



Leyland P76 Owners Club  
Incorporated Queensland



Leyland P76 Anything But Average

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# THE QUEENSLAND BULLETIN



**BARBI AND DARRYL (WEARING THE 2012  
NATIONALS SHIRTS) JACK AND RICHARD AT  
REDLANDS BAY**

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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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** of each month:

**Venue:** Mt Petrie Primary School  
Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road  
MACKENZIE, QLD (Entry is via Vivaldi Street)  
**Time:** 8.00pm

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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Hi all

We have elected our new committee at the AGM held this month. The changes to the committee: Richard Mallon is President, Neville Humphreys is Vice President and Carle Gregory has taken on the role of Secretary. Richard Riedel thanked the outgoing committee for their work over the previous year before he called for nominations. It has been a busy year but the year ahead will be busier with the club hosting the 2012 Nationals at Easter.

Our July run to the Gold Coast Restoration Day was moved from 31 July and brought forward to 24 July. As it was late notice I don't think anyone from our club attended. However, Mary-Anne and Alan joined Richard, myself and a few friends in Sanctuary Cove to view the Pontiacs and Cadillacs on display. There were some awesome cars that have obviously cost their owners a lot judging by the way they were presented. We chatted to some of the owners and ended up having brunch at the Yacht Club. It was a good morning of friendship and laughs.

On Sunday 31 July we organised a run to Redlands Bay. Richard and I, along with Richard's Dad in the Targa, met up with Barbi and Darryl in their Bitter Apricot Super and Carle Gregory in his Landrover at Macdonalds Loganholme. We had morning tea and a chat then headed off over Mount Cotton and across to the Redlands Bay Tavern. The Mount Cotton run was beautiful with very few cars on the road. However, reaching Redlands Bay Tavern the roads were busy and the carpark was full. We parked on the grass and managed to get a really good table for lunch. Barbi and I queued for quite a while to get our lunch orders in but it was well worth it. Thanks to Andrew Gibbon who I spoke to the day before for recommending such a good tavern. We will be going back for sure. All three vehicles travelled well and no breakdowns.

The outing on Sunday 28 August is a BBQ lunch at our place, 14 Jingella Street, Hope Island from 11.00am. The club will not be supplying the meat and buns as has happened in the past. Please bring your own meat and we will cook it on the BBQ for you. We will supply cutlery, plates, glasses, cups and hopefully fine weather. To help with having a variety of food can you please contact me on 041 774 8579 and let me know what you wish to bring in the way of a salad or dessert. So far we have a promise of a rice salad, pasta salad, coleslaw and a pavlova.

If anyone has an event they would like to go on or organise, let us know and we can see if we can get some cars together for it. Until our next edition please think of some articles for the magazine that can be published.

Last month we had a problem with mailing the magazines. If any member did not receive the July magazine please advise me and I will send you one.

Graham and Pat Rogerson were welcomed back at the meeting last week after a lengthy time away due to ill health.

If you have not renewed your membership this is the last magazine you will be receiving. A red dot on the front of the magazine is to remind you that we have not received your 2011-2012 membership payment.

*Happy motoring and safe driving*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How would you rearrange the letters in the words "new door" to make one word? There is only one correct answer?</li><li>2. I am taken from a mine and shut up in a wooden case from which I am never released, yet I am used by almost everybody.</li><li>3. What happened in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century that will not happen again for 4,000 years?</li></ol> |
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**See further on in the magazine for the answers but try to work it out first.**



# General Meeting Minutes

## ***Minutes of the Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated Queensland General Meeting held on Friday 12 August 2011***

The meeting was opened by the President at 7.35pm

### **Attendance:**

Carle Gregory, Garth Morris, Graham and Pat Rogerson, Darryl and Barbi Packham, Richard and Ann Mallon, Warren Ashworth, Neville Humphreys, Graham Joseph, Ricki Donahue, Keith Nicholson, Richard Riedel, Adrian Spencer, Stan and Margaret Larter.

### **Apologies:**

John Spencer, Jason Millar

### **Treasurers Report:**

The treasurer reported the bank balance as per the current statement. Moved by Garth Morris and seconded by Graham Rogerson that the treasurer's report be accepted.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved by Adrian Spencer, seconded by Barbara Packham.

### **Business Arising:**

Adrian reported that the Station Wagon models are still coming. Those who ordered the models are: Adrian Spencer, Neville Humphreys, Garth Morris, Warren Ashworth, Graham Rogerson, Richard Mallon, Geoff Jones, Carle Gregory, Keith Nicolson, Russell Kohne and Andrew Murray.

Items for the Christmas hamper to be given to any committee member.

### **Incoming Mail:**

#### Club Magazines received:

The Leyland Post No. 44; Leyland P76 Classic Car Club July 2011; Westwords August 2011; Penzed July 2011

#### Postal Mail:

Shannons, Annual Return of Association, Austnet PLI, Gold Coast Antique Auto Club Day, Cams, Paper clipping of P76

#### New Membership

Graham and Annette Aitken

#### Membership Renewals:

Col and Sandra Warnock, Gwen Wockner, Mark Duiker, Raymond Trost, Russell Nicolson, Ricki Donahue, Graham Joseph

### **Outgoing Mail:**

Letter to Aussie World on behalf of the Nationals committee

### **Spare Parts Report:**

Ring gear to Dalby, Top strut bushes

## General Business

- The following was tabled to open a bank account for the 2012 Nationals;

### **Motion for ratification at the August 2011 Leyland P76 Owners Meeting**

**Motion:** The Leyland P76 Owners Club incorporated Queensland approve the creation of a new Banking Account for the purpose of managing the funds associated with the club's Easter 2012 National Event. The club to approve opening of this new account at the National Australia Bank in a branch convenient to the signatories. The title of this account is to be "Leyland P76 Owners Club 2012 Nationals Event". The club to approve the two signatories for this account to be Mrs Patricia Rogerson and Mr Adrian Spencer, mandatory that two must sign any transaction documentation out of three. Barbara Packham is the third signatory. The club requires monthly reporting by the signatories on balance and transactions at the club's general meetings. This account is to be closed once all reconciliation has occurred after the event and at the latest by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Moved by Darryl Packham, seconded by Ann Mallon. The motion was carried unanimously

- Richard Rydell advised he has two executive seats available. These have been taken.
- Adrian spoke on two Targa's north of Brisbane
- National Group email from Steve Maher tabled. Moved Neville Humphries, seconded Garth Morris.
- \$100 cheque for room rent
- Membership cards are valid for 12 months. If a member has paid for two years, they will be given a new card in the next financial year. This is tracked by the Treasurer.
- Christmas Lunch will be held on 27 November at Jacobs Well Tavern. Cost is \$25 per person.
- Adrian advised that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lakeside Raceway is coming up
- Thanks to Ann Mallon for organising a late run over Mt Cotton to Redland Bay on 31 July due to the moving of dates of the Gold Coast Restoration Society Open Day at Pimpama to the previous Sunday.
- National Committee report - Darryl Packham tabled the Report on the progress of the National Committee

## Upcoming Outings

- 28 August 2011 – BBQ lunch at Ann and Richards place, BYO meat
- 25 September 2011 – Tram Museum at Ferny Grove
- 30 October 2011 - Queensland Motor Neurone Disease Luncheon

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

# August Outing

***Sunday – 28 August 2011, BBQ lunch at Richard and Ann Mallon from 11.00am. This is on the Gold Coast at 14 Jingella Street, Hope Island, Qld 4212. Driveway parking for the invalids, plenty of parking on the block over the road and the street. Bring your own meat for the BBQ. Phone Ann on 0417748579***





# 2011 Club Events Calendar

## August 2011

28 Sunday Club Outing BBQ lunch at Ann and Richards on the Gold Coast

## September 2011

9 Friday Monthly Meeting 8.00pm at Mt Petrie School

25 Sunday Club Outing Tram Museum at Ferny Grove

## October 2011

14 Friday Monthly Meeting 8.00pm at Mt Petrie School

30 Sunday Club Outing Queensland Motor Neurone Disease Luncheon

## November 2011

11 Friday Monthly Meeting 8.00pm at Mt Petrie School

27 Sunday Club Outing Christmas Lunch

## December 2011

9 Friday Monthly Meeting 8.00pm at Mt Petrie School

# 2011 Swap Meets and Events

## September

18 **Annual Beaudesert Swap** at Beaudesert Show Grounds  
beaudesertswap@yahoo.com.au or <http://carclubs.shannons.com.au/beaudesertdrac>  
18 **IVVVA Bundamba Swap** at Ebbw Vale Soccer Grounds - Phone: 3201 8911  
24-25 **Cleveland Old Truck Show & Swap Meet** at Cleveland Showgrounds  
Phone: 07 5448 8246 (to be confirmed)

## October

1 **Toowoomba Swap Meet** at Souths Football Oval, Baker St Toowoomba  
Phone: 0407 353 959  
2 **Toowoomba All Holden Day** at Souths Football Oval, Baker St Toowoomba  
Phone: 0407 353 959  
3 **Kilcoy Classic Car Show and Swap** at Kilcoy Showgrounds. Historic cars and motorbikes

## November

5 **Hervey Bay HS P&C Swap Meet** at Hervey Bay High School Ovals  
Phone: 07 4194 3759 (7am-3pm) or 0408 455 447 or email: pcurr6@eq.edu.au  
27 **Beaudesert Little Athletics Swap Meet** at Beaudesert Showgrounds, Beaudesert  
+ Phone: 0419 981 940 or Email: karen.d@scenicrim.qld.gov.au (to be confirmed)

***Many thanks for dates and details of upcoming swap meets supplied by:  
Pacific Highway Auto Recyclers, Elliot Drive, Yatala***

### Some Interesting Facts I read this week:

- ❖ All swans in England are the property of the queen or king
- ❖ The first product to have a bar code scanned was Wrigley's gum
- ❖ Honeybees never sleep
- ❖ 5% of the world population lives in the US, but 22% of the world's prison population is in the US
- ❖ A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brothers' first flight



# President's Report

## 2011 AGM President's report

Well yet another year has gone by and we are facing another AGM. The past year has seen some good times; the main one being forming a committee who are making decisions for the 2012 Nationals on the Maroochydoore River which looks likely to be a very successful event.

The change of venue seems to have worked as we are consistently getting more members to them and also to the runs with the highlight so far this year being the Rosewood run with 6 cars - well done everyone.

It was unfortunate that the All British Day was cancelled for this year only as this is usually our big day to highlight the club. However I hope that we can organise and hold our own event sometime after the 2012 Nationals to give us another vehicle to promote our club.

Many thanks and appreciation goes to ALL members of the committee with Ann Mallon again doing wonders with the magazine, along with Richard both enjoying being grandparents. Special mention to Pat for putting up with Rogo through a few operations this year, the main one being for a temporary hip and Rogo for looking after the parts while being hobbled.

Thanks to the National's committee for taking this task on. It seem that we have the right stuff in the club to be successful and I can only hope things keep improving in the light of the financially uncertain times we are having at present.

Thanks to the outgoing committee for their support in guidance, time, effort and commitment to the jobs they agreed to do so that new committee can carry on to make this club better than average

Your President  
Carle

**Answers: 1. O-N-E-W-O-R-D 2. Pencil lead 3. A year like 1961, which reads the same up-side-down. This will not happen again until 6009.**

## July 2011 Events



**Super and Targa P76 at Redlands Bay**



**Cadillacs at Sanctuary Cove**

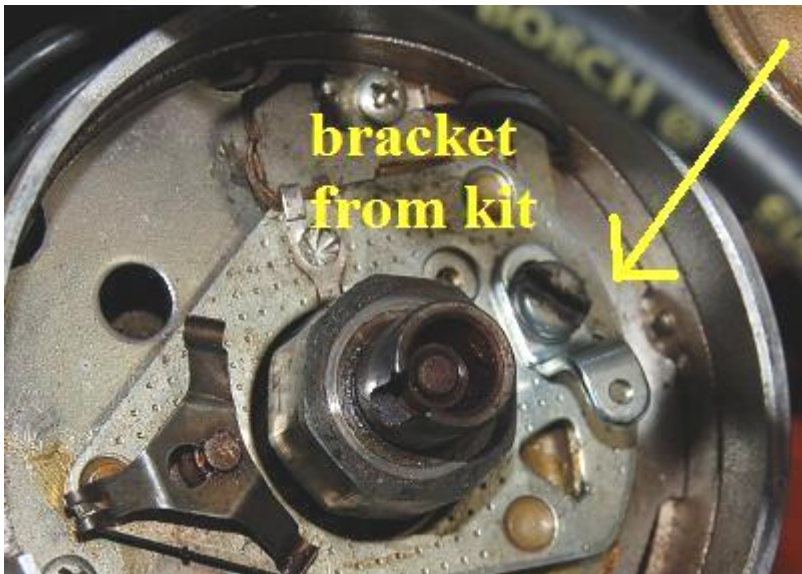
## Crane Optical Ignition for P76 V8 by Darryl Packham

Sick of the original points system on the P76 V8 needing maintenance, want to replace it and then forget it? The Crane XR700, points conversion ignition system is one option. It uses a plastic disc with 8 slots and an Optical transmitter/receiver that straddles a rotating slotted disc running at the distributor shaft speed. As the disc rotates with the shaft of the distributor it sends a message to the XR700 control unit which fires the single original coil as per what the old points system did. There is no rubbing block, no points arcing, in short simply no wear.



First strip the distributor of unwanted components, remove the rotor (keep), remove the original points (and keep the locating screw), finally remove the capacitor (not needed). In the kit is a small right angled bracket, mount it as shown in the distributor using the retained screw from mounting the points.

Note vacuum advance stays operational.



would have you searching for a replacement from the USA.

If you hunt around it should only cost in the region of \$160 for the kit. Mine was purchased a long time ago when the Aussie dollar was not strong for about \$200 and has been on the car for 5 years without one indication of a problem or hiccup. I don't even look under the cap anymore, it is just set and forget technology.

The supplied instructions are good, if not a little generic for all car types, including other than 8 cylinders.



The small kit supplied bracket will hold the optical transmitter / receiver.

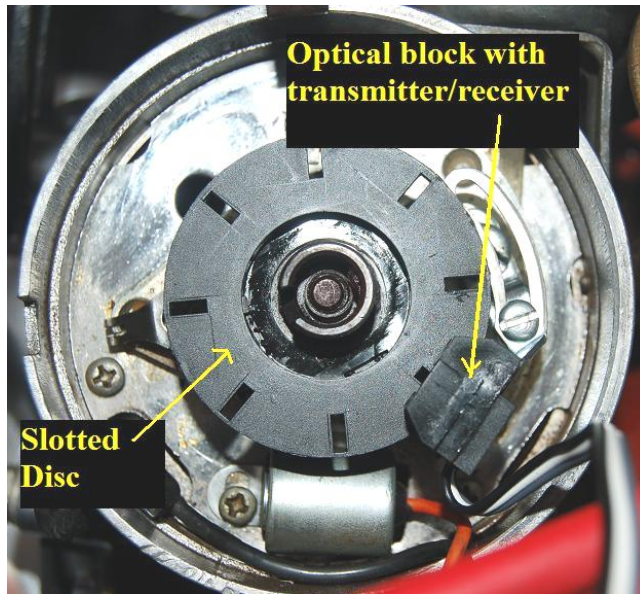
The slotted disc will pass through a slot in the optical transmitter / received block which should be mounted so as NOT to rub on the disc in any situation, yet still allow the disc slots to break the optical beam.

Make sure the locating screw for the small right angled bracket is securely tightened, using loctite would be prudent. One thing for sure if anything is loose or poorly positioned, the distributor shaft will continue to rotate regardless of what happens to components flopping around on a plastic disc. Destruction of the plastic disc

This system can be installed easily within one day...

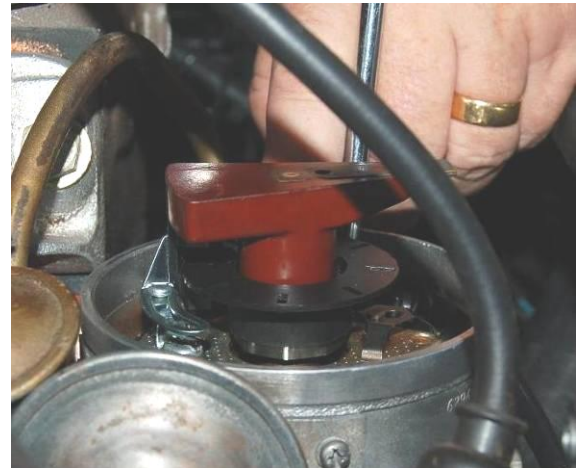






The plastic slotted disc fits perfectly over the distributor shaft cam lobes and should be securely seated as low as it will go on the shaft. The optical block fits onto the top of the small right angled bracket previously installed, again make sure all is very tight.

The original rotor button goes back into it's original place to also act as a locator for the plastic disc. Notice that my optical block is located very close to the place where the vacuum advance lever attaches to the platform on which we have now mounted the optical block.



Now work out where to mount the control unit. The wires



could be lengthened and the unit hidden out of sight if desired, however, mine was placed on the driver's side strut tower, away from the engine heat as much as practical.

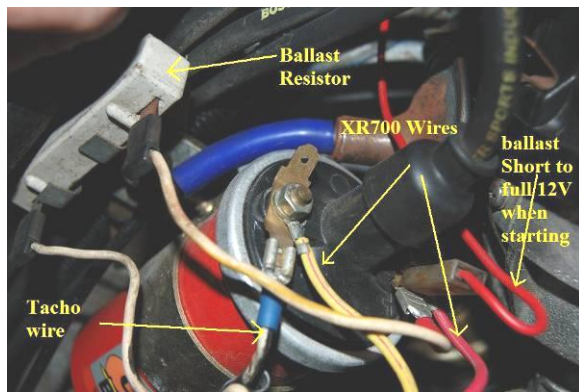


Always use masking tape to help mark and drill those holes



and of course protect your lovely paint work.

So we have the disc and optical block mounted in their final positions, and the control unit where we want it. Now the wiring which easy, the XR700 grey, white and black go to the optical block inside the distributor through the same hole used by OEM wiring. The XR700 yellow and red go across the coil still using the ballast resistor and ballast short wiring for starting, even the tach (if fitted can stay in the same place on the coil).



The only wiring removed from the coil is the original wire from the distributor points to the coil. Then simply add the XR700 yellow with red stripe to the side of the coil from which you removed the wire originally connected to the distributor points. This provides the coil current break from the XR700 control unit at the correct moment for each cylinder. Add the XR700 red with white stripe wire to the positive 12 volt side of the coil (this is where the XR700 will get its power from). That's it!

Obviously the whole unit now has to be timed to give you your normal advance setting. There is a little LED light on the control unit to assist with this, and then when close you should fire up the engine and always use a timing light to get the final adjustment. The timing adjustment is made the same way as you have been doing with the normal point system, rotate the distributor body till the timing light shows the correct advance. Almost set and forget now, trouble free motoring. The End.

