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P76, anything but average

# NZ Leyland P76 Club Inc - Penzed, bimonthly publication.

It has been a long time coming but we have arrived at the point in time when we must again survey our membership, Australian Clubs and miscellaneous people and entities as to how they would prefer to receive their copy of Penzed. All are welcome to respond.

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Natcom thanks you in advance for your response, whatever they be and while the above instructions may seem a bit OTT, I know full well there are members who do not have email and barely have or use a cell phone.

All we ask is to please respond to allow us to better serve your choice.

Rob Jones

Editor

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# Penzed for September 2023

Welcome to a somewhat different looking Penzed for September 2023. You will notice the 3<sup>rd</sup> page in, counting the cover as page 1 as I do is a quick reply survey of the membership asking how they, that's you, would prefer to receive your Penzed, by email or printed hard copy.

This great advance has been on the cards for some time, and I think we have at last arrived at a solution to our distribution issues. Proof will be in the trying.

But wait, there is more, it was suggested that we are further behind the times by not having a full colour hard copy magazine. Natcom thought about this, and it seemed to be the consensus that we should give it a go, so prepare to have your mind boggled and eyes shaded.

Recently we asked members to complete the NZFOMC Market Survey and we presume a lot of you did as they acknowledge the great response from their member group, of which we are one, in the note below from the new NZFOMC President Garry Jackson. Thank you for supporting their initiative as we did as a club by donating to the setup of the survey.

Otherwise, most of what you will read is along the lines of our usual club activities, unless you have an unusual one, you'd like to share. You could get your car in Penzed in living colour. Or your aeroplane, merry go round, parachute or whatever else floats your boat.

# New Zealand Federation of Motoring Clubs Market Survey Project: Sincere thanks and update

#### Greetings everyone

A brief, but important note to you all to convey our sincere thanks for your financial support for the FOMC's important Market Survey Project. I'm writing this note to you all, a great mix of many of our member clubs and a number of external supporters and funders, to let you know that the in-field research phase of the Survey was completed last week, and the FOMC project team are now waiting for our Research Agency to pull together and analyse the vast amounts of data collected, and to report back to us in the next few weeks. The survey research itself was extensive, with many of the surveys (7 separate surveys in total) all receiving good responses, many of which far exceeded the Agency's expectations. Ahead of receiving of the actual results we now working on the first draft of the communications plan to publicise the results and outcomes public in early September, and we're hopeful of some great headline outcomes which will make NZ really sit up and take notice of just how substantial and important our collective automotive interests and passions are!

Again, our thanks for your support and energy for the FOMC Project Survey.

Best regards

Garry

President,

**FOMC** 

#### National Rally and AGM 2024

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 as planned for 2022 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 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. New Plymouth under the mountain.

## **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?

Here it is guys and girls, your opportunity to really show off your Aussie cars at the:

All Oz Car Show Sunday October 15 from 10 until 2 at the A&P Showgrounds Christchurch off Curletts Road, hosted by the Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch.

For further details contact the Holden Club, check Google or Facebook but by virtue of having a Leyland P76 you are invited. Go along, the one held at Manfeild is huge and growing each year, supports a great cause and offers brilliant Spot Prizes, so this one likely does too.

#### Northern Group

While the Northern group consolidates, we advise contacting Vice President David Timms on 022 0399 880 or <a href="weeymouthpainter@hotmail.com">weeymouthpainter@hotmail.com</a> 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 Photos from these events prove it to be a great show.

### 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!

#### **Local Events for Central Group**

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

July 30 Japanese Car Day - Daihatsu Charade or Mazda MX5, decisions I have to make.

Daihatsu won, the only one there, event was huge, but the Charade did make the photographers selection! He couldn't believe it was ours, him being a fan of our P76! There were some great cars on show, Toyota V8's spring to mind, and some that were just not so!

September 24 Hot Rod Day October 29 Two Wheels Day November 26 Vintage Car Day

And beyond this it's time to list out the summer shows ahead of us that I'm aware of and you are all invited to of course, as participant or viewer, your choice.

**Southwards Coffee and Cars,** second Sunday of each month from September to March at Southwards Car Museum on the Kapiti Coast. Runs from 10 until 1, all welcome.

Classic Car Run to Brewtown, 27 Blenheim Street Upper Hutt Saturday October 21 2023 in support of Starship. Gold coin entry for your **CHROME BUMPERED CAR**, music, food, and all sorts of facilities are available there. Register your car at BREWTOWN.CO.NZ/CARRUN

Wheels and Deals Swap Meet and Car Show, Card Reserve, 60 Johnston Street, Featherstone, Sunday November 12 2023. this time in support of the Featherston Football Club. Entry \$10/car or \$20/stall. Poster says all welcome, Classic, Muscle, Vintage. Rod, Truck, Bike, and EV! Contact Vinni 027 447 9990 or look on Facebook for Wai Wheels Featherston, your host. George is already registered. They have moved from the town site as it proved way too small for the event!

Sunbeam Club Lake Ferry Classic Vehicle Excursion the 43<sup>rd</sup> to be held, is on Saturday December 9, 2023. Meet in central Featherston around the Fell Museum ready for an 11 am drivers briefing then trundle or fly out to Lake Ferry domain for a picnic lunch or visit the great pub out there if you wish. It does get busy! There can be as many as 30+ makes of car attend so there is lots to look at, free entry, a gentle day out. We have gathered a few P76's before, and Lance in so may different cars I've lost count. Everyone is welcome in whatever wheels revolve under you.

2024 All Aussie Car Day Manfield TBC. Didn't run in 2023. Usually late January.

2024 Wheels with Attitude Dannevirke TBC. Rained off in 2023. Wasn't a boat show! Can't find any info at this time. Usually, late January or early February and if these two run on the same weekend we are blessed! Watch this space. CG will be notified as news comes to hand.

British and European Car Day Sunday February 11, 2024, Trentham Memorial Park Upper Hutt, usual rules apply but all will be confirmed. We shall fly our flag again.

We are happy to include any event notice from any of our regions, all you have to do is let me know. I do not trawl the internet trying to find these events. Contact details are on Page 2.

Best wishes for your birthday and recovery if you have been ill. Important birthdays occur for Rosalie Maunder, President Larsen, Dorothy Blair way down there and Brian Francis in September. October is busy with Helen Prouting, Graeme Storer, Lyn Morris, Fred Maunder, Alex Reid, and Stephen Barton. Five of these people are in our senior echelon of members, if not six! And I/we had a birthday and our 29th wedding anniversary in September.

Happy birthday and get well to those of you I know to be less so.

#### The Cover

Inverted for those of you who one day may see it on your computer and don't have a whirly gig button! It's a full-on cover I know but these members get out there and so get to be seen by everybody. Three of the photos with the forest background are from the Reefton Classic Car show where nearly 200 vehicles turned out in support of the local St John Ambulance by way of their gold coin entry. When you are working on a gate like this you are invariably given more than the gold coin entry. So, the Waghorn/Moore P76's are side by side, see again the magic drum seat out of the boot of Jans' car, a spectacular accessory that matches the car inside and out. The matt black and highlight orange car is Linsey and Deb Bennington's. An eye-catching beast if ever there was one becoming well known all over the South Island.

That other car is an NV Green V8 in Queensland where the Bennington's recently visited. Alas Linsey couldn't make the Parkes Anniversary, but he did his best to catch up with some Aussie P Nuts, and he started near the top of the tree with a visit to Adrian Spencer, a true Leyland believer. That's Adrian in the blue and I'd love to see the look on his face when he sees this! A picture page will appear later showcasing some of the cool cars at Reefton.

## This issue is brought to you by:

Thanks must go to the many contributors into this issue including several unknown Facebook posters whose photos I borrow, and it's not just the ones you see here! So, I guess Jan and Linsey are starters, Ross Bubbins (FB) Annette Sutherland, David Timms, Eric Connor, my Sonya, and Loanne Millar for the long-range photo of our P76. The mirror image of our car at Tauherenikau was off FB also. It is wonderful how our little P76 is accepted into the world of huge Americana and hot rods and is still known as Goerge's car around Wairarapa!

#### Paraphernalia personalised to your taste.

While at Tauherenikau we visited a couple of stalls, both enthralled us with their offerings, and one secured an order from me yesterday. I ordered a Leyland Rd sign in council reflective blue with white lettering. This will hang nicely with my genuine Leyland Cnr sign made by

the AA many years ago. They don't do it now. Samples of all sorts of things were on show but as always nothing bearing Leyland. There is nothing stopping you from having your own Leyland Rd/Ave/St sign if you visit <a href="www.printcutpress.co.nz">www.printcutpress.co.nz</a> or indeed anything else from their considerable range.

The other stall dealt in a mainly different style of paraphernalia, being personalised items made using CNC router technology. A fairly new enterprise, they were doing a roaring trade in the usual Chev, Ford, Route 66 stuff but have so much more and can make what you desire within reason. They use metal and wood. Check out <a href="www.fifty1fifty.nz">www.fifty1fifty.nz</a> and see what you can get for Christmas. We spoke for some time about his range and how he might expand it to meet the needs of other groups and will be inviting them both to future events.

Troop Movements We welcome new members Peter and Patina Davison from 17 Fergusson Avenue Waipukurau who are the new custodians of the ex Hatchard/Learmonth CW S V8, a welcome addition to the lower part of the Central Group, we look forward to your company in the coming months. We wish to advise that Russell and Michelle Brook have resided at 1/107 John Downes Drive, Browns Bay Auckland for over a year now. Remember to tell us when you move, please!

## The New Zealand Vintage Car Club Daffodil Day for your local Cancer Society

You will recall I encouraged members to both participate and report on your local event and as usual we have had some response. The various participants are acknowledged by photo and or words following on from here. I'm happy to receive more from elsewhere.

## Wairarapa VCC Daffodil Day August 20 2023 with Rob Jones

A cool cloudy dry day dawned and stayed that way for a sizable event seeing seventy seven cars register in Martinborough for a country ramble via many backroads to The Farriers carpark in Masterton. Arriving there after a slow drive through the Lansdown Retirement Village where waving and tooting were the norm. The residents seem to love the cars passing through as we found once before with another club doing a drive through and stop. Too many cars for a stop today!

The three Mayors from the Wairarapa district were on hand to award the Best in Show, sorted on their own criteria. Maybe it was colour, maybe chrome, maybe the funniest plate, or maybe the novelty of a left-hand drive 1930 Model A coupe was too much for the judges, it won.

Cars ranged from a 1908 Holsman buggy through to the latest Mustangs and Jaguars. Australia was represented by 1 P76, I Falcon GTHO, a Holden Berlina and 2 Valiant's, a ute and a 70 Safari seen here before. Japan was represented by a Datsun 1200, Mitsubishi V3000, Toyota MR2 and I'm sure 1 MX5. The UK had a selection of Rovers, 3 Vauxhalls, 2 Bedford's various ages of Jaguar and Daimler cars, a Mini, Morris 8, Minors and an Oxford, various Triumphs, Ford Zephyr/Zodiac M1 and M3's, an Armstrong Siddeley, Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, a Wolseley 18/85 and a MGB Roadster. I'm told there was also an MGB GT but I don't recall it. The States were well represented by many different Chevrolet from 1938 through to about 2020, 2 Buick's, a superb 1918 Essex, Plymouth Cranbrook, Hudson Super 6, 38 Packard coupe, Chrysler 70 Coupe, an old Jeep, 27 and wonderful new to town 34 Dodge and an array of Fords from Model A, 37 Coupe, Fairlaine, a big pick up and a myriad of newer Mustangs. Europe had a Renault Fuego, several BMW's a newish Ferrari, and a nice Mercedes Benz 380 SEC. Apologies to those I missed and I'm sure there were several.

Sure, the Holsman didn't do the two hour country ramble but it was giving beaming kids rides around Martinborough Square. When was it our turn? Below is visual proof of the P76 in convoy behind the MR2, a Bedford and the Oxford, this photo taken through the back plastic window of a Vauxhall Vagabond with its roof up!



Whilst it is not the best photo of Ross Bubbins "new" CC S V8 parked in the shade as it is, it shows Ross went along in support of the local Cancer Society. It is however, not the first time this P76 has appeared in Penzed. Decades ago, when in the custody of Don and Helen Prouting it appeared in here with a tractor wheel and tyre in the boot on its way to be repaired, the tractor tyre I mean, and I think the same image appeared at a later date also.



And our West Coast members, Jan and Malcolm and Linsey and Deb also attended the Greymouth Daffodil Day. Quite active they are as you will have learnt by now! Check out the selection in the background of all these photos. Notice anything different about LEYP76?







Another P76 has come to light in support of Daffodil Day, this time the lovely CB S V8 of Annette Sutherland, seen at the Waikato Veteran and Vintage Car Club display in Cambridge. Annette is no longer in the Club, but her car would be well known to many members and is finally back on the road after a long rest. Thanks for sharing, Annette.

Long Service Certificate Presentation

Natcom member Jan Moore insisted on
being able to visit Barry Brown in

Greymouth to present him with his 30 year
Certificate. I'm guessing her dad Frank and
Barry must have known each other back
in the day. Barry was thrilled to receive his
presentation, probably came as a complete
surprise to him.

Congratulations and thank you Barry,
It's been too long since I've seen you.
And I hope you hadn't been waiting too
long to receive it. Stay well Barry.



#### Presentation of Northern Group Long Service Certificates.

On Thursday night, 10<sup>th</sup> August it was my pleasure to present Certificates acknowledging 40 years of membership to Alex Reid, Gordon Gruebner, Don Edmonds, and Ed Tubman at the Rangiriri Hotel dinner. That's how they line up in the photo below.

Thank you to these guys for their commitment to the club and to the P76. I bet they didn't think when they started/joined the club that it would still be what it is today and how it has bought all these different people together over the past 40 years.

We also acknowledge and thank the long-suffering family and friends of the certificate recipients who attended: Reagan (friend of Ed and now a member), Pauline, Elizabeth and Peter, Louise, and Karl (daughters and their partners of Alex) and Colin (son of Don).

David Timms.

Thank you, David, and Maria of course for assisting with this important occasion. Editor.



While many of the certificates were mailed out directly to recipients these Northern Group members certificates were held aside awaiting an occasion for them to be presented at. The same applies to some of the Central Group members receiving their various age-appropriate certificates. They will appear in here in due course and as you (probably) have seen already at least one Southern Group member of long standing was presented with his in person.

All recipients should feel proud of their input be it large or small, a strong commitment to the Club should be recognised, even if only with a certificate. It seems the best way to acknowledge members long standing within the New Zealand Leyland P76 Owners Club Inc.

## Where Leyland's have yet to tread.

Our other blue car, our 1990 MX5 has been out exploring a few places where Leyland's often go but have yet to visit.

Firstly the Cape Palliser Lighthouse.

Some members may baulk at the road out to the lighthouse as it meanders along the coast beyond Ngawi. Gravelly with a ford to cross, narrow but not too rough it provided wonderous views of the coast and South Island and many of the roadside rocks looked up as we passed. Not rocks but seals, right next to the road and all over the rocky shoreline. A beautiful drive to a small carpark which frankly wouldn't hold too many Leyland's. The classic red and white banded lighthouse is in the background and no, we didn't walk up to it!

As you may recall, fascinating old bridges attract Leyland's as well. While showing Sonya a country run I did with the MX5 Club while she was away (again) we spotted this bridge on a side road so had to record it for posterity. Could still take the P76 out there to get a companion photo. Our destination was an absolute treasure of a museum but as no club had made an appointment to see it we couldn't tag along. We went for the drive mainly.





And where else have Leyland's been seen? Our blue car above is at the Ramrodders Fathers Day Show and Shine at Tauherenikau on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The unusual car behind the P76 is a Roush Mustang, an impressive beast with oddly opening doors as you can see. We won a marvellous spot prize on the day. 220+ registered vehicles at the scenic racecourse made it a great event. They say a photo is worth 1000 words, this one makes our car look 1000's of \$ better!

And below taken at the Amberley Domain Rock N Wheels Show we see Paul and Barbara Faulkner hiding behind a Chev and Eric Connor and his mate showing off the P76 and his mates "new" Mk3 Zephyr, only a couple of days in his custody. Eric said it was a big event, about 400 cars but bitterly cold on the day.







# The Reefton Classic Car Show

There self-explanatory photos shouldn't
Be too hard for you to follow! A second
Mk3 Zephyr! Unheard of in Penzed.
Three well used olden Land Rovers
and a nice dog, essential at all shows.
And HECTOR, a 1927 Chevrolet
Superior convertible according to
CARJAM, however, I think the word is
Tourer, not convertible. This brings us
to a cars name. Ewen Dunnage has a P76
called Hector, as does one of the Aussies
I met in Parkes at Easter, and here is
Another one. And we have George!
Who else has their cars name
emblazoned on them?



Mc Feeters Car Museum
just outside Parkes.
I promised a few photos
of the many and varied
exhibits at this fine
museum and model shop.
I only bought one model!

We start with a rare
1911 Martini G4,
Something totally new
to me.

I love the old brass era cars.

Then a peculiar Aussie trait,
An Armstrong Siddeley ute
but it was stunningly done
with an outstanding finish.
Check out the mezzanine
floor behind.

And pedal cars and matching accessories like the miniature fuel pumps.

What's not here?
Rolls Royce Silver Dawn,
Sunbeam 24/60, Austin 7,
Renault Dauphine, Plymouth
Cranbrook Ute, Escort van and
more pedal cars.



## Where have we been all these years?

I will copy, cut, and paste Edward's AGM report on this event below and include a photograph of the P76 line up outside Don Alexander's motel. From memory we were travelling with the Leyland brothers, the only car I can vouch for in the photo is Frank Waghorn's, now Jan's LEYP76 and Ed's. They are 2nd and 3rd from the right. Is that John Warrens Nutmeg car on the right? I don't have the photo that appeared in the 1996 Penzed after the report.

#### **CHRISTCHURCH 1996**

was the place to be. Annette and I joined up with the Jones's and De Adman brothers on the Ferry, and down to Christchurch. Shame we didn't get more in our little convoy. Great welcome by the locals on Friday night, BBQ breakfast, what a way to start the day, followed by a tour of the city and various attractions, with lunch in the gardens. A photo shoot at Don's motel followed with a parts sale to finish off the afternoon.

The Annual General Meeting followed with a great turnout from the local members, others from Dunedin, the Coast and a few of us from the North.

Debbie Hatchard finally broke the back of Natcom and was nominated as Secretary to follow on from Dave Brown, a position Dave had held almost from the Club's inception. Thanks to Dave for his commitment to the Club. Perhaps this is the start of a new Natcom, with your President's term coming to an end in 1997. After a most enjoyable meal and chat and an auction of various articles some of us visited the Casino, shame I didn't win.

Sunday started again with another marvellous BBQ then us tourists were treated to a tour of the Port Hills, Lyttleton and Ferrymead.

Thanks to all, Murray, Don and members who made us so welcome and put together one of the best organised Annual General Meetings I have ever attended.

On the Monday Annette and I cruised on south to Dunedin, Alexandra, back up to Christchurch, finally over the water and back home. The P did 2,800ks for less than \$500. The only mishaps were a wiper arm fell off and a bloody great stone chip on the new paint. Altogether a most enjoyable trip, but next time we will take the silver car to try some of the back roads.

