



I've been travelling a bit of late. In March I was away for our GM and it seems I will be again for May's so thanks to Neal Garswood for stepping in for me. It really has been a bit of a baptism of fire for the poor fellow.

A couple of weeks R&R to visit my daughter Jane in Ontario Canada at one of the busiest times of the year for my practice has meant that I've needed to work like a navy for the last few weeks and weekends but that is the way of life isn't it? Well, despite promises to our illustrious editor and the best of intentions, I found myself boarding the Cathay Pacific flight on late Tuesday evening with the task of writing the monthly president's report undone. The promise was that as I'd be sitting on a plane for 23 hours getting to the other side of the planet, I'd be taking my laptop so the report would be duly prepared in flight and despatched ready for the (already extended just for me) deadline. A red wine (or two), a movie playing, and those best of intentions were swamped by sloth and exhaustion arising from previous occupational exertion. Sorry Graham and Heather for adding to your grey hair but it is now done.

Speaking of our magazine's producer, after recent reconsideration following most welcome expressions of support and assistance from a couple of members, Graham Macdonald has now confirmed that this edition of JaguarsWest is to be his last. From the outset, Graham advised he could do the job for 12 months and no more, and those editions of Jaguars West that Graham put together have been of excellent quality, so well recording and reporting on the activities of this vibrant and active club. I'm sure all members will join me in giving Graham our sincere thanks for stepping into the role

when it was so unexpectedly and unfortunately vacated by his predecessor, Nick Pusenjack.

The matter of the production of our JaguarsWest magazine remains in play. Options for outside production continue to be considered and further options from within our membership have been presented. I am hesitant to place additional loads on members who already do so much in their contributions to the club so perhaps we may end up with an "editorial team" unless there is a member prepared to take on this role from Graham. The task is not particularly onerous with such professional assistance given by Heather Mascall. The role just involves collection of members' contributions from events' coordinators, the events calendar from our VP, advertising content from Terry, the occasional sourcing of articles of interest from outside sources, and (perhaps the most difficult task) of getting the President's report on time, and then getting it all to Heather for her to weave her magic. For the budding Lois Lanes or Perry Whites amongst our membership, this'd be a great start to your career so if any member might be prepared to take on the role, please contact me or any of the committee to discuss. The July 2018 edition will be the first you would need to be involved with and there are many who'd be happy to assist.

For those of us unable to get to the National Rally, the month of April was a relatively quiet one but the events included:

- **Northam Motor Sport Festival and Round the Houses of 8 April.** Reported in last month's tome but mentioned again here as it was in April. A great event and if you weren't able to get there, some of the action can be seen in the online reports

at <https://bit.ly/2Honf1q> or at <https://bit.ly/2KoGGJg>. Thanks again to Paul Gardener for organising our club's involvement and display on the day.

Whilst I have previously reported that the Blue performed faultlessly for this event, despite its strong result that report was not entirely true. There was an episode of stalling and rough running when returning to the pits after the first event, and for the drive home, there was an offbeat irregularity in the engine's tone that was a little disconcerting and an initial hesitation to leap until she'd "cleared her throat". In hindsight, there was also a distinct lack of punch out of corners during the event as well. Removal of spark plugs once I'd got home revealed cylinders 5 and 6's were running seriously rich. Initially frightened stiff of tackling the dark art of Weber carburettor maintenance, I did the google search and gained enough confidence to pull off the float lid. It turned out that the float in the front carburettor had sunk. A quick call and trip to Platinum Automotives for a replacement float and the problem solved. Oh what could've been! A punchier exit from corners and I'm sure she could've usurped the RTHs winner.

- **Curtin Radio Classic Car Spectacular of 15 April.** The Trinity College Playing Fields in Manning hosted a spectacular display of classics, of which our members' Jaguars were the pick. Thanks to the 13 or more members who took their cats along to support the sponsored charity, MSWA.

- **ACJC National Rally in Adelaide and wider parts of South Australia of 12 - 15 April.** A huge representation from the West with over 30 members making the trek and many also taking in the post rally tour. No doubt a full report will be made elsewhere but initial reports are that a great time was had by all. Much to be learned for us in the preparation for our own hosting of the National Rally to happen in 2020. Congratulations must go to our Helene and Boyd Koszlos who took out the award for the greatest distance in the oldest car for driving their XK across the "Bite" for the event. Good to see so many of our members are not afraid to set their cats such challenges.

For those who have accessed the new club website, I'm sure you are appreciating the new format and ease of navigation. The website's interrelationship with the Wild Apricot (WA) management software is making events management simpler. Please make sure to respond in a timely manner to your emailed notifications about club events.

Some of you would also have received your emailed membership renewal invoices. Distribution of these invoices is being managed on a staged basis, with those having cars on the concessional registration register receiving theirs first. This is to ensure all have the opportunity to renew well before the 30 June deadline after which members who have not renewed, will find their cars' concessional registrations automatically cancelled under the DVL's regulations. If you have concessional licensed cars on the club's register, please make sure your renewal is done in time and that you confirm to Rick Leonardt our concessional license registrar, any updates

or further details required. The emailed invoices provide a handy link to the club's website where you can easily make payments online by credit card or paypal.

I remind you of the regular "Coffee and Cars" mornings at the University of WA. Last event was Sunday 29 April and there's one each month. Regularly advertised on our club facebook page or just google "Classic Cars and Coffee" and I'm sure you'll find the details. A great way to catch up with friends in the motoring fraternity and there are always some very interesting cars to check out.

Coming events you must note for your diaries:

- **Sunday 20 May - Gin Gin British Car Day.** An event not to be missed with hundreds of British cars on display. The JCCWA has a big role in this annual event, and Alan Shephard and Luke Zambotti will be looking for some assistance on the day in marshalling cars etc.
- **3 and 4 June - Albany Classic.** A keenly anticipated event on the club's calendar, held on the WA Day long weekend. If you've not yet booked your accommodation for the weekend's events, you'd better get on with it soon as the town books out pretty early. Also, please book for our "after the event" club dinner, this year at Six Degrees. Bookings at the most reasonable cost of \$34 per head for a 3 course meal need to be made through our website events page and payment needs to be made on registration to secure your place so please complete your online registration.
- **Friday 22 June - Ladies' High Tea at Crown Resort Burswood.** Expressions of interest are

sought for this event that Marilynn Durkin is arranging. 5 registrants already so looks might it may be a goer. Please register ASAP so Marilynn can make the appropriate booking. Love to be there myself but don't qualify.

- **26 June (back to a Tuesday this time) - Family Open Day at Barbagallo.** A new changed format with the opportunity to ride at a controlled pace in XKs, C-Type, D-Type, E-Types and the sleekest of hot Saloons, and the opportunity to drive your own Jaguar around the track in the parade laps. So if you've ever wondered how our marque's legendary sports cars and sports saloons really perform, come on up to satisfy your curiosity. Ask Annette Cole - it's great fun and leaves one wanting for more. So lock the date into your diaries and come on up and join us all for lunch. \$10 only for the lunch

Of course if your interest runs to things of a higher pace, you can still run your car at full pace in the regular runs. Details for this level of involvement are as for previous events and will be notified closer to the date.

- **Sunday 30 June - 1 July - Run to Dardanup Heritage Park.** Neal Garswood has put together another great run to a very interesting destination. Overnight stay with great rates and food offer too. Get in quick!

So until we next meet, safe pedalling and remember, keep left unless overtaking (that rule's been causing me all sorts of grief driving here in Canada).

Laurie Lapsley