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**The AGM** is held in July. For dates of club meetings and events, refer to the Coming Events section of this Newsletter.



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## WA Club Parts List

Adrian Carr has prepared the following updated parts list for interested Members:

*(Correct as at 28/12/2015)*

Rear speaker grills -----	\$10 each
Strut top bushes-----	\$40 pair
V8 oil filters -----	\$25 each
T bar shifter handles-----	\$5 each
Heater and fan knobs -----	\$2.50 each
Rust repair front fender panels-----	\$80 pair
Indicator switch mech (new) -----	\$250 each
Short handbrake cable-----	\$5 each
V8 point sets-----	\$25 each
V8 rocker cover gasket (cork) -----	\$45 pair
V8 head gasket -----	\$35 each
V8 main bearings -----	\$110 set
Number plate light lenses -----	\$45 pair
Front indicators, unpainted, un-assembled	\$60 Pair
V8 valley cover gasket and end seal set ----	\$100 each

**Contact Adrian on 0417 991 089 to place an order.**

**Front Cover:** Club Members parked out the front of Dardanup Heritage Park, 2012 (Paul Banham's Bold as Brass Super, foreground)

# COMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING  
MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016

7.30pm

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

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Waroona All Aussie Car Show, details and meet point/time to be advised

## Council of Motoring Clubs calendar

2016		
January		
February	13	Big Al's Poker Run. Perry Lakes, Floreat
	15	<b>Council of Motoring Clubs General Meeting, 8pm Bassendean Community Hall</b>
	21	Northam Vintage Swap Meet. Jubilee Oval, Northam. junestan@bigpond.net.au
March	19	Brookton Old Time Motor Show. www.otms.org.au
	25-29	MG National Rally. More info - 0452 561 398
April	17	Classic Car Show - Whiteman Park - www.councilofmotoringclubs.asn.au
	18	<b>Council of Motoring Clubs General Meeting, 8pm Bassendean Community Hall</b>
May	15	SW Mega Motoring Extravaganza Bunbury. SWVCC. swvccinc@gmail.com for more info
	15	British Car Day, Gingin
	15	National Motoring Heritage Day
June	20	<b>Council of Motoring Clubs General Meeting, 8pm Bassendean Community Hall</b>
July	TBA	CMC Quiz Night
	TBA	VCC Winter Undercover Auto Jumble

Note to members with concessional licensed cars, any of the above events on the CMC calendar can be attended by yourself with your concessional licensed car, and is in fact encouraged.

# A Celebration of Cobra's!

By Colin Flegg



*Marcus' Cobra before the Wedding*

At the All Ford Day Marcus was approached by a fellow xc cobra owner Laurie Cooper and he said his daughter Elizabeth was getting married on 8th January 2016, to her fiancé' Corey at St. Joseph's church in Subiaco and that he would really like to have xc cobra's as the bridal party cars, he had three and could Marcus help him out, of course Marcus said yes but the wedding was on a Friday so he asked me if I could do it, so that is how I ended up going to a wedding without knowing anyone involved in it. The weather was stormy that day but all rain clouds avoided Subiaco and everything went really well. I took lots of photos, the bride was beautiful, the groom was handsome and they squeezed into the back of an XC Cobra and we went off looking for 'the secret garden' where the official photos were to be taken, while they were doing that an old guy came out of his carport with a camera and asked me what was going on? I said that one percent of all the XC Cobras made were here in front of him so he promptly took some photos as well. The procession of the cars was greeted with waving, tooting of horns and people calling out, it was an impressive sight and very noisy because everyone was having a good time, the young guys riding with me loved the fact that with a manual you also get a lot of noise on the overrun.



Whilst in Albany at last year's annual weekend away, we were joined by some of our country members, one of which being Gordan Grey, from Denmark, who owns a very nice Leyland Marina. At a public display in Albany, Gordon's car sparked the interest of a reporter for 'The Great Southern Weekender'. Gordon was interviewed and the following article was published in the newspaper on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015. I wish to thank Wayne Harrington, the Managing Editor of The Great Southern Weekender for allowing me to use the article in Westwords.

# Aussie icons little brother

SHINING examples of one of Australia's iconic automobiles made for an impressive display on the lawns of St Johns Church on Saturday.

The Leyland P76 Owners' Club of WA will make their way down to Albany for their state meeting on the weekend, something they do every year in a different part of WA.

While most of the classic cars, which were produced in Australia between 1973 and 74, were P76s, Denmark man Gordon Grey brought along his 1973 Leyland Marina to join in on the fun.

Mr Grey said he purchased his Marina in March for nostalgic reasons, having owned one of the four-cylinder models some years before.

"I had a Marina in the late 70s, early 80s," Mr Grey said.

"I always quite liked it, and I always wanted to get another one.

"They were made in Australia from April 72 to November 74. They were originally made in England, so a lot of the parts came from England and they were put together in Australia.

"There are a lot fewer Marinas still on the road than P76s. They are very scarce, even though they made 30,000 of them and only 16,000 of the P76.

"Obviously the P76 captured the imagination of the public more than the Marina did.

"The P76 did have a bad reputation - they had

a lot of teething problems.

"Technologically they were quite advanced for their time with an alloy V8 engine in them, which none of the Holdens or Falcons had at the time.

"With a bit more time they would have ironed out a lot of the bugs, which were mainly just assembly type bugs but the concept was pretty good.

"The Marina had a suspension system which came out of the Morris Minor, and it got really canned for its lack of road handling.

"But for people who just wanted a very reliable and simple car, it was very good. They sold almost a million of them in Britain."

Mr Grey said since buying his Marina he has had the manual four-speed gearbox overhauled, sourcing a second-hand gearbox from Melbourne, and he is about to have the front seats reupholstered.

"I'm just doing bits and pieces with it," Mr Grey said.

"I'm not mechanically minded unfortunately. I bought this car partly for nostalgia, but I have always liked cars that are slightly different.

"I've owned four Citroëns over time, which are not very popular in Australia and quite rare."

Mr Grey is a member of the P76 Owners' Club, even though he has a Marina, since the smaller model has no club of its own.



## Kens Burger Run

3pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of Feb Saw Myself and Kate, Paul B, Marcus and Colin Flegg, Adrian and Kirsty Carr, Roger Patten-williams, Ken Domeyer and James Mentiplay depart the Market City Tavern Car park headed south for Rockingham. It was a very relaxed cruise down to the Boat Ramp Café on Safety Bay Rd, where we were greeted by Dave B. Another great Burger Run, with special thanks to Ken for organising the route.



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