



CentreSpoke

May 2020

Happy  Mother's Day

First Mothers day and no meeting - very special
To all Mums, Step Mums, Grandmas, Great Grandmas,
Great Great Grandmas hope you let your hair down

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CLUB Calendar 2020

No events - cancelled due to the
coronavirus until further notice



NORMALITY LOOKING FORWARD

For days people have been saying “I can’t wait for things to be back to normal.”

But as I’ve thought about our current situation I’ve realised how much I don’t want things to go back to the way they were.

Here are a few thoughts:

1. Next time a friend grabs you and pulls you in for a hug, take the time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.
2. When schools resume and people are dropping their kids/grandkids off take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to your family.
3. Next time you are sitting in a crowded restaurant take the time to look around at the smiling faces, loud voices and be thankful for the gift of community.
4. When you are at the grocery store, take a moment to be thankful for the necessities of life and for the amazing people who work so hard to keep us supplied.
5. Never again take for granted the ability to hop in the car, visit a friend, go to the shops, go out for coffee etc

So, truth is, do we want things to return to the way they once were?

Take the lessons and challenges of the past few months and create a new normal, be more thankful, love harder, and truly appreciate all the blessings each day that were so easily overlooked just a mere few months ago.

YAHOO

ENJOY



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Steve Jobs' last words

He died a billionaire at 56 years of Pancreatic Cancer and here are his last words on the sick bed:

"I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In others eyes my life is an epitome of success."

However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to.

At this moment, lying on the sick bed and recalling my whole life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in, have paled and become meaningless in the face of impending death.

You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you but you cannot have someone to bear the sickness for you.

Material things lost can be found. But there is one thing that can never be found when it is lost – "Life".

When a person goes into the operating room, he will realize that there is one book that he has yet to finish reading – "Book of Healthy Life".

Whichever stage in life we are at right now, with time, we will face the day when the curtain comes down.

Treasure Love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends...

As we grow older, and hence wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a \$300 or \$30 watch, they both tell the same time...

Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag - the amount of money inside is the same;

Whether we drive a \$150,000 car or a \$30,000 car, the road and distance is the same, and we get to the same destination.

Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$10 wine - the hangover is the same;

Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3000 sq. ft. - loneliness is the same.

You will realize, your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

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Whether you fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down -
you go down with it...

Therefore.. I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends,
brothers and sisters, who you chat with, laugh with, talk with, have sing songs
with, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth,
That is true happiness!!

Five Undeniable Facts of Life :

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be Happy. So when they grow up they will know the value of things not the price.
2. Best awarded words in London Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food."
3. The One who loves you will never leave you for another because even if there are 100 reasons to give up he or she will find one reason to hold on.
4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human.
Only a few really understand it.
5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!

NOTE: If you just want to Walk Fast, Walk Alone! But if you want to Walk Far,
Walk Together!

Best Doctors in the World advise -

1. Sunlight
2. Rest
3. Exercise
4. Diet
5. Self Confidence
6. Friends

Maintain them in all stages of Life and enjoy a healthy life.

EARLY ALICE SPRINGS VINTAGE CAR CLUB PHOTOS



Thank you Col and Loraine Braham for these photos

Trevor Jacobs 1969 Jaguar E-type hobby project history

The car is a 1969 Jaguar E-type series 2 4.2L 2+2 auto and started life in England before finding its way to Brisbane in the early 90's. Around 2005 it made its way to Adelaide where it was enjoyed by its owner for the next 10 years. It was then sold to a Jaguar specialist in Melbourne and I bought it from them in November 2016 as a going concern. It was by now pretty tired, about 95% complete, drivable but in need of a tidy up or so I thought. My plan of giving it a polish and a bit of TLC evaporated as I removed more and more items.

The car was stripped in 2017 revealing what really lay underneath which included rust, door panels repaired and re rusting, heavy damage underneath, bent engine frames, and heavily bogged areas including the bonnet. Over the next few years it became evident that an expert was required to get the body right and the bonnet fitting correctly, so the car went to Adelaide to be repaired and painted. I trailered it back 2 weeks before the borders closed and now have many months of hobby time restoring and assembling the car. Nothing is easy of course and parts that came off before just don't seem to want to go back. "What were they thinking?" is a common thought, along with working out the intention of the workshop manual and parts book.

This all adds to the fun of restoring....??

Cheers
TJ



OH MY GOD
CLOSE YOUR EYES OR LOWER THEM,
YOU DID NOT READ ABOVE
SERVES YOU RIGHT

It's nice to see you two are still
"Hanging" in there after all this time!



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JOKE TIME



Went to the bottle shop the other day on my bicycle, bought a bottle of scotch and put it in the bicycle basket.
As I was about to leave, I thought to myself 'What if I fell off the bicycle, the bottle would break'
So I drunk all the scotch and then rode home.
It turned out to be a very good decision, because I fell off the bicycle seven times on the way home!

The lady who invented fairy bread died.
There were hundreds and thousands at the funeral.

I woke up exhausted this morning.
I dreamt I was a muffler.

Why are skeletons so calm?
Because nothing gets under their skin.

Why can't a leopard hide?
Because he's always spotted.

Aliens talking:
"So how did the earthlings die?"
"They used so much toilet paper, they wiped themselves out".

Dad, why did you name my sister "Paris"?
Well, that's where she was conceived, son.
Dad, is that why you named me "Quarantined"?





Editors Page

May - come and gone and nearly July.

This Coronavirus has kept me so busy - catching up with loose ends, however I do believe my list is getting longer so the sooner we get rid of this virus the more rest I can get.

Well, what have we missed out of this month -

Our Bangtail muster where we all line up in Todd St, socialize with club members and watch who else is coming to line up, then we finally get to rev up our vehicles and proceed down the mall with awaiting loyal fans waiting for us, waving frantically to be noticed and us in our vehicles are enthralled with all the attention we are getting - we are famous in our own town for approximately 30 minutes.

We park in Anzac Oval car park and watch all the other floats roll in, and watch in marvel at all the interesting costumes and children enjoying the attention. A magnificent field of colours and how multi cultural our town is. Off to have coffee and lunch but alas this year we could only dream.

Mothers day was unusual—NO MEETING - us mums actually were able to stay in bed and be pampered or taken out for breakfast or just loll around for the day. Mums should have their own public holiday we deserve it. Hope you all had a great day - I know I did.

Good to see club members busy in their sheds working on those projects (cars of course) and tidying up the shed. Other club members spring cleaning (even though Spring is a few months away yet), working on the garden and finding possessions lost and now found.

We have been very lucky in the Territory with very few Coronavirus cases, we must have been very good vegemite's. Well I think we will have a couple of months before the borders are relaxed and friends and relatives are able to visit us and vice versa. For those still stuck interstate we hope you are fit and well.

Well that's it for now - keep safe and well, and if you have any photos etc send them to me for the next CentreSpoke

Liz Driver



