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Marty's race car at an Oran Park track day.



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GENERAL MEETINGS:

The General Meetings are held on the Second Wednesday of EVERY MONTH at the Pendle Sports Club, 14 Civic Ave, Pendle Hill.

Next Meeting - 9th December At 7.30 pm.

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Warning smoking is a health hazard!

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

November—December 2009

Seasons Greetings to one and all.

Yes, Christmas and New Year are almost upon us again. It's amazing how quickly the year seems to go these days – must be getting old I guess J. This issue of The Leyland Post is out a bit early this time to make sure you all know about our Christmas Run and Party "Berowra To The Beach" which is set down for Sunday December 6. Marty and I have set an Observation Run from the site of the old tollgates to the F3 at Berowra to Patonga Beach via the Old Pacific Highway. The route that we will be taking was once, during the time of the P76 when it was new, the main highway north to Brisbane via Gosford before turning off to drive down the peninsula to Patonga Beach. It should be a great day. Bring your own stuff for a BBQ or you can use the Fish and Chip shop or Hotel Bistro. It's also a great place for a swim. Among other things we will be presenting the Presidents Trophy to the winner of the Observation Run.



First of all I would like to welcome aboard new members Jeff Knight and family. Jeff has done a partial restoration on his Chrystal White Executive and is putting it on historic plates. I'm sure it will look good. On the down side I heard that new member Mark Horton has lost his red P76 when it was involved in an accident on the way to get a blue slip for transferring rego from QLD to NSW. The body shell is apparently too bent to repair. What a shame it was pretty flash looking car. I hope that Mark finds another one soon.

Well what have we been up to since last magazine. I have been out doing a couple of rallies with my mate Brian in his Bug, The Alpine Classic and the Penrith Pas de Deux. More about these in this edition of The Leyland Post. The BMC/Leyland Heritage Group luncheon and car display from all accounts was a great day. I was competing in the Alpine that weekend and so missed it and in doing so missed Jason Birmingham's Plum Loco taxi in full livery. This day has great potential to become our version of All Ford or All Holden Days. The afore mentioned Christmas Party Run incorporating the Presidents Trophy is coming up as is the Picnic in the Park with UK journalist Richard Gunn. The Picnic in the Park on the 20th December should be very interesting with the opportunity to get some overseas exposure. Please come along and show your support. The Michael Livingstone Memorial Run in February should also be a great day with lots of other old car nuts.

I hope to catch up with most of you over the next couple of weeks but if I don't, have a safe and happy Christmas and bring on 2010 – the year of the P76 Nationals in the Hunter.

Steve Maher

COOTAMUNDRA ANTIQUE MOTOR CLUB

EXTENDS AN INVITATION



TO ALL HISTORIC MOTOR CLUBS
TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATING THEIR

30TH BIRTHDAY

This is also

***The Michael Livingstone Memorial
Run***

**WHERE: AT JUGIONG PARK NEAR SWIMMING POOL TURN OFF THE HUME
HIGHWAY AT JUGIONG**

**WHEN: Sunday 7th FEBRUARY 2010
TIME: 10 AM.**

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH , DRINKS , SWIMMERS. AND PICNIC CHAIRS AND TA-
BLES.

OR

BBQ AVAILABLE TO USE TO COOK OWN MEAL.

JUGIONG IS ABOUT A HALF HOUR DRIVE FROM COOTAMUNDRA AND SOME CAR
CLUBS MIGHT LIKE TO SPEND THE SATURDAY NIGHT IN COOTAMUNDRA, WITH
OPTIONS OF SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER AND A SCENIC DRIVE TO JUGIONG.

THERE IS ALSO ONE MOTEL AT JUGIONG.

Reply or details

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2009 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Info	Contact
6-Dec	Club Christmas Party Patonga Beach		Shane Fox 0400 292 945
9-Dec	Club Meeting		
20-Dec	Picnic In The Park with UK Journalist Richard Gunn Parramatta Park		Steve Maher 0417 435 830

2010 Events Calendar

13-Jan	Club Meeting		
7-Feb	Michael Livingstone Memorial Run		Gwen Livingstone 0428 421 039
10-Feb	Club Meeting		
6/7-Mar	Kosciusko Classic Rally		Jeff West 0427 263 757
10-Mar	Club Meeting		
21-Mar	Oakville Fire Brigade Family Day and Car Display Pitt Town & Districts Sports Club		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
1 Apr/5 Apr Easter	Leyland P76 Nationals Hunter Valley, NSW		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
14-Apr	Club Meeting		
18-Apr	Highland Fling Classic Rally		Ian Gibbs 0410 507 674
15/16-May	South Coast Classic Rally		Mike Stephenson 0418 201 453
12-May	Club Meeting		
16-May	National Motoring Heritage Day		
9-Jun	Club Meeting		
13-Jun	Tour d'Corse Classic Rally		Alan Watson 0405 386 206
10/11-Jul	Jaguar Mountain Rally		Gary Maher 0408 271 502
14-Jul	Club Meeting		
7/8-Aug	MG Classic Rally		Jim Richardson 0418 644 284
11-Aug	Club Meeting Annual General Meeting		

BMC LEYLAND AUSTRALIA HERITAGE GROUP REUNION

Sunday 18th October 2009 was the date for this year's Reunion, once again held at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, in Sydney's north-western suburbs. Each year the Heritage Group calls on its members, who are mostly ex-employees of BMC Leyland Australia, to get together and enjoy a lunch together.

As well as the luncheon, the Group organises a car display of BMC vehicles, which are either owned by the members or are brought along by members of various Car Clubs, including the Leyland 76 Classic Car Club and the Leyland P76 Owners Club.

This year we saw around 30 vehicles, including five P76 vehicles, Joe and Sue Green's Force 7 and various other BMC Leyland vehicles. One P76 that attracted a lot of attention was Jason Birmingham's Plum Loco "Taxi".

There were 110 people at the luncheon where we enjoyed a vast array of delicious foods and wonderful company. This year's Raffle Prize was a 2-night stay for 2 people at the Motto Farm Motel to be taken over Easter 2010. Motto Farm is the venue for the 2010 P76 Nationals over Easter. The winner, Mr Owen Johnstone and his wife are excited and looking forward to joining us all at the 2010 Nationals.

Our guest speaker this year was George Fowler, who has recently retired from Land Rover here in Australia involved with Defence Department military vehicles. George gave an intense presentation on how Rover meet the required specifications of the military. Prior to joining Rover here in Australia, George was a long-time product engineering employee of BMC Leyland at the Zetland plant & involved with the P76.

The Heritage Group came together around 11 years ago, to ensure the history of the BMC Leyland manufacturing arm and distribution of vehicles in Australia would be preserved.

At present the Group's President, Barry Anderson (Chief Experimental Engineer) and his Executive are in the early stages of compiling and publishing a book, which will outline BMC Leyland presence in Australia.

People come from many far-reaching locations and States of Australia, as well as one member coming from New Caledonia to attend.

Unfortunately, many of the ex-employees are advancing in years, however they thoroughly enjoy renewing old friendships and discussing experiences they encountered during their working life with the Organisation.

In recent times, the Heritage Group has allowed Car Clubs to join the Group as they realise the enthusiasm they show is of great benefit to the car movement.

In general, we are privileged to have many fine examples of BMC Leyland vehicles manufactured in Australia, as well as many imported vehicles that are brought to Australia by private individuals.

TONY & KAY DE LUCA



THE MOTOR SPORT REPORT

Well, it was 2 issues back when I last wrote about my classic rally exploits so I'll bring you up to date. Back in early August Brian Madigan and I took the VW up to the Hunter Valley for the MG Classic. What a disaster! Talk about the highs and lows of motor sport. The event started well in Gosford early on Saturday morning August 8. 37 crews in 3 divisions faced the starter, 20 of those crews were in our division. All went well through Saturday with the exception that the misfiring engine problem that started during the Jaguar Mountain Rally had returned. On smooth roads it was fine but on rough roads (plenty of those in the Hunter Valley) it coughed and sputtered badly. Despite this by the day 1 finish on Saturday night at Raymond Terrace we were in equal first with a clean sheet. 6 other had also clean sheeted.

Sunday morning started out OK but by mid morning the misfire was quite bad then about half way through Division 2A the engine just cut out and wouldn't start. Nothing would prompt the VW to spring back into life. Eventually the sweep car came upon us and towed us into the nearest town, bugger me if it wasn't Raymond Terrace again. This was where our rally ended. Whilst occasionally we could coax the engine to start, keeping it running proved impossible. So faced with the prospect of being stuck in Raymond Terrace (as nice as it is) overnight we sent up the distress flag, well, actually I rang Michael, our Editor, who lives up that way and he along with his brother-in-law, Owen, scurried out to lend a hand. The end result was a tow back to Michaels, we caught a lift home with one of our fellow competitors and the Bug stayed at Thornton for a short holiday. A week or so later Brian went up and towed the Bug back to Sydney to see the doctor.

Diagnosis –chaffed through wiring loom in the engine bay. Don't you just love old cars.

The next event was the Alpine Classic in mid October and after finishing second in this event last year we were hoping to go 1 better and score our first win. 86 crews in 3 divisions fronted the starter. To me this was probably our most disappointing event of the year. On the whole it was one of those weekends where nothing seems to go in your favour. The only high point was catching up with Norm Julian on Sunday Morning again just before the start of day 2. Most of our downfall was sadly due to my poor navigating. We lost points where we really shouldn't have and that cost us dearly. Our division winner lost only 1 point all weekend. We finished 38th out of 48 starters. The Bug also through us a curly one when one of the rear shock absorber mounting bolt nuts fell off which let the shock come loose and flop around inside the rear wheel well. This necessitated a stop by the roadside to remove the shock that turned the Bug into a fairly evil handling car. It certainly got your attention at times.

And so to the final round of the Classic Rally Club Championship, the Penrith Pas de Deux, A one day rally covering about 300km that took us from the start at Penrith, north to Galston, out through North Richmond to Grose Wold and south through Wallacia. Talk about "round the world on sixpence". Brian and I went into this final round lying 4th in the points. Winning the Championship was out of the question due to our DNF in the MG Classic and our poor result in the Alpine but second was within our grasp. A podium position was required. 26 crews faced the starter with 10 in our division and we needed a top 3. The bug, now fixed, ran like a top and Brian and I were both on top of our game. The result was a win to us with a clean sheet, the only ones to clean the event. We were ecstatic – eventually. Unfortunately due to an error in scoring we were credited with 4th at the end of the event but a revision of the scoring saw us promoted to 1st about 4 days later. Better late than never! Finally, our first win.

Finishing second in the Club Championship is great but probably, in hindsight, a little disappointing as a reasonable result in the MG or Alpine could have won us the Championship. But it is what it is and we will be satisfied with second. 2010 will be a new year and with a new year comes a change in duties – I will be driving not navigating and a new car – a P76. Hell – I can't wait.

Steve Maher



CALLING ALL P76'S

UK MOTORING JOURNALIST RICHARD GUNN WILL BE IN AUSTRALIA FOR A FEW WEEKS IN DECEMBER AND WOULD LIKE TO DO A STORY ON THE P76

RICHARD IS THE HIGHLY RESPECTED EDITOR-AT-LARGE FOR ENGLISH CLASSIC CAR MAGAZINE "CLASSIC CAR WEEKLY" AND A BIT OF A FAN OF BRITISH LEYLAND PRODUCTS

WE HAVE ORGANISED TO HAVE A DAY OUT IN **PARRAMATTA PARK** ON **SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER** FOR A PICNIC WHERE RICHARD WILL BE ABLE TO INTERVIEW P76 OWNERS AND PHOTOGRAPH THE CARS THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE ALL DAY, JUST A FEW HOURS FOR A PICNIC LUNCH

WE WOULD LIKE A GOOD SHOWING OF SUPPORT FOR THE CAR SO PLEASE COME ALONG. CALL STEVE MAHER ON 0417 435 830 OR EMAIL AT STEVE@GRAFFITIGO.COM.AU IF YOU CAN COME. IT SHOULD BE A NICE DAY OUT WITH THE FAMILY

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2009

- Meeting Opened:** 8.20 pm
- Attendance:** As per the attendance book
- Apologies:** Scott Wilson Glen Gray Jason Birmingham
- Minutes of Previous** Accepted by Shane Fox Second by Steve Maher
- Correspondence In:** NZ Newsletter for September, Classic newsletter for August and September, Westwords for October, Letter from Unique Website resources
- Treasurer Report:** \$2554.78
- Reports:**
- Shane is asking for suggestions for the Christmas party
Date has been made for the 28th November, destination to be announced
- Activities**
- Steve is attending the Alpine classic on the 18th and 19th October
- BMC Leyland Heritage group reunion lunch is on the 18th of October at
- General Business:**
- Donation** Mark Ellery has donated \$20 to the club for membership of the BMC/
- Membership Renewals** Reminder about membership renewals, they are now overdue, most members have paid but still some owing
- P76 Rally Car** P76 rally model has 10 orders to go
- Meeting Closed:** 9.30 pm

FOR SALE

Jim Farmer is selling his Bold as Brass Super plus a shed load of parts. The car is dual fuel, with factory air (not currently working) and cloth seats. It is a 4 speed manual. Jim has owned it for it anymore. It is registered until October, 2009. The car is in Newcastle. He is looking for \$3500, with twelve months rego. This car is now advertised in the trading post and will sell soon. If you are interested, please come up to Newcastle and have a look.

SOLD

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2009

- Meeting Opened:** 8.20 pm
- Attendance:** As per the attendance book
- Apologies:** Steve Foldhazy
- Minutes of Previous** Accepted by Shane Fox, Second by Steve Maher
- Correspondence In:** Retroauto media release and info, SA Newsletter for November 09, Classic newsletter for October 09, SA Newsletter for Oct/Sep 09, Westwords
- Treasurer Report:** \$2554.78
Steve attended the Alpine classic rally and didn't do well
- Business Report** Two more members are owing money on the Trax model ,Please pay ASAP
Marty attended the BMC day and had a fantastic day, Jason took his Hairy lime and his Plum Loco P76 which has been finished with all the taxi decals
- Activities Report** Steve attended the Pas de duex Rally and won outright. Congratulations Steve
Date has been moved for Christmas party,it has been moved to 6th of December ,location is Berowra to Patonga Beach, there will be a presidents trophy run, camping is available for the weekend at Patonga
- General Business:**
- Membership Renew-als Reminder about membership renewals, there are still members that are overdue, please pay as you will not receive next newsletter
- Christmas Party Steve has found a new trophy for the Christmas party
- Meeting Closed:** 9.30 pm





2010 LEYLAND P76 NATIONALS

1st - 5th April 2010

**MOTTO FARM MOTEL
RAYMOND TERRACE
NSW**

<p>Thursday 1/4/2010</p>	<p>Welcome from 1pm in the Registration Hall – issue ID and Bags – continue into the evening. Items for sale include memorabilia from 1984 Morpeth Nationals. On display – raffle prizes, notification of Church Services etc.</p> <p>Dinner – Sausage sizzle - Films/Videos/DVD's and BMC stuff</p>
<p>Friday 2/4/2010</p>	<p>8AM Group Breakfast in Motto Farm Café (1 hour). 9AM Open the Hall for Registrations – Short trip options Botanic Gardens etc. 11AM Light Lunch - sandwiches, cakes, drinks, and coffee/tea available. 1PM Nova Cruise Newcastle Harbour – coffee/tea, scones included. Refreshments available from the licensed bar. Concludes 3PM. (Bus shuttle to take and return those just cruising on the harbour and not participating in later activities.) 3PM From the cruise onto the vintage Double Decker Bus – touring Newcastle arriving at Anchors Fish Restaurant around 4PM pick up fish n chips – touring suburbs of Newcastle and then to Tenpin Bowling Centre for 7.30PM games and activities.</p>
<p>Saturday 3/4/2010</p>	<p>8AM Group Breakfast in Motto Farm Café (1 hour). Swap Meet of spare parts etc in the grounds of Motto Farm Motel. Demos and Trade Displays. Short trip options – Morpeth Village, Botanic Gardens, Raymond Terrace Museum. 12NOON Concourse – Newcastle Foreshore (Crown Plaza). Lunch at your leisure. Optional ladies shopping expedition. 3PM Back to Motto Farm Motel. 7.30PM Muree Golf Club – travel by vintage Double Decker Bus – also courtesy buses at Muree. Guest Speaker – Mal Herrick, ex Leyland R & D Engineer. Show DVD, films, trivia quiz, music, dance.</p>
<p>Sunday 4/04/2010</p>	<p>8AM Group Breakfast at Motto Farm Café (1 hour). Church Services times to be displayed. 10.30AM Observation Run around the region of Beresfield, Hexham, Hinton. 12.30PM Lunch at Morpeth Picnic Grounds – sandwiches available to take with you at a modest fee. Run ends around 3PM at a mystery destination. 4.30PM Motto Farm Motel – Delegates Meeting – finish at 5.30PM 7PM Presentation Dinner in Garden Room of Motto Farm Motel. Dinner commences at 7.30pm. Trophy Presentation, Raffles, Auction, Activities.</p>
<p>Monday 5/04/2010</p>	<p>8AM Breakfast at Motto Farm Café 10AM Checkout (to be confirmed).</p>

LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB NSW

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009

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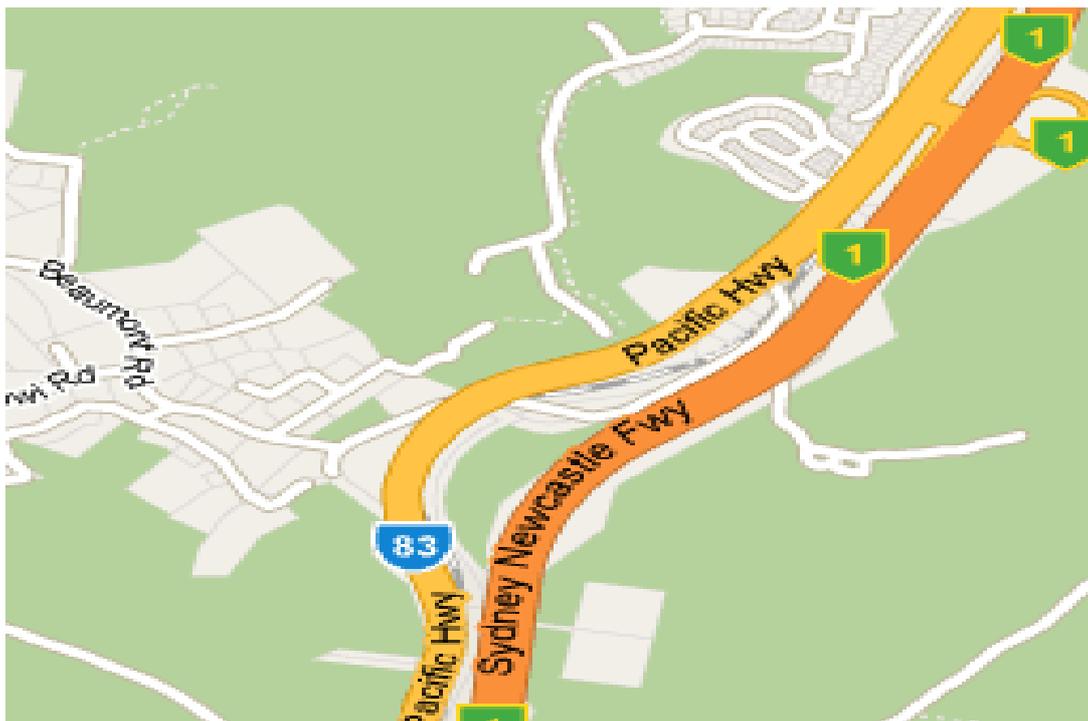
PRESIDENTS TROPHY RUN

"BEROWRA TO THE BEACH"

COME AND JOIN THE REST OF YOUR FELLOW PNUTS FOR A RUN TO PATONGA BEACH AND A CHRISTMAS BBQ

- WHEN:** SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER
- WHERE TO MEET:** PACIFIC HWY BEROWRA TRUCK REST AREA (OLD TOLL GATES)
- TIME:** 10am ARRIVE FOR A 10.30 DEPARTURE
- FACILITIES:** BBQS ALSO PUB WITH BISTRO AND FISH AND CHIP SHOP. SWIMMING IS ENCOURAGED SO BRING YOUR SWIMMERS, FAMILY AND P76. BYO FOOD AND DRINKS.

MEET HERE AT TRUCK REST AREA (OLD TOLL GATES)





LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB of NSW Inc

HISTORIC REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Membership No. _____

Address _____

_____ State _____ Post Code _____

Phone No. HOME _____ Email _____

MOBILE _____

WORK _____

* Please inform LPOC NSW of your Historic Plate number once obtained

VEHICLE DETAILS

Make _____ Model _____

Trim Level _____ Year _____

Chassis No. _____ Engine No. _____

All submissions for Leyland P76 Owners Club NSW Inc (LPOC NSW) Historic Registration must be accompanied by detailed photographs of the above said vehicle to assist the LPOC NSW Historic Registration Registrar to evaluate eligibility for historic registration.

Any changes to the vehicle made after it's approval and / or modifications not divulged at the time of application may render the historic registration for the vehicle null and void.

LPOC NSW may request the vehicle to be presented for inspection at any time.

I have read and understand all terms and conditions for Leyland P76 Owners Club NSW Inc Historic Registration and declare the above said vehicle meets the requirements of the LPOC NSW Historic Registration guidelines.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved by Registrar _____ Date ____/____/____ Historic Plate No. _____

Current Leyland P76 Owners Club NSW Inc Financial Member Rego Expire ____/____/____

Details entered into Historic Registration Database