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Canberra and Districts Leyland P76 Club Newsletter May 2003

Next Meeting:

**Monday 12th of May
at
Weston Creek Football
Club and Sports Centre**

**Teesdale Cl off Fremantle Dr
Stirling**

Commences 7.30pm



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PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS



Hello All,

The 30th Anniversary Easter 2003,
National Get together was a huge success.

A special thanks must go to Bryce,
Damien, Geoff, Eddy, Paul, and Mark.
Who all put in a big effort over the
weekend and the days leading up to it.

The feedback from almost all those
attending was favourable.

We even got to meet the infamous Mark
Horrill at the Dinner at the Rydges
Lakeside.

Hope to see you all on Monday night.

Alex

Minutes of meeting Easter 2003

Present.

Eddy Houghton
Damien Haas
Alex Shoobridge
Mark Bailey
Mark Horrill
Bryce French
Paul Hanley
Michael Livingstone
Gwen Livingstone

Business arising.

PM Tour
Concourse
Formal dinner
Observation run.
Eddy's BBQ lunch
Farewell breakfast.

New Business.

As mentioned before the Easter weekend went extremely well. People turned up as early as midweek these included John & Dell, Pat & Rogo all from Qld.

Most others had arrived by Friday including a few Mentiplays from WA and Nick and Andrew, from Tas and SA. These folk then made the trip to Fred Addisions and brought back a large range of spares, available for sale to the rest of us. I personally spent far more that my wife should ever know.

The concourse on Saturday featured 27 P76's and one Force 7.



The Formal dinner was delicious and most club members were extremely well dressed.



As no one was actually able to locate a copy the early 90's observation run, not through Paul's lack of looking. I had to invent a new one. This was done with the help of my wife and a good friend and we drove about town with the laptop in the front of the car on Saturday afternoon after the concourse, but before the formal dinner.



The eventual winners of the observation run were Christine & Garth Morris +1. They faced very rapid and accurate competition from the Ling's from Tasmania in their Targa Florio. As well as some far too accurate but very slow competition from the Julian family, but since their P76 looked far too much like a late model Magna so they were of course excluded.



With many thanks to James, Troy, Luke, and the other 2 judges who wish to remain anonymous.

The winners of the various other awards were as follows.

Best restored: Michael Livingstone's Aspen Green Targa Florio.

Best Original: Gwen Livingstone's Bold as Brass 6 cyl super.



(I personally preferred Nick's White/Black Super V8)

Best Targa Florio: Brian Twemlow's Omega Navy Exec.



People's choice: Dave Collins Omega Navy Targa. (it pays to bring a lot of friends, no actually his car was very nice, for a Queenslander)



There were many other well presented P76's from all over Australia. Enough even that the Canberra Times came and took a few photos to put in the Sunday supplement the following weekend, along with a short favourable article on the P76.

On Monday morning we all met at Maca's (I know) in Belconnen for a farewell breakfast.



Where many fond farewells and goodbye hugs were given and received.

Dixie & Susan Lee won the coveted **Greatest distance travelled award**. I won't tell you that it almost didn't make it the greatest distance back to Queensland, but some quality welding by yours truly had his rear shock mount fixed and back on his way.



The view at the CaroTell during the Sunday lunch, P76's as far as the eye could see.



Photographic proof for those of you who have only been members of the club for the past 15 years and did believe that Paul actually had a P76. It was good to see it back on the road after such a long time, nothing like leaving it until the last minute though.



And for those of you whom I may have grumped at in the weeks leading up to the Easter meeting I am sorry.

To help bring things into perspective as well as enduring the normal stresses and pressures of work, we are having some renovation work done at our home. The following picture taken the Thursday before the Easter meet, shows a carpenter coming out of what was our bathroom. To this date we still have no vanity or shower.



This combined with looking after our 9-month-old son, meant almost zero spare time and even less tolerance. And due to the late registrations I still have a \$2500 bill on my

credit card for the formal dinner, hopefully Bryce will give me some money on Monday.

The following weekend, the Anzac holiday weekend I performed some valuable community service... as Deputy Stage Commander for the Mineshaft and Greenhill's stages of **the 2003 Subaru Rally of Canberra**



Many people commented on my choice of car for the weekend, but the thought of covering the black leather interior of the new XR6T with dust did not appeal to me. And the P76 was always fun on the dirt.

Tuesday morning as I drove through the mineshaft stage I heard across the radio a warning about some hippies driving through the forest in a Purple P76. Followed by a smartarse "no sorry its just Alex".

But as expected some of the competitors were actually fans of the P76 and stopped for a bit of a chat.

In the end I was deemed to have the 2nd coolest car of the weekend. 1st prise went to 2 middle aged Japanese gentlemen who competed in a Lancer evo VII, but performed recce in an ancient Fiat.

On a sad note we extend our condolences to the family of Peter "Possum" Bourne.

Peace, Possum, Peace.

