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Canberra and Districts Leyland P76 Club Newsletter March 2002

Next Meeting:

**Monday 11th of March
at
Weston Creek Football
Club and Sports Centre**

**Teesdale Cl off Fremantle Dr
Stirling**

Meeting starts 7.30pm-ish



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PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS



Hello All,

As you may have noticed there was no meeting last month.

The only acknowledgement of this was a phone call I got from Eddy on the Tuesday asking if the meeting was on that night. So since there is still no EDITOR if I am out of town on business nothing happens. Well I will be in Sydney all next week and also the Month after. So I will leave you all up to your own devices to organise things. Last year we were going to have a meeting at David's house to view videos of past national meetings, and plan the "Easter 2003 get together".

We were also going to have Michael Livingston come to town and shout us his everincreasing collection of memorabilia.

so I leave everything for the next two months in your collective hands.

Good luck.

Alex.

From the Editor



Minutes of Meeting Mon 11th Feb 2002.

none

Business arising – None.

Treasurers Report – None.

General Business – None.

National Meeting or Not?

-----Original Message-----

From: Col Gardner [mailto:colgard@pcug.org.au]

Sent: Tuesday, 29 January 2002 6:34 PM

To: Shoobridge, Alex (MED, SVC SYD AU)

Subject: RE: Easter 2003

G'day Alex

I've had a query about our club's intentions for the Easter 2003 get together from James Mentiplay from the WA Club that I've reproduced below.

'My committee as asked me to get more info from you regarding your Easter meeting next year.

Will it be a proper National Meeting? The reason we ask is that the normal practice is for an official National Meeting every 2 years and an informal gathering in between. Some members have seen your newsletter on the QLD website and it describes next year as a National Meeting.

Our concern is that we are worried that if someone from over east has the option of coming to Perth for our Meeting or going to yours in 2003 they will choose the latter. This is the reason why National Meetings are only every second year.

We are keen to clarify it before Easter if possible.'

Best Regards, James Mentiplay

Would you please be able to let James know directly what you have in mind? His email address is "James & Katie Mentiplay" <accounts@writegear.com.au>.

Thanks

To which I replied.....

ello James,

We were unaware of this Bi annual Easter meeting with a 'gathering in between'. And as a number of the members have been involved since the clubs inception, almost 20 years ago. So I would assume not many people at all, would be aware of this fact.

And as 2003 will be the 30th anniversary of the P76, that combined with the many hundreds of dollars it will cost to travel to the west coast and back, as opposed to Canberra and back. I feel, will be the major influencing factor over people decision to come, or not to go, to Perth from the east coast.

Also is there any actual difference between an National meeting and Easter gathering, for example is it restricted to a single day? Are certain events such as an observation run, or a spares auction, or dinner prohibited in the biannual Easter gathering? Or is the difference strictly in the title?

So if you would prefer, I can publish a letter to all the other clubs stating that we will have cancelled our Easter Meeting and the re-announce it after Easter.

As I think the actual title will make NO difference to peoples behaviour whatsoever.

Alex Shoobridge
President Canberra & District Leyland P76 owners Club.

to which James replied.....

Hi Alex,
I hope the following answers your queries regarding National Meetings and Gatherings.

There was some concern in the mid to late 1980's over the cost to members of attending a major National Meeting every 12 months.

The solution by the club delegates at the Bornhoffen Meeting in Queensland in 1987, was to organize a full National Meeting once every two years. This solved the problem of costs to members, however, there were also a fair number of keen members who were willing to travel every to meet up with fellow P76 enthusiasts. These were catered for by organizing an informal meeting or gathering in the years when no full National Meeting was to take place.

The W.A club had originally planned to host the 1988 National Meeting in Perth, but after the Bornhoffen Meeting, changed their plans and switched the Perth meeting to 1989, to fall into line with the two years policy. The Hunter Valley club then organised the first real informal National Gathering, which took place at Lake Cargelligo, N.S.W at Easter 1988.

The 1987 Bornhoffen Meeting established the following:

- a. Official National Meetings were to be held every two years;
- b. Informal Gatherings were to be held in the years in between official National Meetings;

Loose definitions of Meetings and Gatherings are:

- a. National Meetings: Full traditional meeting, featuring National Concours, Observation Run, Motorkhana(Zetland Shield Contest), and other social events. Delegates meetings were an official forum for clubs to discuss spare parts remanufacture, club logos, etc. Future National Meetings were also allocated by the delegates. The host club was also responsible for the publication of "Anything But Average", the P76 National Magazine(which would only appear every two years, at National Meetings). Host clubs sold
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souvenirs like lapel badges, hats, shirts, etc.

b. National Gatherings: Unofficial informal gathering of P76 clubs and members. No National Concours, no Zetland Shield contest, no official delegates meeting and no National Magazine was issued.

The Gatherings were intended to be a reasonably low-cost affair, with the main emphasis on social activities between P76 members. Compared to a National Meeting, they were a lot easier for a host club to organize. Venues were not as important – as caravan parks, chalets etc were deemed suitable, to keep accommodation costs down.

Delegates at the 1989 Perth Meeting allocated the 1991 meeting to Adelaide, and the 1993 Meeting to Sydney. The informal gatherings for 1990 and 1992 were then picked up by clubs not involved in planning upcoming National Meetings (QLD in 90, and VIC in 92).

The practice of allocating National Meetings two or four years ahead appears to have slipped over the past few years, possibly as a result of the delegates at the 1995 Rosebud (VIC) Meeting putting the next National Meeting back 3 years to 1998, to coincide with the P76 25th anniversary.

The Canberra Meeting planned for 2003 has already been circulated to most P76 clubs (although not to the W.A club). It would be pointless to change the Canberra plans now – it would help no one.

However we need to know before our Meeting whether the 2003 event is a Meeting or Gathering, as this will affect the allocations for future National Meetings. If the Canberra event is a Meeting, then we can allocate the following Meeting for 2005 and the one after that for 2007.

Your point about the title making no difference to people's behaviour is valid – however you should bear in mind that some people's expectations may be higher for a National Meeting than it would be for a gathering.

Best Regard, James Mentiplay