

# Norbert & Heather Glaser - 1996 XJR

Whilst my wife shares my surname, she does not share my passion for motor vehicles, but she's happy to be involved and supports me in my endeavours.

Many years ago, as a young man I pulled into a car park in my 1964 Vauxhall Viva, and next to me was a mustard coloured, Series 2 Jaguar sedan with a middle-aged man sitting in it with the driver's door open. Well one look inside and I was hooked, and determined to one day own a car like that.

My first purchase was an XJ Series 1 and then later a Series 3. I currently own a 1996 XJR.

I do all my own repairs which saves a huge amount of dollars, otherwise I would just have to stick with my wife's Getz, a brilliant little car and so reliable.

Generally speaking, I like to experience all types of machinery and I never say no if somebody offers me a drive in their vehicle.

I will end on a funny story. In the early 80's my mate and I drove the above-mentioned Vauxhall Viva (which incidentally I purchased for \$300) to the Flinders Ranges, William Creek, Ayres Rock, Darwin and on our return via Mt Isa and the Birdsville Track. During the journey we lost various

pieces of the vehicle but the wheels kept turning. We stopped in front of the Birdsville Pub, wedged between two massive 4-wheel drives. Needless to say, people thought we were crazy attempting such a trip in our Viva and we attracted many stares and comments, including from the local cop.

We had the last laugh because when we left the pub, one of the 4-wheel drives wouldn't start. We made it home!

**Norbert**

