



CAT'S TALES

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Welcome to the 2020 driving year!

Great to see so many members attending our first two events for the year.

Australia Day 26th January 2020- at Lindsay and Susan's home

ANOTHER GREAT JAGUAR AUSTRALIA DAY ... *Helen Parmenter*



Twenty-five Sunshine Coast members arrived to a splendidly decorated patio at Lindsay and Susan's Mooloolaba Valley home to celebrate Australia Day. Aussie flags flew in abundance! To test our true allegiance as Aussies Debbie greeted us by applying an Aussie tattoo for the day.

It was interesting to see those who were decked out in Green and Gold, such as Sandra Bathe and John Cocciabello, whilst others such as



Marg and Joe Day and Lyn Hausmann kept to the traditional red, white and blue.



We entertained ourselves with an Aussie version of quoits. Members were given 4 chances to pot a man's rubber thong into a car tyre at a distance. It was more difficult than it looked, and Dianne became desperate she whipped off her pretty silver thongs for an extra two attempts! The celebrated winners were Bob Lewis who miraculously potted no less than two thongs. Lyn Hausmann and Sandra Bathe were both recognised with second place, potting one each. We were grateful to the two umpires Lindsay and Joe for supervising the contestants.



On the sidelines, Barry Shaw entertained some of us with his story of a carpet snake in the engine bay, which couldn't pass the spanner because it was "armless". As we didn't laugh quite robustly enough, he moved onto recounting the trials and tribulations which arise from his ownership of a '65 Jaguar S.

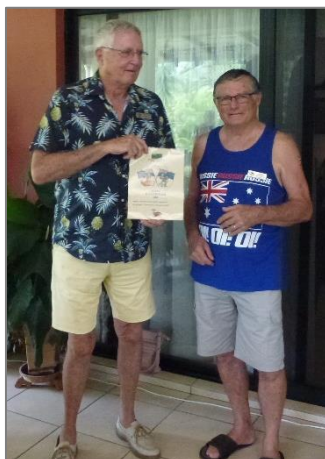
Joe quickly adapted to the role of MasterChef behind the Weber ably assisted by leading hand Lindsay. Hearty Aussie tucker in the form of chicken kebabs, sausages and rissoles were soon tantalising our taste buds. Whilst waiting for the BBQ, Marg, Susan, Debbie and Gen put out an array of tempting salads. Scrumptious desserts followed to make us feel especially privileged to have such an enjoyable day, courtesy of our club.



Your writer just happened to notice that Joe Day has trained his wife Marg so well, she dutifully brought him a brimming plate of delicious desserts. Joe had worked hard - but Marg - we don't want the other husbands to get fancy expectations! Our macho-muscle-man (formerly known as Treasurer John) dressed in an appropriate blue Aussie singlet to earn his tucker by tidying up.

The gathering was called to order by President Lindsay, who introduced Treasurer John to present some Australia Day awards as follows:

- To Richard and Lynn Hausmann for their continuing contribution to oil companies by driving long distances to so many club events.
- To Susan Price for always having craft items for raffles/prizes at club events
- To Barry Shaw for his contribution to the road service industry
- To Joe Day for being "Auctioneer Extraordinaire"
- To Ian McKinney for his contribution to mechanics



Members gratefully farewelled our magnificent hosts Lindsay and Susan, Joe and Marg and purred away in our Jaguars after a very happy day.

In closing, I would like to bring members' attention to a happy occasion coming up for our Treasurer John Herbert and his wife Debbie who are off to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on 7th February in the Blue Mountains with their wedding party, and also to acknowledge the milestone birthday of Richard Hausmann on 10th January. Best wishes to them all.







St Valentine's Day Run 14th February- *Stu and Wendy Gross*

St Valentine's Day is a special one for Stu and me so when we lead a run on this day we try to make it special for everyone who attends. It seems we succeeded, starting with the sunshine after a very dreary and damp week.

Seventeen cars arrived for morning tea at Skippy Park; another four cars joined later for lunch.



Morning tea adhered to the theme of the day-heart shaped chocolate covered cakes, heart shaped scones and heart shaped scones laid out on a red cloth decorated with roses. You can only get away with this much kitsch on such a day. In case significant others had forgotten, every lady received at least one rose, and each man, some chocolates to share.



In keeping with the theme of the day we had a couple of special, red cars, an E-type and an XK.



From Skippy Park we travelled up the hill to Peachester, wound through Bald Knob Rd to the Maleny-Landsborough Rd, then across the mountain to Montville before winding down to Palmwoods, through Chevallum, up to Buderim before descending to the Maroochy Bridge Hotel for lunch. What a change a couple of weeks and serious rain can make! The smoky air had cleared away to allow

crystal clear views and the hillsides were emerald green. These roads are always scenic but this day they surpassed themselves.

Debbie and John Herbert had made the lunch tables a bit special, too, with a heart shaped little pillow and Valentine's Day greeting.

Judging by the noise and the subsequent emails and phone calls, everyone seemed to enjoy catching up with old and new friends.

Wendy Gross



Welcome

It was a pleasure to welcome Beverley and Nigel Sutherland on their first run with the Register



DON'T GIVE UP



I recently had a lesson in not giving up which I thought I would share.

Over the last weekend of October the Bribie Is. Sailing Club had a Regatta for Trailer Sail boats of all classes. There were to be 2 races on Saturday and 1 on Sunday. Most boats moored in Pacific Harbour Marina on Friday ready for Saturday's races.

My brother moored his old 18 ft. plywood Hartley "Groper" and we both then checked out the competition. There were some really special racing boats with all the good gear- carbon fibre masts and racing sails. Although we have won races here before we both thought we did not have a hope this time.

On Saturday the first race was from the Bridge to Mission Pt. There

were to be 4 classes with 5 minute, 2 minute 2 minute handicap for the various classes. The wind was ENE at 7 to 10 Knots. Being an old Hartley we were in the first class with 26 boats competing overall. We won the start and were off. Light wind is where the Hartley performs best but being a beat to windward it would be hard work. I was down in the cabin most of the time working out compass courses correcting for leeway on each leg. At no time did we have to tack and the distance between us and the fleet grew longer. We won that race outright.

Race 2 was back to the bridge and the wind had increased 10 to 15. That favoured the larger boats but we still won the start and were the first mono hull to complete the race. Sunday was a course around the beacons at the bottom of the passage upstream of the bridge. The wind was still ENE but gusting to about 20 Knots, a bit much for the



poor old Hartley. Again we won the start and lead for the first half of the first lap of the course. After that with the increasing wind we were easily beaten by the larger boats. We won our class but were a long way behind the Cats and Trys.

Later in the day we had a BBQ at the Bribie Sailing Club and the prizes were given out. If you would have said to me on Friday that we would be overall winner I would not have believed you. We are no strangers to winning with the funniest being the 1984 Inter service ([Army, Navy, RAAF) sailing in Moreton Bay. On this

occasion the race was from off Manly around Green, Saint Halina and Mud islands twice. My brother was approached by the Commanding Officer at the end of the first day.



"Flight Seargent, I have been informed by the committee that you are not in the spirit of the race," he said.

Brother replied, "Sorry Sir".

"Yes, you were observed baiting and setting crab pots before the race start".

"Sorry Sir."

"Moreover you were observed hauling, clearing and resetting the pots during the race. Not the done thing you know."

"Sorry again Sir, but please remind me who won? "

My brother had by more than 20 minutes even after stops. The others had misread the weather and went the wrong way around the course.

As for why my brother's boat is called "Groper" All of the Teak trim came from the old steam dredge "Groper".

Lindsay Price



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