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P76, anything but average

Penzed for May 2011

This issue deals with events all over the country, not the least being the beginning of a series of National Rally reports as you may have guessed from the cover photo.

Photo Credits

Photos in this issue have been supplied by Paul Heath, the cover and the four Deluxe cars in particular, Philip Meyer, Carol Cottle, Merv Cox and Ed Tubman. And there are some of my own as well. Others have sent them in but as yet they have not been used.

I can tell you I couldn't watch Paul take the big picture as he had scrambled up onto the about 4 inch wide top rail of an advertising billboard to get that shot! I bet Linda didn't know about it either.

Anyway, I apologise if I have missed you out, I may get you later or in the next issue as some of this will carry over. I already hold an extensive report of the Whangarei to Bluff trip undertaken by the Maunders which includes the National Rally and a big part of the journey with Ed and Annette as well

Cover Photo

Taken at Omaka in front of a Bristol freighter we see 11 of the 12 Leyland's to grace the district over the weekend. L to R we have Waghorn DR DV8, Jones AEB D6, Tuffey CW SV8 (a first sighting in Penzed?) Hatchard PMAG EV8, Reid B as B SV8, Bown HOTO DV8 (first sighting in Penzed), McKenzie BA SV8, Buchanan BA DV8, Clifton - Mogg PMAG EV8, Heath PS SV8 and Alexander AG EV8.

An impressive line up and photo Paul.

The missing car is Spencer White's CB EV8.

AWOL - Attending without Leyland

This meeting, more than any other had the real potential to rival the 1988 meeting in Palmerston North which was without doubt the largest ever gathering of P76's in New Zealand. For many and varied valid reasons there was a huge number of cars absent and at least two cars that knew they couldn't attend on the day many months before. As best I can recall the following owner's cars were missing. Tubman and Maunders (together in a Ford) Meyer/Saab, Cox/Mitsubishi Warren/Mitsubishi, Eady/Japper, King/Air NZ, Weigel and Biddick/travelling with others and Connor/Ford.

With two apologies a long time out from those who would normally attend with their P76's you can see how dramatic the impact was. And let's face it the disaster unfolding in Christchurch is bound to have prevented some others from attending as well, but let this not detract from a great event. These are mere statistics!

Another Event

While I am not aware of all the devastation to hit Canterbury member's during the earthquakes I do know that it has caused major disruption to the lives of many through to complete devastation for at least one other with a few badly affected people in mid spectrum. I am not about to name these people but rest assured our thoughts are still with you and we all hope you will soon be on the road to recovery both materially and spiritually.

Now back to the National Rally, we have Bev Clifton - Moggs interpretation of events in this issue and will follow up with those of Rosalie Maunder, no doubt aided by Fred, Ed and Annette as they were travelling together in Ed's new Ford Territory and took the long way there. Fred and Rosalie left Whangarei to join the others in Hamilton and then onto Invercargill before returning north to Blenheim. Great fun!

For my part I always live in hope that someone else will write it all down and offer their own slant on events and luckily for me this is what happens. I then only have to worry about statistics and they like.

I travelled alone this year as Sonya and Megan had just been on a surfing holiday to Port Macquarie in Australia. This allowed me to share a unit with David Waters from Australia thereby reducing both our outlays. I have known David for some years now so it wasn't a problem. It was good to catch up with him again.

Good bits were my car behaving impeccably, meeting so many old friends again and meeting many new faces such as Senna Eady (a real hard case boy) the local members and the Buchanan's. It was really great to have that local support from the White's, Tuffey's and Murray Bown. I know that the Goulding's would have loved to be there but alas they were already committed elsewhere.

The attractions were top notch or better. Others will tell of those, suffice to say if you don't visit Omaka you begrudge yourself of a world class experience.

I spent most of Sunday afternoon at the VCC with my car on display along with a range of vintage cars as they had a musical event on and I had got parked in anyway. It was a very pleasant way to while away an afternoon, not to mention getting a good long ride in a 1926 Vauxhall 14/40 tourer. Open air motoring, twin side mounts, hot oil aroma, just brilliant.

It was also good to meet Ash McKenzie a long ago member and his son who popped out to look at the cars and hopefully track down his old P76. He did, it is safely housed in Paul Heath's shed now. Ash's 1952 Alvis TA21 may appear later on.

As always the cars attracted the people and they only had good things to say - well I meet one dickhead on Monday morning but that's not too many is it. At Omaka especially there were several admiring groups of people, probably like minded in a way. Well done to all who organised and participated, participation is the reward.

New Zealand Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated
Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held at Blenheim 19th March 2011

Meeting Opened 5.40pm

Members Present:

As per attached list at end of Minutes.

Welcome:

All those present welcomed by the President, Murray Hatchard, acknowledging those that had travelled from a distance especially David Waters from the Hunter Valley in Australia.

A minutes silence was asked for and acknowledged for the Victims of the Christchurch Earthquake.

Apologies:

Clive and Carol Cottle, Alan and Jane Firth, Annette King, Don and Elva Sutherland, Alan and Leah Caple, Steve Learmonth, Robin and Marion Blowers, Peter and Michaela Venning, John Rossen, Clive Walters, Don Edmonds, Philip Vallance, Bryan and Beth Lawrence, Rose Bendall.

It was resolved that those apologies be accepted.
Clifton Mogg

P. Meyer / A.

Minutes of the Previous [26th] Annual General meeting:

The President stated that the minutes had been circulated in Penzed prior to the meeting and requested any errors or omissions.

There being none, it was resolved that the minutes be confirmed.
Conner

P. Meyer / E.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

It was asked if any Progress had been made in the changes of the Constitution.

The President replied that the matter would be brought up later in General Business, no other queries.

Philip Meyer informed the meeting that he had written to the family of Tim Chadwick to offer Condolences from the Club and Members.

Correspondence:

E Tubman gave a brief outline of a proposal sent by the Federation of Motoring regarding A Car Club Liability Insurance Package. Also to say that Natcom had looked at the proposal and was looking at other possible options and getting feedback from other associated Car Clubs.

Presidents Report:

The President commented on his report { copy attached with the previously circulated agenda} Also noted by Murray were the offers of accommodation from members outside the Canterbury area and Jude Meyer's efforts in collecting spare clothing with the assistance of The Auckland Airport Volunteer group.

It was resolved that the Presidents report be received and adopted. M. Hatchard /
D. Alexander

Treasurers Report:

The Income statement and Budget was circulated at the meeting. J Warren elaborated on some facts of the report, the Auditor has yet to be appointed due to circumstances in Christchurch, but would be presented in Penzed as soon as possible.

It was resolved that the Treasurers report be received and adopted. J Warren / A Eady

Suggestions for discussion on what could be done with Current funds listed:

- Gift Excess to Charity
- Lowering of Subs
- Purchase Parts
- Recondition of existing Parts
- Travel assistance to members travelling Inter Island

Moved by A. Eady that Natcom work with all groups to purchase available Parts Some of those that are being remanufactured in Australia. Seconded by E. Conner

A vote was taken and carried with one member against.

Election Of Officers:

President: There being one nomination for President, that of M. Hatchard, proposed by F. Biddick, seconded by D. Alexander.

The Chairman declared nominations closed and Murray Hatchard elected President.

Vice President: The chairman called for nominations for Vice-President, M. King was proposed by E. Tubman and seconded by E. Conner. There being no further nominations the Chairman declared nominations closed and Mike King duly elected.

Secretary: The Chairman called for nominations for Secretary, E. Tubman was Proposed by M. King and seconded by P. Meyer. There being no further nominations and Ed Tubman duly elected Secretary.

Treasurer: There being one nomination for Treasurer, that of J. Warren, proposed by F. Biddick and D. Alexander.

The Chairman declared nominations closed and John Warren elected Treasurer

Publicity Officer: R. Jones was nominated by E. Tubman and seconded by D. Alexander, the Chairman declared nominations closed and Rob Jones duly elected Publicity Officer.

General Business:

The President gave a summary of the progress on the amendment of the Club rules and Constitution, and gave an idea in what areas Natcom was looking at altering. A notification will be presented in Penzed in the near future listing the proposed alterations, members will be given ample opportunity to make submissions prior to voting on the amendments.

Discussion on the Club registrations and vehicle information was made by Mike King on behalf of Alan Caple, the cost of bringing the information into a current programme was deemed to be too expensive and the information is to be passed to The Victorian Club in Australia, that Club having programming expertise required. Alan will continue to keep our records to the level available to him.

Discussions over a possible phone list of members to allow direct contact with others while travelling used as an example, possible privacy laws discussed and an idea that the members map also show phone numbers.

Moved by A. Clifton Mogg and Seconded by D. Alexander.

That a change in the membership renewal form would allow members to opt in or out of the their phone information to be shown to all members

A brief outline of the 2012 National rally was given by Mike King.

The date was set at the 10th-12th March on confirmation of the venue in Rotorua.

Information will be available on the Website as soon as the venue is confirmed by the organising group.

Voting papers had been collected and counted by Rosalie Maunder at the door for the Dale Rawlings People's Choice trophy.

The trophy was awarded to Roy and Paula Buchanan from Ashburton in the Bitter Apricot Deluxe GT1236

After considerable debate by the Past Presidents that were present, and a lucky escape from a northern group member who would be collecting the trophy for a second time, the Piston Broke trophy was awarded to Eric Conner for having only ever talked about bringing a P76 to an AGM but never actually putting talk into deed. Perhaps the Piston will help.

The meeting was closed at 6.50pm and the group retired to Dinner.

Those attending the 2011 National Rally are listed below:

Sandy Downs	George Weigel
Fred Maunder	Rosalie Maunder
Ed Tubman	Annette Purcell
Philip Meyer	Judy Meyer
Paula Buchanan	Roy Buchanan
Fleming Biddick	Betty Biddick
Merv Cox	Murray Hatchard
Robin Waghorn	Frank Waghorn
Murray Bown	Mike King
Andrew Eady	Sena Eady
Mia Eady	Reva Eady
Eric Conner	Lesley Lee
Adrian Clifton-Mogg	Bev Clifton-Mogg
Lois Wallace	Alex Reid
Spencer White	Rob Jones
Jan Tuffey	Brian Tuffey
Jenifer Alexander	Don Alexander
Paul Heath	Linda Graham
Ken Mckenzie	David Waters
Frances Warren	John Warren

So now you have my thoughts and some statistics and the minutes of the AGM with a report on the event to look forward to. Along with some other contributions I think this issue is shaping up well and many thanks to all of you for your input.

At this point of production there are 20 member's cars featured in Penzed and I will really try for 22, not to mention several other makes.

Time to move on to:

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.

May 5 June 3 July 7 August 4 September 1

There has been talk of a periodic change in venue to allow for dinner to be part of the evening and indeed that is what happened in April. To date I haven't received another "Summons" updating the situation so follow the number trail above if you wish to join the Northern Group at any time. Those "Summons's" I have received tell of good meetings but they don't seem to have resulted in support for other events like car shows. Why is that we wonder when you consider all the other reports in Penzed.

Philip's ongoing support for the Clubs web site is gratifying and I can tell you that despite it being down for a couple of weeks through April due to no fault of the Club's it is up again and has more to see than before and will soon get another injection of P76 related entertainment. The address is on page 2 of Penzed as always.

And I apologise for getting a couple of the above meeting dates wrong in the last issue. I hope I didn't lead anyone astray!

Breakfast at Bellagio located at 86 Plunket Avenue, Wiri does continue on the first Sunday of each 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.

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? Gordon tells me he has been stranded in Australia undertaking electronic repairs after the floods so I guess we can forgive him this month? Don kind of avoided the question when I asked him about his car recently!

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

June 7 July 5 August 2 September 6 November 1

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, no that's not his voice!

The Central Group AGM was held in the bottom half of the Cottage beside the Garden Bar and basically nothing changed.

The 20th Wheels on Windsor is reported on later in Penzed.

The Gearjammers Show will be reported on next time due to space constraints and I'm not sure if we contested the Dawnbreaker Rally at all this year. Did you?

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 and new group President 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.

P76 number 21, CB EV8 belonging to Spencer White, a car originally bought new by his father. He tracked it down and now it is he and his families' car. Ok don't count them in sequence, I had a gap alright!



National Rally/AGM Leyland P76 Club Blenheim 18-20 March 2011

By Bev Clifton-Mogg Southern Group Reporter

With a good number of people from the Southern Group including many of the Marlborough locals and lots from the Northern Groups we had about 42 in attendance with up to 12 Leyland's over the weekend.

We arrived at the Commodore Court motel to a warm welcome from the friendly proprietors and excellent room standards.

President, Murray Hatchard welcomed all members personally and distributed "goodie bags" to each unit. Leslie had made light shopping bags screen printed with a P76 logo; southern members provided cookies, shortbread, afghans, stationary, and water bottles to fill each bag. These gifts were well received by all, especially the cookies!

An early start for some on Saturday, 0800, and an enormous breakfast at the Argosy Restaurant. We really needed a large doggy bag for leftovers. What an amazing place to start our day. Beside the restaurant sat an Argosy air freighter parked as a static display open for all to visit. A detailed video explanation was given about this freighter, how it could be transformed partially to carry passengers and freight on the same flights, using a specially designed container type module to house passengers. This now static display aircraft was used on regular flights to deliver the usual, and many most unusual freight items to the Chatham Islands from Blenheim.

Below is the Argosy with ten of the Leyland's in attendance. Early morning sun does make for difficult photography.



Queen Charlotte sound was the morning drive. Exquisite (is there a word adequate to describe this beautiful area of NZ). On to Picton to visit the Edwin J Fox sailing ship remains, now in dry dock next to the museum dedicated to the ship. A most interesting video showing how the ship was prepared for dry dock and placed in her present position was running to a packed auditorium. This display is just awesome and too much to take in when time was so limited.

Next stop the Marana Confectioners boutique chocolate factory. Handmade chocolates and other natural ingredient confections were sampled by everyone and most members were seen carrying packages when it was time to leave!

On to lunch with a choice of three dishes, adjoining shops selling local goods and a wine tasting area all adding to a welcome lunch break.

Blenheim's Heritage Centre display of wine making equipment through the ages held our interest until some male members found a yard with vintage farm machinery, tractors, steam engines, etc. Yes, that was the end to wine making exhibits or anything else at this venue. What an interesting and fun day for all.

The AGM was held in Clubs of Marlborough conference room. What a venue. Several service clubs had combined to build this truly magnificent and modern venue, the Bridge Club section rooms hosted our AGM.

Parliamentary procedure was followed with correct protocol. All reports were given and approved. Natcom officers were all returned unopposed.

General business brought forward a suggestion for a review of the constitution. Natcom will present its recommendations at the next AGM. These recommendations must be approved by members before implementation. Finance was discussed; the meeting agreed that accrued finance should be invested in car parts opportunities as they arise. Several members spoke suggesting alternative distribution of funds.

I have no doubt finance will be discussed next year.

Judy and Philip Meyer offered clothing donated by their friends and family, to be taken back to Christchurch and be given to the Red Cross for distribution to earthquake victims. Thanks to Judy & Philip for thinking of us in the south during these distressing times. Any who have visited Christchurch will recognise the deep need.

Presentations were made by Murray and Edward including the Dale Rawlings Memorial Trophy for the car of People's Choice. The Buchannan's, new members from Ashburton deserve congratulation on presenting their car in such pristine condition and winning the award at their very first National Rally.

Eric Connor was awarded the Piston Broke Trophy by the Past President's in attendance (there were three!) for continually failing to arrive at an event in a P76.

Don Alexander was the one to do the Presidential honour's and give Eric his trophy.

Other spot prizes were given to various members as well.

The following photos show Roy Buchanan receiving the People's Choice Trophy from Edward and Eric Connor receiving the Piston Broke trophy from Don. Yes it is a broken piston but you wouldn't show that side would you!



And Murray
thanking
David Waters
for coming all
the way from
Australia to
join in the fun.



But wait, there is more. Following the meeting we adjourned to an elaborate dinner-continuous feasting, beautiful food, and warm and convivial company- true P76 style. This AGM dinner lived up to all expectations.

Sunday dawned: sunny, a typical Blenheim day. Some went to the club rooms for breakfast while others refrained. Too full from previous the night!

After breakfast we all moved out to the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre. What a visit! We were treated to a guided tour by truly passionate and knowledgeable guides who certainly knew their aircraft. Backdrops and displays were by Peter Jackson and his team. Several display aircraft are from Peter's personal collection. A mind blowing display of WW1 vintage aircraft. If you are ever in Blenheim make this venue a "must", allowing at least 2 hours for your visit. It is world class.

Several photo opportunities arose while members were in the aviation museum as you will by now have seen. Next it was time for goodbyes for many, but not all.

It's Rotorua next year so start organising your calendar around the next National Rally and AGM. Just by the way we were without breakdowns all weekend (of course). Oh I forgot one southern member was seen to have an aneurism in his back left hand tyre!

Murray Hatchard and team, congratulations on a great National Rally and such enjoyable, entertaining visits. We all know that events like you presented don't happen on their own, without hours of preparation and forethought.

A 1000 thanks from us all. And its bye from me.

Taken in the car park, the rare occurrence of four Deluxe models in the one place. From L to R we see Roy and his BA V8, me (Rob Jones) and our AEB 6, Murray Bown and his HOTO V8 and Frank Waghorn and his DR V8. A shame Andrew Eadys' nice SO had an engine melt down just before the meeting! This is a first time appearance for Murray Bowns' car other than on the cover.



25th BRITISH CAR DAY
TRENTHAM MEMORIAL PARKSUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2011

By Bryan Lawrence

Despite some indifferent weather forecasts, Sunday 13 February 2011 proved to be fine, sunny, hot and with very little breeze to worry the sun umbrellas gazebos and other portable shade that was very welcome on the day. It was good to see 5 Leyland P76s line up in the allocated space (thanks Paul, Merv, Rob, Brian and Ron), although it would have been nice to see a few more cars from a bit further afield. Including a few people who travelled to the show "by other means" I counted 17 people gathered at the club site.

As a member of the British Car Day organising committee, I didn't get to spend much time with the group, but I did manage a quick bite to eat and to see wee Baby Jack Walker being presented with some cool infant-sized Leyland P76 T-shirts. I'm not sure he'll still be able to wear them by the time he inherits Great-Granddad Ron's Targa replica, but I guess by then he'll be buying his own T-shirts!

It was interesting to see the reaction of the visiting British High Commissioner, Vicki Treadell, who, despite being a confessed British car fan, had never encountered a P76 before. She was intrigued by the 44 gallon drum in the boot of Brian & Colleen Francis' car.

The British Car Day organisers were quite chuffed to get Vicki (and her Jaguar XF Diesel Turbo - Rego DC1) to our show. We have been visited in the past by carriers of Rego DC1 (also Jaguars), but it hasn't happened for a while, and this is the first time the British High Commissioner has visited in person. *They along with the Governor's General send their chauffeur along with the car generally.*

We had hoped to organise a parade of silver-painted British cars to commemorate this, the 25th running of British Car Day, but alas, trying to organise a disparate bunch of car enthusiasts is like trying to herd cats, so we gave up and instead had an "all comers" parade around the park, lead by the British High Commissioner's Jaguar XF. I'm probably biased, but the sight (and sound) of our 5 Leyland's driving "line astern" was the best part of the parade!

Don Ryder's D-Type Jaguar replica was the deserved recipient of the "People's Choice" award, and the Wellington MG Car Club took away the "Best Club Display" award. A few spot prizes were dished out, and in keeping with recent tradition a P76 club member won a prize. This time Brian Francis won a T-shirt (which I think Colleen snaffled.) A couple of weeks previously in Dannevirke, Merv and I won spot prizes. Rob is beginning to think there is a conspiracy out to deprive him of spot prizes! Tough. Suck it up, Man!

The number of cars on display again exceeded 400 (*said to be 429*) and the resulting gate takings and other donations mean we expect to make a donation to Wellington Free Ambulance as good as, or better than last year.

Many thanks must go to Rob Jones for waving the banner and persuading so many British car owners to make the journey over "the hill" to attend our event.

Many thanks, too, to the Central Group Club members who attended. This is a fun event to help organise. We always have a good time, and to be able to make a reasonable donation to Wellington Free Ambulance as a result is just "icing on the cake".

Below we see the Ryder C Type and the P76's parading around the oval to much acclimation from the crowd and compare, Roy McGuinness. More cars may follow space permitting.

