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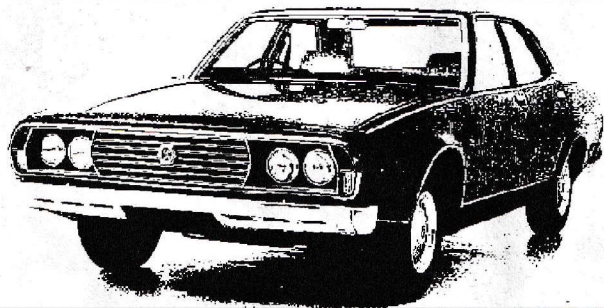
If any members have a vehicle or spare parts for sale, an interesting story about his or her car, weather it is about a rebuild or repair, or of your trips away on holidays, please do not hesitate to contact the editor and it will be greatly received.

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GENERAL MEETINGS

Venue: San Souci Literary institute
Address: 107 Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate
 (cnr Campbell Street)
Time: 8:00pm Wednesday Nights



MEETING DATES 2008

SEP 17th, OCT 15th,
NOV 19th, DEC 17th

Editorial

Sue Green unfortunately is still in hospital and she has been in the intensive care unit for several weeks, and may only have family visitors. However we are hoping that she will improve soon. I will inform members of her progress.

The Shannons Eastern Creek weekend was another successful event, a record number of entrants. The weather was fantastic and Tony DeLuca, Kay and Peter O'Brien worked very hard on the display day organising the cars. Also the muscle car day at Eastern Creek on 7th September was well attended and supported. The next event on our calendar is the Orange Blossom Festival at Baulkham Hills on September 14th.

I have obtained a small quantity of the latest release from Trax models of Leyland P76 Targa Florio in Aspin Green and if any member would like to purchase one the cost is \$40 per model.

The AGM will be held at the club rooms on 17th September 2008 at about 8:30pm. I would like to thanks Troy for organising the newsletter and the work he has done in regards to the treasurers report due to Sue's illness.

Anyhow I hope to have positive news about Sue next month.

Joe Green

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Thanks to

- Troy Green for his help with the newsletter.
- Julie for her help with the typing for the newsletter.

Please note

If you are able to write an article for our newsletter the deadline for it to be printed in the next newsletter is the **1st of every month.**

A.G.M.

All members please note the annual general meeting will be held on 17th September at 8:30pm after the general meeting at the San Souci Literary Institute at 107 Ramsgate Road Ramsgate (cnr Campbell Street)

FUTURE EVENTS 2008

September 14th	Orange Blossom Festival Baulkham Hills 9:30am
October 12th	B.M.C. Heritage day at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club West Ryde 11:30am start.
October 26th	Highlands Motorfest and County Fair at Chevalier College Bowral.

Heated Rear Windows

We are ordering rear windows shortly so if you are interested please ring & confirm your order now on 0409 988 757 or (02) 9522-6529
Clear \$220 or Tinted \$230 plus freight

For Sale

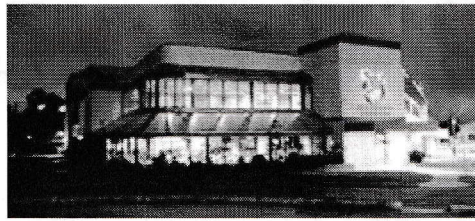
Trax Models 1:43 scale Apsen Green Targs Florio \$40 per model

P76 NATIONAL 2010 MEETING NOTICE

The Combined Committee of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club and Leyland P76 Owners Club of NSW has pleasure in announcing to Members that a venue for the 2010 National Meeting has been selected and booked.

**The venue is the Motto Farm Motel Complex at Raymond Terrace
just north of Newcastle.**

A detailed report will follow as more information becomes available.



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Presidents Report 2008

First and foremost I would like to most sincerely congratulate and thank Sue Green for all the hard work and effort that she has achieved in producing our news letter and her work as treasurer over the 14 years since our incorporation. She has had help and assistance from some of our members and this is much appreciated by all of us. However at this stage due to serious ill health she will no longer be able to carry on with those duties and I would like to thanks Troy for his help and assistance with these duties.

Well I am sorry if this report seems like a thankyou letter, however my thanks go to all who have completed many tasks to help our club, and to name a few Tony and Kay DeLuca, Peter O'Brien, Kevin Ward, Bev and Ian Lyons, Ron Frith, and Angelos Frangopoulos.

I would like to say I am very happy that our club has operated since its interception with such a happy harmonious and friendly manner.

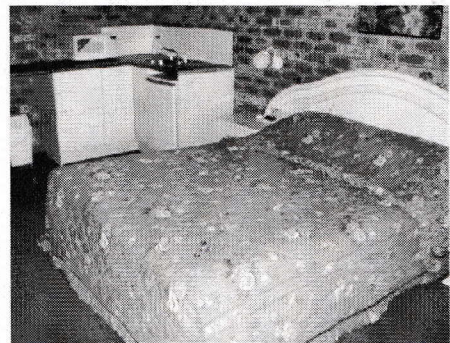
Well now lets get on with the interesting items ahead of us, at Easter 2010 our club and the Owners Club will be hosting the National Meeting that will be held at the Motto Farm Motel at Raymond Terrace, north of Newcastle. The combined National committee members inspected the site recently and I believe it will be a top venue. It is situated not far from Morpeth in the Hunter Valley where I attended the National Meeting in 1984, that was hosted by the Hunter Valley P76 Club and this was one of the best ever Nationals. I know this district lends itself to the activities and interests of car clubs. So when the entrant forms are sent out I suggest you book early.

Over the past 12 months we have had many interesting runs and outings etc, such as Shannons Eastern Creek, Muscle Car Eastern Creek, Orange Blossom Festival, B.M.C Heritage Day at the Rocks, Highlands Motor Fest, Robertson Historic Rail Show, Berrima Historic Club Rally, Thredbo Jazz Festival, South Coast Holden Owners Club Charity Show Day at Kembla Grange Race Course and our Christmas Party at our club rooms was well attended and a great night..

Now of course the main event in 2008 was the National Meeting at Geelong Victoria and was hosted by the Victorian P76 Club, this was a great event , excellent location and well supported by P76 owners from all over Australia, many of our Sydney members attended. Their committee and club I congratulate on organising and upholding the tradition of the Leyland P76.

Well that was our club year and we must look forward to the next year ahead.

Joe Green



Photos supplies by Motto Farm Website <http://www.mottofarmmotel.com.au/>

Continued from last month

We returned from Rome to Naples by train, arriving mid-afternoon and made our way by taxi to our Hotel with a room on the 28th floor overlooking the Bay of Naples. The view was outstanding.

Unbeknowns to us it was a public holiday and we couldn't understand why so many families with young children were out walking after 8.30 at night and carnival-type atmosphere prevailed everywhere we walked.

We tasted the best pizza in Naples - truly outstanding.

Next day we boarded a hydrofoil for the 6-hour journey to the Aeolian Islands on the west coast of Italy.

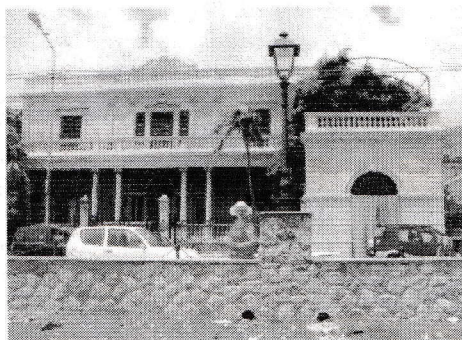
Our first stop was the Island of Lipari where we stayed for 2 nights. What a pretty place with quaint little houses, tiny narrow streets and colourful shopping.

We hired a taxi to take us around the island and the driver gave us a spectacular look at the largest island in the Aeolian Group.



This is a common form of transport around the Islands.

Tony was able to meet a distant cousin, Massimo De Luca, whilst visiting Lipari and also to look at the house that Tony's grandfather's uncle called home last century.



From Lipari we took a ferry across the water to the Island of Salina, where more of Tony's family came from and one cousin, Nuccio, still lives.

We visited with Nuccio and his wife Bettina on each of the two days spent on Salina. This is a much smaller island with just 600 people living in the main town Santa Marina and 300 people living in Lingua where Nuccio and Bettina live.



The streets in Santa Marina are not much wider than a couple of metres (some even less). Our Hotel was situated on one of these narrow "pathways". We noticed a construction site nearby and the picture below shows how they transport the building materials from the "drop off area" to the site.



Our hydrofoil from Salina over to Messina (Sicily) was an early start (too early for the hotel porters) so we let ourselves out of the hotel, dragged our very heavy bags down the hill, along the narrow pathway to the main street and down to the port for a 5.50am departure. Fortunately it had stopped raining during the night and we didn't have to juggle umbrellas as well.

We arrived in Messina at around 8.00am and were delighted to see the "Legend of the Seas" berthed along the waterfront.

Our hotel was also just a short walk away and we were happy to offload our heavy bags before heading off for a train journey to Taormina, about an hour or so train ride from Messina.

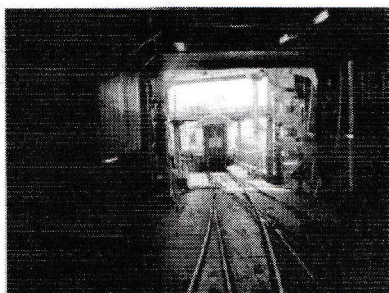
I had heard about Taormina but until you see it for yourself, you can't appreciate its stunning beauty. Set high in the hills above the coastline is this most fascinating medieval town, including a wonderful Greek Amphitheatre, which looks down on the coast below.



We spent a few hours wandering around the town, saying "we'll just go to the next corner and turn back" - but on reaching that corner, the view beyond was too good to miss, so on we walked, and walked, and walked.

Coming back to Messina, we opted to take the local bus instead of the train. This journey took 2 hours, however gave us a wonderful insight into the coastal towns back to Messina.

Next day was expected to be an interesting one, which it was. We took the train from Messina, across the straits to the mainland. The whole 8 carriages are loaded onto a ferry and taken across the water where they are offloaded and hooked up to a loco for the 6 hour journey to Rome. This photo (taken inside the ferry) shows the train carriages leaving the ferry for the mainland.



The train journey back to Rome took us through many long tunnels and mostly followed the west coast of Italy. Back through Naples arriving in Rome Termini Station at 9.15pm.

The taxi driver wanted 45 Euros to take us from the Station to our hotel near the Trevi Fountain. Tony told him to "get lost" and we walked, and walked, dragging our very heavy bags behind us, arriving at the tiny Hotel Trevi about an hour later.

We were hungry so after getting ourselves settled into our room, we set off for another look at the Trevi Fountain (and a bite to eat). To our surprise the place was jumping (don't think I mentioned it was Sunday night) and at 11pm there were hundreds of tourists and locals milling around the beautiful Fountain, taking photos, eating wonderful pizzas (which we had) and generally soaking up the aura that is Rome.



La Fontana De Trevi is amazing by daylight but it is something else at night - la bella donna!!!

Next morning we were surprised to see the Fountain empty, the coins being collected and then being scrubbed clean before a fresh fill of water for the next week's viewing by tourists from all around the World.

Well, with our holiday almost at an end, we were rather sad to say goodbye to Rome. What an amazing city to visit and what a wonderful time we had there.

Our flight out of Rome to Bangkok started with a camera installed on the nose of the plane - what a great sight to see the plane taxi out on your personal tv screen and then witness a take-off with a pilot's view - awesome.

Thai Airlines served great food and their friendly staff in beautiful Thai outfits were very helpful.

Kay De Luca

Minutes of the Leland P76 Classic Car Club

held at Sans Souci Literary Institute, Wednesday 20th August 2008.

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

Apologies: Sue Green, Troy Green, Valda & Don Chappell, Bev & Ian Lyons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved-Peter O'Brien. Seconded-Steve Maher.

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

Treasurer's Report:

\$3,930.70 in Bank. Statement No. 172 dated 31/07/2008.

Income for July 2008 - Membership Fees \$80.00.

Outgoings for July 2008 - Australia Post \$30.00, Hall Rent \$27.50, Good Guys Memory Stick \$37.40, Office Works Envelopes & Photo Copying \$43.25. Total \$138.15.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Moved - Kay De Luca. Seconded - Ron Naylor.

Correspondence in:

Queensland P76 Club Magazine July 2008.

West Australia P76 Club Magazine Westwords August 2008.

Correspondence Out: Nil.

Acceptance of correspondence. Moved - Ron Naylor. Seconded - Paul van Look.

General Business:

- 1 Steve Maher reported to the meeting on the day at the Southern Highlands with Top Gear Magazine on Sunday 17th August 2008. Members & 17 P76 vehicles from the NSW Owners, NSW Classic, Country & ACT P76 Clubs attended. The story on the P76 was compiled & we await the article in the Top Gear Australian Magazine.
- 2 Paul van Look reported to the meeting on the All British Day Sunday 17th August 2008 at the Kings School Parramatta. It also was a great day with around 1000 cars on display. The weather was kind and there were great displays in conjunction with the school including the Art display and sale. Paul & Gail van look, Kevin Ward, Kay & Tony De Luca attended the day.
- 3 Tony De Luca reported to the meeting on the coming Shannons Eastern Creek Display Day on Sunday 24th August 2008. At this stage it will attract the largest number of vehicles in the vicinity of 1,850.
- 4 Joe Green informed the meeting that the Annual General Meeting for the Club will be held next meeting on the 17th September 2008.
- 5 Joe Green reported to the meeting on the progress of Sue Green in hospital. She is still gravely ill in intensive care. We all wish her well & a speedy recovery.
- 6 Sue Green is extremely sick in hospital. It was decided at the meeting to send flowers on behalf of the club. Kay De Luca will make the arrangements.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm followed by supper.