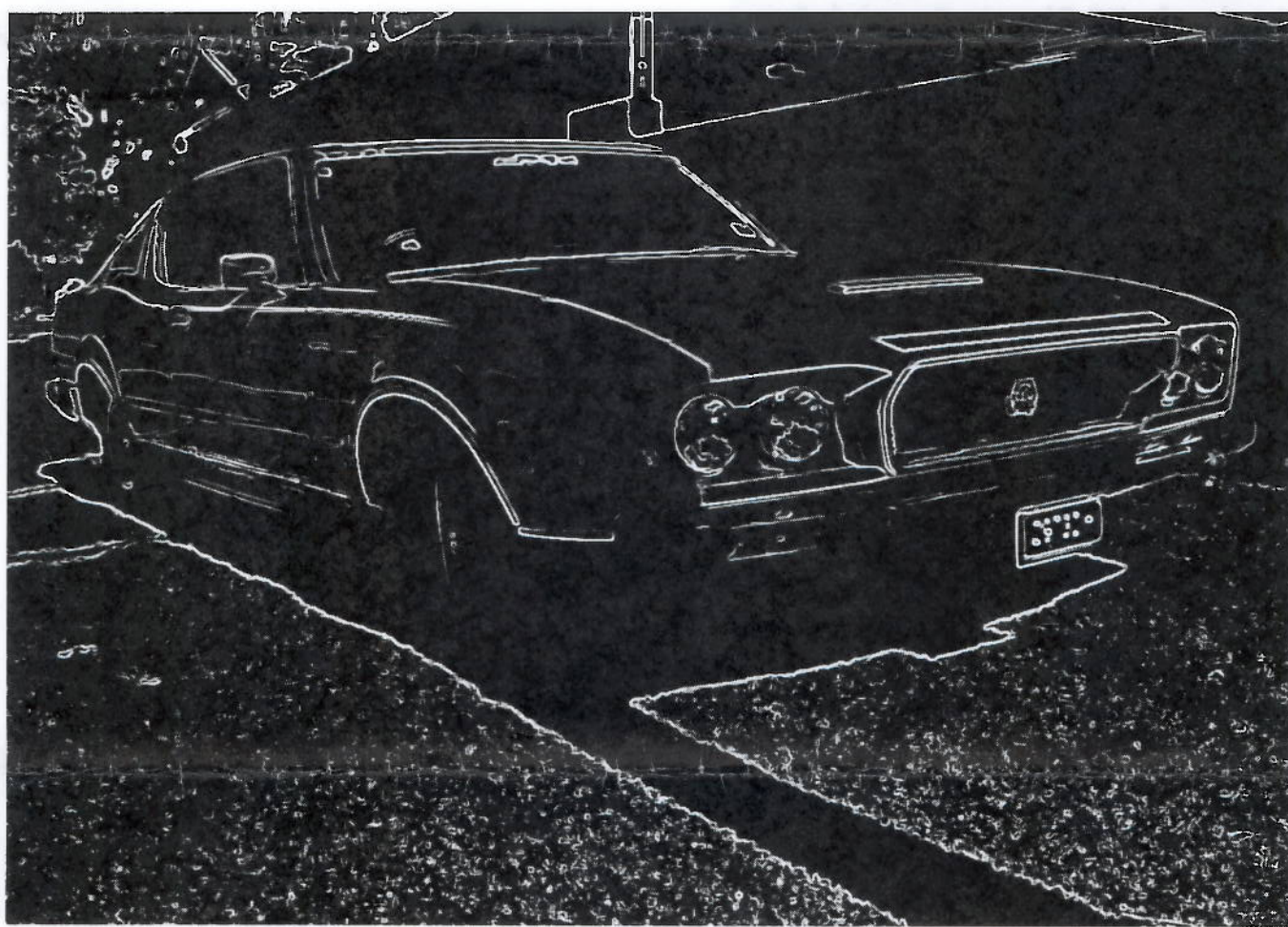


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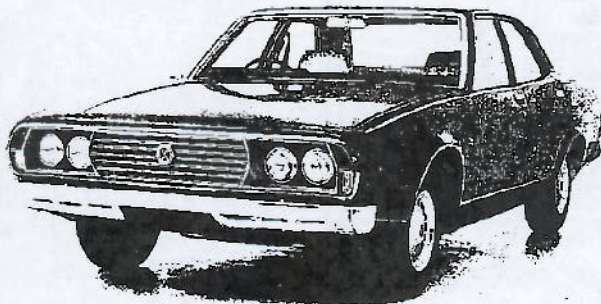
If any members have a vehicle or spare parts for sale, an interesting story about his or her car, weather it is about a rebuild or repair, or of your trips away on holidays, please do not hesitate to contact the editor and it will be greatly received.

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GENERAL MEETINGS

Venue: San Souci Literary institute
Address: 107 Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate
 (cnr Campbell Street)
Time: 8:00pm Wednesday Nights



MEETING DATES 2008

JULY 16th, AUG 20th, SEP 17th,
OCT 15th, NOV 19th, DEC 17th

Editorial

Well our general meeting night last month was very well attended, and it was good to catch up with Alan Simon, Noel Newham and Ron Naylor. The recent outing to Kembla Grange race course for the south coast Holden owners show and shine day was another good event and the host club is to be congratulated for organising a great event.

We have two major outings coming up in August, the British display day on 17th and the following weekend 24th is Shannon's Eastern Creek display. These are both good meetings and well supported each year. So if you have not ordered a ticket contact Joe Green now on 9522 6529.

Thanks very much to Denise Mort and Alan Miller for their articles in this months newsletter. They are much appreciated and please any member who has a story about their car or event do not hesitate to send it to me. (hand written is OK)

Well see you all at our next meeting.

Sue Green

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Thanks to

- Denise Mort for her article
- Allan Miller for his article
- Joe Green for his article
- To all members who paid membership so promptly

Please note

If you are able to write an article for our newsletter the deadline for it to be printed in the next newsletter is the **1st of every month.**

Membership Renewals

Member's fees are due on 30th June \$35 single, \$40 family

If you have paid and you receive a reminder slip in your newsletter, please disregard

FUTURE EVENTS 2008

August 17th	Association of British car clubs display day at Kings School
August 24th	Shannon's Eastern Creek Raceway.
September 6th – 7th	Muscle car masters day Eastern Creek
September 7th	Burwood Council Show & Shine
September 14th	Orange Blossom Festival Baulkham Hills 9:30am
October 12th	B.M.C. Heritage day at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club West Ryde 11:30am start.
October 26th	Highlands Motorfest and County Fair at Chevalier College Bowral.

Heated Rear Windows

We are ordering rear windows shortly so if you are interested please ring & confirm your order now on 0409 988 757 or (02) 9522-6529

Clear \$220 or Tinted \$230 plus freight

FOR SALE

- 1 x under-dash aircon unit + centre console for a floor shift
- 2 x piston compressors with mounting brackets included
- 1 x rotary compressor
- 1 x weather shield for drivers window (metal clamps not included)
- 1 x well used V8 engine (worked well before extraction) minus manifolds
- 1 x matching transmission

Contact Ron Naylor 9790-4010

South Coast Holden Owners Club **Annual Charity Show & Shine 2008**

On Sunday 22nd June 2008 it was a very crisp winter morning and I decided to give the force 7 a quick wash just as the sun was rising over Botany Bay. At about 7:15am Peter O'Brien arrived at our place in his immaculate country cream deluxe V/8 P76, looking as great as it always does.

We were getting prepared to go to South Coast Holden Owners Club Annual Charity Show and Shine. Unfortunately Sue was not able to come with us.

So we moved off about 7:30am and drove along Taren Point Road to Sutherland and then proceeded down the motorway south, past Bulli then Mount Ousley and after coming down the mountain we met up with Paul and Gail Van Cook in their immaculate Bold as Brass Marina. We then approached the entrance to the Kembla Grange racecourse and the Stewarts then positioned our cars to a very nice tarred area adjoining the main grandstand.

Shortly a guy in a very immaculate Morris Minor ute turned up and said "Hey you fellas can I join your group" naturally we said "of course". He was very interesting his name was Bob Donovan and he is in our age group and a member of the Morris Minor club. His ute is outstanding and he has spent about 10 years on this restoration. His attention to detail was most impressive, particularly the engine bay, a great credit to him. He was quite a character talking to all who came by. He was steam train driver in the Wollongong Dapto district.

Kevin Ward arrived later on with two companions (two cute little dogs). Ron Frith was also in attendance, it was good to see him.

We then decided to go into the main hall to register our vehicles. In this area the host club had organised a large number of trade displays and a giant instant prize raffle with about 150 great prizes to be won. Tickets cost \$1 each. We all bought a number of tickets, however none of us were lucky this year. This building also housed a very nice café-restaurant that sells many varieties of hot food and drinks. Beside this pavilion there was a large slippery dip set up for the kids and an ice cream van. The local fire brigade had a fire safety display demonstration in this area. A very nice customised Ford Falcon ute and a two door Thunderbird were displayed in a covered section, also a very nice Austin Healy and a couple of motor bikes. One of the bikes had outstanding air brush art work on it!!!!

Note—in the process of viewing the cars we were approached by a young guy from Nova, Ajay was his name and he was very interested in our Leyland P76 vehicles. I don't think he had ever seen them before, so he asked us all if he could interview us and talk about our cars. He spoke to three of us. Paul Van Cook gave him the info about Marina's and Peter O'Brien gave him a great deal of technical details about the P76 and I gave him a short history of the Force 7. He was most impressed and it was a bit of good PR for our cars and the history of Leyland.

Later on we met a guy called Fletch who hosts a TV show on channel 31 called classic renos, he was also very interested in our cars and his camera crew took some film and may be on a TV show in the future.

At about 3pm the host club presented the trophies to the winners of the peoples choice awards. There was about 60 categories, this is a very generous effort on behalf of the Holden owners club, unfortunately none of our members won an award.

Anyhow after a very pleasant sunny winters day Peter and myself decided it was time to depart. We left Kembla Grange at about 4pm and after a leisurely drive, arrived home at about 5:30pm.

I would like to thank and congratulate Lynelle Titoume and committee of the Holden club for organising such a good show and shine day for car enthusiasts of all styles, makes and models of cars. All proceeds go to a very worthy charity.

The mixture of cars was outstanding, the range was from early vintage, veteran classic to modern. The standard was very high and there was a large number of street machines on show.

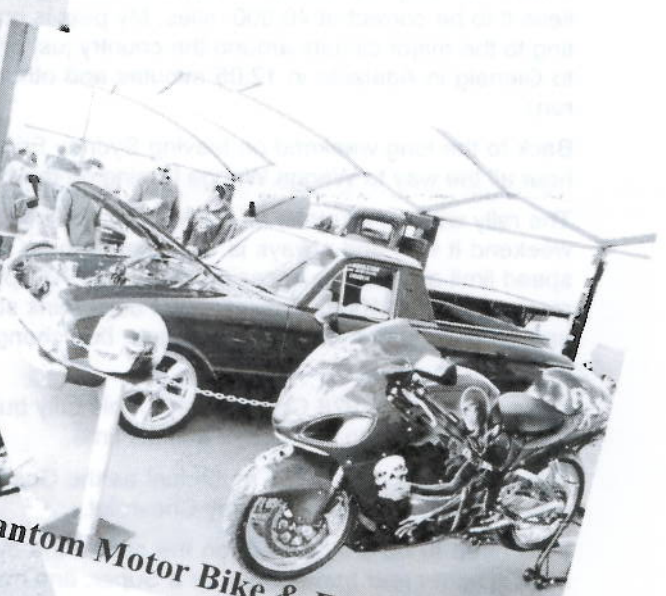
Joe Green

South Coast Holden Owners Club Annual Charity Show & Shine 2008

Some Of Our Group



Phantom Motor Bike & Falcon Ute

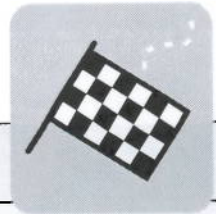


Nice 1935 Ford Coupe



Car of Interest

A lot of interested people in Paul Van Look's Marina



Just as I remembered my P76 33 years ago.

About two years ago I answered an add. We talked for a while on the phone, now after picking up 3 P76's one from the bottom of Vic. I did not wish to travel great distances anymore to find a good one I was relieved to find that this one was only 8kms from home so I hurried around there to find to my astonishment it was the same colour Bitter Apricot as my car in 1973 to 1979.

The car was on club plates and had been in the one family all its life at that time now being driven by the nephew of the gentleman that owned it all but 6 months up until he passed away .

I was a bit sceptical about the Speedo reading but after driving it for the entire long weekend just passed I now believe it to be correct at 40,000 miles. My past is motor racing and driving this car brings back many memories of getting to the major circuits around the country just one of these was on two occasions travelling from Auburn in Sydney to Glenelg in Adelaide in 12.05 minutes and other time was 12.30 minutes (must have had two cups of coffee that run).

Back to the long weekend on leaving Sydney Friday morning in an unknown untried car to me I sat on 80 /90 km's / hour all the way to Wagga Wagga turning off the HWY at Gundagai going the country rout to Wagga .

The rally was an all make all models car and bike up to 1978 162 entrants with about 300 for tea .and what a good weekend it was and always is. Being a bit more sure of my car for the return trip I easily found myself sitting on the speed limit and on one occasion found it at 70 mph (no cruise control) my feeling that the Speedo reading was incorrect or that plus 100,000 miles now I don't think so as it all is very tight, steering good, engine strong with no noises and no back lash in the diff. dept. gear box changes nicely, what a joy to drive and brings back lots of fond memories.

I was to take my 1928 Chev. tourer to this rally but as the weather was so foul here I raced around and got the P 76 registered thanks to Joe Green and his time.

The P76 used probably as much fuel as the Chev. would have ,but cut 3 hours off the trip time to Wagga, this in no way means that I will garage my Chevrolet.

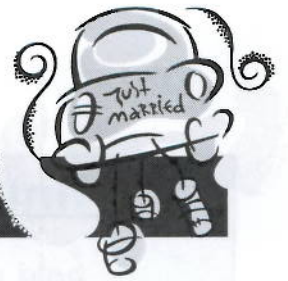
I will need to do a little work on the car as the old gentleman was driving by blind and there are a few dents, I will need a better rear bumper bar for a Super, and maybe replace the two front doors that he has changed over at some time the two original doors, did come with the car as well as a boot full of NOS parts.

I also need two inside sun visors as he has glued mirrors on to them (not nice)

What a joy to drive. Thanks again to Joe for putting him self out for me on Thursday.

Alan Miller.





The Day My Car Became a Wedding Car.

A phone call from Steve Maher (Owners Club) asking if Greg my Son or myself were interested in having our car used in a wedding, was how it started.

Gordon Murray's, who used to belong to the Newcastle Club, daughter was getting married and wanted a P76 as a wedding car. She lives in Canada but was coming home to get married. A phone call from Gordon and I was sending him a photo of my car and one of Greg's. Greg wrote down the Email address. About three weeks went by with no word. Then another phone call from Gordon asking if we had changed our minds. Greg had written down the letter K instead of the name KAY, in the email address, don't know who received the photos. This time he received them and sent them off to his daughter Rebecca in Canada for her to decide which car she wanted. Word came back she wanted the Country Cream. I said fine as long as Greg did the driving.

A few days before the wedding the car received a good clean inside and out she looked great. The 18th May dawned sunny but windy. The wedding was in Leura in the Blue Mountains. The weather forecast predicted rain, was not too sure how clean the car would be by the time we arrived at the York Resort. Drive up was fine no rain. Thank goodness.

Gordon met us outside the resort at the main entrance. A white ribbon was placed on the car, she now looked the part. Gordon said to come inside as it was not time to pick up Rebecca at the hairdresser in Katoomba. Some of the guests were in the foyer, a few commented on the car. Gordon's Son-in-Law said when he married Gordon's older daughter they used two P76's for their wedding.

Time for Greg to go get the bride, I headed down to the pond at the bottom of the resort where the service was being held. By this time the weather was still sunny but very cold and windy. About twenty minutes later the car arrived. Lots of photos taken by the Photographer, but lots by me, had to have a record of the wedding.

After the service the guests went back into the resort for drinks and finger food. Greg was to take the couple Rebecca and John back to Wentworth Falls for photos. I watched them drive off. Gordon said to follow him back up to the resort to wait for Greg. I was told to help myself to the food and drink. Good of them to offer but I said I would wait for Greg in the foyer.

It took over an hour before Greg came back from the photos. Greg had taken pictures. They looked great with Mt. Solitary in the background. A good backdrop for the car.

After saying goodbye to Gordon and his daughter and new Husband, we headed to Oberon. My sister had rang while I was waiting and invited us to lunch. The weather at Oberon was cold (very) with misty rain, just as well it was not like that at Leura. The sun shined on the Bride.

Everything went well. The car had no troubles, Rebecca and John said the car looked like new inside. They were very happy at having a P76 for their wedding car. They returned to Canada a week after their wedding.

Greg enjoyed being a wedding car Driver, shame there is not more people wanting P76's for wedding cars.

Denise Mort



Minutes of the Leland P76 Classic Car Club

held at Sans Souci Literary Institute, Wednesday 18th June 2008.

Joe Green opened the meeting at 8:08pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

Apologies: Valda & Don Chappell, Ron Frith, Angelos Frangopoulos.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved-Peter O'Brien. Seconded-Paul van Look.

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

Treasurer's Report:

\$3,388.77 in Bank. Statement No. 170 dated 30/05/2008.

Income for May 2008 - Membership \$430.00.

Outgoings for May 2008 - Postage \$35.00; Hall Rent \$27.50; Copy Paper & Envelopes \$20.00. Total \$82.50.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Moved - Ron Naylor. Seconded - Kay De Luca.

Correspondence in:

1. Letter from Broke Village Fair regarding the Broke Village Fair & Vintage Car Display 14th Sept 08
2. West Australian P76 Club Magazines Westwords June 2008.
3. Victoria P76 Club Magazine April 2008.
4. Country P76 Magazine Worts & All April 2008.
5. NSW P76 Owners Club Magazine Leyland Post No 25 May/June 2008.
6. South Australian P76 Club Magazine June 2008.
7. Drive Chatter Magazine June 2008.

Correspondence Out: Nil.

Acceptance of correspondence. Moved - Bev Lyons. Seconded - Alan Torrance.

General Business:

Joe Green informed the meeting that the South Coast Holden Owners Club Display Day will be next Sunday 22nd June 2008.

Joe Green informed the meeting that the Motorex Expo will be held on 5th, 6th and 7th July 2008.

Joe Green & Peter O'Brien reported to the meeting on the Motorlife Museum at Kembla Grange Wollongong. A great place to visit. The Club will look at a donation to the Museum in the near future.

Steve Maher reported to the meeting that at the National Meeting held at Geelong over the Easter weekend, Hal Maloney would like to revive the P76 get together which was held on the alternate Easter to the Nationals. It is planned to hold the next get together in Gunnedah Easter 2009.

Steve Maher reported to the meeting that at the National Meeting in Geelong it was decided to investigate National Concours Rules before the next National Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm followed by supper.