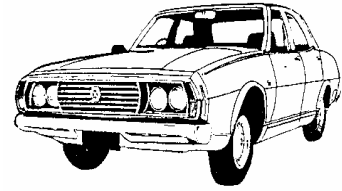




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Neville's new Targio Florio "Bob"

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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

General Information	2008	
<p>The Queensland P76 Owners Club Inc holds its monthly Meetings on the 2nd Friday of each month at 8.00pm</p> <p>Venue: Norman Park Uniting Church Cnr Bennetts Rd & 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>		
	March	
	21-24	Nationals in Geelong, Victoria
	April	
	11	Monthly Meeting
	27	Club Display at Repco, Virginia
	May	
	9	Monthly Meeting
	25	Club Outing
June		
13	Monthly Meeting	

Leyland, anything but average

From the Editors Desk

Hi all

As I send this newsletter to print I suddenly realise tomorrow is 'D Day', the big day when we leave for our planned road trip to meet up with other P76 enthusiasts at Geelong for Easter. Richard has been living and breathing P76 for the last week and I must admit with the new sheepskins, clean windows, less rattles and a polish it is looking worthy to take on the trip. Just a few more little tweaks he informs me and it is ready to go. I am looking forward to two weeks away from work, no computers or spreadsheets – just the open road and the sheer freedom of travelling in a car made for cruising.

At the end of February three P's went on the club outing to Marburg on a beautiful sunny Queensland day with high temperatures and very high humidity. After all the rain we have had during December and January the countryside was lovely and green. We met at Ipswich as two cars came from North and the other South. In Marburg, we browsed the antiques shop and had dinner at the hotel. We talked to some very friendly locals at the pub and the food was good both in taste and value especially The Mother-in-Law burger.



Morning tea stop on way to Marburg

Beside the Antique Shop was an old petrol bowser and phone box which immediately takes you back in time. I am sure that all P76 owners would love the bowser to be operational especially with the ever increasing price of fuel. Once the price reaches \$9.99 it goes back to \$0.00. What a great idea.



As we were sitting at the pub an orange P76 went past but did not see us despite us waving and singing out. Peter is the owner of this car and lives somewhere in Marburg.



Adrian and Leonard waiting on lunch at the Marburg Hotel

Richard and I did not have a speedometer despite Richard putting a new speedo cable on prior to this trip. So, after me directing him home the long way via Beaudesert (I love road trips) we ran out of petrol. Lucky we had the petrol can in the boot and we were in the town of Beaudesert so we limped to the servo after topping up with the petrol can to get us there. Well, says the navigator, I love the unpredictable!! It would appear that the fuel gauge is not as accurate as we believed it was. Once home and a check of the speedo cable showed it was pulled out from one end so basically a simple job of re routing it so it was not stretched enough to pull out again. Hence, we now have a working speedometer again.

Last Saturday was the Drive in Movies at Yatala and there was a show of four P's and one XR8. We were enjoying our movie when we were approached by one of the staff that there had been complaints about our loud radios – we had tuned the two targa radios into the same movie. But, little did we know that we were actually in Section B and watching Section A movie. Those watching the other movie could not hear the sound over our booming speakers so of course being such nice people, and also we did not want to be evicted, we turned our radios down. Then, we found it difficult to follow the movie as we could hear more sound from the other movie. Oh well, next time we will know which section to be in.

I hope you all have a happy Easter and if you are travelling during that period take care and drive carefully.

Happy motoring and safe driving.

One day my mother was out and my dad was in charge of me. I was about 3 years old and had just recovered from a nasty fall. Someone had given me a little tea set as a get-well gift and it was one of my favorite toys.

Daddy was in the living room, engrossed in the evening news when I brought him a little cup of 'tea', which of course, was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Mom came home.

My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!' My Mom waited and sure enough, here I came down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watched him drink it all up. Then she said, "Did it ever occur to you that the only place that child can reach to get water, is the toilet?"

General Meeting

14 March at 8.00pm

Apologies

Garth, Warren

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in February 2008 were read and are a true and accurate record. Moved Richard Mallon, seconded Neville Humphreys

Incoming Magazines

1. NSW Classic Club Feb 2008
2. Westwords March 2008
3. PenZed 2008
4. Leyland Post Jan-Feb 2008
5. South Australia Jan-Feb 2008
6. South Australia March 2008

Incoming Mail

1. Membership renewal - Jim Vickers
2. Shannon's catalogue
3. Letter from Qld Government Sport and Recreation
4. Letter from Jim Vickers Dalby
5. Letter for renewal of post box.

Spare Parts

1. Graham discussed parts being taken to the Nationals in Geelong
2. Steve Trost still chasing a NOS front grill top chrome strip/bar

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.

A minutes silence was held in memory of Garth's father who passed away last Sunday.

General Business

1. 2 Force 7 Models sold
2. Discussion on Easter Trip
3. Leyland six deluxe Marina for sale Bracken Ridge, contact Adrian
4. Show car potential Marina six red coupe for sale Bracken ridge \$2,500, contact Adrian
5. Adrian paid the account for post box renewal
6. Steve Trost did very well with a third place at the Toowoomba car show with his red car. Well done. This car is for sale for \$12,000
7. Harry Z from Greece has had starting problems with his Force 7 while competing in Germany. No power to the car. Assisted with drawings and suggestions on what it may have been
8. An email sent on behalf of the club to Garth and Christine

Outings for the coming months

- 15 March Drive In (50's — 60's night)
- 21 March Easter Nationals @ Geelong
- 27 April Repco Virginia
- 31 August lunch with Motor Neurone Disease Association at Pelican Park Clontarf.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm

Swap Meets 2008

March				
30	Bayside Swap	Ormiston School	Ormiston	32073733
April				
6	Gold Coast Super Swap	Carrara Sports Complex	Gold Coast	55224571 Tricia
13	Northern Districts Rodders Annual Swap and Show	Redcliffe Showgrounds	Redcliffe	0403823270 Richard
27	Cleveland Auto Spectacular Car Show and Swap Meet	Cleveland Showgrounds	Cleveland	0417629271
May				
18	Fine Iron Swap Meet	Ebbw Vale Soccer Grounds	Brisbane Rd, Ipswich	0413435107
18	Gatton Swap	Gatton Showground	Gatton	
18	Classic Speedway Ass Annual Car, Bike Show and Swap	Greenbank Sport and Recreation Grounds	Middle Rd, Greenbank	0407035412
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	

Coming Outings for March 2008 & April 2008

- 21 March Easter Nationals @ Geelong
- 27 April Repco Virginia

President's Report

Well the month has come and gone, only two more sleeps till some of the club members head off south over two borders to Geelong for the Nationals. We have a small group attending consisting of Stan and Margaret, Pat and Graham, Col and Sandra, Ann and Richard, Alan and Maryanne, Neville and myself. I have to do a detour to pick up Peter from Cowra. We hope to meet up with Hal in Raymond Terrace near Newcastle on Tuesday evening. Then on Wednesday join some of the NSW and WA members in

Sydney and travel all day to Bendigo. Thursday morning we will head to Nhill in Western Victoria to catch up with Rod Warwick to check out his collection of P76s.

This months meeting was chaired by Carle and everyone said how well run it was, so I know who I am going too nominate come the next AGM, maybe you can too.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Garth's father last week. On behalf of the Club I would like to extend our sympathy to Garth and Christine.

The club went to the Drive-In last night and thanks to Ann and Richard for saving us a spot. We normally get there early, but this year Peter Foote and I were running late. Neville and Sonia turned up as well as James and his lady Simone, new prospect members from South Australia. We also had the chance to meet Peter Muller who due to his work is usually unable to make meetings or events. Neville drove 'Bob' his Nutmeg Targa to see which car he taking to Geelong. Quite a lot of beautiful cars turn up on these events.



Travis at the Drive In with the four P76s



Some of the cars on display

I had an email from a number of people about selling Marinas. A good buy for anyone would be Tabatha's candy red Leyland six coupe and parts ready to be reassemble for a show car for \$2,500. Tabatha is located in Brackenridge Brisbane.

Two events for you to calendar that we need to get you to will be the display day at Repco Virginia, Brisbane on Sandgate Road from 9 am to 2 pm - all are welcome so come along.

The other event is the third year of joining the MNDAQ at Pelican Beach Clontarf for lunch, starting at 10.30am on Sunday 31 August. The event is to promote both the MNDAQ and your club as being community minded. This year the club is supplying lunch. Please come and if you can get other clubs to attend that would be great. Further information will be forthcoming later in the year.

On the bulletin board, discussions have been centered on carbon trading and showing that owners of older cars need to be proactive in becoming carbon neutral. If you have any ideas on this I would be interested in hearing from you. Suggestions have been to buy trees etc. I did a little research on the subject and we hope to discuss it at Geelong.

Another discussion has been about setting up a parts register in Cyber space (WWW) that too has a lot of pros and cons, which will also be talked about at Geelong.

Well, better get back to some fault finding using the car wiring diagram, I have permanent blinkers.

Cheers
Adrian

FOR SALE

May 1974 Nutmeg Executive – V8, Power Steering, Factory Air, one owner ex Queensland Club member. The boot is rusty and also the top and bottom of the back window and around the fuel cap. Deceased estate, offers.
Contact: Judy after 3.00pm on 07 3284 3654 or Graham



**ONE WHO ASKS A QUESTION
IS A FOOL FOR FIVE MINUTES;
ONE WHO DOES NOT ASK A QUESTION
REMAINS A FOOL FOREVER.**

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THE TALE OF 2 TARGAS

By Neville Humpherys

At the 2007 Qld All British Day I had on display my low km omega navy targa florio. While I was away, Adrian noticed a lady sitting in my car checking out the hand book. On approach Adrian asked her if she needed any help. She told Adrian how her brother worked for Leyland and had built a special targa (he had put different things into it) for a doctor mate of his and how he was involved in quality control and durability testing of the cars. She was curious to know if this was the car. I told her it was from Sydney but was not modified or different in anyway from original. She gave us her brother's name and told us he was manufacturing car parts in China at present.



Adrian and I listened to her story and gave her our contact details so if her brother wanted a chat he could call us. During the week I received a call from Jason Birmingham saying some old guy had contacted him about a nutmeg targa he had and was interested in us checking it out. Adrian and I were going to Sydney for the BMC Heritage Day that weekend anyway and, yes we were interested in looking at the car. On arrival at "the old guys place" we found a very nice unrestored nutmeg targa, with 141000kms on the clock.



While we all were dribbling over the car we noticed it had a few different bits and pieces on it. The car had series 2 c-pillar vents, a different centre consul (no wood grain) and Force7 steering wheel.



The car looked nice. Jason complimented Bob on how well the car was kept and asked him what he had done for a living. Bob told us he was a doctor. Just after that we asked how he came by the extra bits on the car. He told us a mate of his put them on at the factory for him. Adrian and I looked at each other with amazement as we realized that this was the car Gwen was talking about at the All British Day. At this stage Bob was not going to sell the car but was going to put it back on the road himself with Jason doing some of the work for him. We left our details with him and told him to give us a call if he wanted to sell it. I was very keen on the car.

A few weeks went past and we never heard from Bob. One night curiosity got the better of me and I gave him a call about the car. He told me he was now interested in selling the car due to the fact he couldn't do the work himself. After a short negotiation the deal was done. Now all I had to do was convince Sonia to the deal, a bit of sweet talking and all was done.



A quick phone call (40 mins) a couple of weeks later to Gwen's brother Ross revealed that yes, he did modify Bob's car at the factory for him and they did a lot of that kind of stuff at the time. He built himself a country cream 4speed executive, yet more of a tale to go along with an already interesting story and car.

Green Fleet

From the "Green Fleet" webpage...

Greenfleet is a not-for-profit organisation. Our program provides a simple way to reduce your car's impact on the environment. For \$40 (tax deductible), Greenfleet will plant 17 native trees on your behalf. These trees will help to create a forest, and as they grow will absorb the greenhouse gases that is generated by driving your car for one year (based on 4.36 tonnes of CO2 for the average car*)...

*based on 1,650 litres of fuel used, approximately 14,100 klms.

From: leylandp76-at-yahoogroups.com.au

Subject: [leylandp76] Green Fleet

Idea Being in the thick of Sustainability issues with the Shire at the moment I think that our hobby may be in real danger of being legislated out of existence soon. Now I know in the past some of the people on this group howled it would never happen when I wrote club editorials that predicted the early demise of leaded fuel I was subsequently proven right. Part of my job is to predict trends and government policy, some would call this work being a futurist.

In Japan cars like ours would simply not be able to be used and they are only one of a handful of countries that have adopted this policy.

Of course we are trying to defend the indefensible, our cars use more fuel and and create more pollution than a new car. We need to look seriously at taking the upper-hand.

I therefore propose that we work with the peak organisation the Association of Australian Motor Clubs to have legislated that every car over 25 years of age must subscribe to Green Fleet. I also think in the interim that clubs also consider this as a policy that every P76 used by a club member is also in Green Fleet. The cost is only \$40, we could then launch the program publicly and gain the upper hand in the publicity stakes and public relationships campaign.

RE: [leylandp76] Green Fleet Idea

Older cars and classics like the P76 are becoming collectors items anyway John and hardly being driven at all, so their overall contribution to greenhouse is negligible. Nevertheless the greenfleet is a good option for anyone.....another idea would be every car club commit to joining in a tree planting day as part of an environmentally responsible approach...would make for good press. Half the boys could do donuts and burnouts while the other half got their hands dirty and communing with nature. The two groups should cancel each other out.

Re: [leylandp76] Green Fleet Idea

I think a perfect place to start would be to get the SA Govt once again, to allow cars running LPG to be put back on the Historic Rego Scheme... What do you get for your \$40??? More than we are getting from the Murray River Revival scheme I hope. Hate to sound negative, but we aren't in Japan, nor California where the Government actually paid for you to sacrifice your old pride and joy...I will wait for the Candy Man AKA Kevin Rudd to lead me to the valley of GREEN..... We can't get our education system unified across Australia, or our OH&S Policies unified either. So how many years of summits are we going to endure before all the State can ratify a common agreement on a Green Policy?

Cheers Anton

Re: [leylandp76] Green Fleet Idea

I think Michael you have the right idea.

These so called Not for profit companies are just there to make someone pay for their wages.

My Govt should be plant more state forest that then aid ALL not just a few.

Yowee