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## LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.

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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

**JUNE 18th, JULY 16th, AUG 20TH,**  
**SEP 17th, OCT 15th, NOV 19th, DEC 17th**



### Editorial

The National Motoring Heritage Day on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May was a huge success, it has been reported that all of the meeting sites were well supported. Joe and I decided to go on a local run to Cronulla, Dolls Point and Brighton Le sands. It was a pleasant day and we received so many positive comments from people we met. Many thanks to Troy, for printing the newsletter on the computer last month. He is confident that it will improve in the months ahead. The South Coast Holden Owners mixed show and shine charity for kids show will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and should be another top outing. It is one that I recommend more of our members to participate. The first meeting of the combined NSW clubs National meeting was held last month, and I have been told it was very positive. Steve Maher was appointed as the coordinator for this event, other members from the Owners Club are Jason Birmingham, Greg Bryant and Marty Stockwell. Thanks all who have paid their membership fees early. Well that's it for this month; see you all at our next meeting.

Sue Green

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## Thanks to

- Tony & Kay DeLuca for their articles last month
- Joe Green for his article last month
- Troy Green for his assistance with producing the newsletter

## 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 **1<sup>st</sup> of every month.**

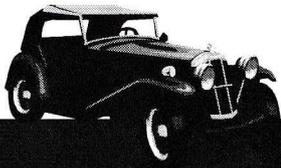
## Membership Renewals

Member's fees are due on 30<sup>th</sup> June \$35 single, \$40 family  
If you have paid and you receive a reminder slip in your newsletter, please disregard

## FUTURE EVENTS 2008

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| <b>June 22<sup>nd</sup></b>                      | South Coast Holden owners mixed show and shine day at Kembla Grange Race course. Entry \$20 per car. |
| <b>August 23<sup>rd</sup></b>                    | 24 <sup>th</sup> Shannon's Eastern Creek Raceway \$15 per car.                                       |
| <b>August</b>                                    | British display day Kings School                                                                     |
| <b>September 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup></b> | Muscle car masters day Eastern Creek                                                                 |
| <b>September</b>                                 | Orange Blossom Festival                                                                              |
| <b>October 12<sup>th</sup></b>                   | B.M.C. Heritage day at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club West Ryde 11:30am start.                           |
| <b>October</b>                                   | Highlands Motorfest and County Fair at Chevalier College Bowral.                                     |





## 33<sup>rd</sup> Berrima Rally 2008

This weekend rally in the Southern Highlands was one of the most successful in the district, and has survived this length of time due to the clubs dedicated committee over these years (some of the committee members were on the committee when the club first began). We have attended this outing on and off since the mid 1980's.

Sue and I left Sydney on the Saturday morning at about 8am in the Force 7, the weather was great and we decided to go south along the highway and turn off at Bulli to Appin as this drive is much more picturesque than the motorway. The catchment area for the dam is very nice and motoring through all of the hairpin bends and steep inclines makes the trip much more interesting. We eventually ended up back on the Hume Highway just past Picton and about 30klms from Mittagong.

We arrived at the venue which is now the Mittagong Public School at about 9.45am there was a static show and shine held in the grounds where tea, coffee and scones were provided by the host club. Brian and Helen Maddaford were there in a very original executive P76. A bit later Peter and Pauline O'Brien arrived in their immaculate country cream deluxe. Between 12pm and 1pm lunch was held in the school canteen, some of the vehicles on display included, Ford Mustangs, Morris Minors, Chryslers, Dodge's, Morris Cowley, Ford Falcon's, Triumph, Jaguar, Holden, Monaro's, Minis and many others about 120 in total.

After lunch all of the cars assembled for a low key rally, our first stop was the site of Australia's 1<sup>st</sup> iron works and mines museum of which was uncovered recently when the firm of Woolworths was excavating the site for a new super center. The firm spent 2 million dollars to preserve what remained. It commenced in 1848 and was named Fitzroy Iron Works set on 100 acres in the underground car park of Woolworths and has great signage and information available.

We then continued on a leisurely drive along the back roads of the Southern Highlands and passed Mittagong Historic Air Strip and stopped at the Alpine Berry Farm. A very nice property, after purchasing various items we moved on then to a model railway museum. Some of the group continued onto the Bradman Museum at Bowral and also the local winery.

We then went to our motel at the Mittagong RSL, after freshening up we then all met up at the dinner dance at the RSL. The theme this year was Australiana. It was well supported and the crowd was great, the activities finished about 12pm.

The next morning we all left Mittagong RSL car park at about 9:30am for a scenic drive to Fitzroy Falls for a morning tea, again provided by the host club. After much chatting and car talk to many of the members of the other clubs we then went back to the RSL for a luncheon and presentation of trophies.

The luncheon again was first class and more food than you could eat. The trophies were then presented. We then said our goodbyes to all and proceeded home along the Hume Highway and then the Motorway arriving home at about 5:30pm on the Sunday after a great weekend with people from all walks of life and who have interests in all types of classic veteran and vintage cars. And yes we will be there again next year.

Joe Green

### *Peter & Pauline O'Brien & Sue Green at Berrima Rally*



## 2008 Victorian National Meeting Geelong Vic

(continued from last month)

After the delegates meeting Troy and I went back to our cabin, washed up, dressed up and proceeded to the Belmont RSL Club for the dinners and presentation night.

We arrived at the RSL at about 6.30pm and were allocated a table with the west Australian members, this was also a trivia night and our table was named the omega navy table.

The three course meal served by the club was excellent, no one could complain. During the course of the night various items were put up for auction. A couple of metal large cut outs of a Leyland P76 and a Force 7 were presented and their was heated bidding for these items and eventually they were won by Jason Birmingham. A model of a Force 7 (no. 76) was then offered and I think it was won by a New Zealand member.

The trophy's were then presented to the concourse winners (list of winners in previous newsletter) as far as the trivia winners went, our table was just pipped at the post by Jason's table (the hairy lime table)

The nights activities came to a conclusion, it was a fun night and President Rick Perceval thanked his committee members etc and a banner was presented to the NSW clubs that will be hosting the next National meeting in 2010.

We then went back to the park at about 12pm and spent many more hours chatting etc to our friends and also many new ones as some were leaving very early in the morning.

On Monday morning March 24<sup>th</sup> Troy and I were up bright and early all packed up. Jason drove the West Australians to the airport. When he arrived back we had a quick breakfast at the café. After saying thanks and goodbye to Rick and his members we were ready to leave Geelong. Troy and I were driving Jason's white executive back to Sydney. Troy was driving, we were the last to leave behind Denise and Greg in their Country Cream P76, Jason in his Hairy Lime, Neville in his Nutmeg Targa and Steve Maher was in the lead car.

We left the park at about 10:30am, topped up with fuel and moved on. As we were the last ones in the group it was hard to keep up due to heavy traffic. We were soon out on the open road and had lost sight of the others, so we continued towards Sydney driving at just on the speed limit. We were on the road for some hours when the weather turned very bad, heavy rain and storms, while driving through this we noticed many dead kangaroos (about 12) on the side of the road, also a very large wombat this was as we were approaching Wangaratta. We then stopped in the township at the golden arches and had a quick snack.

We left Wangaratta at about 1pm, it was still raining heavily, however it soon stopped. We then turned off at Goulbourn topped up the tank (you would not believe it \$76 and this is true). We went next door to Maccas and after a quick stop we were away again at about 5:30pm.

It was not long after that we passed Suttons Forest and Mittagong, then one of my friends rang me to tell me about the traffic problems and hold-ups coming into Sydney. He said there was about a 6km line of cars at Wollongong and the traffic on the M5 was at a standstill. So we decided to turn off the highway at the Picton branch and go through Wilton and Appin oast the catchment and dam area and came out on the highway at Bulli. This was good in theory, however it was now night time, very dark, no street lights and the rain was on again.

So we left the highway towards Wilton, we then received a phone call from Jason "How are you going? Where are you? Is my P76 OK?" We pulled over to the side of the road and Troy replied "everything is great except for the rain, where are you Jason?" He said they were at Maccas at Sutton Forrest, we explained to him we where we were and assured him his car had not missed a beat. So we were off again.

Anyhow upon moving, the heavy rain began again and also there were light hail stones, not good. Continuing down the mountain side, near the catchment area of the dam and down the bridge through the tight hairpin bends. OOPS!!!! Lost it.....4 wheels slide around the bend and into the trees!!! Sorry Jason..... Just Joking!!!!

Anyhow it was very difficult driving in this area, the vision was very bad, road was greasy, the good thing was, next to no traffic, and we both know this road really well.

After numerous twists and turns in the darkness we came out on the highway at Bulli, we then proceeded along Princess Highway in thick traffic through Engadine, Sutherland and arrived home at Taren Point safely right on 9:00pm. This is not bad going Troy drove all the way, and only stopped for fuel and Maccas.

Troy spoke to Jason the next day and he said he did not arrive home until about 11:30pm, due to traffic.

On closing I would like to thanks the Victorian Owners Club for their hospitality and organising such a great National. They looked after us very well and we met many of our friends, made some new ones and every one was easy and pleasant which I like.

The Owners Club and our club will host the next National meeting in 2010. We can all look forward to what I am sure will be another great and successful meeting. I believe all who attended this year will be there in 2010 and I urge any of our members who have not been to an event like this make the effort to participate as you will not be disappointed.

I have been to many National meetings over the years and I must say I have enjoyed them all, so I hope to see record numbers of P76 cars and members in 2010.

Joe Green

# **Minutes of the Leland P76 Classic Car Club**

**held at Sans Souci Literary Institute, Wednesday 21st May 2008.**

Joe Green opened the meeting at 8:10pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

**Apologies:** Tony & Kay DeLica, Don & Valda, Ron Frith, Ron Naylor.

Troy Green took the minutes due to the absence of Tony DeLuca

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Moved-Peter O'Brien. Seconded-Ian Lyons.

**Business arising from the minutes:** Nil.

## **Treasurers Report:**

\$3,252.87 in bank. Statement No. 168 dated 31/03/2008.

Income for March 2008. Nil.

\$3,031.77 in bank. Statement No. 169 dated 30/04/08

Outgoings. Australia Post \$30.00, Hall Rent \$27.50, Typing \$25 Hall Rent \$27.50 Cartridge world \$125 Australia Post \$38.60. Total \$278.60.

Acceptance of the Treasurers Report. Moved-Alan Torrens. Seconded- Bev Lyons.

## **Correspondence in:**

1. Trax catalogue 3rd edition 2008.
2. Gunnedah North West Annual swap meet
3. Letter from Shannon's Insurance
4. Sydney model swap meet 15th June Penrith
5. Entry forms 2008 Orange Blossom Festival.
6. Queensland P76 Club magazine 2008 April & May
7. South Australian P76 Club magazine April 2008
8. Westwords P76 magazine May 2008
9. N.Z. P76 Club PENZED May 2008
10. Drive Chatter magazine May 2008

## **Correspondence Out:** Nil.

Acceptance of correspondence. Moved-Paul Vanlook. Seconded-Steve Maher.

## **General Business: Items discussed**

1. owners charity show day at Kembla Grange June 22nd.
2. Fees Eastern Creek Shannons Classic show day
3. National meeting 1st committee meeting held at Tony & Kay DeLuca's home & Steve Maher elected as coordinator.
4. Ken Halstead needs a kick down cable
5. Don Chappell needs a 2nd hand front bumper bar
6. British display day fees \$10
7. B.M.C Heritage Day at Ryde Costs approx \$35-\$40 per head for luncheon
8. National motoring heritage day
9. Newsletter compiled on the computer by Troy Green
10. Ron Naylor has some second hand parts for sale.

The meeting concluded at 8.32pm followed by supper.