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General Meetings

Venue: Sans Souci Literary Institute
Address: 107 Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate
(Cnr Campbell Street)
Time: 8:00pm Wednesday nights

Meeting Dates 2008

February 20, March Nil, April 16, May 21,
June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17,
October 15, November 19, December 17.



EDITORIAL

Well it has been so long since our last meeting and so much has been happening. I hope all of our membership had a nice happy and safe Easter and how great was the weather – all sunshine and no rain (not good for our dams).

I was not able to attend the National Meeting in Victoria, however other members who made the long journey were Angelos Frangopoulos, Jason Birmingham, Denise Mort, Steve Maher, Tony and Kay De Luca, Russel Renfrey and Troy and Joe Green. I have been informed that they had a great time. About 56 cars entered the event and two cars were shipped across from Tasmania, which was very costly. The host club, The Victorian P76 Owners Club, did an outstanding job and from what I have been told all who attended enjoyed themselves immensely.

The Robertson Show & Shine was held on the 13 April 2008. We were given the incorrect dates. Our next event is the Thredbo Jazz Festival on 2 May 2008 and then the South Coast Holden Day on 22 June 2008.

Now I have kept the good news for last. At the National meeting in Victoria we were asked if we would like to host the next National Meeting in 2010, in conjunction with the Owners Club in NSW.

So that's it for now, I hope to see a good attendance at our next meeting.

SUE GREEN

CONGRATULATIONS TO

- ◆ The Victorian P76 Owners Club for organising a very successful National Meeting.
- ◆ Jason Birmingham for winning the People's Choice and Runner Up in Best Modified, and also
- ◆ Denise Mort for winning the Best Runner Up in the V/8 Class at the recent Victorian Nationals

THANKS TO

- ◆ Jason Birmingham and his son Kyle for our transport to the Nationals.
- ◆ Tony & Kay De Luca for all the stories for the Magazine this month.

PLEASE NOTE WELL:

- Book Now!! for Shannons Eastern Creek
- Orders for heated rear windows are now being taken.
Phone Joe Green on 02 9522 6529

!WANTED!

Articles for the newsletter please. If you have recently restored your car, or been on an interesting trip in your P76, or have owned your car since new, there must be some items of interest amongst the membership.

FOR SALE

National Magazines Geelong 2008 by order only. Aprox \$20-\$25.00 Each
Contact Joe (02) 95226529

FOR SALE SOON

Leyland P76 book hardcover with full story of P76, cost \$85 plus \$15 postage.
Send to: Gavin Farmer, PO Box 323, Bridgewater, South Australia 5155.

FUTURE EVENTS 2008

- 2nd May to 5th May Thredbo Jazz Festival.
Thredbo is in the Snowy Mountains.
Details: Lynelle – 4267 3578 or 0422 513 256
- 18th May National Motoring Heritage Day for further info Call (02)95226529
- 22nd June South Coast Holden Owners Mixed Show & Shine Day
at Kembla Grange Racecourse. Entry fee \$20 per car
- 23rd & 24th August Shannons Eastern Creek Raceway \$15 per car
- August British Display Day, Kings School
- 6th & 7th Sept Muscle Car Masters Day, Eastern Creek
- September Orange Blossom Festival
- 12th October BMC Heritage Day at Ryde
Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde. 11.30am start.
- October Highlands Motor Fest & Country Fair at Chevalier College Bowral

May News letter

May Magazine will feature a lot of photos from the 2008 Nationals

Bon Voyage

Tony & Kay De Luca who are shortly leaving Australia for an overseas holiday,
We wish them all the best & a safe & great adventure.

P76 NATIONALS IN GEELONG EASTER WEEKEND 2008

As part of the planning for the National P76 Meeting in Geelong, we serviced the P76 V8 Executive by checking the front brake pads, the rear brake linings, changing the oil and filter and giving the engine a tune. We decided to change the brake fluid and during the bleeding process, found the front brakes were sucking in air. The only thing to do was to overhaul the brake master cylinder. My records indicated that it had not been done for 20 years!!

On dismantling the master cylinder, I was amazed that the brake cups were in such good condition. The fault was found to be in the differential valve, which had partly seized in the innermost position, allowing air to enter the front-hydraulic brake circuit. A new kit was installed, the master cylinder refitted and the brakes bled. As the car still has the original windscreen, we fitted the mesh windscreen protector for peace of mind.

With the car loaded and packed, we set off on Holy Thursday morning at 6am. Tony drove for the first part, handing over to Kay after a few hours. Kay then drove through Gundagai where we refuelled for the first time and then into Victoria. We continued sharing the driving with a second fuel stop at Seymour in Victoria and then encountering peak hour traffic on the outskirts of Melbourne, arriving at the Caravan Park in Geelong at 6.30pm.

The journey took 12.5 hours including stops and we thought it was a good effort for our P76. The weather was cool, however the barbie was warm and most appreciated after the travel. It was good to catch up with many friends from all over Australia.

Good Friday's plan was interrupted with some unexpected repair work on a couple of the cars, with many "experts" lending a hand. The owner of the Caravan Park volunteered to open his "shed" at the rear of the Park. Lo and behold we were treated to a wonderful display of eight American convertibles, which are part of his collection and included some very interesting memorabilia such as a Golden Fleece petrol bowser which doubled as a fridge!

Fish and chips were the order of the day on Friday evening, however being Good Friday the fish shop was overworked and the dinner was a bit late.

The weather warmed up from Saturday onwards and we gathered on the foreshore at Eastern Beach for the Concours Event. The display of P76's at this venue was spectacular. During the afternoon we visited some antique stores with Joe Green and Tony was lucky enough to purchase a 1930's penny for his collection. (Unfortunately it was only a replica!)

Saturday night dinner was booked at Smorgy's on Cunningham Pier. We all gathered for a buffet under a beautiful moonlit night and everyone had lots of fun.

Early Sunday morning we made our way north to Lara where Martin and Sylvia Hayes hosted a brunch at their home, including a monster parts sale and exchange, after which we competed in an Observation Run south again to Queenscliff on the Bellarine Peninsular. This was a lot of fun and Queenscliff is certainly a pretty place. Unfortunately NSW didn't win the event. The Delegate Meeting was held and it was decided that NSW would host the next Nationals in 2010.

The Dinner arranged on the Sunday evening at the Belmont RSL was a great evening, enjoyed by all with presentation to the winners of Concours, Trivia and those that participated in the auction. The Interstate Clubs congratulated Victoria for holding a well organised, memorable National Meeting for 2008 – a JOB WELL DONE.

On Monday most visitors headed to their respective homes but we decided to stay on and returned to Queenscliff where we took the vehicular ferry to Sorrento (as passengers without the car). The boat trip was very pleasant and well worth doing. Sorrento is a pretty place and neither of us had ever been there. We would like to one day revisit the Mornington Peninsular to make further discoveries.

That night we met up with the only P76 travellers left, Geoff & Christine Cutting from SA and enjoyed dinner with them once again at Belmont RSL.

Tuesday morning we set off for Melbourne to meet up with some of Tony's cousins, spending the day with them before heading for home at around 5pm.

We got to Wangaratta at around 8.30pm and decided it was time to find a bed for the night. Next morning we left at 8am making our first stop at Holbrook (the submarine town). Tony was most impressed with the display and museum of HMAS Otway and spent about an hour wandering around the town. It was a most interesting stop on our return journey.

The Dog on the Tuckerbox beckoned, so we stopped to say g'day – gee he's been there a long time (since 1932). It's always been an attraction on all the journeys south on the Hume Highway to stop and see the Dog.

Domestic strife took over with P76 Executive almost out of petrol and Kay said we should fill up at the Caltex service centre on the outskirts of Yass. But Tony said no, there would be a Shell service centre coming up soon and we'd fill up there!! BIG MISTAKE – so we thought we'd better take the next signposted exit to Yass, which had us driving back through the town and back to the Caltex service centre (almost 30 minutes later). Lucky there was still a sniff of petrol in the tank!!

On the road again and heading for home – we had a 3 o'clock lunch at Sutton Forest – MacDonaldis – filled the car with petrol and arrived home at 6pm.

After travelling in excess of 2,200 kms the V8 Executive behaved extremely well. We are both of the opinion the P76 vehicle is a great touring car even by today's standards. We could not have expected any vehicle to perform as well as our car did.

We had a most enjoyable trip to the Nationals and thank the Victorian P76 Owners Club for all their hard work and organisation and look forward to NSW hosting the 2010 event.

KAY & TONY DE LUCA

JOE TORONY'S OLD GREEN MACHINE IS FOR SALE!!!

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She started life as a V8 Super auto but has had a number of reincarnations since. Currently she is modified for historic sprint specifications and involves the following modifications:

- Four speed floor shift with heavy duty clutch (six new spare clutch plates)
- Ported and polished .020 over-bored balanced V8 engine
- Electric hi-flow fuel pump
- Electronic ignition
- Baffled sump
- Electric tacho and oil pressure gauge
- Modified 350 Holley
- Budgie extractors in stainless
- Stainless, side-by-side twin exhaust
- Front suspension mods include:
 - Modified towers to reduce camber
 - Lowered springs
 - Solid link, heavy-duty sway bar
- Rear end:
 - Lowered springs
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 - HD shocks
 - Rose jointed anti-tramp radius arms
 - Limited slip diff
- Wheels and tyres
 - Has a new set of street slicks on Bathurst Globe mags (cost \$1K)
 - Spare steel rims with stuffed Sumitomo racing tyres
- Fire extinguisher

The car was very competitive in the two seasons that it was running Historics in Queensland and was on the verge of really doing well in my third season when the red mist took over on the first corner at Leyburn. The damage to the passenger's front corner has been repaired but needs repainting. The whole car now looks a little shabby as it has sat in the shed for two years.

The car comes with a list of spares which will fill a truck and includes:
All my collection over the years, ie, body parts, mechanical parts (new spare cylinder heads) seat skins, trim parts, etc, etc, etc

There is enough here to return the car to stock standard road condition if so desired.

The lot - \$4,500 ono & pick up from the farm at Toogoolawah

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WINGS OVER ILLAWARRA
ALBION PARK AIRFIELD-SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2008

Tony & I decided to attend the wings over Illawarra event & drove our V8 Executive as a pre-run before the P76 Nationals in Geelong over Easter.

We Intended to leave at 7am however didn't get away until 7.30. Our next door neighbour, Eric is well versed in travelling to Albion Park, as he is a member of the Historic Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) and makes the journey often. He suggested allowing 2 hours for the travel time, so we were happy taking 1hr 45 mins for the trip without exceeding the speed limit.

Paul & Gail Van Look had arrived a little earlier & Eric had organised a Premium spot for us to park the P76 and the Marina, next to Cleary Bros Trucks. We were joined a little later by my daughter Liz & grandchildren Peter & Emma.

The car display was twice the number attending last year & many people admired both the P76 & Marina. The aircraft display & activities were absolutely great-model aircraft were flying & manoeuvring around the sky in their allocated area were spectacular. All types of aircraft, large & small were taking off & landing all through the day, including the Super Constellation (Connie), which has been lovingly restored by HARS.

The static display of aircraft was also spectacular. Little Peter more so enjoyed sitting in the Navy Helicopter & walking through the Caribou Transport with other young ones. The hanger displays were also well worth a look, including the replica fuselage of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith's Southern Cross.

A great crowd attended the day, which was an outstanding success for the organisers & a lot of fun for those who attended.

We arrived home at West Pennant Hills around 6pm, after a couple of toilet stops for the grandchildren & a great outing in the P76.

KAY DE LUCA



ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY

BMC LEYLAND HERITAGE GROUP LUNCHEON
SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2008

This year's lunch will be held at the *Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club* in Ryedale Rd, West Ryde. The Club is just a short walk from West Ryde Station and just off Victoria Rd for bus travellers. Plenty of undercover car parking is also available.

There will be a major car display this year and the Leagues Club have given us exclusive use of their roof-top car park for the day. If the weather is inclement, we will have the display on the floor below the roof.

A Buffet lunch will be provided at minimum cost per head (more details later).

All Car Club Members are invited to attend, so why not get together with a group of your friends and join us? We look forward to having some interstate visitors as well.

Further details will follow in the next few months.

Kay De Luca
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2008 VICTORIAN NATIONAL MEET – GEELONG, VICTORIA

By Joe Green

Troy and myself were working hard and long hours trying to finish a roadcar to go to the National Meeting in Victoria at Easter, however time was running out and we realised that it would not be finished in time. So we were considering flying down to Melbourne for this meeting. Troy spoke to Jason and he offered to give us a lift, which we accepted. (Sue was unable to come with us).

On Wednesday 19th March at 8am Jason and his son Kyle arrived at our home at Taren Point in his Immaculate Hairy Lime V8 P76. With him was James Mentiplay driving Jason's White P76 with passengers Tony Moisley, Adam Woodward and Mick Le Cocq, all from W.A. There was also Ann and Richard Mallon from Queensland in their Omega Navy Targa. After a short giddy to everyone, we headed off. Upon leaving our place we proceeded to Sutherland and then onto the Heathcote Road, then onto the M5 at Liverpool.

We soon arrived at Maccas at Sutton Forest for a quick snack and met Neville Humphreys, a Queenslander and Steve Leamouth from New Zealand. They were in Neville's Brown Targa. Upon leaving Maccas we met up with Alan Schultz at Gundagai, so we had a fleet of five cars in convoy – it was great!

We decided to call in to Nhill in Victoria and have a look at Rod and Maureen Warrick's collection of P76s and other classic cars. Rod had recently purchased Warrewyk Williams' collection of cars so we agreed to stop over at Bendigo and arrived there about 9pm and were very lucky to be able to book into a motel.

On Thursday 20th March we left Bendigo at about 8am. The landscape was very dry and you could see how badly affected these areas are due to the severe drought. The road was very narrow and eventually we needed a toilet break so we stopped at "The Logan Pub" "The Pub in the Scrub". It was very desolate and it seemed to be closed down. After using the facilities at the "Pub" we moved out on the road once again. Alan Schultz left our group as he was going to Melbourne to pick up his wife.

Eventually we arrived at Rod and Maureen's property which is a very large sheep and wheat farm and after all of the introductions, Rod proceeded to guide us through his large collection of classic cars, and you guessed it, the P76s are the most represented. He has the Force 7, replica Station Waggon, general P Targas, Executives, Deluxes, an ex Funeral car, various models of Valiants, Fords, Holdens, etc. The museum is set up in an excellent way, it looks like a service station at the front and when you go inside the presentation of the classic cars and motoring memorabilia is outstanding.

After you finish viewing the first building you then proceed to the second one and this is as impressive as the first. The cars are on the ground floor and then it has a mezzanine floor that houses all types of memorabilia Leyland items, model cars, old garages and car sale signage, old radios and it goes on and on. It is very interesting. In the old sheds and area behind the museum he has many P76s in varying condition. After spending a couple of enjoyable hours there we signed their visitors book and thanked them both and were on our way again.

Our next stop was the township of Horsham and it was Mac Attack time again. We were off again, next stop Geelong. We arrived at the Riverglen Park at about 5pm, introduced ourselves to their president, Rick Percival and his committee registered in our cars, etc and we booked into our cabins. The cabin we had was very nice, self contained with ensuite, two bedrooms and a small kitchen and dining area. The club held a barbeque in the park for all entrants to be able to get together etc.

The next morning was Good Friday, 21 April 2008 and the hosts provided a free pancake and coffee in the park which was great.

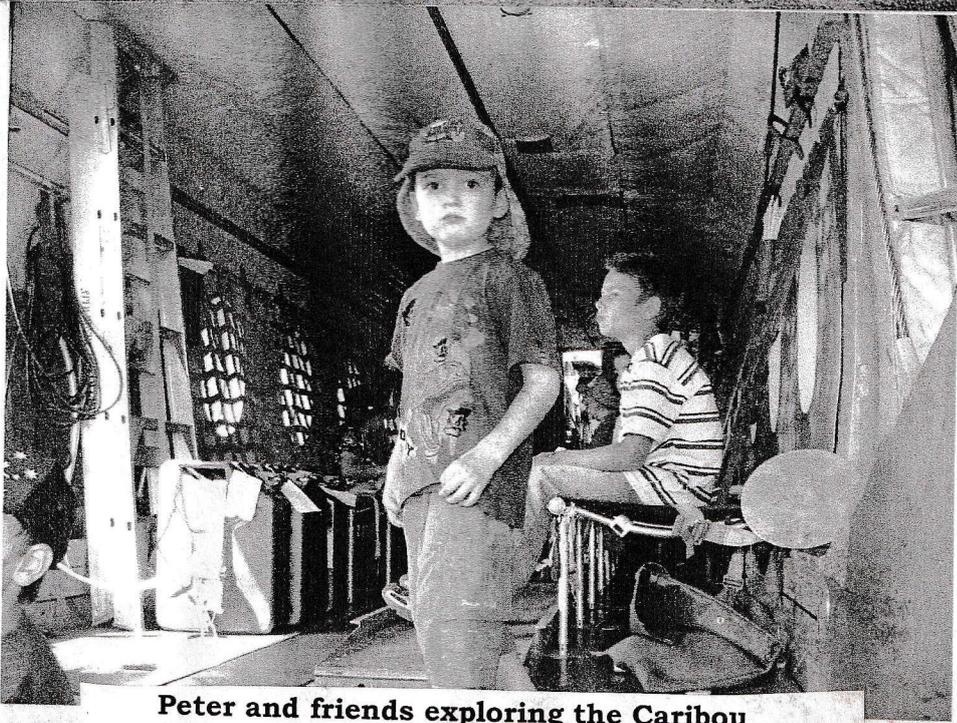
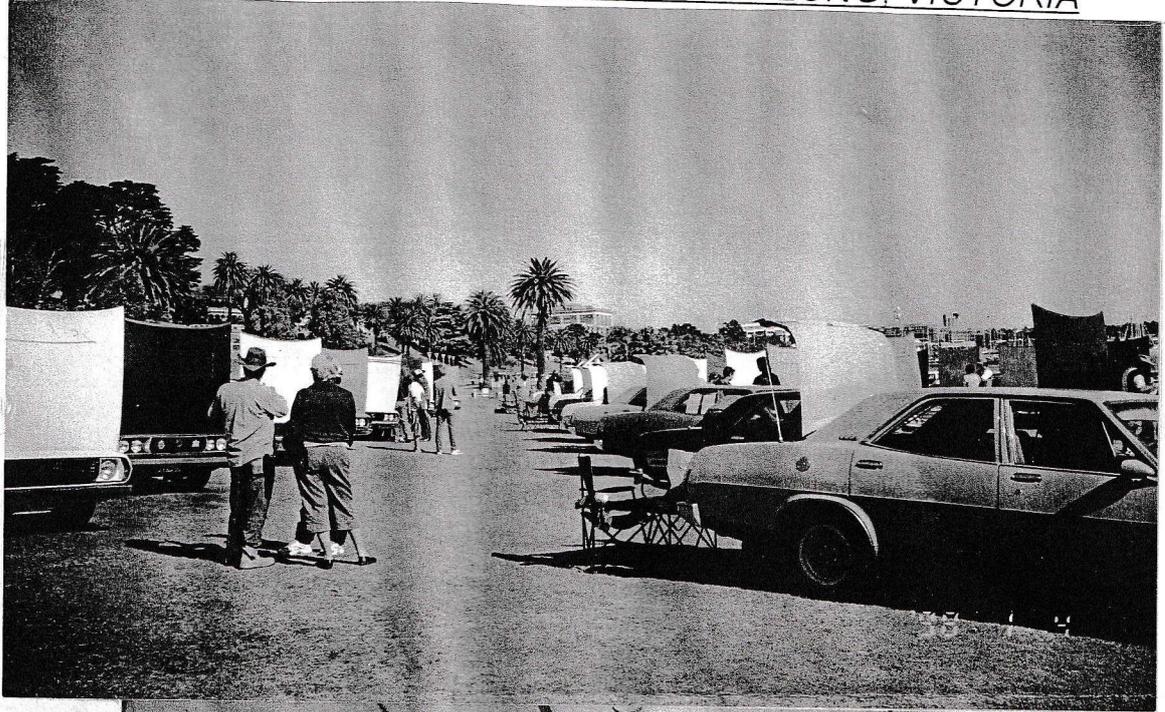
After our breakfast we were treated to a great surprise. The owners of the park, Robert and Mary Stanton own a collection of classic American 2 door convertibles and their museum is at the rear of the park. Robert gave us all a guided tour of his cars and also his memorabilia which was set up so neatly with garage workshop items, including a petrol bowser set up as a fridge and the old pump up oil drums and model cars and so many other items of interest. We all thanked them for showing the collection.

To be continued next month.....

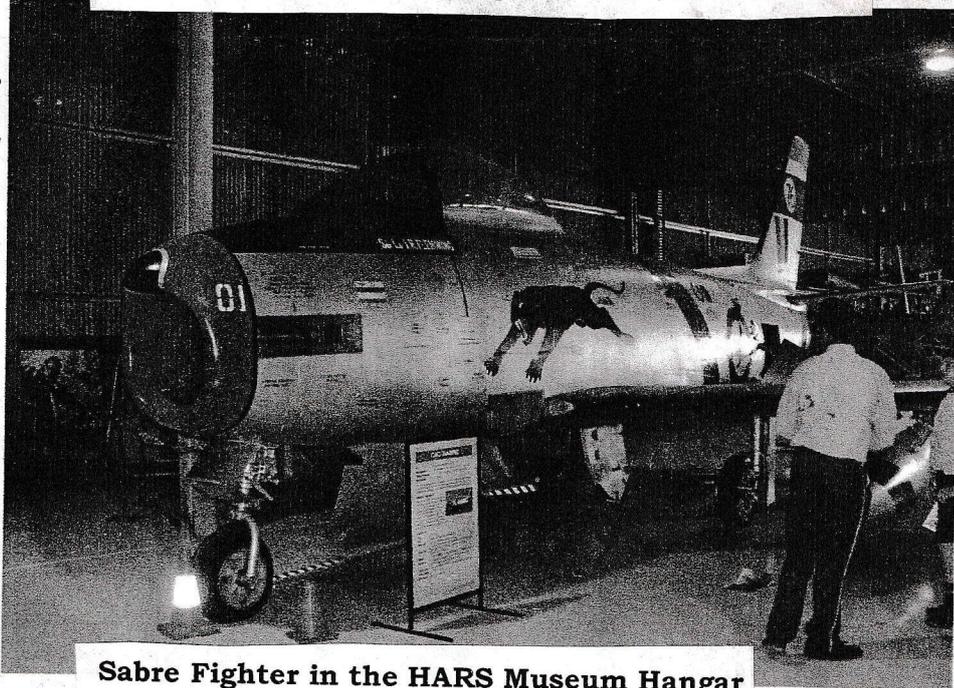


VICTORIAN NATIONALS CONCOURSE WINNERS

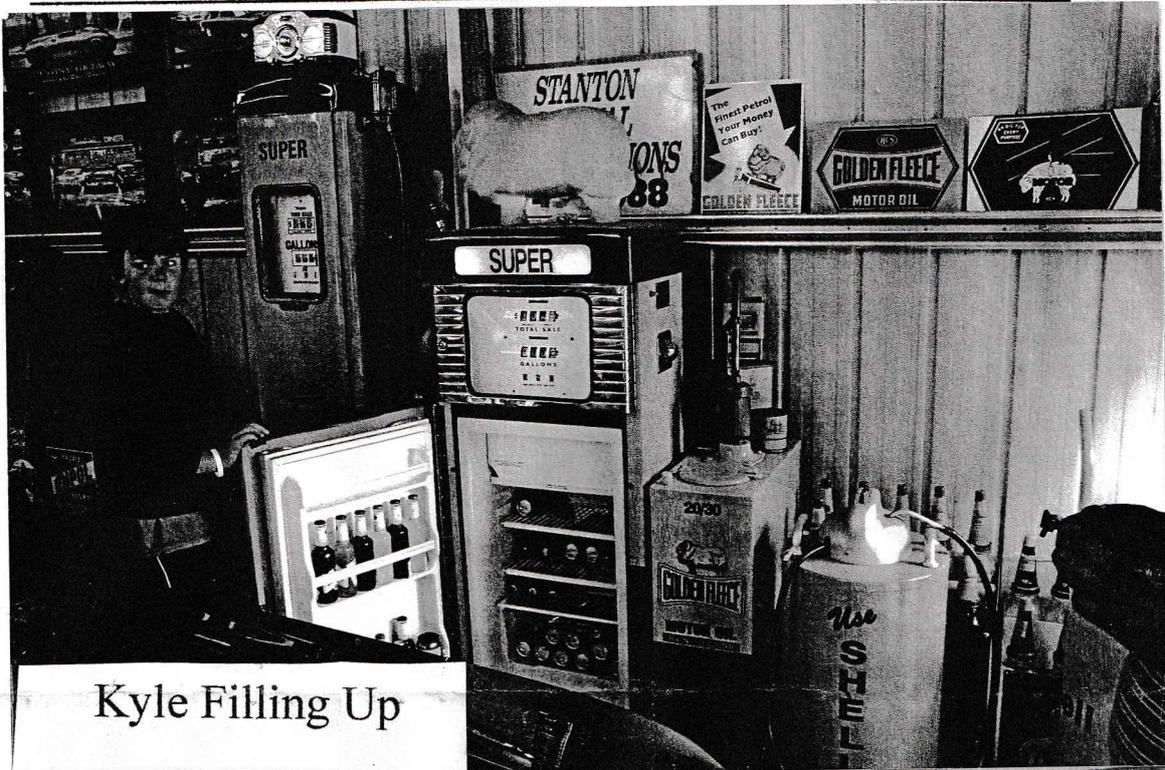
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| Best Original | 1 st : John & Linda Beattie | Runner Up: Norman & Marea Julian |
| Best Modified | 1 st Greg Varveris | Runner Up: Jason Birmingham |
| Best V/8 | 1 st Nick Kournelis | Runner Up: Denise Mort |
| Best L 6 | Martyn & Silvia Hayes | Runner Up: John Ernst |
| Best Experimental: | 1 st Scott Reynolds | |
| Best Non P76 | Rick Percival | |
| People's Choice | Jason Birmingham | President's Choice Graeme Beck |



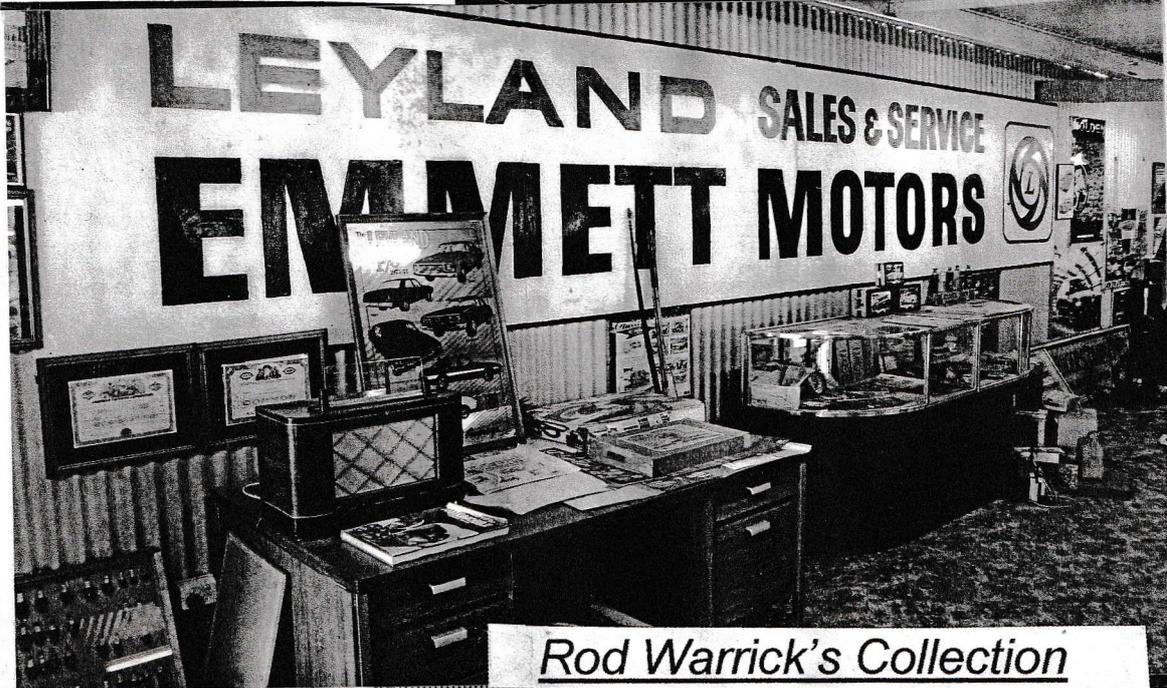
Peter and friends exploring the Caribou



Sabre Fighter in the HARS Museum Hangar



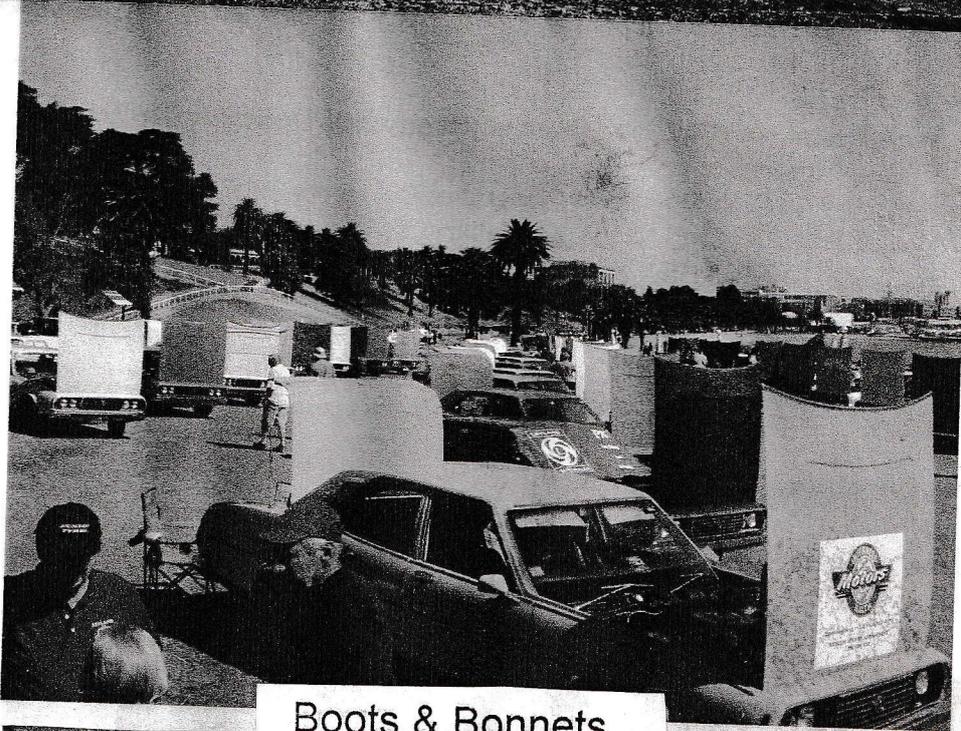
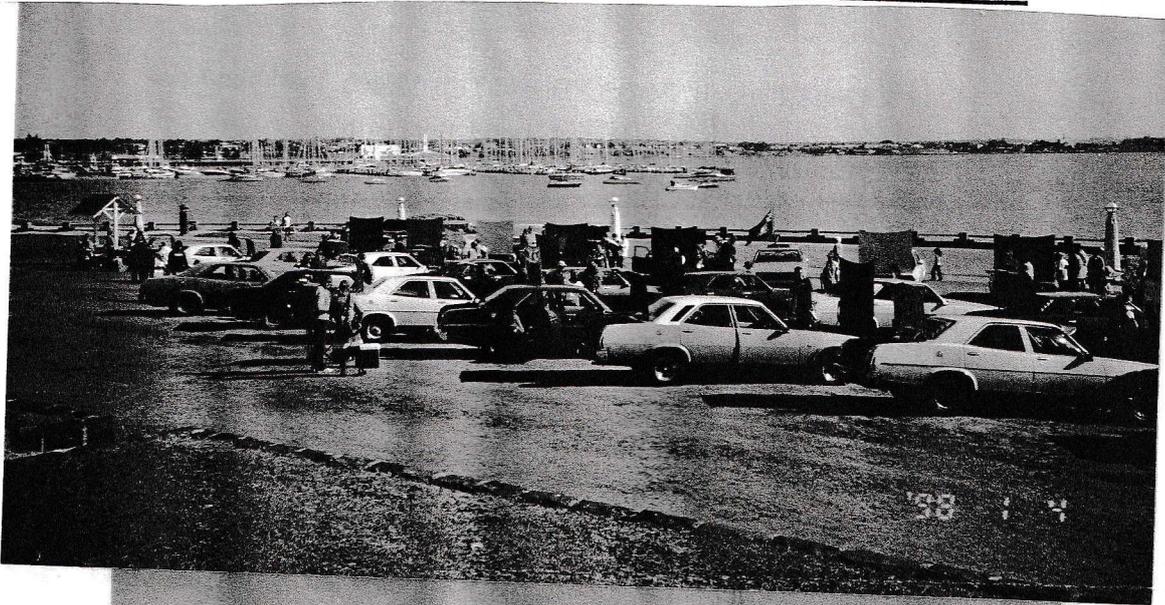
Kyle Filling Up



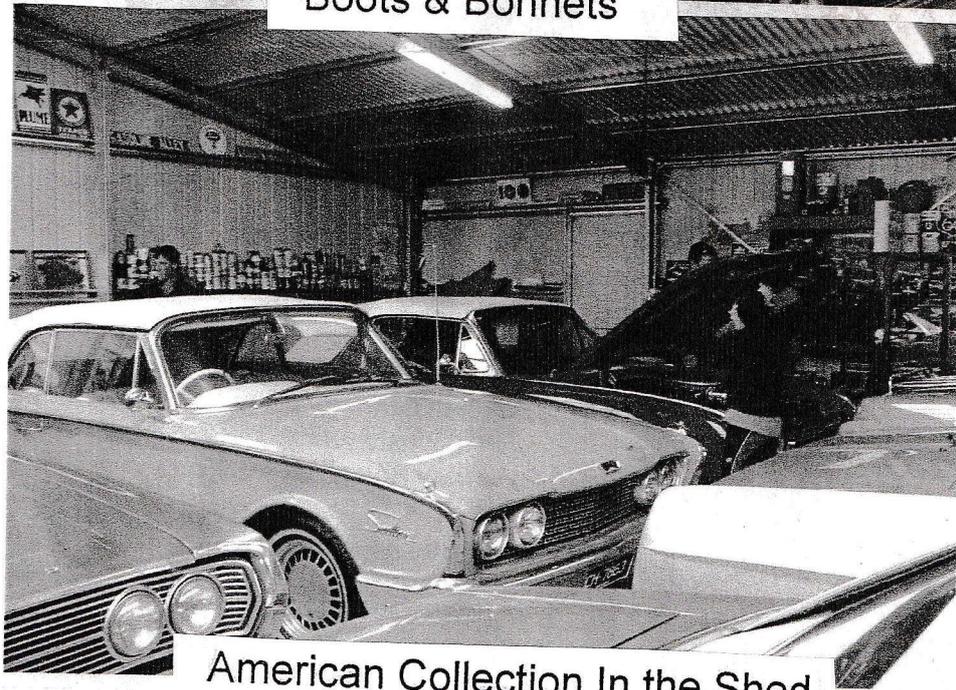
Rod Warrick's Collection



2008 VICTORIAN NATIONAL MEET – GEELONG, VICTORIA



Boots & Bonnets



American Collection In the Shed

Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club held at the Sans Souci Literary Institute
on Wednesday 20th February 2008.

Joe Green opened the meeting at 8:15pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

Apologies: Valda & Don Chappell, Peter O'Brien, Troy Green, Paul van Look.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.
Moved-Steve Maher. Seconded-Alan Torrance.

Business arising from the minutes: Nil.

Treasurers Report:

\$3,618.29 in bank. Statement No. 165 dated 31/12/2007.

\$3,586.79 in bank. Statement No. 166 dated 31/01/2008.

Income for December 2007 & January 2008. Nil.

Outgoings for December 2007 & January 2008. Australia Post \$39.35, Hall Rent \$27.50, Photocopier Toner \$140.00, Berts Soft Drinks \$12.00, Council of Motor Clubs fees \$25.00, White Pages add. Total \$320.35.

Acceptance of the Treasurers Report. Moved-Bev Lyons. Seconded- Kay De Luca.

Correspondence in:

1. West Australian P76 Club Magazines Westwords December 2007, January 2008, February 2008.
2. Victoria P76 Club Magazines November/December 2007, January 2008.
3. Queensland P76 Club Magazine January 2008.
4. NSW P76 Owners Club Magazine Leyland Post January/February 2008.
5. Country P76 Club Magazine Worts 'N All November 2007.
6. South Australian P76 Club Magazine December 2007.
7. New Zealand P76 Club Magazine Penzed January 2008.
8. Drive Chatter Magazines November 2007, December 2007/January 2008.

Correspondence Out:

Nil.

Acceptance of correspondence. Moved-Kevin Ward. Seconded-Alan Torrance.

General Business:

1. Steve Maher reported to the meeting that the Force 7 models are being completed. He brought to the meeting a pre production model for viewing. He also spoke about refinishing Trax models in different colours.
2. Joe Green asked the meeting which members would be going to Eastern Creek. We have ordered 10 places.
3. Joe Green reminded and asked the meeting who will be going to Wings over Illawarra on Saturday 8th March. At least 2 members would attend.
4. Joe Green informed the meeting that there will not be a club meeting in March 2008. The next meeting will be in April 2008.
5. Joe Green reported to the meeting that the Australia Day event at Berrima. It was a great day however the parade was a little disorganized.
6. Joe Green also reported to the meeting on the Berrima Rally hosted by the Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club held on the 16th & 17th of February 2008. As in previous times, it was a very well organized weekend.

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm followed by supper.