

## Penzed for March 2022

### Leyland P76 Taranaki AGM Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Message from the President.

One of the unintended consequences of the Traffic Light system is that we have had to cancel our weekend away in Taranaki this year.

Although we cannot meet physically, we will still meet online for the AGM meeting and that is what we will be doing this year.

In this issue of Penzed you will find the AGM booklet as normal. You will still need this as we are still having our AGM meeting. All the members that we have an email address for will be sent an invitation to a Zoom meeting for 5pm Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the week before the meeting. This will be sent out by the social secretaries for the 3 groups - Northern, Central and Southern. If you think we don't have your email address, then let one of the Natcom members know and we will send you the link.

There will also be a notice on our Facebook page as well. If you don't have Zoom, then you can download it onto your computer or phone (if you get stuck ask a teenager). Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible via Zoom on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm (we need a minimum of 20 members online).

Andrew.

#### The Editors bit - not often it comes second!

I have been Editor since July 1992 making this my 30<sup>th</sup> year, what a ride and experience it has been. There has been one completely missed issue, I was overseas, remember that, and maybe a couple of combined ones but never have I had to produce a March issue without a National Rally and AGM event pending. This is because we are not holding our AGM in March as we usually do for reasons that are obvious. It will be arranged by Zoom, a process I will need Abby's help with but as a family we have used it often over the last couple of years. I have invited another local member to join me at home for the meeting, maybe you could do that to and get some more faces on the screen - so to speak.

Another important part of the AGM is the accounts, and they may not be formally completed as my dear wife (who does all the fancy technical stuff) is living and working from Melbourne, while staying with our older daughter Megan, and due to various circumstances will not be back in New Zealand by our now postponed AGM date. With a little coaching I am trying to complete the records to such an extent that Sonya can "balance the books" from afar. So far so good but it remains to seen how far I can go. If you see a full report in the accompanying AGM Booklet you will know we succeeded. Sonya's work on this should not go unrecognised or unappreciated as I would not be up to it alone.

Coupled with these impacts, we have the mass cancellation or postponement of dozens of events across New Zealand. I've cleared every weekend in February and one in March so far. Registrations paid, marshalling duties committed to, dinners booked and that's just around

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**P76, anything but average**

here in the Wairarapa, let alone New Plymouth and anywhere else. So, there will be a chronological gap in our web site records for 2022. Thankfully a depleted group of P76's made it to Manfeild for the All-Aussie Car Day, held just in time even if the results were not in our favour. That's another debate not for here. Hopefully I can fill half a page with Abby's and my adventures in our MX5 if needed and thanks to Jan Moore we can report on a Reefton memorial event including two P76's. And in doing some old research for the AGM series I've found two poems hopefully included here, both will be on the web site soon. Time to turn the LP over on the turntable. Yes, we have been playing records nearly every day over the holidays, helping Abby select some proper sounds for her new turntable that Dad may yet adopt! Guess Who's Power in the Music is playing now. After P76's Beatles, CCR, Guess Who and Three Dog Night rule. And there are a lot of subjects in the Kingdom to follow on from these bands. Anyway.

At this point in time, I'm looking forward to catching up with several old friends at the New Zealand Sunbeam Club Nationals being held here in Masterton over the last weekend in February, yeah, I know right! And a small local VCC event on Sunday **RAINED OFF!** My mother-in-law, Judy is learning a lot about trails and navigating currently.

I saw a rainbow of Sunbeam's, nearly all convertibles driving into Masterton this afternoon so I'm looking forward to their public display at the Copthorne. Of course, I'll take the P76!

**Now is the time to point out that we as a Club could not proceed with our event for two main reasons, Quorum's, we would not have had a committee quorum and quite probably not enough members on the floor to meet that obligation either, coupled with the uncertainty ahead of us we were left with no choice but to seek an alternative to our normally glorious long weekend events. And so, we miss out on all the fun, attractions, friends, and the Catalina flight dam it! Let's hope we are good to go in 2023. The current plan is a first for the Club and another great Kiwi tourist spot that should take way more than one weekend to do it justice.**

### **Troop Movements**

In a departure from the norm, how unusual for this issue, our Troop Movements to hand are unfortunately all resignations from the Club. These are specially listed with one of the poems aforementioned and I know there will be more to be said about some of those on the list.

However, there is in fact one welcome **new member to welcome back** as it happens. The Southern Group have been very lucky in recruiting **Geoff Weakley**, 1521 Tram Road Rangiora a member from the early 90s back into the fold AND he has taken custody of their parts containers, but in the meantime still contact Don as described on page 2

### **Birthdays and other Celebrations**

Or editorial apology for not including these occasions in the last issue, how do I do it? Easily it seems as there was none in the November issue either! So, starting with November I missed JB Roberts who turned 90, congratulations Mr Roberts, Gordon Gruebner, Ken McKenzie, John Flannigan, and Donald Davie. December was the turn of Linsey Bennington, Anne Fong, Ron Butler, and my lovely Sonya. Mike King attained 3 + 10 in January and in February we had Jan Moore, Tita Day and Ian Hunter - in a few days. Another grand old member at 89.

Well done, Ian. March shows Bronwyn Mackenzie and Pauline McCallum. Many happies to all of you.

We also know of a few members who are not faring so well at all currently and to all of you we wish you the very best. Won't go into details here but our best wishes are there for you.

**Events Calendar is effectively cancelled or postponed, probably awaiting cancellation!**

In spite of this there are smaller local events taking place as I've alluded to, and I know there will be some things happening in Waikato/BOP and I'm sure elsewhere. If you have your P76 at some such event you are most welcome to supply a photo or 3 and a few words describing the event/date/beneficiary if there is one and your thoughts on the day. It may be your breakthrough contribution to Penzed, but it will be well received and used and enjoyed by all. As Editor I really look forward to these wee surprise additions.

**Other useless information!**

Just as the Moore's were the first paid for the 2022-year, Don Edmonds scored membership number 76.

Are you detailing your engine, if so, you will need to know this little bit of info gleaned from Face Book and thanks to Neville Humphries, our Aussie mate. The rocker covers, air cleaner housing and maybe the starter motor should be blue, Jet Stream Blue with the paint code 13327.

**The Cover Photo** is of course the Larsen, Jones and Butler P76's, one great tent and a barely flying flag. Ron, your tent is a huge asset to us and others as you will see later. Thank you for allowing us to share it with you. And aren't we getting proficient at its erection!

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More importantly, have you paid your subs yet? They are well due by now and I'd love to see them appear in our bank account 06 0501 0136571 19 or your cash nicely wrapped in your invoice and sent to our postal address plainly visible on page 2 of Penzed. I have received quite a few this way and it's perfectly ok. Thank you for your response. See the back page and if you **HAVE A RED DOT** you are in arrears.

**Obituary**

We are saddened to report that Garry Curd of Tauranga recently passed away. Garry and Joanne were the custodians of the ex-Maunders Pimento car from Whangarei, familiar to so many of us. I had not met the Curds but remember several long chats with Garry after they first joined the Club. Joanne and son Nathan along with grandson Jack are looking at the probable sale of the car in due course. Time will tell.

In the meantime, please accept our deepest sympathies on your loss, our thoughts go out to the Curd family at this time.

## All Aussie Car Day 2022

Yes, it went ahead albeit with a depleted P76 presence! The three cars you see on the cover being the Larsen B as B 6 cyl Deluxe auto, the Jones AEB 6 cyl Deluxe manual and the newly refurbished and pretty flash looking TFR of Ron Butler, ably supported by Pete and Jess and the kids (XR8) and Ray Buddle with Ron and John Wilson with me. Andrew bravely forwent his Maserati to bring the Leyland to the show. It has to be said the visitors "show" is growing in popularity, however, the Aussie side of things continues to impress in variety, number, and technical innovation. What some of these guys achieve with their cars is astonishing, but then I guess there is a big aftermarket shop available to the Big 3. Moreso than for P76.

Anyway, there were 479 registered cars and as mentioned previously the sponsorship was incredible. Ruffled on the day if you could wait long enough to get to the tickets were a \$3000 Go kart and a \$900 toolbox along with a myriad of spot prizes. I got one, Pete got one and an agitated Ron had to wait to win the very last one! A series of photos will follow but as always, the three P's attracted heaps of attention, the 44 gallon drum in the boot still bringing in unbelieving people, and I hope to have sold some of the spare bucket seats I have at home to improve the lot of a Ford owner. They do take up a lot of space!

The new beneficiary, I Am Hope, a youth and community support group benefitted by \$9500 raised on the day through sponsorship and entry fees. Great effort for a good cause.

However, there did come a downside for us. For the second time in a few years now the Best Leyland in Show award went to a Mini, a nice Mini bought by a lady as a Christmas present for her partner so she could watch her rather tall partner climb in and out of it! This she told me herself. Someone was bloody annoyed to say the least and while we know Leyland Australia built Mini's and all sorts of other wonderful cars, I think it fair to say that in a "competition" like this most people would expect a P76 to compete with the Big 3, but it wasn't to be. I suppose the others built some sort of small car to complement their big range like Escorts and maybe HC type Torana's but somehow, I don't think they'd be beating out the Falcons and various Holdens. Can't comment on small Valiant models other than maybe early Mitsi's and I couldn't see that happening there either. And it wasn't like we didn't have a couple of good cars there, one in particular. Must be in the eyes of the judges! So here is said Mini below. I've no idea if it's an Aussie Mini or not but one must trust the entrant, I guess.

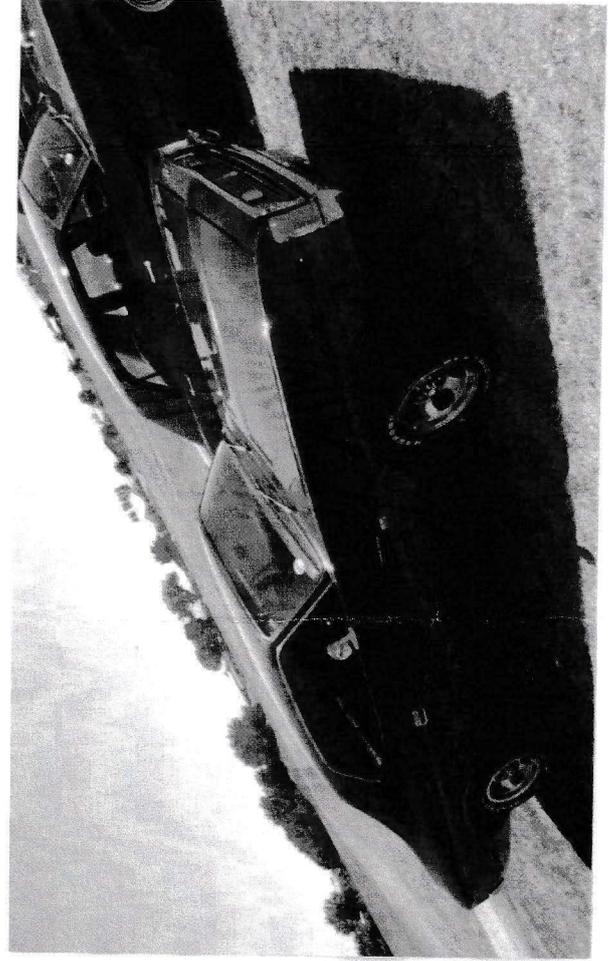
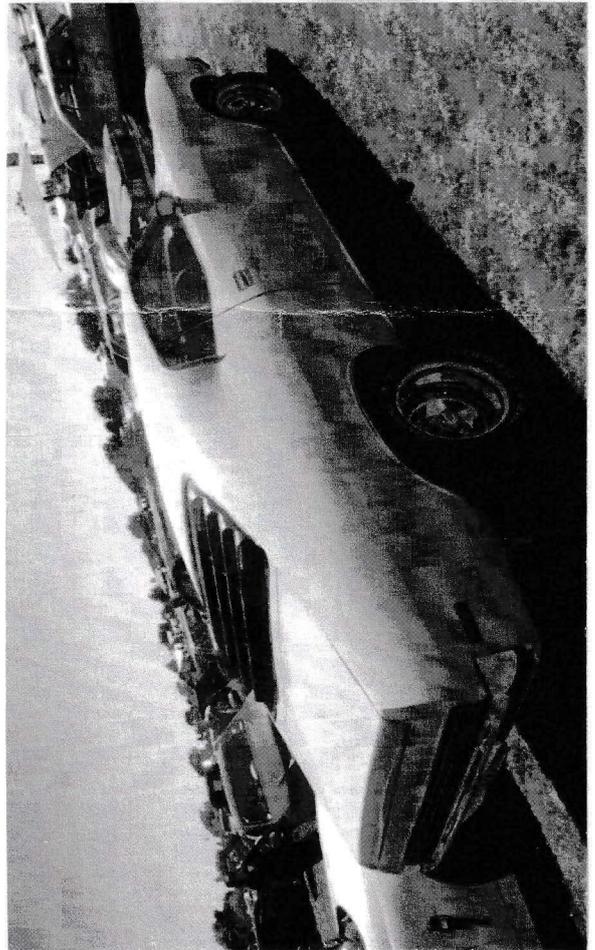
And Ron's tent served us and others very well. An old bloke named Arnie rested with us for several minutes before finally collapsing in the heat, we presumed. Recovery wasn't happening so an ambulance was called while he was looked after by a passing nurse. After about 30/40 minutes the colourful Mercedes arrived, and Arnie was taken to hospital. Thanks to the nurse, P76 people who assisted and the marshals who kept us informed of progress and cleared a path for the paramedics.

Later at the prizegiving a woman succumbed to the heat (it was a hot day) and here comes the nurse again. People came with umbrellas and ice packs from chilli bins but the final great play was four guys from a nearby car display, who carried their gazebo to the spot covering all the necessary folk in shade, to a huge round of applause from the crowd.

Now to that Mini and a few others, a sweet unadorned 1972 Torana GTR XU1, a 1974 Ford Landau Coupe delicately supercharged and a gloriously big 1972 Valiant Regal Coupe.



The Mini, the Torana, the Landau Coupe, who knew they built these? And the Valiant Coupe, one of several there. The visitor's carpark included a beautiful 1936 Mercedes Benz roadster replica and equally stunning in a similar red, a 1959 Chevrolet Bel Air along with all sorts of other modern Ford, Chrysler, and Chev offerings, vintage tin, hot rods, pick ups and almost anything else you could think of including European cars.



## Memorial Drive for Reefton man Pete Wallace

I thought I'd share a few photos from a memorial drive we went on on Sunday 30th.

It was the 5th anniversary of the sad passing of a local guy from Reefton who loved his cars and left a few to his widow after his sudden death having suffered a heart attack while driving a large truck for his job. He was Pete Wallace.

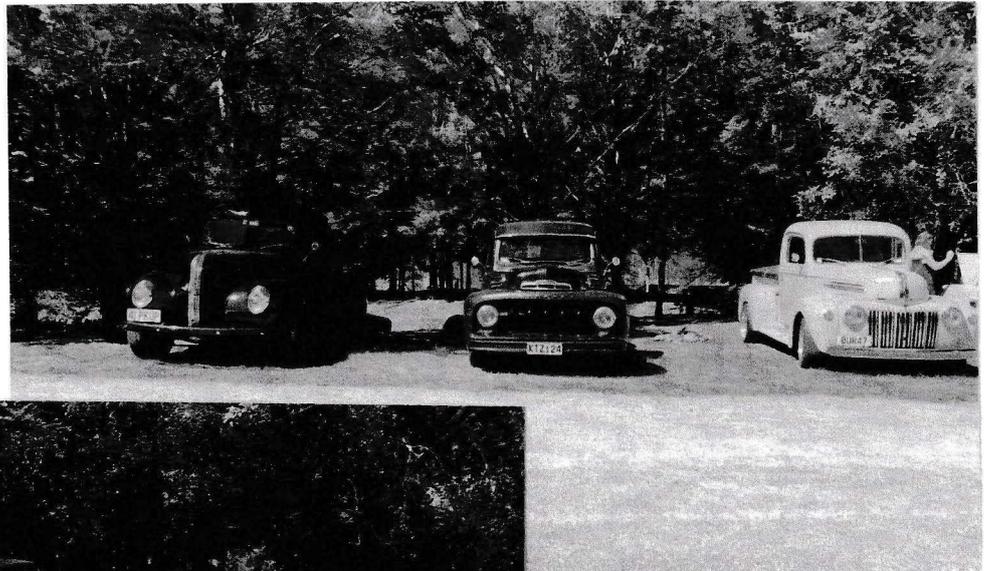
Anyway, we gathered and headed to Nelson Creek (approx. 45mins from Reefton) after turning off at Ngahere on the highway to Greymouth.

Nine cars attended and it was a beaut day with great company, lovely BBQ, and a few cordials at an idyllic camping site in Nelson Creek.

Here's a photo of the three trucks that attended - nice!! And the Editor has included a photo of the Moore's new P76 and the two together with other participants

Cheers

Jan Moore



### **A letter of Resignation**

Alas, alack, our car has gone  
we sold it for some money,  
And after owning it nine years  
it wasn't very funny  
But circumstances change, you see  
it really had to go  
With no garage to keep it in  
out of the rain and snow,  
So sorry chaps, I do not need  
to continue in the Club  
But wish all members lots of fun  
with their cars and in the pub  
So, keep it up you members  
And really make things click  
At your rallies and gymkhanas  
With your old P76

A letter of resignation from Ian and Terri Turner, members from Waikato and Wellington, published in the **May 1988 issue of Penzed** - recently rediscovered.

### **And a list of Resignations for the 2022 year**

Here we must say goodbye to several members, both new and old. We thank you all for your support some over many years. This may not be the last word on the contributions made by some of the following people.

Keith Gordon - car sold, Judy Meyer, long time supporter of the Club and her late husband Philip who was a stalwart of the New Zealand Leyland world. Judy has accompanied us far and wide around the country, guiding Philip and probably tempering his enthusiasm! George Weigel and Sandy Downes have called it a day also as George approaches his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. It will be a sad Southern Group to lose these regular members from their events. Bring George's car back into the fold guys!

Rex Norgate is also leaving us having sold his car to the Moore's in Reefton.

Our car likes to start its day devouring Minis on the way  
and wheeled Jap tin and plastic perforce is hardly even a mouthful of course.

The ocean liner Valiant make is left a wallowing in our wake  
and stodgy Falcon when our car bites is left a - standing at the lights.

Rolls and Bentley and all that crew are only for the very few  
BMW and Mercedes are strictly for the business greedies, and if by chance they do  
go wrong believe it costs much more than a song!

Jaguar's maintenance bills by far put it out of the class of an economy car.  
When Fiat and Citroen for spare parts call the wait can send you up the wall.  
Alfa and Porsche and all that menage are more often seen in the motor garage.

The large American cars are class! But lean to the petrol pumps as they pass.  
And the motors below two litres, are best when close to parking meters.

Rover's headroom is just great, when its driver is less than 4ft 8  
Poor old Holden is real "plain Jane"; better perhaps to take a train!

And then there's Skoda, Volga and Lada: the ride is certainly somewhat harder  
By contrast, it's comfort and economy plus to go the bus station and board a bus.

For economy, comfort, and low maintenance better indeed to make the acquaintance  
of the car that is best of the picks, the one they call P76.

Rediscovered in the April 1986 issue of Penzed

## Where have we been all these years?

**Napier March 10, 1990**, saw a goodly number of members arrive to what must have been an event run in a slightly different manner to what we are now used to, but more on that later.

Notes in the May Penzed record that the subs for 1991 be \$27, the National Committee remains unchanged, and the idea of Life Membership was approved, as a concept. Twenty-eight members attended the AGM with numerous others coming and going during the day. The line up of Leyland's numbers 12 in grainy black and white. Technology has moved to new heights these days. The line of cars shows many familiar names like, Tubman, Butler, R Jones and van Kampen, and many now gone like Golding, Bolt, Paton, Lyons and B Jones and others gone to the wind like Te Kowhai, McCormack, Cummings and Gibbs. Marie Gibbs was new to the club with a lovely CW S V8 and a very keen to join in attitude. And there were seven separate awards given out (chocolate fish?) to cars in the following categories.

Best Presented - Standard HB4853 Jim Lyons                      Most apparent used HA4915 Bill Jones

Most apparent need HE9539 Ian Paton                              Best modified IA5941 Shane Te Kowhai

Best Super HN4302 Selwyn Golding                              Best Deluxe IS6940 Andrew van Kampen

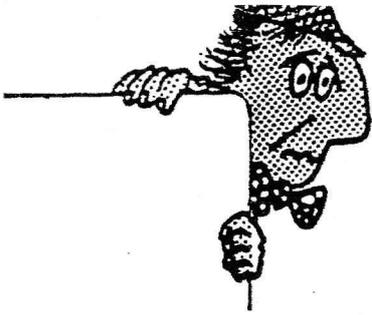
Best Overall P76 V8 Ron Butler and my special award today - Loudest stereo Marie Gibbs

When I jumped in her car to take it for a spin the C&W music nearly blew me back out of it.

The overall meeting was very convivial but the AGM itself was quite a spectacle. At this time the Government of the day had decided it was best to close many institutions and allow the residents to integrate back into the community. To this end several were living at Kennedy Park (just as many are now for different reasons) and some of them thought it would be fun to attend a car club AGM.

The first distraction was the young woman sitting in the front row of the auditorium facing the committee table, smiling, and giggling whilst she opened and closed her legs. Wearing only a sunfrock and no underwear this made for difficult enough concentration, especially for those more strategically placed committee members eh David! This whole situation was exacerbated by the continued questioning and interruptions from a guy sitting to one side of the hall. He became quite a nuisance and some of us were thinking we may have to eject him when one member had had enough. Our very own Mr Butler approached him telling him to shut up to which he responded inappropriately. This was not helpful so Ron, using his good arm picked up the guy's chair with him in it and threw him out the side door chair and all to a huge round of applause from the meeting. The woman who obviously was with the bloke then left and we were able to proceed in an orderly manner. Again, well done Ron.

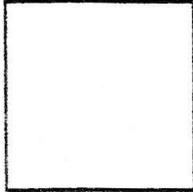
I'm sure it was here that we meet another budding member of some eccentricity, his speciality being black powder gunnery, be it muskets or cannon. I don't recall his name, but we met on several occasions, he drove an Austin Princess at the time but did procure a CW P76 later on. And I suspect it was this weekend that we raided the legendary Gleeson's Motor Supplies in Napier buying all manner of parts both Leyland P76 and FORCE 7V parts along with vintage Austin, Vauxhall, and other supplies, sourced from one of the worlds greatest characters or grumpiest old buggers you were ever likely to meet. A great weekend had by all. My hometown.



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