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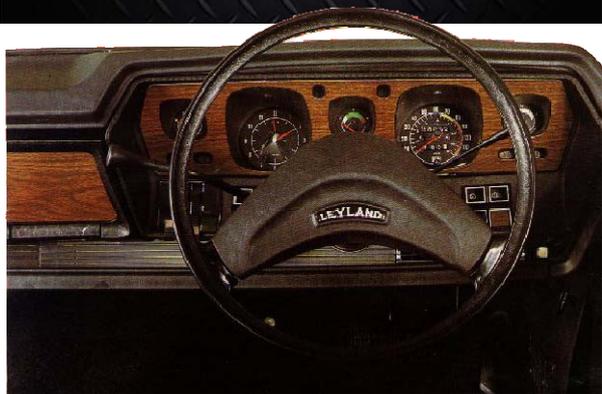
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GENERAL MEETINGS

Venue: San Souci Literary institute
Address: 107 Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate
(cnr Campbell Street)

Time: 8:00pm Wednesday Nights

MEETING DATES 2012

- 20th June
- 18th July
- 15th Aug
- 19th September
- 17th October
- 21st November
- 19th December

PLEASE NOTE

If you are able to write up an article for our newsletter, it will be much appreciated. If you wish to sell a car please send in your add. There is no cost, it is free. It must be received by the 1st of the month to be in the next newsletter, however to ensure that your write up or add is included in the newsletter, please observe the following:

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Editorial

Great news in the recently held Trans-America Challenge Rally; a Leyland P76 driven by Gerry Crown and Matt Bryson (son of John Bryson who partnered Evan Green in the 1974 World Cup Rally) finished the race in equal 2nd place with an E type Jag that was driven by Phil Garrett and Kieron Brown. The race was won by Richard Worts and Nicola Shackleton in a Mark 2 Jag.

This was a great effort by the only Australian team and in some stages of the Rally they were in 1st place. The Rally was from New York to Alaska and they were in the "Sporting" category. The P76 has been fully restored and the interior stripped and it has a full roll cage, plastic windows and a fibreglass bonnet and boot.

Well this great effort should make the motoring world sit up and take notice that the Leyland P76 is a great vehicle and we congratulate Gerry and Matt for such a great result. A write up about this Rally will be featured in this newsletter thanks to Ian Lyons.

The Wings Over Illawarra Air & Car Show was another great outing and the National Heritage Day was also well supported.

That's it for now and I hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Joe Green

CONGRATULATIONS

To Gerry Crown and Matt Bryson for their great combined effort to finish equal 2nd in the Trans-America Challenge Enduro Event 2012



Get Well Message

To Ron Frith who is still in recovery from his stay in hospital

Thank You

Ian Lyons for his article
Ross Rickard for his article.

P76 website Home Page for Trans America Photos

WANTED TO BUY

A V/8 Water pump either second hand or if possible reconditioned.
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NEW YORK TO ANCHORAGE BY P76

I found out about this rally through the Royal Enfield Cub where I am a member. The patron of the Royal Enfield Club is Prince Leonard of The Principality of Hutt River which is a separate country situated in Western Australia. Hutt River entered a P76 driven by Matt Bryson (son of John Bryson of world cup rally fame) and an 80 year old guy by the name of Gerry Crown. This rally is run by "The endurance rally Association".

The ERA has organised over 60 major events through more than 50 countries around the world and is responsible for some widely-acclaimed initiatives now adopted by the rally world. As well as kick-starting the entire Historic Rally movement back in the 1980s, they instigated the all new Endurance Rallying scene to encourage the trend to smaller and more fuel efficient cars. This rally is "The Trans-America.....a Classic Challenge".



This is day 10, Durango to Page, Arizona. They lost 14 seconds on this section and were currently running 3rd.

It runs from New York to Anchorage Alaska, and runs from 7th May to 8th June although the 7th of May was only the car collection and scrutineering day so the rally actually ran from 8th May to 8th June inclusive. By day two the results were 1st E Type Jag, 2nd 450SL Mercedes, 3rd 240Z Datsun then the P76 with a total loss of 33 seconds. Day 6, Mercedes 1st Datsun 2nd P76 3rd with 1min. 23sec lost. Day 8, Mercedes 1st, 240Z 2nd, Jaguar Mk 2 3rd, P76 4th with 1min 37sec lost. Day 9, Mercedes 1st, MK2 Jag 2nd, P76 3rd with 1min 39sec lost. Day 18, Mercedes 1st, P76 2nd with 2min 45sec lost. Day 22, the P76 hits the front with a total of 2min 53sec. Day 27, The worst day yet for the P76 with a loss 27seconds taking it to a total loss of 3min 24sec and second place with the Mk2 Jag in first position. Day 29 and the Mk2 jag is still in first place but because of two days with the P76 loosing a large number of points the E Type Jag has caught up and is now equal 2nd with the P76 on 3 min 59 sec lost. Last day, Fairbanks to Anchorage. The E Type and the P76 clean sheeted today so the final results are MK 2 Jag 1st with 3min 21secs lost and the P76 and the E Type equal 2nd on 3min 59secs lost. Pretty well done I think with an 80 year old driver. The P76 did the whole rally without any breakdowns or problems whatsoever; very few of the other 40 entrants could say that including the winning Mark2 Jag.

Jan Lyons



A TARGA THAT LOST ITS STRIPES!

The opportunity has arisen that could enable you to purchase one of the last remaining P76 Targa Florio's that is still in original, and excellent, condition with original Registration and Log Books.

The vehicle was bought new on 13/11/1974 from Campbell Leyland Bankstown by Glassop & Son as a Company vehicle. The Targa Stripes were removed by the Dealer at the Company's request.

After some four years the vehicle was traded and bought by Les Cooper of Penrith who retained it for twenty years.

I purchased the vehicle 14 years ago from him. It has covered some 159,000 kilometres over its life, only some 4500km. since in my ownership.

The vehicle is in original and excellent condition. It has been subject to some re-painting prior to my purchase. Since in my possession it has been garaged and used a very limited amount.

There is only minimal rust evident, at the base of rear window and on the front lower guard, rocker panels.

The interior is in excellent and original condition.

I was part of the Leyland Design and Development Team for almost 16 years and my last position with Leyland was Vehicle Engineering Manager for the P76 Vehicle Range with responsibilities for the Chassis Mechanical Design and the vehicle as a package.

My intention was to restore the paintwork and give it back its' stripes but am willing to let someone else do that if the 'price is right'!

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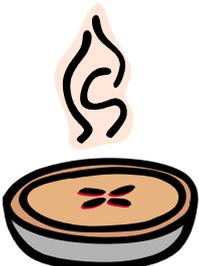
ROBERTSON VINTAGE CAR DISPLAY

Ross Rickard and family had a great day at the recent Robertson Vintage Car display. Weatherwise it was a great day and after a quick drive up Macquarie pass we're at Robertson. Some very nice cars were on display as well as old agricultural machines, many pumping out pink foam which the kids enjoyed watching.

Of most interest to me was a display of model dragster. At first glance, I saw it had a small jet engine about the size of a coke can and didn't think it worked. Then the owner started it up. Flames and smoke shot out the back and the noise was amazing from such a small turbine engine. We had to cover our ears. It has recorded a speed of 146 mph.



On the car front, it was good to see some nice Rover P5s. I used to have one of these big Rovers and still like them very much. There were also some nice old American cars and a very detailed old Fairlane hearse with amazing graphics. All in all, a great day was had and the kids liked the lemon meringue pie during our stop at the famous Robertson pie shop on the way home.



Ross Rickard

FUTURE EVENTS



18th-19th Aug 2012 Shannon's Eastern Creek Weekend.



26th Aug 2012 British Display Day, Kings School.



25th September 2012 BMC Leyland Heritage Group Re-Union

28th October 2012 Highlands Motor Fest at Chevalier College

2013 February 9th & 10th Berrima Rally will Celebrate 150th Sesqui Centenary) of Moss Vale and Bowral. The main venue will be the Historic Bong Bong Picnic Race Course and Mittagong R.S.L.

Your club membership fees are due on 30th June 2012. A renewal form has been included in this newsletter. Also please note our fees have not increased for many years, however our running costs are increasing so please pay your fees as soon as possible. Fees are: \$35 – single \$40 – family.



**Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club held at the Sans Souci Literary
Institute on Wednesday 16th May 2012**

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

Apologies – Sue Green, Rick Hopkins, Ron Frith, Peter O'Brien, Valda Chappell

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved – Tony de Luca Seconded – Ross Rickard

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

Treasurers Report:

Income

Nil

Outgoings

RTA Club Rego	\$ 54.00
CMC Eastern Crk	\$ 96.00
BMC Heritage	\$240.00
WA P76 Club	\$195.00
Club P76 Pink Slip	\$ 34.50
Officeworks	\$ 41.30
Hall Rent	\$ 33.00
Aust Post	\$43.00
Postage Qld P76	\$ 21.00
Officeworks	\$ 34.88
Total	\$792.68

Bank Statement No 216 Dated 30/03/2012 Balance -

Bank Statement No 217 Dated 30/04/2012 Balance - \$1641.66

Moved – Kevin Ward Seconded – Bev Lyons

Correspondence In:

Leaflet from Nth Sydney Bus Charter

Drive Chatter Apl 2012-06-16 SA P76 Mag Apl 2012

Leaflet from Museum of Fire

Orange Blossom Festival Sept 2012

Berrima Museum

Correspondence Out: Nil

Acceptance of correspondence.

Moved – Ron Naylor Seconded – Troy Green

General Business:

Tony de Luca gave a talk on the upcoming BMC Heritage book.

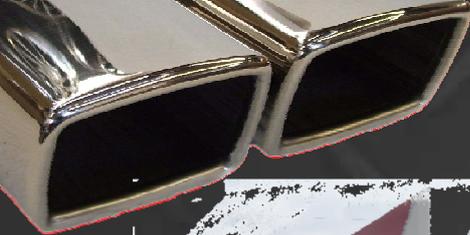
Tony also gave a report on the P76 Nationals held in Qld at Easter.

Ian Lyons gave a report on the Hutt River Rally.

Discussion was held on the Eastern Creek parking allocations

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm followed by supper

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