

We had a light lunch in the cafe and starting saying our goodbyes to those that were leaving for home. After sorting out who was going where we returned to our motels for a rest and many of the men went off with Lance in search of his many sheds full of his car collection.

Some of us were happy to rest and refresh in anticipation of our return journey the next day because as always, it was not to be a trip up SH1 for us. There is always another way and Fred will tell you about it soon enough. *I stayed the night with the Firth's and was quite surprised to see 7 P76's still in the motel car park the next morning. And we were the only car not going north damn it, but Alan and Jane needed to get to Palmerston North some how and it was on my way home whereas the other way was not.*

The Follow on by Fred

Lance led three car loads of petrol head's to see the contents of three of his many sheds. The number of cars and their stories in various stages of repair and disrepair was staggering. There was a mixture of personal projects, mates stored cars, customer restorations, race cars and a good number of Lance's finished cars. Makes included were Rolls Royce, Jaguar, Toyota, Saab, Holden, P76, Van den Plas, Triumph Stag, Austin Healey, Morris and others, especially Mini racers and a totally restored Mini Countryman. And that's not all of them! There was also Lance's first ever restoration, an Austin 7.

Then to top it all off we had a look around lance's Toyota dealership workshop. I was particularly taken by a Marcos Mantula Spyder under overhaul. I understand these were available as a kit car to any stage of construction, so can I have one please. I'd use a P76 motor of course. I looked them up in my copy of the A to Z of sports cars, page 206.

Thanks very much Lane, the whole weekend was the best.

Monday morning we left our motel and had breakfast in Stratford. As we got back into our cars a lady stopped to tell us she had a purple P76 while she lived in Australia. She really loved that car. After she left a man came and photographed the cars. We left Stratford to go through the Forgotten Highway to visit Whangamomona again. We stopped at each Heritage Site and when we arrived at the Moki Tunnel we got Peter Venning to park his car in the tunnel so we could take a photo then it was onto the Whangamomona Hotel for a cup of coffee. Just as we were about to leave Eric Connor turned up on his motorcycle.

On arriving at Morgan's Grave Heritage Site some of us walked to the grave site through a nice bush setting. Morgan was in charge of a survey party and was only thirty five when he died way out here. Onwards, we took the Ohura Road to SH4 and then onto Te Kuiti.

The Ohura Road is very winding, I'm glad I don't live on it. At Te Kuiti we said more goodbyes. The Venning's and us followed Ed until he turned off to Hamilton. We refuelled at Ngaruawahia then went nonstop to Whangarei. We lost sight of the Venning's somewhere near Meremere.

We arrived home safely after a very enjoyable weekend. Thank you to all those who made it so.

Fred Maunder

The Oz Trail

Westwords Feb 2010 Three Force 7V's on the cover, cool. Plenty of events on the horizon and some interesting cars for sale. Hope your venue problems get sorted quickly.

Mar 2010 Pretty similar to the last issue with the addition of a breakdown of the WA rules regarding your very sensible concessional licensing system – makes interesting reading. We have to wait another 3+ years before we can entertain any sort of concession at all. Got to keep the tax take up don't they!

South Australia Mar 2010 An advert for Bosch Super 4 spark plugs #WR78G. Check out your local supplier and see if you can pep up your P. There's a P76 stretched limo in here too – Reg LONG 76. It must have been a sight to see the limo and the 2 boots BBQ together at an event. You have a wealth of varied event invitations. Makes life interesting.

May 2010 There is a photo of 2 boots and the limo on the cover. The limo is AEB in colour. There is also the "borrowed" national rally report and pictures from the P76CCC along with adverts for Leyland shirts, ear rings and pendants.

Queensland Mar 2010 Always good to show a new members car on the front of the magazine and there are plenty of P people pictures within your event report. Talk about coincidence. *I only read this magazine this morning and the bloke on the cover just phoned me here in NZ about ½ an hour ago, say 7.30p.m.* A change of meeting venue coming up, something testing some of our local members at present.

Apr 2010 I'm glad the editor enjoyed her Easter eggs but forgoing your P to ride a Harley, is that really on? I can understand one's confusion if you turn up at an event and there is NO Leyland's present. That's worse than we do most times. Another national rally report with colour pictures. 49 cars including 1 Force 7V, 1 Marina, 1 stretched limo and JB's famous P76 taxi. That was a great idea to line up all the models, Deluxe, Super, Executive, Targa Florio and Force 7V for a photo. More happy participants, your early misgivings pale against such an event.

Victoria Jan/Feb 2010 Christmas birthdays will only get harder to celebrate, we have two in our family and it can be challenging. I'm sorry but I find it astonishing that you can only get one P76 to an Australia day event, and that's the same one two years running. Good on you Phil and Martyn. I hope your challenge to the absurd ruling regarding P platers driving good old P76 V8's is successful. Kids can buy any number of more powerful cars in which to destroy themselves and others. Happens here every week. They would be safer in and hopefully have more respect for an old V8 classic. But then respect and responsibility went out with reading, righting and rithmetic didn't they? Now I'm confused as to the best way to go! That article on oil is interesting but also confusing. I use Castrol GTX 20W/50.

Mar 2010 Look at that, a 6 cyl engine on the cover but it is way to clean. Good to see you are forming a convoy to go to the national rally. Another hi-tech article, on radiator additives this time and a meeting of minds and bureaucracy on your Club Permit Scheme, concessional licensing way ahead of the nothing we have here.

NSW LP76CCC Apr 2010 The first glowing report on the national rally that I have read. You know I'm always behind with this job! But it was a glowing report even if Joe was one of the organisers. Comments from other Kiwi's I've spoken to confirm Joe's opinion. Greta colour spread of photos and Concourse results sheet. CC coloured cars seem popular winners but JB appears to have scooped a lot of prizes with his P76 collection. And still more big events on the horizon.

I should point out here that I read these magazines in chronological order but they obviously aren't written up that way so I'm hoping that my comments don't get out of synch as you read them. Apologies if I seem to get things back fac to brunt.

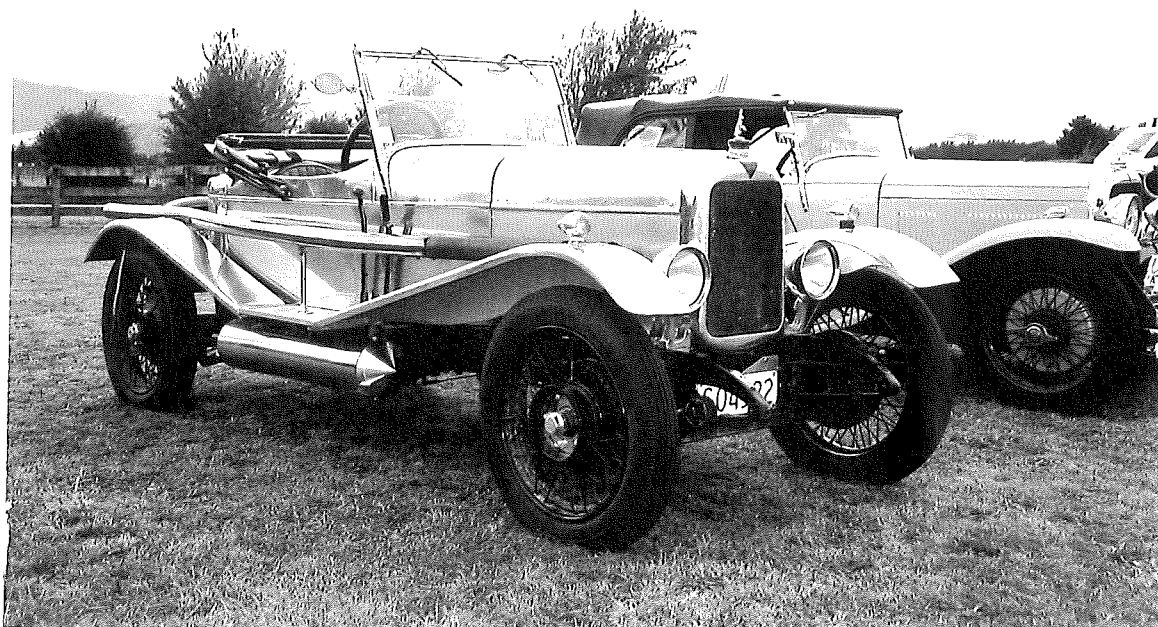
May 2010 Great member profiles showing a diverse range of vehicular interests and a good photo spread from the National Motoring Heritage Day, even a Sunbeam Imp. That museum you visited during the national rally also looked amazing.

NSW Leyland Post #36 Original Force 7V road test photos on the front and rear pages along with a newspaper item telling us that a Force 7V was written off during evaluation testing. Brilliant history supplied by one of the ex Leyland guests at the national rally. Thanks for taking the approach of getting several members to write up the nationals from their own perspectives. It makes for a broader understanding of the whole event rather than just one report from a committee member. And should work as encouragement for those that didn't attend when they see how many different ways people enjoyed themselves.

You get to see the differing impacts of the event on the ex Leyland employee's like Noel Delforce and newer members like Shane Fox. It was good to read Kay De Luca's acknowledgement of participants from all over Australia, New Zealand and the UK. All these differing views are a great way to record the event.

Congratulations to Steve Maher for his heartfelt story of thanks to the many involved in the success of the National Rally, not just the NatCom members. These events are huge and dozen's make them happen well, including all those that actually attend. Sonya and I should get back to Aussie for the next one. It's been too long since the last one we did.

Do you realise that Jane and Alan Firth actually returned to New Zealand to attend our National Alvis Rally here in Masterton.



Southern Group visit to Hanmer Springs May 2 2010

Hanmer Springs is about 1 ½ hour's drive north of Christchurch. Six cars met at the Belfast Tavern at 9.30a.m. including the Leyland's of Don Alexander and Adrian Clifton-Mogg. It's always fun to meet up with club members, lots of chat about cars, parts and Don's new P76 and of course the weather! As our trip included a splash in the hot thermal pools in Hanmer Springs we were all hoping for sunshine.

Morning tea was at a very modern road side cafe in Waikari. Tea and scones seemed to be favoured by most. Following a stop to refuel at Culverden by one of our members all hell let loose with his car! It started jumping around like a car possessed, no power, misfiring badly, no acceleration and belching blue smoke. All most unbecoming of a P76. Evil mutterings and swearing about "crook" fuel & "tut tutting" from passengers filled the air. After many stop/start manoeuvres, the owner realised he had filled up with diesel, not petrol, every car enthusiast's nightmare! (The writer having filled the Leyland with diesel once herself knew his feelings well). Slowly we but surely we battled on to Hanmer Springs, arriving WELL behind all the others.

Thanks to Don Alexander for his tow to the nearest garage, the Peel Me a Grape's tank was drained of \$40 worth of diesel, refilled (another \$40) and was then back in action. Sorry southern members for holding up your lunch. Sandy had pre arranged a lunch stop. Excellent food was enjoyed by everyone. Frank and Robyn Waghorn from Reefton joined us at lunch; it was great to have their company.

After lunch those hot pools beckoned (no cameras allowed). What relaxation, nothing quite like them for spiritual and mental health and wellbeing. Soaking up those mineral waters was real therapy. Some members sat on the side line enjoying the sunshine and wonderful views of forest and mountains and some were admiring some of the ladies present! Ice creams and chat ensued before we started our uneventful journey back to Christchurch.

Safe motoring-stay warm during this cold wet winter weather.

Bev Clifton-Mogg.



STOP PRESS NOTIFICATION: To all New Zealand Car Clubs and Members:

In purchasing the web business www.simplyclassics.co.nz, we would like to present to you and your members some of the site's capacity and facilities.

Currently, this site has 10 to 12,000 visitors per day, already with over 700 classic car listings for sale from around the world. This site allows you to **list buy and sell your Classic car free**.

One of our first challenges was to upgrade the New Zealand Club membership listings.

We have recently completed this to the best of our endeavours but would appreciate it if you could visit the site, click on the "Clubs" button along the top of the page and review your Club's details, then upgrade where required. This again is free to access and allows us to maintain contact with you and your members about upcoming events and special offers we negotiate on your behalf.

We also thought it beneficial for those buying and selling cars on this site to introduce several items to assist when either buying or selling a Classic car

These include,

- ☒ A **Finance** partner to assist in Classics car packages for those requiring assistance. This again is free, highly confidential, and applications are on-line. Just click on that "**Finance your Classic Car**" button.
- ☒ A Special National Classics Car Valuation Service. Just click on the "**Valuation Services**" button on the Simple Classics website to book in your classic car valuation.
- ☒ The Inclusion of the **CHECKA** services for your car purchase. Just click on the various CHECKA buttons on the Simple Classics website to receive your vehicle validation checks from CHECKA.
- ☒ Listing upgrade system - allows vendors to pay a little extra and have their vehicle listing upgraded with high light borders and background
- ☒ The second part of the **sales upgrade service** is a **video listing system** attached with a small additional fee. Apart from this, there is a free listing tips video so that you can best list and promote your vehicle for sale.
- ☒ We are now offering those Clubs who do not have their own web pages, the opportunity to have one developed by another of our partners for as little as \$750.00 + GST for 5 complete pages. Just email us at info@simplyclassics.co.nz for complete details on how to make this happen for your Club.
- ☒ A new on line currency partner, Button, that allows you to buy and sell the currency of choice on line
- ☒ Watch the space, more classics car partner Buttons to come.

New Initiative Events:

1. We have also formed a charitable Trust called the **Simply Classics Charitable Trust**, which is collaborating with CanTeen, "Supporting young people Living with Cancer" of New Zealand and Ronald Mc Donald House to initiate the **Great NZ Classic Car Search**. (Please see full details in the attached information flyer.)
2. The second major event to commence in the Spring of 2010 will be the **Simply Classics Car Club Challenges**. These will be organised in 10 regions of New Zealand throughout the year as an annual event for all car lovers. The complete information package will be sent via email to all Car Clubs in NZ well in advance of **The Challenge** in your region.
3. We have collaborated with Greg Paul from Rally Tours NZ and we will be sponsoring a **Great Classic Car Drive** from Shanghai to London in June **2011**. This agency has had vast experience in administering these types of events over the past 5 years. The inaugural event is to be limited to 12 participants per group. (Full details to follow via our web sites and media releases).

We would appreciate if you could advise all your members of this website's new offers so that owners and buyers of all types of Classics Cars can be involved.

As Club Secretary, please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you and your membership, such as providing this information as electronic or multiple hard copies for email or postal distribution to members.

If any of your Club's members wish to advertise on Simply Classics, just press the red button "Advertise on Simply Classics" to view site statistics and make direct contact with our advertising team.



INVITATION TO: Participate in the Great NZ Classics Car Search Celebrate the re-launch and ownership change of the SIMPLY CLASSICS WEB SITE

Simply Classics Limited has formed a Charitable Trust, named the 'Simply Classics Charitable Trust'. Its initial task is to find and restore two very special classic cars in New Zealand, one in the North Island and one in the South Island. The fully restored cars will then be offered for sale on our World Wide Web site and sold, with the profits going to our two nominated trust beneficiaries: Ronald McDonald House and CanTeen.

We are looking for you to assist in this great search, so please join in.

The car selection criteria are:

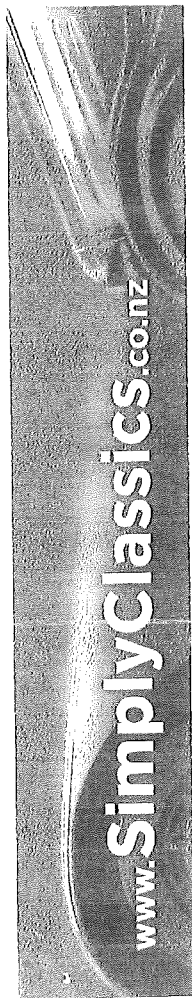
- They must be viable for restoration and upon completion estimated to have a value that exceeds purchase and restoration costs.
- The Simply Classics Charitable Trust will be collaborating with Simply Classics advertising customers on the simplyclassics.co.nz site, who will complete the various trades and parts supplies for the two restorations.
- The restorations will be reported regularly on our web site with video recordings and commentary, from the selection process, and then from start to finish of the restorations.
- Following a national display of the finished vehicles, there will then be the donation of the profits to the two nominated trust beneficiaries.

FOR FULL DETAILS GO TO WWW.SIMPLYCLASSICS.CO.NZ AND
CLICK ON THE LINK BUTTON TO 'SIMPLY CLASSICS CHARITABLE TRUST'.

We are asking for nominations from you and your club members, or anyone else you know of who might know of such a vehicle to nominate. You, or they, can then send the nomination through the web site with the vehicle description, photographs and asking price. A team of experts will then evaluate the nominations and make the two selections.

A four-month search deadline has been set to find the vehicles so please put the word out and get the nominations into www.simplyclassics.co.nz. Be a part of this very exciting project and see what a united group of like-minded people can do for these two special charities.

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Inaugural Rally Shanghai to London 2011

Simply Classics have formed a strategic alliance with Rally Tours New Zealand to initiate jointly some great classic car drives around the world. Greg Paul, the Managing Director of Rally Tours NZ is highly experienced in organising such events. Just go to www.rallytours.co.nz

This inaugural event, following the Silk Route, is an extension of the already established Peking to Paris Rally that Greg has now been running for several years with Classic Cars and 4WD's.

Why Shanghai as a starting point?

- It is the largest port in the world.
- Ease of access for vehicle transport from New Zealand.
- This is a new rally with new ingredients especially designed for post WWII Classic Cars.
- It follows one of the great journeys of modern man, the Silk Route, across Asia to Europe.
- The rally is designed for car lovers who really enjoy great drives with spectacular and varied scenery, who want to share the experience with like-minded people.
- Travel across the Gobi Desert and Siberia, visit the Terracotta Soldiers, The Great Wall of China, some of the great Car Museums of Europe along the way and drive the Nuremberg Ring.
- Travel 13,000 kms in 52 days, staying in Hotel-type accommodation all the way.

Why Finish in London?

- Visit Beaulieu Car Museum.
- It will allow entrants to travel independently around the UK when finished, if they wish. When finished, they just leave their vehicle with the shipping agents in London and it will arrive back in New Zealand, with another, in its shipping container.
- Simply Classics and Rally Tours New Zealand want the entrants to enjoy a complete motoring experience coupled with the history of Asia, Europe and the UK to create a memorable experience for the motoring enthusiasts that will be tattooed forever in their memories.

For those who wish to view the event from afar, they will be able to view the Simply Classics web site for daily video updates of the journey. Simply Classics will be filming the whole rally, editing, and downloading the trip onto their web site for viewers from around the world to view and watch their progress.

In creating this event, it was decided that entrants in the rally would participate in cars that are post World War II and up to 1990 as a year of manufacture, allowing the entrants' Classic Cars to be from 20 to 65 years old.