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Leyland P76 Anything But Average

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*Display Day at Repco Virginia*

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

<b>General Information</b>	<b>2008</b>
<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>May</b> 25 Club Outing to Imbil</p> <p><b>June</b> 13 Monthly Meeting 29 Club Outing</p> <p><b>July</b> 11 Monthly Meeting 27 Club Outing</p>

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# From the Editors Desk

Hi All

It doesn't seem that long ago since we were in Geelong (we are still talking about it) at the Nationals but that is almost two months ago. It has been good reading the reviews from other club magazines.

Once again, another good attendance for our monthly meeting with Alan Shutz arriving home the night before with his car back on the road again. I'm sure you could write story about your trip Alan for our next magazine.

We had a great turnout for our club display at Repco last month with 11 P76s on a beautiful sunny day. It was good to see a variety of colours (Home on th' Orange, Corinthian Blue, Nutmeg, Crystal White, Omega Navy, Spanish Olive and a Bold as Brass). The display attracted a lot of interest from the public and Repco customers. It seems we don't get the negative comments of old so much now. Warren and Garth brought along their motorised barstools. For those of us game enough to have a go (I definitely tried one), these bar stools are attached to a frame about the size of a go kart with a vertical steering wheel and a hand held speed control. Not easy to drive initially but lots of fun. I don't think I would like to drive one after using it for its rightful purpose.

Our outing this month is a trip to Imbil to see the township before the changes happen up that way. It should be a good day out with great company. We are meeting at 9.00am for morning tea at the BP garage on the left hand side of the Pacific Highway before the Bribie turnoff. And then we will to cruise to Imbil to have lunch at a local café or hotel. If you would like to bring your own picnic you are most welcome.

If anyone is interested in the book "Leyland P76: Anything But Average" being written by Gavin Farmer, there is an order form and information on the back of this magazine. I met Gavin at the 2008 Nationals who has written and published other car books.

Our Targa is off the road at the moment with the brake booster deciding that it was time to be repaired. One blessing was that it didn't pack in while travelling to or home from Geelong at Easter. We have had it reconditioned and bought a new master cylinder (thanks to members of the club who pointed us in the right direction for these repairs and parts) and now working on getting it back together for the club outing to Imbil. Within a week and a half all three of our vehicles decided enough was enough and all went caput!!! Expensive month to say the least!! However, the Targa (1<sup>st</sup> one to breakdown) is the last one to be fixed as it takes time and patience to fix a wonderful car like this with the care it needs.

The Force 7 models have arrived. Please ensure you pay for these in order to collect them.

If anyone wants the magazine in colour (shows off the car pictures really well) please let me know your email address and we can forward it to you by email.

*Happy motoring and safe driving.*



*Prize winners – Richard and Rogo at Repco:  
no excuse not to clean those cars now boys ...*



*Keith Nicolson's Bold as Brass with quilted  
Leyland logo – Repco Display Day*



*Drive instructor Warren, showing new Trainee Pat how to handle the power of the Bar Stool*



Mark Henneken's Corinthian Blue – Repco Display Day

### **An amazing story about an email gone wrong:**

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier. Because of hectic schedules the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day. The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an e-mail to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her e-mail address and, without realizing his error, sent the e-mail.

Meanwhile somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who had a heart attack and died. The widow decided to check her e-mail, expecting messages from relatives and friends.

After reading the first message she screamed and fainted. The widow's son rushed into the room and saw the computer screen which read:

**To:** *My Loving Wife*  
**Subject:** *I've arrived*  
**Date:** *October 16, 2004*

I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send e-mails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I can see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was. P.S. Sure is freaking hot down here!

# General Meeting

9 May 2008

Apologies: Ann Mallon, Darren Bret

Treasurers Report:

March Balance \$3574.52

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held in April 2008 were read and are a true and accurate record. Moved Neville Humphreys seconded Graham Rogerson.

Incoming Magazines:

1. Leyland P76 Classic Car Club, NSW – April 2008
2. Leyland P76 South Australia – April 2008
3. Leyland Post, NSW – No. 24

Incoming Mail

1. Letter from Peter Foote with his new address
2. Letter from RACQ for June activity
3. Letter from Shannon's- information too late
4. Letter from HRCCQ about activity in Warwick 29 June \$15.00 each
5. Letter from Department of Fair Trading

Spare Parts

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

General Business

1. Fair Trading – Warren to attend to on Monday
2. Discussion on the value of cars with one on the market for \$25,000
3. Discussion on new Leyland P76 book by Gavin Farmer

Outings for the coming months

23 May - Imbil

31 August – Lunch with Motor neurone Disease Association at Pelican Park Clontaff.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

## Coming Outings for 2008

- 25 May - Club Outing to Imbil – see detail in this magazine
- 22 June - Club Outing - Graham and Pat Rogerson, Nerangba – clean out club shed
- 27 July - Club Outing (destination to be advised in next months magazine)
- 31 August - Lunch with Motor Neurone Disease Association at Pelican Park Clontaff

## Swap Meets 2008

May				
25	Banyo Swap	Earnshaw State College	Earnshaw Rd, Banyo	0412076846
27	Vintage Vehicle Swap Meet	Earnshaw State College	Earnshaw Rd, Banyo	
June				
15	Original Gold Coast Swap	Mudgeeraba Showgrounds	Mudgeeraba	0755305559
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	

## Club Outing 25 May 2008 - Imbil

Time: 9.00am for morning tea

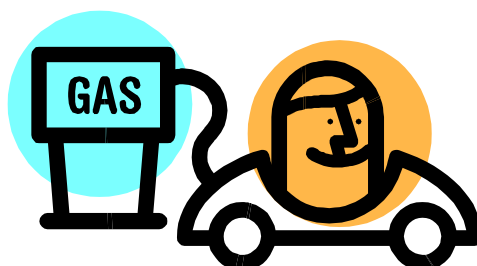
Meet at: BP garage left hand side of Pacific Highway before Bribie turnoff before cruising to Imbil  
Phone Adrian on 0414 383 503 if you get lost finding the meeting point

### ***A brief summary of Imbil from [www.travelmate.com.au](http://www.travelmate.com.au)***

**Imbil** - In Blackall Range country behind the Sunshine Coast, Imbil is announced by orderly, hillside pineapple plantations on the 48 km drive south-west from Gympie. A steep haul to the Imbil Lookout presents incomparable, near 360-degree views to Kenilworth, the mountains, and the Sunshine Coast.

A 26 km round-trip through forest and cultivated creek flats embraces Lake Borumba, which is perfectly tailored to swimming, boating, waterskiing and fishing. A nearby hatchery, which was opened in the early 1980s, breeds golden perch and silver perch, which are released into the local waterways as fingerlings.

Imbil is the terminus for the weekly Sunday run from Gympie by the famous Rattler. The beautifully restored steam locomotive No 45 and its carriages maintain the steam tradition on a railway line originally surveyed in the 1880s. On the 80km return journey, passengers are treated to some magnificent scenery as the train snakes its way through creek-networked valleys.



# President's Report

Hello everyone

It was the best gathering of club members and cars seen for a long time at the club display at Repco Virginia. We had a terrific day, with 11 cars and three mobile bar stools (compliments from Garth and Warren). Garth from Repco also gave each participant a small token and then handed out raffle tickets, with the minor and major prizes being won by Rogo and runner up Richard. (Funny thing was that Richard said to me that his ticket was going to be next and lo and behold his ticket was drawn out - spooky). Also helping there were members of the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Qld and Sandgate Scouts with a sausage sizzle that covered costs.

Ann is highlighting our next outing to Imbil in a couple of weeks. Then late June, Graham has asked if we could fix up one of the sheds, where the parts are falling over.

## **2010 P76 Nationals**

We have been getting information already for the 2010 National Rally from the NSW clubs via Steve Maher who asks: Please forward your response to the other question about the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to us so as to pass onto Steve.

Re: 2010 P76 Nationals

The first meeting proved to be quite fruitful with many suggestions on venues ranging from Hunter Valley to Bathurst, Richmond, South Coast and Southern Highlands. The Committee meets again in 2 months and members will table their findings on all possible venues. A short list will be made and then as a group we will go and check them out individually. One thing that did come up is that 2013 will be the 40th Anniversary of the P76. Everyone should consider the following:

- a) Should there be Nationals to coincide with the anniversary?
- b) If so, should there be a 3 year gap from 2010 until the 2013 Nationals or should we hold one in between in 2011?

If we are going to have one in 2011 a decision should be made fairly soon - at least before Easter 2009.

Give this some serious thought everyone. Steve Maher

Warren is working on behalf of the club in conjunction with the Office of Fair Trade to correct our anomaly so when we have an outcome we will notify each member.

It was with deep regret hearing the sad news of the passing of Alan's father in Adelaide last month.

Neville is again going to look into the re-manufacture of vinyl boot mats that will cost around \$300. Neville has been able to get a new mat and a boot floor from the manufacturer. He is seeking orders so send in your requests.

Don't forget Ann; as the editor Ann is always looking for Articles for the Magazine.

That is it for now, so see you soon  
Adrian

# Concourse winners at 2008 Nationals

**The concourse winners were:**



**Best Original (First Place)**

John & Linda Beattie



**Best Original (Runner-up)**

Norman & Marea Julian



**Best Modified (First Place)**

Greg Varveris



**Best Modified (Runner-up)**

Jason Birmingham



**Best V8 (First Place)**

Nick Kounellis



**Best V8 (Runner-up)**

Denise Mort & Gregory Bryant





**Best L6 (First Place)**

Martyn & Silvia Hayes



**Best L6 (Runner-up)**

John Ernst



**Best Experimental**

Scott Reynolds



**Best Non-P76**

Rick Perceval



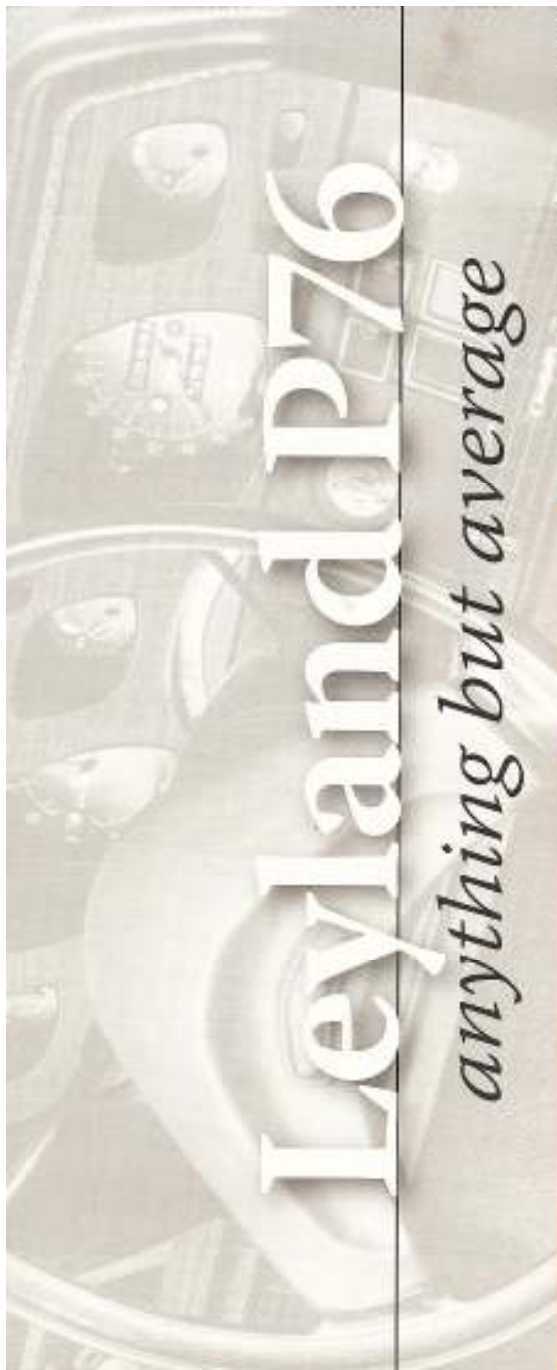
**People's Choice**

Jason Birmingham



**President's Choice**

Graeme Beck



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