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THIS PUBLICATION.

I WAS FLIPPING THROUGH OLD ISSUES OF THE CLUB MAG THE OTHER DAY, AND TO MY SURPRISE, I DISCOVERED THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD A LOT OF STORIES ABOUT THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF OWNING A P76.

SURELY WE ALL HAVE A TAIL OR TWO THAT OTHER MEMBERS CAN RELATE TO.

OR AM I THE ONLY ONE THAT HAS A LAUGH AT HOW LITTLE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT OUR BELOVED P76.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, I'LL START AND HOW ABOUT YOU FOLLOW.

I CAN REMEMBER NOT LONG AFTER GETTING MY CORINTHIAN BLUE SUPER, BEING PARKED AT A SERVO TO FILLING UP WITH GAS, WHEN A YOUNG LADY CAME OVER AND STARTED LOOKING AROUND MY CAR.

WITH CURIOSITY I ASKED HER IF I COULD HELP HER WITH SOMETHING.

AND TO MY AMAZEMENT, THE LADY ASK IF SHE COULD HAVE HER PHOTO TAKEN ALONG SIDE MY CAR.

OF COURSE MY ANSWER WAS YES BUT WHY?

IT TURNED OUT THAT THE LADIES FATHER HAD A P76 THE SAME COLOUR WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD AND SHE LOVED IT, SO MUCH SO SHE CRYED WHEN HE SOLD IT.

ACTUALY I ALWAYS SEEM TO HAVE FUNNY EXPERIENCES AT SERVOS, THERE WAS ANOTHER TIME WHEN MY FATHER AND I BOTH WENT TO THE SAME SERVO AT THE SAME TIME, FILLED OUR CARS, WENT IN TO PAY TO HAVE THE GUY BEHIND THE COUNTER FOR OUR FUEL, ONLY TO HAVE HIM ASK US WHAT MODEL SIGMAS WERE WE DRIVING? MY FATHER AND I LEFT LAUGHING AFTER HIS LADY BOSS SMACKED HIM ON THE HEAD TELLING HIM THERE LEYLAND P76 YOU IDIOT.

IT'S AMAZING HOW MANY YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE. I CAN REMEMBER A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO THE POLICE PULLING ME OVER IN YEA, A YOUNG CONSTABLE CAME OVER AND ASKED ME THE USUAL, NAME, LICENCE, YOUR CAR AND SO ON AND THEN ADVISED ME HE WOULD BE CHECKING MY CAR FOR ROADWORTHY, AFTER HAVING A LOOK HE TOLD ME THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALRIGHT AND THAT THE REAL REASON HE HAD PULLED ME OVER, WAS THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN A P76 BEFORE AND HIS CURIOSITY HAD GOT THE BETTER OF HIM.

SO AS YOU CAN SEE I HAVE HAD SOME FUNNY ENCOUNTERS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHAT ABOUT YOU?

WANTED

AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, THE CLUB IS PUTTING TOGETHER A WEB SIGHT AND WE ARE IN NEED OF SOME QUALITY SNAP SHOT OF P76s.

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR CAR ON THE NET FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD TO SEE, PLEASE SEND YOUR PHOTOS TO OUR WEB PAGE MANAGER CARE OF THE SECRETARY OF OUR CLUB. WITH A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR YOUR PHOTOS RETURN.

PLEASE NOTE
SUSCRIPTIONS FOR
2000/2001
ARE NOW DUE

Editorial:

Not much to report this month haven't been up to much but the Concours is coming so if your car is not ready then get the polish out and start rubbing who knows a first prize could be waiting , or if your like me then you will just go and look at the best cars in the club and talk to the other members.

DON'T FORGET YOUR CAR DOESN'T HAVE TO BE UP TO CONCOURS STANDARD TO ATTEND JUST LOAD UP THE CAR AND THE ESKY AND COME DOWN FOR A LOOK AND A CHAT AND SEE WHAT YOU NEED TO DO ON YOUR CAR TO BRING IT UP TO STANDARD

It's good to see some new members send in articles for the magazine thanks to Ivan Washington and Morgan Barnes.

Mark

FRONT COVER

This is my Leyland P-76 ,I purchased this car 18 months ago from Heyfield .Its No 53 off the production line and was a factory V8 Deluxe 3 speed manual. It has since been changed to a 4 on the floor with bucket seats (executive interior) and was put on gas by the previous owner. I have since kept the car in the best possible condition as a daily driver,the

latest addition to the car was the Targa mag wheels. Hopefully in the next few years the car will undergo some panelbeating and a respray, but an engine rebuild is on the cards first. Morgan Barnes

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2000

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| OPENING BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2000 | £ 4136.53 |
| PLUS DEPOSITS | £ 553.00 |
| | ----- |
| | £ 4689.53 |
| MINUS WITHDRAWALS | |
| BANK FEES | £ 5.38 |
| | ----- |
| CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 31 JULY 2000 | £ 4684.15 AS PER |
| | ***** BANK STATEMENT |
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| CASH IN HAND | |
| BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2000 | £ 6.56 |
| CASH FROM TAKINGS | £ 105.00 |
| BALANCE 31 JULY 2000 | ----- |
| | £ 111.56 |
| MINUS WITHDRAWALS | |
| 20 STAMPS TREASURER | £ 9.00 |
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| CASH IN HAND AS AT 31 JULY 2000 | £ 104.56 |

THE BOOKS CAN BE INSPECTED BY ANY MEMBER any TIME

TREASURER 3 AUGUST 2000

P-76 Ivan Washington

Let me introduce myself, I am a retired V.A.C.C Auto Engineer who has never owned a P-76 before.

I was looking for a car that would tow my caravan and I spied a "for sale" on a 100,000 Klm V8 Executive auto which looked like new inside with the exterior showing a few rust spots only, in what I was told were the usual places.

A test-drive showed a few solvable problems only so I bought it. First impressions were (A) it handled and cornered much better than I had expected and would eat a Holden or Falcon (B) it overheated and wouldn't pull the skin off a rice pudding.

First move was to join the Leyland P-76 owners club and I then had a chat to Robert Zsidai.

Cleaning the radiator and fitting a new thermostat stopped the instant boiling but the engine still ran too hot on the after market Smiths gauge (which tested as accurate) and boiled when pulling a trailer up a hill.

A previous owner had fitted twin electric fans in the front of the core as well as a coarse pitch engine fan.

First I removed the electric fans and mounting bars.

Measurement of the fans ect and calculation of their total area showed that the fan assemblies covered 43% of the radiator core area

Next, on Robert's advice, I moved the number plate to one side and cut a 3" by 15" hole in the lower body panels to admit air to the radiator lower core.

I then fabricated a small scoop or spoiler to fit under the bumper to direct air into the new air hole.

This was a big improvement but the car still wouldn't pull like a 4.4 V8 and overheated with the fan on.

By this time I had noticed that the exhaust system was obviously not original and looked like one made up in an exhaust shop with the usual pipe bending machine that caves in the inside of the bend.

The two engine pipes measured 1 5/8"(41mm) O.D and the rest of the system 2".

Too small , it got worse.

After removing the system I found that a short piece 1 1/2" OO pipe had been stuffed into the flange (to locate a sealing ring) and this smaller pipe still had the burrs from the angle grinder cut off wheel restricting the hole further.

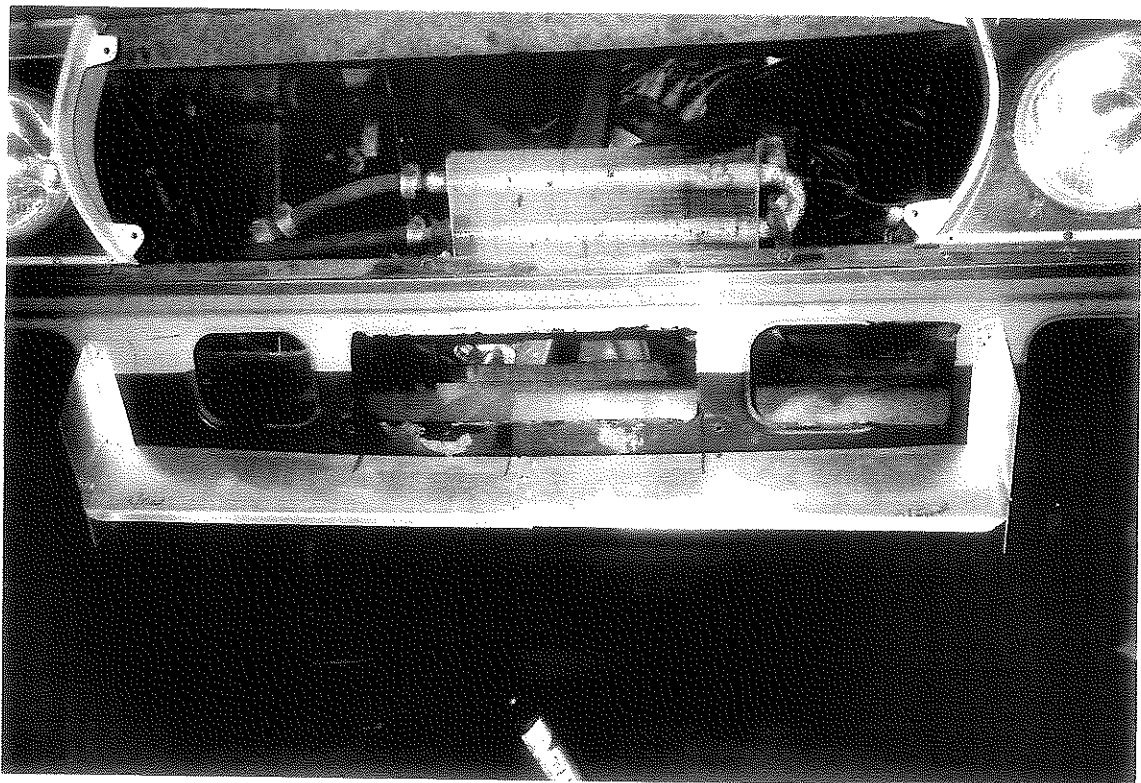
I made up new flanges and outlet pipes using 1 3/4"(45mm) mandrel bends that matched the manifold outlet holes, fed them into a 2" pipes which collected into a 2 1/4" system.

Result , it runs all day on the thermostat at 180 Deg F accelerates and goes up hills like they don't exist and uses less fuel.

Whilst the overall combination of suspension, brake and steering on my Peugeot 505 E.T.I is superior (and that applies to most cars) I love driving it and hope to bring it down to Melbourne for a club outing one day.

Ivan Washington

P.S the photo shows air holes and scoop with bumper off duing construction



CARS /PARTS FOR SALE

For sale Rear Window Louver Suit P-76 \$50
Contact Mark Whittaker 97272839

1974 Leyland p-76 Targa Florio 92 Th Klm's Air Condition (Intergrated) Tow Bar And Vacuum Brakes For Towing Air Shocks 2 Barrel Holly Basically One Owner Power Steering OK Motor Runs Well Transmission OK Tyres 70% Engine No 44121476 Body Needs Some Paint a Little Rust All Chrome Ok Contact Joe 50 21 2671

P-76 V8 Diff Drum To Drum Brand New \$450
Contact Trevor 03 53 5568

P-76 Deluxe Vinyl Rear Seat Good Cond \$20 3 Speed Man Gearbox Shifter & Linkages \$100 4 & by 14 Inch Peanut Mags With 2 Tyres 235 By 60 Roadworthy Cond \$250 2 Left Single Head Light Surrounds Good Cond & 1 Right \$20 1 Radiator Fan & Guard \$10 Front Half Center Console Free 2 Deluxe Grills 1 Needs Cleanup 1 With 1 Crack \$5 Each 1 Leyland towbar Needs Painting \$20 Prices Negotiable Contact Morgan Barnes 56 74 2830 Mobile 0409802432

P76 Deluxe 6 Manual 1974 IMD 598 Reg May 2001 Dual Fuel Air/Con L.S.D Tow Bar Clean Straight Body Running Well Economic To Run Plus Spares And history White No R.W.C But Can Be \$800 Contact Guy 9893 3535

P76 Sports Sedan V8 Unfinished Project Engine Ported Polished And Balanced Lightened
Flywheel 4 Barrel Carb 2 1/2 Inch System Extractors 4 Spd Box Ford 9" Diff Rear Discs Extra Lge Front Discs 16" 10" Bathurst Globe Mags With Slicks & Spare Set Slicks Guttled Body Perspex Windows 20 Point Roll Cage Front & Rear Spoiler & Spares \$5500 Contact Mark Taylor 9887 0038

Free to good home Austin Kimberly Cly with a 6 Cly P head this car is headed for the Crusher if no one has a use for it
Contact Bob 59 75 6669

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EVENTS CALENDER:

September 3:

Fathers Day Swap Meet Nyora Recreation Reserve
Grundy Ave Nyora Sites \$5 Buyers \$2
Gates Open For Sellers 6.00 AM Buyers 7.00 AM

Street Meet Heathcote Park Gates Open 9.30 AM
\$35 To Race \$11 To Spectate Details Russel or
Joanne 041617247

Winton Six Hour Race Details Owen Crombie 9894 4270

September 10:

9th Arthurs Seat Historic Hillclimb 110 Classic Cars
1920's-1970's Details 9827 8124

October:

15th P-76 CLUB CONCOURS
JELLS PARK
START 10.00 AM
FINISH APPROX 4.00 PM
ALL WELCOME COME AND
SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

LEYLAND P-76 OWNERS CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
2000-2001

Hello members. A friendly reminder that membership fees are now due .
Please make cheque payable to "Leyland P76 Owners Club of Vic"
(No bank notes please) and mail to the treasurer.

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FULLFILMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

SIGNED..... DATE.....

