

LEYLAND P76OWNERS CLUB SA INC

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Anything But Average



Easter Nationals 2015
Concourse
Wigley Reserve Glenelg SA



Pt Elliott Museum

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GENERAL MEETINGS HELD

When: 1st Tuesday of each month (except January) 7.30pm

At: Church Hall rear of St Edwards Anglican Church 16 East Terrace Kensington Gdns

AGM August at a venue to be decided

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CLUB CALENDER

May

5 General Meeting

17 /24 Kernewek Lowender Copper Coast Cornish Festival Cavalcade of Cars on 24th

June

2 General Meeting

July

7 General Meeting

August

No General Meeting due to AGM

8 AGM details to be advised

September

27 Bay to Birdwood Classic Cars

UPCOMING SWAP MEETS and EVENTS OF INTEREST

Events

24 May Cornish Festival Calvacade of Cars

Swap Meets

2/3 May Naracoorte Swap Meet Naracoorte Showgrounds

24 May Kapunda Swap Meet Kapunda Harness Racing Complex, Kapunda

7 June Kadina Swap Meet and Show n Shine Kadina Showgrounds, Kadina

14 June Sedan Auto Swap Meet Sedan Park, Cambrai Rd, Sedan

26 July All Make Swap Meet 2015 Globe Derby Trotting Track

Should any member wish to participate and make any of these Events as a Club Event please contact the Events Coordinator 08 83250512 or a committee member

ROCKER COVER RACERS ELIMINATION

Heat 1

Marty	vs	Chris
Loretta	vs	Nigel
Rogo	vs	Marty
Chris	vs	Loretta
Nigel	vs	Rogo
Marty	vs	Loretta
Chris	vs	Rogo
Marty	vs	Nigel
Loretta	vs	Rogo
Nigel	vs	Chris

Points

race number and result

Driver	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Totals
Marty	1		1			1		1			4
Chris	2			1			1			1	5
Loretta		2		2		2			2		8
Nigel		1			1			2		2	6
Rogo			2		2		2		1		7

Heat 2

Simon	vs	Drew
Di	vs	Noel
Bye	vs	Simon
Drew	vs	Di
Noel	vs	Bye
Simon	vs	Di
Drew	vs	Bye
Simon	vs	Noel
Di	vs	Bye
Noel	vs	Drew

Points

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Driver	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Totals
Simon	2		1			2		2			7
Drew	1			2			1			2	6
Di		2		1		1			1		5
Noel		1			1			1		1	4
Bye											

FINAL

Driver	Driver	Driver	race number and result						Total Points
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
Marty	v	Chris							
Di	v	Noel	1		1	1			3
Marty	v	Di	2				1	2	5
Noel	v	Marty		2	2		2		6
Chris	v	Di		1		2		1	4
Chris	v	Noel							

WINNER **MARTY**

RUNNER UP **NOEL**



Winner Green Rocker & Runner up with the
Official Starter Mia Bryant

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

Now that Easter is over we can sit back a bit and wonder how that weekend actually got off the ground.

It started at the P76 40th anniversary weekend at Canberra in June 2013 when somebody realized that nobody had stuck their hand up to host the next National Meeting presumably in 2015. Steve Mayer from the National Council had a quiet word and suggested that SA hadn't done one for a while and would we like to volunteer. My immediate reaction was that we did not have a very strong club at that time and it would be difficult for us, however I would discuss it with other SA club members and let him know. We discussed as mentioned with Chris and Geoff who were staying in the same hotel and tossed a few ideas around and convinced ourselves that we could organize something, so it was on. Then Steve forgot to announce it at the dinner with all the other stuff going on but word got around shortly after. We had 20 months to make it all happen.

On getting back to terra firma we had a couple of club meetings (we haven't enough members to have a separate committee) to establish an outline of what we wanted to do. Finding a venue was first priority and then we will fill in the gaps from there. South, north to the Barossa Valley, Riverland and even Gladstone Goal were considered. Wirrinna down past Yankalilla seemed a possibility but had been bought and sold several times recently so we crossed that off the list as we could not take the chance, the Barossa seemed OK but was too far from us for organizing purposes, Riverland (Renmark, Loxton, Mildura) was too busy for Easter and had most of the accommodation locked in. McLaren Vale looked like a good choice with 2 venues possible. Serafinos was OK but a bit too upmarket for us and our last option before going back to the drawing board was the McLaren Vale Motel and Apartments with which we are so familiar now. This suited us perfectly and they were very receptive to us booking out the whole complex for P76 owners for Easter 2015.

Now to fill in the gaps. What do we do to amuse 50 or so people? The standard things like observation runs, bowls nights, concourse, visits to some common points of interest were thrown in the hat early with some deeper thinking going on in the background that gave rise to the Car Club Olympics and the Rocker Cover Races.

The CCO was something we did with the Adelaide car club fraternity in the late 80's so I had to go digging for the rules in our old club magazines and adapt them to our weekend and guess at how many participants we would get. We chose to pick the teams out of the bucket to get people mixing and meeting people they had not met before. I think that worked OK.

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS.....CONT

Feeding the hordes was probably the next major task for us as the motel did not have these facilities. Check the pubs and clubs for capability and cost and as we had no idea of numbers at this point we had to shoot high and work our way down. I think we thought about 80 would be the very most but were not confident of that, probably around the 60 mark would be more realistic. After a few meals out and about we settled on the Bowls Club, The Alma Hotel at Willunga and the South Adelaide Footy Club for our evening meals. Thursday night we could handle with a BBQ as there would only be a handful of people arriving early, yeah right.

As we started to get some order to things, sadly on March 16 2014 we lost Geoff to cancer. That set us back a bit but also gave us a reason to keep going and get the job done.

While surfing the internet to look at what other clubs do at their Nationals, I came across this rocker cover racing and had a thought that this could waste a couple of hours of an evening. I plagiarised some rules and regulations from several clubs and formed them into something I thought we could use and set about building a couple to see how hard it was. That bit wasn't too much trouble, then came the track which had to be sort of portable, quick and simple to erect and not cost too much. After much investigating I came up with the sheetmetal plan which seemed to work OK. Now the starting gates which had to release the 2 racers at the exact same time. After much playing with springs, levers and triggers I concluded that door locking solenoids were the best solution but how to make them work as they only had 20mm of travel. So I experimented a bit more and discovered that the solenoids don't like being powered up for too long, they are a momentary on device only. Anyway what resulted seemed to work OK. Resetting was a bit awkward but we coped. To have 9 racers first time up was better than I expected and I have the feeling we may see them again at future Nationals.

The hunt was on for a venue for the concourse. Grassed areas at Victor Harbor were investigated and an area at Port Noarlunga checked out. Initial enquiries for the Wrigley Reserve seemed too expensive. We had no joy with the Victor council or Onkaparinga Council for Pt Noarlunga so we followed up on Glenelg, deciding it was the best location after all and would give the cars the best exposure to the public so we locked that in mid 2014 probably a good thing too as we discovered later that the Mustang Owners were holding their Nationals at Glenelg over the Easter and probably would have liked that location



PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS.....CONT

Chris thought the Coorong cruise would occupy a few people on the Saturday while others could check out wineries or attend the Meadows Easter Fair. Once the registration forms started coming back with most folks wanting to do the boat we had to rethink it. We soon had a boat full and had to ask the cruise people if they could put on 2 boats, which they could but with minimum numbers which we were able to fill by juggling a bit.

The night time car cruise on the Saturday night seemed like a good idea at the time which would have taken us down the Southern Expressway then up into the hills to Windy Point Lookout which gives a great view of the city at night, then down into the city and back to McLaren Vale. The more I think about it now, the logistics of keeping 30 plus cars together at night and no-one getting lost terrifies me. So as it turned out with the interest in the Rocker Cover Races, it would have made the night activities run too late, the snap decision to cancel the cruise was the right thing to do.

Another thing we investigated was the usual observation run which has it's obvious considerations of cars stopping suddenly to check clues and several cars accumulating at one point then dashing off to the next clue which has it's inherent dangers. We finally decided to leave this one alone much to Loretta's delight as she had stuck her hand up to organize if we included it.

Sincere thanks to my fellow organizers Di and particularly Chris who handled the finances, dear friend Geoff in the early stages, Wayne and Helen who picked up a lot of loose ends, Geoff and Loretta for traffic control at the concourse, Jilden for mechanical assistance for the wounded travelers and the other SA Club members who contributed at our general meetings which turned into Easter organizing meeting.

.....Nigel



SA Rocker Cover Entrants

EASTER 2015 CONCOURSE WIGLEY RESERVE, GLENELG, SA

DELUXE	Winner Runner-up	Chris Cutting Trevor Brown
SUPER	Winner Runner-up	Nick Kounelis Kevin Smith
EXECUTIVE	Winner Runner-up	Andy Frith John Beattie
TARGA FLORIO	Winner Runner-up	Noel Delforce Marty Stockwell
MODIFIED	Winner Runner-up Third	Peter Velthius Tom Cooper Andrew Lee
PEOPLE'S CHOICE	Winner Runner-up	Andy Frith Peter Velthius



Best Modified & Runner Up Peoples Choice



Lyn & Riley Bradley awarded the Furthest distance by car trophy

Adelaide Oval Visit by Chris Cutting

With all the Easter National news we mustn't forget the visit to the Adelaide Oval on a very HOT Adelaide Summer Day 40 degrees.

Meeting at the Riverbank Stand entrance was Di & Nigel Wayne & Helen myself we joined in our tour group and off we went. Visiting the History Room then on to the various Function Rooms, Change rooms, famous photos along the corridors, Media boxes and the precious Cricket Trophy Room. The Bradman Collection is also housed here now after being at the State Library. The guide was extremely good with information and answering questions put to her.

We viewed the Oval from different aspects from the stands. There was a decent breeze up the top which helped with the heat and the view back towards the city wasn't too bad either.

Having been to a Strikers match and Crows match I was extremely pleased with the match view (thought I wouldn't be able to see that good with my ageing eyesight !!!) The big screens made the difference and the atmosphere is unbelievable .

The highlight for many is the Heritage listed Scoreboard because it is heritage listed no changes can be made including air-conditioning except for portable ones. Its size and confinement makes it almost unbearable with the heat and those keeping the cricket score and changing names etc are the same 2 all day.

The blend of the old heritage stand from the back with the new front is also well done.

Still a World Class venue and well worth the visit



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB (SA) INC.
HELD AT THE ST EDWARDS ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL, EAST TCE KENSINGTON GDNS
ON Tuesday March 3rd 2015

OPENED: 8.00 pm
PRESENT: 9 as per the register.
APOLOGIES: Tom Cooper, Ted, Jim

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Read: Nigel

Amendments: Nil

Confirmed: Wayne

Seconded: Keith

Adopted

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Banners on asset list
- Adelaide oval tour went well
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CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Magazines
- Email from cafe offering meeting venue
- FHMC member booklet
- NZ newsletter
- RAA
- Shannons

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ As Advised
Easter account \$ As Advised

SPARE PARTS REPORT: \$ As Advised in hand

COMING EVENTS:

- Cavalcade of Cars in Moonta
- Easter Nationals

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- FHMC update from meeting

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 7th April 2015

MEETING CLOSED: 8.25 pm followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB (SA) INC.
HELD AT THE ST EDWARDS ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL, EAST TCE KENSINGTON GDNS
ON Tuesday April 7th 2015

OPENED: 7.30 pm
PRESENT: 7 as per the register & 3 visitors
APOLOGIES: Tom Cooper, Ted, Jim & Lynne, Keith Lewis

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Read: Nigel

Amendments: Nil

Confirmed: Wayne

Seconded: Jilden

Adopted

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Magazines
- Phone calls re car sales
- FHMC minutes from meeting

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ As Advised.
Easter account \$ As Advised

SPARE PARTS REPORT: \$ As Advised

COMING EVENTS:

- Cavalcade of Cars in Moonta 24th May

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Easter Report: every day was good
- AGM planning 2nd weekend in August 8th
- Discussion over how many years between National Meetings.....unanimous decision for each 2 years
- Thanks expressed for all the work done by the awesome foursome...Wayne Filmer

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 5th May 2015

MEETING CLOSED: 8.45 pm followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

If undelivered return to:
The Editor
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Rocker Cover Entrants



Interesting info from John Armstrong

I was checking some tyres for the Camry the other day.

The young guy at the Modbury Bob Jane store said they have dropped/changed the law on the 2 inch oversize on rim diameters.

This may mean your 20" wheels on the P76, may now be legal !

I would still double check – TRACK and wheel widths though

Check out the web site below

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/transport-travel-and-motoring/motoring/vehicles-and-registration/vehicle-standards-and-modifications/wheels-and-tyres>

Snippet from a recent article in the SA Advertiser

Car of the Year winner a real drain

JOSHUA DOWLING
NATIONAL MOTERING
EDITOR

THE BMW i3 electric car has won *Wheels* magazine's latest Car of the Year award even though it conked out during the test because it ran out of power.

The oddly shaped \$65,000 car which is about the same size as a \$15,000 hatchback, is one of the most controversial winners of the world's oldest Car of the Year award since the

Leyland P76 in 1973, the Holden Camira in 1982 and the Honda CRZ hybrid sports car in 2011, of which fewer than 100 were sold last year.

The magazine also admits its latest winner is poor value: "If the i3 has an obvious weakness, it's value."

BMW sold just 33 examples of its quirky i3 electric car since it was introduced last year. Even the Leyland P76 sold more examples in its first partial year on sale.

The BMW i3 was criticised by the magazine because it drained power too quickly

after it failed to complete one phase of the test.

"BMW could and should do a better job of explaining the range extender functions and the importance of avoiding battery depletion," the magazine said.

However, *Wheels* editor Glenn Butler defended the decision to hand the award to the BMW i3: "It didn't break down ... it ran out of electricity."

"We aren't suggesting this is the car for every Australian."



UNPLUGGED: The BMW i3 ran out of power during testing. *Wheels* magazine also admits the car is poor value.

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