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Shannons day at Eastern Creek



View from the top of the pits. We are the ones behind the open garages.

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GENERAL MEETINGS:

The General Meetings are held on the Second Wednesday of EVERY MONTH at the Pendle Sports Club, 14 Civic Ave, Pendle Hill.

Next Meeting - 14th October At 7.30 pm.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

September—October 2009

Hi once again All. Yes I'm back for another year as President. This year will make it 5 years for me in this position and whilst I am honoured that you continue to support me as President, I think we should consider a change for next year. I believe that being in this position for too long can be detrimental to the club and it's always good to get some new blood in with a new perspective. I will of course endeavour to do my best for the next 12 months and this next 12 months is very important with the 2010 Nationals coming up at Easter. Speaking of which I hope you all have made your bookings for the Nats. It will be an enormous weekend!

The Annual General Meeting was held in August with some new faces on Committee. I would first of all like to thank the outgoing Committee for their work through last year. There were a couple of minor glitches but generally it was another year of moving forward. Many Thanks to all of you. The new Committee as I said has some new faces and of course some old ones. This will give us a good mixture of youth and experience. The Committee for 2009/10 is as follows:

President	me
Vice President	Glenn Gray
Secretary	Shannon Wharton
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I would like to at this point welcome to the club a couple of new members: Steve McPhail from Canyonleigh which is on the Hume Hwy near Marulan and Mark Horton from Mogo down the South Coast. Great to have you guys aboard

The Shannons CMC Display Day at Eastern Creek was another top day and our first to attend as a club. Thanks to Terry James for loaning us his Omega Navy Targa for the day. Also in attendance was Michael Nugent and Greg Bryant in their Ps as well as Shannon Wharton with his CM Valiant wagon and Shane Fox with his HR Holden. We joined the P76 Classic Club and made for an impressive display of P76s including Joe Greens Force 7 and Paul Van Looks Marina Coupe. I look forward to the BMC Leyland Heritage Group Day and of course our Xmas do. I'm sure our new Activities Officer will keep us up to date with these things.

I have designed a new form for all historic registered cars in the club, which is attached to this magazine. This form will need to be filled in by all those who have cars on historic rego in the club and given to our registrar, Scott Wilson. All new historic regos will also have to fill out the form for rego.

This will be the last magazine for those who have not renewed their membership so get it in quickly. See you all soon I hope.

Steve Maher

THE EDITORS SAY..

Well, I've managed to put myself up for another year as editor and right from the first issue of the year I have run into a problem with lack of motivation and have had to plead with our President for help to get out something like a presentable magazine.

Thankfully, he not only produced a few pages himself, he also put the word around. As a result, Jason has given me a story which I suppose could be linked to his previous series of Taxi Talk articles, which we all loved. Nice gearbox Jason.

I was at the Shannon's day at Eastern Creek and got to enjoy a lap of the track. I must say that it is a great day, with a massive range of cars on display, with something to suit every taste. There was everything from your classic American muscle, every Mercedes model every produced, right down to a Fiat which would fit in the boot of a Leyland. Amazingly, it was brought by a couple who had a baby in a pram. I think someone else must have brought the pram along for them because it could not possibly have fitted in the car.

I went to Hal Moloney's place the other day, trying to find the passengers side bracket and rubber or fitting a power steering rack, because when I stripped the rack, I took the front half of the bracket and not the rear. Unsurprisingly, he had three sitting on his shelf, but no rubber. I didn't take one because John Judd had already told me he had one. While I was there, he said that he wished we had a Hunter club again.

As a result, I want to arrange a meeting of all potential Hunter members. Hal has said that we can have a get together at his place one weekend, If you live in the Hunter, or know someone who does, can you please get in touch with me, as per the editor's contact details on page 2, and let me know if you are interested in attending some local events. John and Hal, in particular, can you contact any members of the previous Hunter club and see if they are interested.

Finally, I have included a couple of photographs from Mal Herrick, who will be our guest speaker at the 2010 Nationals. These are part of his personal collection and I hope that they whet your appetite for more at the Nationals. Bring on Easter 2010.



Finally, I have bought myself a new car, but more on that future editions.

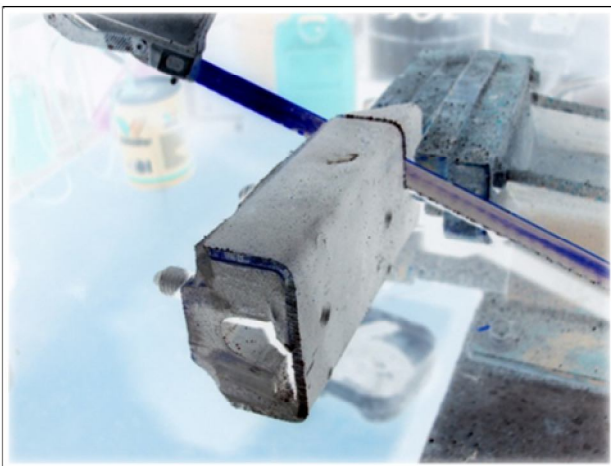
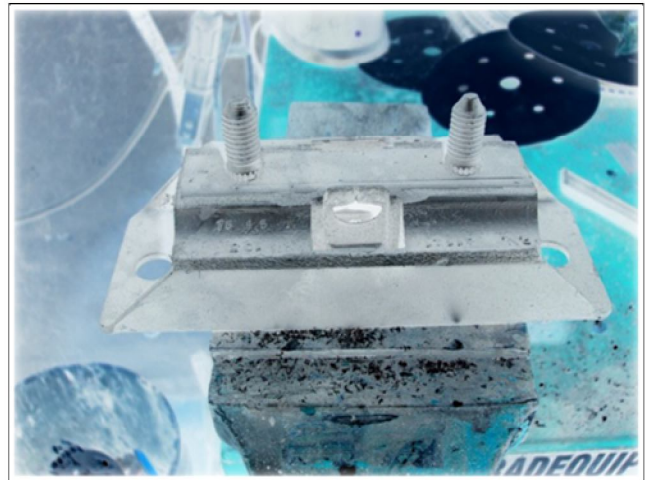


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Mounting your P76!!

Mucking around with my pink thing... (The Taxi, you filthy minded beast!), I realised I didn't have a gearbox mount of suitable quality to use, having sold off my last good 2nd hand one. I vaguely remembered something about being to modify a Falcon mount for use in the P76. I quick call to Burson's got me a Falcon gearbox mounting (They are all the same from 67-88) But it didn't look anything like a P76 mount.... Best I ring the P76 legend...Neville Humphrey's from the Qld club. The knowledge this bloke has on all things P76, particularly mechanical stuff, is just plain "creepy". "Yeah you just turn it upside down, cut the ears off & drill a couple of holes..." He is right you know....Read on.....

Here we have a standard Falcon gearbox mounting...Same for auto & Manual, 1967-1988.



Then we stick it in the vise & cut the mounting "ears" off flush with the main body of the mounting

Then we "Bang out" the mounting studs (Note the use of technical automotive terms...) & then enlarge the holes to accept the P76 mounting bolts (The hole position is correct, simply run a drill through the holes)



Now the only hard part for the home handyman...you have to enlarge the holes already in the mount to accept a socket so you tighten the bolts to the gearbox extension housing...I used a holesaw, but I understand not everyone will have one of these..if you don't have one..."Sucked in"!



There we have the finished mounting...A thing of joy I am sure you will agree!

You will have to cut down the sides of the original plate that inserts inside the mounting as there is a bit more rubber inside the new mounting which interferes when inserting it



There is the new mounting installed into the Pink car...I think it is a little bit lower, but it seems to work perfectly



What are the chances??? Cruising up at the local shopping centre I spotted this BA Falcon...Check the number plate!! Of all of NSW this car lives in the same suburb...it's not the 1st time I have seen it, but the first time that I was able to take a picture of it....No I didn't speak to the owners to ask if there was a relevance...

2009 Events Calendar			
Date	Event	Info	Contact
12-Aug	Club Meeting - Annual		
15/16 Aug	Club Run to Singleton and Milbrodale Mountain Classic		
23-Aug	Shannons Eastern Creek		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
6-Sep	Muscle Car Masters Eastern Creek	Info	Steve Maher 0417 435 830
9-Sep	Club Meeting		
20-Sep	Hunter Valley Run		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
27-Sep	Orange Blossom Festival Baulkham Hills		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
14-Oct	Club Meeting		
17/18-Oct	Alpine Classic Tarmac	Info	Steve Maher 0417 435 830
18-Oct	BMC Leyland Heritage		Kay DeLuca 8812 2479
8-Nov	Pas de Deux Classic		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
11-Nov	Club Meeting		
9-Dec	Club Meeting		
2010 Events Calendar			
7-Feb	Michael Livingstone Me-		Gwen Livingstone 0428 421 039
1 Apr/5 Apr Easter	Leyland P76 Nationals Hunter Valley, NSW		Steve Maher 0417 435 830



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2009

Meeting Opened: 8.13 pm

Attendance: As per the attendance book

Apologies: Eric Rudd, Jason Birmingham, Marty Stockwell

Minutes of Previous Accepted by Scott Wilson and seconded by Michael Nugent

Correspondence In: Letter from Steve MacPhail from Canyonleigh enquiring about membership; letter from James Bird who has sent us old magazines of the Nationals from the 1980s; Penzed July 2009; BMG Magazine for June 2009; Classic Magazine for July 2009; South Australian Magazine for July 2009.

Treasurer Report: As per Bank Statement

Reports:

- 1 Activities
 - 2 Oran Park day was attended by Marty Stockwell. Completed 8 laps and then oil pressure dropped. Best time was 1.37
 - 3 Shannon's Eastern Creek Classic is on 23 August. Have five cars from the club attending
 - 4 Muscle Car Masters is on 6 September. No cars from the club are attending
 - 5 Orange Blossom Festival Car Show is on 27 September

General Business:

- 6 Under Body Kits Members who have ordered the Under Body Kits have now received them
- 7 CAMS Member- CAMS membership is due, will be paid for tonight
- 8 Under Bonnet Chris is still looking at getting under bonnet sticker kits

Meeting Closed: 9.20 pm



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The new driving force.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2009

- Meeting Opened:** 8.20 pm
- Attendance:** As per the attendance book
- Apologies:** Marty Stockwell, Eddie and Russell Cooper
- Minutes of Previous** As per magazine
- Correspondence In:** The Preserve for Council of Motor Sports; South Australia Magazine for August 2009; West Words for August 2009; West Words for September 2009
- Treasurer Report:** As per Bank Statement
- Reports:**
- 2 CMC display day was a great day. We had five cars on display. Classic Club also attended. Very big turn out
 - 1 Activities
 - 3 Orange Blossom Festival is on 27 September
 - 4 Muscle Car Masters was only attended by Steve and there were no P76s present
- General Business:**
- 5 Trax P76s Club has received Trax P76s from the Classic Club. There are in 12 in total and all have been sold
 - 6 Membership Re- Reminder about membership renewals, they are now overdue
 - 7 Under Bonnet Under bonnet kits are still on their way, some members have received them and are very happy
 - 8 P76 Rally Car Steve is still getting in orders for the P76 Rally Car at \$80 each, you have
 - 9 Deluxe and Wagon Models Deluxe and Wagon model production is well under way. All the bodies have been completed. Has asked the club to put an advance down on the model. Agreed by all members present.
- 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! Phone Michael on 0403 698 805.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2009

Meeting Opened: 9.20 pm

Nominations

President: Steve Maher	Nominated by Shannon Wharton, seconded by Brian Hooper
Vice President: Glen Gray	Nominated by Michael Nugent, seconded by Shane Fox
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Meeting Closed: 9.45 pm





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HISTORIC REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Membership No. _____

Address _____

_____ State _____ Post Code _____

Phone No. HOME _____ Email _____

MOBILE _____

WORK _____

* Please inform LPOC NSW of your Historic Plate number once obtained

VEHICLE DETAILS

Make _____ Model _____

Trim Level _____ Year _____

Chassis No. _____ Engine No. _____

All submissions for Leyland P76 Owners Club NSW Inc (LPOC NSW) Historic Registration must be accompanied by detailed photographs of the above said vehicle to assist the LPOC NSW Historic Registration Registrar to evaluate eligibility for historic registration.

Any changes to the vehicle made after it's approval and / or modifications not divulged at the time of application may render the historic registration for the vehicle null and void.

LPOC NSW may request the vehicle to be presented for inspection at any time.

☐ I have read and understand all terms and conditions for Leyland P76 Owners Club NSW Inc Historic Registration and declare the above said vehicle meets the requirements of the LPOC NSW Historic Registration guidelines.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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Approved by Registrar _____ Date ____/____/____ Historic Plate No. _____

☐ Current Leyland P76 Owners Club NSW Inc Financial Member

Rego Expire ____/____/____

☐ Details entered into Historic Registration Database

ACL RECEIVERS APPOINTED

Large Australian automotive parts manufacturer Automotive Components Limited has had a receiver and manager appointed as of the 26th August. ACL make a number of components for the P76 and Marina engines. One hopes that they can trade out of their difficulties but just in case you may wish to get a hold of some stock for the future. The Parts List for P76 and Marina appears below:

Leyland P76 V8

Product Type	Product Name	Brand
Camshaft Bearing Set	5C4326	ACL
Carburettor Gasket Set	HL109	ACL
Conrod Bearing Set	8B2226	ACL Aluglide
Conversion Gasket Set	EW970	ACL
Cylinder Head Gasket	AW970	ACL
Intake Manifold Gasket Set	KV494	ACL
Main Bearing Set	5M2227	ACL Duraglide
Oil Pan Gasket Set	JH917	ACL
Piston Ring Set	M1479	Mahle
	PS1479	Mahle
Thrustwasher Set	1T2219	ACL
Valve Cover Gasket	JN055	ACL
Valve Regrind Gasket Set	CW970	ACL
Valve Stem Seal Set	HR189	ACL

Leyland P76 and Marina E6

Conrod Bearing Set	6B1430	ACL
Cylinder Head Gasket	AW930	ACL
Manifold Gasket Set	JA960	ACL
Piston Assembly Set	6MKRY2768	Mahle
Piston Ring Set	M1359	Mahle
Valve Cover Gasket	JN014	ACL
Valve Regrind Gasket Set	CW930	ACL

Leyland Marina E4 1750

Conversion Gasket Set	EP620	ACL
Cylinder Head Gasket	AW940	ACL
Exhaust Flange Gasket	JE238	ACL
Oil Pan Gasket Set	HC253	ACL
Piston Assembly Set	4MKRY2768	Mahle
Piston Ring Set	M1358	Mahle
	PS1358	Mahle
Timing Cover Seal	NA473	ACL
Valve Cover Gasket	JM488	ACL
Valve Regrind Gasket Set	CW940	ACL
Valve Stem Seal Set	KG380-8	ACL

Leyland Marina E4 1500

Conrod Bearing Set	4B1430	ACL
Cylinder Head Gasket	AW940	ACL
Exhaust Flange Gasket	JE238	ACL
Main Bearing Set	5M1433	ACL
Oil Pan Gasket Set	HC253	ACL
Piston Ring Set	M1358	Mahle
Thrustwasher Set	2 T1433	ACL
Valve Cover Gasket	JM488	ACL
Valve Regrind Gasket Set	CW940	ACL
Valve Stem Seal Set	KG380-8	ACL

2009 MUSCLE CAR MASTERS

Two weeks after the Shannons Combined Motor Clubs Display Day it was Fathers Day and that means it was time to head back to Eastern Creek Raceway for the 2009 Muscle Car Masters. A friend of mine was out at the Masters on Saturday to check out the cars along with qualifying and some races and he told me that I should go early on Sunday morning as the Saturday crowd was their biggest Saturday crowd yet and Sunday was definitely going to be bigger so there I was at the main entry gate at 7am. Seems I got the jump on just about everyone as I was one of the first in scoring a premo parking spot. I sat in the car for about an hour eating breakfast (courtesy of Maccas) and getting in the mood by reading the latest issue of Australian Muscle Car magazine. By around 8 there was a buzz humming around and a bit of activity so it was time to venture out soak in all the nostalgia.

One of the first groups I came across was the Capri Club. The Ford Capri was a featured marque at this years masters as it turned 40 years old this year and there were plenty of good looking Capris to check out. The oldest being the predecessor to the Capri range, the Consul Capri. First time I had seen one as these weren't sold by Ford in Australia, this one was a private import. Of course there were plenty of Mk1, 2 and 3s but strangely no Aussie (Mazda based) Capris. I guess they were just interested in pommy ones. Here I ran into our Editors brother in law, Owen, whose family owns a couple of Capris including a rare V4 engined Mk1. Naturally Owen gave me a guided tour of Capri Land which was great but I had to push on as there was plenty to see and hear.

I wandered down under the race track and popped up in the pit area where I ran into an old friend, Bob Williamson who used to work at Leyland and was responsible for cleaning out the train load of P76s that were caught in the Queensland floods in 1974. Bob had also raced at Bathurst several times in a variety of cars including Cooper S's so it was great to tag along with him while he chatted to his old Bathurst racing mates. Somewhere around lunch time I had a planned meeting with Neil Byers who raced the 6cyl Marina at Bathurst in 1974. We chatted for quite a while and I learnt heaps about that rather special Marina. We finally went our separate ways with Neil confirming a special auction gift for the 2010 P76 Nationals and an affirmation to get together soon to write a article about the Bathurst Marina and other special vehicles.



By now the old legs were starting to give out so I thought of going over to the Grandstand to sit and watch the racing. Just then my mobile phone goes off with Eric Rudd on the other end. "Are you at the Masters?" he says – hell yeah. And so there we were, a couple of old blokes (he's older than me), along with many others settling in for the afternoon to watch some great classic Touring Car action.

What a great day, perfect weather, fine friends and great motor racing. What more could you want on Fathers Day! The only P76 that I can say was there was Eric's blue Targa. I'll definitely have mine there next year.