

My Jaguar Story by James Mann (XJ40)

I joined the JDCSA in 2004 at that time I had a 1973 Jaguar XJ6 Series 1.

I kept this car for a few years on Historic registration, the main reason for joining the club. I went on a few trips in this car including a club run to Mount Gambier back in 2011 which was a great Weekend.

I got the XJ40 in 2012 and love it although I have had a few issues like having to re-solder the dash cluster which is a known problem with these early XJ40's. In 2016 we took it to Queensland for the National rally and covered 5000km's in

10 days, it needed a bit of preparation before the trip including a new radiator, brake rotors and ball joints and a water pump, but made it OK other than having to replace a blown power steering hose in Dubbo.

Recently it has had reconditioned Brake Calipers, a genuine Jaguar reconditioned water pump (beware aftermarket parts) a second-hand thermostat housing as it cracked, and a new thermostat. Also, second hand rear suspension struts. Work to do is to fix the electric Aerial

and take out the CD player and put in an original radio, who listens to CD's these days anyway! Apparently, there is a way to solder an iPhone jack in to the original radio so I may do that.

Looking forward to some runs this year hopefully be a better year for all of us.

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