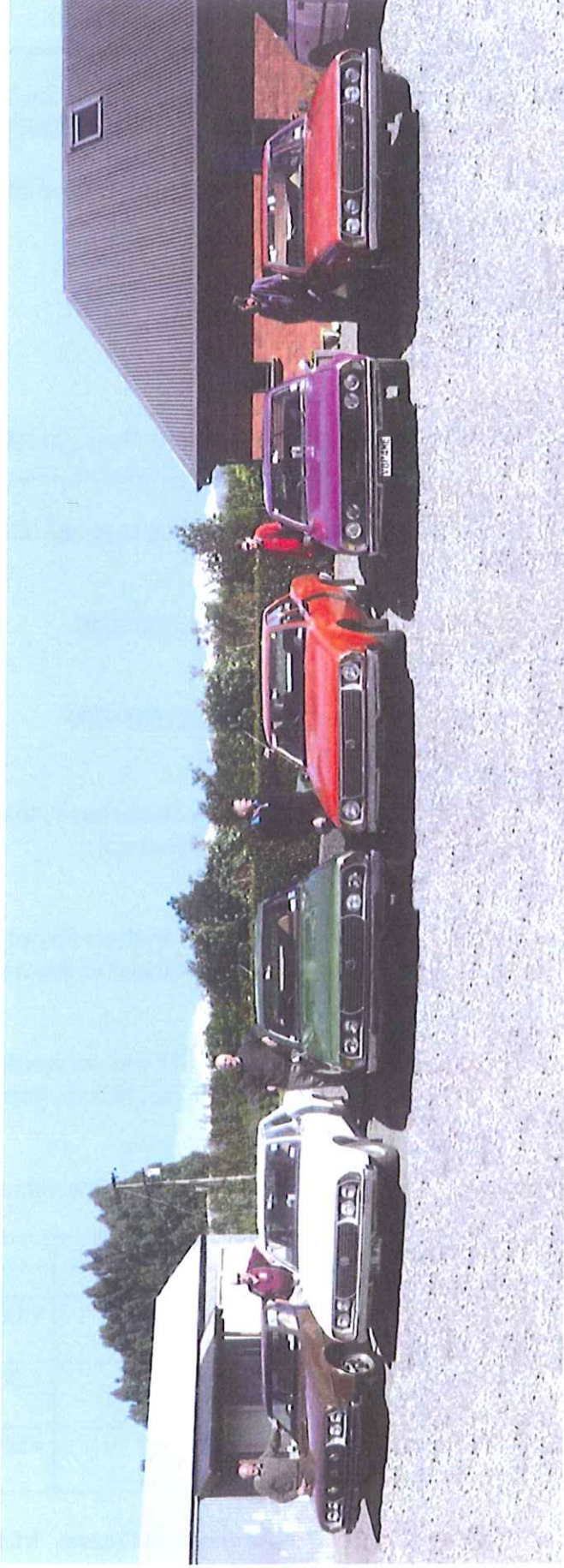


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P76, anything but average

Penzed for January 2011

Now is that scary or what? Where does it go, I bet all our birthday boys are asking the same question. It is one of the truest things my parents ever told me – time flies as you get older.

This issue contains your last chance to register for the National Rally with a rerun of the Registration Form and Itinerary. It also contains some official bits on the last page such as the Form of Proxy and the official Notice of AGM which we are required to include in Penzed. Of course you won't need the Proxy because you will be there won't you.

There is also a plea from Murray Hatchard, President and organiser of the National Rally.

When you send your registration cheque to him please

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not to him. His accountant doesn't understand.

We also have several event reports – thank you contributors – some with back up pictures. It is great that we participate in so many things and then write about them so we can all see the opportunities open to us in the classic car world.

I'm looking forward to the National Rally and soon will be in contact with Alan Firth from the UK to see if I can assist him in getting to Blenheim if required. He and Jane were so impressed with the Taranaki event that Alan is coming to Blenheim and they hope to both return for the 2012 Rally as well. We shall have to ensure that the longest distance travelled prize changes each year! He will not be disappointed with the itinerary we have to look forward to.

Our thoughts go out to our friends across the ditch that are under vast amounts of water at present. I have been in contact with the Mallon's, our expat members and they are fine but they left last weekend's event on Sunday morning while a couple of others stayed longer and are still there four days later, stranded with friends, but that's what a car club members do for each other isn't it. The devastation is described by Ann as immense and it's not over yet.

And we shan't forget are friends in Christchurch who are still shaking pretty regularly. A mate of mine has just gone down from HB to work as an assessor for the EQC. It is a trying beginning to the New Year for many people. Let us hope we all get through it well.

Something else I've noticed of late while driving around in my Leyland is that drivers of similarly aged Holden's, Ford's and Valiant's are waving out to me. I of course return this courtesy. It reminds me of driving around in old sports cars; everyone waves to each other except maybe the purest of MG drivers!

Have you experienced this phenomenon? Surely this is another sign of our acceptance into the realm of classicdom by our peers? At last and not before time. Don't forget to wave or return the gesture. It all helps keep the world a safer and happier place.

Troop Movements

Resignation

Martin Perry of Cave has resigned due to new business commitments but I feel sure he will be back with us in the future along with his two P76's and numerous other vehicles. I haven't actually met Martin but we have spoken/emailed several times and we will benefit from his return in the future. We wish you well in your venture Martin.

Change of Address

Bryan and Beth Lawrence have deserted the mansion and moved to a new apartment at 2/26 Buller Street, Te Aro Wellington 6011. Now where will he put the XJ6?

David Timms has made a bigger move and gone to Australia and as I type this I realise that he moved to Toowoomba. I hope you are ok there Dave. Dave's new address is 4 Nolan Court, Darling Heights, Toowoomba, Queensland 4350. Let's hope that Darling Heights is just that and out of the waters path. I have since been in contact with Dave and he assures me he is ok but he cannot adequately describe the devastation just down the road from him. He says it has left him lost for words!

Welcome to two new members

November was a good month for the NZLP76OCInc as we got two new members, both with V8 BA cars, one a Deluxe and the other a Super. The Super has been in the Club for 20 years but not seen for about 10 of those and the Deluxe was not known to the Club and until now didn't even appear on the register. This as it turns out is due to it being registered as a Leyland only. When the registration search was undertaken we looked for Leyland P76 for obvious reasons and this car was not caught. How many others are there out there?

Anyway we welcome Paula and Roy Buchanan of RD6 Ashburton 7776 and their V8 Deluxe as referred to in Jenifer's Jottings and as seen on the cover.

We also welcome Robin Coleman and his partner Di from 186 Galpins Road RD2 Marton 4788 along with their V8 Super as referred to in Bryan Lawrence's Coast to Coast report.

Deep end stuff for the new people with photos of them and/or their cars in the first issue of Penzed they will have seen as members. We will definitely hear more of the adventures of Robin and his P76 later on and look forward to visiting his beautiful home again.

And so it was that there was another one out there. Upon clearing the mail today we welcome the first person to use the web site membership application form to join the Club.

Welcome Darcy and Gaye May of 167E Brooklands Road New Plymouth along with your Crystal White V8. If you wish to get stuck in you will find the National Rally/AGM registration form and Itinerary and some more local event notices elsewhere in this issue.

Engine for sale

Hi members, here is a message from Grant Mitchell in Morrinsville about a P76 motor that may be of interest to one of you.

I have a P76 engine that I salvaged years ago with the intention of it being a project motor. I am an Automotive Machinist by trade, so stripped, cleaned and crack-tested all parts and proceeded with machining. Typically it was a virgin motor with several cracked pistons. It has been in storage since, and I now wish to sell it. I am now dairy farming, but all work was done in the machine shop.

BLOCK- .005" wear, Crack tested and Pressure tested OK.

CRANK- Ground, from memory, .020/.030(will need to check) Crack tested.

HEADS- Guides removed, champhered, and re-fitted. Machined for SD1 valves (throated and de-shrouded around head area, done on head-shop. Port-matched and de-burred.) Crack and Pressure tested. Re-faced on Mill.

VALVES- Full set of new SD1.

OIL PUMP- New kit (not installed)

CONRODS- Bead-blasted, NEW ARP rod bolts installed (pre-torqued, closed and honed)

FLYWHEEL- Re-surfaced (ex Terrier)

SUMP- Terrier (Factory deepened)

That is about it from memory. Other parts included are things like, Intake, Exhaust manifolds, Front damper and pullies, Dizzy, Carb (not correct fitment)

Would like to sell as one lot. Look forward to your reply. Cheers Grant.

Contact Grant on 07 887 3620 or 021 137 2130 or email him at grant.mitchell@extra.co.nz

Congratulations

These are in order for a few reasons this time round. I will first do the birthdays for those well known members amongst us. Belatedly I have found out that Don Alexander celebrated his 71st birthday on August 1st. Nothing much is kept from me!

More recently and for me somewhat surprisingly I have been advised that Philip Meyer celebrated his 70th birthday on December 6th. This was done with the surprise company of Jude and Philip's children and grandchildren and was a wonderful way to celebrate this milestone Philip says. I had no idea you were that old Philip and I mean that in the nicest possible way.

Cover Photo

Relevant to Jenifer's Jottings we see the colourful line up of Leyland's that visited new members Paula and Roy Buchanan's residence to check out their BA Deluxe. This was before they had actually joined up. From L to R we see Fleming and Betty Biddick's N Executive, Murray Hatchard's CW Super, Don and Jenifer Alexander's AG Executive, Roy and Paula's BA Deluxe, Brian and Lyn Morris's PMAG over black leather Leyland and Ken McKenzie's BA Super. Hit the cover in colour first time Roy, congratulations and welcome.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Special congratulations must go to Rosalie and Fred Maunder who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 17th. I believe another small celebration took place probably involving lemon meringue pie amongst other things.

In this day and age this is a momentous occasion and one you are both to be congratulated on. Maybe even more so than finishing off that HOTO Deluxe V8 you have stashed away Fred – or is it still up on the forklift?

I have since been supplied a photo of the happy couple accompanied by the bridesmaid's (Rosalie's sisters) and I'm told that Rosalie is wearing the original wedding dress in the photo you see below. The bridesmaids had been arranged to arrive in a suitably wedding bedecked old Rover car wearing reproduction dresses. This was a surprise for Rosalie!

Fred is the one without any flowers in his hair. Congratulations and best wishes to you both.



Thank you for allowing us to share in your good times. If someone else out there ahs an occasion that you would like to share be it a family wedding, anniversaries, significant birthday, or say using your P76 as wedding cars for someone as Mike and Steve did recently then send me a few words and the picture/s and we can include it in Penzed.

It seems to me that to a very large extent most of us consider ourselves as part of a big family and we offer each other accommodation, support, assistance and friendship anytime it might be required and so we are happy to share in these good times. Send them in.

Local Group Activities

Northern Group

To enjoy great food and company you can join Philip Meyer 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 the first Sunday of each month. Confirm dates and details with Philip on: H 09 238 0652 or Mob 021 623 805.

February 3 March 3 April 7 May 3 June 7

Breakfast at Bellagio located at 86 Plunket Avenue, Wiri does continue on the first Sunday of the month. Described as an informal social event for family, friends and P76's but other cars will do in a pinch. Recommended you bring your appetite and your camera. This is a popular event up north and was last held on December 5. Normal service will resume from February 2011 for general meetings and breakfast

Questions raised about the Gruebner car in the past have so far not produced a result that has been reported on! What's the story Gordon? You will have to do an article on this car once it is out and about, and get it up on the web site! I'm going to leave this here until I see something of this B as B beastly! Speaking of missing things (sort of) the Edmonds name doesn't seem to appear on the attendance list either!

And now we have news of John Rossen's car getting set up for a major refurbishment, some problems that had arisen being solved by the educated masses at the November meeting. It is good that this unique car, an Austin P76 is being brought back to its prime. Probably starting with a lot of primer!

Philip makes mention of Fred Maunder's birthday but forget to mention his own which is recognised elsewhere in Penzed. As always Philip is a staunch supporter of the Club's web site and encourages members to go there and contribute. I'm pleased to tell you that there are new Leyland's and other vehicles on show now along with some other enhancements so go and have a look at www.leylandp76club.org.nz

Central Group Meet at The Fireman's Arms 313 Jackson Street Petone

February 1 March 1 April 5 May 2 June 7

Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month for dinner with a "when we're ready" start to the Central Groups informal meeting. There is some parking at the rear of the premises as well as on Jackson Street. Contact Central's Social Convenor, **Paul Heath on 04 972 7192** if you have any questions or suggestions or are joining us from elsewhere. Leave him a message on his answering machine.

Wheels with Attitude on the Dannevirke A&P Showground's Neptune Street Off SH2 at the Northern end of town, Sunday February 6

This Allcomers show will astound you with the variety of vehicles on show from all corners and countries of the world. P76 has been before in varying numbers and added to the mix and satisfaction of 1000's of member's of the public who come for a look. Do not miss this event. Trucks, tractors, cars, motorcycles, machinery, hotrods and parts stalls for all to see.

British Car Day February 13 2011 – The 25th year of this growing event.

Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt, entry via Barton Road off Fergusson Drive from 10.00 am (yeah right) until 3.00 pm. Bring your car, truck, bus, van, bike or tractor.

We are again invited to attend in numbers (greater than bloody 4) and wave our flags, meet our friends in their funny cars like Marcos and Austin Healey and Aston Martin and whatever Bruce arrives in, in lieu of his P76! There are trophies to win, People's Choice and Club Display, plagues to buy (I have 24) oodles of cars to ogle, nice food, motorcycles and stationary engines and usually a really big mobile one! It appears that if you have a silver car (no Paul, not the Nissan) you may get to show off in the silver anniversary parade?

Entry is still only \$5 per car, proceeds go to Wellington Free Ambulance as they always have and it is a great day to catch up with old friends and have a lot of Leyland's on display. A lot means more than 4 ok! Here is the challenge to Philip and Steve, you know who you are, as do all the others we would love to see turn up. Imagine a row of colours like this:

AEB, FB, N, FB, BA, BA, BA, BA, AG, HOTO, ON, PS, CW, CW and maybe even our latest CW.

Now that would be something! It could happen and with a B as B to come.

The 20th Wheels on Windsor Sunday March 13 Hastings on Windsor Park

Entry is off Grove Road. Windsor Park has seen P76's before and will again. This year it seems it will see an extraordinary number of Jaguars as well as several of the provincial Jaguar Clubs have decided to have a meet in Hastings and attend this event so there is an added attraction.

Held in an attractive park setting with tress all around the boundary this could be an excellent chance for a few more of us to join and support Calvin Mackie and his lone P76 from last year! Give it a go. Entry is very reasonable and all you have to do is arrive.

January Sunday 16 saw the Jones family make a last minute decision to attend a last minute invite to go bush and beach with the Austin Flying A Register. And do they go bush, it made the Gentle Annie look smooth and despite the high winds out at Castle Point we all took to the sea which seemed quite warm to me. It was hot and very windy and we got wet above the high tide mark and dried pretty quickly but the highlight for us (besides the beer on the way home) was watching Abby getting braver and braver in the waves and trying to body surf them like a couple of other kids were. She just loved it and looked a treat in her new spotty high visibility swim suit, we won't lose her in a crowd. We may just head back next weekend, along the main road this time. Thank you Austin people.

The Southern Group holds their bi monthly meetings at Robbie's 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.

Remember, it is your Club to participate in and you are invited to any of the events advertised in Penzed. If you are doing something with someone else invite us along to.



THE EVOLUTION OF THE P-76

On the first day God created the Heavens, the Earth, and the Rimutaka Hill Road but He wasn't happy. His Kingswood would sway on the corners, crawl up the hills, and use heaps of juice.

On the second day, God took a new track and created the Falcon. He enjoyed the feeling of power, and it was fun. But it still used heaps of petrol.

So, on the third day, God created the Torana V8, and it flew up the hills. It never broke down, but the corners remained a problem. Yet He had tasted close to the ultimate in power and craved for more.

On the fourth day He added a 650 Holley, extractors, and twin 2" exhausts and created adrenalin. His insurance premium doubled and it cost a fortune to get the body fixed. He had also created fear (His hair turned white), and the cliché "Enough is enough".

On the fifth day God created the 351 GT. He would cruise up and down hills in top gear, and pick up heaps of babes. But the hog was too heavy, broke down a lot and handled like the proverbial brick sh-----se, and the Kingswood.

Then on the sixth day, God made the 5 litre Commodore. He would still pick up the babes outside the Rimutaka Tavern and it sounded good. His car felt light, and for the first time corners were fun. It handled! God was stoked!!! But its weak body worried Him crazy, it was a touch gutless, and it still ran out of juice every 100 miles. He wasn't happy, but He was close.

So finally, on the seventh day, God produced a car with the speed of a 351 GT (almost!), the reliability of Rolls Royce (what else?) and the handling of a Commodore. He could afford the petrol, tune it Himself, pick up chicks, and still blow off 351's through the corners.

He called His car P76, and He was happy!!!

Amen.

This is so old I don't recall the source but I remember adapting it to local geography many years ago and then filing it! I hope you enjoy it. Rob Jones.

At the kind invitation of Sonya and Rob, Beth and I drove over the hill on Friday morning, left the MX5 in their garage in Masterton and spent the rest of the weekend as passengers in their P76. Most enjoyable! Although the "official" start point for the run was Whanganui, in traditional Leyland Club fashion, we travelled a few minor roads to get there: Feilding via the Pahiatua Track, Marton, and Whanganui via the Turakina Valley.

The detour to Marton was to pay a visit to (soon to be) newest club member, Robin Coleman. Robin, a sculptor of some renown, had very recently purchased a local P76, and had been in touch with Rob. To cut a long story short, upon our arrival, Robin joined the club, threw a bag in the boot and joined us for the weekend – this despite the fact that the car was only just back on the road after a 10 year lay-up. He's a brave man!

Our motel in Whanganui saw a gathering of the cars of Rob, Robin, Paul, Merv, Fred, Don and Ed. For a change, it was not us travelling in non-P76 transport, but Ed, who brought along the bright yellow Monaro GTO.

We were up and away in good time on Saturday morning. Ed thought we in Rob's car should lead, as we could navigate "by committee"! Ed was tail-end Charlie. The bright yellow Monaro was very handy in this role – easy to pick out at the back of the line of P76s in the rear vision mirrors.

We travelled the back roads via Fordell to Hunterville for our first coffee break. Hunterville is also home to a small flock of Robin's sculptured sheep in the middle of the main street! We conceded we had to travel SH1 from Hunterville to Taihape, where we stopped for lunch and also caught up with Mike and Annette and Alec and Lois, who had travelled from points North in the morning.

After refuelling bodies and cars, we headed off up the Taihape – Napier "Gentle Annie" road. This is the third time the Centre Island Run has traversed this road, but each time, the conditions have been completely different. There remains only a short section of unsealed road, but this was extended somewhat by road works. Interestingly, the road works section was much rougher than the "official" unsealed section.

The weather on the Taihape side was overcast and pleasantly cool, but as we got over the summit and into Hawke's Bay, it got hotter and hotter, so a decision was taken to make a minor detour to the Puketapu pub for a much-needed cold drink before proceeding to our motel on Marine Parade in Napier.

Dinner that night was arranged at the Napier RSA – a short walk from the motel. On the way we passed a group of Austin Healey's parked up at a nearby hotel, obviously on a run similar to our own. Unfortunately, we didn't find anyone from their group to talk to, so we don't know where they were from or where they were going.

After dinner, a dance band started up, and very soon Alec had a bunch of people up on the dance floor. A very pleasant evening was had dancing (or trying to dance!) or just sitting chatting and watching the others on the dance-floor.

The "Northerners" headed home (well, North, anyway) on Sunday morning. Robin also headed for home, leaving Rob and Sonya, Beth and I, Rose and Merv, and Linda and Paul, all of whom had places to go and people to see on Sunday. That evening we re-grouped and headed to a Thai restaurant on the other side of Napier. Not within walking distance this time, but they sent a courtesy car to collect us and return us afterwards. Very civilised!

On Monday morning after a coffee and a stroll around the shops in Napier, we headed our various ways. Of course, travelling with Rob, even a straight run back to Masterton had a couple of car-related diversions. One was to check out a P76 parts prospect on the outskirts of Norsewood (to no avail, as it turned out). The other was a coffee stop in Woodville that "just happened" to be directly opposite a small yard with several interesting classic car projects, including a Daimler (Majestic Major, I think) and a beautiful Signal Red MkII Jaguar. *Bryan, don't forget the Rolls Royce, Capri, Westminster 110 and 1930 Pontiac about to be started on the long road to restoration.*

Unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately) the chocolate factory we were hoping to find open in Pahiatua was closed, so we made good time back to Masterton, where Beth and I transferred back to the MX5 for our journey home to Wellington.

As always, a great weekend was had by all. Many thanks to Ed for his usual high-quality planning and organisation, and many thanks to Rob and Sonya for inviting Beth and I to join them for a "real" P76 experience. The only thing that could improve this annual event would be to see more cars (P76s or not) on the run. Try it. I know you will enjoy it.

Rob's bit. For the record we had eight P76's and one Monaro GTO on the trip. All the P76's were different colours. One each in BA, Pimento, CW, AEB, AG, B as B, DR and Persian Sand and even if Pauls car was original it would have been in OF and so still be different. This was made up of 7 V8's, 6 Supers and 1 Executive and our lonely 6 cyl Deluxe.

I must apologise to the local Hawke's Bay members whom I did not invite to join us for any specific part of the weekend while in Napier.

It came to pass that most of the Central Group participants decided to stay on until Monday so on Sunday morning I took the opportunity to show them another P76 in a different colour, the Nutmeg Executive of Calvin and Beryce Mackie. I phoned Calvin to ask if a couple of us could visit him and he was happy for us to do so. We were about 40 minutes late arriving but that was ok. Four P76's carrying 7 lucky members parked up in their quiet suburban street and were welcomed by Beryce with fresh mixed fruit scones with apricot jam for morning tea. Delicious. A quick photo session followed because there had NEVER been that many P76's in the street before. The neighbours were quite curious too.

Funnily enough Calvin had not met any of the members present except for Sonya and I. At the only event he has attended, other than by himself, he met another bunch of Central Group members. This gave Robin a greater insight into the Leyland colour range and hopefully was an encouragement to the Mackie's to get out and about in their P76 a bit more this summer.

Watch out Mr King, you will be next on the visiting list. And your car is a bit special in NZ isn't it Ron.

It seems not many photos were taken over the course of the Centre Island Meeting!

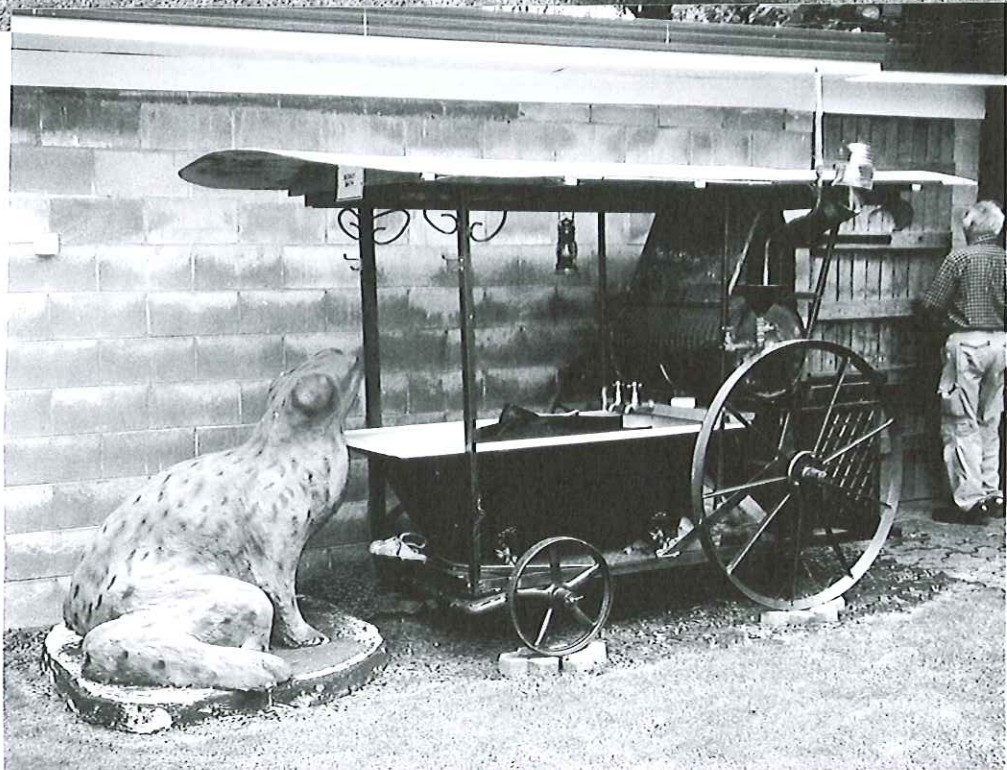
I will show what I can from my small effort.

Robin Coleman's new BA Super with some of his other passion to the rear. His large sculpture's.

There is a Kiwi and her egg along with some giant plants showing behind his car. He specialises in large sculpture.

Now you see a frog and Robin's earthquake survival machine. A bath on wheels with a towbar, a Shacklock coal range, hot water cylinder and the taps required to fill the bath and make coffee. It comes with lanterns, and a roof. Robin assures us it is fully operational and just requires towing to the river for a water supply

Another view of the old suspension bridge over the river near the Napier end of the Gentle Annie road.



The 31st Lake Ferry Classic Motoring Excursion

Like last year the weather all around was crap and like last year this saw off many possible participants and like last year while it was windy, it was both hot and sheltered behind the belt of trees along the side of the park area we congregated in, so you missed out again.

There was only about 23 cars in total, these being made up of a great variety of makes, models and ages ranging from a 1937 Morris 12 through to the latest Nissan G35 Skyline. There were Sunbeam Alpine's, Tiger, Rapier and Rapier Fastback's, Vauxhall HA SL90 Viva and LIP Velox, Austin Healey 3000 Mk3, Wolseley 6/90, Marcos, Triumph TR2, TR4A, TR7 and TR7 V8, Dodge Ram 2500, Aston Martin AMV8, Ford Falcon, Holden LS Monaro, Mercedes Benz and our P76/6.

As an aside, I have just been reading a bit about the Jensen Motor Company and the various products built by them besides their own cars and trucks. They did specialist body work on all manner of other vehicles, even Volvo's but relevant to above is the fact that they produced the Austin Healey bodies including some 1390 Mk3's like the one at Lake Ferry and all those shiny examples mentioned in Bryan Lawrence's Centre Island Run report.

However, in amongst that group the Leyland Club can lay claim to four participants being myself and Abby in the P76, Lance Wagstaff as co driver of the Monaro, the Cottles in the AMV8 and Robin Coleman, our latest member in his Falcon. Robin assures me his P76 is all up and go after its shakedown trip across the North Island; he just bought the Ford on the day. Probably because the weather was crap up his way too!

This is a low key picnic event that may act as the first run of the summer for many cars but not our P76. Abby and I picnicked on our rug behind the trees, played in the playground nearby, threw stones into the lake, admired the cars and in particular, I got reacquainted with many old friends from several different car clubs. Some of these people I've known for over twenty three years and we still enjoy our classic cars.

I hope to have a photo or two in this issue of Penzed and really hope next year the weather is better and so is the general response, maybe getting back into the 100's as it has been in some past years. One year long ago there were 29 makes of car in attendance.

Thank you again to the Sunbeam Car Club of NZ for this enjoyable stress free outing.



Southern Group Report -Jenifer's Jottings.

November 6th dawned rather cold and overcast but that didn't deter 9 hardy souls assembling in 3 P76's and 2 "moderns" and setting off on our weekend trip to Methven. Along the way, we met up with Murray Hatchard and his Auckland friend Bob and that brought the total number of Leyland's to 4.

Our first stop for coffee was at Hororata which fared rather badly in the September 4th quake. We visited the historic church there which lost its steeple and sustained damage amounting to \$6,000,000. We saw photos only of the interior which was reduced to matchsticks and rubble. We proceeded on to Methven and Bob couldn't help but be impressed by the snow covered mountains which loomed ahead - they don't have mountains like that in Auckland!

Once at Methven, we settled into our accommodation at the Abisko Motor Lodge where Brian and Lyn Morris, members from Waikouaiti, were waiting. Another Leyland to add to the fleet. After a brief walk around the township and lunch at a cafe, we then proceeded to the home of Joan McKay whose late husband Angus had collected years and years worth of memorabilia (I don't think he could have ever thrown anything out!) There was a lot of farm machinery and implements, old typewriters, antique kitchen equipment and a few old cars including a Nash, a Hudson and a Buick. An interesting display.

Our next stop was at Spring Lynne on the way to Ashburton where an old house, still carpeted and with kitchen and bathroom intact, was full of motor cycles. Motor cycles in each bedroom, motor cycles in the lounge, motor cycles in the hall. The oldest one was an old Indian circa 1924 and a Honda Dream 1959 which was the first of the Japanese bikes.

Back at Abisko Lodge where we had a roast dinner, we were approached by a guy who had seen all the Leyland's in the car park and came in to say he had one too! His name was Roy Buchanan and he and his wife Paula live just 2 kms out of Methven. They invited us to their place the following morning to see his newly painted Bitter Apricot Deluxe. Don whisked out a membership application and they joined the club on the spot and will probably come to the AGM in Blenheim next March. As we were on the way to see Bruce McIlroy's workshop, they decided to come too, so our fleet of Leyland's was now SIX.

Bruce McIlroy restores and services Bentley and Roll Royce vehicles and has a collection of these cars from various eras. The workshop has to be seen to be believed - you could eat your dinner off the floor! Cars from all over the world are serviced here. *Even some from Masterton that I know of.*

We then all drove the short distance into Ashburton and rounded off our time together with a good lunch at the local Working Men's Club after which we went our separate ways after a great weekend.

Our thanks go to organiser Sandy Downes who, due to illness in her family, was at the last minute unable to participate and share in the fun.

Sandy, we missed you and George.

You certainly have some great outings down there and well reported too! Thanks Jenifer.



Southern Region Christmas

Outing. Dec. 2010.

Ho!. Ho!. Ho!. Yes, it's that time of year again, decorations up and the fairy lights flashing as the Southern region enters into the Christmas mode following a difficult year. Recently an older suburban home, virtually broken in two by earthquake damage was noted where the brave householders had still entered into the christmas spirit by decorating the two halves with fairy lights around the two exteriors. How's that for kiwi ingenuity?.

On 5th Dec. 21 members met at the Northwood function centre in Rangiora. A delightful rural setting, beautiful gardens, small chapel and spacious public meeting area including a dance floor. Andrew Eady's three beautiful children, Rava, Mia, & Senna also with us. Drinks on the verandah, followed by a hot ham/beef & all vegies plus choice of desert meal. Marvellous to have Fleming Biddick who has not enjoyed the best of health lately, & wife, Betty joining in, also, from "over the hill" (Reefton) trekked stalwart members, Frank & Robyn Waghorn. Roy & Paula Buchanan from Methven, driving their one family owned "P" were warmly welcomed.

WOT!. No Father Christmas in attendance?? Not until club president Adrian, appeared at the doorway dragging a very used woolpack from which he produced an even more very very used fertiliser bag from which emerged some astoundingly valuable(?) gifts. Our "spares" man, Don Alexander was the recipient of a "golden" Oscar replica for sterling services rendered, Frank Waghorn, a pair of binoculars so that he could see the monthly club meetings from "over the hill", John Warren our national treasurer, a moneybox to secure our national finances, & so on. All recipients also received a \$100 note!! (fake of course). Adrian's act brought

our last 2010 outing to a "fun" closing.



Next outing will be a barbecue at "Blue Skies" Scout complex in Kaiapoi.



Seasons Greetings to all from the deep south. See you all at the A.G.M.
Beverley Clifton-Mogg.

NZ P76 Club

Conference & Rally

Friday 18th:

Arrive & settle in to accommodation.

Commodore Court Motel

4.30pm:

Committee Meeting @ Motel

6.00pm:

Dinner @ Clubs of Blenheim.

(Your cost)

Saturday 19th:

8.00am:

Leave Motel for Argosy Restaurant (our cost)

9.15am:

Leave Argosy for Picton

via Havelock & Queen Charlotte Drive

10.30 am:

Pit Stop & View the "Edwin J Fox"(our cost)

11.30pm:

Leave Picton

12.00pm:

Chocolate Factory

1.00pm:

Lunch @ Shelly's Cafe (our cost)

2.00pm

Leave for Brayshaw Museum Park. At leisure

(Our Cost) Return to Motel in your own time

4.30pm:

Leave Motel for Clubs of Marlborough.

(Taxi or own car. your cost)

5.30pm:

AGM

7.00pm

Dinner @ the Taylor Restaurant (our cost)

Return to Motel at your leisure.

Sunday 20th:

9.00am

Breakfast @Clubs of Marlborough (your cost)

10.00am

Leave for Omapa Aviation

Heritage Centre. Spend as long as you want.

A guided tour arranged (our cost)

Coffee and Light food at the Centre.

Lunch can be arranged.

Time to say good bye and go your own way.

Other activities

Montana Wine Tour

Prenzel Distillery

Moa Brewing Co



REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL AGM And RALLY MARCH 18th -20th 2011 TO BE HELD IN BLENHEIM

NON MEMBERS WELCOME

OWNER/MEMBERS

NAME: MEMBER: YES/NO
(OR NON MEMBER) (Preferred first name) (Surname)

SPOUSE/PARTNERS

NAME: MEMBER: YES/NO
(Preferred first name) (Surname)

ADDRESS: PHONE: ()

REGISTRATION FEE: **\$170.00 per person** (Includes Saturday evening meal, Deposit on Accommodation, Entry to: Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, Brayshaw Museum Park, Edwin J Fox, Lunch @ Shelly's Café, Breakfast at "The Argosy" Restaurant.

Full social activities planned for the entire weekend (ladies and children included)

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation for: Thursday 17th Friday 18th Saturday 19th Sunday 20th (tick)

Accommodation will be at the Commodore Court Motel. Phone: 03 578 1259
173 Middle Renwick Road Blenheim

All bookings for the Commodore Court Motel **MUST** be made through our Club as we have booked out all Units. Above accommodation available on first in first served basis.

For those requiring accommodation we need to know the following:

NO. Of adults NO. Of children NO. Of nights Share unit YES/NO

If members require accommodation out side these dates please contact me

ARRIVAL BY: **P76 PLANE TRAIN OTHER** (PLEASE CIRCLE)

REGISTRATION FORM and DEPOSITS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 31 JAN 2011

POST TO: MURRAY HATCHARD P.O.BOX 11-131 CHRISTCHURCH

For further information contact Murray on (03) 347-6768 or Fax: (03) 347-6769,

Mobile: 027 4328651 Email: golfnut2@slingshot.co.nz

Please Note:

Cheques are to be made out to the Leyland P76 Club.

The Oz Trail

A summary of the facts, stories, rumours and happenings within the P76 clubs across the ditch. As seen through the eyes of the Penzed Editor.

Westwords Nov 2010 Lance Wagstaff's F7V appears on the cover. There are notes on early Aussie car builders, Evan Green and his son Gavin and an interesting read on P history, a Gary Mentiplay interview with Alan Nicholson of the Experimental Department of BMC/Leyland Australia.

Dec 2010 Eleven P76's at BMC Day - if only. Another story of regret at having sold their P76, for cars that are supposedly so bad this is an oft repeated story isn't it? Now the whole story of Lance's F7V from NZ's Classic Driver magazine.

South Australia Nov 2010 Here we go again! Ethanol blended fuels and which cars may be able to use which grade and will standard petrol still be available? There is a lot of evaluation waffle but nobody seems brave enough to come straight out and say NO, don't use it in your P76 or dozens of other cars for that matter. This topic along with some local/federal politics takes up most of this issue but hopefully doesn't distract you from a very full event calendar.

Leyland P76 CCC NSW Oct 2010 Another member profile and confession. Having not been to your British car day before he goes away impressed and promised to return next time with other enthusiasts as well. We only have to get people to one good show and nearly always they will be back for more.

Nov 2010 It's not P76, but a Vampire jet on the cover is cool. What a turnout of members for this event, a Boeing display. Members supplied 6 P76's, 4 in CC plus a F7V and two old Holden's and the photo's show many other interesting planes and cars. A big photo display from another event proves yet again the incredible variety of vehicles out there just waiting for a show to go to.

Victoria Oct 2010 The usual update on the lives of the busy P76 Club members and the word on the Concourse. How did you negotiate away the \$13K hire fee for the venue? A useful guide on how to prepare your car for this event - not too over the top. An item by keen caravanning members trying to encourage greater interest in this pastime. My dad used to tow his 22 footer with the old B as B 6cyl auto.

Queensland Oct 2010 Great to see another member putting their car on the cover, makes for greater variety. British Car Day photos show fascinating Jowett Jupiter's and a Vauxhall E series convertible I have seen before on a Vauxhall rally in NZ. We will have to better your 4 P76's at our BCD but we can't beat 3 ON Targa Florio's and a 6cyl. Another varied collection of cars for the Motor Neurone Awareness Display, this time 5 P76's including the 3 ON Targa Florio's!

Nov 2010 Nice cover including a BA Deluxe with a black bonnet. Why so many BA cars with black bonnets I wonder. Really cool wheels on this car too. Five P76's and only 2 Targa's this time. A brief issue with lots of notices.

Where are the NSW Country P76 Club magazines?

NZ LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB INCORPORATED

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

**Clubs of Marlborough (There is a group of service clubs combined into one big one)
42 Alfred Street
Blenheim**

on Saturday 19th March 2011 at 5:30pm. Please register as you enter.

A G E N D A

1. Welcome to Members and Guests
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Twenty-seventh AGM held 20th March 2010.
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

Dinner and drinks will follow the AGM at the Taylor Restaurant after which you may return to your motel at your leisure.

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

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as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on Saturday 19 March 2011 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, 20 Rodney Street Hamilton 3200 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