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Steve proudly displays the trophy.

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Next Meeting - 10th June At 7.30 pm.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

May—June 2009

Crikey it's getting cold. Winter must be settling in. Hi all and welcome back to another Leyland Post.

The big story this issue I'm sure will be the State Of Origin Get Together in Gunnedah. What a great weekend! 14 cars there I think including Brian Hoopers "Esme" Marina and Scotty Wilsons "HMS Ark Royal" Austin 1800. Firstly I must thank some people for helping me get there. Shannon Wharton, Brian Hooper and Scott Wilson in particular who helped trying to get my ride to Gunnedah going and when that failed the loan of another P for the trip. I won't go into details but there were long days, late nights (early mornings) and another car. I am grateful to all of you for your help. Of course the biggest Thank You must go to Hal Moloney, his wife and Michael Nugent who put in a huge amount of effort to make the weekend happen and then run smoothly. I should also thank and congratulate the whole NSW representative team for a sterling job in returning the State Of Origin Trophy to NSW. To the cane toads from QLD, thanks for making it an enjoyable time with some stiff competition. I guess you'll have to try harder next time.

Michael and Hal backed up again the following weekend after Gunnedah to attend the Maitland Steamfest which I'm sure was dryer than last year but I'm sure just as enjoyable.

National Motoring Heritage Day was on the 17th May and our run to Picton with the Classic Club was a great day also. Perfect weather and some great roads in of course some great cars. 6 P's including Joe Greens Force 7 plus Paul Van Looks Marina coupe made the trip. It would have been good to see some more – maybe next year.

I took part in the Alfa Romeo Owners Club Tour de Corse classic rally recently as navigator to my friend Brian Madigan in his 73 VW. There were 38 cars in our division and we finished 8th. We were fairly happy with our result it could have been better. Despite that I think it puts us into the lead of our Championship by only 2 points with our next event, the Highland Fling, in a couple of weeks. It would be great to see some Ps out there.

The Oran Park Drive Day is coming up on Monday 3rd August. Cost will be \$150 plus licence if required. Entries open soon.

The club has purchased 5 tickets to the Shannons CMC Classic Car Display Day. If you wish to be one of the 5 on show the cost is \$10. Remember to be allowed in the show your car must be a classic, presentable and fairly stock.

Work on the 2010 Nationals is progressing well. See info in this issue for booking your spot. Well enough for now, happy reading Pnuts.

Steve Maher

STOP PRESS

I have organised a guest speaker for our July meeting. He is David Snape from NRMA Historic Car Insurance so if you have any questions re insuring your classic – come along on the 8th of July.

THE EDITORS SAY..

Some of you may know that I have been away for a few weeks. My family and I went to England to visit my wife's relatives. It was a great trip and I have many stories I can pass on to anyone who wants to hear them. I thought I would mention a couple of things here.

Firstly, there is a town of Leyland in England. I didn't go there, but I got my wife to take this picture of the road sign. I'm not sure what the message is, but it clearly says to continue down the M6, (one of the main motorways in England) if you want to get to Birmingham, but you need to take a fairly minor B road to get to Leyland. Any comments Jason?



You may think that the traffic looks pretty heavy in this photo. In actual fact we were probably back to the amazing speed of 20mph when it was taken as we were just starting to move again after a three mile traffic jam caused by a minor accident in the fast lane of the motorway. The roads in the UK can be great and you often toodle along at about 80mph, provided you are not within the sight of one of the 16,245 enforcement cameras, but when things go wrong or if you are near a major town at peak hour, the queues are horrendous. I will never complain about Sydney traffic again. It took us about an hour and a half to go 6 miles as we

were trying to get out of London after picking up the car.

One of the most interesting places we visited was the town of Beaulieu, pronounce Bewley. It was a pretty town in the New Forest, with the usual stone pubs and grand manor houses, but the main attraction was the National Motoring Museum. You won't see anything like it in this country. There is a collection of about 10 Formula 1 cars, the latest being a 2005 BAR Honda. There are rally cars from Escorts to Citreons and the current Subi's etc. They have a collection of 6 vehicles which have at some stage held the world land speed record, including Donald Campbells Bluebird.

There is a fantastic collection of supercars, vintage cars and of course a range of stock standard cars which tell the British motoring history. My favourite of these was an Austin pictured below. See if you can work out what it is. I will let you know on Wednesday at the meeting if you are there.

Also in the museum was the Top Gear Display which is due to open in mid June. We were lucky enough to get a sneak peek. A lot of the challenge cars from the program are displayed here and I have a few photos on my camera.



2009 LEYLAND P76 CLUBS STATE OF ORIGIN

STATE VERSUS STATE

MATE VERSUS MATE

Gunnedah NSW, Easter 2009, saw the return of the State Of Origin competition between NSW and QLD Leyland P76 Owners Clubs. This year is the seventh running of the competition and leading into this years event NSW and QLD were locked at three wins a piece. The State Of Origin has had a few years hiatus giving time for some fresh blood to come forward to represent their state but now it was time for that age old tradition of cockroaches versus cane toads.

Hal and Mrs Moloney along with Michael Nugent had put together a great test of man and machine over two of the days at the Gunnedah Get Together. The competition was split into two sections. Section 1 was billed as an Observation Run but in reality ended up a P76 Club Trivia Test plus Parking Skills Test, which was held on the Saturday. Section 2 was a Motokhana held on Sunday morning.

Expectations were high in both the NSW and QLD camps despite the QLD team being down on numbers to NSW. Rumours abounded that we could expect a bit of biffa before the end of the weekend.

Saturday mornings Section 1 Part 1 comprised 5 questions and a test to see how close you could stop the front of your car to a very short peg sitting on the ground. The peg was probably only 100mm high and disappeared out of sight from the drivers seat long before it was in line with your front bumper.

NSW struck the first blow by winning the first set of questions when Norm and Maree Julian topped the trivia test with 3 correct answers. Behind them was Neville Humphries and Graham Rogerson from QLD and Brian Hooper, Steve Maher and Michael Nugent for NSW all with 2 correct, everyone else scored 1 correct. It was then the parking test that was to set a definite leading bunch. The cane toads obviously have a much better idea where their front bumper bar is without being able to see it as 3 of the top 5 were QLDers. Neville Humphries was closest followed by Graham Rogerson with Richard Mallon 4th. The 2 cockroaches in 3rd and 5th were Matt Gray and Norm Julian. Everyone was fairly close except Adrian Spencer who must have thought he was driving a Mini. Only the top 5 positions counted so after Saturday morning the points table looked like this:

1 st	Neville Humphries	13	QLD
2 nd	Graham Rogerson	12	QLD
3 rd =	Matt Gray	10	NSW
	Norm Julian	10	NSW
5 th	Richard Mallon	9	QLD

QLD - 34

NSW – 20

Saturday afternoons questions totalled 4 with a highly technical “Guess The Number Of Jaffas In The Jar” guessing competition. Only 1 person came out on top with the questions and that was Norm Julian with a perfect 4 out of 4 for NSW. The next place with 3 correct was held by Steve Maher and Michael Nugent for NSW and Graham Rogerson and Adrian Spencer for QLD. NSW really started to bounce back with the Jaffas in the Jar. Steve Maher managed to drool his way to the closest number with Brian Hooper not far behind. Richard Mallon and Neville Humphries were the next 2 with new NSW addition Greg Bryant taking 5th for NSW after arriving late off the bench. Saturday afternoon points looked like this:

1 st	Steve Maher	15	NSW
2 nd =	Brian Hooper	11	NSW
	Neville Humphries	11	QLD
	Richard Mallon	11	QLD
5 th =	Michael Nugent	10	NSW
	Greg Bryant	10	NSW (only 1 fifth place to count for NSW)

QLD - 22

NSW – 36

After Saturdays competition the results could not have been closer with both NSW and QLD tied on 56 points each so the SoO trophy would ultimately be decided after Sundays Motokhana. For the individual competitors the top place was held by Neville Humphries on 24 points from Steve Maher on 21. Richard Mallon was 3rd on 20 with Graham Rogerson and Norm Julian equal 4th on 19. Most competitors were looking confidently towards Sundays Motokhana.

Sunday morning dawned cool and overcast but dry so at least if the motokhana was on dirt we wouldn't get too muddy. As it turned out Hal Moloney took us out to a little used airstrip on the outskirts of Gunnedah which of course was bitumen which meant we would see who is best at throwing their big Leyland around – and stuff the tyres. This is State of Origin!

The first motokhana test was a Slalom with lustre cones only 5 metres apart. The trick was to drive up through the cones, do a 180deg turn and come back to stop in a garage, against the clock with a penalty for hitting each cone. Jason Birmingham showed us all how to do it as he threw around his big pink thing. Some thought he was Plum Loco but we knew he was the Motor Gnome. Jason blew everyone away with his time in his new Deluxe, 3 on the tree, bench seat and all. Brian Hooper, who came up in Esme, his 4 door Marina 1750, really showed where the Marina is good with a very tight turning circle and short wheel base. He finished second. Neville Humphries was next and best of the cane toads with Glenn Gray and Scott Wilson rounding out the top 5. Scott decided not to run the “Ark Royal” Austin 1800 as it had developed a leaking rear main seal and so double entered with Steve Maher who was driving Scotts Deluxe V8 4 speed. So the top 5 was made up of 4 from NSW and 1 QLDer. State points for the first motokhana was NSW - 36, QLD – 9. NSW had now seriously hit the lead but there were 2 more motokhana tests to go.

The second test was Crazy Square and Scott Wilson was now well and truly at home in his P. In fact it seemed his P was very much at home in this test as Scott took first place with Steve Maher in second, of course both driving the same car – not at the same time. Glenn Gray, Michael Nugent and Brian Hooper were 3rd, 4th and 5th separated by less than 2 tenths of a second. 5 cockroaches in the top 5. Points were NSW – 45, QLD – nil. NSW had firmly slammed the door in QLDs face.

The third test was also a slalom but the cones were further apart allowing more room for the Ps to move. Greg Bryant absolutely blitzed everyone, winning by more than a second with Neville Humphries in second place. Scott Wilson, Glenn Gray and Steve Maher rounded out the top 5 for NSW. So with 4 out the top 5 from NSW the fightback from QLD fizzled out. NSW – 35, QLD – 10.

And so in the motokhana NSW squashed the cane toads firmly into the bitumen with the final score being NSW – 116 to QLDs 19 which of course landed the State Of Origin Trophy back firmly in the hands of the victorious NSW team. The final score for both teams ended up NSW – 172, QLD – 75. The final point score probably doesn't reflect the stiff competition put up by both teams but both teams put in a lot of effort and put on a great show. The NSW team would like to congratulate the QLD team for putting up a great battle in the right spirit and hope that more QLDers will join their team for the rematch in 2011.

The individual result for the motorkhana shows Scott Wilson was Mr Motokhana with 27 points, Neville Humphries and Glenn Gray were equal second on 25 points with Steve Maher and Brian Hooper equal 4th on 22 points. 4 NSW and 1 QLDer. Individual results winner for the whole competition and “Man of the Match” went to QLDs Neville Humphries with 49 points. The next 4 were all from NSW, Steve Maher second on 43 points, Brian Hooper and Glenn Gray equal third on 40 points with Scott Wilson 5th on 32.

Congratulations to all who took part in the weekend, I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves and of course a big Thanks to the Moloneys and Michael Nugent for making it all happen. Bring On 2011

NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY 2009

The 2009 National Motoring Heritage Day was set down as the 17th May and what a beautiful day, weatherwise, for a cruise in the country in your classic. This was also one of the few opportunities where our club and the Classic club have had a joint outing.

The first meeting point was Brays Bay Reserve in Rhodes for those of us in the northern half of Sydney. I arrived at the reserve with my son Alex to find only Tony and Kay De Luca in their impressive Chrystal White Executive. Arguably one of the best unrestored P76s in the country. Jason Birmingham was running late and would meet us at the second meeting point in the McDonalds carpark in Caringbah.

The 2 Ps left Rhodes and cruised South to Caringbah where we met up with Jason and a couple of his kids with his Hairy Lime, Joe and Sue Green in their Force 7 and Troy Green in his yellow/black flamed beast. One local family even used this opportunity to have their kids photographed with Troys flashy monster. After a coffee and a chat it was off for a great drive further South through the Royal National Park. What a great place for a tarmac rally section. Our next stop was at Stanwell Tops for a few pics and a short break. At this break we were constantly surrounded by bikes who were out for ride at the same time. Many of the riders had questions and kind things to say about the P76s.

The next leg was down through Stanwell Park and over the Sea Cliff Bridge on Grand Pacific Drive. Quite a sight. From there we cruised further South to Bulli Pass where we used our V8 power to good advantage going up the very steep road to meet up with some others at Panorama House on Bulli Tops. Somehow we missed the turn off and lost the De Lucas. At this point the Greens decided to head home leaving Jason and I to find our way back to Panorama House where we were to pick up Ron Frith with his dark green Super and Paul Van Look and family with his very nice Home On th' Orange Marina Coupe. The De Lucas decided to meet up with us at our lunch time destination in historic Picton. So for 3 Ps and a Marina it was off to Picton for a late lunch. A lovely lunch was had by all which varied from a packed picnic to Subway or the nearby Bowling Club. We joined the Ford Zephyr Club in the same park so the carpark looked very classic. As it was National Motoring Heritage Day many other car clubs and individuals were out in their old cars and car spotting was the game of the day. From Picton we all split up and headed home. The Van Looks and us took the old Hume Hwy over Razorback Range, site of the 1974 Sydney Truckies Blockade, to Camden and then home.

It really was a great day out and I hope we have more joint club outings in the future.

Steve Maher



2009 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Info	Contact
10/13-Apr	P76 Clubs State Of Origin Get Together -		Michael Nugent 0403 698 805
20-Apr	Maitland Steamfest Clas-		Michael Nugent 0403 698 805
13-May	Club Meeting		
17-May	National Motoring Heri-		
24-May	Tour De Corse Classic		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
10-Jun	Club Meeting		
14-Jun	Highland Fling Classic		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
8-Jul	Club Meeting Guest Speaker - David Snape NRMA Historic		
3-Aug	Oran Park Drive Day	Info	Stay Tuned
12-Aug	Club Meeting		
23-Aug	Shannons Eastern Creek		
6-Sep	Muscle Car Masters Eastern Creek		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
9-Sep	Club Meeting		
14-Oct	Club Meeting		
17/18-Oct	Alpine Classic Tarmac		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
11-Nov	Club Meeting		
9-Dec	Club Meeting		

2010 Events Calendar

1 Apr/5 Apr Easter	Leyland P76 Nationals Hunter Valley, NSW		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2009

Meeting Opened: 8.15 pm

Attendance: As per the attendance book

Apologies: Marty Stockwell

Minutes of Previous

Correspondence In: Post Office Box Renewal; BMC Heritage Newsletter for January 2009; Penzed Magazine for March 2009; Classic Magazine for February 2009; Letter from the Rotary Club of Shellharbour City; WA Magazine for April

Correspondence

Treasurer Report: \$2258.28

Reports:

- 1 Activities
 - 2 Steve and Scott attended the Oakville Bush Fire Brigade Charity Car show, both had their cars on display
 - 3 Our club attended a film night at Blacktown Drive In to see Love the Beast. This was enjoyed by all who attended
 - 4 The Easter Meet is coming soon and is being held at Gunnedah
- 6 National Committee
 - 7 The Club needs to find Corporation papers for the bank account
 - 8 Need to obtain liability Insurance
 - 9 Events are still being organised
 - 10 Need to get costs out for accommodation and activities to people

General Business:

- 11 Post Office Box Post Office box is due for renewal, Shannon will pay it this week
- 12 Shannons Eastern Creek Classic Application forms are to be filled out by members wishing to attend the Shannons Eastern Creek Classic, they need to be done ASAP
- 13 National Motor Heritage National Motor Heritage is on 17 May 2009, Clubs to organise a car cruise

Meeting Closed: 9.20 pm

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2009

- Meeting Opened:** 8.20 pm
- Attendance:** As per the attendance book
- Apologies:** Tony and Kate Deluca; Brian and Eddies Hooper; Shane Fox
- Minutes of Previous** Accepted by Steve Maher and seconded by Shannon Wharton
- Correspondence In:** SA Magazine for May 2009; Letter for Australian Muscle Car Masters
- Correspondence**
- Treasurer Report:** \$2321.28
- Reports:**
- 1 Activities
 - 2 State of Origin was a success, NSW won the events. It was enjoyed by all. Big thanks to all the people who organised the event
 - 3 Maitland Steam Fest, Hal Malony and Michael Nugent attended
 - 4 National Motor Heritage day is on Sunday 17 May 2009
- General Business:**
- 5 2010 Nationals Steve Maher proposed to put \$250 from the Club Treasury into the Joint Bank Account with the P76 Classic Car Club for the 2010 Nationals. Agreed to by all present at the meeting
 - 6 Sound Deadening Kits Under Bonnet Sound Deadening Kits are almost ready
- Meeting Closed:** 9.30 pm

FOR SALE

Jim Farmer is selling his Bold as Brass Super plus a shed load of parts. The car is dual fuel, with factory air (not currently working) and cloth seats. It is a 4 speed manual. Jim has owned it for over 30 years but rarely gets to drive it anymore. It is registered until October, 2009. The car is in Newcastle. He is looking for \$3500, with twelve months rego. This car is now advertised in the trading post and will sell soon. If you are interested, please come up to Newcastle and have a look. If he doesn't get a buyer soon it will go to the wreckers!



EASTER TRIP TO GUNNEDAH

THE PLAN:

Meet at Ettamongah Pub at 8 am then proceed in convoy to first petrol/toilet/food stop.

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED:

Brian was to meet us at our house at 7.30am, we rang at 7.45am to see where he was. Unfortunately his clock wasn't on daylight savings time as he thought it was only 6.45am.

Eventually met at Ettamongah Pub at about 9am.

As soon as we got there the transferring of parts between cars started.

The convoy finally left at 10am, after getting the regulation McDonalds breakfast and coffee.

As Steve Maher could not get his car working in time (after many hours into the night and morning), Scott lent him his car while he drove his Austin.

One last stop to drop Steve's ute at a friends farm and away we went.

Along the way we saw and smelt many things, in particular the fertilized fields at Wilberforce. Brian continuously checked the speedo in Esme with the rest of the cars by way of walkie talkie and concluded that he was doing between 70 and 90 kpm. We actually thought the walkie talkie that Brian had was faulty because there was a lot of interference, we then found that poor old Esme was vibrating so much that it wasn't the walkie talkie but Brian's voice because of the vibrations.

Further on, we saw 3 old wrecked buses and thought to ourselves, "wonder if Scott will notice them", then all of a sudden we heard....."I'm in a ditch I'm bogged, I'm bogged".

Yep, Scott noticed them alright but failed to stay on the road.

Unfortunately this happened on very precarious hair-pin bend, but Brian in Esme "the recovery vehicle" didn't care, zipping round in a one-point turn and managing to help push the Austin out of the ditch.

Singleton first petrol stop and a bite to eat at about 1.30pm.

Scott gave us an history lesson of registration stickers and what year each colour came out and what colour will be next. Quite interesting really. Where on earth does someone learn all this!!!

Leaving Singleton, it was onto Quirindi. Traveling through Camberwell, Ravensworth, Muswellbrook, Aberdeen and Scone.

We had a bet early on that Esme would be the first one to break down, which in fact turn out to be wrong because as we got to Scone, Matthew Gray realize his pride and joy was a little bit hot. Pulling over in a servo, we found that the radiator hose had actually split.

Fortunately, Esme was carrying every spare part you could imagine, so on goes another hose. Matthews radiator hose was the only casualty for the whole trip, so not too bad for cars that are driven every day.

We followed the scenic route through Quirindi onto Gunnedah.

Arrived in Gunnedah at around 5.30pm just as it started to rain.

We were staying at the Red Chief Motel, so the first thing that happened after we got the keys was to put the kettle on and have a very big cup of coffee.

We all met at the local Caravan Park, where a few people were staying, for an unofficial meeting/BBQ. Organising the following days events and buying and selling parts took part.

As I personally am not a 100% Pnut, I left Glenn to talk the night away and went back to the Motel for a bit of tv and early nights sleep.

The next morning we met at the local Rural Museum.

Quite an enjoyable experience, reminiscing about the “olden days” as our kids call it.

There was quite a lot of “my mum had an iron like that”, “that’s the old radio we used to listen to”, “I remember helping my grandmother with one of those old wringer washing machines”.

Glenn even found his first tricycle with the seat in the back!!

We were to join in on the convoy/pub crawl to Premer, in memory of a local man who owned a lot of the motor-cycles that were doing the run.

We were supposed to leave the rural museum at 10.30am but I think our group was too intrigued with what was in the museum and we were running late.

We followed the Oxley Highway to Mullaley, then Left to Tambar Springs, where the first pub visit happened.

On our way and left to Premer where a local group set up a sausage sizzle for us for a gold coin donation. Well worth the gold coin, many of us went back for seconds and thirds!!

At the end of the day, there were two ways back – bitumen or dirt.

We decided to go the bitumen as Esme would have vibrated to bits and Matthew wasn’t confident driving his pride and joy on a dirt road. Ok my motherly instincts kicked in and I talked him out of it!!!!

The next day was the Gymkhana at the emergency airstrip.

The day was foggy, cool and drizzling with rain. Just what we needed while we stood around waiting for our turns. All in all a great time.

I was keeping one eye on the competitors and one eye on the sky, waiting for a plane to make an emergency landing.

If anything it would make a great photo!!!!

Event 1: Slalom

And the winner is Brian in good old Esme,.....oh hang on,here comes latecomer Jason in his pink Leyland. Last minute filling out of forms etc and pipped Brian at the post.

Event 2 : Crazy Squares

The winner was Scott Wilson in his Leyland.

As the day went really good Hal Moloney said there was time for one more event.

Everyone wanted the ”1/4 mile” but Brian said Esme didn’t stand a chance as she does 0 to 100 eventually!!!!

So to be fair another Slalom was organized and the winner of that was....Greg Bryant.

The next stop was the local koala Park for a great lunch.
Our table was intrigued by the swarm of bees that had a liking for our cans of drink,
I personally went and looked at the other animals!!

Back to the Motel and relax before the dinner at the Bowling Club.
The dinner at the Club was really nice and 8 to 10 tables of Pnuts nattering away about various things filled in the time till the official results were to be read out.

Obviously because of the overwhelming number of NSW members, Steve Maher was presented the State of Origin Plaque (which now presides on a wall at BG Computers Marayong)

The evening and weekend was a hit and I would like to thank Hal Moloney and his wife for organizing it and look forward to next year.

By Barbara Gray





A couple of other miscellaneous Gunnedah photos. I don't think anyone told Adrian that there was a possum sleeping under his seat.