



# Leylines...



Canberra and Districts Leyland P76 Club Newsletter October 2002

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Next Meeting:

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of October  
at  
Weston Creek Football  
Club and Sports Centre  
Teesdale Cl off Fremantle Dr  
Stirling**

Meeting starts 7.30pm-ish



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## PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS



Hello All,

Well once again I have left it too late for our new secretary to put in his 2 cents worth,  
.....oh well next month perhaps.

At least all is on track for Easter next Easter.

On a personal note, I have given up on restoring my Targa before Easter. Since the arrival of my new son in June I have had a total of about 4 hours to work on the car. And so rather than rush it I would prefer to take my time and finish it later. So I will need a respectable P76 to drive next year. And am looking for a good car for about \$3000. There are a lot out there for sale, but most are overpriced and after almost 30 years in very poor condition. Oh well I will keep looking, if all else fails I can tidy up the best of my parts cars a white V8 Super. But I will probably never find the time for that either,  
.....oh well next month perhaps.

See you all on Monday.

Alex.

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## From the Editor



### Minutes of Meeting Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2002.

Commenced 8.11pm

Present:

Bryce French  
Eddy Houghton  
Geoff Thomas  
Paul Hanley  
Alex Shoobridge  
Col Gardiner  
David Fox

**Business arising** – Follow up on tasks for Easter 2003.

Geoff:  
Still waiting for feedback on badges.  
Numbers will have to be confirmed before ordering.

Eddy:  
Will wait till later find out about getting the Easter meet added to the “What’s on in Canberra” booklet. Also investigating the possibility of getting a special run of stamps via Australia Post. (our best Friends)

Paul:  
Price of putting digital image onto a t-shirt \$22 from laser copy at the hyperdome.

Alex:  
Sound screen Australia now unwilling to hold a screening night for us due to public liability concerns.

All members:

Still have to collect motoring related stuff, keyrings, stickers, vouchers etc from local businesses such as servos and car parts shops.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, those evil so and so’s at the ABC are contributing to the misinformation surrounding the P76. Screening a far from unbiased 5 minute blurb at the end of one of their shows last month. I have found a web link to it, titled **Loser Cars** and Broadcast 6.30pm on 29/7/2002  
It did have some interesting footage of P76’s I had not seen before.

[http://www.abc.net.au/dimensions/dimensions\\_in\\_time/Transcripts/s635237.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/dimensions/dimensions_in_time/Transcripts/s635237.htm)

Now a silly joke all my friends seem to take perverse pleasure in emailing me. I think it is just an updated localised version of an old joke.

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A report has revealed that two traffic patrol officers from Newcastle were involved in an unusual incident whilst checking for speeding motorists on the Pacific Highway between Gosford and Cooranbong.

Last May they were using a hand-held radar device to trap unwary motorists at the bottom of a long descent, as these types often do.

Our informer reports that one of the officers used the device to check the speed of an approaching vehicle, and was surprised to find that his target had registered a speed in excess of 800 km/h. Thinking that all his Christmases had arrived at once, he pulled over a very tired Leyland P76 and ordered the driver out of the car.

After booking the incredulous motorist for 813 km/h, the officer returned to his duties, feeling very satisfied with himself. He then discovered that the \$15,000 machine had seized up and could not be reset.

Following a complaint by the bemused motorist that his P76 Leyland could hardly manage 110 km/h, let alone a speed close to the speed of sound, charges were dropped.

Investigations eventually revealed that the radar had in fact latched on to a RAAF FA-18 aircraft coming in from the Tasman Sea, which was taking part in a simulated low-flying exercise over the area around the Williamstown air base. In a futile attempt to issue the same infringement notice to the pilot of the FA-18, it was revealed that the officers had a lucky escape - the tactical computer on board the Aircraft not only detected and jammed the "hostile" radar equipment, but had automatically armed an air-to-ground missile ready to neutralise the perceived threat.

Luckily the RAAF pilot was alerted to the missile status and was able to override the automatic protection system before the missile launched.

The radar units have since been modified to ignore any readings over 300km/h, and the RAAF has been ordered to switch off the jamming capabilities of their radar units while in exercise-only mode.

More silliness..though especially important for the upcoming weekend. I must also admit to infringing rule number 7 once or twice....

### The Ten P76 Commandments

1. Thou shalt not store thy P76 outdoors, especially near the ocean.
2. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours P76 nor his/her garage, tools, or workshop manuals.
3. Thy shalt not love thy P76 more than thy wife or husband, as much as, but not more!
4. Thou shalt not read workshop manuals on company time, lest the company make it impossible to continue car repayments.
5. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbours Porsche, nor his BMW nor even his Jaguar.
6. Thou shalt not let thy sons or daughters marry during the holly days of the Targa Tasmania, Bathurst or the Grand Prix.
7. Thou shalt not deceive thy partner into thinking that thou art taking them for a romantic Sunday drive, when indeed thou art going to look at another P76 or spare parts.
8. Thou shalt not buy thy wife a trolley jack or air compressor for birthday or Christmas.
9. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest repair or restoration, at least not all at once.
10. Thou shalt not promise thy spouse a new addition to the house, then use it to store the P76's and spare parts.

Meeting closed 21.15pm