



**THE QUEENSLAND
P76 OWNERS CLUB
INCORPORATED**



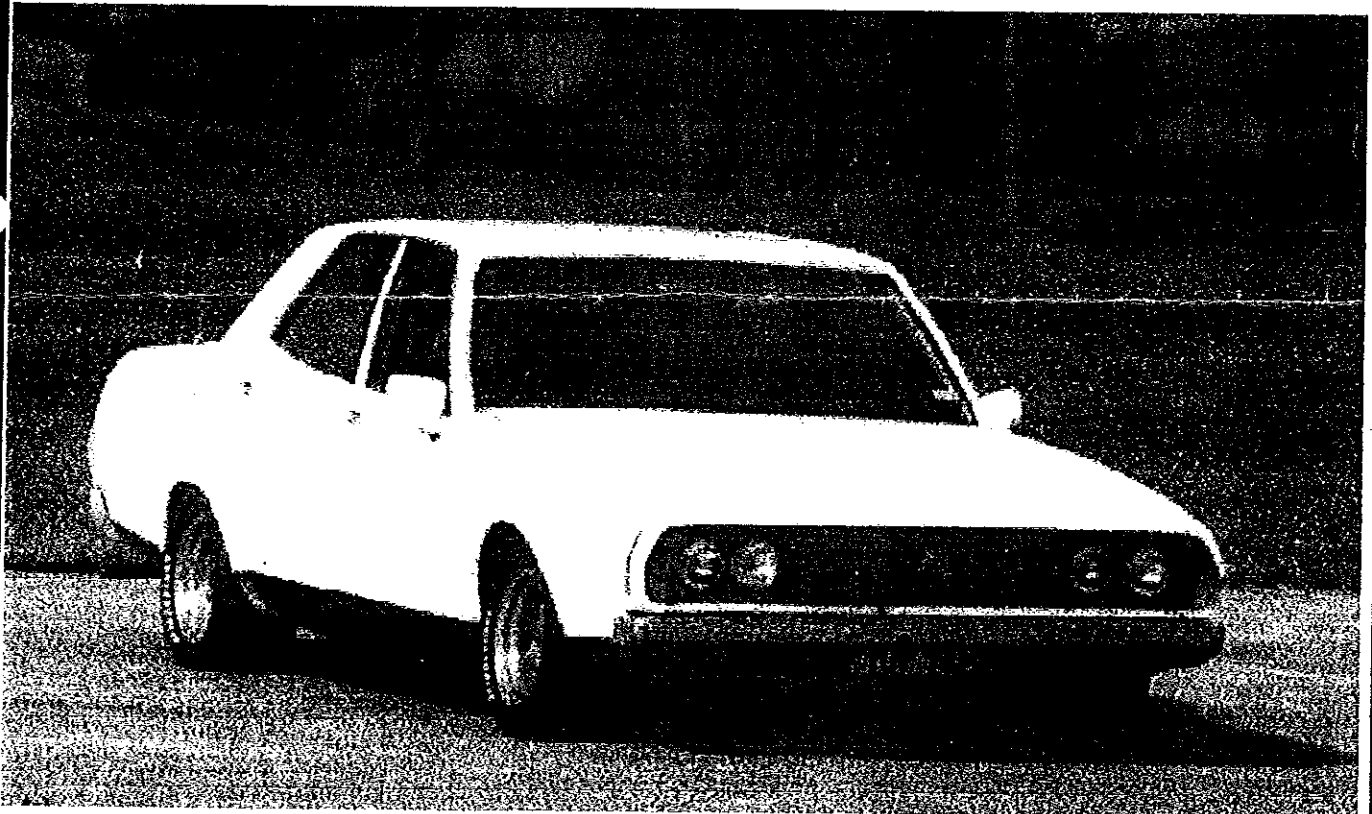
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THE QUEENSLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB INC
HOLDS ITS MONTHLY MEETINGS ON THE SECOND
FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

TIME: 7.30PM

VENUE: NORMAN PARK UNITING CHURCH.
CNR BENNETTS RD AND
MCLLWRAITH AVE
NORMAN PARK.

"AT THE ROUND -A- BOUT"

1997 MEETING DATES

JANUARY THE 10TH

FEBRUARY THE 14TH

MARCH THE 14TH

APRIL THE 11TH

MAY THE 9TH

JUNE THE 13TH

JULY THE 11TH

AUGUST THE 8TH

SEPTEMBER THE 12TH

OCTOBER THE 10TH

NOVEMBER THE 14TH

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

PLEASE SEND ALL MAIL TO:
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CLUB OUTINGS

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED BY THE
CLUB MEMBERS AND ARE GENERALLY HELD ON
THE 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. THE AND
VENUE WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER. SEE PAGE 4

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

POINTS ALLOCATED

ATTEND MEETING - 1 POINT

RAFFLE DONATION - 1 POINT

ORGANISE EVENT - 1 POINT

WIN EVENT - 1 POINT

GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 1997

The President opened the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Attendance as per attendance book.

Apologies : None.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and moved as correct by Stan and Brett.

Treasurer's report : \$4602.01

Incoming Correspondence : Magazines received were Leylines , classic and South Australia.

Mail: None

Outgoing Mail: None

Business Arising from the minutes:

- 1). Garth has fixed another magazine. Ian Ward has now received his magazines.
- 2). The race car (PIG) repairs will be undertaken on the 29th June at 9.00 am at Graham and Pat's place. This will be this months Club outing.

General Business:

- 1). The Club has bought a BBQ to go into the Club trailer for Club outings.
- 2). The Club cloth badges are ordered and will be available soon.
- 3). Graham told us that Hal Maloney has acquired a sponsor for next years " The Around Australia Rally " . The Rally will pass through Brisbane in September.
- 4). Nominations are being called for the position of President and Treasurer for the July A.G.M.
- 5). Adrian has suggested to have a day when Garth does an instruction workshop on electrical repairs for the Leyland.

Parts:

Graham brought back 5 Water Pump bearings from England where they have stop-ped manufacturing them but are in plentiful supply and freely available.

Graham Rodgeron and John Joyce are going to pick up another Marina on Saturday.

Meeting Closed at 9.25 pm

This month's outing

Due to some of our members earlier this month going down to Coffs Harbour , it has been decided to spend a day up at Graham and Pat's place working on the "PIG". This vehicle can be used by any member of the Club on the motokhana days. Please come along and give us a hand and make this car a club effort.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Everyone!!!. Only two items of thought for this month. The first being Club Badges. In the past the Club has had T shirts and Polo shirts for sale to the members and still will have. But as one of my last good ideas before handing over the reins at next months A.G.M , I have ordered 300 sew-on Club Badges. The idea being that we have around 70 of them (the number of members) embroidered with the current year and then send them out to each member once you have paid your membership fees. These are free of charge to all members. The remainder will be undated and available for sale as per normal. This allows you to sew them onto your own shirt , jacket , hat or whatever you like , so you can show your support for the club.

Secondly as mentioned before , next month is A.G.M time and all of the committee positions will be made vacant. This will include President , Vice President , Secretary Treasurer , Editor , and Part Officer. While some of the people who currently hold these positions will be standing for them again , it is unfortunate that also some of these people will not be taking these position on again next year. All committee positions must be filed to allow the Club to operate efficiently and productively. If there are no nominations received for the positions of President and Treasurer , nominations will be taken from the floor on the night. Remember that all positions have free membership for 12 months and there is minimal work and effort required , little to none really.

Chris Brown...

ROGO RAVES AGAIN

Hi its the Rog. Yes I'm back raving again as always. I hope you have all missed my raving for the last two or three months. Well of course not much has happened to Pat and I. Of course we did go to Darwin for the meet. It was a pretty low key affair. But a good time was had by all. The club up there did a great job of organising for so few P-Nuts. I personally found Darwin to be very HOT!!!. I don't think I would like to live there. It would be great if you liked fishing , swimming and drinking , not necessarily in that order , but its not for me.

After Darwin Pat and I flew out with Qantas for 6 week in England. We had a top time over there touring and catching up with relatives. We climbed lots of Castles and drooled over some of their cars. We went to one of the biggest under cover car shows that I have ever seen. Amongst the displays there were \$8 million pounds worth of Ferrari's. I won't go into the tale of how I lost the hire car in the car park but it did take a bit of finding. In my defence there were 36 car parks.

We also looked up David Morton in Nottingham. For those out there that don't know who David is , he's a member of the Queensland P76 Owners Club. David owns a Targa Florio and the only Force 7 in England. Both cars a Omega Navy in colour and are in top condition. David would like to sell them both but feels that they should come back to Australia. So if anyone has plenty of money lying around , now is the

Rogo's Rave Continue...

time to grab this investment. While I was over there I also made a few enquires about Water Pump bearings from the factory where they were originally made. Apparently they have stopped producing them but have several thousand in stock , so it should be no trouble to get them. I bought 5 back with me and by the way we have Water Pump kits now in stock. These kits contain the bearing , seal , rubber and spring.

Last weekend we trooped down to Coffs Harbour for the Queens Birthday long weekend. I expect Garth will include that in his report. We had a top time but Garth is convinced that all our speedo's are out. Apparently we were all driving too slow. We'll that's all I can rave on about this month. Keep on P-ing....

P.S Garth has promised me that he would include my article about the "Road Dinosaur" that was in the local paper , so look out for it!!!!.

Rogo..

THE PARTS SHED

Me again

This month we have Water Pump Kits	\$60.00
Water Pump Bearings	\$45.00
Short Hand Brake Cables	\$20.00

John Joyce and I are on the move again this weekend. Could be another donated P, plus maybe a 6 cylinder Marina. We will keep you posted. Big News , the Club now has a new BBQ for our Club outing days.

EDITORS REPORT

Heaps to talk about this month. Firstly the long weekend trip away to Coffs Harbour was great. I think everyone who attended had an absolute ball of a weekend.

It all started on Saturday morning with everyone meeting at the Ampol service station at Reedy Creek (where the Pink Holden on the roof is located). At 10.00am we set off for Coffs Harbour and arrived just after 3.00pm. The reason for it taking 5 hours to get there was Graham,s hunger pains had to be put out of their misery at Grafton. Once we arrived in Coffs , we set about checking into our accommodation.

The N.S.W Owners Club members were already there when we arrived and so it was easy to spot our accommodation (just look for the P76 parked out front). The Hooper clan from Sydney had booked into the Park Beach Caravan Park and to join them in the park was Adrian and his Family as well as Graham and Pat in their own little pop up caravan which took the usual 2 hours to erect. The other N.S.W members including David and Fofe Collins, Dave Nelson without the Force and Daniel

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were staying at the Rosemary Lodge across the road from the Caravan Park. Neville and myself joined them there and booked in for the weekend. Others in attendance were Allan Shultz and his family who were staying at Sandy Beach with friends and a couple of surprise guests were Cedric and his family ,Hal Maloney with two of his clan and the better late than never arrival of Mr Phil Crowther and co-pilot Greg who turned up late on Sunday arfternoon. Even more surprising was Phil's departure about 5 hours later back to Sydney because of work commitments (What a drive).

Saturday afternoon was very relaxing with most of us just kicking back and sinking a couple of beers. Saturday night Graham cooked up a BBQ for dinner while everyone at the Rosemary Lodge went to the R.S.L for dinner. After leaving the R.S.L we returned to Graham's Caravan for a quiet drink and then back to the lodge for bed.

Sunday morning was frantic. Up late and so much to do. Firstly we went to Maccas for breakfast and while we were there David had his car washed by the local kids. Cheap for \$3.00. After breakfast it was back to the Caravan Park for Neville and I to see if we could fix the Hoopers car. The day before it had run low on oil and now it wouldn't hold any oil pressure. While we were fixing that everyone else took off for the Car Show with us to meet them all there later. A quick trip up to Repco to buy some 1/2 inch outer diameter heater hose to suck the oil up through the oil pump and Hey Presto we had oil pressure.

Neville, the Hoopers and I arrived a little bit late to the car show but still saw some great cars and displays including Dick Johnson's Racing Teams Simulator. It only took an hour to see all the cars and displays due to being Sunday and some of the entrants had already left , but still there was a good selection of great cars to see. After leaving there we went back to the caravan park to meet up with everyone else and decided where to have lunch and also what we were doing for the rest of the afternoon. Graham decided that he was staying put for lunch but may join us afterwards for a game of "Putt Putt Golf" ,so we decided to try out the local pub for a counter lunch. Not bad either. After lunch we headed for the "Putt Putt Golf "course down the road and played a nice round of 50 on a course of par 30 . After the worst game of golf ever in the history of the club we returned to the caravan park to see if anyone else would be interested in going "Go-Karting" down the coast near Raleigh. Only us "Young Folk" were interested and so we headed off down the coast to the "Go-Karting" track.

WHAT A BLAST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.. The best fun you can have sitting down. These carts didn't go to bad for being only little 4 stroke motors and they still accelerated to about 60 or 70 kph on most of the 1.2 km circuit. If you ever get the chance to have a go on these little machines down there please do so ; it really is fun. For the record I was first , Neville second , Dave Collins third , Dave Nelson fourth with Daniel retiring after 5 laps due to Dave Nelson driving over the top of him on the first lap ; very painful I heard. The cost was \$20.00 for 10 laps and well worth it.

While we were out Go-Karting Phil Crowther had turned up at the caravan park. Phil had driven up from Sydney that afternoon straight from work. Great effort on his part to come up to Coffs Harbour to say hello and also see if the Hooper's car was alright for the return journey to Sydney on Monday . Dave rang around to find a suitable venue for dinner that night. The "Fiztroy Hotel" in the centre of Coff's Har-

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-bour ended up being the one. It was priced reasonably and had a wide selection of grub on the menu plus we had never been chucked out of there , so we thought what the heck.. Dinner lasted about two hours. Most of that being chit chat and discussion on how each club is going. After dinner we moved into the games room to for a game of pool. Before we knew it , it was 10.00pm and we were being told to go as the Hotel was now shut. Unbeknown to most of us Phil had already left to return to Sydney because of work commitments. What a drive!!!!

Thanks to Phil for making the effort to come along on the weekend and also for dropping off the parts.

After leaving the hotel we returned to the caravan park for a night cap then back to the lodge for a good nights sleep.

It was Monday morning was look like being a perfect day (This was mainly due to NOT having a hang-over). We packed our bags and checked out of our accommodation , then meeting up at the caravan park for a photo shoot of all the cars and owners. The Cooper's car once again refused to go and so Neville and myself played around with this and that till we decided to try a new coil. Thanks Graham for a bringing a spare. It fixed the problem on the spot. Everyone parked across the road from the caravan park to grab a snap shot , but the sun was in the wrong spot and we had too much traffic passing between the cars and the camera's. Time for plan "B". We jumped into the cars and drove down the street to the "Fishing Club" on the beach and lined up the cars with the Pacific Ocean in the back ground and no traffic anywhere to be seen. It was great if not the perfect place for the photo's to be taken. See page 9 for some of the snap shots. To all of you that didn't go , you missed out BIG TIME!!!!

Secondly I want more stories. If I can scribble stuff like this down , anyone can!. So please sent me a photo or a story or anything at all. I need help. I also need a good photo of someone's car for next months magazine. As you can see from this months cover , things are getting desperate. Lets face it , my Executive is no show winner but I was out of options and front cover cars. So why not let your pride and joy be on the front cover of next months magazine. Also I am now starting to sell tickets for the end of year raffle. First prise is the complete "one off only" set of magazine with the a full colour front page. Each ticket will be \$1.00 and all money goes on number 2 race 4 at Eagle Farm oops! I mean the Car Club.

Thirdly. My apologies to Mr Ian Ward for not getting his magazines. I hope by now you have them and you are up to date on all Club information.

Lastly to Graham. I finally put your story in the magazine and I must thank the Northern Times paper for the article.

The Editor
Garth Morris

Narangba club pays homage to a Road Dinosaur

It may be hard to believe , but Narangba's Graham "Rogo" Rodgerson loves nothing more than the sight and sound of a Leyland P76. Graham and his mates in the Leyland P76 Club are on a mission to stop some of the nasty propoganda spread about this dinosaur of the road , considered by many to be the worst car built in Australia.

"You've probably heard them all," Graham said shaking his head.



"Like people would call them a P-38 because they're only half a car.

There not perfect but I don't understand why they've got such a bad name.

They won Wheels (magazine) car of the

year in 1974 and that's a pretty prestigious award."

As far as fans would go , it would be hard to beat Graham. He has driven a P-76 for the past 22 years and his backyard is littered with at least 10 in various states of repair.

"I'm the spare parts man for the club and we only sell to club members," he said.

The history of the P76 is a short one. They were built in Australia in 1973 and 1974 , with a handful assembled in New Zealand until 1975.

"They were totally designed and built here in Australia," Graham said.

"The only thing British about them was the name because Leyland put up the money to build them."

But crippled by industrial disputes in the Sydney plant and a push for smaller cars in the marketplace , P76 production stopped.

"And that's the whole story - they just shut the whole program down after two years," Graham said.

Like many other car enthusiasts , P76 club members are faced by parts shortages and have been forced to either make new panels or adapt pieces from other makes.

"they'll take Holden pistons for example," Graham said.

He said it was an enjoyable car to restore and drive as a hobby , with a good example costing between just \$5000 and \$12,000.

Produced with a range of six-cylinder and V8 models , the P76 was well ahead of its time in terms of safety features alone , Graham said.

"Like your Mercedes and Volvo's today , the P76 had (side-impact) bars in the doors for protection," he said.

"We rolled one with a campervan on the back and the car was a write-off , but we walked away. They're bloody magnificent cars."

----- Craig Spann

COFFS HARBOUR JUNE 1997



From left to right. Adrian Spencer - Dave Nelson - Neville Humphries - Timothy Thompson - Cedric Thompson - Pat Rodgerson - Fofe Collins - Graham Rodgerson - Brian Hooper - Eddie Hooper and bottom centre David Collins.



From left to right. Cedric's stripeless Targa - Neville's Targa - David Collins Nutmeg P76 - The Hoopers White Super with an unforgiveable XD Falcon nose cone - Garth's White Executive - Fofe Collins Omega Navy Targa - Graham and Pat's Perfect Omega Navy Targa with the trailer in tow - Adrian's Nutmeg P76.

P76 CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

4 6 X 14 Mag wheels with
4 75% 215/65/14 Tryes
\$180.00

WANTED

1 Good Targa Mag Wheel
1 Genuine Leyland Speaker
cover for the rear parcel shelf.

John Joyce.

07 5497 5389 or 019 499 077

FOR SALE

**V8 4 Speed Possibly Executive.
Has Air and Steer Fabric Seats
Little Rust Extra Parts.**

**\$1700 or Swap for 4 Cylinder car
in Rego and going OK.**

Alec Hodges (Toowoomba)

076 321 596

FOR SALE

**P76 V8 Column Auto
1 Owner for 18 Years
New Paint 6 months ago
White - Excelent Condition
Interior Good.**

\$1700

Jim Sear

07 3283 1614

A DIFFERENT INVESTMENT

Off the NET:

Mr Harold E. Ober
1607 Surefine Court
Ankeny,
Iowa 50021

Dear Mr Ober,

I am writing regarding a most interesting proposal that i believe is just the sort of thing that you would be interested in. A group of us are considering investing in a large cat ranch near Hermosille , Mexico. It is our purpose to start rather small , with about one million cats. Each cat averages about twelve kittens per year , skins can be sold for about 20 cents for the white ones and up to 40 cents for the black.

This will give us 12 million cat skins per year to sell at an average price of around 32 cents , making our revenue about \$3,000,000 a year. This averages out to \$10,000 a day - excluding Sundays and Holidays. A good Mexican cat man can skin about 50 cents per day at a wage of \$3 a day. It will take 663 men to operate the ranch so the net profit would be over \$8,200 per day. Now the cats would be fed exclusively on rats. Rats multiply four times as fast as cats. We would start a rat ranch adjacent to our cat farm. If we start with a million rats , we will have four rats per cat each day. The rats will be fed on the carcasses of the cats that we skin. This will give each rat a quarter of a cat. You can see by this that this business is a clean operation , self-supporting and really automatic throughout. The cats eat the rats and the rats eat the cats and we will get the skins.

Let me know if you are interested ; as you can imagine , I am rather particular who I want to get into this , and I want the fewer investors possible. Eventually it is my hope to cross the cats with snakes for they will skin themselves twice a year!. This will save the labour costs of skinning as well as give us two skins for one cat.

May I hear from you at your earliest opportunity with a certified check to my order?

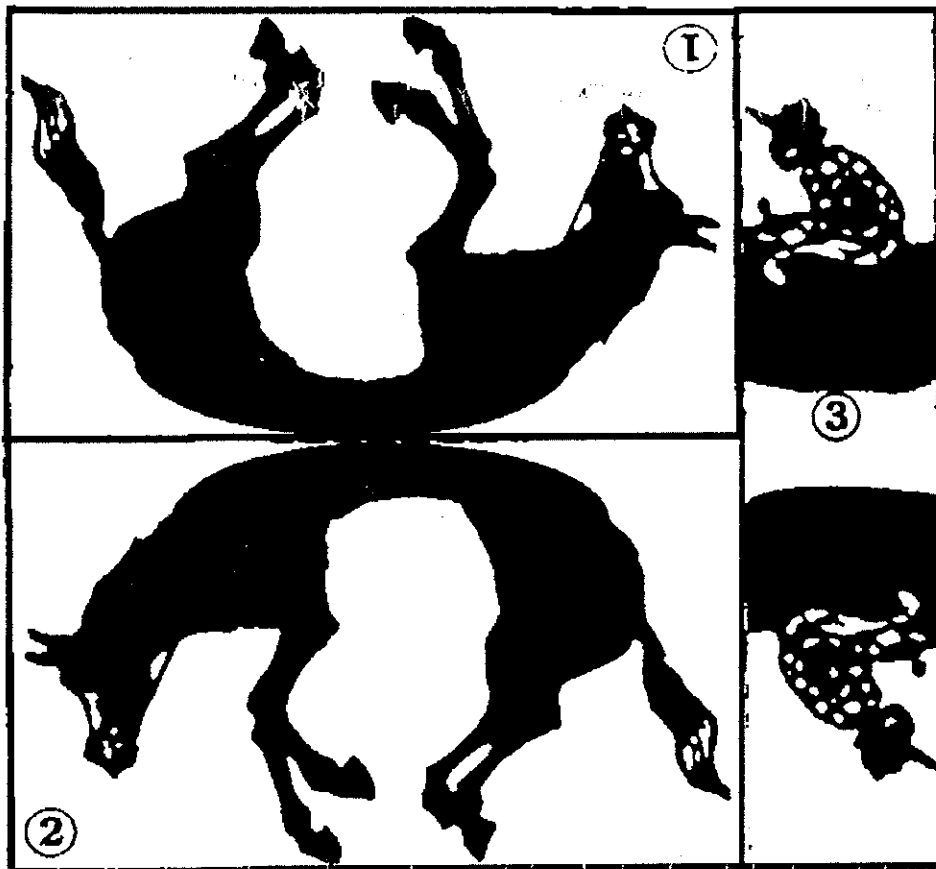
Very truly yours,
Allen J. MacGregor,
President.

Thanks Adrian.

THIS MONTHS PUZZLE

This months puzzle is easy. Using the spare picture in your envelope (so you don't cut up your magazine), cut it into three (3) parts only. You must cut along the lines only. Once this is done you have to make the jockeys ride the horses flat out. You can not cut the jockeys or the horses in half. Remember they have to be riding the horses flat out just like in real life.

There is no tricks to this , it can be done!!!! The answer will be in next months newsletter incase you can't work it out.



SWAP MEET

VVCAA QLD INC. Sunday 10th August 1997 Rocklea Showgrounds. Entry via Goburra Street UBD Map 199 Ref J 6. Cost is \$2.00 per site and \$2.00 per person Children under 15 are free. No Dogs allowed.

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