

# 2019 Border Run To Forbes

## Tri-Annual Multistate Border Run for SS, Mk IV & Mk V Jaguars

### Background

*For 45 years the South Australian and Victorian SS, MkIV & MkV Clubs/Registers had been meeting for their annual Border Run taking turns to organise the event. In 2004 Queensland joined the group and it was decided to have a Tri-State Run every three years meeting central NSW being near-equal distance to travel for each State with turn-about organisation. Entries also came from the ACT & NSW and now it is known as the Multi-State Border Run. It is still biased towards SS, MkIV & MkV models although the Qld. Club involves vehicles having a chassis.*

### RUN REPORT

#### BOB KRETSCHMER

SS, SS Jaguar, Mk 1V, Mk V & Chassis Vehicles (Qld)

Tri-Annual Border Run to Forbes NSW - 13th to 16th September 2019.

### ORGANISATION

It was the turn of SA to organise the Run & Bob Kretschmer was asked to take on the task.

Forbes was selected after considering several other cities.

Some of the main criteria included the following-

- In the same general area as the 5 previous Combined State events, ie Parkes, Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Dubbo & Orange
- Motel style having capacity for up to 40 vehicles in one enclosed area Inclusive full dining facilities or equivalent restaurant nearby.
- Date to be clear of school holidays
- Suitable places for Happy Hours

The Run started as our 5th Tri-State Run but soon included dedicated entries from both NSW & the ACT so it was re-named Multi-State.

Qld & Victoria Club Captains were asked to canvas their own members & advise Bob re the number of intending numbers to assist with preliminary planning.

Two interim Planning Reports were issued & entries dribbled in, mostly from regulars but with some welcome new faces.

Unfortunately the SA entry was rather disappointing with only Malcolm

Adamson & Bob Kretschmer representing the JDCSA plus Marshall Scott & John Caskey from the JCCC. Bob had the only pushrod engine vehicle from SA.

All breakfasts & dinners were at the Forbes Combined Services Club across the road from the motel.

### VEHICLE ENTRIES - Total 40

- 3 x SS Tourers
- 1 x SS Jaguar sedan
- 7 x Mk 1V's incl. 2 x dhc's (1 late cancellation)
- 6 x Mk V's incl. 1 x dhc
- 3 x XK, I each 120, 140 & 150
- 1 x Mk 7
- 15 x Later model Jaguars
- 4 x Modern

### By State

- Victoria 16
- Qld 12
- SA 4
- NSW 5 (inc Goulburn & Hunter Region)
- ACT 3

### THE DRIVE TO FORBES

All of the Qld, Victorian & SA drivers took 3 days.

Malcolm can no longer handle his big Mk 1V dhc any more & enlisted the help of a friend Paul Dallwitz of MG note. Paul is not a member of a Jaguar Club but proved to be a popular participant & because he is a cinema photographer was elected to be the Run official photographer. USB Stick containing over 100 photos handed to our new CM editor Graham Franklin.

Thank you Paul.

Marg & Bob drove over a day prior to check on final arrangements, taking with them name tags, run brochures, new JDCSA windscreen wraps, JDSA spoon banners & special plastic numbered display Number Plates.

Malcolm kindly took 2 large display banners.

### LOCAL ASSISTANCE

The help by the Local Visitor Information Centre & The Council Events Officer is acknowledged. They had the Amazing Rally packs ready for collection for Marg to add the Run Brochures with the name tags.

John & Liz Leadbrook, owners of the magnificent XK 150 S, actually live at Forbes & offered to help. John duly acted as one of the display marshals & as traffic guide for the Sunday drive.

### PROGRAMME

Because of the long trip over most drivers welcomed a rest so Saturday was a bus trip to Grenfell for look-see, BBQ lunch provided by the Grenfell Lions Club in pleasant surroundings, return trip followed by Free-Time. Just two local attractions were specifically recommended for visits & some people took advantage.

During the first night dinner, Bob introduced the respective State Captains especially for the new participants. This was an opportunity to introduce Keith Bell from Victoria who started it all at Swan Hill in 1975. Malcolm Adamson & Bruce Fletcher were also present at the inaugural run.

Sunday started with our Static Display at a central City site adjacent to Victoria Park & alongside the beautiful Council building.

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Only the qualifying vehicles as shown on the front page were parked in ascending build date order. Other Jaguar cars were parked on the opposite side of the site & were an attractive contribution to the event.

Next was a 60 minute run through country side to an historic house & garden called Carrawobitty Rural Retreat. The weather was excellent and we were treated to an informative introduction talk followed by an excellent light lunch and then a short drive back to Forbes for Free-Time or to visit one of the suggested activities.

Happy hours were popular!

### FINAL NIGHT DINNER & THE FUTURE

There had been a few rumblings that as members & vehicles are getting older as the long drive is proving to be a problem, evidenced by the changing ratio of old & later model vehicles.

Do we have another Run in 2022?

A panel was assembled to hear the voice of the people! Bob introduced the following State representatives for them to address the gathering -

- Nik Cirakovic Victoria, spoke about the importance of the social aspect of the event, with less emphasis on the particular vehicles
- Fred Richardson Qld, spoke about the problems of the long drive being difficult to retain support.
- Roger Payne ACT, being a new face, enjoyed the entire project & hopes it will continue (Roger was an interloper at the Wagga Wagga Run). He drove up to Brisbane this year just so he could share driving back down again to Forbes in Doug Young's XK 140.
- Ian Vaughan Hunter Region, forsook the Newcastle All British Day just to join us as a new entrant and hopes to see it continue with increased NSW presence.

Fred then called for a Straw Poll which resulted in comprehensive support for another Run in 2022.

Qld Club President Kelly Weekley was introduced by Fred who advised that she already had an offer from a member willing to organise the 2022 event, possibly to be based at Cowra.

Please note that Bill Daws NSW entered a 1948 Mk 1V 1 1/2L sedan and is a representative of the Heritage Register for SS, Mk 1V & Mk V vehicles. He would have represented NSW for the panel discussion re 2022, but unfortunately had to cancel at the last minute. He introduced the other NSW entrants to the Run. Thank you Bill.

### SPONSORS

For the first time we enlisted support from Shannons plus the following local Jaguar Specialists - Classic & Sportscar Boutique and Sovereign Brit Parts. Thank you.

### SPECIAL THANK YOU

To my Marg, always saying 'get on with it!' editing, name tags, run brochures, sorting, packing, meal menus, relief driver and constant support.

JDCSA Inc. SS, Mk1V & MkV Register

President	Bruce Fletcher
Secretary	Bob Kretschmer
Run Convenor	Bob Kretschmer



1939 SS Jaguar 1 1/2 Litre Sedan, Bob Kretschmer, South Australia.



## Border Run - Pictorial



*Photo L-R: Colin Kiel 1934 SS1 Tourer (Victoria); John Clucas 1938 SS 100 (Victoria); Ivan Stephens 1937 SS 100 (Victoria); Bob Kretschmer 1939 SS Jaguar 1 1/2 Litre Sedan (part shown) (South Australia).*



*Blue 1948 3 1/2 L Mk IV drop head coupe (dhc), Ian & Jenny Vaughan, NSW.*



# Border Run - Pictorial (cont)

*Cross section of Jaguars lined up in main street of Forbes.*





## Border Run - Pictorial (cont)



*Photo L-R: 1948 3.5 Litre Mk IV sedan, Fred Richardson, Qld. 1948 3.5 Litre Mk IV dhc, Fred Williams, Goulburn, Vic. Joint Winner of most impressive car. 1948 3.5 Litre Mk IV dhc (part-restored) Ian Vaughan, Hunter Region NSW*



*Photo L-R: 1950 3.5 Litre Mk V dhc, Geoff Leake, Victoria. 1949 3.5 Litre Mk IV sedan, Stuart Holbery, Vic*



## Border Run - Pictorial (cont)



*Pale blue 1934 SS1 Tourer, Colin & Maxine Kiel, Victoria.*



*Photo L-R: Ivan Stephens original 1937 SS 100 (Victoria), John Clucas superb replica 1938 SS 100 (Victoria), Colin & Maxine Kiel 1934 SS1 Tourer (Victoria), Bob Kretschmer 1939 SS Jaguar 1 1/2 Litre Sedan (South Australia).*