

I Bought a New E-Type (UPDATE)

Update on JDCSA Investigation: Cream E Type FHC – SA Reg “SBO 666”:

You may have read in last month’s JDCSA Classic Marque that the club is working with [Mr John Johnson](#) to locate the E Type he bought new from Bryson Industries Adelaide in 1968. He has the original invoices that he would like to reunite with the car and current owner.

Our investigations were assisted by [Chris Waldock](#), [Alan Baker](#) and [Geoff Mockford](#), who helped us trace the cars ownership from 1984 to early 2000’s.

All confirmed that the car indeed was in memorable condition. The last owner was Mr Inglewood from the Barossa valley who regrettably informed us that the car went for sale to Bennetts Auctions on South Road. From there our leads went cold as the Motor Registration Department and the auction house turned up no new info.

With the SA registration details dead we looked into the Vehicle Identification Number on the Bryson’s Invoice: **1E21980**. This didn’t make sense as it is a dozen numbers after production of the Series 1 ceased. We contacted Jaguar Heritage who were kind enough to check the Factory books to confirm that the VIN was wrong.

Chassis No.	Engine No.	Reg'n No.	Vessel	Date	Stock No.
1E.21890.	7E.17973.9		FORT NEW PLYMOUTH.	8.6.68	3815
MODEL 4.2 Litre "E" F.H.C.		Colour Cream		Trim Red.	
Extras C.W.W.'s					
Gearbox No. KE.1880.	Rear Axle No. F68.830	Ign. Key No. FS.928	Boot Key No. 946		
PURCHASER			ADDRESS		
Date Sold 29.10.68	Invoice No. 2417	Invoice Price	Terms		
Phone No.	Contact	Salesman/Dealer Bryson Industries (S.A.) Ltd.			
Reg'n Details		T.P. Ins.	Comp. Ins.		
Trade-in	Reg'n No.	Stock No.	Grass Allowance	Nett Allowance	
CHARGES FOR WARRANTY					
Sept. '68 No. NC. 2340. \$41.05.					

Shipping Document (It turned out that the Chassis No was typed incorrectly).

No Rego and no VIN - was this was the end of the line? Mr Johnson and I revisited an earlier discussion about finding the car ... maybe an article in the club’s Classic Marque.

We were fortunate enough to have [Maureen Alexander](#), editor for the JDCA in NSW read the article who passed it onto her husband [Bob](#). I am pleased to say that Bob was able to advise that Bryson’s in Adelaide would ship vehicles through Bryson’s Melbourne ... and those shipping records still exist.

So where are we at now? We have the original shipping documents for the car, with Mr Johnsons name and the correct VIN of **1E21890**. It looks like Bryson’s

Adelaide transposed the two last digits on the invoice!

We now know that we are looking for E Type **1E21890 (Engine No. 7E 17973-9)**. The current owner will receive not only the original invoices but also a copy of the shipping documents including the ship name and factory key numbers.

If you can help, please contact us on etype@jdcса.com.au

Recently the club welcomed Mr Johnson and his wife Helen to our April E F & GT Meeting. It was lovely to have them attend.

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JDCSA event at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg, March 1984. Ex John Johnson Series 1½ (SBO 666). The Series II (RFW 806) is owned by Ray Yeulet

E-Type, F-Type & Grand Tourer Register Report

Thanks to Rick Luff for hosting this month's E F & GT Register Meeting at his "Longwood Garage" located just out of Sterling.

Rick is a former President of the Club and owns a Sovereign, XJS and F Pace. The meeting focused on the V12 XJS and his racing car that he had on the four-post lift.

Rick outlined the history of his racing car and went through some of the mechanical details and racing experiences.

Rick also spent some time talking about his current and past XJ-S cars and discussions around the V12 engine.

Tom outlined upcoming events and an gave an update on the John Johnson E-Type history investigation and Di gave

another plug for the 60th Anniversary Run to Mt Gambier.

Even though it was a cold and wet night, and not a lot of fun driving in the hills, there was a very good turnout of members.

Rick has a great setup and workshop that many of us would like to have. Another enjoyable night. ■

