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P76, anything but average

Penzed for July 2024

This page comes to you on a wet, cold and miserable day, so it is giving me pleasure to write of previous events we have attended on lovely sunny days, even if not particularly warm!

There is quite a random collection of items within and depending on space there may yet be more, however, there are pressing admin issues that need to be addressed and advised of as well, arguably the most important being:

A vacancy exists within Natcom for the Position of Editor to produce the bimonthly issues of Penzed for the membership and others. It is a hugely enjoyable job that gives you contact with many members across the country and even into Australia. You may get to contribute to other publications on behalf of the New Zealand Leyland P76 Owners Club, such as NZCC, Aussie National Rally magazines, local newspapers and the like. This position is part of NATCOM, the Clubs National Committee thereby putting you on the front table

The position requires filling by Nov 24 or Jan 25 or tomorrow.

Give it some thought, put your hand, talk to me if you like, discuss with your local Natcom member but remember that by Nov24/Jan25 my reign will be over and someone new will have to take up the pen. Or before then is good too.

And speaking of Natcom, we managed to get a group photo of the committee in New Plymouth, no mean feat really given how few there have been taken over the years! For the uninitiated we see below David Timms, Rob Jones, Debbie Larsen, Andrew Larsen, Jan Moore, Paula Buchanan and Edward Tubman. Absent was Lyn Morris, so yet again, not a complete set. Can you see yourself up here in this august company?



Troop Movements

Some of our senior members have moved to new abodes more in keeping with their needs with less lawns to mow and rooves to repair!

Alex Reid is now at Room 15, 14 Edgewater Drive, Pakuranga, Auckland 2010 and he retains his landline number so if you want to still chat with Alex give him a call.

I mention roof repairs as one day I called him on his mobile a couple of years back when he was just over 90 years of age, and he didn't answer. He called me back and apologised for not answering the phone as he was up on the roof of his bach making repairs!

Ken McKenzie is now at 1 Hill Street, Unit 92 Summerset Ranges, Richmond 7020, again with less maintenance required. Ken has sold his P76, does anyone know where it is? He does however still have his little Nissan V8 and wishes to remain in the club where he has been for decades, and amazingly small world coincidences occur again. Jan Moore asked me for Ken's cell phone number so she can arrange a visit to him next time she pops up to Richmond to see her mum, Robyn. They are now resident in the same establishment, maybe some other club members should move there too!

Birthdays and Best Wishes

June on my birthday calendar is loaded, but not everyone is a club member, however, there are some names known to us for a long period of time starting with David Timms and Maria Williams who I believe have their celebrations within a 24-hour period of each other and Debbie Larsen within that timeframe also. And let's not forget Leah Caple. Then some more senior members in the form of David Brown and Don Prouting. David hasn't reached the heady age of qualification for a Club birthday card yet but is a founder member, nonetheless. A couple of our Aussie friends also celebrate this month, Diane Bray SA and Adrian Spenser from Queensland.

And in July a virtual cavalcade of names starting with Anne Cooper, Ed Tubman, Tyler Young, Allan Caple, Colleen Francis, Linda Graham, the aging gracefully Jim Fong who breaks 90 this year and Eric Connor, along with our Aussie friends Jared Simpson WA and Nick Kounelis Vic/Tas. Ok, Jared is my nephew, but he is in the WA Club with a BA D V8.

So, we definitely wish Ken and Alex the best in their new places and send our thoughts out to those of you who are sick or broken or overseas suffering the heat of Asia or America! And to a few others who I know to be beavering away on bringing another P76 back to the real world, go for it guys, best of luck and don't be afraid to seek parts or advice.

The Editor says thanks

To whoever took the committee photo on my phone, Gordon Gruebner and Alistair Roberts for sharing their photos, Kate in WA for sharing her cover and the contributions from Ed Tubman, Brian and Colleen Francis and all those people from 1998/99 who contributed back then to this years catch up. And maybe more yet.

AGM and Cover Photos

More from New Plymouth, Ed presenting the various Club trophies to recipients and an interesting car to share with those of you not able to be there. A description follows.

The Cover shows Ed presenting the long awaited Dale Rawlings Memorial People's Choice Trophy to Ron Butler, The Murray Hatchard Furthest distance travelled trophy to Roy Buchanan and the Piston Broke (hard Luck) trophy to Noel Moore. Congratulations guys, especially you Noel, I didn't want my name on the piston again! And below, one from the car collection we visited, a special Daimler DS420, one which has carried both Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip and Prince Charles and Princess Diana, pretty impressive impressions on the back seat and being a DS 420, one of the more elegant cars to be included in Penzed.



And on a completely different bent, on our way to Mangaweka with the MX5 Club we came upon this wonderful old Fordson ET6 I think it is, parked in Bunnythorpe. Had a chat with the owner, congratulated him and advised of another restored example in Mangatainoka.



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 Jan or Paula for information on where to go. Jan and Paula's details appear on page 2 of your Penzed so carry it with you. Can you spot them both?

Northern Group

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 Photos from these events prove it to be a great show.

Central Group

Ron Butler and Colleen Francis are our Social Convenors. Ron's at 04 902 0275 or email him on ron.butler43@gmail.com and Colleen is at 06 368 8624 or colleen.francis@xtra.co.nz contact one of them 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

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.

And in not doing that I still don't know how I missed the Mangatainoka Motors Tui HQ show schedule, normally on every lamppost around here!

Mangatainoka Motors, Tui HQ Motor shows check out www.tuihq.co.nz Manga' Motors.

July 28 Japanese Car Day **Aug 25** Ford vs Holden **Sept 29** Hot Rod Day

Oct 27 Two Wheels Day **Nov 24** Vintage/Classic Day Why is there not a Topless at Tui day?

These are well supported events with several prizes going at the end of each show, usually just after lunch. Sometimes 100's of cars turn up and you can get your photo taken under the Tui tower if you like. It's only \$10 to register at the website or pay on your way in. Nothing else to hand at present, still too wintery!

Where were we in 1998?

We were at the Masterton Motor Lodge, several years before we moved to Masterton and in checking the Penzed's from the time I can't find extensive writings about the weekend. The minutes from the AGM, reporting on the days activities record five P76's visiting Pointon's Motor Museum, still a popular haunt with Francis having added some gems to the collection along with the fashion accessories on display, a visit to the Mt Bruce Pioneer Museum , still going strong with a wide variety of exhibits and an invitation to visit Loopline Winery the next day which we did. However, my photos show a line of ten P76's in maybe seven factory colours and records AWOL members in Fords, Mitsubishi, Nissan and the interesting Mazda RX7 fitted with a P76 V8, Toyota 5 spd box and a shortened Mustang diff, owner member Nik James claimed he never found out how fast it would go, probably as he used it as a daily driver from Stokes Valley to Wellington for several years! I will try to dig out some photos but several now show members that are no longer with us unfortunately!

A: The cooking crew, Ron Vaughn, me and Steve, V and S being the Leyland Brothers

C: An elegant Anne Fong with the mannequins

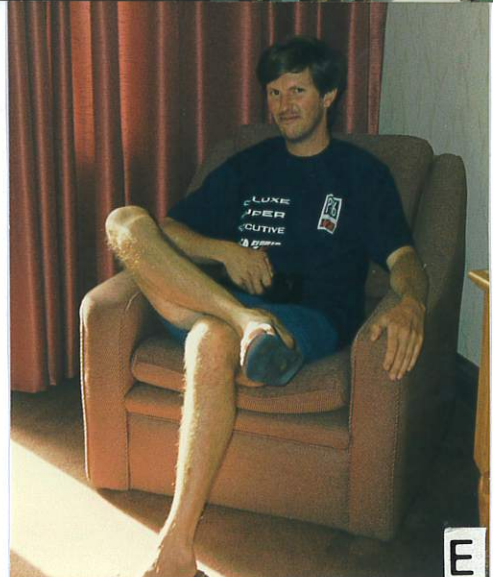
E: A youthful looking Bruce Cooper



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Where were we in 1999

The Club assembled in Christchurch for the 1999 National AGM. I swear, in doing the research for this I found a story of the weekend written by one Steve de Adman, but I cannot locate it now in either the period Penzed's or my photo albums! What brief words I do have show that we had two Aussie visitors, one of whom came over a few times, Mr David Waters, Hunter Valley and Northern Rivers P76 Club, as it was and his mate Mark Grey, a steam train enthusiast. A Friday night get together and BBQ at Don and Jenifer's magnificent new Mt Pleasant home, views to die for, many interesting new people to meet and their new AG E to look over along with several of Don's other eclectic fleet as well we got the weekend off to a great start. Saturday saw a visit to the Antarctic Centre, a must see, and then a trip out to Rangiora, Fleming and Betty territory, for lunch and the Sparks Museum, a treasure trove of antiquities. It is also recorded that the late Fleming Biddick won the Piston Broke Trophy for having a flat battery in his immaculate OF S V8. It doesn't always take much!

The AGM was held at the Richmond Workingmens Club with dinner in their Earl of Richmond restaurant. Probably the highlight for me was Ferrymead, the railcar and tram and all the other exhibits that would keep me amused and happy. Photos of Jenifer, Don and Frances Warren follow along with a line up of some of the Leyland's at Ferrymead.



Out and about in our P76, and yours all over the place!

We run a periodic piece on where we were on our past AGM's around the country and where Sonya and I have been in our P76 over the last couple of months and maybe where some others have found themselves to be in unusual places with different P76's. This time we cover all of these variations, starting with the photo below. Who knows where these cars are?



Most of you might be guessing, but they are in fact the cars of Alistair Roberts and Craig Burman seen in the UK back in April. The red car is ex New Zealand, and the green car, which was SO, ex WA I think. Add the ON Targa of Dave Eadon and maybe at least one of the late Alan Firth's cars and you have a UK collection. Where is the BA D 6 from Wrexham?

And then we see Mr Gruebner out and about, in South Australia's Birdwood Museum with an OF F7V. One I have yet to visit! One day.

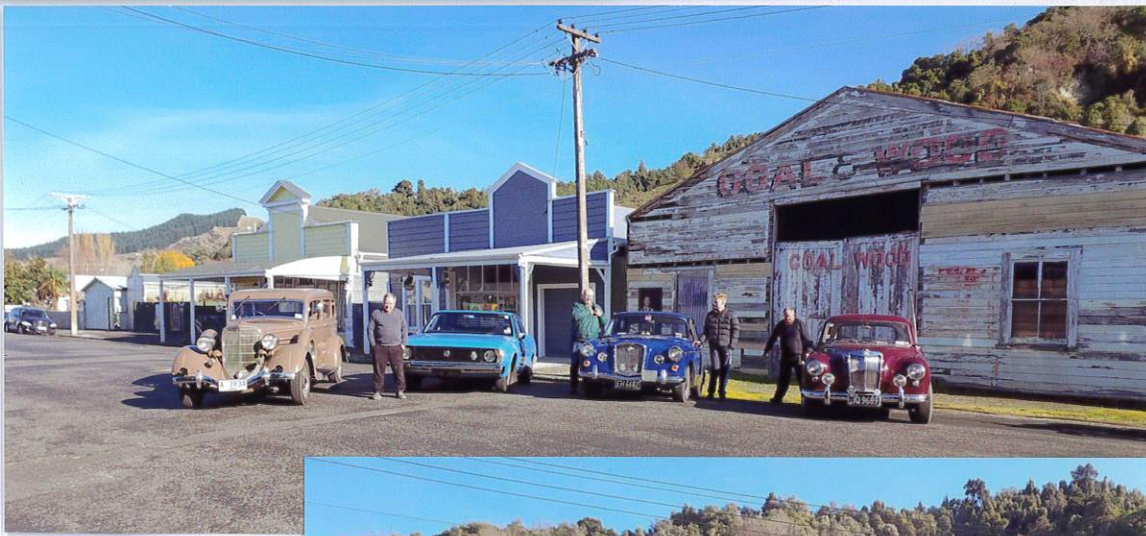
Following on is a selection of photographs of George, our D 6 in a variety of locations and company, from Lake Ferry to Mangaweka. We may be almost alone in Wairarapa but we get about with other clubs.



Mothers Day saw us take Sonya's mum, Judy out to lunch with the Wai Wheels Club to Lake Ferry whereby far the most popular meal is their fish and chips. There was a good turnout of cars, rods and motorcycles at Vinnie and Barb's for morning tea before our cruise out to the pub. The F&C did not disappoint. A couple of shots showing the range of vehicles accompanying us, the P76 is right in the back of the group photo, the pickup is just for fun.



After a trip to Mangaweka with the MX5 Club we had the opportunity to go back with the VCC for an overnight stay a fortnight later. This also afforded us the opportunity to buy the large china elephant pot plant stand from the Yellow Church Gallery discovered on our first trip. We have a smaller one already. No way would it fit in the MX5 but the P76 boot is another matter! It was a great weekend, a much more sedate run than with the MX5 Club which if truth be told suited the P76 and allowed us to take in the scenery on the beautifully fine days we travelled. And the Gallery certainly benefitted from our groups presence.



Above are the assembled cars and motorcycles on the VCC run taking the opportunity for an old-time photo in a Mangaweka side street. Drew a few onlookers too. Dodge, Leyland, Wolseley, MG various BSA, AJS and one Royal Enfield and a Suzuki and the Humber 80. Over this distance, Dave the Suzuki rider reckons his BSA gives him a very sore bum!

Most of us stayed at Awastone just outside of Mangaweka on the banks of the Rangitikei River, the outlook was stunning, the café very good too and the interior decorator was on thematic roll with the installation of a washed up tree trunk and stump decorating the bar.



We also had a lunch run up to the Post Office Hotel in Pahiatua with Ramrodders, just a casual run on a sunny day in great company. See the P76 followed by the 68 Plymouth Fury convertible, a 68 SS Camaro, a somewhat modern Stepside C10, a sweet orange Mustang, owned by a couple who have had more than 10 MX5's before they lost their way, an older Stepside C10 and a very nice 61 Impala, my pick of the group. A nice lunch for no particular reason other than we hadn't been there before. And I learnt what Stepside means in term of American Pick-up trucks. Sometimes it has to jump out at you doesn't it!

And for a bit of nostalgia see the next page and watch your wallet weep. This is a copy of the sheet that came to us with all the papers accompanying George to Leyland Lodge in Wainuiomata. From the agency that sold George new to Dan Harte. That's my dad's name too.



And now it is time to offer our most hearty congratulations to the magnificent team and achievement of Matt Bryson and Mike Pink in their car #93, the Leyland P76, who took out first place in the Peking to Paris Motor Challenge. Check it out at

<https://worldrallyp76.blogspot.com/>

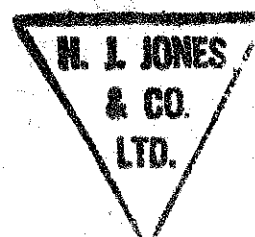
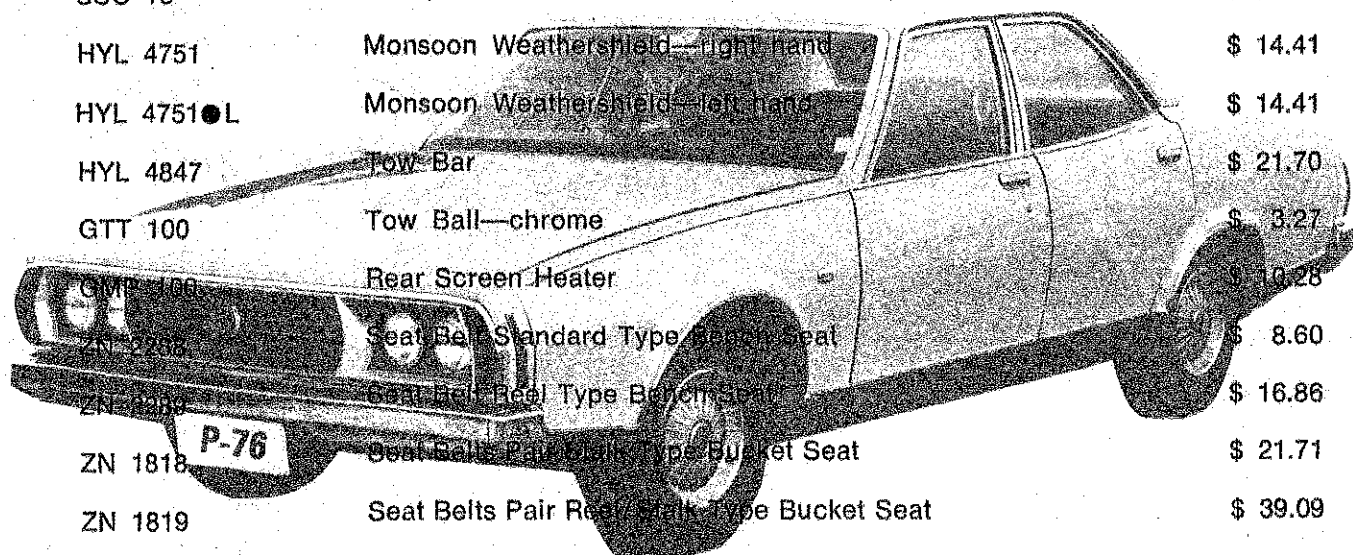


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Tui Brewery British and European Car Day

We recently attended a British and European Car show at Mangatainoka Tui Brewery. Only had one know all come up and told us we weren't a British car. Fancy that. There were about 80 cars on show with a few cars we hadn't seen before and lots of Morris Minors & Mini's, a lovely Ford Zephyr and Audi's & Porches were there amongst it all.

The Leyland drew the usual crowd with one gentleman telling us that he helped assemble them and loved them more than any other car he had to assemble. Took 4hrs to put in the windows. Loved the cars.

There was People's Choice voting and the following car below, a 3 Wheel Morgan won top car. A Humber Super Snipe convertible and a Super Snipe Woody were our picks. The Humber convertible also appears below. As should the CW S P76 and it might if I can find the photo!

A very friendly show, great venue, good food, music & facilities as well. Sorry you had covid Ron & couldn't come with us. *And Rob was at the NZFMC AGM in Petone.*

Colleen & Brian Francis



The Northern Group Parts Department

Has been relocated to Hamilton, please use me as your contact, (*again!*)

Your new contact is Ed Tubman on 027 204 7112 or email tubmanp76@gmail.com

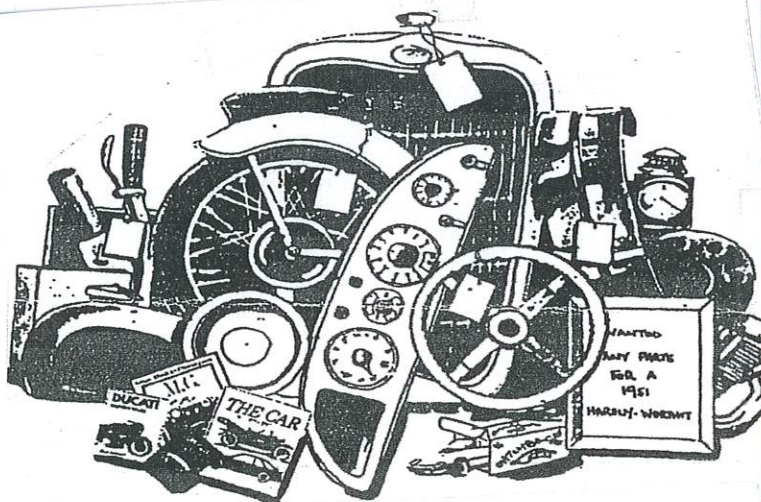
Parts are held at a location close to Hamilton, but as it is a private home we do not have 24/7 access, however, after an extensive sorting we do have a list, which has grown already!

Please request a Parts List if you need some bits. Ed Tubman

See our storage space below.



P76 Parts Galore



1:18 Scale Model Targa Florio in Metallic Nutmeg

Ok, we flogged this off the cover of the latest Westwords Magazine from Western Australia but I'm sure Kate won't mind as it's in a great cause. Furthering the cause of P76! These models were first released in Omega Navy which has all sold out, various stockists in New Zealand have no more to my knowledge. You can check your local outlet if you wish but as you can see pre orders are being taken from the manufacturer at the website shown below.

Currently I believe some 432 Nutmeg Targa's are coming to market, to be followed by a similar number of Aspen Green models. If you want yours get your order in now as the Omega Navy ones didn't hang around. I know of over six members who scored the first one and they are all besotted with their Targa models. Some members bought locally and others pre ordered so we know the company supplies to order.

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