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P76, anything but average

Penzed for May 2023

The issue after our National Rally and AGM is often overloaded with commentary from the event, however, members bursting into print have been limited to Ron Butler at this stage, offering a brief report on his return journey, and Debbie's Minutes from the AGM of course.

So here is my offering, in a sense you asked for it!

As many will recall the trip to Dunedin for several of us was fraught, given the dysfunctional ferry system running in New Zealand at the time. All power to Ed, David, and Maria, who dined with Sonya and I in Petone before heading back to Hamilton the next day in Ed's P76, swapping to his Jeep and heading to Auckland to enable a flight to Dunedin that in fact got them there before Ron and me.

And why pray tell were Sonya and Rob in Wellington anyway, only to join the above three, well me anyway, to sail away on the early morning tide. Due to the vagaries of our health system, we were delayed in leaving by visitors who otherwise should have been in Wellington hospital. This worked to our/my advantage as we were still at home when David phoned at about 4.15 p.m. to say their sailing had JUST been cancelled after reassurances to the contrary. This allowed me to call Ron and luckily arrange to travel with him on the last available seat on another ferry, literally the last one, while he sorted our accommodation along the way. Sonya and I had already booked a hotel for the night so she could visit said friend now not in hospital and I could catch the/a ferry. It was early in the morning when I left the Waterloo to see Ron parked outside the Blue Bridge office so off I trotted in time for him to drive around to the loading lines, giving me an extra walk!

Good sailing, good breakfast on the ferry in the company of two giant brothers from the NZ Army and several Citroen owners on their way to Rangiora for their National Rally. Did you notice Citroen's along the way in your travels, we certainly did and for me the nicest was an ID19 Decapitale, that being a red ID 19 convertible just like the model one I have!

I didn't get an expensive ticket along the way, the guy in the Subaru who made a principle pass did. A principle pass is where a newer car just has to pass an old car and then sit in front of it, the third car in the group just stayed at the back as we made good progress along the highway, until those coloured lights did a handbrake turn behind us, overtook us and pulled up the Subaru, thankfully. This was somewhere before Kaikoura. We were on the lookout for Bernie's Diner, home to coffee, cake and memorabilia and a car collection and haunt of local photographer Colin Medd, a prolific poster of classic cars on Facebook. Colin cycled up for a chat and told of previous Leyland's that had graced his area. I haven't seen the P76's on Facebook as yet and in fact haven't seen anything from Colin for some time now. Hope he's ok.

We motored to Christchurch without trouble, meeting Ken McKenzie, Ian Burroughs, and Don Learmonth at our motel, in the company of a couple of schoolgirl sports teams, however, all was not perfect. Besides me having a mattress on the floor between Ron and Ken (was very comfy actually) all the others complained of niggles with their cars. Wheel alignment, overheating and something about a tranny. Don and Ian went off in the morning to sort the overheating problem, ultimately gaining Don the Piston Broke Trophy and a lot of piece of mind having his 80% blocked radiator properly sorted. We went off with Ken to try and get

a wheel alignment, and then it rained, and then I realised Ron's drivers side wiper was bugged, broke and pretty useless! I was driving at the time.

So, we sought help at the Shirley (it's a place) Auto Super Shoppe. They were really helpful, determining that no one nearby had the wheel alignment spec's for a P76 (really, not on anyone's computer records!) and the young bloke there couldn't find them on the Net either, however, we were able to replace Ron's wiper blade and they did refer us to a great café for brunch where of course our cars attracted more attention. So on we went.

Heading through Ashburton to Hinds we spotted Paul doing his truck photography thing in the main street and assumed correctly that Linda was at the shops. Arriving at Hinds for a look around and a rummage, we were remembered from our last visit, attracted more attention, had a good chat and I bought a NOS P76 petrol cap just in case. Ken had caught up to us by now too. Having spotted Paul, Ron wondered if we might come across any other P76's heading to Dunedin. The only likely contender I was aware of was the Youngs and lo and behold as we headed south of Waimate I spotted a dark P76 a bit behind us so we pulled into a three bay car park in Palmerston outside the ice cream shop and then we were three P's. See the photo with Ron's story elsewhere, yes I know it's out of sequence.

Wasn't far to go now and soon enough, through the torrential rain we approached Dunedin, thankfully it wasn't raining upon our eventual arrival at the hotel, Ron needs to brush up on his navigational skills! Wondered why Alistair took a different route behind us? Turning into the hotel and seeing a rainbow of colours was a great sight, there seemed to be many a Leyland in the carparks. Later on I will have to try to describe said rainbow. So that's the journey so far.

At this point I must sincerely thank Ron for enabling me to travel with him and in fact giving me the wheel for most of the run. His car is a pleasure to drive exhibiting both performance and comfort. I had to fly home from Dunedin but my long drive to Dunedin and around the area for the weekend was greatly appreciated. Thanks mate.

Cover Picture and Statistics

Illustrating the colour range, we see nineteen P76's out the front of Larnach Castle. As you can see reds predominate. Unusually for me I didn't take note of all the stat's I normally do so I will do my best from recollection. There were nine factory colours, French Blue, Aspen Green, Crystal White, Peel me a Grape, Bitter Apricot, Nutmeg, Pimento, Bold as Brass and Dry Red, Bitter Apricot being the most numerous. Others were Persian Sand and a dark Peel me a Grape variant. Missing (AWOL) were ours and David's Am Eye Blue, Ed's Omega Navy, Debbie and Andrew's Bold as Brass, given their Spanish Olive car wasn't on the road, and Sandy who doesn't have a P76. Hope I haven't missed anyone.

We effectively had three of our newest four or five members in attendance, all in cars that were new to us. Noel Moore, Ross Bubbins and Stephen Barton all made an impact and Stephen won People's Choice on his first outing. As well we had Garry and Val Milne on their first ever club appearance in their mildly custom BA D V8. Garry is going to do an article on the Morgan he built, an absolute credit to his craftsmanship. Even the Morgan Club like it.

It was great to meet so many new faces at the meeting, and to see so many new cars. I even got to have a wee drive of Don A's AG E V8, taking back from Larnach Castle to Dunedin .

Mishaps with Ron

Further to my little note earlier about my clutch cable breaking, it didn't actually break. The cable was plastic coated, one end had the plastic coating removed and the crimp on the cable itself, the other end had the crimp over the plastic and the wire and it just slid off.

I have found a place in Lower Hutt that makes all sorts of inner and outer cables i.e., choke cables, bonnet release cables you name it they make it.

I got them to make me two clutch cables, one I will fit, the other will be a spare if anyone needs one in a hurry. The company who helped out so much is:

Melbar Cables Ltd 174 Eastern Hutt Road Taita, Lower Hutt Phones 04 939 0699 for Graham or 027 442 6658. **WRITE THIS DOWN WHERE YOU CAN FIND IT IN THE FUTURE.**

Birthdays and Best Wishes

Since March I have learnt that Ian Burroughs also has a birthday in April, so belated birthday wishes to you Ian. May is far busier with six birthdays I am aware of starting with Carmen, that's going to cost you Mike! Followed over the next two days by Steve Learmonth and Roy Buchanan. David Adkins and Malcolm Moore are next, and May finishes with one of our senior, founder members, Don Edmonds. No word on the CB car yet mate! And June is no less busy with David Timms, Debbie Larsen and Maria Williams again spanning just two days. That legendary woman, Diane Bray from South Australia is included here as she was a major presence in Parkes for the Aussie 50th celebrations - I wonder if she will notice this? Following along is David Brown, another founding member and Don Prouting, a senior Southern Group member. The best wishes of all of us go out to you on your various age group celebrations.

Troop Movements

At this time, I have two resignations to report, that of **Andrew Watson from Waimate**. His car sold as a donor car for Ross Bubbins. The AG E V8 is finally in the hands of its fifth and last club owner as far as I can recall. We wish you well Andrew.

Roy Clearwater from Invercargill is also stepping back from the club this year but retains his car. We may yet see him back. Roy suggests his collection is getting too big for daily use!

And a new member to keep the Southern Group in balance, **Darren King of 75 Bangor Road Darfield in Canterbury**. Darren brings a lovely Pimento coloured Super into the club, about the same time the last Penzed went out, hence the wait. Some of us will remember the car as the one we saw in Nelson back in 2019. Great to have you and your car on board Darren.

Nationwide Event of importance - The Vintage Car Club of New Zealand is hosting Daffodil Day for Cancer on August 20 and we are all invited to attend and support their valiant efforts in raising funds for Cancer Societies. No membership required, any car you'd like to go along in is welcome. I suspect registration will be only \$20 per car. Each branch may well have a different "event" planned for the day. In Wairarapa we usually tour through the other four main towns, leaving from Martinborough Square, with public show stops at a couple of towns and maybe a drive through of a retirement village along the way, with a trial set up along the way for interests' sake. All good fun. Remember, a couple of paragraphs and photos please from all over country. Ron/Brian, Roy/Paula, Don/Jenifer, Ed and whoever else, Mike/Carmen et el.

Local Group Activities

Remember, all members are welcome to attend any event advertised in Penzed anywhere in New Zealand should you wish to join the party or happen to be in the locality at the time. The listings are only regionalised for the convenience of local group members. So don't be shy, gate crash an event mile from your normal stomping ground. You will be made very welcome.

The Southern Group They now have their meeting as part of any event they are participating in rather than a set venue. If you wish to join them when you're passing through next time just phone Don or Paula for information on where to go. Don and Paula's details appear on page 2 of your Penzed so carry it with you. Can you spot them both?

Northern Group

While the Northern group consolidates, we advise contacting Vice President David Timms on 022 0399 880 or weymouthpainter@hotmail.com and he will fill in the blanks for you. Locals looking to talk Leyland or visitors should check with David to see what is available to you.

Hamilton offers members a **Classic Breakfast** opportunity. There has been autojumble for sale too. Join the classic fraternity at **Classics Museum 11 Railside Avenue Hamilton**, for a good hearty breakfast on the first Sunday of each month. Join in the fun and food at the **Juke Box Café**. Contact Ed Tubman if you need any further prompting. Try 07 847 9116 or 027 204 7112 or tubmanp76@gmail.com

Central Group

Ron Butler is our Social Convenor. Check with him on 04 902 0275 or email him on ron.butler43@gmail.com for information on our goings on. Regular venue meetings are no longer held by Central Group. We can be roused from our slumber at short notice!

The Central Group held its AGM at the Petone Workingmen's Club after B&ECD where Ron was re-elected as was Rob as Secretary/Treasurer. Amongst other things I pleaded with members to send me photo/s and maybe a few words if they were at a local event by themselves. This applies to all of you all over the country

Local Events for Central Group

Besides Daffodil Day on August 20 there are some shows on at the **Tui Brewery/Mangatainoka Motors** covering various categories. Spectators and participants, all welcome.

May 28 Brits and Euro Day June 25 V8 Sunday July 30 Japanese Car Day

August 27 Ford Vs Holden Day, perfect for rallying a Valiant and P76 or two together !!!

September 24 Hot Rod Day October 29 Two Wheels Day

November 26 Vintage Car Day

I missed American Car Day in April sadly. The Leyland got invited into the display last year! So, I'm up for the Charade and MX5 for Japanese Car Day and the P76 for Vintage Car Day and if anyone out there wants to gather a Valiant and Leyland together, we could all go to the Ford vs Holden Day and sit proudly in a corner of the grounds. Let me know.



Out and About In your Leyland

Linsey and Deb Bennington are of this persuasion, no they didn't take it to Las Vegas for Christmas, but they did attend the Caroline Bay Rock and Hop in Timaru over the same weekend as our National Rally and AGM! Since then, Facebook followers of Linsey will know he has had and now resolved the mechanical problems he encountered since Timaru and is now seeking to sort the comfort problems with his car. Anyway, up popped a few photos from Timaru and in the spirit of members supplying such brief items/photos above we see Deb and granddaughter Ivy with the P76 in good company at the show. Spot the PA, Challenger, VW Beetle and Mustang surrounding the P76. Thank you, Bennington's, for your input, keep it coming.

Linsey tells me the show is on about the same time next year and there are several others in the wind he is likely to join other P76's at, like the Reefton Classic Car Show, the next Hanmer Motorfest and a couple of others. Look at the potential! Jan and Malcolm always come through for the Reefton Show and as you have seen the Motorfest is in here for 2023.

This leads straight into **Thanking those who have contributed** to this issue and earlier ones. Thus far the May issue is brought to you by Ron Butler, Paul Heath - his photos - Jenifer Alexander and Eric Connor, Motorfest report and photos, the Bennington's and Debbie Larsen and me. The March issue being quite brief contained Ed Tubman's car for sale, now sold and words and photos from me and a brief report and a photo from the Shannon Auto Spectacular and Southwards Coffee and Cars. Thanks to Brian and Colleen Francis and Ron again. Going back to January we had a report and photos from Jan Moore, not of an event as such but just a group of enthusiasts in various modes of classiness out for a drive, more from me and most importantly, the words from the Ladies. Maybe out of sequence but not in every respect but Jan Moore, Lyn Morris and Paula Buchanan who supplied the **ANNIVERSARY AGM & TOUR** programme need a huge thank you and a big round of applause for a job/event/occasion well done. It was great is all I can say. Ron is almost a regular now and serves to show how it is not too scary a thing to do. Thank you everyone.

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Please do this online or at least visit the bank and make a deposit using your name as reference.

Please do not post cash to Lyn's home address.

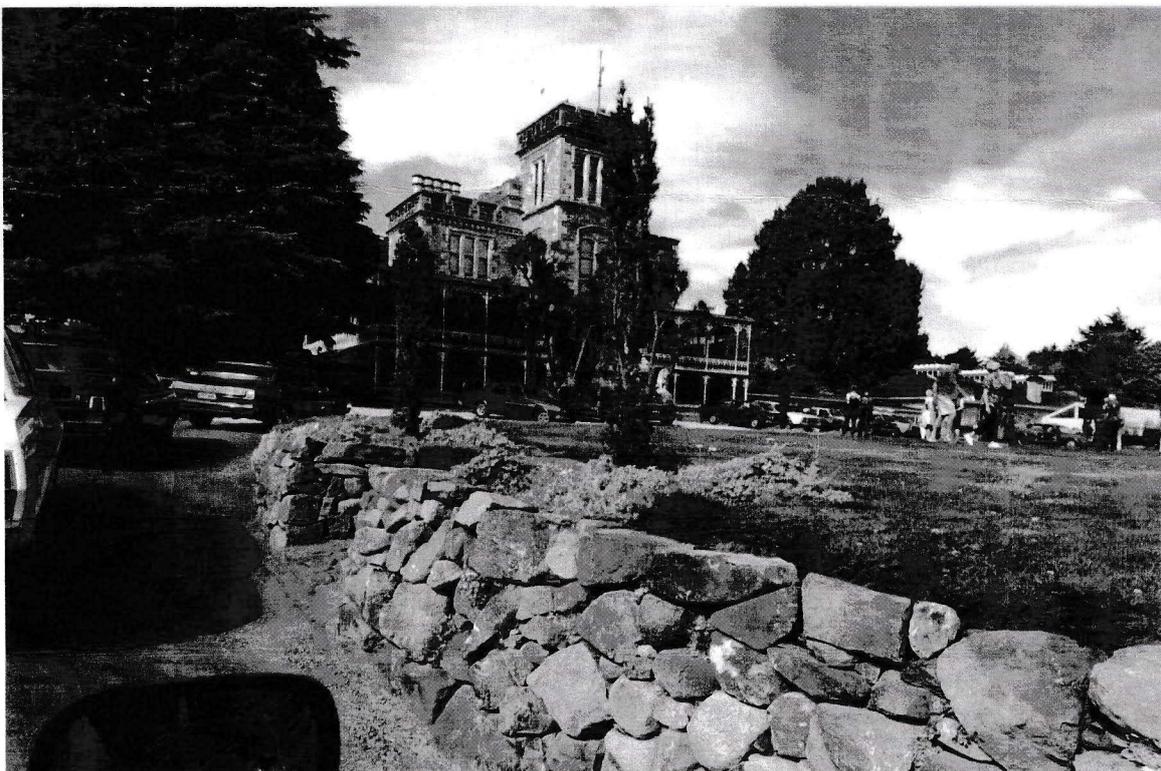
In the past I enjoyed the security of a PO Box and could accept cash (and cheques of old) quite safely, however, Lyn has experienced a member of the public handing her an envelope that had fallen from her letterbox which contained a cash subscription. Lucky for someone. So please, go the modern way and ensure the \$\$\$ get through. Thank you.

You may feel the Australian 50th Anniversary Nationals, attended by ten kiwi's are being ignored here and you are correct as I'm trying for as much past and current local content in here as I can so I will continue with our weekend in Dunedin. The itinerary has us taking a gorgeous scenic drive to the Albatross Colony, it was beautiful. The shop saw much action as did the café, especially after the hill hike to the viewing platform. People were enthralled that they got there, I mean by the soaring birds and fluffy chicks, but that came after the tour of the disappearing gun. Yes, the colony is based around a very unique WW11 gun emplacement which had the guys in particular amazed at the ingenuity of it, not to mention the rifles on display along the corridors. Google it for the specifics otherwise we'd be here all night.

The viewing platform had several chicks nearby so we could get a good look at them and their parents soaring above and below us and contained a wealth of information boards about the colony. The sea view from up there was pretty spectacular too. I didn't take photos!

The drive to Larnach castle was equally scenic and in places a little challenging, I had to ensure we were in first gear for a couple of bends! The castle was imposing, busy and well-staffed by kilted waiters and informative guides. The dining hall was adorned with many a prize stags head with multi point antler sets, very impressive but not for inclusion here. And many Leylanders eating well. The tour was fascinating, Mr Larnach led an interesting life shall we say but was an integral part of Dunedin society, along with many other well known business names even of today.

While impressive and expansive we knew not what was still come. As always, the gathering of the cars (not the clans) was something to behold. I implored Ed to use his dulcet tones to get it organised, seeing as he didn't have a car to line up. Putting them into that circle around the driveway garden (see photo with minutes) was an exercise to beat probably all that we had experienced before. Below is a photo of the cars entering the circle taken from the drivers' window of Ron's car by me with the Larnach Castle in the background. Remember there were many others there and by the time we had finished some of them were agitated about the time taken, something about missing the bus back to their cruise ship. I should say the Mr Whippy lady did a roaring trade and was most impressed by the P76 show. Many a lovely ice cream was purchased and 100's of photos taken by lord knows who. See the cover photo.



Stop Press

We interrupt this story to advise of the 2024 National Rally and AGM is to be held in New Plymouth over Taranaki Anniversary Weekend, being March Friday 8 through to Monday 11. The itinerary will almost be the same except we are unable to have the planned air display due to the sad passing of Brett Emeny, the chap who was going to organise and I guess fly some of the planes for us. Start your travel plans now and we will fill in some blanks as we go along. For now, all you need to know is when and which city. Terrific Taranaki.

Now back to Dunedin and my further random recollections, Food and accommodation were up our usual high standard. I found the Victoria Hotel staff to be friendly, helpful and they seemed happy to have our big group on board and I certainly liked my accommodation. The Manor restaurant served us often and well, beautiful breakfasts and dinners and maybe even a lunch? Parking was tight but mishap free and the AGM venue was spacious allowing for a good number of members to attend. Read the Minutes to see what happened, was suggested and who won what. Sadly, Mr President was quite ill on the day, so the VP stepped up admirably. Well done, David. And so to the big dinner which was enjoyed by all I'm sure.

Sunday dawned cool as it seems to do for a car boot sale but at least it wasn't dark! I got the impression many things changed hands and I even took some clothing orders. Given the hurried shambolic nature of my departure I wasn't carrying anything for sale. Manor breakfast was delicious.

We proceeded to the Chinese Gardens, well most of us, at least one car went somewhere else en route! A restful place where our understanding was assisted by audio units we could carry around. Never did find all the numbered points of interest but found Abby a very pertinent keyring in the gift shop. She loves it. A stroll along the road to the Otago Settlers Museum saw us find the automotive section under reconstruction yet again. I have history with this place, Megan, our eldest daughter went to Otago Uni and while she was there the museum was being rebuilt so I never got to see it and its renowned fire engine collection. Come 2019 and we are on a cruise around New Zealand and stopped at Port Chalmers, so I took the opportunity to take another scenic bus ride to view the museum, and it was great, but no fire engines. Where do you hide a fire engine collection? At least I'd seen the automotive section. After marvelling at the various exhibits, many of which aged some of us a bit we met in the café for lunch. That's where I spotted a beautiful clock that I knew Sonya would love so I bought it. Got it home, determined where to set it up and tried to get it going. No bloody go! And it still won't go but looks great so now we have a big round decoration.

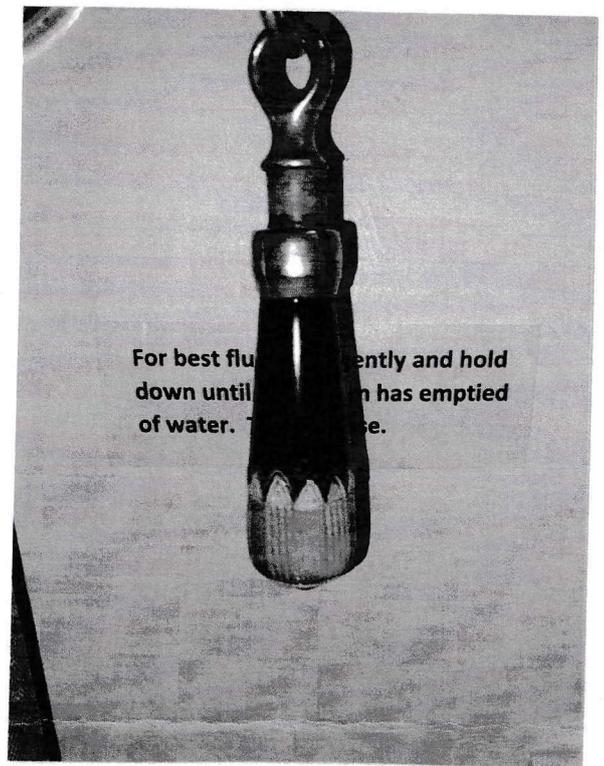
Stroll back to the cars, return to the hotel, and have a couple of hours free time. What did I do? Our next stop was to Olveston House, now this was truly wonderful, like being in an episode of Antiques Roadshow. Again, a great shop, discussion with the sales team about souvenir opportunities, a very special car in the garage, a 1921 Fiat Tipo 510, just beautiful but behind glass or heavy plastic to keep fingers off it. It is quite amazing how many of these big vintage Fiats there are hiding around New Zealand with several in the South Island. However, that is not all, we had a brilliant guide, especially knowledgeable on the art works hanging almost everywhere. Some priceless, others worth 100's of thousands and some maybe \$20! Larnach Castle was always on my list of places to visit, my parents went their on their honeymoon and I have dad's old photos to hand, but Olveston House was something else. Google it, visit it, you won't be disappointed. Again, I didn't take photos other than one rather unusual one you will see on the next page. Do you know what it is? I had to use this.

In dire need of a lavatory, I was directed to one with a beautiful stained-glass window, an old pan with a polished wooden seat and this delightful handle on the chain used to flush said lavatory.

It has been many a long year since I have had to use one of these.

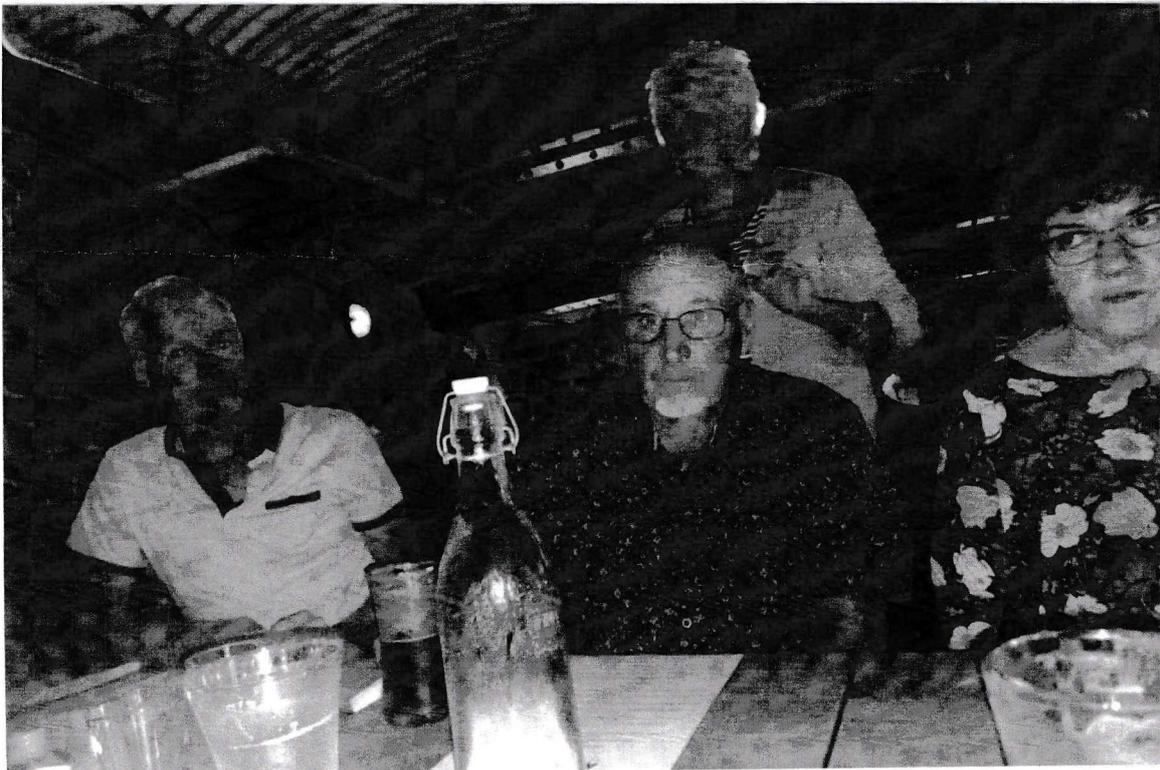
I know I could have photographed the suit of armour, or the exquisite furniture, or dining table setting, or any number of sculptures, paintings or other gorgeous antiques but I didn't!

There was a green house with plants bursting into life, beautiful trees and gardens, stairwells, and all sorts of other delights, but this took my fancy.



With more free time until dinner at the local Speight's Ale house, where else do you go in Dunedin, we anticipated more great food and beverages having travelled by van to the pub.

The service and servers were flat out but did a great job as did the chefs. Not a quiet dinner, this place was pumping, we were upstairs, so it was warmer and probably noisier, made no less so by our own contribution. I did manage a couple of people shots over dinner, the one below showing you a couple of lesser-known faces and a couple you should all know. Sorry if the photos are a bit unclear. So, we have Richard Mallon, Ewen Dunnage and Paula Buchanan seated with Jan Moore behind. Jan and Paula being part of the team of three known as the Ladies who organised our great weekend away.



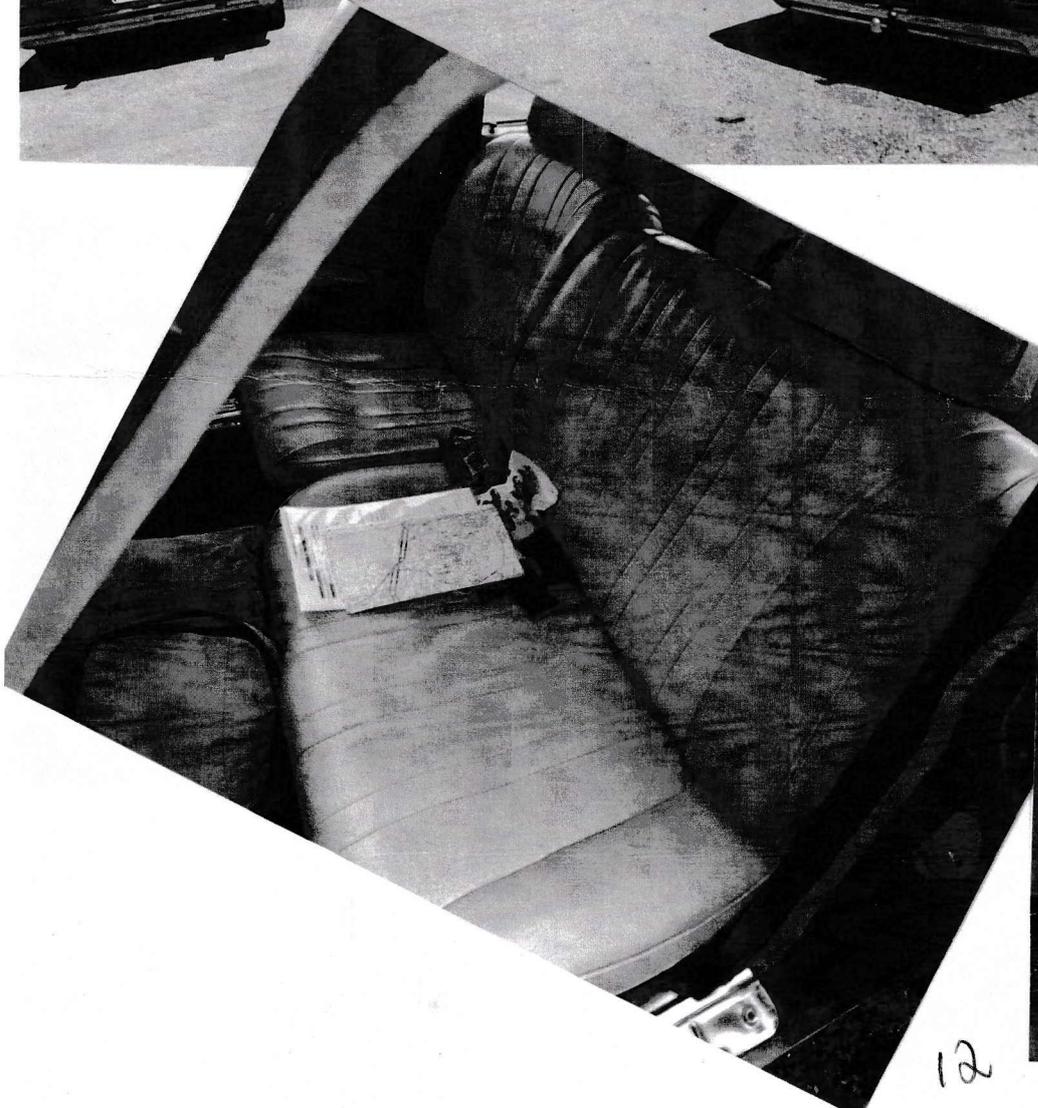
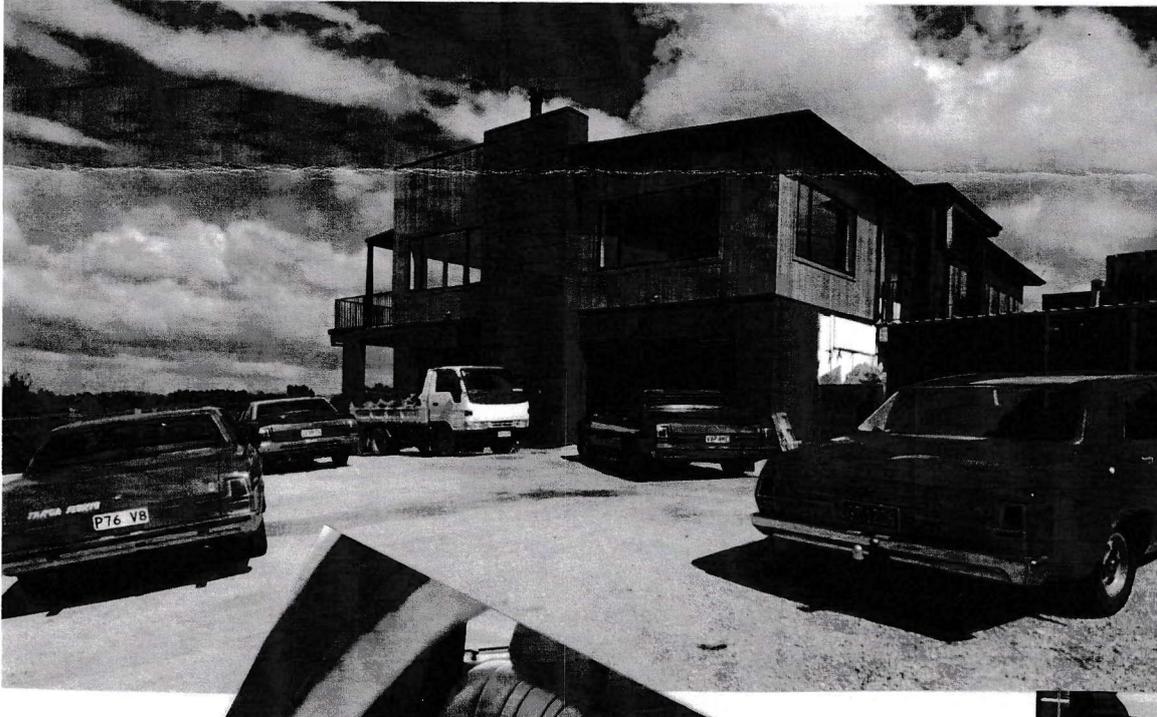


And as chance would have it a group from Central Group seated to my right being Ron Butler, Andrew and Debbie Larsen and Paul Heath. All imbibing healthily. It was a great night.

While Monday saw some people departing it also saw many heading out to Palmerston past Baldwin Street, no Ron I'm not driving a 4 speed car up there to the Stop sign at the top! We led a group of cars out the back way towards Palmerston, mainly because I had a vague idea where we were headed and knew Baldwin Street. What we didn't realise is that we had become the head of the snake and as we progressed, we kept wondering where the others ahead of us were and when they might stop for us to catch them up. To this day we don't know where the cars that were in front of us in Dunedin got to. One light change ahead of us and suddenly we were in the lead. We stopped in Palmerston and decided to ring Lyn who asked where the hell we were, as everyone else was still back in Waikouaiti. Who knew! I did wonder if we should have stopped there. Anyhow, soon enough another convoy of Leyland's powered through Palmerston, and we hurriedly followed along behind on our way to the Palmerston Vintage Machinery Club collection. This was a cool collection of machinery of many brands and types, stationary engines, tractors, bulldozers, and other machinery well set out in big sheds. A couple of sample shots follow. The hosts, several in number from the local club were enthralled by the cars and knowledgeable of their collection, answering many a question from members.



From the machinery Club we adjourned to lunch at the lovely old country pub, Waihemo Lodge where once again we were well fed and watered with vibrant conversation amongst the dwindling group. They looked after us well. All that remained was for us to travel back to Dunedin and settle in for a rest and dinner. I think that's what happened! Oh yes, Ron and I found a good Chinese to eat at. Some of us stopped in at 1 Court Street to check out the new Morris abode, dam flash it is with spectacular views and some interesting cars in the garage that Brian doesn't seem to have mentioned before! The Ladies cars are shown in the photo along with Ron's meaning me, Roy, Ron, Malcolm, and Brian had afternoon tea at the Morris residence. Along with the Ladies of course and one son who arrived later on. Sorry, names are hard for me! Also see Ron Butler outside "My Butlers Pantry" showing a huge collection of cups and other vintage wares. Not open on the day and a rather unusual front seat configuration as seen in Alistair and Frances Youngs car.



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Hanmer Motorfest February 25, 2023

Our Club was represented by 4 Leyland's at the annual Hanmer Motorfest in Hanmer Springs on Saturday 25 February. It was a beautiful sunny day and over 400 cars were displayed. The event is sponsored by the Falcon and Fairlane Club from Christchurch. With plenty of Holdens, Zephyrs, American and British cars including a lot of Minis and even the odd tractor there was something for everyone. All in all, a great collection with gleaming paintwork and lots of shiny chrome.

Roy and Paula Buchanan from Methven plus Brian and Lyn Morris from Waikouaiti were joined by local Paul Faulkner and their 3 cars grouped together. Unfortunately, the Alexander's from Christchurch were too late to secure a place in the line-up and were relegated to elsewhere, hence only 3 cars showing in the photo. *But wait there is another!*

We were overlooked in the prize giving (strangely enough!) and even Paula dipped out on winning a raffle prize, unusual for her. However, it was a most enjoyable day for all concerned and we look forward to next year's event already!

Jenifer

So below we have the cars of Morris Buchanan and Faulkner with a couple of Corvette's and a tractor, and flogged from Facebook, a keen bloke took a photo of Don and Jenifer's AGEV8 so they get included too.



On the road with Ron.

Stopping at various places driving back from Dunedin I met a few people who were interested in the P76. One place was a cafe in Cheviot. A couple sitting near left the cafe for the husband to return a few minutes later coming over and complimenting me on a fine P76. Turns out he was a friend of Jan & Malcolm from the West Coast he obviously knew them well as he said Jan has Frank's car now.

After he left the owner of the cafe came over and introduced himself commenting on the car. Turns out he lived in Paraparaumu. He and his wife sold their house here to buy the cafe in Cheviot. He mentioned that two P76's went past together a few days before.

That Wednesday evening, I stayed in Kaikoura with only one pub open for lunch and that closed from 2 to 4 pm the other two were closed all day and night on Wednesday and Thursday only opening Friday till Tuesday. A new building housing a flash Asian restaurant on the outside was abandoned and stripped out. The town felt the same.

The advantage of being old and decrepit is that when I rocked up to the interisland office in my car the lovely lady asked me if I would like to park next to the lift, gave me a bright pink sign to hang on my mirror and told me to park in row 13. I was the first car in that lane. A truck and trailer went in first then we were both up to the bow opening door on the ship and close to the lift. The truck driver James worked at the Austin factory assembling the P76. He was a spot welder there. On board I met up with a member Bruce Farley. We had a good chat about P76's. Driving home from the ferry on the new Transmission Gully Road took me under half an hour.

The photo below shows Ron's car on the way to Dunedin accompanied by Ken McKenzie and Alistair and Francis Young, parked outside the ice cream shop in Palmerston. I took the photo only seconds after some scruffy Mitsi taxi parked next to the Young's car. I swear he pulled in as I was lining up the shot, hence it's not too good! L to R, Butler, McKenzie, and Youngs' cars.



New Zealand Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated

Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting 11th March 2023 5.30 pm

Held at the Victoria Hotel, Dunedin

The meeting opened at 5.35pm.

Members Present: David Timms, Rob Jones, Debbie Larsen, Ed Tubman, Jan and Malcolm Moore, Paula and Roy Buchanan, Lyn and Brian Morris, Stephen Barton, Alistair and Frances Young, Paul Heath, Ken McKenzie, Ron Butler, Don Learmonth, Ian Burroughs, Don and Jen Alexander, Val and Garry Milne, Mark and Christine Hammond, Dorothy Blair, Graeme Storer, Jan and Dave Ritchie, Richard and Ann Mallon, Ross Bubbins, Noel Moore, Eric and Leslie Conner, Sandra Downes, Don and Helen Prouting.

Welcome: David Timms, VP, welcomed everyone to the AGM. Andrew was unwell.

Apologies: Andrew Larsen, President, Brian and Colleen Francis, Allan Caple, DHR and J Brown, Gordon Gruebner, Alex Reid, Regan Porter, Lance Wagstaff, J and F Warren, P and B Faulkner, Julie Matthews, Mike King, Steve Learmonth. **Motion: That the apologies be accepted: Don L/ Ian B. Agreed.**

Proxy votes: Rob Jones for Allan Caple and DHR Brown.

Minutes of the 39th AGM 11th March 2022. Taken as read. **Motion: That the minutes are a true and correct record. Jan M/Ed T. Agreed.**

Matters Arising: None.

Correspondence: Inward: Information from the NZ govt. regarding changes to incorporated Societies. Lyn explained what's involved in getting re registered. We have until Oct 2025 but would begin the process this year. At the next AGM some new processes would be ratified.

Outward: Many emails pertaining to the AGM planning. **Motion: That the Inward correspondence be accepted and Outward approved. Ross B/ Rob Jones. Agreed.**

President's Report: Taken as read. **Motion: That the President's Report be accepted. Helen P/ Don A. Agreed.**

Treasurer's Report: Lyn spoke to her report.

- There is a slight profit which is up on last year. We still have \$16,221.00 in the savings account.
- Three accounts have been merged into one for better financial management.
- Membership is up slightly this last year.
- The budget for 2023/24 is around the same as for this last financial year.
- Membership fees will remain the same. We do not need to raise them as we are well in the black.
- Lyn also asked people not to send her money in the post and to use internet banking.

Matters Arising: Don A asked about the 3 containers that have to be moved. Lyn and Jan explained that this was all in hand. Southern Group are organising the removal.

Appointment of a Reviewer: This has still to be confirmed. Lyn had contacted someone but the person was unwilling to do the review. Lyn will contact a new person in the next few weeks.

Election of Officers: The secretary advised the meeting that the following nominations had been received –

President – Andrew Larsen

Vice President – David Timms

Secretary – Debbie Larsen

Treasurer -- Lyn Morris

Editor – Rob Jones

Committee members – Jan Moore, Paula Buchanan, Ed Tubman.

No further nominations from the floor were received so the current Committee will stand again.

Motion: That the nominations received be accepted and those members be elected for the 2023/24 year. Ross B/Ken Mc. Agreed.

General Business:

- **P76 website:** Don A pointed out that it needs updating. After some discussion it was decided that phone numbers for the Committee and those dealing with parts in the three regions should be available on the website. **David** to get this sorted.
- **Rob** asked for **photos and stories** from members for the magazine.
- **Changing the AGM format:** This was an idea put forward by **David Timms**. He explained that this was only for discussion at present and would be looked at more formally at the next AGM. He presented the idea that we have AGM Rallies every two years and in between have a zoom AGM meeting. This would lessen the load on the organising committees and on the members who find it hard to afford the expense of travel and accommodation each year. The Rallies would alternate between North and South, with the three regions taking it in turns to organise. If we coordinate with the Australian AGM on alternate years it could free up more people to travel both ways across the Tasman. There is no reason why each area can't get together for the alternate weekend and we zoom on a big screen together.
- There were questions and some discussion. Don L was happy to keep the status quo. The committee asked people to think about it and to talk to any committee members with ideas or questions. This would be decided by the membership as a whole, not the committee.
- Helen P pointed out that the constitution may need to be changed as it tells us how often and when the AGM was to be held. This was confirmed by Rob J who read out the relevant section from the constitution. Yearly in March. No particular format is prescribed. The committee does understand that and that any changes have to be agreed by the membership.
- Don A felt that it was important to meet annually. Jan pointed out that this can be discussed in each group over the coming year and the committee informed of how people felt.
- David thanked the organising group – Southern.

Trophies: Ed awarded the trophies to the following members-

Piston Broke - Don Learmonth(radiator)

Murray Hatchard Award – Furthest distance travelled in a P76 – Ian Burroughs

Dale Rawlings Memorial trophy – People's Choice – Stephen Barton

Ed also gave out three 50 year old sales brochures to new members.

Meeting closed 6.30 pm.

