

# LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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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 2009

Mar 18th	April Nil	May 20th
June 17th	July 15th	Aug 19th
Sept 16th	Oct 21st	Nov 18th
Dec 16th		

## Editorial

Well the 2009 car club events have got off to a good start, two outings in two consecutive weekends in February. First was a wonderful weekend and very well supported by all clubs, then the wings over Illawarra air show and car display was held at Albion Park airstrip on 22nd February another great day.

The runs to look forward to in April are the get together of all P76 clubs at Gunnedah NSW at Easter and also the Railway Historical show & shine at Robertson on 12th April 2009.

I will not be able to attend the Gunnedah get together, however I am hoping to attend the show & shine at Robertson on Sunday 12th April. Unfortunately the south coast Holden owners club charity show & shine in June 2009 has to be cancelled due to the lack of support from their volunteers, this is sad due to the fact that this club raises an enormous amount of funds every year for a very worthy charity. They are hoping to be able to hold the next one in June 2010.

In the next newsletter we hope to have an update about the 2010 National meeting to be held at Motto Farm Raymond Terrence NSW.

Last of all I would like to wish all of our members a their families a happy and safe Easter holiday and I would like to remind all members that their will be no general meeting night in April and also no newsletter, so I hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Joe Green

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## **FUTURE EVENTS 2009**

**April—Easter**

National get together at Gunnedah NSW

**April Easter 12th**

Roberston Show & Shine

**May 8th—11th**

Jazz Festival Thredbo, Phone Lynelle 02 4267 3578

**May 17th**

National Motoring Heritage Day—venues to be announced later

**June**

South Coast Holden owners show & shine at Kembla Grange race course

**August 22nd & 23rd**

Shannon's Eastern Creek Classic weekend

## **Thanks to**

- Tony & Kay De Luca for their article
- Troy & Julie for organising the newsletter

## **Please note**

- No General meeting in April
- No Newsletter in April

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.**

## **Get Well Message**

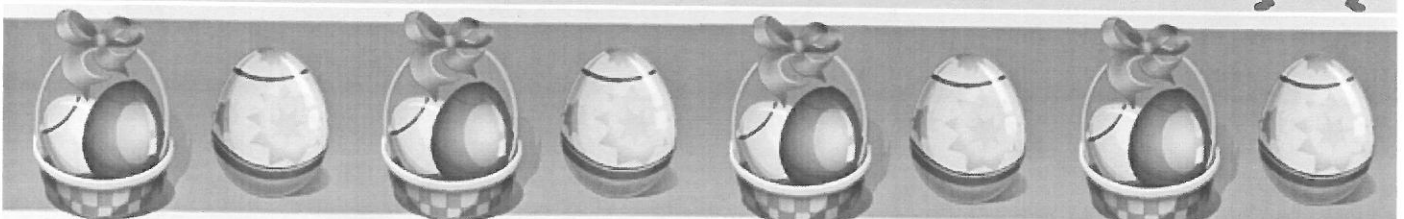
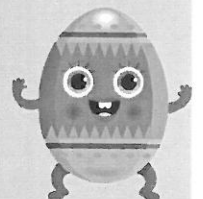
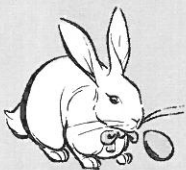
- Alan & Jean Torrance
- Don & Valda Chappell



# **Easter Holidays**



We wish all our members and their families a safe and happy time.



# WINGS OVER ILLAWARRA

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 saw us leaving home at 6.45am with our next-door neighbour Cheryl, whose husband is a member of HARS (Historic Aircraft Restoration Society), the organisation that operates the aircraft museum at Albion Park airfield.

Cheryl's husband Eric is a retired Qantas employee and has been involved with the restoration of "Connie" the 1950's Lockheed Super Constellation, which is part of their fleet.

Our journey south took us just over 1½ hours in our white Executive. Cheryl commented how comfortable the ride was! We passed various other classic vehicles on the way down and it was clear there was going to be a good roll-up of vehicles for the display.

Eric arranged for our cars to be in a prime position (outside the museum and hangers) and we were able to watch the rest of the cars arrive around us. It was reported that there were twice as many cars on display to last year.

Along with us were Paul Van Look and his grandson Andrew, Ron Frith and Joe Green. Our vehicles attracted a lot of attention, including some who admitted owning P76's a long time ago and the usual number of people looking for 40gallon drums in the boot!!

The aircraft display was phenomenal with the RAAF bringing a Hercules Bomber, the Red Baron, the Roulettes with their incredible acrobatic manoeuvres were really spectacular, the model aeroplanes were fantastic and displays by the Navy and Army had the kids queueing up to get a closer look inside.

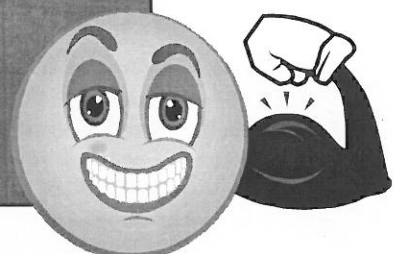
We had the opportunity to look inside Connie, which has 2 x 2 rows of business class seats, not representative of the passenger carrying seats of yesteryear. She still attracts a lot of attention.

Behind the scenes was an army of volunteers, who had to be fed by a small contingent of ladies, including our neighbour Cheryl, so Kay hopped in and gave a hand for a couple of hours. The ladies made several hundred sandwiches and made ready rolls etc for the barbecue. They also buttered scones/jam/cream for the lucky ones!

In all, it was a great day and we stayed to watch the RAAF trainees board the Hercules via the "back door" as seen in the attached photo.

The organisers put a lot of effort into the day and we certainly enjoyed the outing.

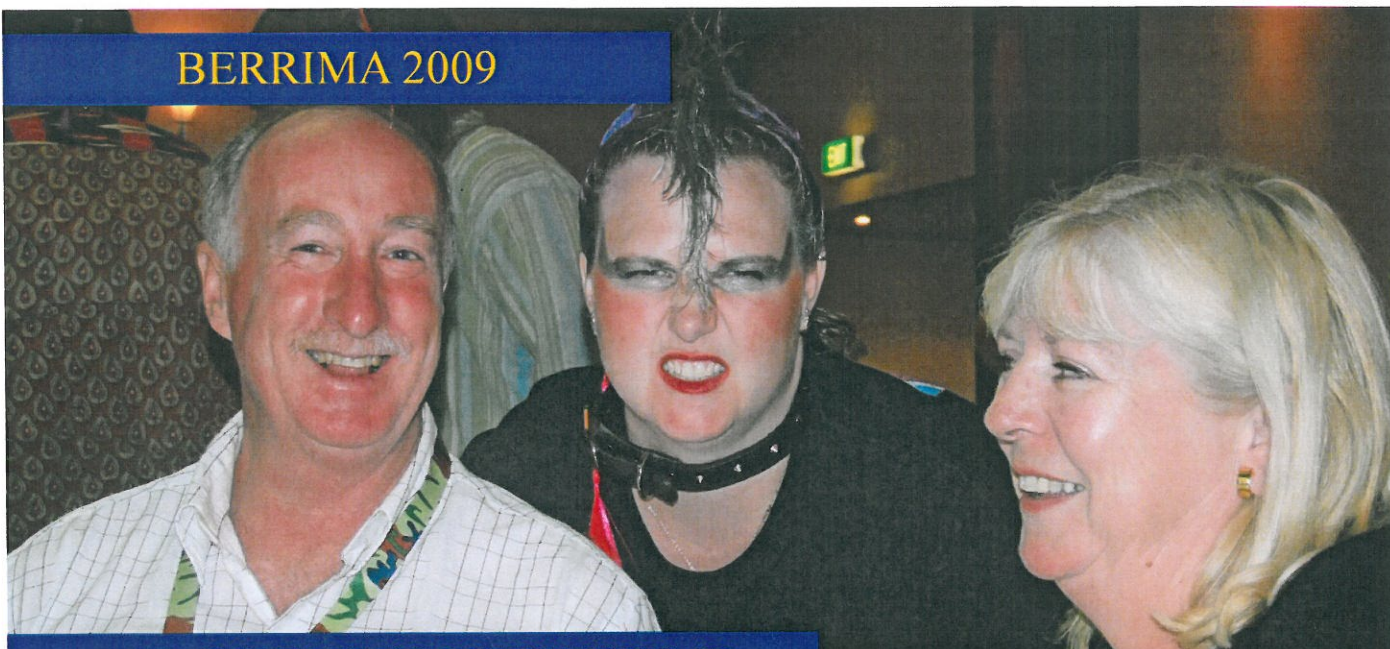
Tony & Kay De Luca



# WINGS OVER ILLAWARRA 2009



BERRIMA 2009



THE O'BRIEN'S NEW FRIEND



# THE GREATEST AIR SHOW



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## Wings Over Illawarra 2009

Another good day was on Sunday the 22nd February (Sue was unable to attend). My Force 7 must have been shocked, two runs within 7 days. Anyhow I gave the car a good wash and left Sydney for Albion Park at about 8:30am. I had a quiet drive down the highway and drove into the airport at about 9:30am. Tony and Kay DeLuca had arrived early and organised a pristine position for our cars.

Paul Van Look and Andrew in their Marina were already set and Ron Frith arrived shortly after in his P76.

There was a huge collection of vehicles on display including hotrods, street machines, and midget speed cars.

Kay spent the morning in the kitchen assisting and helping to make sandwiches etc. for all of the volunteers. So the rest of us decided to go and view some of the historic aircraft that was on display.

The Connie was fantastic such a superb restoration job. This is the plane that was restored by Australians in the USA and flown back to Australia. (a documentary about this aircraft was on TV recently) We were lucky to be able to inspect the inside of it, and the crowds were massive.

We were able to inspect the huge RAAF Hercules Bomber, the size of this aircraft was unbelievable.

I was very impressed by the Catalina, such a beautiful site it reminds me of a large prehistoric bird. The Red Baron was there and also the Red Bull stunt plane, also Dakota's and many other historic aircraft.

In the large hanger there was many food stalls, amusements, NSW fire brigade display, ambulance display, police recruiting, vintage machinery, RAAF simulators, aircraft painting and drawing, model plane and car stalls.

Well after wearing ourselves out trekking around the air strip we met up with Kay who had finished her work and all had our lunch together beside our cars.

After lunch at about 2:00pm we decided to leave. As I was driving out, the 5 or 6 Roulettes did a magnificent fly over. It was great to arrive back in Sydney at about 3:30pm after another enjoyable day.

Many thanks to the volunteers of the historical aircraft restoration society for organising such a great day.

I hope to attend again next year. JOE GREEN



# The 34th Berrima Rally 2009

Once again Sue and myself decided to attend this weekend rally, I gave the force 7 a good wash and polish, on Friday checked the oil, water etc. I also had some maintenance on the brakes carried out at my local mechanics workshop, I then packed our bags and we were ready to go.

We left Sydney on Saturday morning and the weather did not look good, so many dark clouds and also a light drop of rain. I decided to travel down the M5 this time and not the picturesque and winding drive via Appin. We had a good run along the highway and we followed a very nice old De-soto and a couple of immaculate old ford (obviously they were heading to the same venue as us).

We arrived at the Mittagong Public School grounds at about 9:00am and there was already a large number of vehicles set up. Not long after our arrival Peter & Pauline O'Brien turned up in their immaculate Country Cream V/8 Deluxe P76. We then registered our attendance with the registrar and received a very nice show bag. Bev & Ian Lyons and Ken & Gail Halsted arrived later on. I also bumped into an old friend of mine, Ray Selby who had his immaculate restored Morris Minor convertible with him.

The host club provided a very nice morning tea for us, hot fresh scones with jam and cream, cakes and coffee or tea, it was very nice.

The selection of cars on display was outstanding, they included a 1906 Darracq Touere, 1926 Rolls Royce Heres, 1925 Morris Cowley Tourer, 1908 Renault Victoria many Morris Minors, Mini Minors, Ford Mustangs, many old model Fords, D. type Jaguar, Holdens, Falcons, 1975 Buick Electra Coupe Marun, M6's, VW's and many others.

After browsing amongst the cars and catching up with many old friends we had our lunch in the converted pavilion area the host club had organised. Some art and craft stalls, jewellery stalls and also a quartet was playing nice music.

After lunch a guest new Mercedes car dealer (who owns just about every collectable Merc ever made plus he is having a replica D type Jaguar made for him in New Zealand) He was asked to award a prize to a car that he would most like to take home. He picked a very nice 1935 Ford Coupe. It was a good decision.

After this the host club organised a tour of the local city, however the O'Briens and ourselves decided to visit the local antique shops in Mittagong.

Then Sue and I visited some of our friends that reside nearby in a very historic Manor. We left the Force 7 in their garage for the night and our friends drove us back to the Mittagong RSL motel.

After a quick shower and change of outfits we joined Peter and Pauline at the RSL for the dinner dance. The dress up for the night was the era of your vehicle (we did not dress up)

The food was fantastic and the entertainment great (Sue said the singer reminded her of Col Joye) There was a nice collection of vintage clothing on display around the stage and also a great collection of pedal cars.

Many prizes were given out for fancy dress costumes of the decade or era of their cars, the roaring twenties, the rocking fifties and the hippies were most popular.

The entertainment concluded close to midnight. I was up bright and early on Sunday morning went for a brisk walk around the motel and then Sue and I had a Mac attack at the maccas situated at the rear of the motel.

My friends from the manor then arrived and I went back to their home to pick up the Force 7.

All of the cars then assembled in the RSL car park for the rally's and observation run, for a 9:30 am start. Unfortunately the rain started and was just raining enough to be uncomfortable.

Peter and Pauline started ahead of us and we then proceeded as per instructions to Mount Gibraltar, Bong Bong, Burrado, Exeter Sutton Forrest and then to Canyon Leigh, where another nice morning tea was provided by the host club in the Canyon Leigh community hall.

We then drove back to the RSL for lunch.

The luncheon presentation of trophies was held in the dining room in the club and extra tables had to be set up. (about 220 people) and the lunch was first class.

The trophies were presented and unfortunately we did not win any, however Peter won a bottle of wine in a raffle and Sue won a prize in the colouring in competition. So after a very pleasant and enjoyable motoring weekend Sue and myself left for Sydney at about 3:30 pm. We had a leisurely drive home amongst many veteran, vintage and classic cars.

We hope to attend this event again next year and thanks to the Berrima Club for organising such a great weekend.

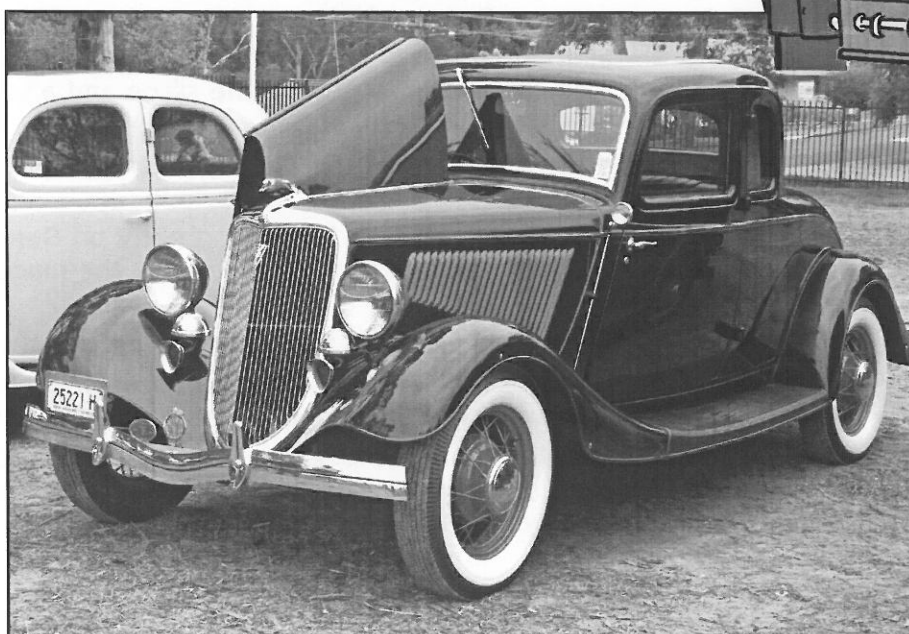
JOE GREEN



## P.O.B. & THE HEARSE



**A WINNER  
ON THE DAY**



## **Did You Know???**

- In 1876** A Submarine cable connecting New Zealand to Australia (at La Perouse) linked us to the rest of the world was completed in 1876 and the Telegraph cable is 1930 klm in length
- In 1876** The artist Filippo Tommaso Marinetti was born in Alexandria Egypt
- In 1976** Sydney radio station ceased the radio serial "Blue Hills" that had been aired continuously since 1949
- In 2000** The most expensive purchase of whisky was made by Norman Shelly, he paid 231,417 pounds (\$341,154.00) for 76 bottles of the Macallan malt whisky and the oldest bottle of whisky in this collection was dated 1856. This single malt whisky has been made in Scotland since 1824

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

**held at Sans Souci Literary Institute, Wednesday 18th February 2009.**

Joe Green opened the meeting at 8:16pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

**Apologies:** Valda & Don Chappell, Alan Torrance, Ron Frith, Paul van Look.

**The minutes of the previous meeting** were read and accepted. Moved-Peter O'Brien. Seconded-Steve Maher.

**Business arising from the minutes:** Nil

## **Treasurer's Report:**

\$3,341.32 in Bank. Statement No. 177 dated 31/12/2008.

\$3,378.32 in Bank. Statement No. 178 dated 31/01/2009.

**Income** for December 2008 & January 2009 -Trax Model \$40.00, Membership \$105.00, Christmas Auction sale/book \$38.00. Total \$183.00.

**Outgoings** for December 2008 & January 2009 - Hall Rent \$55.00 (2 months), Berts Soft Drinks \$17.00, Office Works \$27.00. Total \$99.00.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report: Moved - Kevin Ward. Seconded - Kay De Luca.

## **Correspondence in:**

1. Letter & Invitation from Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia regarding the Liverpool Super Swap at Fairfield City Showground Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009.
2. Letter & Invitation from the Classic Motoring Club Wagga Wagga regarding the Bush Council Easter Rally at Dubbo 2009 & Wagga Wagga 2010.
3. WA P76 Club Magazine Westwords January & February 2009.
4. Qld P76 Club Magazine January 2009.
5. NSW P76 Owners Club Magazine January/February 2009.
6. NZ P76 Club Magazine Penzed January 2009.

**Correspondence Out:** Nil.

Acceptance of correspondence. Moved - Noel Newham. Seconded - Sue Green.

## **General Business:**

1. Peter O'Brien reported on the Berrima Rally held last weekend at Mittagong. The display of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicles was excellent. The entire weekend was of the usual high standard organised by the Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club. A great time was had by all.
2. Kay De Luca requested numbers of those attending the Wings over Illawarra at Albion Park Airfield next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009. The day starts at 9.00am.
3. Steve Maher reported on problems he has experienced with the P76 he bought recently. The mechanical fuel pump had a perforated diaphragm which filled the sump with petrol.
4. Kay De Luca informed the meeting that the BMC Leyland Heritage Group Luncheon will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.
5. Joe Green informed the meeting that the Robertson Railway Society Display Day will be on Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2009.
6. Steve Maher informed the meeting that the P76 Get Together will be held at Gunnedah over the Easter Weekend.
7. The meeting concluded at 8.50pm followed by supper.