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SMC - Central Park Café, Maitland



Report and photos by Barry Melville

Nineteen members attended the March Saturday Morning Coffee at Central Park Cafe, Maitland, on 2nd March. Saturday morning Coffee is always a good time for JDCHR members to gather and share jokes, catch up on information and friendships.

The venue was bright and had plenty of room to move with views of the nearby park land.

The fine weather made the Café's outdoor area a pleasure to enjoy - the service, food variety and as usual, the good company of friends.

A few members enjoyed breakfast while they were there. Service was excellent, food delicious and the staff were very helpful.

Cheers - Barry



Club members, Sue and Richard Morris at Saturday Morning Coffee.



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SMC - Central Park Cafe



Above: Graeme Cox and Kerry Jarman

Below: Elaine and Martin Dickinson at Saturday Morning Coffee in Maitland.





SMC - Central Park Cafe



Richard and Sue Morris' beautiful 2018 F-Type Jaguar.



Saturday Morning Coffee

Table 1 Espresso

15 Park Road, Speers Point

Saturday, 6th April, 2024



Please email . . .

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To let us know you are coming, so the café can staff and cater for us.

Please don't turn up on the day unbooked.



March MOUR - Bistro Eden



A beautiful day for a run, especially when the morning tea was at Market Street Café, at Wangi. The lake was glistening in the sun as were the Jaguars.

Twenty members attended the event. The coffees were very nice, in large cups and piping hot.

We had a good run to Cooranbong for lunch at Bistro Eden. This was a large venue, tucked away in the Cooranbong 'backwaters' of small-acre blocks and was surrounded by lovely gardens and water features. It is a hidden gem where we could sit inside or out in the gardens. *(Cont. P15)*



JDCHR members enjoying the hospitality at Bistro Eden, Cooranbong.

Welcome

The Club committee, on behalf of all members, would like to extend a warm welcome to
#608 - **Kim Agnew** (1977 XJ6 Orange)

#609 - **Allan (David) and Robyn Jones** (2007 XK Jaguar, Blue)

We hope you enjoy your participation in our Club and we look forward to your company.





MUR - Bistro Eden



Grand Marshall, Barry Melville with Point Secretary, Martin Dickinson. President Darren Burgess and Secretary Paul Tipper deep in conversation.

Mid-week Run Inner Light Tea Rooms

Nelson Bay
10th April, 2024



Lunch Menu

Available from 9.00am to 3.00pm

Avocado smash	House made beans
Corn fritters	Smoked salmon salad
Chicken salad	Smoked salmon bagel
Beef Burger	Chicken and asparagus crepes
Focaccias	Fresh and toasted sandwiches
BYO Alcohol	



Meet at Hexham, Service Station at 9.45
Leave at 10.00am

Morning tea at Common Grounds Café, 142 Swan St, **Morpeth**, for morning tea at 10.30am

11.15 –Travel to Nelson Bay for lunch at Inner Light Tearooms - 5a Lighthouse Road, **Nelson Bay**, arriving approx. 11.30am-
-A look around the grounds and lunch at 12-00

Email ... social@jaguarhunter.org.au to let us know you are coming



from P13)

The lunch menu was quite limited, so many members chose the battered flathead and chips which, turned out to be a wonderful choice. Apparently, the restaurant is busy for breakfasts most days. They have a wide range of breakfast goodies, using local fresh produce, where possible. We were delighted to see another car club, the Maitland Classic Car Club, at the venue. They had a lovely range of classic cars, but the jewel in the crown was one Daimler amongst them.

This was a good venue, with plenty of room to move and we had a quiet section of the room to discuss the run. One of our Jaguars ceased forward motion through the township and, unfortunately, our member had to wait for the tow truck. Who could this have been?

*Right:
Treasurer Bernard and
Elizabeth Murray at Bistro
Eden.*



*Below:
A lovely line-up of Jaguars
at morning tea at Market
Street Café, Wangi.*





JDCR Observation Rally

First of all, a big thank you to Ben and Lucy for organizing an outstanding run. The 2024 Observation Rally commenced from Greg's Espresso Café at Pokolbin. We had coffee and collected our instructions, which were provided in an envelope with a 'growler' on the front.

One of our members (who normally phones Peter McDonald to find out why he is late, lost or still in bed) was running late. Peter took great delight in ringing this member to find out why he was late, lost or still in bed. What a funny situation.

We took a quick look at our instructions, collected our bag of lollies from the bonnets of our cars (thank you, Ian) and we were off. Unfortunately, those driving non-Jaguars were not recognized as members and had to seek out their own lollies.

The route took us through rolling hillsides, wineries and a surprise visit to Luskintyre Airfield, which is the home to many Tiger Moth aircraft. In the hanger there was a fantastic display of old planes.

While most members had visited Pokolbin and the vineyards before, the route took us through the less travelled roads, winding through the hinterlands. The questions were well

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JDCHR Observation Rally



spaced and there was a variety of tasks, one being to take a photo of your car and team with another team. This required another team to assist, and because we were travelling on a small circuit, there was no, problem meeting up with other teams. The interaction, just made the day and it was smiles all round.

We also had an opportunity to pass other members going the wrong way (or was it us?) At one point, Ian, who was behind Paul Tipper at a T-intersection, deliberately put his indicator to the right, knowing full well we were to go left. Paul changed his indicator to the right and then thought better, hmmm, Ian is giving me a 'red herring'.

The back page of the quiz had some extra point questions, the withdrawal of points if your answers were over the quota and finally we had to draw a Jaguar. A few members thought a 'growler' would be easier than a 'leaper' ...difficult to say.

The rally finished at Harrigan's Irish Pub, not far from where we started. We had a lovely position on a huge table and we were able to debrief, discussing some of the more difficult questions. Brian Dixon believed that Ian and I had an added advantage as we had an extra team member, our cocker spaniel, Jimmy. I can assure everyone that Jimmy was too busy looking at the inside of his eyelids for most of the trip. What a great rally in every aspect.

Winners on the day were Harrison and Jess Saladine 1st; Mark and Margaret Perry 2nd and Martin Dickinson and Darren Burgess 3rd.

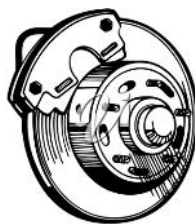
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Technical Day

Saturday, 13th April, 2024

At Mark Perry's garage

3 Regal Place, Seaham



9.30 am start

12.30 Barbecue lunch (provided by JDCHR)

Please bring plates, cutlery, chairs etc.

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JDCR Observation Rally



Above: Ben Sagar-Haller announcing the results to the day's entrants after lunch at Harrigan's Irish Pub.

Below: (l to r) Ian Vaughan's XF-S, Paul Tipper's XJS and Harrison Saladine's XJ40.





JDCR Observation Rally



One of the tasks was to stop at a particular park and have your photo taken with another team. It proved a very popular endeavour with much interaction between teams.

Lake Mac Autumn Fair

Saturday, 4th May, 2024

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9am – 3pm
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8.30am please.

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JDCR Observation Rally



Amanda Cryer with Mark and Margaret Perry.

JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB HUNTER REGION

May Mid Week Run

The Fat Goose Café

1 Killcare Road, Killcare

Wednesday, 8th May



Meet at Ampol Twin Servo Wyong, Southbound at 9.00am for 9.15 departure.

Travel to Ourimbah and Lisarow. Turn left at The Ridgeway Road (opp. Lisarow Railway Stn)

Continue through Matcham/Holgate to The Entrance Road. Turn right.

Turn left at Terrigal Drive, towards Terrigal.

Turn right at Charles Kay Drive (just before Terrigal High School)

At top of the hill, turn right on Scenic Drive.

At Kincumber roundabout, take 1st exit (left) onto Empire Bay Drive

At next roundabout, take 1st exit (left) onto The Scenic Road

Continue to Killcare and The Fat Goose Café.

After morning tea, continue to Swansea via The Entrance, Norah Head, Elizabeth Bay, Swansea



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Left:
Paul Tipper and
Elizabeth Murray viewing
the collection of Tiger
Moths in the hangar.



Below:
Brian Dixon with his
observer, and grandson,
Fletcher Morris.



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JDCAR Observation Rally



*Much discussion followed lunch. Clockwise: President Darren Burgess, Grand Marshall, Barry Melville, Secretary, Paul Tipper, and Peter Adams.
Below: New member, Kim Agnew's orange 1977 XJ6L.*





JDCHR 2024

Mary Cox Memorial Rally



Fri. 24th May – Sun. 26th May

**Canberra
and Surrounds**

Meet:

Twin Servos, Wyong, Southbound 9.00am
Leave 9.30am Travel to Highlands Golf Club, Mittagong, for lunch.

Continue scenic route to Canberra via

- Mittagong
- Bowral
- Bundanoon
- Tallong
- Marulan
- Bungonia
- Tarago
- Bungendore
- Queanbeyan
- Canberra

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If you would like to join us.



JDCHR to Hawks Nest MotorFest



*U*nder sunny skies on Saturday, 9th March, we assembled at 12-mile Creek rest area to travel to the 2024 Hawks Nest MotorFest. We probably disturbed the overnight campers there with the influx of our Jaguars.

Most members arrived earlier than the agreed meeting time but, unusual to his form, Mr Dickinson was a little late, so on his drive through and brief discussion we set off and headed toward our destination at a good pace.

With the sun hitting the windscreen, it was shades down and sun glasses on.

We arrived at Hawks Nest in brilliant sunshine after little delay getting into the ground. Due to our early arrival we had a relatively open field to drive across. When we found our designated display area we met up with our local fellow club members, and the job of parking our cars was done. We had ten cars ranging from Leyland Rix's E Type to Yosef Al Ghanim's XE. We settled in with the pergolas going up and the tables and chairs appearing out of boots everywhere.

As the numbers attending increased so did the temperature, as the sun become quite warm. During the morning it was announced that registrations for the event had reached 400 and I was later talking to one of the officials who said that the ground was pretty close to full house. This was a sample of some of the best show cars in the Hunter Valley and north coast.

We had a large cross section of Jaguar models with many people stopping to look and admire the display, asking many questions and taking special photos.

As usual the standards were high between all the motoring clubs and there were some very nice cars on show, even a Ford Thunderbird wagon compete with surfboard (anybody for a surf?) even though it was bolted to the racks.

The day was a success for our club when we took out Best Group Display. Well done to all members attending for such a high quality of cars being displayed and for the time you all spend preparing your cars so they look their best.

The day was also a success for JDCHR as we gained two new members, Kim Agnew (XJ6L) from Medowie and David and Robin Jones (2007 XK) from Tea Gardens.

So after a great day it was time to set off to our respective homes after packing everything away for another year

Another beautiful and memorable day for the JDCHR.

Barry Melville





Looking Back - Max Conquers Gnoo Blas



From the diary of *Tan Hissey*

Max Paterson was an enthusiastic member of the JDCHR, being heavily involved with the club in all his years of membership, and it was a sad day when Max died in June 2013.

Max was a keen Concours participant, both showing his Jaguar, and judging for the JDCHR and JDCA.



Max's early years with Jaguar started in the 1950's, with a Mk V and a Mk VII, then in 1955 he ordered a specially-modified-engined competition XK140 from the factory in England, and proceeded to set the race tracks ablaze.



1955 NSW & HVSCC Hill Climb Championships, held at King Edward Park, Newcastle was one of Max's first shakedown trials to get to know the XK140.

Max took first in the Closed Car Class and broke the class record - the first of many.

Quite different to today - hay bales, people standing on edge of track, slightest slip, you're over the edge!

Another shakedown trial getting to know the XK140, here at a 1955 Gymkhana at Tomago.

Every month was an event at Tomago and Ringwood which also saw our JDCHR member Norm Crowfoot compete in his TR4 and later his D Type replica. Norm also competed at Gnoo Blas, Mt Druitt, Bathurst and King Edward Park with Max.





Looking Back - Max Conquers Gnoo Blas

In 1956 Max also raced at Bathurst, here coming up to The Cutting, winning his class and setting a lap record.



In 1959 Max again entered the Gnoo Blas South Pacific Racing Championships, and both won the final and improved his previous lap record.



Australian Jack Brabham became famous winning the 1959 World Formula 1 Championship. Jack had begun his career in speedcars, winning the Australian Speedcar Championship in 1948, 49, 50 and 1951. He then turned his eye to circuit racing, and competed at various tracks, including Gnoo Blas from its opening in 1953 through to 1959.



In 1959 Jack entered the South Pacific Championship for racing cars at Gnoo Blas in his Cooper T45 Coventry Climax, and as the commentator said, won by a country mile from Whiteford in the Maserati.



In 2010, Sir Jack Brabham was guest speaker at the Gnoo Blas 60th reunion, and after his speech, it was with tingles up our spines as we watched him call up old foes from those years racing at Gnoo Blas, including our own Max Paterson.

Our whole JDCHR contingent, I'm convinced, shouted the loudest!






Looking Back - Max Conquers Gnoo Blas



1960 dawned, and Max continued on his winning way at the Gnoo Blas South Pacific Racing Championships, winning the final and again improving his previous lap record.

1960 also saw the introduction of the Australian Touring Car Championship at Gnoo Blas. It was an amazing sight to see the starting grid with three Jaguars on front row, David McKay Mk1, Bill Pitt Mk1 and Ron Hodgson Mk1.

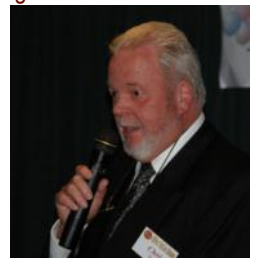


Pos.	No.	Driver	Entrant	Car	Laps	Time/Retired
1	71	 David McKay	D. McKay	Jaguar Mark 1 3.4	20	54:19
2	34	 Bill Pitt	Mrs Anderson	Jaguar Mark 1 3.4	20	+6.00
3	69	 Ron Hodgson	Strathfield Motors	Jaguar Mark 1 3.8	20	+1:23



After many victories, David McKay sold the Mk1, known as the "Grey Pussy" because of its colour of sponsor Ampol, to Ron Hodgson. Then sold to Pete Geoghegan, winning twenty seven and was second in thirteen out of 42 races between 1960 and 1963. Forty first and second places from 42 starts an amazing record. The Grey Pussy has been owned by JDCA member Chris Haigh for many years and campaigned in Historic races.

Members who attended the JDCHR 25th Anniversary Dinner in May 2008 will remember Chris Haig was our guest speaker. Chris, member of the JDCA in 1983 provided invaluable assistance to JDCHR #1 badge holder Tony Herald, Kevin Buckley, Des Ellis and all the others in establishing the JDCHR as a club in its own right.



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Yes, the JDCA Mountain Rally is on again. This year we travel over great touring roads of the Central West which we have not covered for many years.

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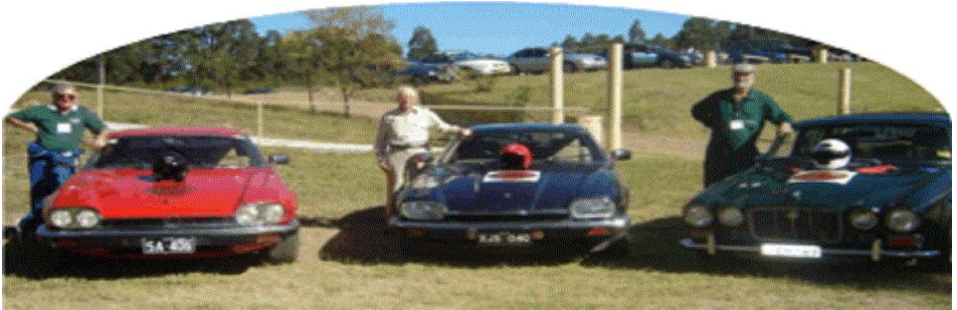
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Looking Back - Max Conquers Gnoo Blas



Max sold the XK140 in the 60's to a friend to fund his business expansion, on the understanding it could only be sold back to him. Max still maintained an interest in competing, and it was a great pleasure to partner Max and Don Anderson at the 2006 Jaguar National Rally Sporting Event, where we won the Perpetual Trophy.



Above, a beaming Max with Ian Hissey and Don Anderson with their individual trophies and (right) then-president Darren Burgess receiving the Perpetual Trophy for the Club.



In 2012 Max was able to buy back his beloved XK140 and proudly show it. For the JDCHR 30th Anniversary Dinner in May 2013, Ron Gaudion, the only Jaguar Engineer to work with all three Le Mans winning D-Types, was our guest speaker. Ron returned to Brisbane and restored his own XK140, Mk2 and other Jaguars.

It was amazing to see Max and Ron reunited, and after they had a fast run together in the XK140, getting out with smiles as big as can be, exclaiming "we haven't driven that fast since the 60's!"



We at the JDCHR are extremely lucky that Max has passed custodianship of his XK140 to grandson Mark Brimble, who continues to show the car at our various events. It is wonderful that a winning car from the 50's and 60's has survived and can be appreciated by many people, especially the young.

This is why Gnoo Blas is in the JDCHR DNA.

Ian Hissey





Club Calendar - 2024

April

Sat.	6th	*	SMC - Table 1 Espresso, Speers Point (See flyer p12)
Wed.	10th	*	MWR - Inner Light Tea Rooms, Nelson Bay (See flyer p14)
Fri.-Mon.	12-15th	**	2024 Jaguar National Rally - Tasmania
Sat.	13th	*	Technical Day - Seaham (See flyer p17)
Wed.	24th	*	JDCHR Monthly Meeting - Wallsend Diggers 7.30pm
Sat.	27th	**	JDCHR All British Day - Newcastle Foreshore (See flyer p18)

May

Sat.	4th	*	Lake Mac Autumn Fair - Speers Point (See flyer p20)
Wed.	8th	*	MWR - Killcare MT & Swansea RSL lunch (See flyer p21)
Fri-Sun	24-26th	**	Mary Cox Memorial Rally - Canberra (See flyer p26)
Wed.	29th	*	JDCHR Monthly Meeting - Wallsend Diggers 7.30pm

June

Sat.	1st	*	SMC - Mawson's Caves Beach
Wed.	12th	*	MWR - Karuah RSL
Sun.	16th	**	JDCHR Economy Run
Wed.	26th	*	JDCHR Monthly Meeting - Wallsend Diggers 7.30pm

July

Sat.	6th	*	SMC - Belmont 16' Sailing Club.
Wed.	10th	*	MWR - Boathouse Hotel, Patonga
Wed.	31st	*	JDCHR Monthly Meeting - Wallsend Diggers 7.30pm

August

Sat.	3rd	*	SMC - Elma's Cafe
Wed.	14th	*	MWR - TBA
Wed.	26th	*	JDCHR AGM and Monthly Meeting - Wallsend Diggers 7.30pm

* Denotes Point Score Event

** Denotes Club Championship Event



Alternate Calendar - 2024



May		
Sat.-Sun	18-19th	Magic Metal Motoring Club Motor Show - East Kurrajong Ph: 4576 5031
Sun	19th	National Motoring Heritage Day - Berry NSW Email: davidamullinger@gmail.com
Fri-Sun.	24-26th	JDCA Mountain Rally (See flyer p32)
Aug.		
Sun.	25th	Shannon's Classic - Eastern Creek

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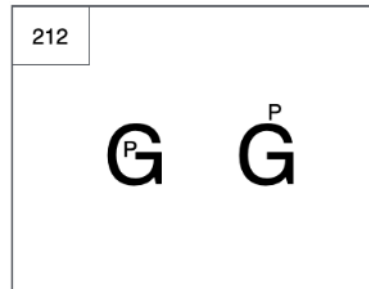
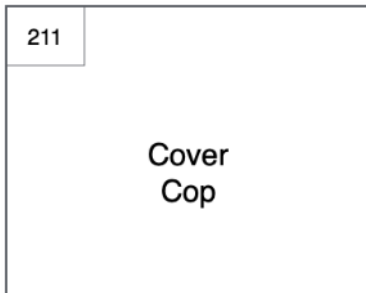
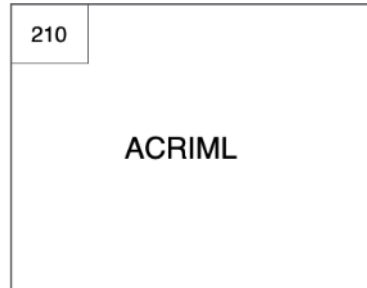
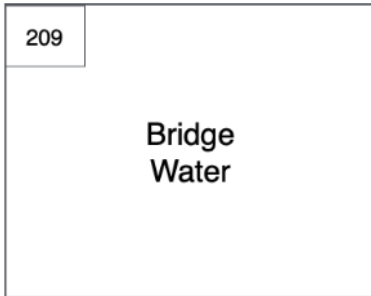




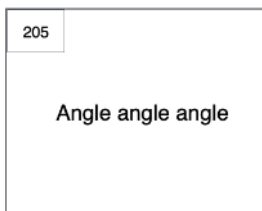
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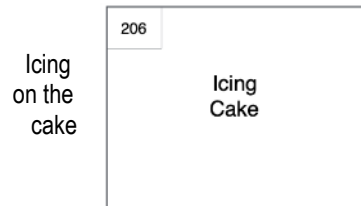
April Puzzles



March Answers



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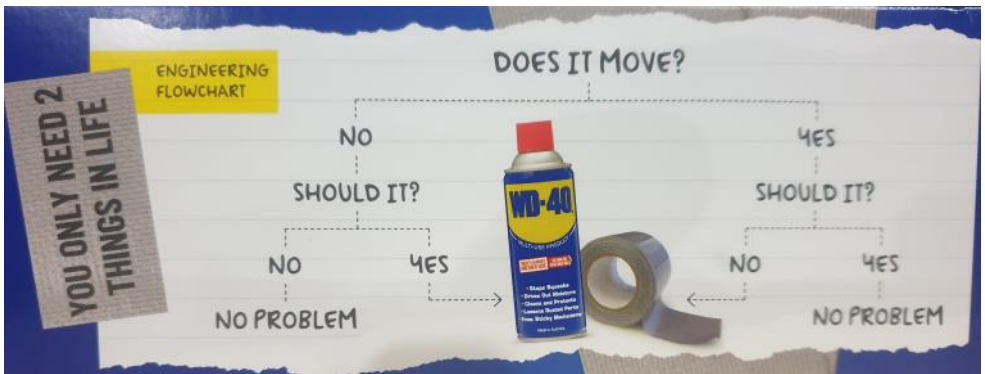


LET'S HAVE A LAUGH!



By Martin Dickinson

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