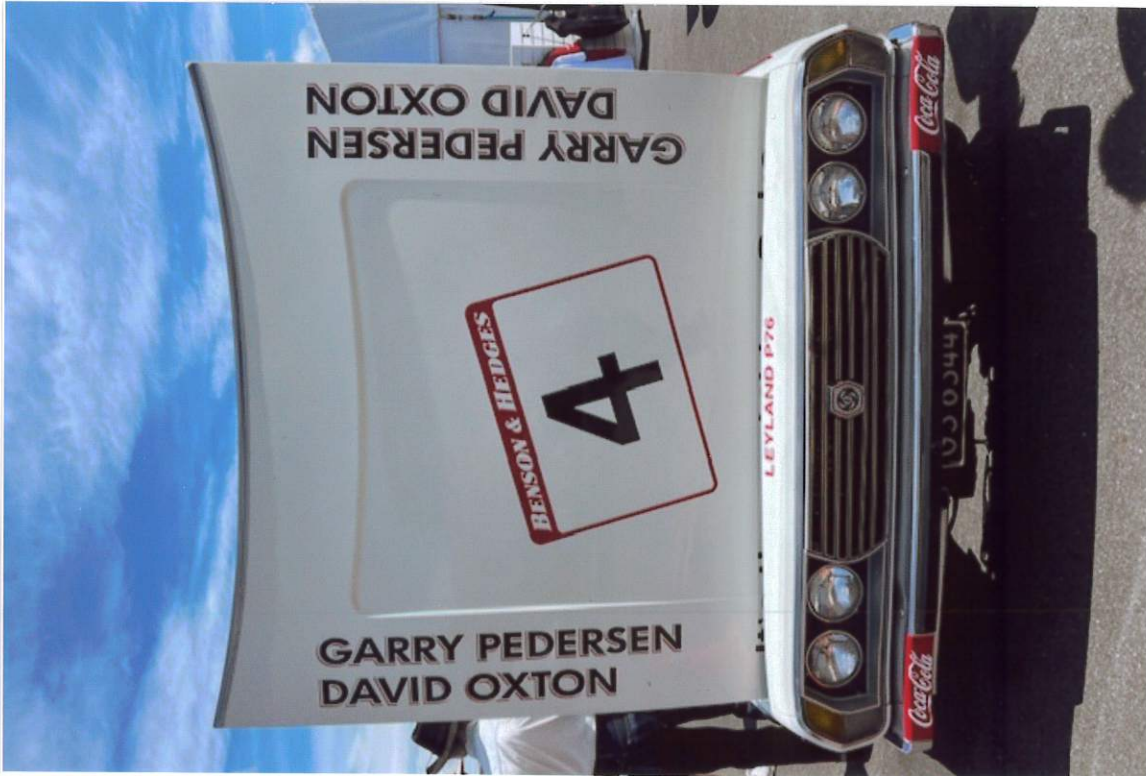


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P76, anything but average

Penzed for March 2025

The end is nigh for me, and I find I'm overloaded with potential input and then I got a phone call that would have a significant impact on my life, after waiting over two years to get a hip replacement I'm advised that I'm due for my op in one week. That was February 27 and resulted in the urgent production of the AGM Booklet without your expected Penzed. March 6 saw me in hospital for an operation that turned into a medical misadventure and here I am on May 25, finally able to have a crack at what I hope will be a great farewell issue for you.

My hip is good, and I continue to recover from the other malaise foisted upon me by our xxxxxx medical system. Let me just say that 99.5% of the staff I encountered were wonderful.

I've endeavoured to include all the usual news, birthdays and event reports in here along with a special report on a special event as you will have seen by the cover already. This issue may just have the most P76's ever shown in a single issue. Enough of that, firstly I should thank the many contributors to this issue, not the least all those whose cars appear.

A big Thank You to all the contributors here and from before for the photos and words supplied. Clyde Walters, writer of the Hampton Downes Report, Colleen Francis, Ron Butler, Eric Connor, Jenifer Alexander, Don Learmonth, Ed Tubman, TV1 News, Facebook, Carmen Pallesen, and Paula Buchanan and maybe others by the time I finish.

Birthday Wishes Seeing as it's now May I've included all the birthdays I have on record up to the end of May, and this includes a couple of our rather senior members too. February sees Jan Moore, Noel Preen, Tita Day, Ian Hunter and Jessica Walker, Ron's granddaughter who might as well be in the club all progress another year. March is a light month with only Bronwyn Mackenzie and Pauline McCallum celebrating their big day and April is the same with those old school mates Ian Burroughs and Don Learmonth aging gracefully. May sees Carmen Pallesen in denial, Roy Buchanan, our Aussie mate Neville Humphries, Malcolm Moore and last but not least but nearly really old, Don Edmonds. Best wishes to you all.

Where were we in 2002, Hanmer Springs and the Molesworth Track This event warrants inclusion as it proved to offer some of the most photo opportunities, dirty dust covered cars and just a great time by a good-sized group of members and friends.



Legends of Speed 25 & 26 January 2025

Hampton Downes

Celebrating David Oxtan

Saturday the 25th of January dawned fine and turned into a really hot day, especially on the concrete and black asphalt of the Hampton Downs motor racing circuit. The "Coke" P76 of Mike King, a tribute to the 1975 B&H 1000km entry of David Oxtan / Garry Pedersen, and the actual Ross Calgher / Malcolm Andrews car from the same race, arrived on time along with four road cars: Rob Jones driving Ed Tubman's Omega Navy car, Ed in Alex's Bold As Brass, Steve Learmonth in his beautiful and tastefully-modified burgundy Hotrod and Gordon Gruebner in his Bold As Brass. The Coca-Cola car was driven off the trailer and staged outside the front of the marquee which was housing some actual and representative race vehicles from throughout Oxtan's motorsport career. Andrew Larsen's Spanish Olive ex-Calgher car was wheeled off the trailer and, along with the four road cars, parked appropriately in a prime spot - adjacent to the main lane and the marquee.





This was all managed among the comings and goings of race cars, being a busy and full race weekend. Up went the tent and club flags then everyone settled in for a weekend of P76 goodness. At this stage I should mention that Andrew put in a supreme effort to have his car looking as it raced, 50 years ago, and to get it to HD from Taranaki to support this event and the club. Photos - Mikes Coca Cola P76 with a Ralt RT4, the Larsen/Calgher P76, the club display and sharing our space, Racing Ray Williams and his awesome sounding Capri.

During the course of the meeting, our club and cars were repeatedly mentioned over the public address system. There were many people, throughout the weekend, wandering through the cars, looking and chatting with club members. At lunchtime on Saturday there was a "parade" of Oxton-related cars lapping the circuit - Garry Pedersen took the wheel of the big Leyland and, despite being 82 and having never driven around Hampton Downs, put in some hot laps with Mike in the passenger seat and Alan (Mr Coke) Boyle in the back with his wife. Garry even put a passing manoeuvre on the Peter Brock / Oxton Commodore - yeah!! Mike was pretty impressed.

We tried to get all six drivers from that 1975 race to Hampton, the third pairing being Dauntsey Teagle / Jim Murdoch, four fronted: Oxton / Pedersen (still good mates after all these decades), Ross Calgher turned up for a look and Jim Murdoch was there. Malcolm

Andrews was aware but was a no-show. Dauntsey was "in my last throes" (his words) in a hospice on Auckland's North Shore and despite arrangements in place should he have been up to a half day outing; it wasn't to be - he passed away about a week later. Rest In Peace, Dauntsey. Dauntsey was a Club member from 1994 until 2004.

Saturday evening's onsite function was a great event, with many national and international motorsport luminaries celebrating David's career. Two vehicles were allowed into the pavilion for the occasion: the black Oxton Begg FM5 Formula 5000 car with which David won the 1972/1973 and 1973/1974 NZ Gold Star championships (making it three in a row) and the mighty Coca-Cola P76. And the Leyland was closer to the people, who were all seated at tables of about eight - you couldn't see the F5000 parked on the other side of it! Legend has it that the big car only just fitted through the pavilion doors. During the evening one of the many funny anecdotes was Oxton quoting one of Dauntsey's motorsport lines: "Coming second is like kissing your sister!".





Sunday had its bouts of rather inclement weather, but the meeting largely pressed on.

See the foggy P76 above. All in all, a highly successful outing for Team P76 - as predicted, we were a star attraction and thanks go to all involved for their organisation and attendance. Thanks to the club for funding the graphics application on the Coke car (no thanks to Coke/Coca-Cola themselves) and to Lisa Adlington (Add Design and Print, Waihi) who did us a very good deal and managed to get her materials supplier to donate the vinyl. Thanks to Steve Elliott for much work behind the scenes. We partook of a very relevant event and got great car and club exposure.

Best regards to all.

Clyde.



The Central Group Christmas party and other outings

The Central Group Christmas Luncheon was held at the Woolshed Cafe, Sanson this year. This luncheon was well attended with Paul & Linda, Brian & Colleen Francis, Ian Burroughs, Lance Wagstaff, Don Learmonth & Ron Butler all arriving by P76, along with Martin Wayer who came in his Falcon. The Leyland line up got the usual attention. They always make a great show. It was a great catch up at a great venue. Fast service and good food. Colleen.

Early one Saturday in December some Wellington members met at the Woolshed Café in Sanson for lunch. Six P76's arrived being those of Ron, Brian and Colleen, Paul and Linda, Don, Lance and Ian as can be seen below. And Martin arrived in his more modern car! *Where is the P76?* The cars generated a lot of interest and many questions from other patrons. The food was excellent and timely despite the large crowd present, A good catch up was had by all. Don Learmonth.



In December Ron Butler and we went to our first official car show for this summer at Southwood's Car Museum Coffee and cars event. We expected there to be a large turnout, but the numbers far exceeded what we expected. I guess with having been cooped up over the winter months, everyone just wanted to get out, show their cars and catch up with friends. It's a shame that so far, we have had 2 big shows cancelled for 2025. Manfield All Aussie Car Day & Dannevirke's Wheels with Attitude. We always looked forward to these 2 shows and hopefully they will return 2026.

Both always drew plenty of cars and spectators. For the reasons given, (H&S for one,) we now must keep close eye open for any others car shows that may pop up in our region. Spoiler: this is why we have a couple of extra P76's showing up at Shannon for the first time.

Hope you all had a good Christmas and a have a great New Year. Colleen and Brian

And as always, we love to celebrate a wedding car and to this end Mr Butler was invited to bring his chariot of choice to a Wairarapa wedding held in Carterton, not the Boonies as he described it! I did ask if they needed a second blue P76, but they didn't! Danica and Ben enjoyed the comfort of Ron's car as you will see on the next page. By the way Ron, your ribbon bedecked car was spotted by Abby traversing the Rimutaka Road.



British and European Car Day saw three P76's and at least three other members aboard other things like a Land Rover and Wolseley 6/110 enjoy a wonderfully warm sunny day in the company of 100's of cars from numerous countries in a vast palette of colours, and the notable addition of the Italian Motorcycle Club adding some spice to the bike display. No offence BSA and Triumph riders, or AJS, Matchless, Norton and Royal Enfield. P76 perspectives from the field and TV1 news later in the day, and an MG and a dog, both popular exhibits.



Carrying on, with the cancellation of two of our major shows, we were left with the opportunity of the Shannon Auto Spectacular to show off our cars. Didn't quite manage the flag on the day! Ron kindly suggested to me that I/we should attend as they come south to B&ECD each year, so it's only fair we go north to support their local show, so I was granted a leave pass to stay at Ron's Saturday night to make the early start picking up Ray and Brian along the way. Colleen joined us later accompanied by her delicious bacon and egg pie, thanks Colleen. Peter and Patina Davison told Ron they were also coming so this would be a great chance to finally meet them both. Three of us managed to get together but the show is so big you get ushered I and park up where directed so they weren't with the group, but weren't far away and we did meet up at last.

Below we see the Davison car in all its glory surrounded by Americana and our three cars. We just managed to fit in on the end of the row together, erecting our tent over the other side off the old velodrome, which was useful for getting an upper angle photo. B&ECD and SAS photos of other cars may appear later depending on how carried away I get!

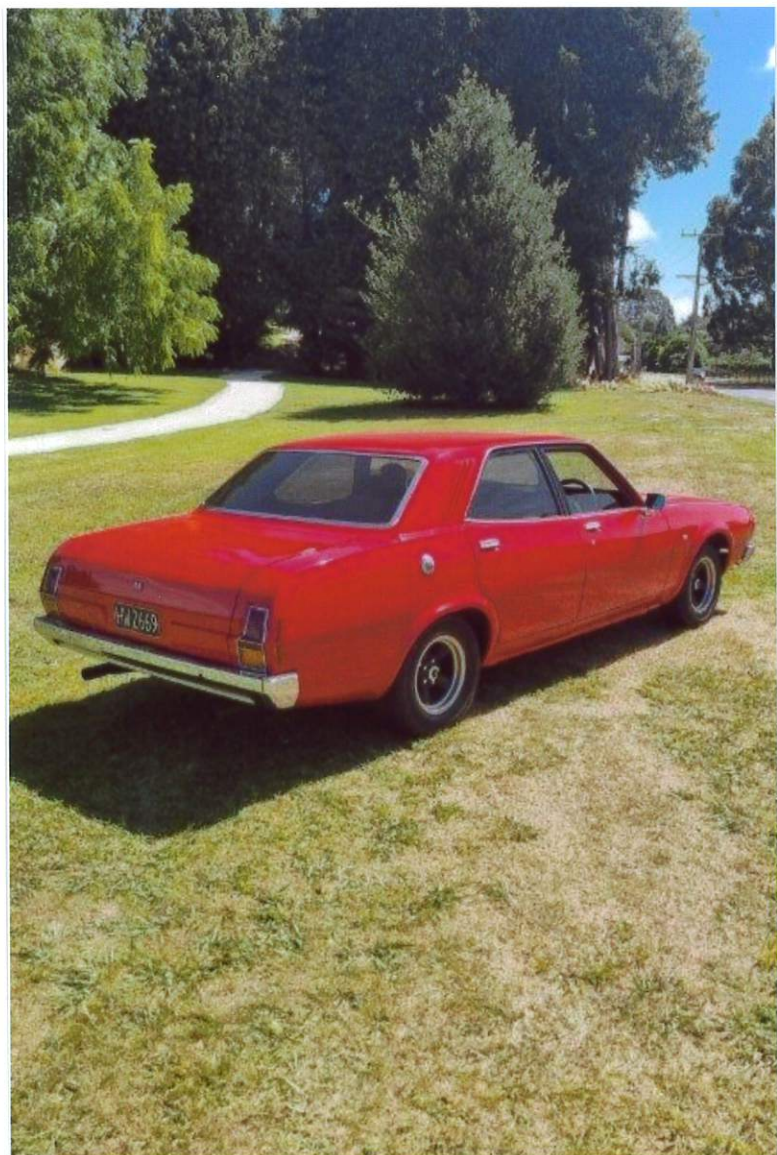




And as promised, if you go somewhere and get "shot" you should be included in Penzed, to this end we welcome new member Geoff Painter to Penzed with old Ken McKenzie's old car, the BA S V8 on the right and of course Eric's NE V8 on the left. They were muscling in on the Charger as you would! This was at the Better Half Breakfast meet at Leithfield January 26.

And this impressive
redbeast was spotted
in Rotorua.
Tony Smith
certainly has a
bright ride. Welcome
to Penzed Tony.
See how easy it is to
be included here for
other members to see
what we are all about.

P76



Southern Group AGM at Eric and Leslie's estate.

Another year, another local AGM kindly hosted by Eric and Lesley at their lovely Mandeville property just Northwest of Christchurch.

Eighteen members attended, many travelling quite a distance to arrive in time for a picnic lunch, followed by Lesley's pavlova and fruit compote. Thank you, Lesley. (How many other AGM members are treated in that fashion ?)

Members present were President Jan, from Reefton, Secretary Paula, and Roy, Treasurer Lyn, and Brian from Waikouaiti, plus Don and Helen (Ashburton) Alister and Frances (Waimate) Darren (Darfield) and Mark and Christine, Sandy, Don and Jenifer from Christchurch as well as Ross, Noel , Eric and Lesley who reside on the outskirts .

Lyn and Brian had car trouble in Timaru (wheel bearing) so their arrival was delayed somewhat, however we were delighted to see them finally arrive and Lyn delivered her financial report, quite a healthy one , due to the efforts of Ross Bubbins, our parts manager. The Hammonds announced their arrival in their Bold as Brass with a noise that any boy racer would be proud of - muffler trouble!

As for the business, our existing committee was re-elected unopposed. President Jan thanked those whose time and efforts made our branch so successful and enjoyable , in spite of aging cars (and people !)

Discussion ensued re the 2026 AGM which Southern Branch is hosting. We look forward to seeing our North Island friends then, especially those of us who are unable to make the forthcoming journey to Tauranga in March. Seven members will be representing Southern Region and many more will be there in spirit only.

Best wishes for an enjoyable time in Tauranga and a Happy New Year to all.

Jenifer.

What must nearly be a file photo shows the P76 assembly below, same cars as last time I think, just in different order!



Editorial Apology! I had a photo of the Calgher car in my collection as it appeared back then, or so I thought! In fact, the colour photo from last time is the Oxton/Pedersen car from 1977 in their third and last P76 attempt, finishing third. The Calgher car now appears below in black and white being pursued by a Datsun 120Y and a Triumph 2.5. Included in this section is my apology for omitting the Central Group Christmas party report last time too!



And speaking of wedding duties, Mike and Steve were recruited to do the honours for a family friend as you can see below. The two cars looking superb as always. Another wedding photo arrived recently showing a Tangerine Special P76 and ON Targa which I just can't fit here but some of us are familiar with the Tangerine car and any nice Targa is nice.





According to Paula and Roy, they attended a small annual car show at Kirwee on March 2 where they were joined by Eric Connor in his P76, but the Buchanan's did not take their P76, nor their Nash (one day eh Roy) No, they took their 1991 Daihatsu Charade 1.3 Auto which I believe came from Paula's mum. This very low milage very nice condition Daihatsu must be getting rarer on our roads now. A precursor to our late 1998 model, we miss our Charade immensely. The show encompassed radio controlled aeroplanes, vintage machinery, fire engines and a range of military equipment including field supplies such as tents and field guns. Interesting! See the wee Daihatsu and Eric's P76 above and below.



The old Paeroa V8 Day is now known as the Paeroa Car Motorcycle Show and Swapmeet and took place on February 22 being beautifully supported by Stephen and Karen King, Steve Learmonth and Jax, Mike and Carmen and Ed, driving Alex Reid's car. Now open to everything, even Elvis turned up! A photo like the one of the cars here also got published in Petrolhead magazine. Well done guys and girls. With many photos to choose from I selected the three on the next page. Stephen King showing off one of those Facebook ordered T shirts that do in fact arrive. I have a different one. The three ladies on the day Jax with her ever present parasol, Carmen and Karen and the rear view of four very nice Leyland's.

The P76 club have long supported this event and long may they continue to do so, one question, where is Royce King's car which ironically appears in this issue from 23 years back!



guns. Interesting! See the 1966 Datsun and Buick P76 above and below.



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at the
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of the
1st Lt.
P76
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Hampton Downes – another story

As Clyde mentioned, I received a phone call and thought this is special, we have to get behind this and I want in. Knowing full well that Andrew and Clyde were starters and being pretty sure Ed would jump at it I wondered how I can get there. Can't really take the AEB 6 to this event, hardly a race car so when talking to Ed I suggested that with the requirement for a few P76's for display, I could come up to his place and drive his car and he could take Alec's. Plan!

So, I caught the train up to Hamilton on Thursday, Ed collected me and we settled in for the night via a local pub. Friday saw us visit the Classics Museum for breakfast where I was introduced to the Bugatti's, New Zealand's worst kept secret due for release at Art Deco weekend. Gorgeous they were and so much smaller than expected in the flesh. A quick trip around the museum meeting some interesting visitors from all over the world and then back to Ed's to strip down a door for the innards that Andrew needed for his car to be more complete whilst on display.

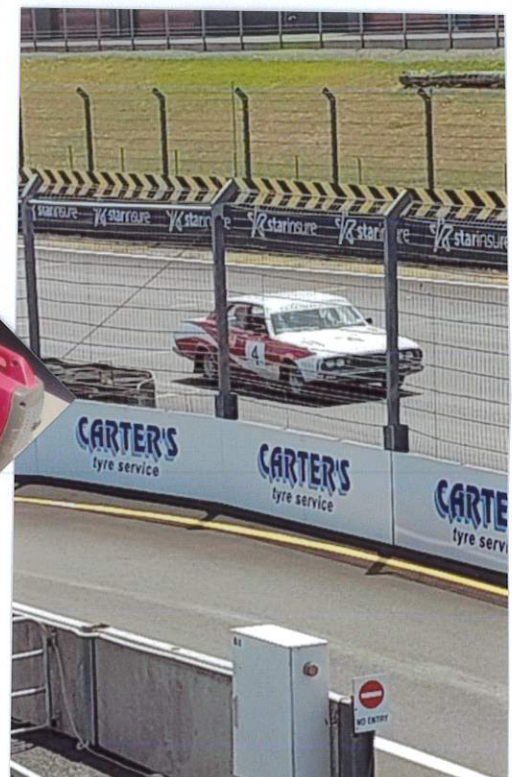
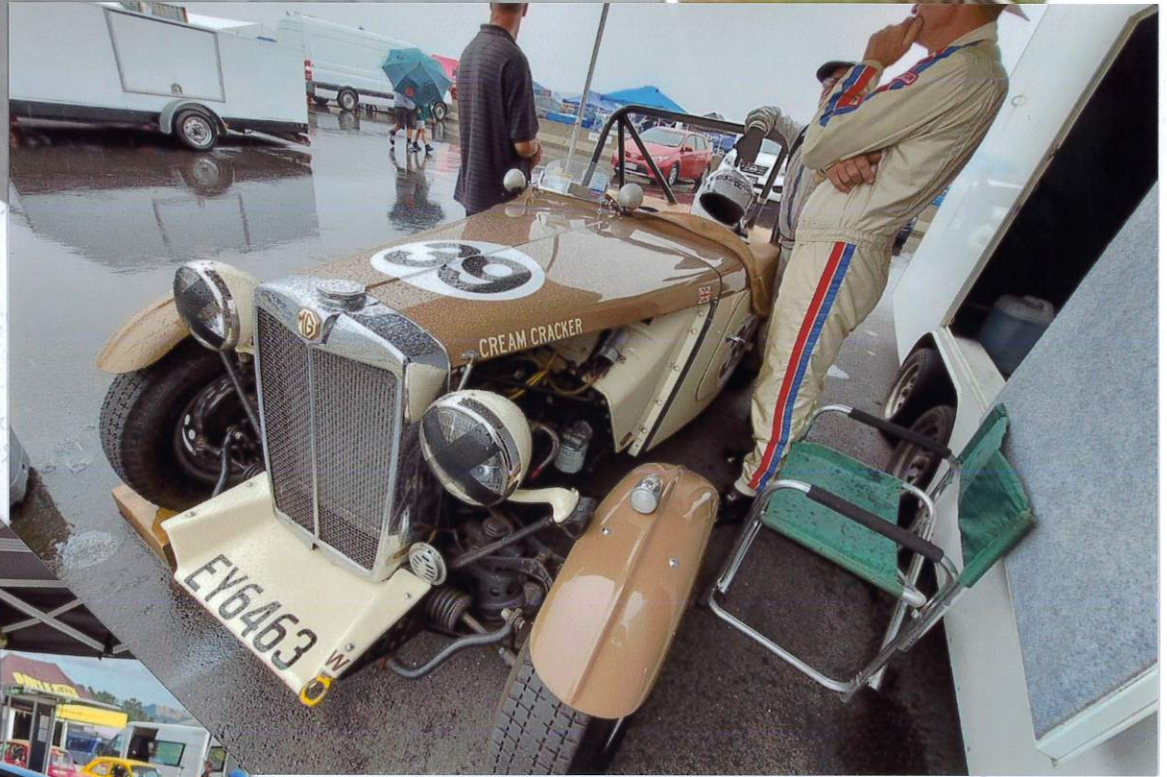
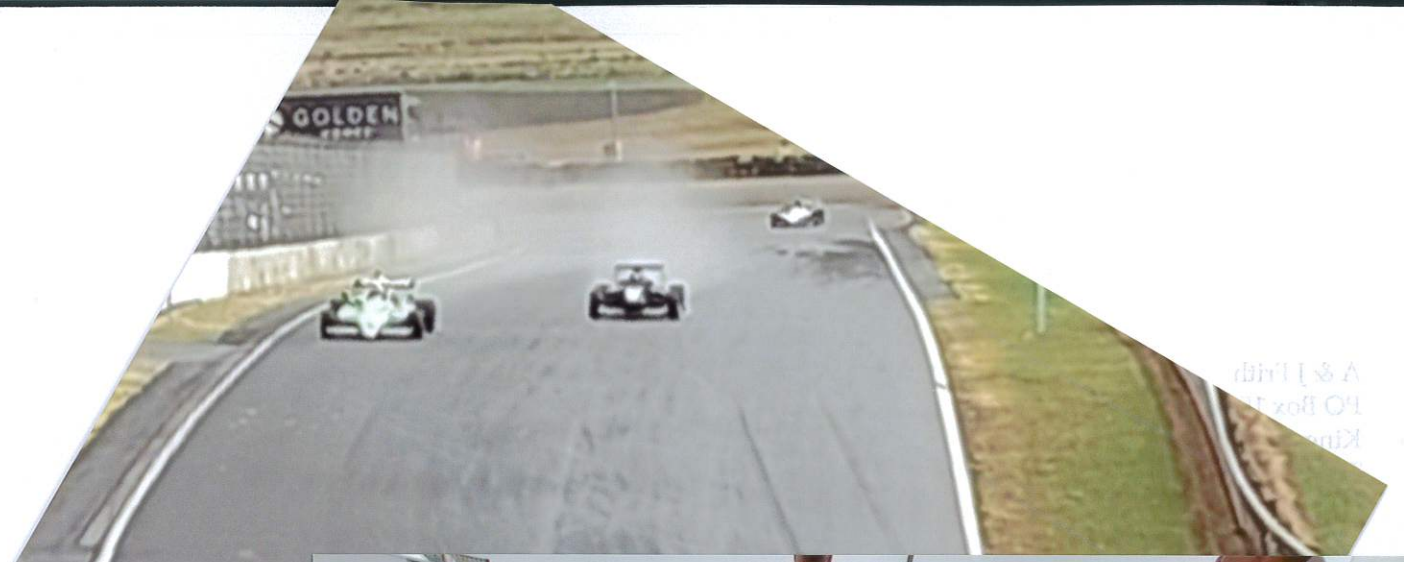
The drive up on Saturday was great, clear sunny skies., my first outing in a V8 for a while and driving on the new big boy's road at 110kph in a convoy of two, we attracted attention. Entry was easy with our laminated tickets, yes Ed has a laminator!

Saturday was great, there were again people from all over the globe amongst the spectators, cars of immense power and presence and gaggles of Mini's too. And a not too long drive back to Hamilton at the end of the day. Oh, and thanks for the bed Ed.

As Clyde mentioned the weather on Sunday wasn't perfect and the Waikato fog as you will have seen with Mike's was a thick as I'd seen in years, even atop the Rimutaka's. Look behind the P76's filling up Sunday morning at the local Caltex station. Photo below. We had showers and wind and rain and even a bit of sun, but it did not dampen anyone's enthusiasm at all.

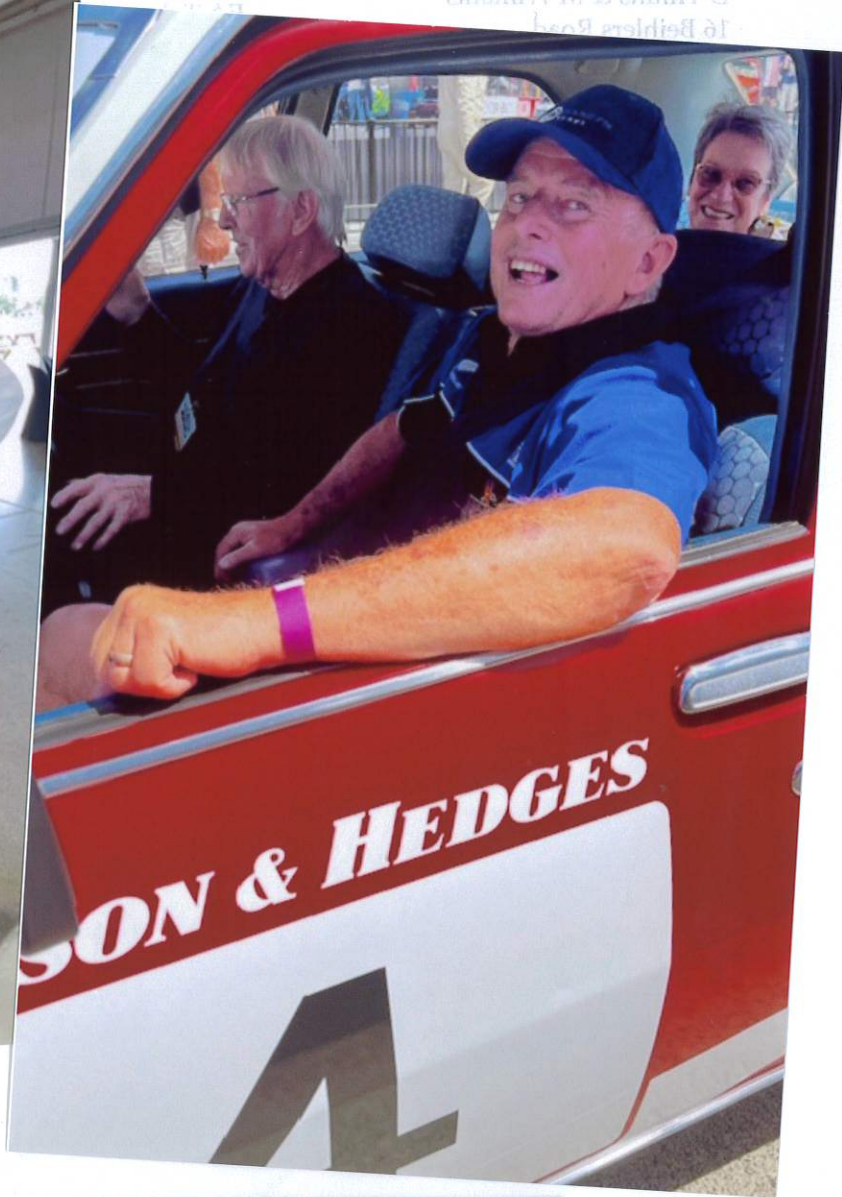
Following is a selection of the cars seen at Hampton Downes. You should be able to identify them by my description. F5000 rooster tails in the rain, VCC Cream Cracker replica of a famous UK based MG, this car and crew were exemplary, Pre 65 class 1958 Jaguar Mk1 with 4.2 XK motor, a happy chap in fine company and a Presidential Picture taken by an ex-president, Mike, Andrew and Ed posing with the Coke P76 before departure on Sunday afternoon. Many thanks to Clyde and you three and the others involved for a great weekend. In case you ever wondered, the event was under news embargo, and we had very generous but restricted entry. And thanks to the NZLP76OCInc for their unquestioning support. Rob.







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As space diminishes, I'm thinking of others that should be acknowledged and maybe some more cars from Hampton Downes too! They may not read this but for 19 years Greenlees Print have printed Penzed and done a wonderful job accommodating my sometimes-urgent requests. Along with this they have designed and printed seven AGM greetings cards, our new membership application and printed various business cards and membership cards.

Also incredibly important is my dear wife Sonya who has supported me and the club for many a year. As technical support for my Editorship many times but more so as technical expertise for my two stints as Treasurer. I did the donkey work; Sonya did the accounting! And Sonya was a sounding board for my term as President, helped organise the Wairarapa AGM and National Rally when Abby was but a toddler and been involved in several other AGM's & NR in the background, not to mention years of Leyland events where we have campaigned George and our earlier cars. The CC SV8 in which she got her first speeding ticket, the BasB D6 in which she almost turned grey when it stalled in central Wellington on a Friday afternoon and only me running about 1.5k's to her rescue could start it! And her own HOTO D V8 seen in Penzed more recently in the Pukekohe 2000 story, we had adventures in all these cars, been places we'd never otherwise have gone to, just like you all have if you think about it.

Chinese Gold Mines behind Shantytown, Bluff, Motu Gorge twice, geographical centre of New Zealand, well we tried but the logging trucks defeated us, lighthouses around New Zealand and many other remote destinations and several trips to Australian National Rallies, yes both of us together. Us and our present P76 are well known around here as we are also in the VCC and Ramrodders Street Rod Club.

Penzed contributors, thank you all again for 32 years of contributions. Some are gone but many are still with us. Rosalie Maunder springs to mind, many a story was written by Rosalie.

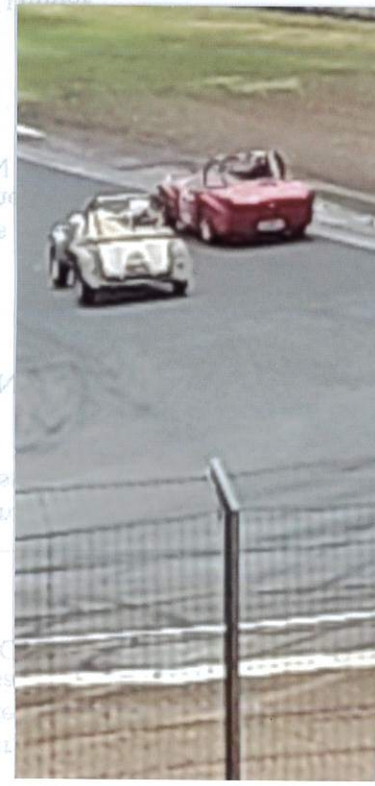
And the many friends across the country who have offered us beds, let me drive their cars, argued with me, it's better than being ignored or blindly agreed with. Natcom of old, Don A, John W, David B, Gordon G, and even Paul H gave it a go, and the others no longer with us who I still miss dearly like Phil, Brian, Bill, Don, Philip and Selwyn.

That's it from me, thanks for putting up with me and my error ridden texts which I know are repeated here in places. Travel safe in your Leyland P76

Rob Jones -Retired

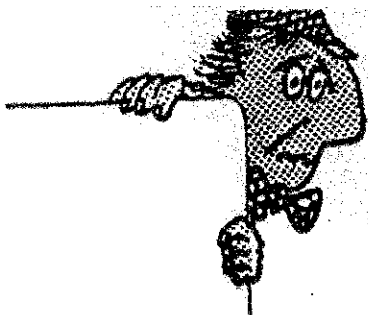
This leaves one page for some of the other spectacular cars from Hampton Downes. I conversed with many of the crews; everyone was so accommodating whatever the weather.

The NZSC class 2009 Gulf Reynard Inverter 09Q, Pre 65 1962 Chevrolet Nova and the classy looking HVRA class BMW being a 1971 CSL. This car was so well presented, I mean they all were, but this BMW stood out to me and I'm rarely a fan. The strip photos show the MG chasing down the Daimler SP250 of Brian Ashworth from Christchurch. A superb car I didn't photograph up close but should of on a couple of visits to it in the marquee. These two provided a spectacle in the VCC final race. I hope you enjoy this issue.





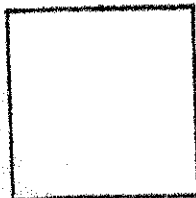
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