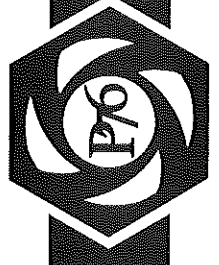


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A cold morning in Mahia



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P76, anything but average

Penzed for January 2010

Well here we are off to a late start for 2010 already...maybe someone should replace me as Editor? Happy New Year and merry winter as we suffer gale driven sleet, thunder and even a day of hail while I was in Dunedin!

My new pc is up and running thanks to my lovely wife Sonya. It took ages to transfer the files off of the old one onto disc, load them into her laptop, transfer onto a data stick and then one morning just before leaving for work she plugged it into the new machine and hey presto, in about 90 seconds 36 months worth of work was on board. Marvellous stuff!

It does however still require my finger tapping to produce anything, along with the many contributors supplying material for Penzed. We have so many people offering input that it should certainly encourage all of you who haven't tried it yet, shouldn't it.

We have had a very busy season with as many as eight extras staying with us since November until now. I had a week in Dunedin helping Megan set herself up in a new flat with two other 19 year olds, an expensive exercise but it is an interesting city with some great second hand stores. I got one Evan Green book, a couple of models for the collection and managed to see a few of the sights like Speight's, Cadbury and Baldwin Street. Their tip is a work of art, Avatar at the luxurious Regent was magnificent, many of the food outlets are superb and the motellier next door was very hospitable lending me and the other dad's an assortment of tools to aid the flat set up. You can't carry everything!

Speaking of hospitality I should thank Brian and Lynne Morris for an interesting visit and look around Waikauaiti, some lovely old Morris cars and others to be seen there. Also young Ken McKenzie for an overnight stay at his place and arranging a surprise dinner with several members of the local group. It was a pleasure and a surprise to see so many of you there. And now to Penzed.

The missed bits in Penzed

This seemed appropriate again. A belated happy 75th birthday to Rose Bendall who amongst other things got a rose tattoo on her ankle for her birthday! Well done Rose.

I don't need to remind you that your subscription is now due. Many of you have been proactive and paid already, even me. You should have your membership card and receipt with this issue. However, technology outsmarted me and when I added the bank account number for direct credit payments to your invoice I copied the account number from the bank statement which DOES NOT have the full account number on it!

The missing bit is the 06 prefix before the 0501

If you are planning on using direct credit payment please remember the missing bit!

I also hope to include last year's membership map in this issue. The map was written up as of October 23 2009 reflecting our full membership at that time. These are a very useful record of our membership history.

Troop Movements

The following members have for various reasons resigned. We shall miss them I'm sure.

D and S Bray Papakowhai. They have decided that they cannot do justice to their membership being involved with so many other clubs and wish us well in 2010.

PG Scott Albany. Car sold. Philip or Alan will be chasing this car up I'm sure.

Welcome to two new members

The central group has taken a boost with the following new members bringing three cars to the club.

Steve Smith 194 Main Street Greytown has rescued a long stored Bitter Apricot Deluxe from the top of the South Island and now has it as an often seen P76 around the Wairarapa. This gives us three Deluxe's, two being BA V8's.

Andrew Hay 4 Barrett Road New Plymouth also brings a BA Deluxe and a CW Super back into the club having bought these cars off an ex Hawke's Bay member. Andrew was a member back in 1995/97. Welcome back Andrew.

In fact, welcome to you both.

The Club web site is leylandp76club.org.nz

Congratulations to Philip Meyer, the only person who has responded to requests for input about your car for inclusion on the site. And to think how many of you out there call me an old fashioned Luddite, I managed to get mine and Calvin's cars on there, via Patrick Harlow of course. With this new pc who knows what else I might do?

Come on all you clever people, e mail or even post your cars picture and story to Patrick at patrick.harlow@clear.net.nz or 186 Major Drive Keelson Lower Hutt 5010. He can only load that which is supplied to him. Send a picture of yourself to if you'd like.

Correction

I have been advised that the published date for the great **Dannevirke Wheels with Attitude** Show was incorrect. It is in fact on **Sunday February 7** so please don't turn up a day early. We are hoping for fine weather and a good turnout of Leyland's. I can think of about 6 that could easily be there, how about it guys. Let Rob Jones know if you're going to attend.

I will also put in my annual plea for a good turnout at **British Car Day on February 14**. The public along with me love to see a good collection of Leyland's at BCD; it is a huge day out, supporting a very worthwhile cause, the Wellington Free Ambulance.

The picnic atmosphere, huge selection of vehicles and many fascinating owners make this a complete day out. There is something for everyone young and old. See you there.

Northern News

I have three Northern newsletters to hand in which Philip details events, gossip and fairytales about local members. Is Gordon's car a fairytale? I need to read these in conjunction with Philip's other reports, and then we would know that the All Aussie Car Day was on November 8. He offers congratulations to Alan and Leah Caple on their forthcoming nuptials. That was November 15 and they were presented with a copy of Gavin Farmer's book "Leyland P76" as a wedding present from the Northern Group. There should be a wedding report coming from someone. The Central Group is donating them the heater core from my HOTO wreck! In a box, not wrapped.

Philip along with the rest of us offers our condolences to Gordon Gruebner on the passing of his mother.

The Grand Dinner was a great success and the Bellagio's breakfast meetings continue even if the odd one shows a low turnout. Philip also alludes to progress on Gordon's car, the Centre Island Meeting and how he was so dejected at losing the auction for the "first lap record" at Hampton Downs. We won't tell how far he was prepared to go to get it in case Judy gets mad at him.

November saw a small turnout of top quality members to the monthly meeting who were lucky enough to see Philip's certificate for his lap at speed of Hampton Downs. This lap was sped into history on November 14. See later story.

Numbers shot up for the December meeting where it was noted local member P Scott had sold his P and Alan should invite the new owner into the Club. Philip encouraged locals to get themselves and their cars onto the clubs web site. Now he is on it he can "encourage" others. He also encouraged members to get active with regard to the AGM in Taranaki in March.

To enjoy great food and company you can join Philip and his merry members at the **Auckland Car Club Rooms 44 Stoddard Road Mt Roskill** on the first Thursday of each month and at Bellagio's for an 8 30a.m.breakfast on February 7.

For more information call Philip Meyer on H09 238 0652 or Mob 021 623 805.

And another little bit of news is that the Auckland Venning's are registered for Taranaki so there will be some new people and a new car to meet there.

Central Group

Meet at The Fireman's Arms 313 Jackson Street Petone

Tuesday February 2 March 2 April 6 May 4

Meet for dinner with a 7.30 p.m. start to the Central Group meeting. There is some parking at the rear of the premises as well as on Jackson Street.

It is ShowTime and with that in mind here are official invitations for the Central Group and you if you're passing through.

Dannevirke Wheels with Attitude Show is on **Sunday February 7 2010** in Dannevirke.

Note the change in date. Let's get a lot of Leyland's to line up in Dannevirke.

Wellingtons 24th British Car Day is on **Sunday February 14 2010** at Trentham Memorial Park. This is arguably our biggest local showing with cars from Manawatu and Taranaki joining us. Let's keep up the numbers the fun and the tradition. We need HOTO, FB, ON, AEB, BA, PS and CW cars in varying numbers, and any others too!

Vintage Harvest Festival March 6 & 7 2010 at the southern side of Carterton here in the Wairarapa. A show encompassing all facets of transport, farm machinery, military gear and just about anything else you can think of. It is truly spectacular, quite different from all the others and essential you are there. Do not miss this event. As you approach from the south you WILL NOT miss the display, just follow the signs into the entrance, likewise from the north it will be signposted clearly.

Wanganui Classic Car Show Sunday March 14 2010. This bi annual event is on again at the Wanganui City College grounds on St Hill Street. More detail will be supplied upon receipt of our invitation. We have always been represented at this show which started out as a fund raiser after the floods up there some years back. A fascinating collection of all comers will be on display.

Contact is Ken Pfeffer on 06 348 5508 in the evenings or email pfeeshoes@xtra.co.nz

I believe this show now alternates with the Shannon Auto Spectacular which you can go to next year.

Wheels on Windsor Sunday March 14 2010. The HB British and European Car Club show held in Hastings at Windsor Park. Reputedly a great show and the organisers show some initiative by enlarging not only their show but also the very nature of the club by encompassing European cars.

There will be others to advise you of but these three are now firmly entrenched in the classic car scene locally.

One P76 and about 29 other cars braved the horrid weather and did the Sunbeam Club's Lake Ferry Run in December to find it wasn't too bad out there. A brief report will appear in the next Penzed.

Next Major Event

Taranaki AGM 19/21 March 2010

Southern Jottings by Bev Clifton - Mogg

The Kaikoura Trip

In late November four P76's meet at the Belfast tavern to travel to Kaikoura for an overnight stay. We travelled up on the Pacific Highway offering magnificent natural scenery. The Kaikoura Range still had snow on the tops adding to their grandeur.

Accommodation had been arranged at the Kaikoura camping grounds, a splendid venue offering all sizes of cabins and everything else one might need. Don and Jenifer had their BBQ up and cooking a sausage sizzle in their cabin's little garden. Don had arranged a tour of the limestone caves on the south side of town. Tour operator Barry Clark gave an informative and amusing hour spent inside a huge deep cavern. We congratulate Fleming Biddick on his splendid effort in completing this tour.

Ice creams were enjoyed by all after this slight exertion.

With the arrival of another P76 we were five in a convoy off to see the seals where only one seal decided to perform for us, however it was pleasant sitting in the sun by the sea after being underground. Our convoy was a real eye opener with 3 PMAG 1 BA and 1 SO car.

There were plenty of tracks and walks left to do but members seemed reluctant to try these. It must have been the big lunch and ice creams slowing people down.

Some returned to the camp grounds to rest and tidy up while others went to the Alpelhi Hotel for pre dinner drinks. A good meal was enjoyed at a reasonable cost and as the Wellington Canterbury Rugby match was being played at AMI we settled into watch this entertaining game. Yes, we all know who was victorious! Murray Hatchard ran a sweepstake for the nearest to the winning score which saw Ken McKenzie victorious. Murray's commentary throughout the match created a lot of fun for locals and members alike.

Sunday, reports of sore heads being common, we discovered several members had joined Murray in his cabin to watch the All Blacks play Wales at 6.00 a.m. Some members displayed strong constitutions!

Homeward bound saw us in the Waiau Valley inland route, again with magnificent scenery. The South Island is just lush at this time of year. Lunch was enjoyed by all at the Red Post cafe in Culverdon. Here Lynn and Brian Morris left our convoy for their long trip south to Waikouaiti. It was great to have their company and Lynn - sorry about the pumpkin soup.

About 10km's from Amberley Murray's petrol pump decided to die. His PMAG Executive got a tow into a friends place in Amberley. Don and Jenifer were quick to offer Betty, Fleming and Murray assistance for the remainder of the journey.

We are happy to report that the trip was a great success and that Murray's car is back on the road with a nice new petrol pump fitted.

The Southern Group Christmas Report was generated on December 6, the day of the Christmas Party. Nineteen members and three children swung into Christmas mode at the Cranmer Bridge Club with pre dinner fruit cocktails enjoyed by everyone. Andrew Eady and Eric Connor's children explored the old wine cellar underneath the house. Andrew's son Sena got really excited and was a delight to watch as Eric descended into the cellar with lighted candles, maybe never to return. The caterer had told Sena there was a ghost hiding in the cellar. *Eric did return as I had dinner with him and others later in January.*

Our dinner was of a high standard with excellent food presented in a professional manner. Our resident caterer, Kate Boyes, always exceeds expectations. Lots of fun and laughter followed our meal.

Cranmer is an historic house offering traditional decoration and convivial ambience. Santa changed this year, being a taller and thinner version in the form of Don Alexander who played the role very well. Betty and Fleming Biddick were sorely missed at the Christmas party and everyone wishes Fleming a speedy recovery.

Thanks must go to Sandy Downes for encouraging everyone to attend and making the party the success it was. Happy New Year to all members as we look forward to 2010.

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 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. Give Sandy a call and get in on the act.

Inter Group Activity the Taranaki AGM March 19 – 21 2010

Welcome to Taranaki says Lance Wagstaff, Andrew Larsen and probably returning member Andrew Hay. They have a very entertaining weekend in store for us.

Some key points to note:

If you haven't booked already you must book at **The Mount View Motel Ph 06 278 4091** as the other options are full. Don't worry, you won't be alone as we're booked in there.

You must complete the **Yellow Registration Form** and return to Lance at the address shown on the bottom so numbers planning can be done. If you don't have it anymore call Rob Jones 06 370 2313 and request a copy.

Just opened is a brand new wing to the Tawhiti Museum for you to visit...a must.

While we will be ecstatic to see more South Islanders attend I'm afraid you won't be winning the Longest Travelled spot prize as we can confirm Alan and Jane Firth, members from England will be attending the Taranaki AGM and the National Rally in Australia.

And we will get to meet some more new faces (to many of us) in the form of the Venning's from Auckland. Numbers are looking good but are you booked yet?

Lance has just one request, besides the Registration Form, come to Taranaki; see a few the wonderful places of interest available to us. Maybe even see his car collection, certainly see his Force 7V and have a great time.

I know I've been to many of the attractions before but what can you say, the Tawhiti museum is world class and has just opened an entirely new wing dedicated to local history.

The Fun Ho Toy Museum and Ross Johnson collection are essential viewing if you are into die cast models as so many of us are. The Museum shows an important facet of our history and still sells currently produced toys and parts for the old one you have in the shed.

Ross Johnson not only has a wonderful model collection but also displays a couple of vintage vehicles, fire brigade memorabilia and a huge collection of gramophones and the like. All this is housed in a replica of the local fire station!

It is a Leyland Club tradition to ride the train if there is one to ride. And there is (maybe two). Try the ride to Lepperton. This will be new to me.

What the heck, you've waited so long for this issue I may as well put the brief description of the listed attractions in again to convince you to have a great weekend away

Outline on accommodation, attractions and venues.

Motels

Mount View Motel Ph 06 278 4091 This is your current option. Once this is full you will need to contact Lance (see below) or have the motel locate a nearby unit for you

Anyone missing out on accommodation, we will attempt to find some for you as there are at least another four or five motels in the town. Miss out on those then bring a sleeping bag as you could end up in the back seat of one of my cars in the storage shed! (After you have filled your own cars of course). No heating or power there though.

The Hawera Club

This is located in High Street Hawera opposite the Ford dealer. Entry and parking is at the rear of the building. Next door is a large council car park (free).

If you are behind the Ford Dealer you are at the South Taranaki Club (Workingman's) and on your own, or at least with the others that have made the same mistake.

The Hawera Club is located in an old building built in 1901 by the club, then known as the "Hawera Gentlemen's Club". Women have been allowed in however since 1985 so don't be shy. The members of this club are a very welcoming bunch so just stroll on in.

Friday is members and guests dinner night so we will be sharing with them (keeps the cost down). The rest of the time we have it fairly well to ourselves.

Southgate (EX Dairylands)

This is located about 2km's south from Hawera on the corner of Whareroa Road (down towards Fonterra dairy factory) There is lots of Tanker traffic here so please be careful!

Look for the giant black and white cow on the corner. It is a sculpture, not a live one.

We will run minibus or taxi's to and from the venue so no one needs worry about how much they should drink, or if any, because as you know they are not building any more P76 so we don't want to lose any, let alone any members that way.

Please indicate if you would like to use this service. There is however plenty of car parking out there and good space for photo opportunities.

Fun-Ho Museum Inglewood

Tour will take about one hour including a demonstration of how the toys are made (not a live demo). Ed: *Of particular interest to some members, a great place for all Kiwis'.*

White Cliffs Brewery

Do tours and tastings, again about an hour. A beer garden and Shop on site. (Drivers restraint please)

Waiau Estate Winery, Onaero

Can be a two course (starter and main or main and dessert) or finger food aperitif (4 to choose from) hence the two prices. This will have to be decided.

Waitara Railway Preservation Society Inc.

Restoration centre for our old rail transport and a return trip to Lepperton on the old disused NZ Rail line takes about an hour. Tea and cream scones afterwards for extra but given what we have eaten and drunk so far I don't think we will need that. But maybe just one.

Ross Calgher Engineering

View the only genuine Benson & Hedges series racing P76 left in NZ. I'm sure if Ross is off racing his Viper or SD1 he will leave us the keys?

Colin Johnston Private Museum

Model Cars, Antiques, over 80 wind up gramophones with a collection of 78 speed and Cylinder records, old Waitara fire engine and other exhibits. Ed: *I have been here before, it is superb.*

Roy King International Restorations

Roy carries out all sorts of rebuild work partial and otherwise for clients all around the world. Attention to detail and make what you can't find or get attitude just has to be seen to be believed.

Tawhiti Museum

This privately owned museum is a must. The models and recreations of the history of the area along with a huge Tractor museum are world class. The Ogle's have tourists from around the world come here just to see this Museum set up in the old Tawhiti dairy factory. Nigel is working on another huge secret wing (Whalers and Traders) which hopefully will be open by the time our AGM takes place. Ed: *As notified this new wing is now open.*

Mr Badgers Café

Located as part of the Tawhiti Museum complex.

There you have it, a tour of the region fitting in as much as we can in the time available and we've hardly scratched the surface. Go up to the New Plymouth Technology Museum for example, just drive around the mountain. It's that big bump under the cloud cover. Check out the coastline. We have already done this lighthouse. Make a holiday of it.

Usual rules apply. Make your own bookings early in the name of the Leyland Club (and yours too) complete your registration form and return to Lance Wagstaff at

So there you have it, the backbone of a great escape. See you there, it is never too late.

Cover Photo

Paul Heath again with a line up of Leyland's with the AMV8 and MX5 taken on the cold Sunday morning at Mahia. P76's are L to R Cox CW, Reid B as B, Maunder Pimento, Tubman ON, Sutherland AG, King CW and Heath Persian Sand. The Cottle AM V8 is red and the Lawrence MX5 is black. Mike's car became good with the fitment of a new fuel filter apparently. Cleaning the old one just didn't do it!

Editorial Gratitude

Thanks go to Rosalie Maunder and Philip Meyer for their contributions and photographs and to Paul Heath for his photograph. As you can see it is not too difficult to put some words together describing your recent event, be it a wedding, car show, mechanical enhancement or just the story of your trip/holiday in your P76. Photos always welcome.

Best Wishes Department

While there are probably a few of you out there in recovery mode that I don't know of I do know that Fleming Biddick is still on the road to recovery and is looking forward to getting back behind the wheel of his P76.

Mike King is also not very mobile at present and we hope he back on his feet, or knee, in the very near future. It must be scary for Mike as he now has Ed driving his tractor around the orchard. We hope he avoids most of the trees!

Taranaki AGM in Hawera

It just occurred to me that it would be a great courtesy and of immense interest to Alan and Jane Firth to see as many P76's as they possibly can while visiting our own National meeting. I know Alan is keen to check out other cars and learn as much as possible from our skilled members, find some useful parts that he can transport and take home a bit of memorabilia. They can take a memory of you to if you attend, not to mention you making a new contact in the UK.

Leyland P76 Grill Badges

Club member Robin Blowers has produced grill badges for our P76's. They are made of alloy with fastenings for your grill included. Each badge costs \$120-00 including postage and packaging.

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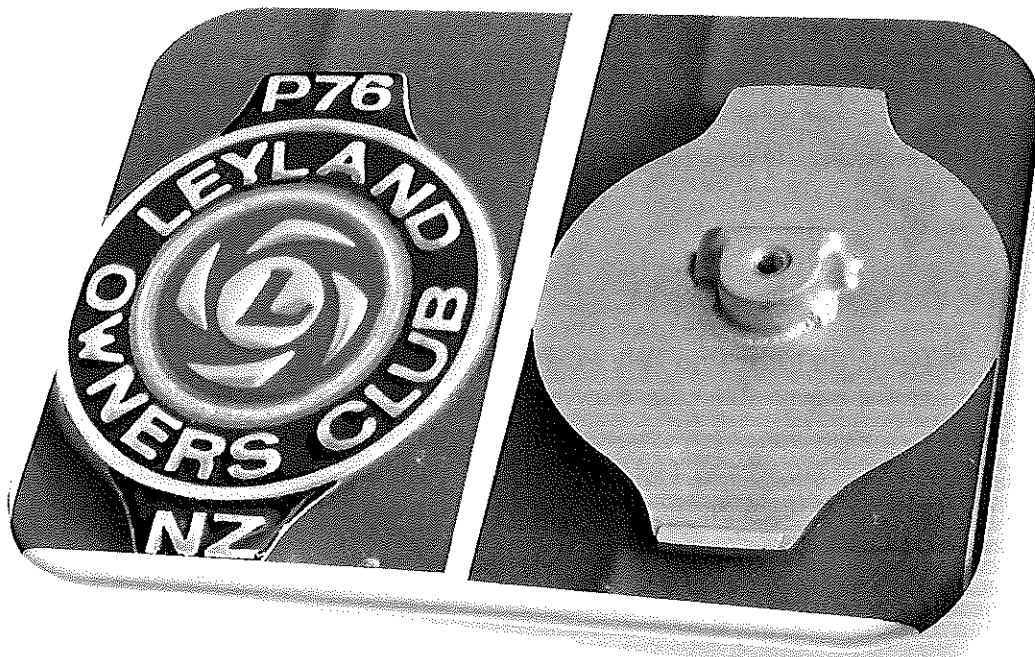
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Please include payment with your order.

These beautifully made badges have a baked paint and polished resin finish.

Size is 110mm high and 90 mm wide.

They will make an ideal accessory for your P76.



For a bit of light entertainment we thank the Queensland Club for the following joke taken from their November 2009 edition. While it is easily said these situations always demand calm and respect otherwise they get out of hand don't they!

CURTAIN RODS

On the first day, she sadly packed her belongings into boxes, crates and suitcases.

On the second day, she had the movers come and collect her things.

On the third day, she sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining-room table, by candle-light; she put on some soft background music, and feasted on a pound of shrimp, a jar of caviar, and a bottle of spring-water. When she'd finished, she went into each and every room and deposited a few half-eaten shrimps dipped in caviar into the hollow centre of the curtain rods. She then cleaned up the kitchen and left.

On the fourth day, the husband came back with his new girlfriend, and at first all was bliss. Then, slowly, the house began to smell. They tried everything; cleaning, mopping, and airing-out the place. Vents were checked for dead rodents, and carpets were steam cleaned. Air fresheners were hung everywhere. Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which time the two had to move out for a few days, and in the end they even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting. Nothing worked! People stopped coming over to visit. Repairmen refused to work in the house. The maid quit.

Finally, they couldn't take the stench any longer, and decided they had to move, but a month later - even though they'd cut their price in half - they couldn't find a buyer for such a stinky house. Word got out, and eventually even the local realtors refused to return their calls. Finally, unable to wait any longer for a purchaser, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place.

Then the ex-wife called the man and asked how things were going. He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely and said that she missed her old home terribly and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for having the house.

Knowing she could have no idea how bad the smell really was, he agreed on a price that was only 1/10th of what the house had been worth ... but only if she would sign the papers that very day. She agreed, and within two hours his lawyers delivered the completed paperwork. A week later the man and his girlfriend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home.....

... And to spite the ex-wife, they even took the curtain rods!

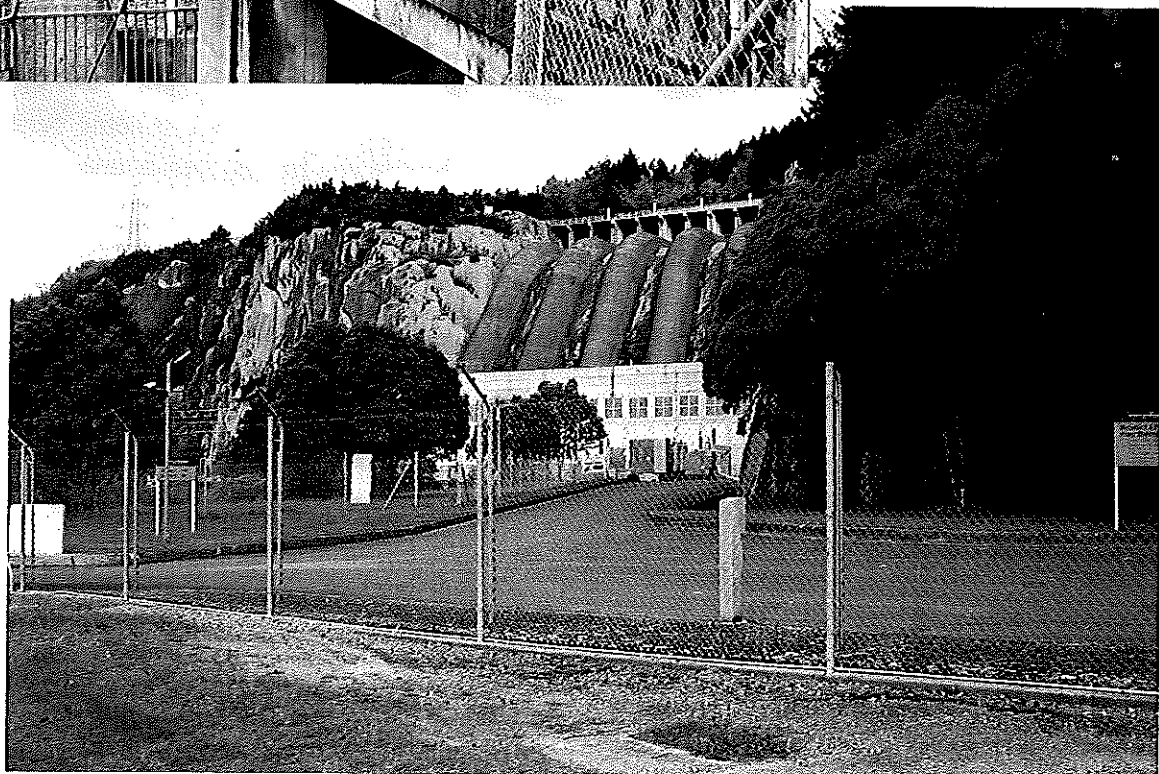
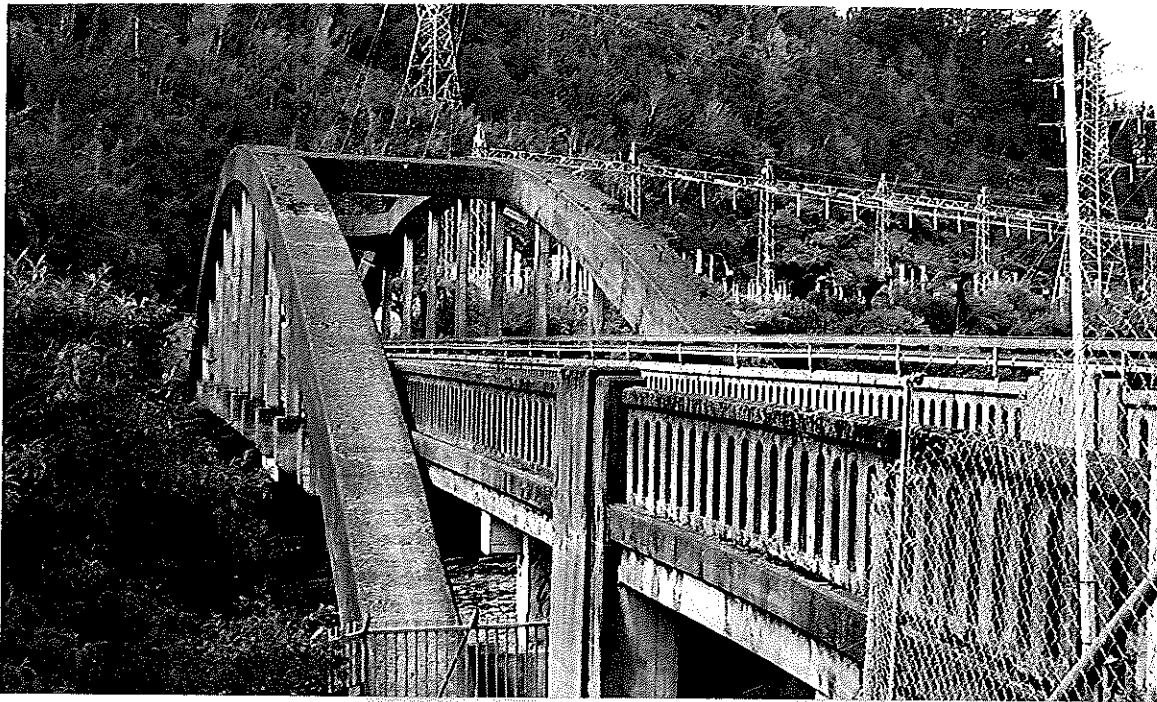
The Bits Missed Tour by Rosalie Maunder

Friday 30 October we left home at 8.30 a.m. just as the power went off. While driving from our gate we could see black smoke and flame coming from the oil refinery chimney. Turning on the car radio we heard that power was off all the way from Auckland to the top of the country. The oil refinery which shuts down automatically when electric power is lost sends unprocessed material up the flare stack to be burnt as a safety precaution.

Road works and Auckland's traffic saw us have a slow drive down to Hamilton, arriving at Ed and Annette's at around 12.30 p.m. The four of us set off on a tiki tour to Taupo to meet up with the rest of the Bits Missed tourists. Through Whatawhata, down to Te Awamutu for our first fuel stop then across country to Bryce's Wharepapa Out Door cafe for lunch.

We stopped for photos at Waipapa Dam and more at Maraetai Dams one and two, what a feat of engineering. We peered through the fence at several new transformers waiting to be installed. We were told they weighed 60 tons each. I was impressed by what I saw.

Below we see the Waipapa Lake Bridge and the Maraetai Dam.



We then went down through Whakamaru towards Lake Taupo, with a great drive around picturesque Acacia Bay. We stopped at the shops before checking into our motel then we all got together for a chat and drink before dinner. There were 6 P76's, an MX5 and an Aston Martin AMV8. *Clive feels it only appropriate to bring his V8 in a P76 Club run.*

Breakfast at 8 at Friends Cafe saw us negotiating the very large servings! I ordered an omelette that must have had at least 6 eggs in it, easily feeding two. I couldn't even manage half of it, what a waste!

Moving onto Rotorua we meet up with Alex, Lois, Pauline and Robert heading onto Whakatane. Now there were 7 P76's. We stopped at Awakeri for fuel and as we left another P76 turned up and the driver had a chat to Ed. Turned out he was a member just passing and saw the group. Our lunch stop at Opotiki had closed down so we another further down the road and had a good meal before heading across country to Gisborne. *A lovely drive.*

We stopped at Matawai as Mike's car was suffering from fuel starvation, not because we wanted to go to the historic pub there. We didn't go to the pub. We arrived at the Mahia Beach Motel about 6 p.m. Dinner was at Cafe Mahia at 7 but by the time Ed had rounded up some of the group who had mistakenly gone to the local pub (yeah right) thinking it was where we were going to eat we arrived a little late for dinner. The relieved look on the faces of the staff awaiting our arrival on the veranda to greet us was plain to see.

They were very friendly people. Two youngsters served us, a boy about 9 and a girl of about 12 years of age. They did a great job offering excellent food and making it a great night out.

Below we see Ed and Fred's cars in a scenic spot near the dams. This is the country you miss out on if you don't come along for the ride.



The next morning we awoke to an extremely cold day. A pity as the motel was just across the road from the beach and I would have liked to have gone for a walk... We had a photo shoot trying to keep out of the wind. It was the quickest photo shoot on record, we quickly bundled ourselves back into the cars and headed for Wairoa.

Rosalie forgets the photo shoot on the mountain road outside of Ohakune! It is one of these photos by Paul Heath that graces the cover of this issue. Other photos are courtesy of Rosalie.

We were to breakfast at cafe 287 south of Wairoa. Mike's car was still giving trouble at Waihu where we stopped for Paul to photograph an old truck. Don stayed with Mike to help if required and Merv and Rose shot off to visit some friends. *They know someone everywhere!* The rest of us carried on. The road between Waihu and Tutira is a very enjoyable drive. I enjoyed the scenery and the river running by the road. We stopped at Lake Tutira in the hope that Mike would catch up. The Station surrounding the lake once farmed 38,000 sheep. The small camping ground was the site of the shearing shed partly built out over the lake. Leaving the lake we onto Napier, drove through the port, along Marine Parade which looked very crowded. There seemed to be a gathering of some sort.

Out through Clive and turn left to Haumoana to visit the British Car Museum. When we arrived at midday Ian Hope, the proprietor told us that a Nutmeg P76 with Targa mags had visited in the morning expecting to find us there. *That was Calvin Mackie from Taradale.*

After a good look around the cars we left about 1 p.m. We heard that Mike had got to Napier and was leaving for home. Leaving the museum we took a back road on our way to Waipukurau. We didn't get to drive the entire back road as we were stopped by a fallen tree. So back we went the way we had come, having a late lunch in Havelock North at 2p.m.

What Ed forgot to tell you all is that Haumoana is my home village, the school at the top of the hill after the museum is where I went to primary school and the scenic back road is the Tuki Tuki River valley and this was the second time the club has been prevented from driving this route! Rob Jones.

Next stop Dave's Den in Dannevirke, a shed with floor to ceiling model cars on display and for sale. Don and Merv caught up us here. *Merv used to live just up the street!*

Don went onto the motel in Palmerston North with the rest of us arriving later, but in time for a nice dinner at the Rose and Crown Pub. Paul and Linda left for home after dinner and Merv and Rose stayed at a friend's motel.

The next morning we awoke to light rain (*well it is Palmerston North*) The MX5 and Aston Martin left for Wellington and the 3 remaining P76's of Ed, Fred and Don were left to head north but not before breakfast and a trip to Ezibuy for Annette, Elva and Rosalie. A relieved bunch of guys hit the road at 10. To Fielding, then onto Cheltenham, Kimbolton, and the Mangaweka Gorge. It is 30 years since Fred and I have been on this road and back then it was a narrow metal road clinging to the side of the gorge. That trip was in a P76 also.

The road is now much improved being completely rebuilt and sealed but there were still a few rocks fallen onto the road.

We stopped at Taihape for lunch and then onto Waiouru with snow covering the mountains and ranges. We stopped for photos but my camera decided that its battery was flat by now.

On again with no stops until to Putaruru for fuel where we parted on our own routes for home. Fred and I stopped in Pukekohe for tea and arrived home about 9.15 p.m. We had a very enjoyable weekend, marred only by what happened the next morning when we went to put the P76 away after cleaning it. The oil light would not go out and the motor was letting us know it wanted more oil! The pump was not picking up oil so Fred dismantled it to find the relief valve stuck open. After cleaning off the varnish to free the valve, packing the gears with Vaseline and cutting a new gasket it picked up oil immediately. *Good work Fred.*

The Oz Trail

Westwords Nov 09 Seven colours over seven cars – a great event and more great events coming up. Your alternative to the standard national day Show sounds like a really clever idea especially if you get a dozen cars for it. Initiative is wonderful. A brief report on the Aussie participants in the NZ bash, especially that bright blue P featured in Penzed awhile ago.

Dec 09 A good report on WA's BMC/Leyland heritage day. Fifteen P76's in attendance isn't bad at all. The Club awarded prizes for the best Targa Florio, best modified and best original vehicle amongst those displayed. Given that it was the Targa's 35th birthday democracy won out and 6 prizes were awarded to 6 different members and their cars.

Victoria Oct 09 Really helpful tech tip – wipers. Lost and unknown Leyland's and general news from the membership. Good to see you're planning a convoy to the 2010 Nationals. That will be an impressive sight.

The Leyland Post NSW #33 really helpful tech tips especially on gearbox mounts. Reports of successful interclub events involving Holden, Valiant, and Marina Leyland Club member owners as well as a lot of P76's and a Force 7V. Notes on elections, parts, history presentation and the possible revival of the HV&NR Club.

#34 Steve's rally reports in the VW are great; we can't wait for the 2010 season and the reports on his P76 rally car! BMC/Leyland reunion report with colour pictures of JB's Plum Loco P76 taxi. Good to hear of P76's being included in a UK classic car magazine... Sad to hear of your member losing his car in a bad accident.

Queensland Sep 09 Rogo farewells his P76 Ute. I have a similar photo of myself farewelling my first P76. Greta to see Hal Moloney's Targa photos from the Repco rerun. I thought that car was his wife's? And there's an 1800 in front of him. Reg Jones again, he has a nice looking car. Great pictures and a newsy issue. Happy 50th again Ann.

Oct 09 An extensive article of fitting Ford rear disc brakes and Holden brake booster to your P76. If interested contact Ed for details, it's a biggie and didn't feel inclined to include in Penzed. Best wishes to Rogo and his new hip. Your British day is like ours, a few P76's supported by Jaguar, Triumph, Aston martin etc.

Nov 09 A colourful meeting with the Motor Neurone group features in this issue along with the Brisbane North Antique Vehicle Club. Where does the Morris Minor with the flames on it fit in? Car identity competition in magazine is novel.

Dec 09 The photos show a great turnout for your Christmas lunch. Adrian, you are like me now, down to one 6 cyl P76, our HOTO V8 being dismantled and spread around NZ. The shell went to the crusher on 23/12/09. Another sad day.

And there is more over the page.....

South Australia Sep/Oct 09 Welcome Editor Peter, a brave man publishing the usually forgotten Constitution. It has been done here in NZ, the response being grossly underwhelming! Keep at it and you will see improvements in leaps and bounds. Being editor is a great job.

Nov 09 A brief issue with P76 parade cars on the cover and a memory from President Deuter about his days gone racing Elfin sports cars.

NSW Leyland P76 CCC Oct 09 Good to see your continued efforts to organise a really good National Rally in 2010. You have to be there to plan an event even if it means you do it again later. It just can't be done by phone and maps alone. We seem to be seeing more elderly member's cars for sale right across the P76 movement. A fact of our lives - I was only 30 when I joined around 25 years ago!

Nov 09 A brief issue with good comments on the BMC/Leyland Heritage Reunion. Good people and interesting cars including a good range of P76's. A great day in general. There were 4 P76 club's represented and Hunter valley owners as well.

Dec 09 Interesting to see the Club picking up ownership of a deceased members car - a good one - to keep it preserved for posterity.

That's it for this Oz Trail. Remember if you read something that sparks your interest you can get the information/magazine from Ed Tubman in Hamilton on 07 847 9116 or email Ed at eat@clear.net.nz

Remember our new member Steve Smith. This is his car outside our place on a recent visit. It now sports the wider Super rims and polished hubcaps, a period wing mirror and a few other bits off of our old HOTO V8. The wheels were actually off my CC Super! Yes, I've painted the fence since the picture was taken. Bloody vandals!



P76 CREATES HISTORY AFTER 36 YEARS

The road drops about 10metres to a complex right hand corner, which accounts for a great deal of drama through the day. The comparison with the early sunrise in the Sahara Desert in the famous Evan Green book is obvious. The opening of the new Hampton Downs



Not seen at Hampton Downs This Century

Motor Racing Circuit

on Saturday 14th November 2009 at Meremere, next door to the Drag Strip is where the P76 made its mark. If you need to ask where this is, you can stop reading now. A selection of drivers was brought together, with little regard to skill, ability or vehicle, to participate in "the first official laps at Speed around Hampton Downs 2.8km International Circuit". P38X2 with its current owner was lucky enough to be included. The field was divided into Groups: Group 1 "Road Car Saloons", Group 2 "Race Cars", Group 3 "Open Wheelers". There was about 25 entrants, total and the day was one of friendliness and happiness to be a part of the those who will forever be holders of the original lap time records. Group 1, like Group 2 was dominated by Porsches, but with some other interesting marques

included. Group 3 consisted of 2 vehicles

So to return to the 1st corner, which leads to a short straight at the end of which is a 90deg right turn, immediately followed by a climb, maybe 10metres, to the apex of a left corner of about 120deg, where the track falls again to a very short straight, a sweeping 180deg right hander, a climb of about 12metres, a prompt fall to a left hander followed by a sharp left (this could be described as a complex corner!!), a longer flat straight to a sweeping right hander, totaling 180deg, climbing around 30 metres to either pit lane to the right or straight (over the bump!) to Pit Straight, 4350 r.p.m, the Starting Grid, the Starting Line and then according to the size of the manly bits, where you put your foot on the middle pedal for the start of Turn 1. Obviously the contours have a major influence on this Circuit, testing both driver and vehicle, at the same time providing great spectator entertainment and a serious challenge to driver ability. Awesome. AWESOME.

Best P38X2 time: 1min. 30.984secs.

Philips historic P76 at Hampton Downs.

This car really is a great drive.



NORTH AUCKLAND
M & Y Biddle
A Caple
F C Maunder

AUCKLAND
D L Edmonds
M Golding
G L Gruebner
P A Meyer
GKC Ogilvie
A P Reid
J Rossen
P Scott
D Timms
R Utting
P Venning
C Walters

WAIKATO
W Clayton-Green
W H Duinker
G I & V J Gaudin
D G Sutherland
E A Tubman

BAY OF PLENTY
W Andrews
G Bagge
R T Cooper
H & S Grouwstra
M & A King
R King
S Learmonth
A J van Kampen

TARANAKI
A & D Larsen
L Wagstaff

HAWKES BAY
H I Hunter
R King
C Mackie

MANAWATU
C & C Cottle
M F A Cox
M J Crow
T Day
R J Fallaver
B & C Francis

WAIKARARAPA
R & S Jones
P H Vallance

WELLINGTON
D & S Bray
D H Brown
R Butler
B Cooper
J Fong
P Harlow
P Heath
B & B Lawrence

OVERSEAS MEMBERS

R & A Mallon
A & J Firth

NELSON/MARLBOROUGH

M Bown
S Harris

WESTLAND

B E Brown
F R Waghorn

CANTERBURY

D Alexander
J F Biddick
R A Blowers
A Clifton-Mogg
E Connor
A Crequer
A Eady
J T Flannigan
S Gane
M & C Hammond
M R Hatchard
K T McKenzie
M Perry
D A Prouting
J B Roberts
J P Warren
G H Weigel

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND

D S Buchan
CJ Cowan
RJ Keen
T M Martin
B Morris
G T Storer
B Tuffey

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LIST OF MEMBERS AS AT 23 OCTOBER 2009

P76 MAKES ALL AUSSIE DAY 2009

Irene Van Dyke has just been interviewed on Tv. Her achievements have mirrored my own, except the media and others have failed to grasp the depths of my talents.

Well Done, Irene, may you grace our sports scene for heaps of years to come. This theme is a very sophisticated and use-



No Way to Get To All Aussie Day

ful introduction to the worrisome relationship that Kiwis have to those who chose or were otherwise seconded to our West Island. So it came to pass that a group known as "GM Supporters Club" happened to mention to One David Timms that an All Aussie Day was to be held at Epsom on 8 November. "So does that mean that Leyland P76's are invited?" And so we were. Well, I thought that I was a Holden supporter, but they really are about as far up themselves as Porsche owners and other snobs are. Perhaps that is a bit unfair, there were some Fords there, thank goodness. And a lone Valiant. My guess is about 50 H's, 15 F's, 2 P's and the lone V. There were some brilliant cars there. Many designed for the drag strip, many designed for Queen Street Bird Catching and some just de-signed.

Now, having got that off my chest, I freely admit that we were welcomed and the President had several chats to our two representatives, Dave Timms and myself, and agreed that maybe our interests had some common threads and that we should keep in touch. Their big project is an event at Clevedon early (maybe March) next year and annually, to which they have promised us due notice.

You may be aware of the monthly meeting at Manukau at Bellagio's, well the theme was very similar, mainly because the Bellagio's boss is the son of the owner of the café at Epsom, so the brekkie was of the same high standard. Shame, really, that not more Auckland P's made the effort to attend—perhaps it will be better next year.

The biggest advantage of attending such an event is the opportunity for an interchange of ideas; for a cementing of a web of contacts; for a dissemination of knowledge of things mechanical and otherwise. How could you miss it? And there was bugger all Green and Gold.

Philip's rally car bearing a different

number this time and Dave Timm's rare AEB Executive.



NZ LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB INCORPORATED

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Twenty-seventh Annual General Meeting of the NZ Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated will be held at:

**Southgate Conference Centre (the ex Dairylands complex with the huge cow outside).
Cnr Whareroa Road and Main Road South
Hawera**

on Saturday 20th March 2010 at 6:00pm. Please register as you enter.

A G E N D A

1. Welcome to Members and Guests
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Twenty-sixth AGM held 7th March 2009.
4. Matters Arising
5. Correspondence
6. Presidents Report
7. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts
8. Appointment of Auditor
9. Election of Officers:
10. The following nominations have been received:

11. Notices of Motion
12. General Business
13. Closure of Meeting

We will have dinner and drinks after the AGM. You will be hungry and thirsty after the day's activities but worry not, transport can be arranged.

Please bring this AGM BOOKLET with you to the meeting. Thank you.

Form Of Proxy

I,

(Name)

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(Address)

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being a financial member of NZ Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated,

hereby appoint

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or failing him/her

.....

as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on Saturday 20 March 2010 or any adjournment thereof.

This proxy is a *(please delete either (a) or (b))*:

(a) General Proxy

(b) Special proxy to cast my vote in connection with the following matter(s) as indicated hereunder:

Signed:

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Dated: / /

Notes:

1. Proxies sent by post must be in the hands of the Secretary, PO Box 38, Pukekohe, 2340 seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Alternatively, they may be brought to the Annual General Meeting and given to the Secretary prior to its commencement.
2. A member, should he/she so desire, may appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as his/her proxy.

HAPPY NEW YEAR