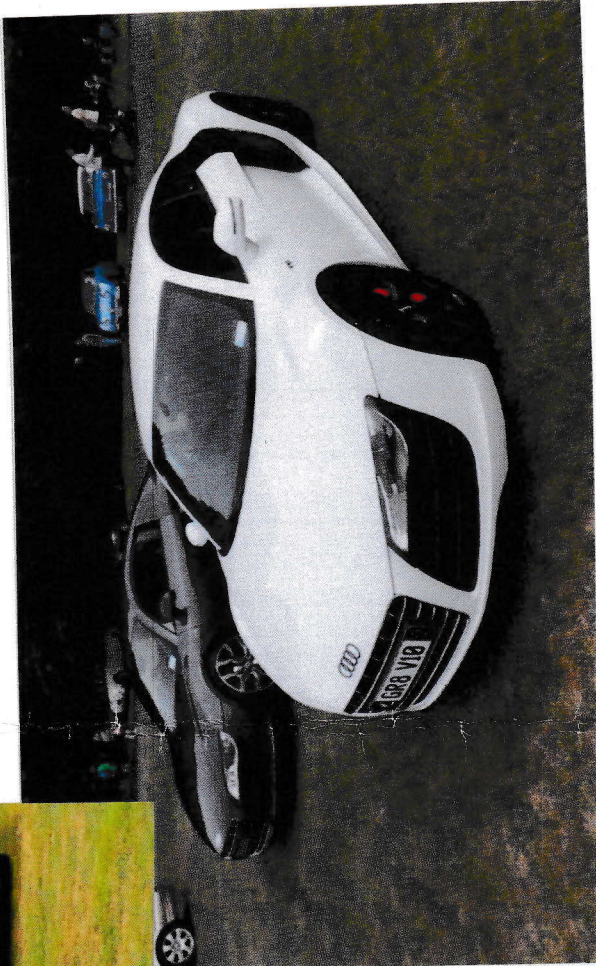
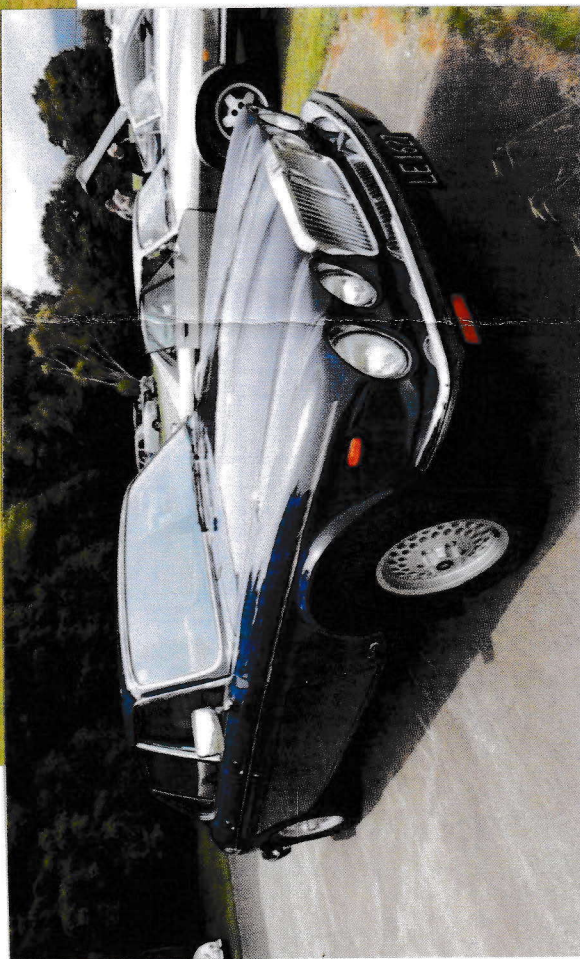


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Penzed for March 2023

Well here we are at another AGM, hopefully to take place this year after last years long range effort due to Covid 19. But again, many parts of New Zealand's North Island are under attack, this time with the disastrous effects of that dam cyclone!

I hope that not too many members are affected by the consequences of the rain, wind, slips, flooding and destruction of roads, bridges, and personal property. It is heart wrenching to see some of the destruction, the loss of crops, stock, houses, cars and many other belongings. The Jones family know only too well with my brother Stuart and Christine's orchard, house, cars, sheds, and lives being ripped apart, but thankfully they are all safe and have found good alternative lodgings, who knows what might happen to their house.

Their spa pool broke loose and flattened the rustic old wood shed on the property, house is weighed down with silt, as is the whole district, after the water left. A caravan and trailer on the property now reside in or on one wall of the house and the list could go on. An equally tragic but comic scene is the 10 hectare paddock of onions drying before harvest that are now spread all over the area, not just their place. And that's not the only paddock in their road to suffer the same fate, onions for miles and likely to be pretty expensive soon.

But they and their little dog Larnie are all safe, unlike so many other animals. Just tragic.

And onto brighter things, it appears the AGM is to be well patronised with a reasonable number of us from the upper areas going south and some new faces from the Southern Group for us to meet as well. This as always will be fun, but don't take my word for it, come along. Registrations are closed but you know, it's rarely too late to turn up as I think has happened nearly every year! No worries about a quorum this time round.

Again, there are **ADMINISTRATIVE BITS** contained within and near the rear of Penzed. The **RED DOT** man is here again to remind you of your need to pay your subscription. Remember that some may cross in the mail so to speak but if you get a dot, get your subs paid please. And have you completed and sent in your Natcom nomination form from the rear of the November issue? Or volunteered for one of the positions by any chance? Or your Form of Proxy on the rear of the January issue.

And of course, there is your **AGM Booklet** with the agenda, minutes, accounts and Presidents Report contained within, not necessarily in that order. Please remember to bring this to the AGM if you are coming. That way you will be able to keep up with proceedings.

editorial apology again I sit and read Penzed some days after it's been sent out and I found no end of grammatical and spelling errors, a reflection of haste, I'm sure. Sorry folks.

The 40th Anniversary and AGM and Tour. The amended Itinerary and registration form was in the last issue of penzed and won't be repeated here. Some changes have had to be made due to circumstances beyond the control of "The Ladies" and the businesses we were hoping to visit, however they have arranged very good alternatives for us to enjoy. Those of you who registered early will by now have been advised of the changes and alternatives sorted. If not call one of the numbers on the form now. see your last issue of Penzed or Page 2 of this one.

Troop Movements are zero at this stage.

Local Group Activities

Remember, all members are welcome to attend any event advertised in Penzed anywhere in New Zealand should you wish to join the party or happen to be in the locality at the time. The listings are only regionalised for the convenience of local group members. So don't be shy, gate crash an event mile from your normal stomping ground. You will be made very welcome.

Sadly, all scheduled events are still subject to Covid 19 restrictions as and when they occur but currently you are good to go, except on large areas of Northland and the East Coast!

The Southern Group They now have their meeting as part of any event they are participating in rather than a set venue. If you wish to join them when you're passing through next time just phone Don or Paula for information on where to go. Don and Paula's details appear on page 2 of your Penzed so carry it with you. Can you spot them both?

Northern Group

While the Northern group consolidates, we advise contacting Vice President David Timms on 022 0399 880 or weymouthpainter@hotmail.com and he will fill in the blanks for you. Locals looking to talk Leyland or visitors should check with david to see what is available to you.

Northern Group needs to pull together and create an opportunity for members to come together and re-establish a regular meeting/event calendar to keep the Group viable. Doesn't have to be monthly but at least something to keep you in touch with each other. Just a thought.

Hamilton offers members a **Classic Breakfast** opportunity. There has been autojumble for sale too. Join the classic fraternity at **Classics Museum 11 Railside Avenue Hamilton**, for a good hearty breakfast on the first Sunday of each month. Join in the fun and food at the **Juke Box Café**. Contact Ed Tubman if you need any further prompting. Try 07 847 9116 or 027 204 7112 or tubmanp76@gmail.com

Central Group

Ron Butler is our Social Convenor. Check with him on 04 902 0275 or email him on ron.butler43@gmail.com for information on our goings on. Regular venue meetings are no longer held by Central Group. We can be roused from our slumber at short notice!

The Central Group held its AGM at the Petone Workingmen's Club after B&ECD where Ron was re-elected as was Rob as Secretary/Treasurer. Amongst other things I pleaded with members to send me photo/s and maybe a few words if they were at a local event by themselves, and lo and behold it happened the next day. Brian and Colleen couldn't get to B&ECD but they made Coffee and cars at Southwards and you can see their P76 along with some of Brian's American mates later on, including that big green Thunderbird, so pretty?

There was consensus for us getting more active in almost any way and inviting enthusiast friends to join us, probably involving food and refreshment but there's always hope of adventure too. It was good to see the Fong's still supporting us by attending.

Local Events for Central Group

Inglewood High School Car Show was postponed again and is now on March 5. Contact President Andrew for further information. He's on page 2 along with the rest of us.

British and European Car Day Sunday 12 February at Trentham Memorial Park Upper Hutt

This long-established event did proceed with the blessing of a fine warm day with a bit of a breeze and three P76's as can be seen on the cover. They are Ron's car and his great tent, our car and Paul and Linda's car, so often described before. As you can see the flag was aloft, our boot was open to display the 44 gallon drum and it seems Paul's koala, that clung to his wing mirror must have got back in the car. The breeze took it off the roof. This year just to be different Hugh and Bronwyn set up the Wolseley display to our left rather than our right.

The other cars further represent the British and European side of the show, that beautiful stock standard Jaguar S3 XJ6 belongs to our old mate Bernard Wright of the now defunct HVJEC.

I was a member for about 30 years and did a few fast miles with Bernard in Jaguar's and Peugeot's and of course Sonya and I had our 57 Mk1 for several years in the HVJEC. Many people complemented the originality of the XJ6 as opposed to many cars showing much modification. And the Audi A10's, well how could I not include them. The show once again attracted huge numbers of cars and huge numbers of Mini's, MG's, Jaguar's and BMW's in particular. On a per capita basis there were a ton of Ferrari's too! Random Fords and quite a few Vauxhalls were evident, especially several PA and PB models, and a DX just like I used to have. Below is a selection of Austin 7's quintessentially British, a Vauxhall Viscount that belonged to Noeline Ryder years ago. I mention this as her son Neale is always chuffed to see it. Neale's two special Vauxhall's follow in another report but both were at B&ECD too. And a Bullnose Morris, why not. A further layout of European cars follows somewhere.

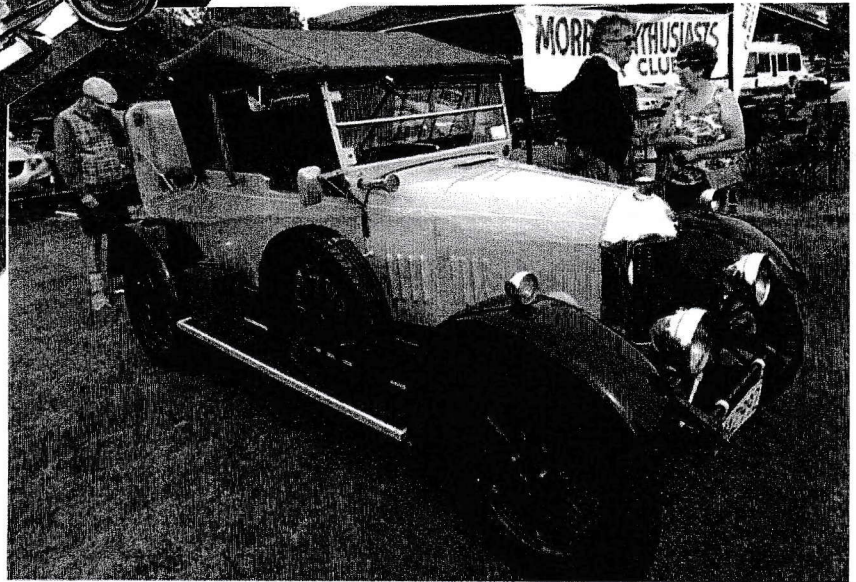
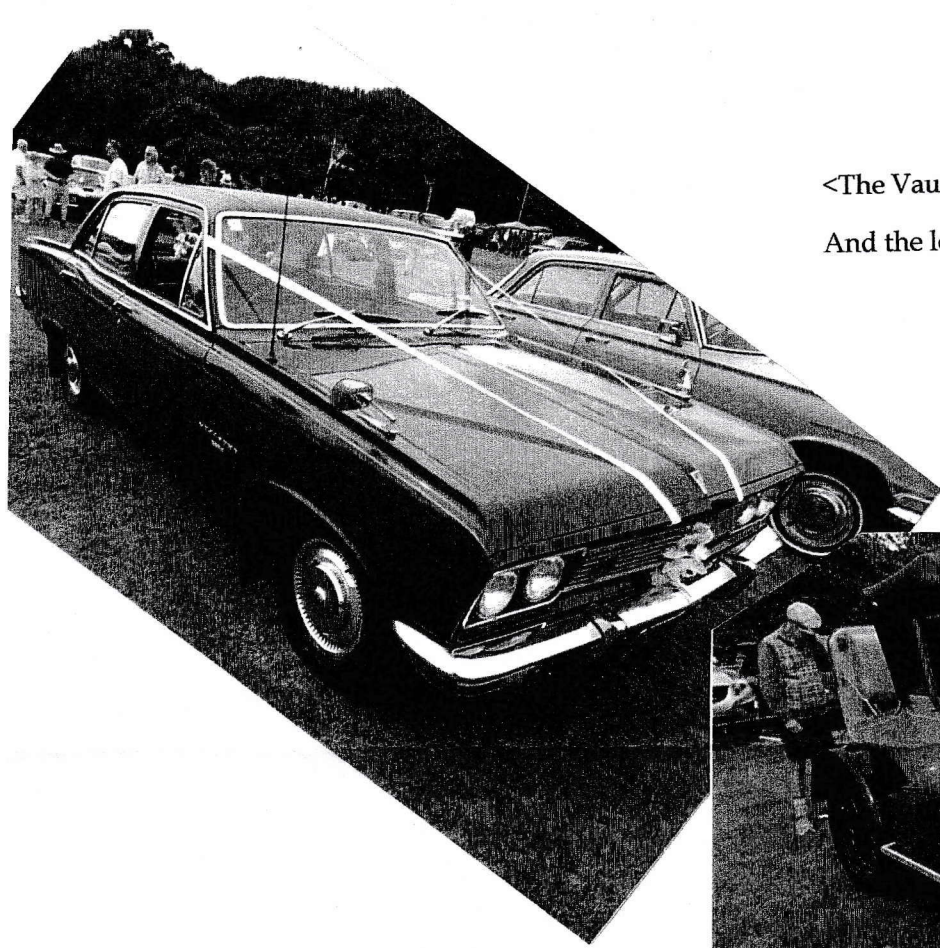
The interest in the P76's was strong, the drum a huge drawcard, we entertained many a visitor in the tent, especially people looking for me. We await word from Mr Barker, a young bloke whose elderly father has a P76 stored away down south. He is keen to take it on and stayed until we left so he could hear the V8 rumble. I was by myself on the day so got around many old friends and seemed to have as many looking for me in the tent. One guy even sent Megan (eldest daughter in Melbourne) photos of the P76's so even she was asking me where we were.

So, we had Ron and his mate Ray, a regular at these events, Bruce Cooper and I, and Paul and Linda with Hugh and Bronwyn next door with their Wolseley 6/110. One day Hugh one day!

The Leyland's were photographed extensively, videoed, briefly appearing in a B&ECD report on the net. Search for clips "By George" and of course there was the Englishman completely mystified by this huge Leyland car he'd never heard of before. A very successful day I'd say.



<The Vauxhall Viscount as a wedding car.
And the lovely old Bullnose Morris below



And below at Coffee and Cars at Southwards we see Brian and Colleen's P76 with his mates in their 46 Mercury Coupe and that big Thunderbird with what I'm guessing is a Chevrolet pick up next in line. Similar to Jan and her family tree photo in the last issue with Malcolm's Chev, her P76 and I guess one of the daughters driving Jan's Camaro. See how easy it is.

Having said that we went on a VCC Trial on the weekend and I didn't take a single photo, not even of the Rolls Royce Silver Ghost chasing us through the country roads! Imposing it was.



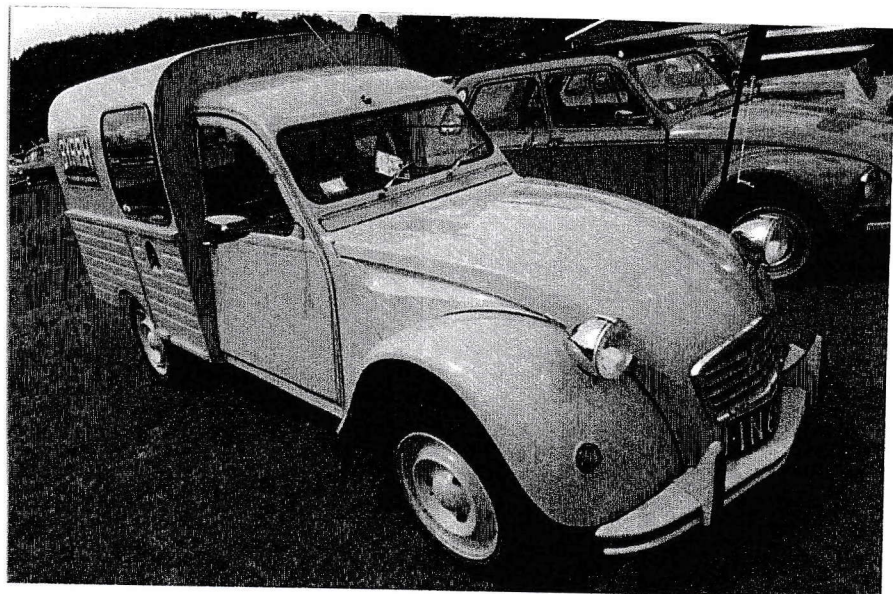
Auto Spectacular, Shannon Sunday February 19 at Shannon Domain It's simple, arrive early before they have to close the gates. So, following the instructions Ron, Brian and Colleen set off to arrive early and not hold up proceedings -BUT - as Ron put it to me:

Major embarrassing moment right outside the entry to Auto Spectacular with cars behind us "Jack came with me" the bloody clutch cable let go with a bloody bang. I turned on the grass and stopped. Brian pulled alongside. Heads under the bonnet to find it had broken at the lower end. I decided to return home and left Brian to carry the flag. Started off in second gear as just out of Shannon there's a slight slope. I stopped there, Put it into top gear, turned the key on and away we went all the way home in top gear. Will have it put on a flat deck to Kapiti Motors tomorrow. I Have spare cables.

Cheers

Thank you Ron for that brief report and we are glad to hear all is now well with the P76. There may be more of a report from Colleen next time. Hate those broken clutch cables.

More B&ECD just to show you what you can expect to find for your viewing pleasure. I snapped a superb Mercedes SL 190 but sadly my finger pushed the shot out of focus, so I have substituted what I believe to be M3 badged BMW 635 followed by this very unusual Citroen 2CV van. I've not seen a real one before and interestingly it carries a mid-70's number plate. There was a whole line up of 2CV's, very impressive.

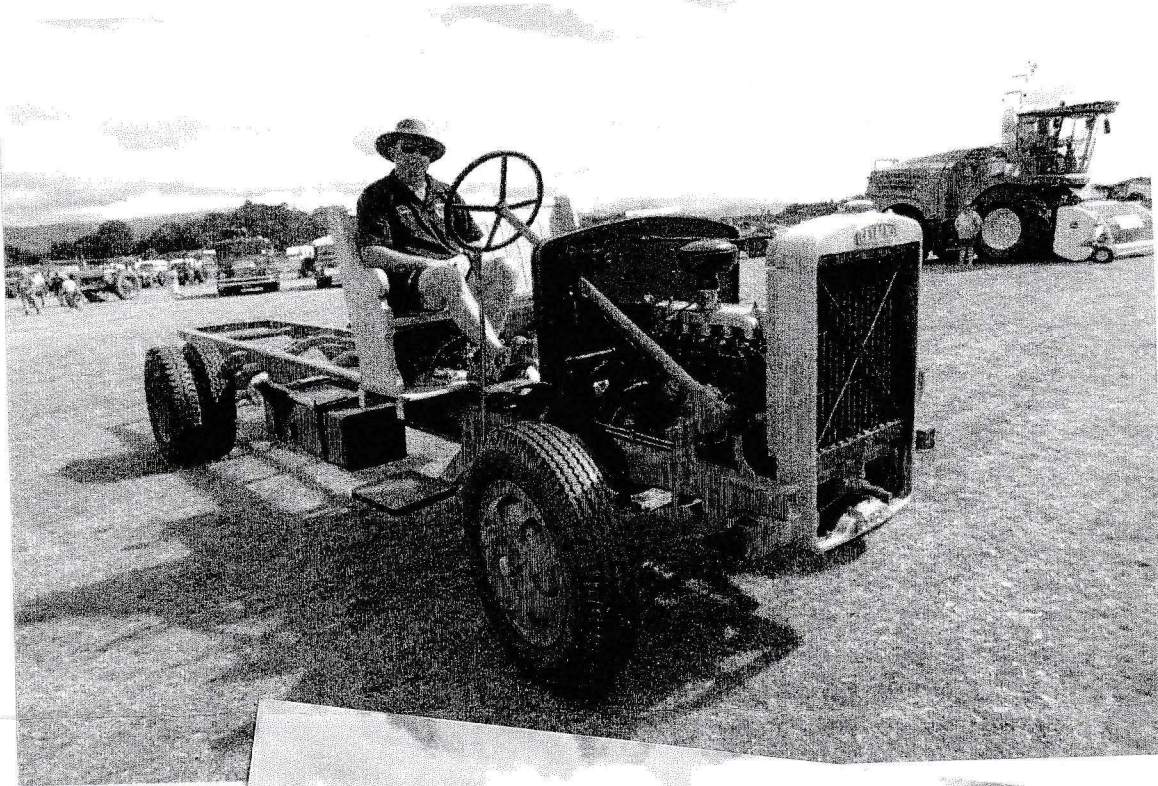




And above another couple of rare cars, A Renault Caravelle convertible, and a Saab 96 station wagon. Clyde, don't you think Philip would have been impressed. The owner of this Saab also has a red sedan featured in Penzed before. Bruce and I met Dave Bray, an old member from long ago, he arrived in his VW Golf cabriolet and then his Jaguar XK120 replica and then his Porsche 356 replica. We proffered he was a very clever man but he confessed to his son and a mate driving the jag and his daughter in law and mates wife driving the Porsche. These are both world class replica's and well deserved to be on display. The XK120 has been on P76 trips in the past too. Dave also told us the Saab was a broken basket case when purchased and is now a testimony to determination and probably a good bank account, but it is a beauty.

Wheels on Wairarapa

We didn't enter the P76 finally but ended up going on the Sunday and it was great. Mr Hodder of VCC fame was giving kids and others rides in his 1914 Saxon and probably clocked up more miles than in a while, while driving around the A&P grounds. We saw some great vehicles like the 1936 Leyland Cub diesel cab and chassis also driving all over the place, the local Austin and Bedford S fire engines from Cobblestones in Greytown and of course Neale Ryders Vauxhall Vagabond and Caleche, not every day you see two of these together. And possibly the biggest John Deere "tractor" they make with a 1500L fuel tank! Great day out. See the photos on the next page.



And a car looking for a new garage,

Just as an intro, GT9628 is looking for a new garage, nothing fancy, just warm and dry.

I am a 1975 first registered Deluxe V8 Column Auto in Am Eye Blue.

Only four owners and 190,00 original km.

Lots of receipts from over the years, with a few upgrades included.

I cruise well and would prefer a Mechanical type of Driver.

I have a high stop brake light, towbar and still bear my NZMC window sticker on the rear screen. And WOF and Rego of course. My current custodian is looking for sensible offers. A picture of me appears below.

Cheers and happy new year to you all

Ed Tubman Call 027 204 7112



Birthdays and Best Wishes

Starting off the birthdays is Bronwyn Mackenzie followed by Pauline McCallum. In April we only have Don Learmonth, this is a light period of celebration indeed. However, we should pass on our best wishes to Lyn Morris after recent hand surgery and acknowledge Brian Francis for getting out and about in his P76 despite the hard times he has endured over the last 6 months or more. Keep at it Brian. And I've learnt that Leah Caple is again unwell and in hospital, Leah get better quickly, Allan needs you. Home safe as soon as ok.

So, if you are not on my birthday calendar, happy birthday anyway. My info grows slowly.

Where have we been all these years?

On March 13, 1994, in Palmerston North we saw 13 P76's assemble in the carpark of the Albert Hotel on Main Street. Another car visited us on the day, but I don't think it ever joined the club with that owner. Looking at my photos that can't be reproduced here I can list the cars and those that we believe are still in the club today. M Morrison/Royce King, Wilkinson/Gone, Tubman, somewhere in Christchurch recently ex the Haumoana British Car Museum, G Ogilvie/ in Aussie somewhere, S Learmonth/still, P Tapp/in private collection in Palmerston North, John Ward/stored by current owner in poor state in Tararua district, R Butler/still, J Baines/ A Philpott, M Hatchard/ D Learmonth, R Fallaver / D court but not in club, S Heyward / gone, M Priebee/ gone.

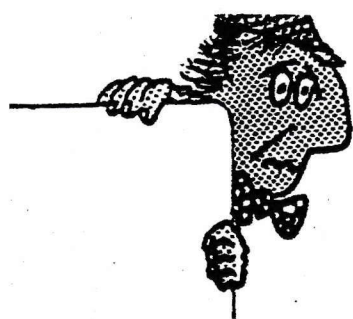
Steve de Adman wrote at the time that he thought the meeting far more animated than the one previously held in Tauranga. He said the topics discussed were more interesting and the memorabilia for sale far greater in selection. Steve also made mention of the various P76 video's shown including the Ed/Geoff/Steve exploits at Bay Park Raceway, construction of Barry S's P76 convertible in Australia - I must hunt out that video and have it converted to DVD, and film of my first trip to Aussie, meeting the Green clan in NSW at Taren Point. They turned on some cars that day, from the Force, through Targa's to purpose built P76 rally cars and prize winning custom P76's as well all the models in between.

And the food was great but alas Steve's P76 couldn't be there, probably because he fiddled with it, so he came in his Singer Vogue! Steve tended to over fiddle with his cars.

March 1995 had us in New Plymouth with a different bunch of members and visitors. My main photo shows 10 P76's in a park. Geoff Ogilvie had his stunning Arden Jaguar XJS V12 instead of his P76. There was a silver P76 there too, owned by C Schlaadt and then SC Mawer, certainly Mr Mawer was in the club briefly. Another stunning car was a red Super, maybe Dry Red, I've never been sure with what looked like a white interior. It had a short club life and sad demise some time alter! But it was a beautiful example of a P76. Our accommodation was lovely with a big rocking horse in the garden. I have photos of both Annette Purcell and Sonya Jones riding said horse with big smiles on their faces. I don't recall too much of the meeting but one member character there without his car was Bruce McCready who lived just up the road from where we stayed in a house with a boat like prow built onto the front of it and the most fascinating bar within. His bar was wallpapered with Golden Kiwi tickets, none of which had won him any money but it took a few to do the wallpapering.

Familiar names there were Ogilvie, Tubman, Jones, Golding, Butler, Reid and at the time de Adman while Eustace, Schlaadt, Hay, McCready and Bourke filled out the numbers. Now I may be wrong here but it's possible the now Regan Porter car turned up in the hands of a giant of a man whose name escapes me and I can't pick it out from the membership maps!

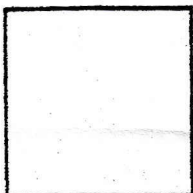
Another bit: At the Central Group AGM Ron and I met the bloke who had the NZMC agency in Taihape. He saw our P76 shirts and introduced himself. He well remembered ex member Colin Wright of Achilles St who bought and drove a DR E V8 for years. He was pleased to see the cars being appreciated by the club all these years later. Small world stuff.



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