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These members are club scrutineers and Safety Officers.

Gary Turner, Francis Borg, Terry Sawyer, and Vincent Stok.

(No new cars will be admitted to the scheme unless the VicRoads CPS person, Sue Wilson, grants prior permission.)

Club Scrutineer's and Safety Officers are for signing off on the VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration Forms and for advice only. As of March 31, 2017, all cars must require a RWC including all those of pre-1949.

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Hi members.

Welcome to another edition of the club magazine, "The Wobble Knocker" number 95, September 2022.

On a sad note, Queen Elizabeth II passed away after a long reign of 70 years. During this time, she was renowned to drive some of the best cars made by British Leyland. From the classic Daimler, Range Rover, Bentley and of course the Jaguar to name a few. She will be greatly missed by all. R.I.P.

Long live King Charles III.

It's that time of the year where the warmer weather is starting to arrive, blossom trees come out and are stunning and car enthusiasts uncover their winterised cars and get them ready to again take them out on the road in car club runs and events. Richard and David have been busy organising things for us to all participate in and are doing a fantastic job. Thank you, guys, your efforts are noted and very much appreciated.

Membership has increased and there has been quite a lot of interest in the club with members of the Mini, MG and Moke clubs joining our club through referral, word of mouth or the website. Keep spreading the word people. We are still the only car club I've heard of that is so generous to its members. It's a case of going on runs and you'll get your membership back tenfold. If you don't participate in our runs, you will miss out.

Some weeks ago, I sent out an email asking for a couple of members to become our delegates if we were to join the AOMC or Federation. Then I realised that the whole purpose of forming this club in the first place was a no-nonsense car club without the formality of other car clubs and to mainly be a social club with a common interest, our cars. With that in mind we, the founding committee members have decided not to go down that track. Also there has been talk that the club should take out Public Liability Insurance. This is an expense the club is not prepared to payout for something we will very seldom ever use. Once again, the committee have decided not to proceed. If we do there would be a chance that we would have to increase membership fees and/or stop giving back to you, the members and that is something we are not prepared to do. If there is a need for PL Insurance by a place that requires it to do a show and shine or display, we will simply not do it and we will look or go elsewhere.

PLEASE NOTE: Our end of year Christmas Lunch and Show and Shine has been changed to the **3rd of December**. This is one week earlier than advertised in earlier Wobble Knocker's.

We have a number of outings and runs coming up between now and Christmas so please note the dates, times, destinations and so on. Put them in your diaries and keep an eye open

for email updates in case things change. For those of you who do not get emails and you see an outing you wish to attend, please ring Sue 0421841939 to confirm and see if there are any changes. It's up to you. Also, if your classic car is off the road or you feel it's too far for you classic to travel, come along in your modern to join in the fun.

Welcome to a new member Tim Rand.

Future outings and runs. Richard has a proposed run schedule for next year. Please note that these are not confirmed as yet but it gives you an idea of some of the activities planned for 2023. Further run ideas are welcome so again I ask that we are open for suggestions.

Thanks everyone, stay safe,
Gary Turner
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 2nd

EUROA Show and Shine

One of Australia's largest and best show and shines.

Contact Sue on 0421841939 for details and confirmation of attendance please.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9th.

Yarra Valley Spring Run and Picnic.

Organised by our run co-ordinator, Richard Simpson.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23rd

SHEPPARTON AREODROME

WINGS and WHEELS by SHANNONS.

Further details further in this newsletter.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1st.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY – Chicken and Champagne Lunch with sweepstakes and all the trimmings.

Jo and Kel Hawkesworth are the hosts, and it will be held at their Caulfield home.

We will also combined this day with the **Tyabb Airport Toy Run.**

Details further in this newsletter.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5th.

BENALLA AIR SHOW

Members are encouraged to attend. More details in this newsletter.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16th.

"MIDWEEK RUN"

Australian Army Tank Museum.

Further details further in this newsletter.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3rd. *(Note change of date)*

BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc Christmas Lunch and Show and Shine. KILSYTH CLUB

Awards and annual presentations to be handed out.

All our club runs, and outings are open to all members. If you feel some runs are a bit too far for your classic to come, please feel free to attend in your modern. Everyone is welcome to attend in a classic car or not. If you have and friends, they are also welcomed to come along.

To be considered by all members.



The skies over Benalla will roar into life with the unforgettable sights and sounds of breathtaking flying displays with the Benalla Air Show on November 5, a spectacular highlight of the 2022 Benalla Festival.

It will be a great day out amongst the beautiful Victorian High Country, with plenty of entertainment on offer. No matter whether you're a die-hard aviation enthusiast or just looking for a fun day out with the family and kids, there will be something for everyone at the Benalla Air Show.

Let me know if you are attending. Accommodation can be arranged in Shepparton if attending for the weekend. Phone Gary 0426951939.

GET TICKETS ON-LINE AND **SAVE**-Click here: [Benalla Air Show](#)

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SHOW AND SHINE

Seven Creeks Park – Euroa Vic.



SUNDAY 2nd October 2022

Accommodation can be arranged in Shepparton if attending for the weekend.
Phone Gary 0426951939.

REGALIA

Car Club Banner	\$5.00
Embroidered Cloth Badge	\$10.00
Club Cap	\$15.00
Grille Badge	\$35.00

CLOTHING

T-Shirt	\$25.00
Polo Shirts	\$30.00
Rugby Jumper	\$35.00
Club Dress Shirt S/S	\$35.00
Leather Bomber Jacket	\$220.00



Contact Sue or Gary for details – 042184

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Russell Linden

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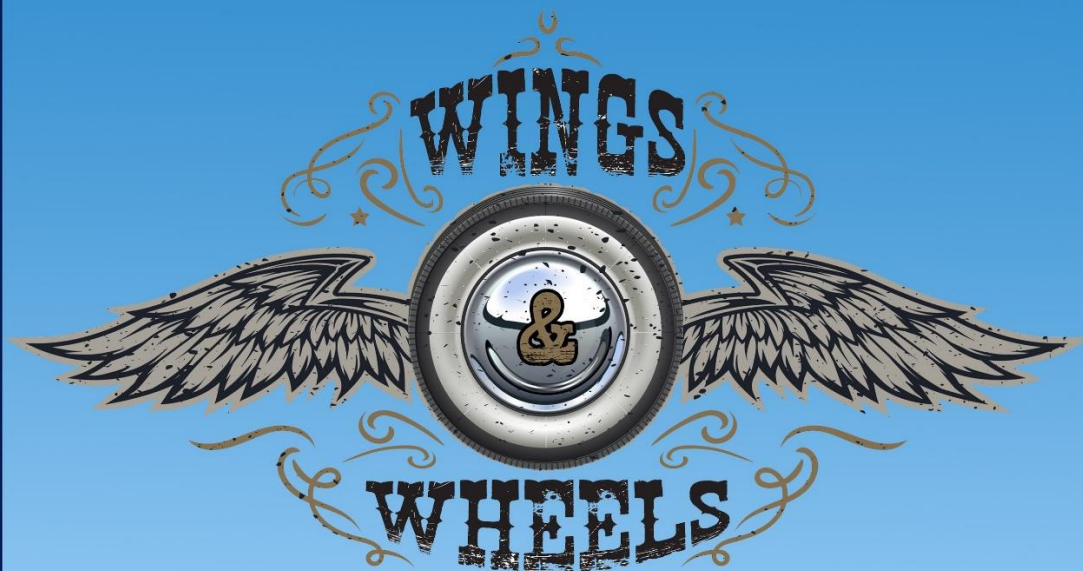
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(Also new vehicles)

PLEASE. If posting your renewal to be signed, send the whole form and do not detach any part of it until it has been signed.

Also please send a **STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE** so it can be returned immediately.



Shepparton Aerodrome

Sunday 23rd October 2022

FLY-IN or CRUISE-IN BREAKFAST

Classic Cars Show n Shine

Breakfast on 8.30am-10.30am

Goulburn Valley Aero Club rooms

All aviators and car groups welcome

Parking and Display areas available

NO LANDING FEES



ph 0438 84 8180 for further Information



Our club has been invited by **“Shannons”** to participate in the Wings and Wheels at the Shepparton Aerodrome. We can have up to 10 cars as well as our marquee. Meeting at Riverside Shopping Centre at 8am for 8:30 depart to the aerodrome. Keep an eye open for emails for further details. Those who don't have emails, ring **Sue 0426951939** for details and to confirm numbers.



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Proposed Outings and Runs for 2023.

All dates and destinations to be confirmed.

2023

SUN - JAN 1st – Hastings to Flinders Annual “Fish-n-Chip” Run! Meet at Hastings Harbour for coffee, then beautiful run to Flinders.
Co-ordinator’s: – Rick & Kay.

SAT - FEB 4TH – Neerim South Pub Back Roads Run . Start at Cardinia, then quiet country roads all the way to Neerim South.
Co-ordinator” – Bryce Eishold

SUN - FEB 26th . – RACV British & European Motoring Show – Caribbean Gardens. Display as BMCL Club with hundreds of other beautiful cars.

SAT - SUN - MARCH 25th, 26th – Bendigo Tour of the old Gold Mines and surrounds. TBA

SUN - APRIL 23rd – Yarra Bend Park / Studley Park, Kew – Mini Golf and “Drive the Boulevard” with lunch at the historic Studley Park Boathouse on the Yarra.
Co-ordinator’s: – Craig & Scott.

SAT – SUN - MAY 20/21 – Bellarine Peninsula Circuit Weekend Run . You Yangs to Geelong waterfront, scenic Bellarine drive, Club Dinner, Sunday historic Pt Lonsdale, return home via Geelong or take the Queenscliff ferry to Sorrento and drive up the Mornington Peninsula! Day only participation certainly welcome.
Co-ordinator: Francis Borg

SUN - JUNE 18TH – 2nd ANNUAL “Battle of Waterloo” Picnic Run with British & French Car Clubs – combined run from Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre to picnic at Cardinia Reservoir - Host BMC L Club & CCOCA (Citroen)
Co-ordinator for BMC-L : Paul Buck

SUN - JUL 23rd – Club AGM –Wallan Hotel as requested by members for lunch and the clubs AGM.
Run Co-ordinator: Gary & Sue

SAT - AUG 19th - Westernport Gippsland Run – Cranbourne to Tooradin Foreshore for coffee, then on to Poowong Country Pub by meandering country roads.
Co-ordinator: Derrick Jones

SUN - SEPT 10th – Spring in The Dandenong’s Run - Start in Berwick driving the beautiful Dandenong Ranges, with lunch at the Beaconsfield Hotel.
Co-ordinator’s: Alan & Yvonne

SAT – SUN - OCT 7 - 8th (final date TBA.) – Euroa to Mansfield Country Weekend away – or Saturday only Day Trip option – two run options from Melbourne or Shepparton to visit “Australian National Show-n-Shine” in Euroa, followed by afternoon combined run over the Strathbogie’s to Mansfield - stay & club dinner! Sunday bacon & egg brekky B.B.Q. - and local coffee run! Wonderful main street to explore!
Co-ordinators: David & Annette

SUN - NOV 19th – Western Wander Circuit Run – visiting Brisbane Ranges, country towns heading towards Ballarat – Country Café or Pub lunch.
Co-ordinator’s: Rob & Anne Quinn

SUN - DEC 10th – Club Christmas Run and Lunch – Meet at East Ringwood for “run for fun” to the Annual Christmas Lunch at the Kilsyth Club.
Co-ordinator’s: Gary & Sue T

NORTHERN Run ideas for 2023.

*These outings are to be confirmed.
Just an idea for members of what we have planned.*

Glenrowan tour and picnic, BBQ or café lunch.

Chiltern historic township. Drive and lunch.

Yarrawonga Lunch Cruise on the MV Mary Anne. Lunch, BBQ, approx. \$32

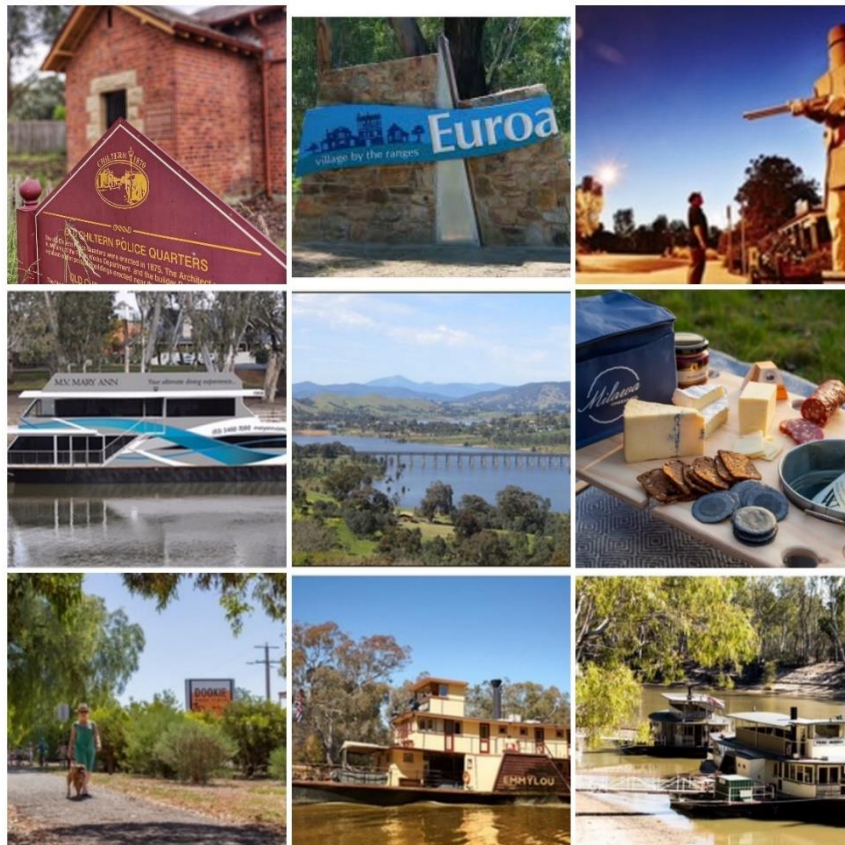
Albury. Cruise to Albury for a day of browsing and shopping.

Mulwala Cheese Factory for a drive and lunch.

Bonnie Doon visit, look around and lunch.

Dookie lunch/picnic in the park with a brief tour of the region.

Euroa. Leisurely drive and tour of surrounding area.





Mid-week Lunch run.

Wednesday the 16th of November.

Today we are having a mid-week run to the Australian Army Tank Museum and the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk and wall with lunch in Seymour afterwards.

Lunch venue to be determined and will be up to the numbers attending.
Many people have asked to go here but we have been unable as the museum is only open during weekdays, and 1 weekend per month.

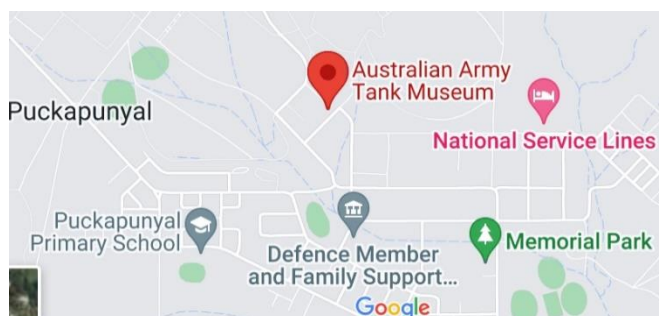
Southern members can meet at the venue.

Central members can meet at the bakery at Nagambie

Northern members can meet at M.O.V.E. at 9am for a 9:15 depart.

The Australian Army Tank Museum, Tobruk Road, Puckapunyal VIC.

Please Note: Photo I.D is required to gain access to the Puckapunyal Military Area Base.



RUN REPORT

KYABRAM Fauna Park

Sunday 28th August.

15 Visitors and member's total.



Meeting at M.O.V.E. the Museum of Vehicle Evolution's car park in Shepparton were Gary and Sue – Jaguar, David and Wendy – Jaguar, Lloyd and Glenda – 1960 MG Magnette, Alan and his mum Jan – Morris Minor, Richard Rigby – BMW Mini Cooper, Ray and Sue – Modern, Mark and Debbie – Modern and along for the day with Gary and Sue was Mike and Sue. Lloyd and Glenda had arranged to meet a couple of friends at the café who we've met before. Mike, some of you may remember was the person who had run the slot car night when we had a tour of the silos.

At M.O.V.E. we got together for a coffee and before we set off the rain came down but didn't last for and we could see beautiful clear skies in the direction of where we were heading.

Leading off was myself with the rest of the cars driving in convoy from a bit of light rain to a bright and sunny afternoon.

After arriving at the fauna park and the boys had stopped ogling Alan's Morris Minor, we all went into the reception area which was really quite busy. Wendy and Dave had to leave early so they went straight into the café for a coffee and a snack along with Lloyd and Glenda who decided the café was the place for them. The rest of the group went through and wandered around the fauna park which was over a wide area but an easy and rewarding walk. The highlight of the park was the meerkats display. So cute and always busy with one always on duty as a lookout.

After spending a good couple of hours wandering around the park it was time to get something to eat and drink. After this most of us decided to head for home on what was a very enjoyable warm day out.

Thanks to everyone who came along, Gary.





The main feature was the cute meerkats display.

RUN REPORT.

By Richard Simpson.

Saturday September 24th

Lancefield "Battle of Waterloo"

Joint run, BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc with the Citroen Car Club.

BMC Club members twenty-five and around the same of the Citroen members.

A beautiful day dawned, and cars from both the BMC-Leyland and Citroen Car Clubs converged at the Tullamarine Plane Spotters Carpark. A sunny but cool start to the day with a crisp southerly blowing, but absolutely amazing with planes coming in to land right above our heads. It felt like you could almost reach up and touch them!

At 9.30 am we headed off northwards along Oakland's Road, and then followed many sealed country roads dipping into magnificent deep gullies and winding roads making the driving a pure joy.

Green fields, bright yellow canola fields, blue skies - just a joy for a day out with other likeminded folk in our cars.

We arrived in Riddell's Creek with a Cafe had set a pre-arranged table for forty for coffee and cake and lots of chat as we got to know members of each other's clubs. Then it was time to head off towards Lancefield via a scenic wandering route.

Beautiful countryside as we headed north, and the wandered along back roads behind Mt Macedon and then around Hanging Rock before arriving in Lancefield. Time to review our various cars, and a wander down the Main Road median strip with a farmers' market, live music, food vans and much more.

And then before we knew it - it was time to gather at the Lancefield Pub for a lunch. We had a room for the combined 44 members in attendance and sat mixed across 3 large tables. Great to see everyone "getting to know each other."

Thanks to Ian MacDermott of the Citroen Club for inviting BMC-Leyland to join in this run and do it the *Battle of Waterloo* run. The concept was adapted from Canberra Carlin's who hold this event each June on the nearest weekend day to the 18th of June being the anniversary date of the *Battle of Waterloo* where the English and French armies faced off.

This more civilised concept is simply to get together a number of French and British Car Clubs to share a drive, and a picnic or other lunch. Hopefully, this run was the first of more to come in the future.







CLUB RUN

MELBOURNE CUP DAY

With the -

Tyabb Airport Toy Run

Tuesday 1st November

CAULFIELD NORTH.



November 1st Melbourne Cup Celebration

We are having a chicken and champagne celebration at 183 Balaclava Rd, Caulfield North VIC 3161.

Gentlemen, please wear your loudest shirt. Ladies, your loveliest headwear.

The club will supply prizes for the fashions on the field.

We will have chicken ready for you. BYO Champagne or drinks and glass.

If you could bring a desert or salad to share that would be great.

We will have a Cup Sweep so bring those gold coins!

Also, members are asked to bring along a toy for the Tyabb Airport Toy Run which the club has supported over the years, then Covid hit, and they were unable to run this toy run event until now. Unfortunately, it is on the same date as our Christmas Lunch and Show and Shine so those coming could you please bring a child's toy, wrapped with the age of the child it would be suitable for, boy or girl. We will ensure they get donated to the appropriate place.



RUN REPORT

Shepparton Swap Meet September 11th Sunday

3 Members and two cars. David's XJ8 Jaguar and my XJ6 Jaguar.

When the Shepparton Swap Meet was announced I thought this would be a good opportunity to promote our club in an area where there are numerous car clubs that cater for all marques, hot rods and so on. I looked at this as being an opportunity to let all BMC owners know that there was a car club that was dedicated to their cars without the need to join an all-marque club.

With that in mind I roped David and Lloyd into giving me a hand to fly the flag.

We were all set up by 7:30 and it wasn't long before we had a few curious people come by for a chat.

During the day we had a few members drop by including Ian James, Bill Stanton and Ray Jackson which was good to see.

We didn't pick up any new members on the day which I wasn't really expecting but more so the interest in the club was very encouraging. Time will tell.

Thank you, David and Lloyd, for your invaluable help on the day.



OUR NEXT RUN.

A great BMC-Leyland Car Club run coming up on October 9th, 2022...!!!

Country roads, the beautiful Yarra Valley, Trains, Chocolate - and a Pub Lunch !



Rendezvous: 9.30am Sunday October 9th for 9.45am departure.
**East Ringwood Football Ground carpark, Mt Dandenong Rd,
East Ringwood - enter 100 metres east of Mines Road...**

We will travel north and use many country roads via Wonga Park and Yering to the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie for morning coffee (and Chocolate!) - back in the cars we will drive the scenic old Healesville Road to Healesville Railway Station, parking together over the road in the Terminus Hotel Carpark.

We have booked the whole heritage Walker Rail Car for 12noon departure out to the Tarrawarra Tunnel and back.

At almost half price the cost is \$10 per person – please bring exact cash !!!

The train is limited to first 40 persons who register they are coming.

A “Makers Market” will also be running if that takes your fancy!!!



The Terminus Hotel can accept up to 50 so come along even if the trains not for you ...!!!

Don't delay... !!! For the train it's “First IN – first booked”...!!!
Register TODAY by texting your name and numbers – and advise if
its Train & Lunch / or Lunch only... TEXT Sue on 0421.841.939

British Leyland Motor Corporation Ltd.

The Jaguar.

British Leyland Motor Corporation, Ltd., historic British automotive corporation. It was formed through the 1968 merger of British Motor Holdings Ltd. and Leyland Motor Corp. Ltd. to create the entities known as British Leyland Motor Corporation, Ltd. (1968–75), and British Leyland Limited (1975–78). It was renamed BL PLC in 1978. With headquarters in London, the company had interests in about 95 percent of the British automotive industry, and it manufactured vehicles ranging from commercial trucks and buses to private automobiles, construction equipment, and engines.

Leyland, initially the dominant partner in the merger, was the first British manufacturer to concentrate on commercial vehicles. James Sumner of Leyland, Lancashire, built his first steam-driven wagon in 1884; and in 1896 he allied with the wealthy Spurrier family to set up the Lancashire Steam Motor Company, renamed Leyland Motors Ltd. in 1907, after its first experiments with gasoline engines. Except briefly in 1920–23, the company did not produce automobiles until 1961, when it acquired Triumph Motor Co. Ltd. (Triumph had begun in 1903 as a motorcycle manufacturer and began making cars in 1923.) In 1966 Leyland merged with another car manufacturer, The Rover Co. Ltd. (founded 1904), and the combined companies became Leyland Motor Corp. Ltd. The first chair of the new British Leyland in 1968, Donald Gresham Stokes, Baron Stokes, had also been the old Leyland's last chair.

British Motor Holdings Ltd. had a much more complex history, but it grew out of three auto manufacturers: Morris, Austin, and Jaguar.

Early in the 20th century William Richard Morris (later 1st Viscount Nuffield) founded a garage in Oxford, which after 1910 became known as Morris Garages Limited. In the 1920s, with Cecil Kimber as general manager, it began producing the popular M.G. cars, which were manufactured until 1980, when they were discontinued because of rising production costs. The M.G. Car Company was created in 1927 and was absorbed by another Morris car company, Morris Motors Ltd., in 1935. In that same year, another organization, Wolseley Motors Ltd. (founded in 1901 and taken over by Morris in 1927), was similarly absorbed.



In 1952 another venerable car manufacturer, Austin Motor Co. Ltd. (founded in 1905 by Herbert Austin), merged with Morris Motors to form British Motor Corporation Ltd. It continued to turn out Austin, Morris, M.G., and Wolseley cars and the extraordinarily successful Mini Cooper S© 2002 BMW AG, München, Deutschland. All rights reserved. "Mini" series. Although production of the Mini Cooper ended in 1971, the model was relaunched in

1990 and by 2001 was selling internationally through parent company Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW).

The first Jaguar car was produced in 1936 by S.S. Cars Ltd. (founded 1932 in Coventry), which was renamed Jaguar Cars Ltd. in 1945 both to avoid the accidental reminder of the German SS and to highlight the name of the make that had proved to be most successful. Jaguar in 1960 bought Daimler Co. Ltd. (founded 1893), makers of limousines and other prestige cars; and in 1961 it bought Guy Motors Ltd. (founded 1919), a commercial-vehicle manufacturer.

In 1966 Jaguar amalgamated with the Austin-Morris interests (i.e., the British Motor Corporation) to form British Motor Holdings Ltd., which two years later merged with Leyland to become British Leyland; in 1984 Jaguar was sold. With two successive name changes, British Leyland became BL Limited in 1979. The company assumed its current name in 1982. In 1981 BL entered into a joint venture with Honda Motor Company, Ltd., of Japan to produce Japanese-designed Triumph Acclams in the United Kingdom.

BL began selling its interests in the 1980s, and by 1990 the Ford Motor Company had acquired full ownership of Jaguar. BMW purchased Rover in 1994 but later sold the sport utility vehicle (SUV) brand to Ford, which continued to develop the Land Rover line of SUVs as part of its Premier Automotive Group.

That group also comprised Aston Martin, Jaguar, and Volvo.

What year did Jaguar start using Ford engines?

The only Ford based engine Jaguar used was the AJ-V6 used in the X-Type and some S-Type models. It was in production from 1999 through 2011.

The bottom end was your basic Ford Duratec V6 found in countless Ford Tauruses, topped off with a Jaguar derived cylinder head that added variable valve timing to the basic Duratec architecture.



Contrary to widely held belief, Jaguar's 4.0, 4.2 and 5.0 V8s are not Ford engines. The AJV8 engine family was developed while Ford owned the company, but it was developed in England by Jaguar engineers, not by anyone brought in by Ford.

That being said, Ford developed the S-Type and the Lincoln LS concurrently on the same basic platform, and Ford just could not help raiding Jaguar's parts bin for that V8, putting a slightly less powerful version into the LS, and later, the Thunderbird. Again, without the variable valve timing.



QUEEN ELIZABETH ASSISTS JAGUAR TO BUILD HER HEARSE.

Throughout the last few days spectators and the general public who had gathered to watch the Queens funeral procession were able to catch a glimpse of her coffin carried first in the Royal Navy Carriage and then later in the state hearse.

The latter is a new addition to the royal fleet which was built by Jaguar Land Rover in consultation with the royal household and the Queen herself.

Like other vehicles in the royal and state fleet the hearse is finished in the Royal Claret. It features expansive rear windows and a glass roof which was requested by the Queen which offered a full view of the Queens Oak coffin' It is also outfitted with the Queens personal royal cypher.

The Queen and her husband the late Prince Phillip were both huge fans of all vehicles manufactured by Jaguar Land Rover.

Leyland P76



New Zealand

Where elephants went to die?

The Leyland P76 in NZ.

It is fairly well known that the big Leyland P76 sedan introduced by Leyland Australia in mid-1973 with 2.6 or 4.4 litre V8 engines did not last long.

Production at the Zetland factory of Leyland Australia ended in October 1974 after 18,000 cars (including CKD kits) had been manufactured.

But that was not the end for the P76 ...

The V8 4.4 litre versions were available in New Zealand, where assembly took place (alongside cars like the Austin Maxi) at the Petone plant near Wellington - from those CKD kits manufactured in Australia.

Demand was modest and NZMC found they had enough kits on hand to keep on assembling the P76 until August 1976 - and there are reports of stocks of P76 parts hanging around "under trees" at Petone in 1977.

Some of these pictures are from the 1974 New Zealand Leyland P76 Brochure (previously posted by Brian Drinkwater).

The car was available in three trim levels (Deluxe with single headlights, Super & Executive). The 2.6 litre six-cylinder versions of P76 were not marketed - perhaps to avoid a clash with the extremely popular Triumph 2500.

In this period NZMC was exporting some cars they assembled from UK supplied kits (Rover P6 3500 & Jaguar XJ6 4.2) to Australia, keeping the exchange of vehicles from the British Leyland "family" across the Tasman Sea balanced (there was a free trade agreement between Australia & New Zealand).

At one point export and/or local assembly of the Leyland P76 to South Africa was envisioned. So was export to the UK. But neither of those things happened, not least because the global fuel crisis which started a matter of months after the P76 was launched tilted demand away from such large cars - everywhere.

In a sense the presence of P76 in NZ is a reminder that BLMC as a multi-national corporation had bold ambitions in the southern hemisphere (much of them linked to South African BL international chief Jack Plane) which proved poorly timed.

The P76 was often referred to as "the cheese wedge" reflecting its high-tailed profile (more unusual then than now) - and as it faded away in New Zealand in 1977, NZMC introduced another "wedge" - the Leyland Princess 1800.

It was also locally assembled (the six-cylinder versions were not available) and renamed Austin Princess (in New Zealand) in 1979.

Australians never got the Princess but in New Zealand the comparison could be made - with front-drive transverse-engine packaging in its favour the Princess offered as much interior space as P76 - though a much smaller trunk ...



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Goodbye your Majesty. Thank you.



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“Long live the KING”

