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Incorporate Queensland



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# THE QUEENSLAND BULLETIN



*Richard and Ann's new Bitter Apricot Deluxe*

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## CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR POINTS ALLOCATED

Attend Meeting = 1 point: Raffle donation = 1 point: Organise Event = 1 point: Win Event = 1 point

<i>General Information</i>	<i>2008</i>
<p>The Queensland P76 Owners Club Inc holds its monthly Meetings on the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Friday</b> of each month at <b>8.00pm</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Norman Park Uniting Church Cnr Bennetts Rd &amp; McIlwraith Ave NORMAN PARK</p> <p>Various activities are organised by Club Members and are generally held on the last Sunday of the month. All venue details are confirmed at the General Meeting and are recorded in the Minutes on the next page.</p>	<p><b>July</b> 27 Club Outing – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Pioneer Rally &amp; Craft Display</p> <p><b>August</b> 8 7.30 Monthly Meeting 8.30 Annual General Meeting 31 Club Outing - Clontarf</p> <p><b>September</b> 12 Monthly Meeting 20 Club Outing - Fed Ex Rally Finish</p> <p><b>October</b> 10 Monthly Meeting 26 Club Outing</p> <p><b>November</b> 14 Monthly Meeting 23 or 30 Xmas Luncheon - Club Outing</p>

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# From the Editors Desk

Each month the year seems to get busier and of course the magazine rolls round pretty quick. We have been renovating the kitchen / living area (still to be finished), entertaining visitors as it is that time again when family and friends are seeking the warmer climate for a holiday and trying to get the magazine out before our club outing on 27 July.

The picture on the front cover this month is the Bitter Apricot Deluxe Richard and I bought from Victoria. It is running smoothly on LPG and although does not have power steering is good to drive. It is being used as our everyday car as my 1987 XF Falcon is now acting rather tired with age. I have had a lot of comments about the P when parking at shopping centres and doing messages. I must say they are all positive comments. It seems as the P76, ages more people have more respect for it.

We had a great day a Rogo and Pat's for cleaning up the parts shed. Everything was taken out of the shed and the shelves were straightened and secured in place (they had started to lean over quite a bit that it was a bit of a worry). Then all the parts were looked over and sorted out with quite a few bits dedicated to the scrape bin. I must admit watching these men was like kids going through a toy box that had been put away for months. So it just proves that these P parts and cars are just big boys toys!!! We had a BBQ lunch with plenty of food to go around everyone. Thanks to our chefs Adrian and Pat; also our ladies for the preparation of buns and salads – I learned to use a device to cut up onions, tomatoes and lettuce (made food preparation a whole lot easier and quicker) but must admit the onions did a good job on me with tears streaming down my face – lucky I had waterproof mascara!!! Alan Schultz bought along a cake for his birthday – thanks Alan it was a really nice treat and many happy returns.

This month's outing is the South Coast Restoration Society Inc. 27 Annual Pioneer Rally and Craft Display at Pimpama on Sunday 27 July 9.00am – 3.00pm. Take exit 49 off the M1. See the advertisement later in the magazine. Any queries just contact one of our committee members.

Our President, Adrian, was absent from our last meeting (a most unusual and rare occurrence) due to an injury to his arm. He was using a whipper snipper at a friend's house and damaged his right arm. We do hope you get better soon Adrian. At our monthly meeting none of the power points in the kitchen were working so we had no hot water for our coffee to eat with the delicious chocolate slice Jenny had sent along for us. Coffee would have been good on such a cold night but we suffered in silence.

Our August monthly meeting will be held at the earlier time of 7.30am and will be followed by the Annual General Meeting at 8.30am. Everyone is asked to bring a plate of food for supper. Nomination forms for next years committee are on the back of this magazine.

Don't forget that subs are now due and you will find a new form attached to this magazine. If you have not paid your subs then your car is not able to be registered under Club Registration so it is important to attend to this. We welcome new member Matthew Trost and look forward to seeing your car at our outings.

Our feature article this month is the Phantom Corsair. If you thought the P76 was ahead of it's time check this out. It's 70 years old – twice as old as the P. The car even had a door ajar warning light. This article was taken from the Gold Coast Sun newspaper on 25 June 2008.

Don't forget, any articles you think are interesting or any cars or parts for sale or wanted, just email them to me at [ann\\_mallon@yahoo.com](mailto:ann_mallon@yahoo.com)

See you all at the Annual General Meeting.

*Happy motoring and safe driving*

# General Meeting

11 July 2008 at 8.15pm

Apologies: Adrian, Steve Learmonth

Treasurers Report – No report this month

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held in June 2008 were read and are a true and accurate record. Moved Graham, seconded Richard R.

Incoming Magazines

1. Clasic Car Club Magazine
2. Westwords - July
3. SA P76 - July
4. Warts & All - June
5. PENZED

Incoming Mail

1. Trailer Rego Renewal
2. Membership Renewals
3. LSA Insurance
4. Speed on Tweed Invitation
5. Old Caves Winery
6. Barossa Motor Lodge
7. New Member Matthew Trost

Spare Parts

Clean up at Graham's of the Club Parts was a success.

Please remember that a supply of new parts may be available through the club by contacting Graham on (07) 38881345 If you are not picking them up then they will be sent by COD.

General Business

1. August Monthly Meeting on 10 August to commence at 7.30pm
2. Annual General Meeting to be held after August monthly meeting at 8.30pm

Meeting closed 8.45pm

## Coming Outings for 2008

- 10 August 8.30pm – Annual General Meeting
- 31 August Lunch with Motor Neurone Disease Association at Pelican Park, Clontarf.
- 21st Sept All British Day at Tennyson starts 8.30am for club displays
- Oct Heritage Day Lunch Sydney

# Swap Meets 2008

July				
26	Nambour Swap	Nambour Showgrounds	Nambour	54768388 between 6.30-8.30pm
August				
2	Rockhampton Swap	Rockhampton Showgrounds	Rockhampton	49363915 Beth
31	Jimboomba Auto Extravaganza and Swap		Jimboomba	55379445
14	Beaudesert Swap	Beaudesert Showgrounds	Beaudesert	

## President's Report

Hello all

I must thank Pat and Graham for coming past my place to pick up the mail, as I found that the drugs I was on made it impossible to attend the last monthly meeting (some would say it might have been normal anyway). I looked through the other club magazines and the mail, and I noticed people with positive thoughts voting with their words and actions in writing positive things and putting their hand into their pockets answering the call for renewal of memberships, so why should I shirk my position and not write with the same gusto too

During the week I had a call from England. Alan who worked for Rover was in Australia at the beginning of the P76 project. Alan has retired and was looking for a P76. He found a very low mileage P76 which he bought from Kevin Dunne. Alan has travelled alot in Australia and New Zealand. I hope we may be able to continue our conversation.

I would like to thank those who came to Rogo's place for the clean up. A job well done. Thanks to Mrs Trost for the country bake cakes, beautiful.

### Presidents Car

Well I am pleased that I will be invited back to your place in my white car as I have changed the rack. Those at the meeting missed out on my happenings. One thing you must do in life is to SEEK from those who have more knowledge than you, even a book. Many hours later (days) I got the rack back in the car, but not the steering connection as I thought you should be able to slide the intermediate shaft up the spine and pop it on (wrong). Another problem is the bolt through the steering rack, two person job - sorry had to stop due to pain. To be continued ...

Adrian  
President

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There was this car that was driving very slowly down the highway. A State Trooper pulls it over. "What have I done wrong, officer?" the driver asks.  
"You are going 26mph on a major highway. There is a law against that," the officer says to the driver. "You must go at least 50mph."  
"But when I turned on the highway, the sign said 26!" the driver replies.  
"HA HA HA!" The officer laughs out loud. "That is because this is Interstate 26! The 26 isn't the speed limit!"  
The driver leans back in her car seat and the cop sees another woman sitting beside her. She looked as pale as a ghost.  
"What happened to her?" the officer asks.  
"I don't know, but she has been that way ever since we got off interstate 160."

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## For Sale

1 x White modified Super V8 5 spd with Factory air and steer (reg'd)

1 x Envy Green Super V8 Column Auto with bench seats (unreg'd)

1 x Dry Red Deluxe V8 Column Auto (front end damage) for parts only

1 x Envy Green Super V8 4 spd. for parts only

Numerous spare parts (including laminated windscreen) and memorabilia (including 3, one of a kind, hand beaten steel models).

Asking \$22,000 for the lot. will not separate, all or nothing

Email Dixie on [leehouse@tpg.com.au](mailto:leehouse@tpg.com.au)



**Happy Birthday Alan ... another one!!**

A traffic cop flagged down a motorist and said, 'I'm arresting you for going through three red lights.'

'Yeah, well, I'm colour blind,' said the motorist.

'In addition to that, you were exceeding the speed limit,' said the policeman. 'So what?' said the motorist. 'And on top of all that you were going the wrong way down a one-way street,' added the officer. 'I always did have a lousy sense of direction,' said the motorist with a smile.

At that point, his wife leaned forward from the back seat and said, 'Don't pay any attention to him, officer. He always talks like this when he's had a few drinks.'



**Adrian, Neville and Alan sorting parts ...**



**Adrian and Pat preparing the lunch feast**



**Steven and Richard enjoying birthday cake**

Born 70 years ago ... and it's still full of beans!



# Phantastic Phantom

By CHRIS RILEY

IT IS incredible to think that this car is 70 years old.

To look at you would be forgiven for thinking that it is one of the many concept vehicles exhibited at motoring shows over the past few years.

But look a little closer and you will see those curves and shiny white-walled tyres belong to another era.

Built in 1938, the stunning Phantom Corsair was and still is a car ahead of its time, arguably the most futuristic vehicle to emerge from that period.

The story behind the birth of this exclusive remnant of motoring history is just as dramatic as the car itself.

A unique, one-off design, the two-door six-seat coupe was to have gone into limited production before the untimely death of its young designer, Rust Heins.

Born in 1914, Rust (his real name) was the second son of HJ Heins, the food magnate.

A university dropout and from all accounts something of a tearaway, Rust built and raced motor boats as a teenager, but like all boys he loved fast cars and dreamed of one day building his own.

With a rich father, that dream might have become a reality but rivalry between the lines Heins senior wanted his son to buckle down and refused to fund the project.

Undeterred, Rust, who was studying naval architecture at Yale, dropped-out and moved to sunny California.

Here he took up residence with an aunt in Pasadena where he opened an industrial design studio.

It was his aunt who gave him the money he needed to build his dream car and he enlisted the services of coach builders Bohman and Schwartz to turn his project into a reality.

Obviously influenced by aircraft design the aerodynamic body was a complete departure from contemporary styling without rought boards or mudguards.

Neither did it have door handles and it featured an odd four plus two seating arrangement, with four people able to fit across the wide front seat and another two in the narrow rear section — the driver sitting second from left.

Constructed at a reported cost of \$24,000, it was built on a modified Cord 810 chassis, the most advanced available at the time.

Like the Cord, it was front-wheel-drive, with a tweaked Lyncmorg V8 and four-speed automatic transmission.

The car's lower frame was made of chrome molybdenum steel and the upper frame was constructed of electrically welded aviation steel tubing.

The doors were opened at the touch of buttons with pop-up 'gullwing' style roof sections above the door for ease of access.

The interior was padded throughout with cork and rubber for safety, sound proofing, and insulation.

The design was Rust's, developed with clay and wooden models. It and S helped fill in the gaps, such as the centre line that runs the length of the car and subtle rounding of the rear.

Body panels were made of hand-beaten aluminium and fitted over a tubular frame.

In a concession for engine cooling the front hornet is lowered, but the wheels are fully enclosed by the streamlined body that features tiny windows, shock absorbing bumpers and unique headlights.

Inside, the padded dash is a blur of 13 dials, a full beam, the Cord, with some extras thrown in including a door-ajar warning.

The Phantom measured 6019mm, with a wheelbase of 3175mm and weighed in at a whopping 2070kg.

It rode on 16-inch wheels and had a massive 14-metre turning circle thanks to its enclosed wheels.

The tweaked 4.7-litre V8 is said to have produced 140kW at 4200rpm and 368Nm at 3000rpm, with a top speed of 185km/h.

Before the car was even finished Rust had brochures printed with a list price of \$14,700 (a small fortune in those days).

He also made arrangements to display the car at the 1938 New York World's Fair.

But before he could see his dream come true he died from injuries received in a car crash on July 22, 1939, aged just 25 years old.

After Rust's death the car was given as a gift to mentor and family friend Lou Maxon.

It has passed through many hands over the years and can now be found in the National Automobile Museum in Reno, Nevada.





YEARS ahead of  
it's time, the  
one-off  
Phantom  
Corsair's jaw-  
dropping good  
looks are still a  
crowd stopper



# South Coast Restoration Society Inc.



## 27th Annual Pioneer Rally & Craft Display



"Heritage Park"  
193 Rifle Range Rd  
Pimpama, Qld.  
Saturday 26th (10 am - 3pm)  
and Sunday 27th (9am - 3pm)  
July 2008

Annette Cattell  
Rally Coordinator  
Phone: 0423 775 519  
email: ahcattell@three.com.au

- Arts and Craft
- Dexter Cattle
- Wood turning display and sales
- Trucks
- Sheep shearing
- Steam, diesel and oil engines
- Classic and vintage cars
- Free heritage buses run around the grounds all day
- Antique Telephones
- Bikes
- Tractors
- Country Music Club
- Vintage Sawmill

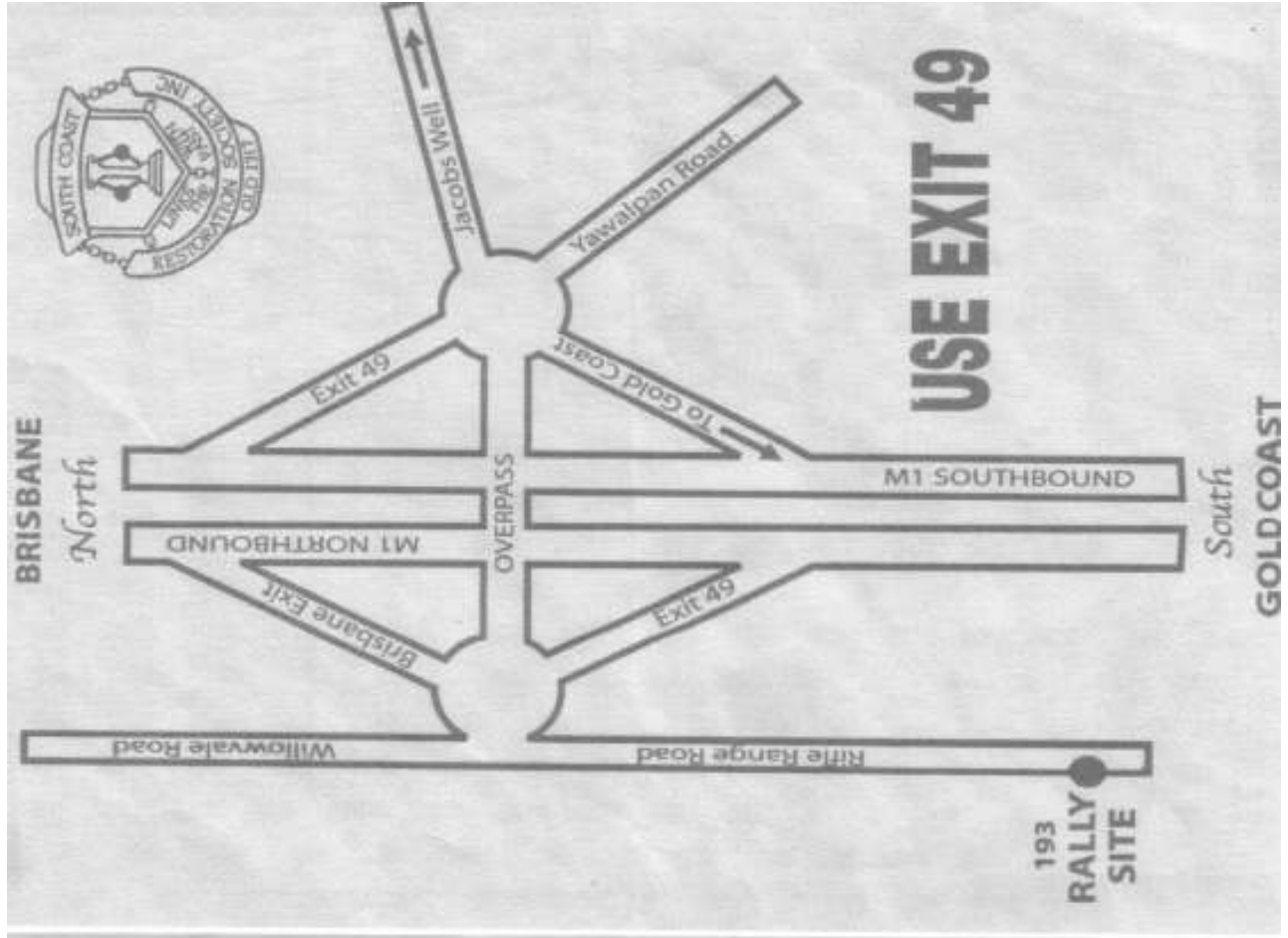


- Earthmoving Display



**Adults \$7.00**  
Children under 13 Free  
**Hot & Cold Food & Drink Available**

**PTO**





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## Membership Application or Renewal

I ..... hereby request full membership of the Leyland P76 Owners Club Inc. I understand that there is a once off joining fee of \$10.00 for a new member and an annual membership fee of \$40.00.

Signed .....

### Contact Details

Name:		Home Phone:	
Address:		Mobile:	
Suburb:		Town:	
State:		Postcode:	
Email:	@		

I would like to receive my Magazine by (please tick preference)     Mail     Email

Please find enclosed a cheque made out to:    The Leyland P76 Owners Club for \$                      This entitles me to a monthly magazines (except December), Club functions and access to buying Club parts. Members are invited to be on the committee.

**Suggestions for Outings:** (ie would you like us to arrange an outing near where you live)

- 1. ....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....

### Car Information – Car 1

Vehicle Identification No. <b>076</b>	Manuf (Mth/Yr)	Model	Registration No.	Last Registered (Year)	Last Registered (State)
Engine Capacity	Engine No.	Paint Colour	Trim Colour	Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic <input type="checkbox"/>	Column Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Floor Shift <input type="checkbox"/>
Power Steering <input type="checkbox"/>	Factory Air <input type="checkbox"/>	Factory Alloy Wheels <input type="checkbox"/>	Bench Seat <input type="checkbox"/>	Bucket Seats (Fixed) <input type="checkbox"/>	Bucket Seats (Reclining) <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Body</b> Restored <input type="checkbox"/> Repairable <input type="checkbox"/> Rust/Damage/Paint Good <input type="checkbox"/> Parts Only <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Interior</b> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Engine</b> Reconditioned <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Reco Required <input type="checkbox"/> Parts Only <input type="checkbox"/>	
Non Standard Equipment		Year Purchased _____		Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Purchased From (If Known)			

## Car Information – Car 2

Vehicle Identification No.	Manuf (Mth/Yr)	Model	Registration No.	Last Registered (Year)	Last Registered (State)
<b>076</b>					
Engine Capacity	Engine No.	Paint Colour	Trim Colour	Manual <input type="checkbox"/>	Column Shift <input type="checkbox"/>
				Automatic <input type="checkbox"/>	Floor Shift <input type="checkbox"/>
Power Steering <input type="checkbox"/>	Factory Air <input type="checkbox"/>	Factory Alloy Wheels <input type="checkbox"/>	Bench Seat <input type="checkbox"/>	Bucket Seats (Fixed) <input type="checkbox"/>	Bucket Seats (Reclining) <input type="checkbox"/>
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Non Standard Equipment			Year Purchased _____ Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Purchased From (If Known) _____ _____		

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				Automatic <input type="checkbox"/>	Floor Shift <input type="checkbox"/>
Power Steering <input type="checkbox"/>	Factory Air <input type="checkbox"/>	Factory Alloy Wheels <input type="checkbox"/>	Bench Seat <input type="checkbox"/>	Bucket Seats (Fixed) <input type="checkbox"/>	Bucket Seats (Reclining) <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>076</b>					
Engine Capacity	Engine No.	Paint Colour	Trim Colour	Manual <input type="checkbox"/>	Column Shift <input type="checkbox"/>
				Automatic <input type="checkbox"/>	Floor Shift <input type="checkbox"/>
Power Steering <input type="checkbox"/>	Factory Air <input type="checkbox"/>	Factory Alloy Wheels <input type="checkbox"/>	Bench Seat <input type="checkbox"/>	Bucket Seats (Fixed) <input type="checkbox"/>	Bucket Seats (Reclining) <input type="checkbox"/>
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- 1. President \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Vice President \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Parts Manager \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Assistant Parts Manager \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Dating Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Publicity Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Editor \_\_\_\_\_

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