I did a recon for the St Patrick's Day run. Margaret and Joe arrived at my home in a Morgan sports cars and Susan and I used one on the recon. The power of these cars is unbelievable.



After the experience at Norwell I would say it is equal to the F Type in a straight line. Corners would be a different experience. While climbing the steep hill from Landsborough to Maleny I had moved to the left lane while keeping to the speed limit. Joe was about 75 metres behind and I noticed this slug coloured Camry overtaking Joe and slowly gaining on me. The thought of following that bloated monstrosity was appalling so I matched his speed and stayed ahead. I was still in overdrive and barely on the throttle. The recon was a success and I am sure the St Patrick's day run is one not to be missed. Being in open cars is nothing new to me. I had a Datsun Fair lady in the 1970s and also had a Ford special which I had

built. It did not have the power of the Morgan but was very light and responsive. I would leave Hot Holden's for dead on the twisty bits. The girl was my girlfriend. Wonder what she looks like now?

On Saturday 24th I arrived home from a meeting in Brisbane to be told by Susan a person had rung about a XJS for sale. I returned her call as soon as I got home but she said the car had



been sold to a DEALER. Yes, the *&^%\$ ripped her off as could be expected. If ever you hear of a car or parts, please let me or other club members know. I will put the seller in contact with relevant people and we all win. Being ripped off leaves a lasting sour taste and does no body any good.

Until next time, stay safe.

Lindsay Price
Chairman Sunshine Coast Reg.

What's Been Happening

Valentine's Day Run

Report by *Charlie Provis*

Relaxation and mid-week runs are what retirement is all about. Who doesn't love a start hour of 11:00am? It's coffee by your favourite in-house barista while you lay red-themed outfits on the bed. You savour each mouthful with the luxury of time on your side. Such a delicious dilemma, maybe the ladies should try it too? The late departure also means that you won't get a "tradie" wanting your spot on the road, as he swaps lanes without warning, aiming for the exit lane. With the mobile cradled to his ear, his exasperated face displays a world of difference, in the value placed on the narrowly missed rear guard of your feline fascination.



Red roses and "choccies" were graciously handed on arrival by the directing team. This move had all the trademarks of Wicked Wendy. I was staggered how the foliage retained its zestful good looks through the day. Bad luck for the delicacies though, which wilted quickly in the staggering heat. Later restitution in the fridge solved the problem however. Their firm packaging has gone, but the flavour remains. Actually, I am eating a caramel one now, win for Wen.

Robust words from Co-director Stu Gross, advised all present at the briefing, on the intricates of the run sheet and the protocols of the event. Sandy and I were tail enders with UHF tuned to "girlie chat" channel #19, as is the enshrined custom of the Grosses and the Provi. An institution that shouldn't need restatement, is that the first car on the road is the designer of the event, unless otherwise stated. This simple concept, together with radio communication to the car at the end of the queue, ensures that information flows both ways,

regarding changed road conditions or missing participants. Many car clubs adhere to this procedure, which enhances both on-road safety and clubman-ship benefits for members. Maybe we should follow suit.

Resplendent in the multi coloured, many modelled line that exited Moby Vic's southbound service centre were fourteen cars. Some would be valued at hundreds of thousands, others at only a few. Personal appreciation for the marque however, is summarised on window sticker pictured in last month's Cat's Tales. We motored at a measured pace, a little leisurely for some. It's a difficult call for all, when a car struggles on hills, but club protocol frowns on members breaking rank and overtaking. Our journey of fifty -eight kilometres, indeed saw plenty of hills, requiring frequent gearbox shuffling. We used Steve Irwin Way as a transport section, until more interesting rites of passage unfolded via Peachester and Maleny. Mountain View restaurant was the destined objective, achieved as planned at around midday.

Rehydration after battling the ravages of 35 degrees, were surely foremost on everybody's mind as we entered the Mary Cairncross Reserve driveway. There is the normal expected ritual, of few laps in search of a place to park the car. If your vehicle doesn't sport an air conditioner, you probably drained the water cooler by the open door, when entering the restaurant. At about that point, our bodies unconsciously prepare us, for the delicious chilling blast of the house climate control. As "Sir and Lady Lunch-out-a-lot", we all have an expectation of this "pleasure heightening routine", as part of the eat/drink/talk (EDT)experience, which is why you attend club runs. Only there wasn't any...air conditioning that is. This is a building that wouldn't have two candles on the birthday cake

yet. It is understandable, that the lofty ranges would normally supply sufficient breezes to cool customers. There are days however, when the excesses of heat and humidity, demand refrigerated relief. What were the designers thinking of?



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- *Enjoying lunch regardless of the heat! 1*



Rousing cheer regaled Laurie and Susan Pearce efforts rewarded by a good bottle of bubbly for the best dressed Valentine's couple award.

Lindsay Price, in a short speech, thanked Wendy and Stu for the run, roses, chocolates and attention to detail that makes them good directors.

Post EDT we scurried to our cars to avoid the forecast afternoon storm, which certainly didn't figure where we live.



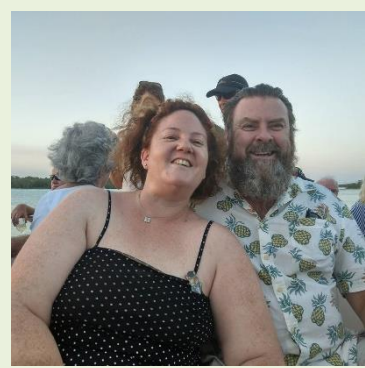
People enjoying St Valentine's Day



Noosa River Sunset Cruise

A big 'thank you' to Corrie Parkinson for again organising the Noosa River sunset Cruise.

As the pictures show everyone who went enjoyed the journey, the company and the sunset!

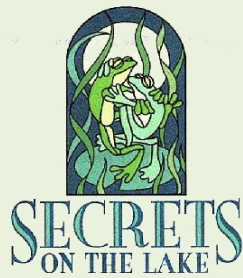


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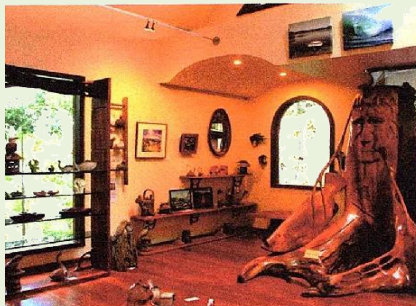
18th March: St Patrick's Day Run (Marg and Joe Day)

12th-20th April: Jaguar Nationals and After Rally in Adelaide

18th April: Club Run. (John and Debbie Herbert) see below.



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PRELIMINARY NOTICE - April event Wednesday 18th April

Meet at Maroochydore Botanical Gardens 10am for Morning

Tea/Coffee (BYO)

Depart for Lunch at "SECRETS ON THE LAKE" Montville