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Four of the Club's finest examples parked at the Avarina Estate Sportscar Museum, Yallingup.

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EDITOR'S CORNER:

As the prospect of a long, hot summer draws closer, it is most fitting that October and November are popular months for classic car events. For our Club, it has to be the BMC/Leyland Day at Manning Park, Spearwood, scheduled for Sunday 26 October. By the time you get to read this editorial, that event will be done and dusted but, hopefully, well-supported by members and their cars. November kicks off with the hugely popular Brockwell Classic Car Run, scheduled to launch as part of the Fremantle Festival on Sunday 9, and promising to display a spectacular range of historic vehicles. Details are on page 10. The Club's final meet before the Christmas/New Year break will take place on Monday 22 December, when formal business will be followed by informal drinks and nibbles along with the possibility of some audiovisual entertainment. Finally, the Club is putting together another excellent calendar for the New Year and members can see details on page 6 on how to order a copy.



WA Club Parts List

Paul Banham has prepared the following updated parts list for interested Members:

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COMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2014

7.30pm

Kenwick Community Centre
Cnr Kenwick Road and Brixton St, Kenwick.

BMC/Leyland Day. Sunday 26 October. 10.00 am. Manning Park, Spearwood.

Participating Members should have their cars in place between 9am and 9.30am.

Brockwell Classic Car Run. Sunday 9 November. Departing, Fremantle Park, Ellen St, Fremantle. Details on page 10.

Club Christmas Meet. Monday 22 December, 7.30pm, Kenwick Community Centre. Nibbles and soft drinks. BYO beer & wine.

All Aussie Car Day. Sunday 12 April 2015. 10.00am – 4.00pm. Waroona Showgrounds.

Easter National Meeting 2015 April 3 -6. The Easter 2015 National Meeting is to be held at McLaren Vale, South Australia. To make this event possible we need get a better idea of numbers so get your accommodation booked direct with the McLaren Vale Motel. Phone 08 83238265 or www.mclarenavalemotel.com.au. Let Dianne or Nigel Bray know you are coming; Phone 08 83250512 npbray@hotmail.com

A comprehensive calendar of WA motoring events can be found at: www.classicrally.com.au



P76 ENTHUSIASTS FROM UK

(From the Club Facebook Page by James Mentiplay)

UK P76 owners, Dave and Sue Eadon, are in Perth for holidays and I was lucky enough to catch up with them.

Dave informed me that he and Sue lived in Australia for a few years back in the mid-80's and owned a Spanish Olive Deluxe, which they sold in Derby (far North WA) in 1987 before heading back to the UK. It appears we may have found this very car still residing in Derby and currently for sale, and hopefully Dave and Sue might take it back to the UK with them. [Ed's Note: See article on Dave's Targa, WestWords, p8, Issue 15, Sept 2014.]



STATE MEET 2014

A total of seven P76's arrived at Busselton on Saturday 11 October for the annual State Meet.

However, it transpired, instead of the pre-arranged display at Signal Park near the foreshore, that the group were diverted to a small area next to Rotary Park on the banks of the Vasse River.



As the new location was rather remote from any passing pedestrian traffic, it was later decided to re-locate to Woolworths supermarket car park, in Kent Street.

Being a Saturday afternoon, the car park was naturally quite full, so we finished up in Duchess Street, outside the medical centre which was closed for the day. Five cars managed to park in tandem in the street, with the remaining two utilising the empty medical centre car park.



The display, that was originally intended to last for 3 hours, was eventually reduced to around two hours.

However, there was a moderate show of local interest in the vehicles, with members keen to engage in conversation with passers-by.

Among participants, we had a good showing of country members including Geoff Smith, Rob Hodson and young Josh Farr from the Donnybrook area, along with Lyn and Riley Bradley from Manjimup and Dave Neuzerling and Cristy from Mandurah.

Metro members included James Mentiplay and friends, Dave Bryan, Paul Banham, Mick Le Cocq, Roger Patton-Williams and Sam Murray.



Yet another diversion from the planned itinerary occurred when it was learned that the lunch venue at Margaret River was unable to cope with the group numbers. So, at Geoff's suggestion, it was agreed to motor on to Yallingup for lunch, and from there to view the nearby most impressive Avarina Estate Sportscar Museum.



As Roger and Sam were not staying overnight in Busselton, and were faced with a return journey home in the afternoon, they eventually decided to abort the trip to Yallingup, have a brief picnic lunch at the Gull servo on Bussell Highway, fill up the tank, and head home.

Meanwhile the rest of the crew carried on with the weekend, that included a visit to Augusta in the deep south on Sunday before tackling the 300+km trip home to Perth.



The lads enjoy a relax in Augusta before the long drive back to Perth

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A HEAVEN-ON-EARTH FOR THE BOY IN EVERY MAN

By Sam Murray

Some weeks ago, Roger Patton-Williams and I paid a visit to the extraordinary home of a retired gentleman in Rockingham, Tony Holmes.

Tony's home is extraordinary because it houses a mind-boggling collection of model "planes, trains, and automobiles". So much so, that the two hours we spent there failed to do it justice. Just about every room is crammed with thousands of models and other transport exhibits, along with a massive array of books on all kind of transport.



Can you spot the P's?

And there, right amongst all the exotica, we located three P76 models that Tony had acquired. And right beside them stood a P76 V8 badge that I had helped Tony to acquire. Curiously, Tony wondered if the apparently upside-down figure "8" on the badge was a product of Leyland Australia's legendary defective quality assurance system. We all agreed that if it had been a postage stamp fault the item would be an excellent investment.

Tony, a collector since the age of five, is a second generation aviation enthusiast, as his father served in the British Royal Air Force during World War II, as shown in the picture below.





The crowning glory of Tony's setup would have to be his "Hommes" shed, which is a veritable treasure trove of boys' toys. The fabulous centrepiece is a huge and beautifully detailed HO scale train layout complete with English-style village, farmlet with grazing cattle, miniature people, automobiles, shops, service station, and just about everything else one can think of in a semi-rural setting. To the side of this were crammed dozens of model kit sets in their original boxes stacked to the ceiling. Somehow, Tony had managed to cram in a little personal "office" space that included audio-visual equipment, a place of personal retreat that Tony says provides him with a sense of escape from the seeming chaos of the modern world we all have to cope with in our daily lives.

Tony confesses to being a compulsive collector over many years. Having been involved in the aviation industry for most of his working life, it was of little surprise to find that his son, also called Tony, is now an extremely successful aviation journalist and author in the UK. Tony junior has been instrumental in the publishing of many of the books in his Dad's huge collection. Indeed, inspired by the book collection, I felt compelled to order a copy of Tony Jnr's excellent little *Plane Spotter's Guide*, which forms a perfect starting point for anyone wanting to get into any hobby associated with aviation.



For those who have idle moments to fill.

Among the many posters and prints that Tony has collected over the years, one stands as a unique acquisition that was picked up in Fremantle at a bargain basement price. It is a truly magnificent picture of an English landscape viewed from an aircraft showing a flight of WWII Spitfires over a country township complete with a locomotive leaving the local station. Among the signatures beneath the picture one can see that of Group-Captain Peter Townsend (second from left), the man who captivated the late Princess Margaret, but whose divorcee status prevented their marriage, a development that many believe triggered the eventual deterioration of the princess's health and relatively early death.



Another piece of unique history is captured in a glass cabinet housing a fine model of the White Star liner *Britannic*, sister ship of the ill-fated but much more famous *Titanic*. During World War I the *Britannic* was commandeered by the British government and transformed into a hospital ship for the transport of wounded service personnel. As can be seen in the picture, the *Britannic*'s glass cabinet is surmounted by two of many of Tony's models of WWI aircraft. A sampling of Tony's book collection can be seen in the background.



Tony is a much-travelled man and the picture below shows a column of hats he has collected, one from every ship he has been on board at one time or other. Careful scrutiny can detect one of the caps is from the supercarrier USS *Nimitz* of the United States Navy. Another pile of model kits can be seen in the picture as well.



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BROCKWELL CLASSIC CAR RUN, SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2014

New starting point

This year's Brockwell Port to Whiteman Classic Car Run will commence from Fremantle Park, Ellen Street Fremantle as a Fremantle Festival event.

Vehicles will assemble for display between 8.30am and 10.30am, then make their way through Fremantle and on to Whiteman Park via prominent beach suburbs.

Entry fee of \$10.00 for each vehicle includes free entry for two people to the Whiteman Park Motor Museum on the day. All proceeds go towards the Museum Extension Fund.

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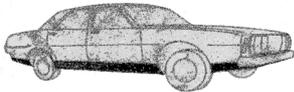
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