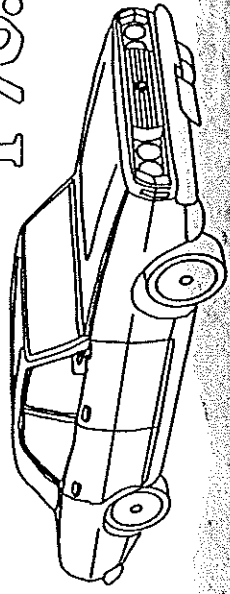
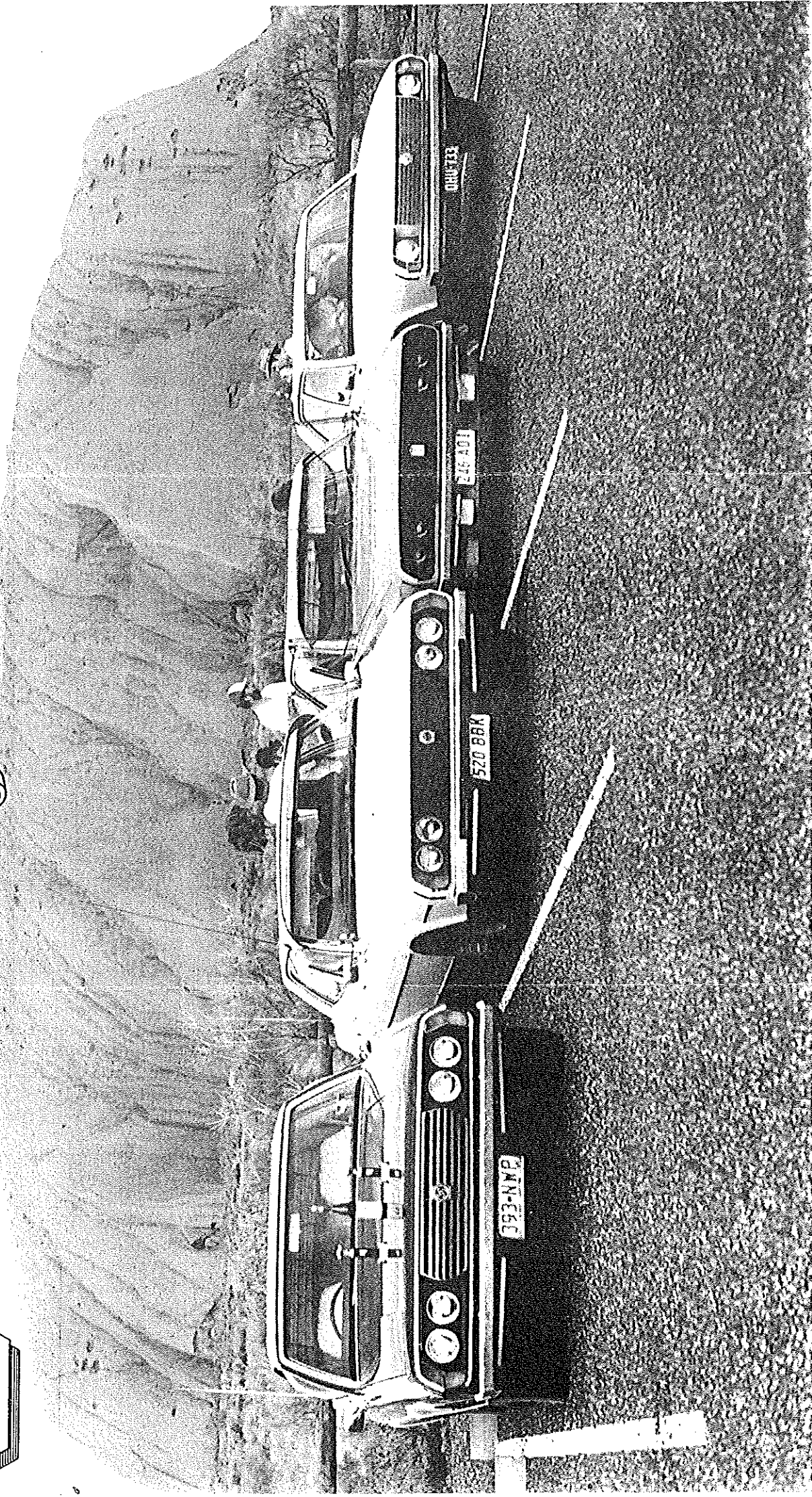


P76. Anything but average



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GENERAL MEETINGS

The Queensland P76 Owners Club Inc. holds its monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.

TIME 7:30 pm

VENUE

Norman Park Uniting Church hall, Corner of Bennetts Rd and McIllwraith Av.
NORMAN PARK.
(at the round-a-bout)

DATES

August	8th	'90
September	12th	'90
October	10th	'90
November	14th	'90
December	--NONE--	
January	9th	'91
February	13th	'91
March	13th	'91
April	10th	'91
May	8th	'91
June	12th	'91

Annual General Meeting
July 10th '91

CLUB OUTINGS

Various activities are organised by the club's members and are generally held on the fourth Sunday of the month.

The activity and venue will be advertised in the monthly newsletter.

✕ CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Points allocation

- attend meeting	1 point
- raffle donation	1 point
- organize event	4 points
- attend event	2 points
- win event	1 point

Editorial *****

People often ask me why I drive a P76. Over the last six years of ownership I've just about become fed up with trying to justify my "passion" for owning one. So now, my standard response to the question is "Oh, I just like driving a 17 year old Lemon!". Really though, most of the people I know only stir me about the cars to get my reaction, so these days I don't give them that much pleasure.

Fairdinkum, the other day I met a guy who actually thought his Suzuki Vitara had more power than the Leyland !! My wife was quick to point out to him that had to be rubbish as the Leyland was a V8. He replied "but can it drive along sand?". That was his apparent test of power. wank wank wank. Then, without a word of a lie, he said "This one (suzuki) goes pretty fast, it's got a tacho". I mean, some people think I'm an idiot 'cause I drive a P76, but geeeeeeeeeeez..... Maybe Peter Brock should put a few more tachos in the Commodore so he can catch up with the Datsuns !

Seriously though, there are a few good reasons why I like owning a P. The first one is on economic grounds. I can't support a loan to purchase a new car, and even if I could, as soon as I drove one off the showroom floor it's yearly depreciation would be more than the running costs of the P. The second thing is that I don't owe any money on the P and it gets me everywhere I want to go without any dramas. I've driven plenty of new cars and some of them seem to drive O.K. and are smooth and comfortable, but so are our seventeen old Lemons (if they have been looked after, that is). I have only driven one other sort of car that had the age of the P, it was a Falcon 500, and it was totally ratshit in so far as drivability and handling. Whoever thought of that horrible reticulating ball steering garbage? Did you know that the P76 turning circle is less than that of an EA Falcon !

In essence I think it is fair to say that the modern average family car (Holden, Ford, Chrysler/Mitsushiti) has improved a lot from what they were 17 years ago. Somehow they have seemed to get closer to the comfort and handling of our so called Australian Edsel.

One other thing before I go, despite the extensive use of plastics and much lighter gauge steel, the average aussie car (VN Commodore for example) is still heavier than a P76.

Long Live the P76.

Dates For Your Diary *****

Sunday 26th May. North Coast Tour. Neil Davidson has organised a great outing for us all to participate in. We will be meeting at the Aspley Hypermarket at 9:00am to leave no later than 9:10, then travelling to the Mobil servo at Forest Glen (5km beyond Ettomogah pub) and linking up with North Coasteners at 10:00am. From there we will travel via Buderim to the Mooloolabah Wharf where we will stop for about 1.5 hours and you may visit Underwater World if you like. We will then travel to Cotton Tree (arrive midday) where we can have a BBQ lunch (shops there as well) and Lindsay Stone has offered the use of his sailboard for people who want to have a go, in the calm waters of course. After that Neil intends taking us up to Noosa then home via

Cooroy to complete the round trip. What a marvelous day it is shaping up to be.

Queen's Birthday long weekend - 8,9,10th June. Camping trip to somewhere between here and Lismore. Further details still to come.

Wednesday 12th June. Monthly Meeting - see inside front cover.

Friday 17th June. Neil Lyons re-scheduled Night Run, or should I say "The Magical Mystery Tour". See Neil's Ad.

Wednesday 10th July. Annual General Meeting.

Sunday 28th July. Alyson & Julie are organising the Ladies Challenge !!. Stay tuned for further details.

Wednesday 14th August. Monthly Meeting.

Sunday 25th August. Graham & Pat Rogerson are hosting a swap meet at their place.

Wednesday 11th September. Monthly Meeting

Sometime in September ?? The annual ALL BRITISH DAY. I haven't heard any details as of yet.

Wednesday 9th October. Monthly Meeting

Sunday 27th October. Driver Training day at the Police Driver Training complex at Mt. Cotton. 10am-2pm

Wednesday 13th November. Monthly Meeting.

Sunday 24th November. The Annual Presidents Challenge.

Saturday night, 7th December. Christmas Party at Brentleys.

For Sale

1 set Targa Florio Mags \$200
1 set 2x7" + 2x8" 12 slotters (ford centres) \$80
1 factory air complete \$200
1 V8 engine
1 Auto gearbox contact Marjorie Small 808-3480

V8 Engine - Col Murray 808-9087
Twin System - Swap for single system - Col Murray

V8 Super 4spd, Targa mags, underdash air, 7 months rego \$3,500
c/o Brett Shaw - Phone (075) 77-4164

Wanted

V8 Flywheel - contact Keith Nicholson 824-2260

Single System - Swap for twin system - Col Murray

1 million dollars - Ray Ward et. al.

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Dear Club Member,

As was the case last year, it has been decided to conduct elections for committee positions totally via postal votes. These votes are to be counted at the AGM on the 10th July 1991.

To enable this process to occur, nominations for all committee positions will be called for at the Monthly Meeting, Wednesday 12th June 1991. So, to make your nomination, you must be present, and your nominee must be present, for nominations to be accepted. After nominations have taken place, ALL members will receive by mail the relevant information and ballot papers to be able to make their postal vote. All votes will be counted at the AGM the following month (JULY), after which the new committee will be formed. No voting will take place at the AGM (ie. by show of hands).

Therefore it is important to attend the JUNE Meeting to make a nomination.

WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE 1990

7:30 pm

Uniting Church Hall,

Cnr Bennetts Rd & McIllwraith St. NORMAN PARK

If you genuinely want to make a nomination but cannot make it to the meeting due to distance or ill health please contact Myself or one of the Committee Members to make your nomination. Remember, the nominee must be at the meeting to accept, so it might pay to contact that person as well.

Thanking you all for your cooperation in this matter.
Hope to see you then !

DEL MURRAY
SECRETARY

P76, the car that failed, makes comeback

The Leyland P76, the forgotten car of the Australian motor industry, has made a big comeback in second-hand sales.

The P76, designed as the most advanced large family car in 1973, was nicknamed Australia's Edsel when production stopped after 18 months.

Well-preserved models are now selling for up to \$500 more than the new price of just under \$5000 in 1974.

One Parramatta Rd car dealer, Mr Allan Brodie, has set up to deal only in P76s because of the rejuvenated interest.

Mr Brodie said a Syd-

By JAMES
LAING-PEACH

ney man had been offered a large sum for one of the cars — but had no plans to sell.

"They will become a real collector's item," Mr Brodie said.

V8s best

Mr Brodie works from a two-storey backstreet warehouse and has no shortage of customers who are prepared to search for his restored P76s.

"The V8 models sell best," he said.

"We have a demand for at least eight to 10 a month.

"A good V8 automatic with air-conditioning will fetch up to \$5500 when restored," Mr Brodie said.

Mr Brodie said he had gone as far as Orange and Coonabarabran to buy cars for sale in Sydney.

Mr Brodie said he had rounded up enough spare parts to keep his customers' P76s running for 10 years.

He claims to have more P76 spare parts than Leyland.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Queensland P76 Owners Club Incorporated will hold its Annual General Meeting on the evening of Wednesday the 10th July, 1991 at the Norman Park Uniting Church Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

All agenda items must be forwarded to the Secretary no later than the JUNE meeting so the the agenda can be finalised.

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SNAPSHOTS



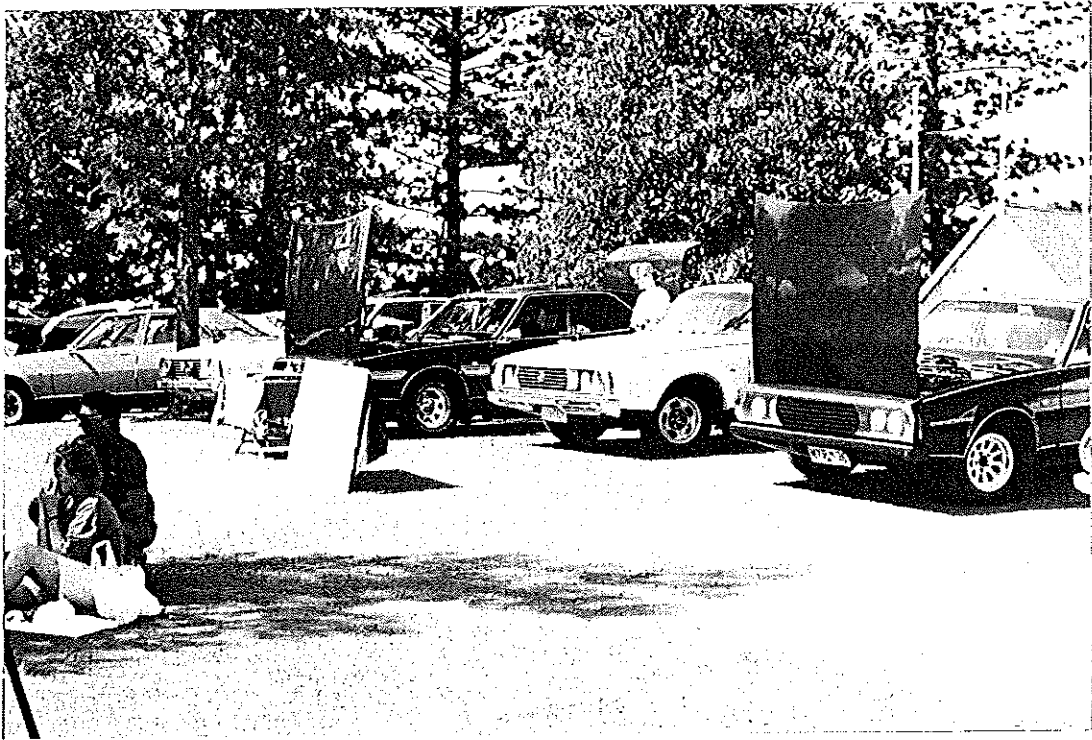
Ettamogah Pub - First stop on the way to Hervey Bay.



Ray Ward in action on the Skid Pan, Mt Cotton Driver Training.



The Men and their Machines.
Allan Schutz, Graham Rogerson, Col Murray, Mark Elms



Some of the recent gathering at the North Pine Country Markets

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 7, 1991

The President opened the Meeting at 6.40 p.m. and thanked all for their early attendance to facilitate the planned night run to follow.

Apologies: T. Swan, N. Davidson AND P. Rose.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as per the April Magazine Moved M. Pickering seconded G. Rogerson that they be accepted.

Business Arising from Previous Meeting: N. Lyons advised the meeting that due to the State of Origin football match, he had cancelled the Night Run and it would be run at a later date.

Treasurer's Report: The balance is not currently available as the books are still with the Auditor - receipts amounted to \$319-00 and expenses were \$ for the month of April.

Accts. for Payment: GRE Insurance (public liability policy) \$230-00 and \$48-50 for trophies. Moved P. Rogerson, Seconded R. Ward.

General Business:

1. Committee Elections - this matter was raised and the Editor is to insert the relevant nomination forms in the magazine for next month.
2. The club had purchased some Alternate Spare Books from Adelaide and these were available for purchase at \$5 each.
3. M. Pickering raised the matter of a float for the purchase of stamps for the magazines and as this matter had been passed in previous minutes, he was to receive the sum of \$100 as a float.
4. C. Murray raised the matter of a windscreen which had been in the Club's care for a member who had as yet to collect it and which had been broken. The meeting decided to replace the screen from club funds - moved M. Pickering seconded C. Murray.
5. M. Elms suggested that a letter be written to the lady who organised for the Club to hold a display at the Petrie Markets and thank her for her efforts as all those who attended had a really good day.
6. Dates for the Diary - as per the magazine
7. C. Murray advised the Club that he had purchased Upper Cylinder Oil Injection Units for use with gas cars and these could be purchased from him.
8. K. Nicholson was asked re the progress of the spoiler and he said that he had yet to proceed with this matter.
9. As there was no further business, the President closed the meeting at 7.15 p.m.

Magical Mystery Tour!

NIGHT OBSERVATION RUN :-

Leaving from the Servo opposite the NORMAN PARK
UNITING CHURCH. FIRST CAR AWAY @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY 14th JUNE

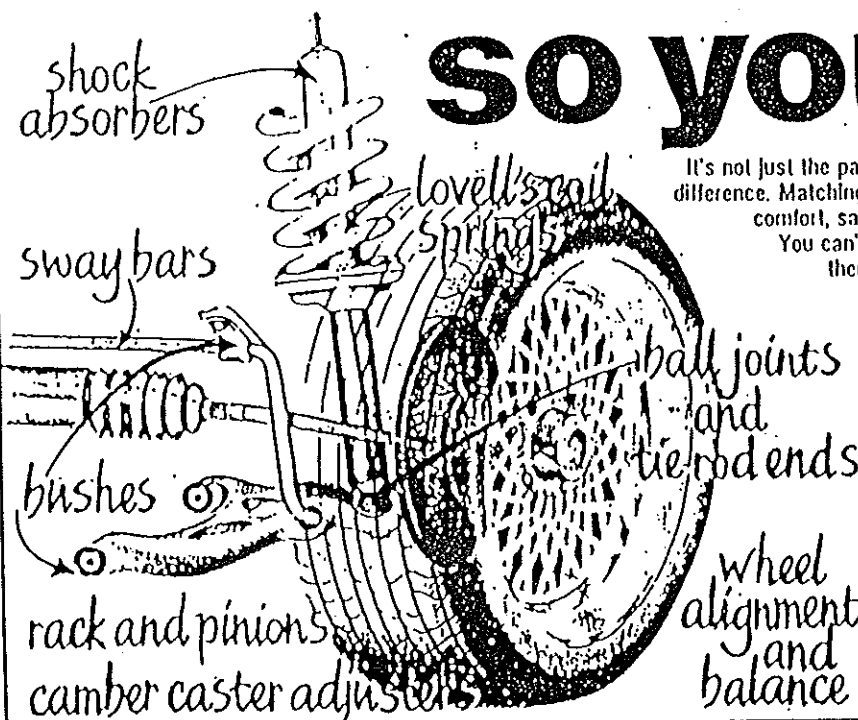
be there or be

**Bring a U.B.D., pen, paper, and a flashlight,
and have a ton of fun!**

The run will last for approximately one to
one-and-a-half hours, and will end up at
an appropriate watering hole. This is a
Trophy Event, so if you haven't got one
of the ugly things gracing your mantel-
piece, have a go!



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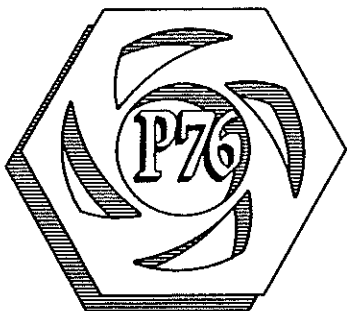
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