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GENERAL MEETINGS

Venue: San Souci Literary institute
Address: 107 Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate
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Time: 8:00pm Wednesday Nights

MEETING DATES 2008

MAY 21st. **JUNE** 18th, **JULY** 16th
AUG 20TH, **SEP** 17th, **OCT** 15th, **NOV** 19th
DEC 17th



Editorial

We had a good attendance at our last meeting night and it was interesting to hear the reports of the Victorian Nationals from our members who attended. The Robertson railway historical show and shine day on the 13th April was a great success and the mixture of classic and vintage cars was excellent. A committee of four of our members was formed to negotiate with the owners club to make a total number of the eight to organise the 2010 National Meeting in NSW. Our members are Tony De Luca, Peter O'Brien, and Troy & Joe Green. They will report back to our club about the progress of the event, venue etc. that have been made.

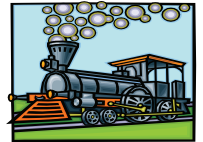
I am sure it will be a most successful National Meeting. The newsletter is now being compiled on a computer and if any members would like to receive it by email please send your email details to the club. Our next outing is the National motoring heritage day on the 18th May it should be another top day. The venues are Fagon Park Galston, Chevalier college Bowral, Berry Showground, Australia Motorlife museum Kembla Grange, that's all for this month, see you all at our next meeting.

Sue Green

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Robertson Railway Heritage Show & Shine Day



Sue and I left home at about 8am in the Force 7, topped up the fuel at our new modern BP servo at Caringbah; cost was \$1.48 per litre. We then headed south through Sutherland and along the Princess Highway, the weather did not look good as there was many dark clouds in the sky. By the time we were driving past Bulli Pass and Wollongong the sky's had cleared and the sun was shining.

We then turned off at Albion Park and headed to Macquarie Pass, this is a good drive up the mountain, many hairpin bends, hard left hand bends, S bends and it's a very interesting drive, we came to top of the pass at the junction where the famous Robertson pie shop is situated. We could not resist stopping for a great hot pie. After this short stop we progressed along the road a few kilometres to the show and shine venue at the historic railway station at Robertson. We arrived at about 10am and the park was already overflowing, however we were allocated a parking spot beside a very nice 1070 mustang (the owner is a friend of mine) Jim Bennett and Ken and Gail Halstead were also there it was great to see them. The society had a display of old railway memorabilia on display and there were train trips to Moss Vale and back in heritage trains.

We went for a walk in the town to the local trash and treasure, arts and crafts, and general markets that were held nearby to the car show, it was very crowded and the displays were good. We then went back to the show and shine display and after lunch a people's choice award was given out. It was won by a very original FX Holden that just happened to be a neighbour of ours. There was also an immaculate 1935 British racing Green Wolseley sports car that had been restored over the past 20 years it also won an award.

We then decided to leave for home, however Ken and Gail invited us to call in at their place for afternoon tea, we accepted and the day was finished off with coffee and cake at the Halstead's property. We thanked them both then headed off to Sydney at about 3:30pm.

Upon leaving them we went through Bowral, Mittagong and proceeded along the highway until we arrived at the Appin turn off. We then drove through Wilton down to the catchment area of the Avon Dam Appin and then turned onto the Princess Highway near Bulli pass. We then had a good run home and arrived at about 5pm, it was a good run.

2008, Victorian National Meeting, Geelong Vic.

(Continued from last month) by Joe Green

After viewing the Stanton's great collection of classic cars, Jason, Kyle, Troy and myself also Denise Mort and Greg Bryant decided to go for our own 'observation' run to the famous Bells Beach district.

We left the park at about 11am, Troy and I were with Jason and Kyle in their immaculate Hairy Lime P76, and Denise and Greg were in their very original Country Cream P76. The drive was most enjoyable as we approached Bells Beach, there was a huge rock and surf festival being organised. We then arrived at a nice place called Torquay, it was a lovely spot very picturesque then on to Anglesea and had a coffee break at a nice little cafe, we then moved on to the Split Point light house. This is a magnificent light house, very historic and many people were there inspecting the structure and enjoying the view. We took a lot of great photos of the cars and the lighthouse in the background. We then had a nice leisurely drive back to the River Glen Park.

On Friday night we had the option to go to the Avalon speedway to watch the speed trials, fireworks, demolition derby or an evening at the park eating fish and chips and watching great classic videos etc about P76's. We decided to stay and watch the films and it was tops.

Saturday March 22 the host club provided a chicken and champagne breakfast, it was very nice, however it was a bit early in the day for me.

Everyone then washed and cleaned their cars and all headed up to Eastern Beach for the concourse event. It was a great venue, right beside the water and the weather was great. The scenery was fantastic, many boats moored nearby, piers going out into the water many cafes and restaurants in the area.

There were about 50 top cars on display; they looked magnificent beside the water backdrop. There was and enclosed pool area a carousel and there was a Thomas the Tank Engine and a jumping castle for the kids. It was great so much activity and a real carnival atmosphere.

I met a few old friends that I had not seen for many years. Ron Harris, his wife and I chatted for some time reminiscing about the first National meeting at Morpeth in 1984. The judges for the concourse were the New Zealand members; they had a very hard job as the standard was so high.

At about 2pm we decided to move on so Troy, Jason, Kyle and some of the west Australians went on a tour of the Ford discovery centre. This is a very historic auto mobile museum and an important part of Australian motoring history and was a very enjoyable and interesting afternoon for them.

Tony, Kay and myself decided to do a tour of some of the antique and second hand shops in the area and we spent quiet a bit of time browsing around and Tony found a nice motoring book that had a Leyland P76 featured in it and also a replica 1930 penny. Kay found a couple of nice old piano rolls and I managed to find a few badges for my collection. We also went into a huge antique and restoration shop that was importing antique furniture from overseas and there were a couple of young guys working on a restoration project and they were French polishing it by hand. (this is the best way) we were able to watch them for some time and it was most interesting the tour we had of the shop. It was fantastic there were so many different styles of grandfather clocks and huge dining tables.

After spending a few enjoyable hours there, we headed back to the River Glen Park. After a quick shower we all went to Smorgy's restaurant that overlooked Corio Bay truly a beautiful location.

Congratulations to Rod Warwick who won the golden ticket raffle, this prize gave him the opportunity to be the first purchaser at the swap meet of parts that would be held on Sunday morning.

Upon leaving Smorgy's we then went back to the River Glen Park and chatted on for some time with more P76 talk.

Sunday March 23rd we were all up and about early in the morning, Troy and myself had a quick cup of coffee and hamburger at the cafe and then went out to the De La Haye's residence at Lara for the huge monster parts sale, it was great, the host provided a bacon and egg breakfast and Easter eggs for the kids, this was appreciated by all.

At the conclusion about 11am an observation run was organised, the route was from the swap meet at Lara to Queenscliff. (the prize was the Zetland shield). We went with Jason and Kyle; it was an interesting run (we made a few mistakes). Upon arriving at Queenscliff there was the maritime Museum, Fort Queenscliff Museum, the Bellarine Railway and many other places of interest to visit. We then proceeded back to River Glen Park and a delegates meeting was held and all types of matters relating to P76 movements was discussed and it was decided that the P76 Owners Club and the Leyland P76 Classic Club would host the next National Meeting in N.S.W. (To be Continued)

FUTURE EVENTS 2008

June 22nd South Coast Holden owners mixed show and shine day at Kembla Grange Racecourse. Entry \$20 per car.

August 23rd – 24th Shannon's Eastern Creek Raceway \$15 per car.

August – British display day Kings School

September 6th – 7th Muscle car masters day Eastern Creek

September – Orange Blossom Festival

October 12th – B.M.C. Heritage day at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club West Ryde 11:30am start.

October – Highlands Motorfest and County Fair at Chevalier College Bowral.

THREDBO JAZZ FESTIVAL 2008



For the third year in succession Tony and I traveled to Thredbo with the Tour organized by Ticko's Tours in association with the Council of Motor Clubs. We had a happy group of people from various Clubs, including Peter & Pauline O'Brien and Kevin Ward from the P76 Classic Car Club.

Peter & Pauline invited friends along as did Kevin and we all had a great time meeting up with the Linklaters from the Humber Club, the Titcumes from the South Coast Holden Owners Club and lots of others staying in Thredbo Village for a great weekend of Jazz.

We met up as usual on the Friday morning at the Wheatley VC roadside park overlooking Lake George (still no water). Kevin and his friends motored down to Thredbo the previous day so that they could do some serious mountaineering on Friday before the Jazz got going.

Tony decided to take the 5 speed manual P76 and it went very well with the new Lovell's springs installed. He wasn't feeling 100% due to a head cold and I couldn't give him a break from driving because I can't drive a manual. With 2 automatic P76's in the garage at home, still don't know why we didn't take an automatic!!!

Anyway we made it to Cooma for lunch where we met up with the O'Brien's who had been traveling around the countryside for a day or two. Weather was brisk and we were all anticipating the prospect of snow on the mountains.

The drive south from Cooma was very pleasant and the road is well sealed with good line markings etc.

We arrived at approx. 3pm and booked in to the Thredbo Alpine Hotel along with the others in the Group. Kevin and some of his friends decided to stay in an apartment in the Village – I hear that Kev puts together a mean breakfast!!! The Hotel is very comfortable with various lounge bars and restaurants at our disposal – breakfasts in the Cascade Room are quite memorable looking up at Mt Crackenback with snow cover this year too.

Lynelle Titcume had arranged a cocktail party for our Group, which was most enjoyable, even though Tony was too sick to come along. We enjoyed complimentary drinks and canapes, as well as good company prior to the first jazz concerts starting up.

On Saturday morning the Group got together for a drive along the Alpine Way to Tom Groggin where we spent an hour or so having morning tea & goodies, as well as chatting to a couple of "grey nomads" who had ridden an ex-Police Honda motorbike from Western Australia. What an interesting couple they were and it was wonderful to hear some of their experiences crossing the Nullabor and other places along their journey. We wished them well as they made their way to the Southern Coast of NSW and then onto Victoria along the Great Ocean Road.

On returning to Thredbo, we were treated to some top class Jazz courtesy of Bands such as the Ozcats with Bob Barnard, John Morrison, Leroy Jones (ex Harry Connick's Band) and his Finnish wife who plays trombone. Once again the Kirrawee High School Band stood out as a well-trained group of young Australians who are a credit to their parents and the School. They played in the Village Square in near freezing conditions on the Saturday. Fortunately they were transferred to an indoor venue for their Sunday performance.

The attached photo shows a group of happy trekkers stopping for a photo shoot whilst wandering around the slopes near Thredbo Village. 4th from left Peter O'Brien, Pauline 2nd from right and the photographer wearing the beanie ADL himself.

Sunday morning saw the Thredbo Community Centre packed to the rafters to watch and listen to Leroy Jones and his band thrill us with some Gospel and New Orleans classics. It was a very special event indeed and one which will be long remembered by all those in attendance.

Tony and I booked in for lunch at the Credo Restaurant as they had Bob Barnard and his Ozcats in residence. The food was pricey but excellent and washed down with the smooth sounds of Bob's cornet, we had a great time.

Later on Sunday afternoon we joined the long queue for a seat at the 21st Anniversary Jazz Concert in the Kosciuszko Room. The line-up included all the top-liners from the various Bands and featured Leroy Jones and his band. The Concert lasted over 3 hours and was truly sensational.

Sunday evening was spent catching the last of the Bands before the weekend came to a close. Another breakfast on Monday morning before we packed up and set off on our way back to Sydney.

The Thredbo Jazz Festival has been running for 21 years and just gets better and better each year. If you're a bit interested in Jazz and are partial to the beautiful Snowy Mountains, it's well worthwhile coming down next year. Drive time for us from Thredbo to West Pennant Hills was approx. 6 hours with 2-3 stops along the way.

Hope to see you there next year.

Kay De Luca



PLEASE NOTE

- BookNow!! For Shannons Eastern Creek
- Orders for heated rear windows are now being taken
Phone Joe Green on (02) 9522 6529

Membership Renewals

- Membership fees are due on the 30th June 2008
 - \$35.00 -single \$40.00 family

SELLING YOUR CAR?

If so please contact the club first as this would be an advantage to the members. This way if it is purchased by a club member we know it will be well looked after. The trouble is when the cars are sold to non club members the best intentions for the car are not always carried out. Also the magazine travels interstate to all clubs & is emailed around Australia this way there might even be someone who is keen in another state that wishes to buy your car & by doing this the strength of the club movement continues.

EMAIL

If you would like the magazine emailed instead of posted please notify us of your email by sending an email to force7v@hotmail.com

Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club held at the Sans Souci Literary Institute on Wednesday 16th April 2008.

Joe Green opened the meeting at 8:15pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

Apologies: Valda & Don Chappell, Bev & Ian Lyons, Ron Frith, Angelos Frangopoulos.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved-Kevin Ward. Seconded-Steve Maher.

Business arising from the minutes: Nil.

Treasurers Report:

\$3,424.29 in bank. Statement No. 167 dated 29/02/2008.

Income for February 2008. Nil.

Outgoings for February 2008. Australia Post \$35.00, Hall Rent \$27.50, Shannons Eastern Creek Fees \$100.00. Total \$162.50.

Acceptance of the Treasurers Report. Moved-Kay De Luca. Seconded- Paul van Look.

Correspondence in:

1. Trax catalogue 2nd edition 2008.
2. Brochure from the 1949-1962 Ford V8 Club of NSW, A Walk in the Park Car & Trade Show 25th May 2008 at Koala Park Doyalson.
3. Letter & Brochures for the inaugural Alpine Run Thredbo May 16th to 17th 2008.
4. Letter & Entry form for the Wrest Point South East Tasmania Silver Anniversary Rally 24th to 26th January 2009.
5. Letter & Entry form for the Riverstone Festival Street Parade 17th May 2008.
6. Brochure & Entry form for the Italian Connection Rally from Norton Street Leichhardt to Lygon Street Melbourne 23rd to 25th May 2008.
7. Brochure for Tulip Time Bowral 25th September to 8th October 2008.
8. West Australian P76 Club Magazines Westwords March & April 2008.
9. Victoria P76 Club Magazine February/March 2008.
10. Queensland P76 Club Magazine March 2008.
11. NSW P76 Owners Club Magazine Leyland Post No 24 March/April 2008.
12. South Australian P76 Club Magazines January/February & March 2008.
13. New Zealand P76 Club Magazine Penzed March 2008.
14. Drive Chatter Magazines March & April 2008.

Correspondence Out:

Nil.

Acceptance of correspondence. Moved-Peter O'Brien. Seconded-Sue Green.

General Business:

15. Joe Green informed the meeting that Ron Frith is not well & will be admitted to St George Hospital. We wish him well. Also Ron brought to the meeting some P76 window winder mechanisms however he's not sure to whom they were given.
16. Joe Green reported to the meeting on the National P76 meeting in Geelong over the Easter weekend. The event organised by the Victorian P76 Club was a huge success and enjoyed by those who attended. Joe thanked the Victorian Club for their tremendous result. Various reports by members will be published in the magazine. At the meeting it was decided that the NSW Clubs would host the next National Meeting in 2010.
17. It was decided at the meeting to form a committee of four to join the P76 Owners Club committee of four to make a combined organising sub committee of eight to organise the 2010 National Meeting. The members selected at the meeting to represent the P76 Classic Car Club are Joe Green, Troy Green, Peter O'Brien & Tony De Luca. It was decided at the meeting that the first of the combined members sub committee meeting would be held at Kay & Tony's home at West Pennant Hills within the first two weeks of May 2008.
18. Joe Green reported to the meeting on the Robertson Vintage & Classic Car Day held on Sunday 13th April 2008. His comments were that it was the best display that has been held at Robertson so far, and enjoyed greatly by all.
19. Troy Green reported to the meeting that the next magazine for the Club will be in colour of which he has organised. The magazine will be such that it can be E mailed. We will analyse the result after this issue.
20. Troy Green will be placing an order for P76 heated rear windows in the very near future. Those members wanting to order rear screens are asked to contact Troy on 9522 6529 or mobile 0409 988 757.

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm followed by supper.

VICTORIAN NATIONALS 2008

