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Incorporated Queensland



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1984 Wedding Cars in Invercargill, NZ

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General Information

AIMS OF THE P76 CLUB

1. To restore and actively use all model of P76 produced.
2. To provide knowledge, advice and parts on the P76 and its variants.
3. To conduct various activities for the members and their cars.
4. To include any vehicle assembled in the Zetland factory.

Membership of the club will be open to anyone who is interested in pursuing the aims of the club

The Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated Queensland has its monthly Meetings on **2nd Friday** of each month and Club outings on the last Sunday of each month:

Meeting Venue: Sporting Shooters Assoc. Australia (Brisbane)
Madden Range, 292 Mt Petrie Rd, Belmont Qld 4153

Time: 8.00pm

2013 Meeting dates: 12 April, 10 May, 14 June, 12 July, 9 August, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November, 13 December

Various activities are organised by Club Members and are generally held on the last Sunday of the month. All venue information is confirmed at the General Meeting and is recorded in the Minutes.

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR POINTS ALLOCATED

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

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From the Editors Desk

Hi all

As you all know, 30 June is the end of our financial year and it is also time to renew your subscriptions. If you have not paid your subs by the end of June and you are on Concessional Registration for your car, your registration and insurance will not be valid from 1 July. So, fill out the form that was sent out with the May magazine and post it or give it to a committee member with your \$40.00 cheque or postal order. If you wish, you can contact Garth Morris, the Club Treasurer, and pay by direct transfer.

The picture on the cover of this magazine was taken at a family wedding in New Zealand in 1984. The car on the left is an Oh Fudge 1975 Super V8 auto which belonged to my eldest brother (who now owns a 1964 Mercury Comet). The one on the right is a Dry Red with a black vinyl roof 1976 Deluxe V8 which was ours. This was one of the latter ones to be assembled in New Zealand hence being first registered in 1976. Note the driving lights in the grill similar to what Jason has done to his Plum Loco car. After owning this car for almost five years, we had to sell it to pay for the windows in the new house we were building at the time. We wished we had kept this car.

Where are these cars now? Can any of the New Zealand members shed light on the whereabouts of these vehicles – rego numbers were HT617 and HU8394.

The July Australian Classic Car Magazine has a cover photo of Queensland member Reg Jones' Home On Th' Orange P76 on it. There is an article in the magazine about the P76 turning 40 years old featuring Reg's car.

I have decided that I will not be continuing my role as Editor for the Club after the Annual General Meeting in August 2013. Please consider the role and if you are interested let us know.

To all those from around Australia and New Zealand who are travelling to the 40th anniversary in Canberra at the end of June, I wish you all safe travels. Whether you are driving a P76 or travelling in a modern vehicle, please take care on the roads especially as it is winter and the chance of rain, frosts and snow are highly likely. We look forward to hearing and reading reports of this great weekend.

You may not be aware, but Graham Rogerson has been laid up in hospital for a few weeks. We wish you a speedy recovery Rogo.

Until next month

Happy motoring and safe driving

DRIVERS EDUCATION EXAM ANSWERS

Q: Who has the right of way when four cars approach a four-way stop at the same time?

A: The pick-up truck with the gun rack and the bumper sticker saying, "Guns don't kill people. I do."

Q: When driving through fog, what should you use?

A: Your steering wheel.



General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated Queensland General Meeting held on Friday 14 June 2013 at 8.00pm

Attendance: Richard and Ann Mallon, Adrian Spencer, Neville Humphries, Reg Jones, Pat Rogerson, Darryl and Barbi Packham, Giles Burton, Perdita and Keith Nicolson, Richard Riedel, Mark Bailey, Ricky Donohue, Graham Joseph, Alan Schutz, David Garlick

Apologies: David Muirhead, Graham Rogerson

Treasurers Report: There was no Treasurer's report

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved Graham Joseph and seconded Darryl Packham. Carried

Business Arising:

- Working Bee for tomorrow (Saturday 15 June) has been cancelled due to Graham being in hospital
- An email was sent to Steve Maher by Richard Mallon advising the Queensland Club did not wish to participate in the funding of an advertisement
- Faulty bushes were thought to be original club stock

Incoming Mail:

Postal

- New Memberships: Brett Ingram, James Hicks
- Membership Renewals: Richard and Ann Mallon, Giles Burton, Col Pershouse, David Garlick, Graham Aitken, Travis and Deb Christsen, Bob Perry, John Salkeld, Mark Bailey, Richard Riedel, Alan Schutz
- Magazines: Penzed – May 2013, South Australia, Westwords, New South Wales, Classic Club
- Gundaro Pres Run
- Receipt from the Gun Club

Email

- 2013 Kilcoy Classics on Wheels – 20 October 2013
- Big Rigs & Rock at Beechmere– 17 August 2013
- Helen selling her Morris Marina Sun Tor Caravanette
- Deon wanting a value on 2 x P76s he is looking at purchasing
- Nathan wanting to photograph a Force 7 – he photographed Reg's P for the cover of the July Australian Classic Car magazine
- Muscle on the Mountain Show n Shine at Maleny

Spare Parts Report:

Pat reported a quiet month with not a lot happening since last meeting.

General Business

National Body:

The National Body delegates are meeting in June in Canberra. Neville will be representing the Queensland Club.

Ann advised she will be stepping aside as Editor at this year's Annual General Meeting.

Keith Nicolson reported on attending Cooly Rocks at Queen's Birthday weekend – hundreds of classic cars, swap meet and a great turnout of people and entertainment.

Graham Joseph reported on attending Gold Coast Muscle Car Show at Skilled Park - his was the only P76 there among other classic and muscle cars.

Richard reported attending the Rodz Rock n Roll show at Strathpine – huge variety of classic cars and caravans, entertainment, food and stalls.

Adrian reported on a BBQ held at David's place with northern members attending.

Adrian spoke about his recent adventures with his P76 and water pump issue.

Alan asked about what to do when the indicator stops flashing. It was suggested he go to Repco and buy an electronic two pin flashing unit. See the website as Damian has a list of compatible spare parts for a P76.

The P76 in the Peking rally is currently ahead of the rest of the cars in the Classic Section of this event.

The P76 that entered the Shitbox Rally did well and will be in Canberra for the 40th Anniversary.

Upcoming Outings

29-30 June – 40th Anniversary in Canberra

30 June – Queensland Transport Museum at Gatton

Check Facebook for other upcoming outings

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

WANTED TO BUY

- Leyland Marina in drivable or restorable condition for a friend who is looking for one.
Contact Mark Bailey at jalans12@bigpond.com

June Outing

Sunday 30 June 2013 - Queensland Transport Museum at Gatton. Meeting at MacDonalds, St Ives Shopping Centre, Smith Road Goodna. Departing MacDonalds at 9.15am to arrive Gatton for morning tea.



2013 Qld Events

JULY

- 7 All American Day to be held at Lakeside Park, 7.30 gates open, for more information
www.qldraceways.com.au/AllAmericanIndependenceDay
- 14 RACQ Motorfest – Eagle Farm, Brisbane
- 19 - 21 Shannons Lakeside Classic, Lakeside Park, Kurwongbah, group a and c touring cars, group n touring cars, trans-am and more, Sunday is show n shine and track cruise day. Visit
www.qldraceways.com.au
- 21 Chev Super Sunday. Show and Shine only (no swap meet) Open to all Chevrolet and Chev powered vehicles, proudly presented by the Chevrolet Car Club of Qld Inc, the 55-56-57 Shoebox Club of Qld Inc and the Eight Mile Plains Primary School. Eight Mile Plains Primary School, Cnr of Logan Rd and Underwood Rd, Eight Mile Plains, entrants \$10 per vehicle, gates at 8:00 am. Spectators \$3 per person. Food and drinks are available. Contact Charles 0421 089 000 or
chevsupersunday@bigpond.com or Facebook/Queensland Chevrolet Car Club



President's Report

Hi all

We are halfway through the year and now the colder months have arrived. We have quite a few Queensland members heading down to Canberra to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Leyland P76. I hope your heaters are in working condition as it will be a lot colder than Queensland. I wish you well on your trip and look forward to hearing the reports when you return.

I would have liked to be travelling with you, but after finally getting some money together so we could do some work on the Targa, I decided to spend the funds on this old body and get my eyes repaired instead. It is really amazing what they can do and I no longer need glasses.

Last month Ann and I went to the Rodz Rock n Roll event at Strathpine. This was a well organised event with plenty of entertainment for young and old; stall selling a variety of items, food outlets, face painting for the kids and bands playing during the afternoon and evening. There was a large variety of classic vehicles including old caravans and one Bitter Apricot Deluxe P76. The entry fee of \$10.00 was well worth it as there was more than \$10.00 worth of goodies in the show bag.

We have been out and about in the deluxe lately as I found the electronic distributor in the garage one day during a clean-up and installed it into the P. The car had been off the road for a few months but is up and running again, however, we still seem to be having a problem with the temperature. I am going to flush out the radiator and see if that helps.

We cancelled the working bee for transferring the parts from the Rogerson's place to Yatala. Rogo is still in hospital and he didn't want us in his sheds without his supervision (although I thought that was good idea while he was laid up). Hope all is going well for you Rogo and look forward to seeing you back on your feet.

Ann has decided that it is time for her to step down as Editor so if any member out there would like to take on this role, or that of the President, then now is the time to let us know if you are interested. All positions will become vacant at the Annual General Meeting in August.

For members not travelling to Canberra, we are having a run to the Queensland Transport Museum in Gatton on Sunday 30 June. See the notice in the magazine about meeting times etc and I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards Richard

A cop pulls over a blonde for speeding. The cop gets out of his car and asks the blonde for her license.

'You cops should get it together. One day you take away my license, and the next day you ask me to show it.'

Knock, Knock. Who's there?

Cargo. Cargo who?

Car go Beep Beep!

Rodz Rock n Roll – Strathpine



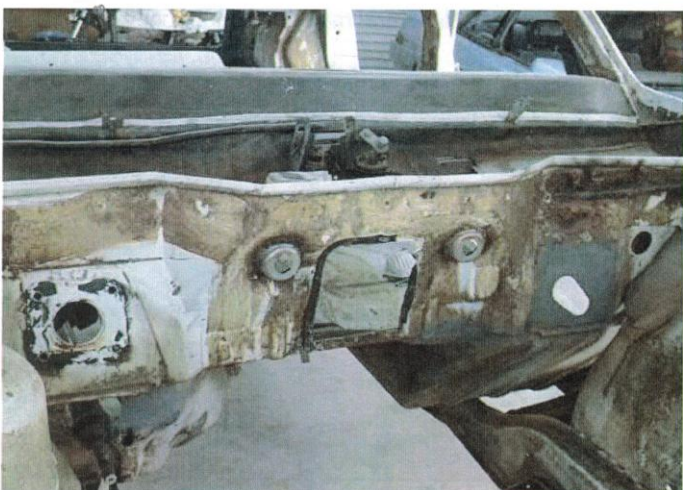
Recently at a club meeting, Rogo was asking about the whereabouts of the replica Force 7. This article, written by Nick Kounelis, was published by the Victoria club in their magazine "Anything but Average" in May 2012. Many thanks to the Victoria Club for allowing us to use it in our magazine.

FORCE 7/11 The Andy Frith Collection - Nick Kounelis



As stated last month part of my Longford trip was to catch up with club members Andy and Judy Frith near Launceston. After saying goodbye to Bob and my other car Friends at Longford, I travelled to Andy's house and went straight to the shed where he was working on an air box for a customers modified Renault, (after making from scratch twin inlet manifolds for its webber carbs and extractors) Andy has been busy on his P76 projects so I will summarise what he has been up to.

He has all the parts for his Peel Me a Grape which is currently on the rotisserie that he built (clever man). He is working on the car from back to front and has just completed the boot floor. This car will be a street machine and has a Subaru Liberty steering column with adjustable height and stalk controls. The car also will have TE to TL magna power electric mirrors requiring rework of the doors to mount them in the correct position. It has extensive work to the firewall and will have the Subaru HVAC system which will fit under the dash area

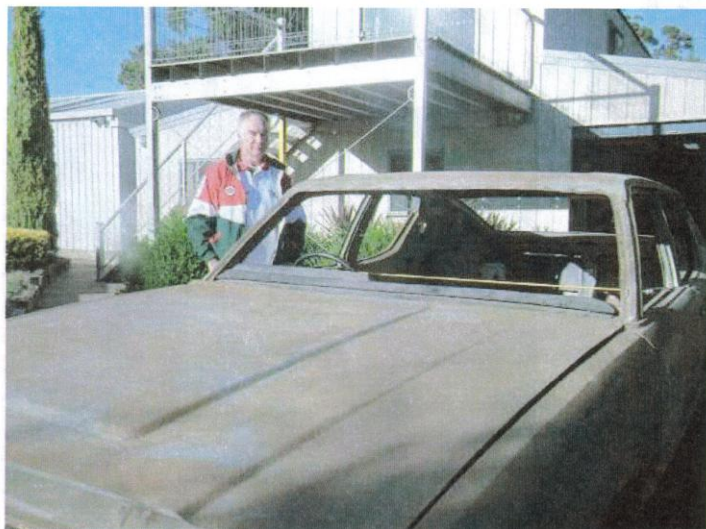


The Subaru steering wheel has been used with a Force 7 Leyland badge in the centre.



Andy has the short motor back from the Engine Reconditioners, chrome plated the harmonic balancer, and many suspension parts and brackets and has a set of new VDO instruments. The car has a rebuilt and completed disc brake lsd diff ready to go into the car, a completed interior, and a 5 speed supra gearbox conversion for which I donated Dellows bellhousing for the cause. Andy also has the wheels and rims for this car which are 15x8 and 16x10 Bathurst Globes with black centres. There is a lot of work going into this restoration.

In early 2011 Andy was fortunate to purchase the Force 7 that was assembled outside of the factory after it closed (number 11). Andy also bought the entire parts collection that came with the car, which is spread between his vast garage and a shipping container on his property. This includes gearboxes, engines, trim, 3 Force 7 rear seat set ups, steering racks etc; he has enough parts to keep all the Tassie P76s currently on the road for another 40 years. We wheeled the S2 out into the open and it is so interesting just to look at the inner roof and interior panels that are so different to sedan parts and you can see where the \$3 million dollars of tooling and development costs went to.



Luckily the coupe has the correct lower apron panels, the noryl (plastic composite) nose cone assembly, the rear bumper bar, spare tailgate hatches and other unique Force 7 panels including

Left -Andy with his Force 7/11



the fuel tank and rear boot spare wheel covers to make this car more authentic than one might think. Plans for the restoration of this car are detailed and for now a secret but it will emerge a very unique car when done.

Andy also has plans to fully restore a Bitter Apricot 6 cylinder 4 speed "luxury pack" that I found for him and was with him when he bought it. Andrew also owns a black P76 Executive formerly owned by the Tasmanian Government and was used in the Queens visit to Tasmania in 1976.

It was built as a crystal white/Imperial leather interior and at the factory was repainted black with Berger stickers still attached. It was also fitted with chrome strips in the middle of the bonnet and "spears" on the top of the guards. The bonnet possibly had an attachment for the Governor's flag or crest. The car also has a beige vinyl roof for which I have helped to source some new material for its replacement. As these restorations progress we will cover the work in detail in future articles



Andrew has other cars including; 2 Subaru Vortex's (both 4x4 turbo) and a Bug Eye Sprite. The Subaru Vortex are for sale (know any buyer's), as the funds will help in P76/F7 restoration. The Sprite is at the end of his restoration list and might occur after he has retired.

I'm sure that this collection of cars will be very impressive and eye catching when completed and as Andy is a welder/fabricator by trade, most work he does himself up to and including primer stage. He has the contacts within the panel beating industry for those extra tricky bits and for final painting. I am sure the final work will be of the best standard and that it will help inspire us to get our own projects sorted out.

Nick Kounelis

Two tourists were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They went back and forth until they stopped for lunch. At the counter, one tourist asked the employee, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" The guy leaned over the counter and said, "Burrr-gerrr Kiiing."

**REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
BY 30 JUNE 2013**

RENEWAL IS \$40.00