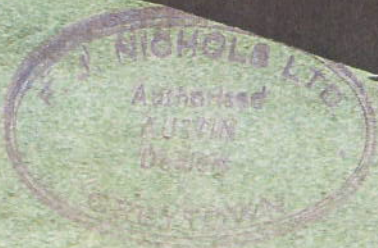
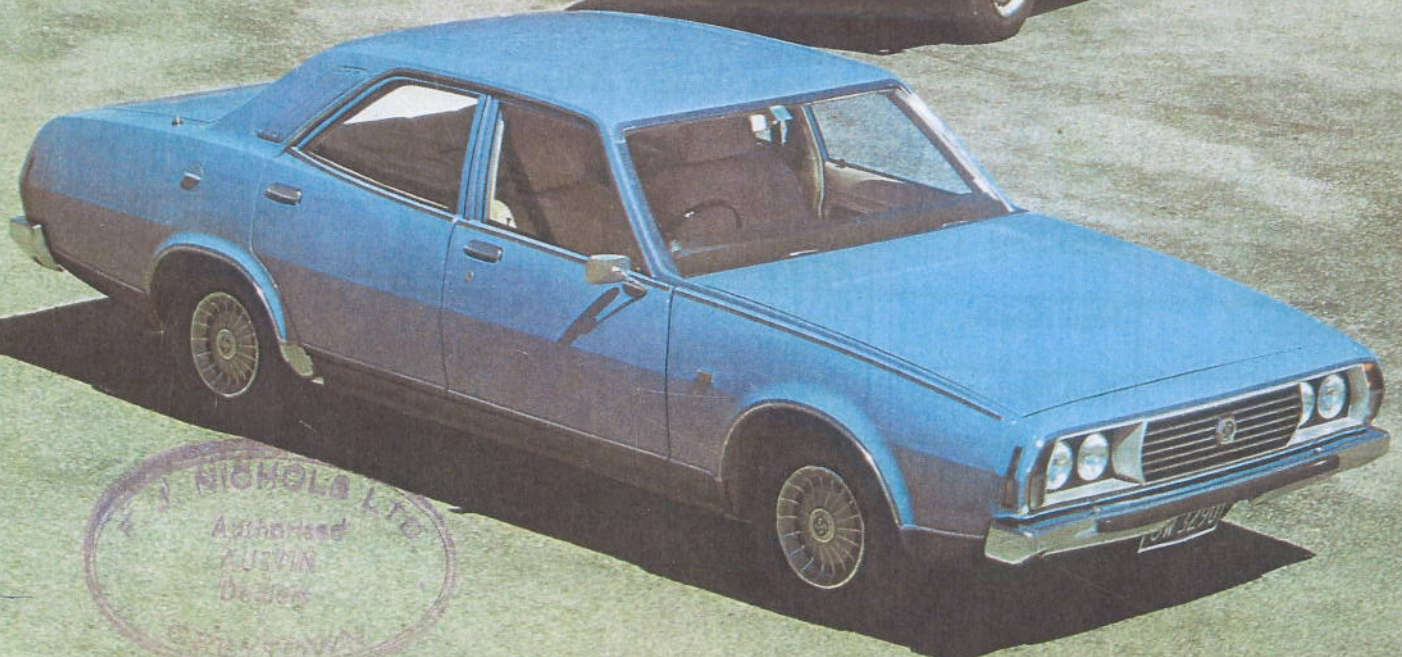


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P76, anything but average

Penzed for September 2008

Welcome to springtime and spring cleaning your cars as the summer season approaches. That must be why this issue has slipped behind a bit! The show/tour/socialising season is practically upon us already. We have two conflicting invitations for October 12 already from outside the Leyland Club. Everyone, get outside with your preferred cleaners and lets get the last of 2008 and early 2009 underway in style and gloss and with lots of P76's for the public to admire.

Once upon a time a man said to me "if this is our 25th year why don't you celebrate it in every magazine?" That was in July, isn't hindsight wonderful? He does however have a point so in a bid to correct that oversight we have some items of historical interest contained within, along with an order form for our 25-year polo shirts.

I went through my photo albums looking for the oldest pictures and clippings I could find that showed something of the Club in its infancy. It's not a lot but hopefully of interest. I'm not going to reproduce pages of old Penzed's or anything like that.

Amongst other bits we have a big Oz Trail (at last) new members, event reports, a wedding and several birthdays of note and IMPORTANTLY, the proposed itinerary for the Centre Island Meeting up North.

As editor I must apologise to Don Sutherland and Don Edmonds for leaving them out of the founder members list referred in the 25-year badge letter. I checked who received awards from my photo album and of course the Don's were not in attendance on the day!

This has been a busy period for many members that I know of, all ageing another year. As well as myself there has been Paul Heath, Geoff Ogilvie, Bruce Cooper, Bryan Lawrence and our little Abby will be two very soon. Many Central group members pass on their thanks to the Lawrence family for hosting such a great 60 year celebration for Bryan recently. Arguably one of our biggest local meets in ages and a lot of hazy fun.

That summarises this issue so I hope you enjoy it and gain encouragement to get with the classic car movement in your P76. Don't be put off by fuel costs. If you actually work out how much more you are paying for the low mileage most cars do you will see it isn't as bad as it might seem.

Enjoyment of driving your P76...priceless.

Troop Movements

We welcome two new members, one with an ex club car and one returning to the club and looking to buy into a really good P76.

Welcome Phillip Ormandy, 27 Sterling Street Oamaru. Phillip has a car from Christchurch that he has refurbished over the last couple of years. It is now a non-standard Burgundy colour so should look pretty nice.

The other members down there should get in touch and see if you can all get together for an event of some kind.

Welcome back to Brian Tuffey, 4 Salisbury Crescent Oamaru. Brian had to part with a very nice Super that now happily resides in the Central Group so he is keen to get another good car and will certainly be keen to catch up with other local members, whatever their car is like.

Change of Address

Andrew and Debbie Larsen are now at 69 Parris Street Waitara 4320 with the same phone number. Only this evening Andrew told me that his (our old) B as B 6 auto is getting a new hood lining and seats and he hopes to be on the road for Christmas. Their new property has a lot of good big shed's on it so he is one happy man. That Oh Fudge V8 Super must be next?

Cover Photo

My thanks go to ex member Donald Davie of Levin for supplying us with a colour copy of the New Zealand Leyland P76 sales brochure, this one from "The Authorised Austin Dealer" F J Nichols Ltd of Greytown here in the Wairarapa. If anyone knows where my copy is please tell me. The cars are a DR or BA Deluxe, CW Super and AEB Executive, which is an unusual colour for an Executive but it is not the David Timms car as his has a blue interior. We are researching their fate. This is even older than 25 years but sets the tone.

Maybe Donald will feel compelled to rejoin with his DR Executive once he sees his name in print?

Along with this there is a NZMC accessory list for P76. Check out the prices! Those were the days.

Wanted to Buy

Returning member Brian Tuffey is keen to buy the following two items.

Well sorted, maintained and presented Leyland P76 V8 by P76 enthusiast who needs to hear that V8g growl. Do you have a spare in the shed meeting this description?

"A Boot full of Right Arms" Evan Greens classic tale of the P76 World Cup rally car. Brian also wants his own copy of this good read to go with the new car.

If you can help with either or both of the above please contact Brian on 021 550 429.

Mike King is in the market for 1 only Trident 14 x 8 inch mag wheel. If you can help him with one of these please call him on 07 543 4478

For Sale

Royce King has for sale a set of 4 Trident 14 x 7 inch mag wheels c/w near new tyres for your P76.

Royce is asking \$400 for the set. Contact him on 07 862 4812.

Badges 25 Year Anniversary

These are available from Rob Jones at \$10 each delivered. Please contact Rob as per the details on page two with your order. The complimentary badges have now been supplied to members; however, should your partner, spouse neighbour or anyone else want one we have them for sale.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Ron and Colleen Butler on the occasion of their wedding held in the Masterton Registry Office on August 8 2008. It came as no small surprise when Ron called and asked me what I was doing on August 8 and explained why! Apparently Colleen had held off for about 30 years until this date came around, or maybe Ron's persistence finally paid off.

I was very happy to accompany their Bridesmaid/Granddaughter Jessica at the ceremony as Best man and at Café Cecile in Queen Elizabeth Park where Sonya joined us for a few very nice drinks, from local vineyards of course.

Congratulations to you both. We saw Ron and Colleen a few weeks later and Colleen said the honeymoon was still on.



Local Group Activities

Northern Group meets at the Auckland Car Club 44 Stoddard Road Mt Roskill Auckland on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30p.m. unless otherwise notified within the summons issued by Philip Meyer. Philip can be contacted on 09 238 0652 for additional information.

The November meeting is on Thursday, Nov 6. This issue won't meet the October date unfortunately.

Philip reports a very low turnout for the July meeting that didn't include him due to ticketing adventures with his airline, but thanks Alec Reid for turning up nonetheless. And he apologises profusely for his lack of organisational skill (on this occasion).

Philip now happily back in NZ happily reports the attendance of 9 members at the August meeting, including Don Edmonds, one of our founder members. Well done Don.

There was a briefing on the Centre Island meeting and further discussion with a view to some firm outcomes for the 2009 AGM. While this issue is very late again, it should be too far done to include any news from the September or October meetings as I have yet to receive those meeting reports – to be honest today is October1!

I have heard a rumour that while Philip's rally P76 rests in a museum he has been down to Wellington to buy a new Saab. And he didn't bring it back over the Rimutaka Range to see us!

We look forward to some concrete news on the 2009 AGM of the next issue of Penzed.

Central Group

The Feathers on Featherston Street in Wellington will see us in attendance on:

October 7 November 4 December 2

Everyone is welcome to join us for food, beverage and P talk. With all our new members these meetings are becoming a lot more fun! The Feathers is back in business after renovation and it is very nicely appointed with a great new menu, new service regime and the usual selection of refreshments for your enjoyment.

Local events of note to date.

Bryan Lawrence's 60th birthday saw nearly all the Leyland Club members from the greater Wellington area in attendance, along with a few from other Clubs and several of his old friends. A great night out was had by all, even if there weren't any Leyland's present. We stayed at Linda's and tossed her over to Paul's place. Merv and Rose stayed outside in their campervan and I assume all the others had made some sober arrangements for the return trip. I don't totally recall.

The next day Sonya and I, in our CRV, joined the BCC and DECW for lunch and a car collection visit that was very interesting. There were several modern Asian cars on the run and some BMW's but we did see some Daimler V8's, a couple of Jaguar's, a Jowett Javelin, a Bentley S2 and a really nice Rover P5B. We are already double booked for October 12 with the VCC and DECW.

And so the season begins.

Southern Group

The Southern Group holds their bi monthly meetings at Robbies in Riccarton at 7.30p.m. each even month and arrange an outing, generally on the second Sunday of each odd month. Their new Event Co-ordinator is Sandy Downes who you can contact on 03 337 1647.

Sandy is happy to hear from any Southern member, or a Northerner touring around down south should you want to join in the fun.

The July Outing

On a perfect winter's day, calm and sunny, our group of eighteen members met at a local pub car park and then proceeded to our destination "Brew Moon Café" in North Canterbury for lunch.

This is about a 30-km drive. Leyland's were in rather short supply as George and sandy had to limp home in first gear (auto oil trouble) and return in a modern. Robin blowers reported that his HOTO Deluxe was resting, no doubt in preparation for the forthcoming Classic Car Show where it will be part of our branch display, along with Ken McKenzies' BA Super. Frank and Robyn Waghorn had to return to Reefton and replace their DR Deluxe with a Nissan with a working fuel system. *As stated elsewhere, it is all part of the fun of running an old car isn't it.*

We were thrilled that frank and Robyn made the effort to join us, a lot more than 30-km travel for them. And we were glad to give Vinetta White a lift in our Aspen Green Super. It was good to have her join us despite her indifferent health. Apologies were received from First Lady Beverley Clifton-Mogg who was attending her son's wedding in the USA and the Warrens who had a prior engagement.

This meant that we had only four P76's ours in AG, Murray's in CW, Fleming's in N and Ken's in BA for the crowds to ogle and make the usual comments on such as "you don't see many of these on the road now".

Thanks again to Fleming for organising the outing which was enjoyed by all, even the jaguar Car Club who commandeered places in the car park and gazed with envy at our superior Leyland's.

Report by Jenifer Alexander.

Inter Group Events

Wellington 23rd British Car Day February 15 2009 Trentham Memorial Park Upper Hutt.

We expect our UK member Alan Firth to be touring New Zealand in the early part of 2009 and attending as many car shows as he can fit in, and hopefully our AGM in Pukekohe. Central Group members will be requested to attend the 2009 British Car Day in numbers not seen for many years. This serves a twofold purpose. It allows Alan to see a lot of Leyland's together (whatever condition they're in), possibly for the first time and gives you all a reason to come along, especially those that have not been before.

Even if you don't have a P76 on the road you should attend the show in your other British car or park in the public car park and come and meet the members, not to mention taking in the spectacle that is BCD. If you need information now contact Rob Jones as on page 2 of Penzed.

A lot of different model/coloured P76's and a Force 7V will make a great display for everyone.



The Waikato/Bay of Plenty area of the Northern Group do get out and about in their cars even if they suffer the sameness often attributed to us in the Central Group. But what can we do, there are only so many P76's to go round. Above we see L to R the mainstay group of P76's indoors at the Tauranga Classic Car Show and Swapmeet in June. AG Executive of Don and Elva Sutherland, CW Executive of Mike King, DR Super of Annette King and the ON Leyland of Ed Tubman. Both the King cars are very low mileage cars in wonderful condition. The Super is totally original and the Executive is a new toy for Mike to 'develop'. And both came from the South Island.

And below we see them in reverse order on a damp looking day at the Rotorua version of the above event in July. Along with Steve Learmonth, I know these members would love to have the company of others in the area. Steve was in Aussie for a few months so couldn't be there, but you can be assured of a good time showing your P76 at events like these. Contact Ed Tubman to see when you can join in the fun. These events are notified direct to him and not through Penzed.



25 years of

THE NEW ZEALAND LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB INC

Recollections of Rob Jones

As stated previously, this is our 25th year as a Club and there will be quite a few people out there who didn't imagine we would ever make this far, but we knew better.

Over this time we have forged strong links with the Australian P76 Clubs, developed wonderful friendships within our Club and close associations with many like minded people in the classic car fraternity. Personally, I have found accommodation and meals, loan Leyland's, mechanical support, labour for Club and home activities and even donations of clothes for our little Abby freely forthcoming from all over New Zealand. This is what being part of the Leyland community is all about. And wherever possible these favours have and will continue to be returned.

My only regret was not attending the very first public meeting called to gauge support for the idea of a Club. I did put in my apologies.

I have been involved with the Club Executive since before 1992 but extensively so since July of that year when Bill Bolt passed away unexpectedly. I became Treasurer and Editor overnight, both positions that tested my abilities greatly. They also tested my negotiation skills, as I knew very little about accounts and relied upon Sonya for help. For some years Penzed was produced by a succession of secretaries at my place of employment. Now I hope my "skills" have developed to a level where I can do it myself. There is the odd thing still done as outwork.

To illustrate this celebration I went through my photograph albums looking for the oldest photos and newspaper clippings I could find and for anything else that may be of interest to members. There are gaps as I don't profess to have a complete archive and I didn't want to have to break up other member's records. I should also tell you that back then my camera was garbage, even for the technology available at the time, hence some of these cropped photos may look a little pathetic.

I will endeavour to caption these items as well as I can. There is also the nostalgic "Approved Accessories" list from NZMC for you to reminisce over.

My earliest photo is from January 1984 after the Hamilton meeting that formally established the Club. Remember it was November 1983 that saw the first public meeting and that has been considered the start date for the Club, despite the formalities being done later.

My car doesn't feature in this photo. It must have been in another line but I recall at least sixteen cars managing to stay in convoy through Hamilton and out through Frankton I think. Needless to say we attracted a lot of attention with cars passing us and pulling over to make sure they weren't dreaming!



Now here is a curiosity. Taken at Otaihangā in November 1985 at what must have been one of my first meetings having moved from Taupo to Wellington. I'm sure only one of these cars exists now and it's been shed stored for years. L to R we have Ron Stack, Jim Chu, David Brown, Ron Butler and my car. The curiosity is that Jim Chu's car was running as a taxi then and David Brown's car was not too long retired from the taxi fleet. I recall burning my leg badly on a BBQ that day!

Ron Butler's OF Super is the only car to remain in the shape of a P76 today and he doesn't own it now.



Below we see the cars of Golding, Bolt, Reid, McDonald, Mason and Tubman, some of the cars attending the 1987 Auckland AGM. That must have been the year David Brown and I went to Auckland on the overnight train. Bill Bolt picked us up from the station, took us to our hotel and said "Right guys, get changed, we are entered in the Round the Bays run". Do you know how many stubbies you can fit in a briefcase for an overnight train ride! Next thing we are parked right at the start line along with 10,000 plus others. I don't know how he got that car park. A great experience all the same and out of the 3 of us I was quickest. But then we were at the end and had no idea where we were!

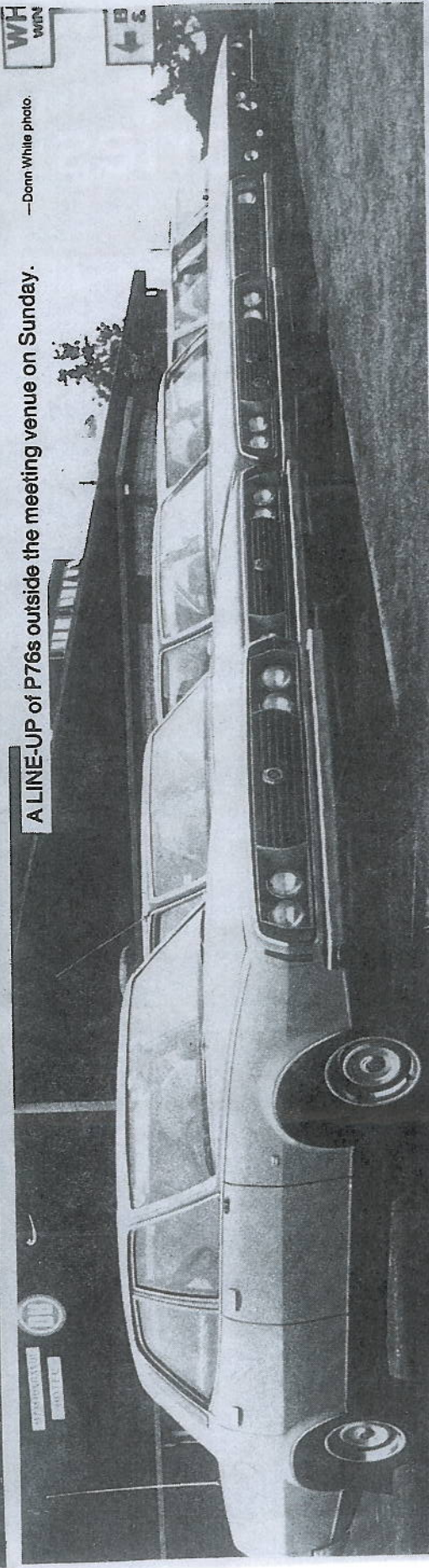


This was a great meeting with drinks and the AGM at The Officers Club in Newmarket then onto dinner at Waipuna Lodge. It was an amazing dinner that night as there was also a very big Samoan wedding party in for the wedding breakfast. I remember the huge red crabs on offer.

On the next page we have an item from the Bay of Plenty times from 12 November 1983 promoting the establishment of the Bay of Plenty branch of the Leyland P76 Club, now formed as stated in the smaller clipping.

Bay of Plenty Times. 12th Nov 1983

Leyland P76 car club to open in Bay



A LINE-UP of P76s outside the meeting venue on Sunday.

—Donn White photo.

MOVES are afoot to establish a Bay of Plenty branch of the New Zealand Leyland P76 Owners' Club. Eight owners attended

an exploratory meeting held in Mount Maunganui on Sunday and a number of others sent apologies. This number is considered sufficient by the organisers to proceed with their plans. The recently formed organisation is based in Hamilton and has similar objectives to most other "one-make" car clubs, to share technical information about their vehicles, to liaise on the matter of spare parts

sources, and to take part in social events. Members also wish to promote the P76 as a car. Local contact for the club is Lauris McDonald

of Mount Maunganui (Phone 53-318), who would welcome inquiries from people interested in the new branch.

Car Owners left to right.

Lance Wagstaff, Don Sutherland, Tom Rouse,
Philip McDonald

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SSC 16	Sheepskin Seat Cover—bench seat	\$ 25.73
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HYL 4751●L	Monsoon Weathershield—left hand	\$ 14.41
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GTT 100	Tow Ball—chrome	\$ 3.27
GMP 100	Rear Screen Heater	\$ 10.28
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GSG 102	Splash Guards—front pair	\$ 9.03
GSG 111	Splash Guards—rear pair	\$ 8.58
GAC 50	Licence Plate Frames	\$ 3.07
ZN 630	Rubber Floor Mat—front	\$ 2.43
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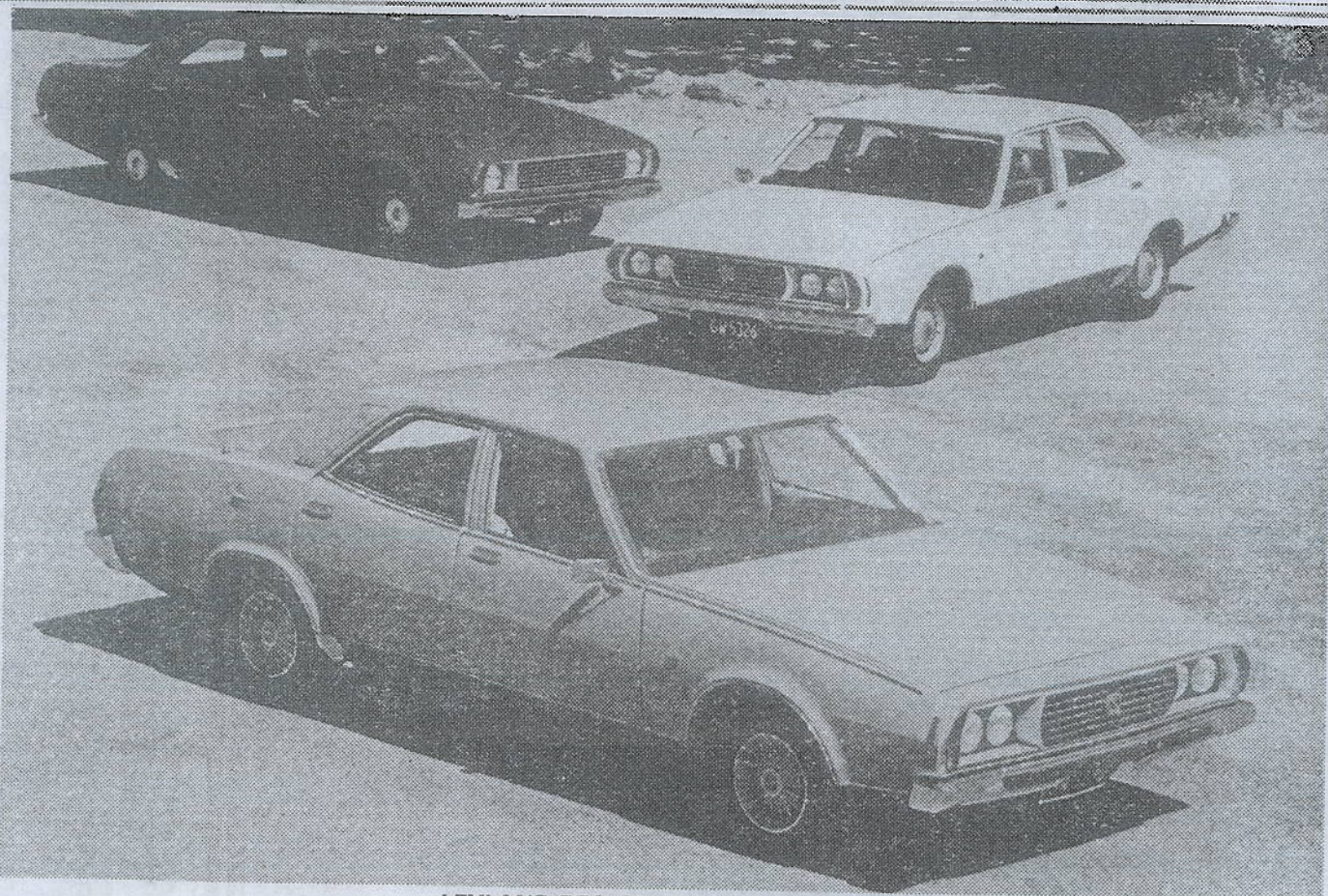
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Have you read the P76 Approved Accessories list and wept at the cost, let alone availability of some of the items like seat belts, exterior mirrors and rear screen heaters? We should take solace that many of the items listed are now available in new and improved versions like the weather shields and stereo systems, should you wish to drown out the beautiful burble of your V8.

Below we have the Waikato Times report on the 1989 Hamilton meeting, featuring our cover photo. This represents a time before we expanded into the South Island in great number.

*Waikato Times
Friday 10th March 1989*

MOTORTIMES



LEYLAND P76: Big car from Australia.

Leyland P76 fans to meet

Leyland P76 enthusiasts meet in Hamilton next weekend for the P76 car club's annual gathering.

Owners of the classic Australian saloon will come from throughout the country for the weekend event.

National president Edward Tubman of Hamilton said that although early membership of the club was first concentrated in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty when the club first started in 1983 there were now members

throughout the North Island, and especially in Wellington, Auckland, Hawkes Bay and Manawatu.

The club has a record of at least 600 P76 vehicles and believes there are some 1500 of the Australian designed cars still being used throughout the country.

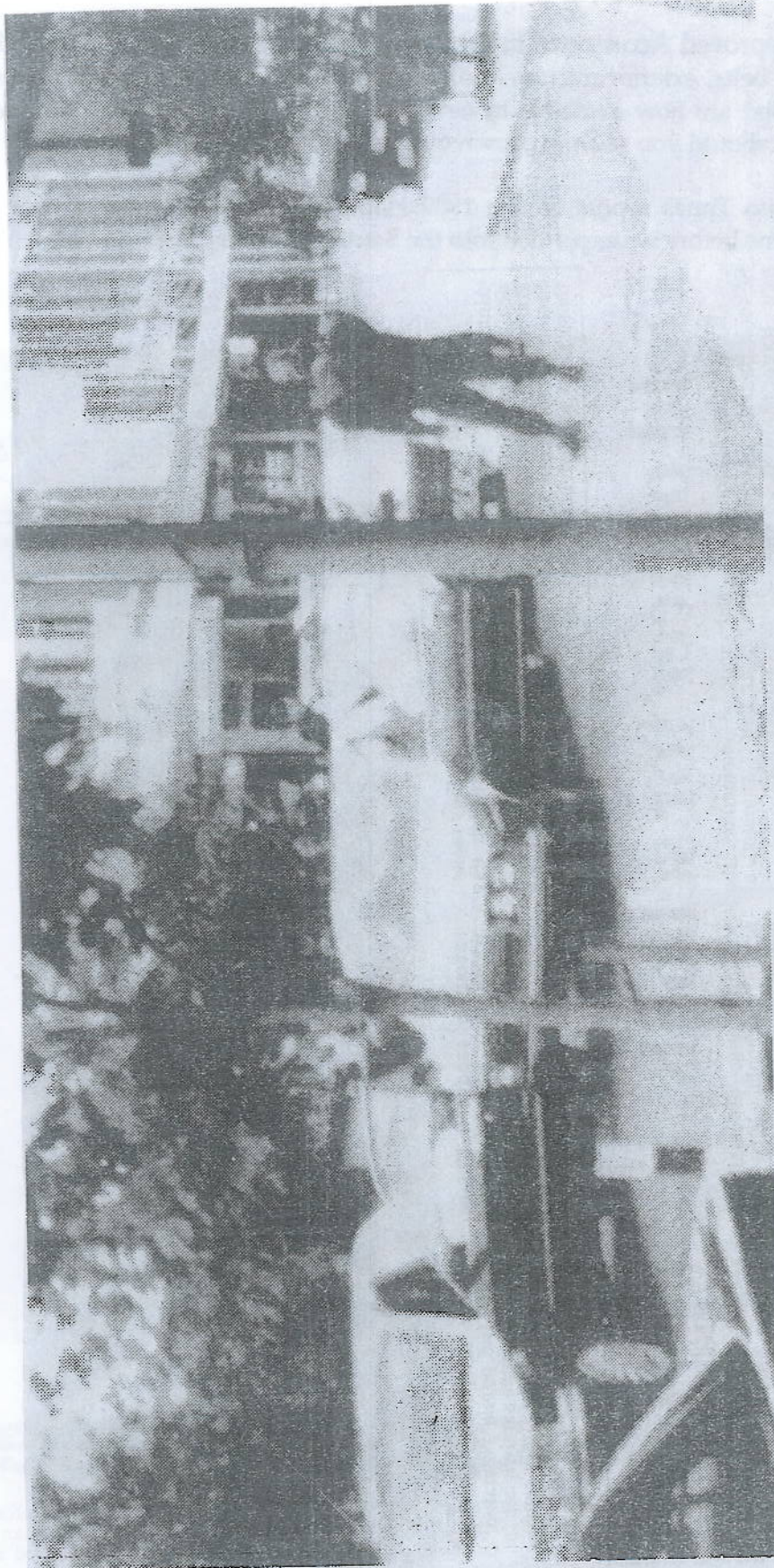
Club members keep constant watch for previously unknown P76 cars in the hope that further members will be recruited.

Regular contact is kept with the Australia-

lian P76 clubs and useful information has been swapped across the Tasman. This larger association has recently enabled a production run of otherwise scarce front park-indicator lenses. Further production runs will be considered in the futures as the demand requires it.

The aims of the club include ensuring a continuing availability of parts in either new or second hand form, making technical information available to members.

And speaking of curiosities this item from the Otago Daily Times from March 1992 must be a bit different to what appears in most car club magazines.



Quick-footed spectator caught drama on film

By Mark Thomas

A Dunedin woman was able to get this photograph of yesterday's arrests after a friend phoned her at work to say there was an armed siege going on in George St.

Mrs Janice Westland grabbed her camera and rushed out on to George St, near the Robbie Burns Hotel, where she joined scores of others, witnessing the gunpoint arrests.

The car in the middle of the photograph is the brown Leyland P76 which the arrested men were travelling in. The car, which was sought in connection with a violent kidnapping in Christchurch at the weekend, was forced to stop

when it was sandwiched between the unmarked police car at the front, and a patrol car at the rear.

"There were so many people on the street that if they started shooting there would definitely have been some casualties," Mrs Westland said.

People came out of shops and those walking along the street stopped to watch.

Detective Chief Inspector Peter Robinson, of the Dunedin CIB, said he did not think the operation posed a danger to the public.

The arrests were made at the most opportune time, he said. He would not comment further.

When asked if the arrested men were dangerous, Detective Inspector Howard Broad, of the Christchurch CIB, said the police response was appropriate to the circumstances.

Mrs Westland's friend, who phoned to tell her about the incident, said the action was a little too close for comfort.

"I was about 10 to 15 feet away and it was very scary. One woman went running across the road yelling at them not to shoot. I think she was hysterical," said the woman who did not wish to be identified.

Once the arrests were completed the crowd burst into applause, she said.

Otago Daily Times 19/3/92



Let us not forget the many cars that have gone to that great wrecker's yard in the sky in a bid to keep our fleet going. Both in Australia and here we have accounted for 1000's Leyland cars that will never be seen again. To illustrate this point we see two cars that were donated to the Club for parts. The Deluxe above was a DR model with B as B nose cone that member Mr A Bossward donated to Ron Butler, Steve de Adman and I to wreck for club parts stock. We never got the left rear door open on the car!

The CB Executive below was removed from the side of the road with the Wellington City Councils blessing and wrecked by Steve and Vaughan de Adman, with able assistance from Paul Heath, the eager young man in the middle, before he was even a Club member. That was one sorry car!

We could probably show more "dead" P76's than live ones now!



A brief look at the past would not be complete without a photo of the place where they all came from, well a lot of them anyway. From September 1987 when the Wellington Group went 10 pin bowling we see 7 P76's with the NZMC factory in the background. Operated as a Mainfreight depot in 1987 the building still remains in use today, unlike the bowling alley, which has recently been closed down for demolition. Or to build a new road through in reality.

To further illustrate my earlier point I know 5 of these cars are dead for sure. I can't account for the one on the left and I believe the one with the spot lights has been shed stored in a damaged state for 10 years. The line up includes one 6 cyl Deluxe, many of whose parts are now in my collection.



Another Inter Group Event

AGM 2009 Pukekohe

Friday 13 Saturday 14 Sunday 15 March 2009

Obviously as I said I didn't have the Northern Group meeting report it arrived the very next day and it does contain some important information to enable you to plan your next years attendance at our AGM in Pukekohe. See the dates above.

Again, obviously we will be bringing you more details in the November issue of Penzed which will be more "timely". They are arranging some exciting things for us to take part in, including fish n chips for lunch but again, there will be more on that later, once I have some confirmed details from Philip and co.

As always your participation is voluntary, your non participation represents a huge loss to your personal well being as you miss out on the Leyland Club family/community support, touring prowess and jolly good time that we all have at these events. Remember, out of the weekend the meeting takes only a few hours. You have been invited.

Anybody who may be keen to supply Penzed with some of their own recollections on the Clubs past, their other car collection or anything of curious interest to members is welcome to do so. Just supply direct to or contact Rob Jones as per page 2 and you are on your way to being published.

The Oz Trail

Queensland Jan 08 Oops, I missed this one last time! I think it a bit OTT to complain about the lack of colour variation in the 9 cars attending your Christmas party because 5 of them were Omega Navy Targa Florio's. Oh dear, we should be so lucky as to have one real one. I suppose we should offer Richard and Ann Mallon congratulations on taking up the opposition status officially. Aussie citizens! You should still support the AB's. It's not theirs or Robbie's fault what the NZRFU do.

Mar 08 Great story on Neville's new car. I wondered why it was called "Bob - the Nutmeg Targa" This unusual car was reported to the Club by an elderly lady at a car show and two weeks later they found it in Sydney, completely by chance. A Targa with several "extras" fitted in the Zetland factory by a mate of the original owner, Bob. A small world, and a great opportunity taken up by Neville. It must be exciting planning an expedition such as you is about to undertake to get to the Victorian Nationals.

Apr 08 Ann's diary report on the trip to Geelong is a marvellous of a 4500km long journey. I'd love to do a trip like that even in my old P76/6. Forty odd P76's in attendance. Convoys out in the country are so much fun (cycle races notwithstanding). People who don't do it will never know or understand what they have missed.

May 08 Great turnout at your Repco Show Day with members and cars not often seen in your bulletin. Eleven cars in seven colours! An event like this coinciding with others groups like the Scouts can only bring more public attention to the cars and Repco don't lose either. The motorised bar stools would have been an attraction in their own right! Pretty cool Leyland emblem quilt displayed on the bonnet of a B as B Leyland.

Jun 08 Adrian's adventures with his water leaks (in the P76) and Damien's story on the P76 station wagon fill out this bulletin along with a list of events to attend.

Jul 08 An interesting item on an unusual car built by a young man who may have done great things had he not died at 25. Rust Heinz (not a good name for a car guy!) gave us the Phantom Corsair in 1938 and it still looks like something from our future. This particular issue has a colour picture of our own Steve Learmonth assisting with a parts sort out, in lieu of the Mallon's new BA Deluxe V8 manual. A unique issue of the Bulletin. Good to hear members got behind the sorting and rebuilding of the parts shed.

NSW The Leyland Post #24 A different approach to the universally good reports on Geelong. Get several members to write up their own impressions including the Editors wife. Women's input should not be overlooked. Superb colour all through showing all the Concourse winners and many other photos. The boots and bonnets line up is a great shot. Even show a nice looking Kimberley and a couple of Marina's joining the event. My neighbour has a daily driver Marina Ute.

#25 Great cover photo of a racing Deluxe and rear cover of a CC Super wedding car. Wonderful story of the formation of P76 Motorsport Pty Ltd and development of a one owner CB Deluxe 4 spd race car. You make it sound so simple and you're now getting good lap times at Eastern Creek. Also news of the formation of the combined NSW Clubs 2010 national Rally planning committee - if it will be in 2010. Heady times.

South Australia Apr 08 Another story on the Geelong Nationals, the great trip and the trials that may occur sometimes while P touring. Nice photos of the small convoy and some mug shots to go with the cars. Excellent cover photo of a child in training for future P76 maintenance and repair.

May 08 Editors sentiment is a gem "Confuse a Holden owner..." The full story on compliance plates ex WA and an alternative part number listing and a meeting report complete this issue.

Jun 08 Congratulations to Secretary, Darren upon completion of his restoration project, shown in 8 parts with pictures through the magazine. Good point about the CD player, they didn't exist in 1973. A nice touch was the photo of the proud family with the P76. A report from the "Mangrove Gang" on three fabulous Club cars out for an enjoyable run. And you have located the wooden buck for the V8 inlet manifold, is there no end to these discoveries? A bit like my new 6cyl head found in a country garage last Christmas.

Jul 08 Good to hear your Birdwood Mill Museum display was such a success you have been asked to do it again. How long has it been since the F7V has been out of the museum? You guys really did scavenge that Executive found in a wrecking yard. You must get volumes of P76 TV coverage compared to what we get here, but then it isn't hard to better none! Go for it.

NSW Country P76 Club #15 Several tech items and the Editors report on the trip to Geelong. While several members from various Clubs had minor problems, mostly the P's seemed to work well which is a credit to the owners and the cars. After all, some drove the equivalent of a service interval, or more to do the return journey. And still members found time to attend other events as well.

#16 Event reports and proposals and lots of photos of cars with their owners. Brilliant to hear Gwen Livingstone is out and about in her classic collection. How good is it that the guys from the local Antique Motor Club have tutored Gwen in maintenance and repair of her cars. These include a Targa Florio and a Model A Ford. Well done Gwen.

Victoria Apr 08 An interesting report on Geelong from the organisers. It's obvious you did exceptionally well. Lots of great photos. Why was it we didn't go? And you still had time for other events prior to the Nationals. One point re the National Mag' NZ story I supplied you. It took 90 minutes for me to get from Taupo to Hamilton, not the 10 hours you had in the report. Even a Falcon could get there quicker than 10 hours! Otherwise a great National Magazine.

May 08 Isn't moving house/cars/parts fun? Two years on and we are still finding things in the last couple of boxes that weren't there before, or so we say! That Alpine Rally sounded like real good fun. With tech tips, P history and photos and great cars for sale you have another great issue.

Jun 08 Great B as B cover car c/w matching 44-gallon drum in the boot. No wonder the car is known as Big Bird. The Walker family is a busy unit (I wrote this before reading the next issue) That Marina will go well with the tricks learnt on the racing Mini motor. Someone is making up 6 cyl extractors Hmm! You'd better get a few P76's along to the All Aussie Car Show coming up. They haven't even got a Holden on the poster. Are there still pockets of prejudice or is it just poorly informed publicity people?

Jul 08 My wife often berates me over my model car collection and I always find someone or something to take the heat off me. Even today I found a funny little book on weird collections which I did show her. What about 20500 fruit stickers! However, my thanks must go to David Walker who wears many hats within your Club and is obviously an accomplished motor engineer

and collects Sunbeam Mixmaster's, indeed having a set of all the colours they come in. And that's not all, we now learn that Secretary etc David and Editor Rachel is to have a baby. Congratulations to you both. The mechanical repairs and collecting had better get done soon because life is about to be way different, great but different, believe me. Also in this issue was the report of 6 P76's at the All Aussie Car Show, the majority of them being 6 cyl models and one of these won the award for the "Most outstanding vehicle not manufactured by the Big Three". Tremendous achievement.

There was also a great collection of member's anecdotes to fill out the magazine, good reading.

NOTE: There has recently been a good programme on Aussie TV about the South Australian P76 Club including the Force 7V borrowed from the Birdwood Mill Museum. It apparently can be seen online on the following web site. www.todaytonightadelaide.com.au Must be worth a look.

NSW P76 CCC Feb 08 A full event calendar makes for a busy first half of the year. Australia Day Leyland show had it all, a Force 7V, 2 P76's, one in Silver and a Marina Coupe. What does a P76 look like in Silver?

Apr 08 The beginning of your National Rally reports. It's amazing how you collect P76's as you travel along - even one with a Kiwi in it! Some interesting photos I haven't seen in the other mags, particularly of Rod Warrick's collection of stuff, including the elusive bar mirror. And other event reports proving how active some of you are. There was no March issue so I haven't missed it.

May 08 Hey new cover, new presentation. Sue has got a new computer. A further instalment on the National Rally as well as reports on other successful events. The Thredbo Jazz Festival must be a car show by default and is certainly held in beautiful surroundings. We have been there a couple of times ourselves but not for the jazz festival.

Jun 08 National Rally Part 3 and a report on 3 Leyland attending the 33rd Berrima All Comers Rally. A good cross section with a F7V, Executive and Deluxe on show. Sounds like a great weekend away.

Jul 08 Event report with F7V, P76 and marina on display this time and members reports on P76 wedding car and how the purchase of a good tight low mileage BA Super P76 bought the memories of 33 years previous flooding back. Great to be back behind the wheel again just like before.

Aug 08 We are saddened to hear of Sue Green's sudden illness and hope she is well on her way to recovery already. Otherwise a brief issue (Sue is Editor) containing some important information. The 2010 National Rally will be based at the Motto Farm Motel Complex on Raymond Road just north of Newcastle. The BMC Leyland Heritage Group Reunion is on Oct 12 at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club and will this year feature a return of a display of these fine BMC Leyland products.

Westwords May 08 A lovely Targa cover to compliment the main article inside, on Targa Florio's. A very interesting history from Gary Mentiplay. As always you have a full event calendar and reports of members attending them in both P76's and Marina's. Do all the Aussie Club's have marina/Kimberley/Tasman driving members?

Jun 08 The auction of the last F7V's fills out this issue, with F7V cover of course. Several of these cars have moved around quite a bit now, especially the one sent to the UK. Eleven P76's and one Marina at your All Aussie day was a good turnout. There are also tech tips on Marina 6's and some history on early attempts at producing the All Aussie car. Sadly none of these flourished.

Jul 08 An extensive interview with Roger Foy, once with Leyland Australia and now car club liaison officer with the BMC Leyland Heritage Group contributes volumes to the growing history file developed by the Mentiplay family. This article also contains some interesting pictures of the prototype F7V c/w disguise panels while in test and of the station wagon. Also contained within is part of an extensive listing of Australian suppliers of currently available P76 parts or equivalents.

Two recent trips to Wellington by train have enabled me to catch up on a lot of the reading backlog. Only problem is the magazines make the train journey too short. I will do my utmost to keep up to date from here on. Normal service will be resumed.....

Southern Group Lunch

Ever keen for a nice meal they all went out to lunch in May at The Oaks Homestead, Racecourse Hill near Darfield. Here they posed for the following "family photo". How does the photographer get them to behave so well?

From L to R we have Adrian, Robin and Marion, John and Francis, Claire and Ken, Sandy, Betty, Leslie and Eric, Beverley, George and Fleming. Murray is seated at the head of the table but no-one was saying who was in the portrait behind the group.

Thank you Fleming for this photo and your patience with me while trying to retrieve it.

