

Members Story - Gary Dodd - F-Type

I first became interested in cars as soon as I got my licence way back in 1979. My first car was a 2 door Subaru which was purchased sight unseen from a dealer in Victoria which to my relief was a good reliable first car, but I had the need for something a bit sportier and a couple of years later I bought a Ford Escort RS 2000.

But alas I got married, wanted to get a house, so the Escort was sacrificed and in 1983 bought our first house and for the next 30 years plus, owned good family cars. We were then able to purchase the car we wanted which finally took us to Jaguar Solitaire and a new 2016 Jaguar XE was in our garage.

But more was to unfold, I was invited to a Jaguar drive day at Mallala which was a fantastic experience driving Jaguar F-Types and sedans. I then knew that I wanted either an F-Type or XKR and it fell into place, and I purchased in 2020 a 2017 F-Type R-Dynamic which had only been driven 8000 KMs from new.

Currently I am a member of the Sprite Car Club (I have a 1964 Sprite), also a member of the Sporting Car Club and 4 years as past chairman of the Classic Section.

Currently I still own the F-Type, Austin Healey Sprite and have replaced the XE with a 2021 current model XE, which is just a joy to drive.

As a club member I would not recommend relying on Satnav, as once on a club run, I lost the group so I engaged my Satnav, which funnily enough took me on my own drive totally lost on a dirt road. I had to track back to our morning tea destination to follow the notes again, I got a rousing reception as the club chairman, arriving 40 minutes late for lunch!

I look forward to meeting as many of you Jaguar enthusiasts over what I hope to be a long and enjoyable and active membership.

Gary Dodd

Editor: Thank you Gary for your words and photos. I note that you did the "Climb to the Eagle." Hope we can catch up on future runs.

