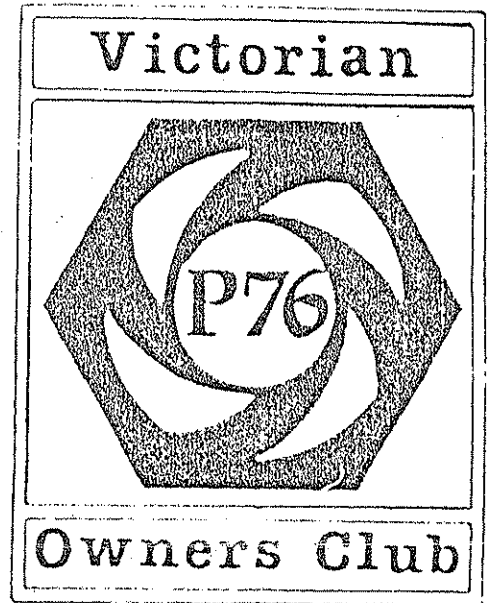


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COMING EVENTS

28th JULY

ANNUAL DINNER & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MAC'S HOTEL

THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHRIS & BARBARA BAIN  
FOR ALL THEIR HELP OVER THE BENDIGO WEEKEND

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year has seen a range of successful events. The daytrip to Daylesford, the economy run, the Emerald Lake day, the motokhana, and the Concours D'Elegance are to name but a few. Personally the highlight of the year was the Bi-annual dinner suggested by John Adams and for that I thank him. A number of people have queried the use of the word bi-annual. Let me clarify matters by stating that at the time of its inception it was decided that it would be held every two years. Its success, of course, may cause that to alter.

Our club patrons, Jim and June of Mac's Hotel have given the club a great deal of support throughout the year and on behalf of the P76 Owner's Club I would like to thank them.

With the administrative year drawing to a close I would also like to thank the outgoing committee members for their work and support. John Brett for looking after the club finances and his wife Pam for organising a wide variety of social events. Phil Canning for taking on the mammoth, and believe me it is MAMMOTH, job of editing, printing, and mailing the club newsletter. Kerri Atkinson for ensuring that the necessary details of running a committee were taken care of. Lyn Richards for organising the club windcheaters and the club car stickers. Ron Harris for maintaining our membership register. With approximately twenty new members in the past year I believe that we are a fraction under the century mark. And thanks too George for yet another year's service in the parts and tech department.

I would also like to thank Peter, Judi, Trevor and Lyn Brown for their club support. Thanks to all who contributed to the newsletter, in particular our Resident Cartoonist and Aspen Green for putting pen to green.

There is a saying at the Oscars which goes along the lines of "If you forget to thank someone, even your mother, they'll never forgive you!" which has just reminded me to thank my parents for the unceasing phone messages that they have taken.

My P76 moto is "Go anywhere, anytime, anyhow!" and it has seen me sand bogged in central Australia, broken down in outback N.S.W., and driving around Melbourne in a clutchless 4 speed. The A.G.M. is at Mac's Hotel on the 28th July. I hope to see you all there.

Happy Motoring

Simon. R. DARLINGTON.

by courtesy of Suzuki's-sticker-owners in Japan.

PS: By rights the successor to the WB should have been the "WC" but one suspects that Holden's marketing men considered it a "s\*\*thouse" name. Similarly they should have followed the VC Commodore with the VD.

And for that matter, the company had the FE, FC then FB models in the late 1950s/early 1960s, but didn't continue the succession with the "FA".

The P76 story continues . . .

One of the top men at Gregory's Scientific once told me that his company had sold more Leyland P76 workshop manuals than Leyland sold P76 cars!

Having run a picture of a P76 station wagon a couple of issues ago we can now believe it — the interest has been extraordinary.

We wondered how many P76 wagons were built. Reports which arrived from several sources suggest that the handbuilt prototype wagon we pictured was one-of-a-kind. It was used as a factory hack until Leyland finally shut up shop and, in 1976, it was sold to John Smidt, managing director of Mini Kingdom (a Leyland parts dealership in Sydney), as part of a \$23,000 job lot.

The lot also included the last P76 Executive sedan ever made. The wagon was in what John calls

a "shocking state" but he has nearly finished a long and expensive refurbishment which will return it to "as new" condition.

According to "inside sources" the car will be on the market towards the end of the year at a price starting with the number three.

Several people told us of a slightly different looking P76 wagon in Victoria and Murray Roberts of Redfern sent us this photo (below). He says: "A fellow I work with . . . used to work at British Leyland and can only recall one wagon but says there may have been another. It had the same wheelbase as the sedan which made it look a bit stubby beside the Holden and Ford."

A letter on the same subject from Andrew Curwen, treasurer of the Canberra & Districts Leyland P76 Owners Club, says the Victorian wagon is a converted sedan rather than a factory original. Mr Curwen adds this lament: "The P76 was too far advanced for its time. Compare its shape against the shape of today's cars, with their wedge design, front-hinged bonnets, recessed wiper blades, then look at its major contemporaries of 1973-74. Leyland's similarities to today's shape are immediately obvious. No wonder there was such a smear campaign against them when they first appeared."

In a long and informative letter,

Mr Curwen goes on to say why there is so much contradictory information about the big Leyland.

"When the crunch finally came, their axe man, David Abell, did his job well. So well in fact, that all records of how many P76s were actually produced have been completely destroyed. Scores of body panels and spares were has-

tily destroyed so as to distance the company from the car, panels being crushed to scrap and spares used as landfill."

Oops! Last month we said GM-H paid \$1 million for the rights to *Drive My Car*. The proper figure is \$100,000 — going for a song! MM's harried editors apologise. □

QUIZ ANSWERS:

A1. Henry Ford. He was beaten by Truman H. Newberry. Incidentally, another politician, Adolf Hitler, was one of Ford's biggest fans during the 1920s. In spite of having a limited interest in cars (apart from the VW in the '30s), young Adolf not only had a portrait of Henry on his wall, he also gave the car-maker the honour of being the only American mentioned in *Mein Kampf*.

A2. The big difference was that it had a fixed roof. Interestingly this model, which to the horror of many Morgan aficionados featured modern lines, was also the only Morgan to feature a lockable boot.

A dismal tally of around 26 examples was built over a four-year period.

A3. Dieter Quester, who is better known as a Touring Car driver. He qualified for the German GP in a Formula Two BMW but withdrew at the last minute when his team-mate Gerhard Mitter was killed in practice.

A4. It designates 250 cm<sup>3</sup> per cylinder.

A5. Riccardo Patrese. His 12

starts have yielded only four finishes.

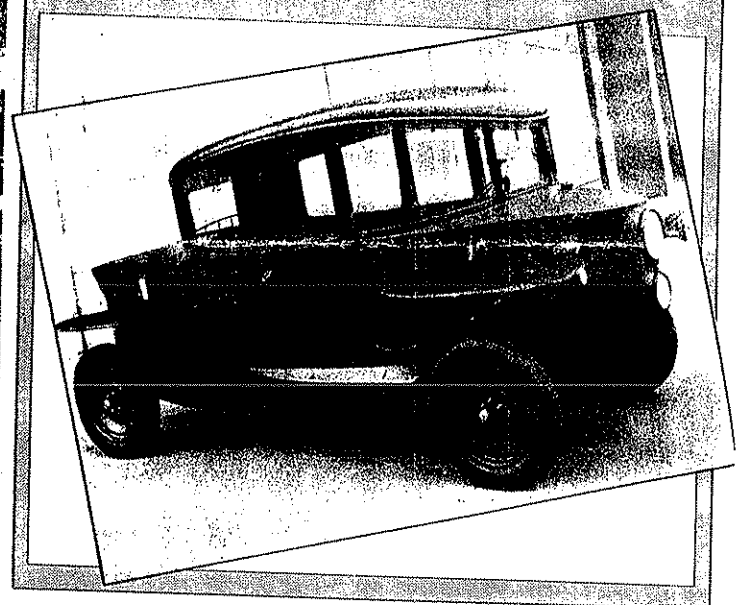
A6. Predictably it is false, although only just. A Mr E. Vajda gained two points for coming 11th in Round Four of the 1973 ATCC at Waneroo. His qualifying time of 93.5 seconds compared with Brock's pole position time of 88.3 seconds.

A7. Jack Brabham and John Goss. The cars were the Brabham Torana, which was a modified and stripped HB model, and the John Goss Special Falcon, which was an XB Hardtop.

And finally: There are no prizes for the answers to the above quiz for obvious reasons.

Nevertheless, we have decided we should include at least one question each month from which you can benefit in a real and material way.

And so the first entry drawn on March 9 to correctly identify the car pictured below will win a copy of the Australian guide to *Making Money From Collectable Cars* by Cliff Chambers (Marque Publishing \$19.95). Send your answer to Modern MOTOR Quiz, PO Box 203 Hurstville NSW 2220



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Leyland P76 Owners Club of Victoria Inc., will be held at 9 p.m. after the dinner on the 28th July, 1990, at Mac's Hotel, 34 Franklin st., Melbourne.

Business of the Meeting will be:

- Confirmation of the Minutes of the 1989 A.G.M.;
- Acceptance of Committee Members reports, including Financial Statement;
- Election of a new Committee of Management;
- Setting of the Annual Subscription Fee.

Those Members not attending the Annual Dinner, but who wish to participate in the A.G.M., are invited to come prior to the dinner and from 9 p.m. onwards.

The Hotel's other public facilities are available for these Members whilst dinner is being served.

Please make an effort to attend both events, as much of the work and say in running the Club is falling on too few shoulders.

Everyone had a great time last year, so come along, bring some friends, and enjoy yourselves.

SIMON DARLINGTON,  
President  
1st June 1990

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IMPORTANT: PLEASE REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

!.....being a fully paid financial Member of the Leyland P76 Owners Club of Victoria Inc., wish to nominate the following as a joint full Member:

JOINT FULL MEMBERS NAME:.....

SIGNED:..... / /1990

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ARE YOU INTERESTED?

I would like to be nominated for any of the following positions on the Committee of Management:

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- EDITOR .....
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- SOCIAL SECRETARY .....
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THE LEYLAND PROPERTY OWNERS CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

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SATURDAY 28th JULY 1990 starting at 6.30 p.m.  
at MAC'S HOTEL, 34 FRANKLIN ST., MELBOURNE  
(Next at Ansett/Greyhound Bus Depot)

COST: \$25 PER HEAD

TO ASSIST CATERING, PLEASE MARK YOUR CHOICE.

ENTREE:

MENU

Garlic Bread

MAIN COURSE:

Porterhouse steak

Veal Parmagiana

Roast Chicken

DESSERT:

Danish Apple

Brandy Snaps

Banana Split

Cheese Cake.

Tea or Coffee.

PLEASE REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

NAME.....

I will NOT be able to come to the Annual General Meeting:.....

I will be coming to the A.G.M.but NOT to the Annual Dinner.....

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Enclosed is a cheque/or cash for \$..... being for .....people at \$25 per head.

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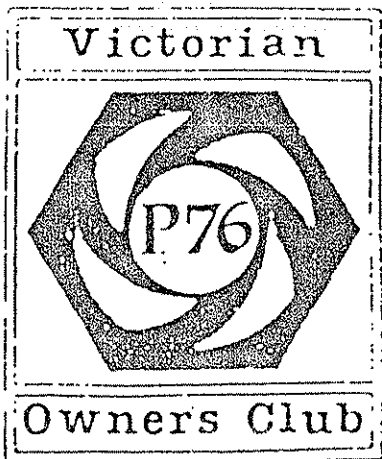


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