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**P76, anything but average**



## **Penzed for May 2024**

Hello again as we seem to rocket through another year. There is a cavalcade of photos, AGM Minutes, stats and facts from the AGM, numerous event reports and some observations from the Editor, me. And as I announced at the AGM, I'm retiring by the end of 2024 and politics and dirty scumbag pirates notwithstanding, I'd like to be cruising to Britain via Suez but that is seeming less likely by the day. Who am I kidding, the cruise is on hold awaiting another route already. So onward, the great New Plymouth AGM has been and the official record of such is contained within shortly. In the meantime, things may look a little different as we move into.

### **Troop Movements**

Firstly, this advice may have appeared before and either way the Editor apologises to **Jenifer and Don Alexander** for omitting the change to the address labels when required. The long serving couple now reside at **Silverstream Retirement Village, 42/488 Greers Road Bishopdale Christchurch 8053**. We hope you are enjoying your new abode. Rest assured all records are now updated.

**Bruce and Anne Cooper** have moved out of their PO Box and are now happily ensconced at **306 High Street South Carterton 5713**.

And as alluded to in Ed's story, **Grant Foote has sold his Pimento Super**. Grant told me that he wished to pass on his thanks to the club for an enjoyable membership and he has encouraged the new owner to join up. As he has been to one event with the club already, I too am encouraging him to join up.

### **Birthdays and Best Wishes**

March brings to us the birthdays of Bronwyn Mackenzie and Pauline McCallum and in April we have the Taranaki twins, Ian Burroughs, and Don Learmonth. However, May is a much more popular birthday month with Carmen Pallesen-King, Steve Learmonth, David Adkins, Malcolm Moore and one of the Clubs elder statesmen, Don Edmonds who attains 86 years of age. Don is a founder member. And best we don't forget that Aussie visitor, Mr Neville Humphries who turns something on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Happy birthday and best wishes everyone.

**And a huge Editorial thank you to the following contributors.**

Jan Moore, Ed Tubman, Paul Heath, Ron Butler, Debbie Larsen, Colleen Francis, Paul Faulkner, Paula Buchanan, Andrew Larsen, Carmen Pallesen - King and whoever took the photo of Paul, me and Ross at the urinals! That may have been Linda. Maddie and Abby for the free publicity. And for the few Facebook supplied too. I hope I haven't missed anybody out, I have so many photos, many off my phone but with me in them, so whoever took the shot, thanks.

### **Shannon Auto Spectacular 18 February 2024**

Along with Ron, we attended one of the biggest shows on our calendar at Shannon. This show gets bigger every year with 400 to 500 cars. You have to arrive early to get a spot. There was a big variety of cars of all makes and a large motorbike section. They were well worth looking at. New, old, classic and caravans were lined up along with some that were not even road worthy. All someone's treasures. As usual the P76's attracted a lot of attention as did the



44-gallon drum in Brians boot! The pair of P76's follows with a 1954 Vauxhall Velox and maybe a De Joux Mini, or a Marcos just to show the extent of the displays.





**New Zealand Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated**

**Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 5 pm**

**Held at the Autolodge Motel, New Plymouth**

The meeting opened at 5.05 pm.

**Members Present:** Andrew Larsen, Debbie Larsen, Paula Buchanan Roy Buchanan, Ed Tubman, Jan Moore, Malcolm Moore, Eric Connor, Rob Jones, Gordon Gruebner, Ron Butler, Lance Wagstaff, Don Learmonth, Brian Francis, Colleen Francis, Carmen Pallesen-King, Mike King, Paul Heath, Noel Moore, Ross Bubbins, Ian Burroughs, Steven Learmonth, Jacs Short, David Timms, Maria Williams.

Welcome: Andrew welcomed everyone to the 41st AGM.

**Apologies:** Brian and Lyn Morris, David and Jane Brown, Sonya Jones, Alex Reid, Regan Parker, Don and Jenifer Alexander, Don and Helen Prouting. **Motion: That the apologies be received. Don L/Ian B. Agreed.**

**Proxy vote.** Jan Moore for Darren King

**Minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> AGM March 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting:** Taken as read. **Motion: That the minutes of the previous AGM meeting are a true and correct record. Jan M/ Paul H. Agreed.**

**Matters Arising:** None.

**Correspondence:** None.

**President's Report:** Taken as read. Andrew spoke briefly to his report. **Motion: That the President's report be accepted. Andrew L/ Ross B. Agreed.**

**Financial Report:** Taken as read. **Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted and payments approved: Debbie L/Ross B. Agreed.**

- Debbie read through some notes Lyn (Treasurer) had made. There was some discussion around the subs staying the same or going up. Don L felt that they should go up as they hadn't been raised for several years. Ross B suggested we get some discount cards from various motoring outlets like Repco. The motion was put. **Motion: That we increase subs by \$10 for full members and \$5 for associate members to take effect from 2025. Don L/Ian B. Vote result 24-1. Agreed.**
- There has been some uptake for emailed Penzed but it would be good to have a few more. Those who don't have email will need to have hard copies but there are more people with email who seem to prefer a hard copy. More savings could be made in this area. Rob encouraged people to sign up for email where possible.
- Appointment of a Reviewer. **Motion: That we appoint Helen Clulee as our Reviewer for the 2024/25 accounts. Andrew L/Rob J. Agreed.**

**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 (temporary)

Committee Members - Paula Buchanan, Jan Moore, 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 2024/25 year. Andrew L/Eric C. Agreed.**

- Rob explained that he was resigning as Editor and from the Committee this year and would be handing over the editorship of Penzed to someone before the end of 2024. He asked the members to consider their friends and family, or themselves, for the job and pointed out that it need not be someone in the Club necessarily. (However, an interest in the Leylands would be a plus!) The magazine is already formatted so it just means adding content and photos. Rob will put the offer out to all members in the next Penzed.

### Any Other Business

- **AGM regularity.** Don L asked the question as to how this conversation was going. Jan told the members that the Southern group wanted to continue to meet in person every year. Ed explained that the idea to discuss two yearly AGMs was largely due to financial reasons. It is an expensive weekend for those travelling long distances. The feeling among the members present was that we retain the yearly AGM with the same North/South rotation.
- Andrew explained an idea from NatCom that we help those taking their Leyland P76 across Cook Strait on the ferry with a subsidy of \$200. This idea was enthusiastically received by the members present. The funds would be taken from any surplus in the AGM account. Each year there is usually a small surplus which could be used for this subsidy. **Motion: That at, or post, the AGM, Natcom subsidises those members who attend the AGM and have crossed Cook Strait on the ferry with their Leyland P76, the amount of \$200. Andrew L/Don L. Agreed.**
- **Constitution changes.** These have to be done by 2026. A sub committee has been set up to look at what needs changing and the revised constitution will be available for consideration and approval at the next AGM. **Motion: That we re-register the Incorporated Society and make the necessary changes to the constitution as required. Debbie L (for Lyn M)/ Andrew L. Agreed.**
- **Front Struts.** After some discussion about purchasing more front struts it was agreed that we buy 10 pairs. This could be from Australia or NZ if we can get NZ made inserts. **Andrew to talk to Lance** who has contacts here.
- **Life Membership.** Currently the constitution only allows for three Life Members at any one time. Rob read out the relevant section from the constitution. Don L asked that Natcom do some research around the new rules and make a decision from that information. Natcom are already looking at increasing the number slightly and the sub committee will keep Natcom and membership informed.
- **Membership cards/number.** Lyn M (Treasurer) is keen to give everyone a number that is permanent rather than a new one on a card each year. This will make tracking easier and simplify recording. The general feeling from the floor was that this was a good idea. **Lyn to activate.**
- **Next AGM 2025.** This will be in Taupo. The exact date will depend on whether we are able to get some track time on the Taupo race track. **Ed to investigate.** It will be sometime in March.
- **Awards.** Ed gave out the following awards –

Piston Broke – Noel Moore

Murray Hatchard Furthest Distance travelled - Roy and Paula Buchanan

Dale Rawlings Memorial Trophy People's Choice – Ron Butler

Meeting closed 6.15pm.



Now you have read through the minutes and seen that the meeting was not a snooze fest, digested the content and applauded or thrown your hands up in horror at the decisions taken we move onto the next possibly important announcement, my resignation resulting in a vacancy within Natcom that really needs to be filled because despite the best efforts of terrorists, politicians and other interfering biddies (substitute whichever B word you prefer here) we are still leaving New Zealand for a prolonged period of time early next year and I won't be in a position to work remotely. And I don't want to.

I started as Editor in September 1992 after the sad passing of Bill Bolt and have continued until now with I think two combined Jan/Mar issues and one missing issue altogether, because I was overseas at or leading up to the publication times. I can honestly say that I have thoroughly enjoyed creating Penzed in my antiquated way and have greatly appreciated the many emails, calls and texts thanking me for an issue that struck a chord with a member.

I have a pile of Word files for the various forms, and some hard copies reused over the years which I will happily share with the next incumbent, if for nothing else to give them the facts and figures to work with. Any and all help I might be able to offer the new Editor will be happily given. However, there is no reason to assume Penzed will look the same forever. I expect I will still contribute event reports and the like after our return from overseas.

So:

A vacancy exists within Natcom for the Position of Editor. 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. 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.

#### **Cover Photo**

From the many offered and taken I chose this for the cover because it includes the Len Lye Wind Wand, the focal point of the reserve where we held our public display. I might say it drew a good number of people in, including some tourists who had no idea what the cars were at all, some Aussies who marvelled at how many there were, sixteen in that line, and many locals just fascinated by the show. While the light on the day doesn't show the colours to full effect it is still quite a spectacular showing including the wind wand and the harbour walkway that you can pick up in the background of the photo. Didn't walk it but apparently it goes all the way round to the point in the background. Thank you once again Mr Heath for a great cover shot.

We will continue with some one page reports and maybe larger reports with a listing of the following photos to keep it simple, of photos there are many!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ron.butler43@gmail.com) and Colleen is at 06 368 8624 or [colleen.francis@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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

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.

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](http://www.tuihq.co.nz) Manga' Motors.**

**May 25 Brit/Euro Car Day    June 29 V8 Day    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 the show, usually just after lunch. Sometimes 100's of cars appear 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.



## **Statistics and facts about our National Rally and AGM at New Plymouth**

You have the minutes of the AGM which include the trophy winners for 2024, congratulations to you all, especially you Ron, you have chased that one for a few years now. At this stage I'm not writing a report on the event or my journey to and from, just reporting on what showed up to show off. Is anyone else writing a report?

P76's, all sixteen of them in 10 factory colours, or multiples thereof, and our resident two non factory colours of Rosso Fire and Persian Sand. Out of the factory door we had 3 x CW, 2 x BA and 2 x B as B along with ON, N, AEB, P, FB, CC, and DR. There were 3 Deluxe's where there used to be four but a DR D has morphed into a Super now.

Three cars had sunroofs, 2 had "bugcatchers" over the front windscreens, not a common thing here usually, 2 had painted roofs and 2 had vinyl roofs according to my notes. This is possibly incorrect. There were 2 6 cyl cars, all the rest being V8's and 12 of the cars wore mag wheels of varying types. And sadly, for Lance and the rest of us the Force 7V was not completed in time to participate but many of us visited it, and Lance still drove a P76 over the weekend most of the time anyway. I'm thinking Mr VP may have been the only member AWOL, why?

Fact, I'm not keen on craft beers, however, in the house bar there was a concoction called Rain in your Face by the Three Sisters Brewery and it was delicious, and strong and plentiful!

The young women who looked after us on the Friday and Saturday nights in the bar and restaurant went above and beyond to look after us. I told their boss; hope he passed it on.

As always, the cars attracted immense attention from tourists and hotel guests, several of whom related stories of their dad or uncle or someone who'd had a P76 in the past.

## **More Troop Movements**

The old guard in Auckland has been less than 100 lately and our best wishes go out to Alex Reid, and we hope you enjoy reading this issue of Penzed shortly. We missed you at the AGM. Alex has had to relocate, and we will advise his new address next time.

And Sandy Downes tells us she now resides at 30 Victors Road Hoon hay Christchurch 8025. Sandy, you enjoy your new place, and we hope settling in was quick and easy.

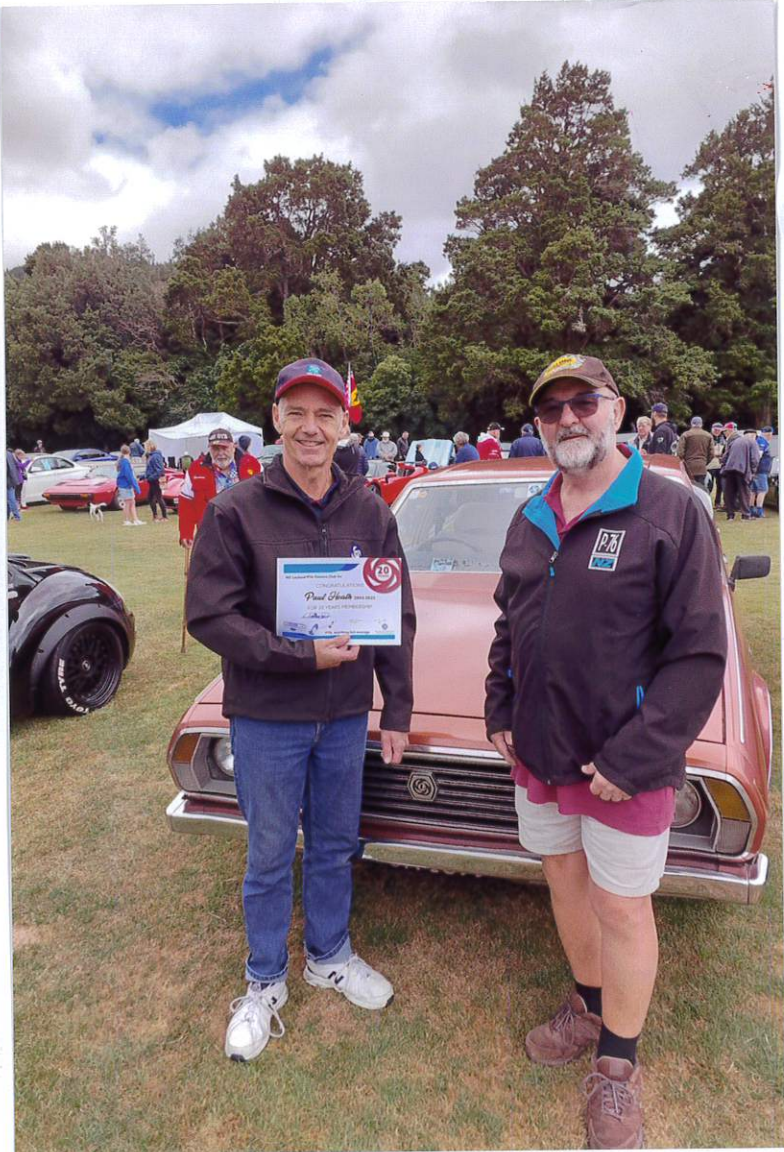
And there are others amongst us who shall remain nameless at this stage who need our best wishes, and so do Sonya and I, just had the school holidays of which I think maybe three days of them I haven't been sick, damn it.

New members, **Dave Rush of 1A Newnham Street Rangiora 7400**. He brings with him a DR V8. Welcome aboard Dave, get involved and see your car in here.

And as alluded to earlier, **Antony Smith of 232 Hamurana Road Rotorua** brings Grant Foote's car back into the club and is expected to be seen actively up north. Welcome gentlemen.

And back to the reports, following along is that of **British and European Car Day**, February 11, 2024. Over \$4500 was raised for Wellington Free Ambulance on the day. Ron and Ray, Paul and Linda and Rob and his grandson Patrick and girlfriend Rebecca filled out the P76 display, Rob with the MX5 and Patrick with his BMW 550. The MX5 is blue and identified as a P76 on the day, due to the P76 needing a whole new braking system! Only \$1400 to get me to the AGM. Photos follow.....





The two real P76's on the day, flag loftily flying in the breeze. Again, thanks to Ron we had his great tent to shelter us. Big day too, we signed up new member Dougal Barker on the day, he paying his subs via his phone, and Levin member Donald Davey dropped in to say hello and meet some people for the first time in ages. And I got the opportunity to present photographer extraordinaire, Paul Heath with his long overdue 20 year long service certificate. Patrick, Rebecca, BMW and little Leyland appear below.





## Brit Euro Cars

Ok, it's a Maxi but when did you last see one? Plenty of Jaguar, Rolls Royce and the like, but a Maxi! 1976 model.



I can't go past one of these, this one a 1960 ID19



MG was marque of the day being its Centenary year, the oldest MG on display, a 1933 Midget and the latest MG EV said to be phenomenally fast.



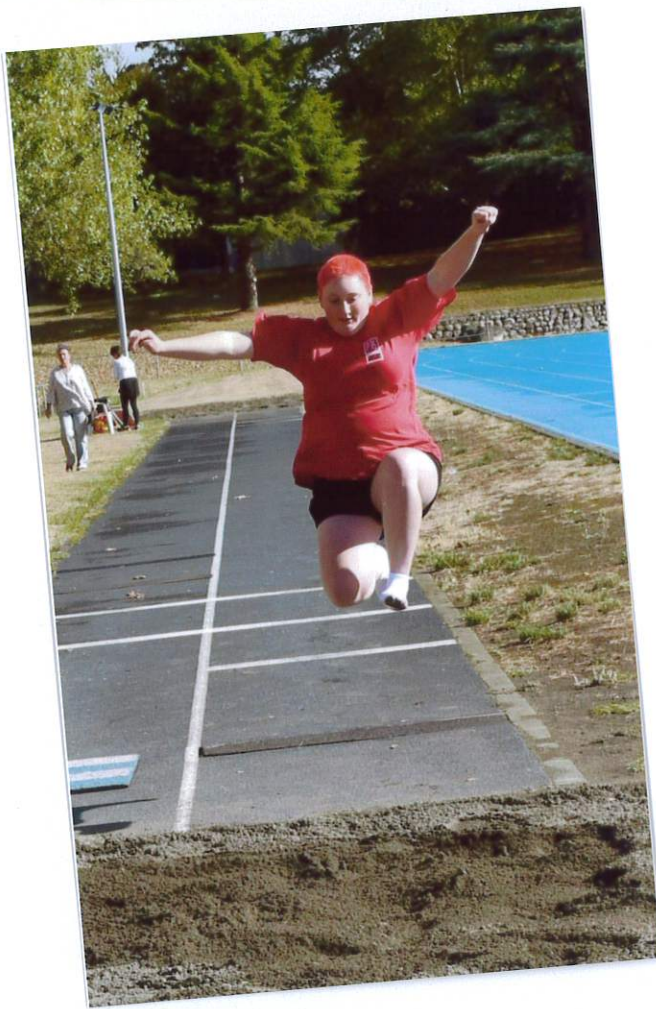




Further to All Aussie Car Day back on January 20 we can now share a picture of all the Leyland's together and another showing Ron and me proudly displaying our 40 year long service certificates having been presented with them by Andrew, again this presentation was somewhat overdue but it took a long time to get all the right people in the same place. Thank you, Mr Larsen. The P76's from L to R are those of Butler, Larsen, Day, Jones, and Francis.







The P76 Club gets publicity and support from many places, some you'd not expect really, like the Solway College Sports Day. Abby and her friend Maddie are both in Redwood House and so require red attire in which to compete in the many events available. So, Abby for a few years now has donned my old Targa Rally team t shirt, and as you can see, dyes her hair red for the full effect. Seen here in either the long or triple jump, while Maddie is in a running event at which she excels usually, wearing possibly a red 25 year anniversary shirt borrowed from Sonya.

#### **For sale and wanted items**

Inlet Manifold jigs.

At the AGM in Taranaki Ron Butler demonstrated some jigs he has made to glue paper gaskets on to your old valley gasket tin plate. After cleaning the old paper and glue off of them or buying new tin plates from the NSW club that do not have paper gaskets fitted.

He has made five sets. Ed Tubman has a set in Hamilton Ron Butler has two sets in Paraparaumu and Ross Bubbins has two sets in Christchurch to be used free of charge to members paying for postage both ways. These are high quality jigs that make the glueing a piece of cake.

The glue to use is Copper gasket spray from Supercheap Repco or BNT.

Gaskets are available from Ron at \$ 40-00 a set of 4, they are precision cut

You will need four G Cramps to glue them overnight on one side. then the other side the next night. **Ron's phone is 021 156 8949 or 04 902 0275**

### **Don Learmonth's corner, or top of page**

Firstly, for sale. There are a few of the New Plymouth National Rally and AGM vests available to members who may need to update their Leyland P76 Club wardrobe. I bought one as mine dates from 2005, a great year but getting a bit old now, and Sonya has one as well. These are really very nice and a considerable improvement over what was available in 2005. They have a pale blue lining covered with a dark blue outer, Leyland roundel emblem on the left breast with Leyland Club of NZ and Taranaki 2024 embroidered around it, a quality zip front and a pocket on each side. They look really classy.

Sizes available at time of typing are: Small 1, Large 2, Xtra large 1, 3XL 1, 5 XL 1.

Don will sell you one of these for what we believe to be \$52 including delivery, assuming a universal postage charge. Don's contact is [don.learmonth@gdn21.com](mailto:don.learmonth@gdn21.com) or **phone 021 861 714** to confirm availability. There were a few others, but they have gone already. Be in quick!

And Don wants to buy: **Super or Executive front bucket seats** to be reupholstered so outer cover does not need to be brilliant so long as the frame and foam etc are all ok, and preferably, they come with seat back covers and headrests. They do not have to be reclining seats.

And even more luck will be required I assume to get a back seat to match the front ones, well a **Super or Executive type rear seat cushion and rear seat panel**, again which will be reupholstered as required. That's the one with the armrest that lowers down in the middle.

Please contact Don as above to see if he has got lucky yet.

### **Directory for the following photos taken at the New Plymouth weekend, in random order:**

**People Pics Page 1** Aussie guests, Lucinda and Neville at the Ta Whiti Museum, Andrew and Debbie Larsen, President and Secretary enjoying the spoils of a spot prize, myself, Paul Heath, and Ross Bubbins experiencing the Adamant Urinal, a design masterpiece in porcelain, one of only two left in New Zealand. This in the Hawera Gentlemen's Club and the other in parliament somewhere, and the ubiquitous Fergie tractor being admired by Ed Tubman, Neville Humphries, Mike King, and Steve Learmonth.

**Page 2 Lines of Leyland's**, a convoy of epic proportions reasonably well maintained for our club! Adding a pile of class to the Taranaki Holden Museum, a bunch of shapely bums! And I have to say, we did wonder why Debbie stopped for photo's after leaving the car collection but now we can see why, a line of Leyland's streaming out of Paritutu Rock, a New Plymouth landmark.

**Page 3** A big somewhat fuzzy group of **staunch Leyland Club members** at Opunake Beach. Setting the cars up for the display that followed was an exercise in many things, public patience being one of them! There wasn't a ton of room to move in. Lovely play ground and other facilities attached to the surf club there, and very scenic beach front too.

**Drivers**, attend your cars.

Now I shall see how all this fits together and determine if I need to include some more photos of which there are plenty. Thank you to the Taranaki lads (and Debbie) for a great weekend full of interesting activities, great food, wonderful beer, and a goodly number of Leyland's too. Three Sisters Brewery "Rain in your Face" beer, you have to try it.

















#### Hanmer Motorfest 24 February 2024

Two members turned out for this event as I found out on Facebook. The Buchanan P76 was there, and I missed as good shot of it but did manage to find it hiding behind the prize-winning Ford Escort you see above. Roy said it was spectacular. And the Faulkner's were there too, but in their secret car not of Leyland parentage.

Below you see the 99,000 mile Studebaker Champion in its all original condition towing its own little 1977 New Zealand made Zephyr caravan which has been completely refurbished inside and out to match the Studebaker. What a wonderful combo.

Maybe one day soon Roy will be able to take his Nash while Paula drives the P76, there's a thought.







### **Paeroa V8 Day and Motorcycle Show 24 February 2024**

An early start was required to collect Reagan and travel to Paeroa in time for a breakfast gathering with a bunch of P Nuts.

On arrival at the L&P café it was a King Family reunion with Mike, Stephen, Karen, and other family members, along with Steve Learmonth and Jax.

After an enjoyable breakfast we travelled around to the local Domain and parked up right behind a new P owner Tony Smith in his Pimento Super.

The Sun protection was raised, as it was forecast to be a hot day.

It was a huge display for a little town with cars from all over arriving, all breeds, even some with the incorrect number of cylinders.

There was a lot of interest in our Leyland's, with lots of people telling us their stories and memories of the car, very few knockers nowadays, lot of surprise that we have lasted for 50 years.

A few of the group wandered across to pick up mementos from the swap meet on the other side of the park.

Finally at around 3.00pm we packed up and wandered home, a great day had by all.

Ed Tubman





## Jan and Malcolm went to New Plymouth and had fun getting home!

We see Jan adorning the bonnet of their new "Super" model P76 at Opunake Beach.

Returning home through the Wairarapa, Martinborough to be precise they became the victims of "Going to Dunedin Disease" The bloody ferry failed again!

In short their hosts delivered them to the airport so they could fly to Nelson, get to Motueka to collect their long awaited helicopter from the repair shop and then flew home to Reefton together in the chopper. Sweet.

This meant Jan had to return/fly back to Wellington and then get to Martinborough to collect the P76. Took the train? Then drive back to the ferry, board, disembark and drive back to Reefton several days later, or when a ferry was actually running! I think Jan said it was a lovely 360km trip all by herself. So close to that trophy!

Chopper is their Hughes 500C

