

CAT'S TALES

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Jaguar Drivers' Club Queensland Inc
Sunshine Coast Register **May 2021**



This Month:

- Coming events
- Mad May Meander
- Members' Tales (p.8) (please keep your stories rolling in)

Coming Events:

June Sunday 13th Lunch at Hell Town Hotrods. Please contact Bob & Sherril Lewis boblewis405@gmail.com. Family and friends are also welcome. The information flyer and menu are at pages 6 & 7.

Note: Ian McKinney has advised the trip to Coffs Harbour proposed for October this year has been postponed. The proposal will be reviewed later this year.

A May Mad Meander

(Ed. Many thanks to Wendy Gross for this trip report)

Trip participants wish to heap great thanks and praise on Vicki and Ian McKinney and Gen and Tony Brett for organising this fun adventure

Just about right on schedule 13 cars left Landsborough for our adventure after the usual pre run socialising and briefing from Ian.



And a fine procession it was, too.

Mad May Meander to Warwick (cont.)

We followed a straightforward route up the mountain to Peachester, down the mountain to Woodford and then through Kilcoy to Esk for our first stop and first round of eating at the Esk Bakery. Andrew and Cheryl and Darryl and Christine from the Gold Coast Register joined us there.



Once the last of the coffee was downed and the scone crumbs finished, we set off again, through Esk and then along by farms towards Gatton and onwards through Clifton to Leyburn. These are roads many of us have travelled over the last few years but, with the recent rains, the land has never looked greener or more lush and was glowing in the lovely sunshine. Well, it was brilliant sunshine until we headed west towards Leyburn and then there were very dark and very threatening clouds on the horizon.



It was rather dark inside the historic Leyburn Hotel and soon we discovered why. They had just lost power in a recent thunderstorm and were using power from the generator to cook our previously ordered lunches. We were able to order drinks so all was well. While we lunched another storm came and went so we had no difficult road conditions to deal with.

Mad May Meander to Warwick (cont.)

The group enjoyed a short drive to Warwick for our overnight stay. A few of us stayed with the leaders while they wrestled with ordering three dozen pizzas from Dominos in Warwick for our dinner. That match lasted over 20 minutes but our eternal Mr Fun Ian emerged smiling.



Most of the party were staying at the Buckaroo Motor Inn and that became party central. Di and Roger were waiting there for us and we now numbered 34! It wasn't long before Happy Hour (or should that be "Happy Hours") began. Yes, there were nibbles but most were still getting over lunch and morning tea and saving themselves for the promised pizza which Sunshine Coast Register was generously providing. Ian excels as a Master of Ceremonies and did so again. He had prepared a pictorial trivia (so Google would be of no help at all) and divided us into teams. A lot of fun! The pizzas arrived and, again, we did what Jag club members do very well, eat.

The local paper turned up early on Thursday morning so we made the news in Friday's paper. Most of the group were sleeping/breakfasting/ staying warm when that occurred so a group photo was taken just before leaving on the day's journey.



Thursday's excursion was to Killarney and another beautiful drive it was, too. One could almost be forgiven for thinking we were in Ireland itself, so emerald green was the countryside. Of course, there was eating at the local café, there were antiques to be appreciated and for a few diehard op shoppers, a very nice Vinnies.



Mad May Meander to Warwick (cont.)

After Killarney there were many options. Some went to the beautiful Queen Mary Falls which were flowing well, some went touring and some returned to Warwick to explore. The afternoon was free time. Did you know there are 6 op shops in Warwick? Gen and I went to them all. Warwick has some beautiful and impressive buildings well worth the walk around town.



The final dinner was at another historic hotel, the Warwick Hotel.

Complete with a birthday cake for Gen.



Friday morning came too soon and it was time to bid our farewells and return home.



From Wendy: A big thanks to Ian and Vicki and Tony and Gen for a great trip which was relaxed, scenic and social.

A JAGUAR on a tilt tray?

by John Herbert

I have been a Jaguar owner for the past 30 yrs and believe it or not have not had roadside assistance membership in any form. From memory I have perhaps not had this service available since the late 1970's.

During those many years I have been lucky enough perhaps to have always arrived at my destination, albeit having carried out an appropriate roadside repair or a very gentle drive utilizing one's mechanical empathy.

Unfortunately my current XJR (96 XJR) recently succumbed to a trip on a tilt tray.

After a recent trip to Rainbow Beach, groaning from the steering department led me to check the power steering reservoir (level had never seemed to vary) and to my dismay the level had indeed reduced considerably, despite no evidence of any fluid leaks from either the steering rack or associated hoses.

My suspicion was a leak from the rack end with the displaced fluid leaking into the rubber rack boot.

A subsequent local short journey from Peregrine Springs to Maroochydore with the thought of the leak materialising certainly worked.

Approaching Cotton Tree the steering became extremely heavy. Anyone who has experienced an engine cut out/stall and loss of power steering will relate to my experience.

Fluid in the reservoir appeared now to be disappearing at an alarming rate, and a check of the left side rack boot revealed a boot blown up like a balloon which in itself is a testimony to the strength and sealing ability of the humble cable ties used to secure these boots. Power steering fluid leaks are often similar to a small engine oil leak and provided one monitors and replenishes the fluid regularly can be tolerated for many kilometres before drastic action is required. Not this leak - after refilling the reservoir I managed to leave a distinct oil trail from Cotton Tree to my daughter's house in central Maroochydore.

Here I decided that unless I managed to rig up a suitable continual supply of fluid into the reservoir I would not be driving back home to Peregrine Springs.

A quick phone call and an hour later the car and I were aboard a tilt tray.

In defence of Jaguar reliability I must point out that the said steering rack (a German ZF rack & common to many makes) had been completely overhauled only 4 yrs before by a Brisbane workshop and I was somewhat suspicious of what I considered premature failure.

After I removed the rack, completed by morning tea the following day I had it repaired by a local steering expert workshop. Their pull down revealed a damaged seal which they suggested may well have occurred during the Brisbane overhaul. It is probable that insufficient care was taken when inserting the shaft through the seal in question during the overhaul.

Luckily reinstallation was completed in time for our "Mad May meander" to Warwick and I am pleased to advise 96XJR performed faultlessly on the event, no tilt tray required.



SUNDAY
June 13th

HELL TOWN HOT RODS

1009 Old Bruce Highway, Kybong, Gympie.
Lunch and Live 'Rock 'n' Roll" music.

MEET there for 10.30am sit down.
Outside venue and being start of winter
you may need warm clothes.

BOOKINGS a MUST by 6th June
To Book email
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Check them out on Facebook
HELL TOWN HOTRODS





Trip to Hell Town

Sunday 13th June

Following on from the Flyer:- Meet across the road from the Post Office in Eumundi

9.00am for a 9.30 am departure. Taking a leisurely drive through the Hinterland, approximately one hour, arriving at Hell Town around 10.30am. (that was easy maths).

Arriving there Take a seat (should be reserved sign on tables) When you are ready orders for coffee and lunch are inside on the upper level. Orders for Drinks are inside on the lower level.

Seating is outside, warm clothing may be required. If the weather is not so good seating will be inside, (I hope).

Rock 'n' Roll from around 11.00am. Below is the current menu, this may change by June.

Bookings please email — boblewis405@gmail.com

Sherril and Bob.

Jaguars from the North may go direct to venue. But please still book.

<h3>Burgers</h3> <p><i>*all burgers come with a side of fries*</i></p> <p>Dodge \$7 Streaky bacon, Fried egg</p> <p>Thunderbird \$17.50 Crumbed chicken breast, american cheese, lettuce, tomato</p> <p>Belair \$18.50 Beef patty, onion, american cheese, lettuce, tomato</p> <p>Cadillac \$21 Beef patty, streaky bacon, american cheese, tomato, relish, fried egg, lettuce</p> <p>Corvair \$17.50 Veggie patty, lettuce, tomato, red onion</p>	<h3>Ribs</h3> <p>BBQ pork ribs with fries & salad</p> <p>Full rack \$25.50</p> <p>Half rack \$15.50</p>	<h3>Hot dogs</h3> <p>Desoto \$8 Classic frank, Fresh bun</p> <p>Extras - Bacon - \$1 cheese, onion - 50 cents each</p> <p>New yorker \$11.50 New york style frank, streaky bacon, american cheese, onion, tomato relish</p>
<h3>Sides</h3> <p>Fries \$6 Made fresh to order</p> <p>Loaded fries \$10 Fries, bacon, mexican cheese, sour cream</p> <p>Onion rings \$7</p>	<h3>Kids menu</h3> <p>Impala cheeseburger \$12.50 Beef patty, cheese, ketchup</p> <p>Morris minor \$7 Kids frank, cheese, ketchup</p> <p>Pinto \$9 chicken nuggets and fries</p>	
<p>Sauces: Hickory BBQ, ketchup, sweet chilli, mustard, tomato relish, aoli, hot sauce, american ranch</p>		



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