



COLUMN SHIFT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE FE-FC HOLDEN CAR CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Beach Cruise with HD/HR Holden Car Club of SA Inc. on Saturday 21st February 2009 was a very relaxed and well organised event. Plenty of time to stand around and chat. Great weather helped to bring out 10 cars from our club, with a bit more notification we may have had even more cars on the night. About 40 cars turned up from various clubs for the event.



APRIL—MAY 2009

CLUB INFORMATION



Holden FE (1956-1958) Holden FC (1958-1959)

CLUB OBJECTIVES

To bring together all owners of FE and FC Holden's who have a genuine interest in the preservation of these Classic models.

CLUB AIM

To promote the preservation, by restoration, legal modification and repair of 1956-1959 FE and FC model Holden Sedans, Station Sedans (Wagons), Utes and Panel Vans.

ACTIVITIES

1. The accumulation and sharing of technical information about original and modified FE and FC Holden's.
2. Organised social functions and events.
3. Biennial interstate "Nationals"
4. Spare parts information.
5. Access to Historic Vehicle Registration.

Welcome to all current and prospective FE-FC Holden owners, their families and friends to all our meetings and social events.

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INTERNET DETAILS

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MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships fall due on the 30th April every year

President's Report

FE-FC HOLDEN CAR CLUB MEETING # 288

3/3/2009

Members 20 visitors 2 apologies

Welcome

25th Anniversary Show 'n' Shine and Dinner Sunday 7th June. Please support it as it's free and will be at LeFevre Community Center, 541 Victoria Road, Osborne with a Catered Dinner. The oval has good exposure with clean toilets and good sized club rooms that will serve us well and be comfortable in any conditions. Thanks to Iain for organizing the venue and the rooms.

I have not rang anyone as Kate beat me to it with the entry forms, fill them out and return them to us and to-night would have been a convenient time to fill it out as we have more up the front here so do it after the meeting.

HD/HR Holden Car Club Combined Beach Cruise was well attended by this club.

Old Skool and New Age Auto Show Saturday 28th March
Entry Fee \$20 closing 1st march and \$30 after includes car/driver/buddy.

AGM coming up Kate, Robin and Myself will be vacating committee and Paul is kindly filling in as Vice President -- Thank you.

Show 'n' Shine is compulsory it gives Iain and Denis a chance to stamp books.

Think about doing a stint on the committee.

I celebrated my 50th Birthday during the last month.

New Business

Anyone want an FC shell free contact me at home.
Brian has brought in some stubby holders, coffee cups etc.

Custom put your car on a stubby holder prices start @ \$9.95.

Amber Light Café in Lobethal.

Memberships are due next month (April).

Paul has also taken over the newsletter.

Meeting closed.

Greg Drinkwater
Club President

Hello

Firstly I must thank the committee for their time and effort in running the club. These people volunteer their time to do some things the rest only see at a distance.

Glenn for his efforts in preparing and publishing the newsletters.

Robin for his great work looking after the club's finances as treasurer, after many years of doing this task and also deserves a big thankyou for his efforts.

Jim and Andrea for the organising of various Club Runs and events, so thankyou for your efforts.

Greg and Kate who have also done some great things for the club deserve a big thankyou have also decided to step down from the committee. With the changes to the committee due to people stepping aside we will have some new people sitting up the front at meetings.

Iain and Denis our Historic Vehicle Representatives have also done a great job with their tasks and hopefully continue with them.

Good news is we should have some more great events this year with the major event being the Compulsory Annual Show n Shine and 25th Anniversary Dinner taking place on the June long weekend. The Bay to Birdwood this year is the Classic run so we should attend this also as this proved very popular last time.

At the moment I have taken over the newsletter task, so if you have anything you would like to see added give me a call, send me an e-mail and I will be happy to see if it can be done.

I have also put my hand up to do the Vice President job and have proposed some events for the rest of this year. Some events require entry forms and money paid for entry. With some more detail these will become set and will remain as listed. August is not set as I will ask for ideas from the members at our next meetings for any interest. The timing of all these events I have also taken into consideration Swap Meets so we don't have Club events on the same day if possible as some members still buy and sell at various Swap Meets. If you require a calendar for these events see me at the club meetings and I will have some prepared.

I have also suggested that we have an events co-ordinator to assist the Vice President with sharing the organisation of events. In the past we have had wives or partners helping and these people are doing a thankless job as they are not in a recognised club position.

The Web site is also doing well and there is plenty of information about events that coming up and a photo gallery of most events. If you don't have a computer or internet as I have been told before many members don't have these items, well maybe your children and for some grand children do have access and do check on what their parents and grand parents do.

A personal observation.

For our club to grow we need members and other interested people to see us in different types of media and to become involved in the running of the club and being present at club events with their cars on display. For the good of our club we need to focus on the cars and be seen as this will create discussion among people with similar interests. We don't have every FE & FC Holden that is on the road and so being seen in our cars or in our club shirts at events will generate interest for those who have these cars tucked away in the garage to seek us out on the web and also at events. Remember promote the club whenever you can.

Thanks

Paul Roberts

Planned Column Shift Issue Releases

It is planned to have the newsletter available at the member's meetings, if not they go out soon after in the post. Sometimes newsletters are skipped if there is nothing to report.

February/March 2009	- Released 3rd Feb 2009
April/May 2009	- Release date 7th Apr 2009
June/July 2009	- Release date 2nd June 2009
August/September 2009	- Release date 4th Aug 2009
October/November 2009	- Release date 6th Oct 2009
December/January 2010	- Release date 1st Dec 2009

February Club Run 2009

The February Club Run was a Combined Beach Cruise with the HD/HR Holden Car Club of SA Inc.. The cruise from West Lakes Shopping Centre to Semaphore, Largs Bay and Outer Harbour and return was a very successful run for our club with 10 cars turning up for the run. Weather was great and proved to be a winner with those that attended. The HD/HR Holden Car Club organise the cruise each month during the warmer weather.



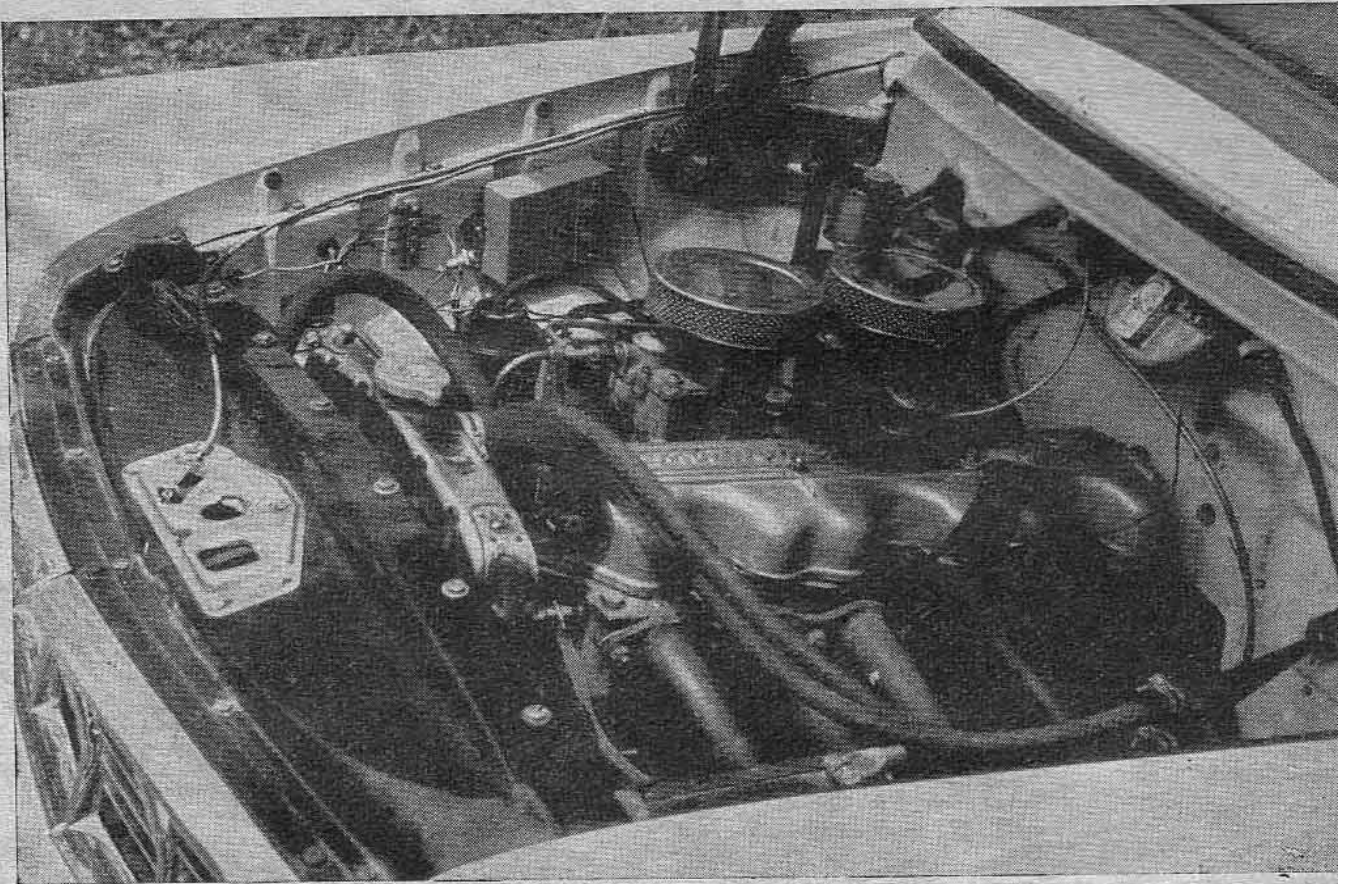
March 2009—New Age and Old Skool Auto Show, Christies Beach.

The March Club Run was to the Old Skool and New Age Auto Show at Bice Oval, Christies Beach. Three Cars entered Kathy's & Greg's FE Sedan, Ian Smart's FE Sedan and Paul & Julyann's FC Station Sedan. We had great weather for the day, the oval was very green and the layout of cars seemed to work well. Not much of a breeze so this helped to keep the dust down as the track around the oval was extremely dusty. Along very day, we arrived about 8.30am and got permission to leave about 3.45pm as the afternoon sun made it very warm on the oval. Well over 200 cars on display as oval was quite full with cars, utes and bikes. FB - EK Holden club and Commodore clubs had good turnout of cars. Some Photo's from the day.



Another well presented Modified V8 FC arrived later.

OUR HOTTEST TOURING



Strangers gaze beneath the bonnet, blink, and gaze again — the Repco-modified engine looks so unfamiliar.

WHEN Lou Kingsley journeyed to Perth recently, he towed a fair sized caravan behind his cream and black FE Holden. At one place he came across a stiff grade, eased down on the throttle and romped up the hill. Half way up, he flashed past another Holden—without a caravan—struggling gamely in top gear.

A few miles up the road, Lou stopped. Five minutes later, the other Holden owner arrived on the scene. He also pulled up, and leaning out of the car yelled:

"Can I look under the bonnet?"

"Sure," said the Sydneysider; and the motorist got out, peeped beneath the bonnet, nodded appreciatively and said: "Yeah. I guess that about ex-

plains it!"

Next day, Lou pulled into a service station in Western Australia and the bowser boy cocked an ear at the unusual idle of his Holden's power unit.

"Listen Mister," he volunteered. "Your engine's sick. Maybe you'd better let us give it a check before you move on."

"Sick?" said Lou. "Well supposing you come for a run round the block and tell me what's wrong!"

The bowser boy got into the driving seat, started up, eased the gear lever into first and tramped on the throttle. The acceleration almost threw him over into the back seat! Without a word, he stopped the car and started again. The same thing happened. Still silent, he jumped out of the

car, opened the bonnet, looked in—then grinned.

"Ah well" — philosophically — "I've been had before!"

These samples of motoring mirth are just a couple of the collection gathered by Lou in a 9,500 mile tour in Australia's most powerful—and fastest—touring Holden.

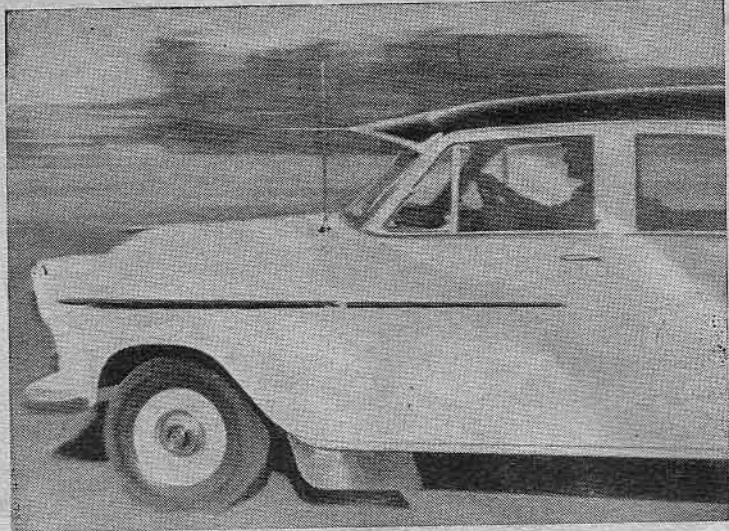
100 m.p.h. Holdens are—we know—now becoming commonplace. At least five racing drivers have broken the three figure m.p.h. barrier with very hot engines. Currently Repco Ltd. are building their 130 b.h.p. Highpower head which puts 100 m.p.h. in the hands of any Holden owner who has the money to spare.

Accent on Reliability . . .

But Lou Kingsley's car is different.

HOLDEN

Lou Kingsley's black-and-cream Holden looks tame enough — but a stab of the Go-pedal produces a blaze of acceleration that's guaranteed to burn off anything save an out-and-out sportster!



In full touring trim — with muffler, 1 cwt. extra weight, sun visor, and slightly retarded ignition — the Holden flashed across the measured quarter mile at over 102 m.p.h.; would wind up even tighter on long stretches.

Lou Kingsley's Holden, from outside, looks strictly stock; would pass anywhere for a well-kept touring sedan.



It was built primarily as a fast touring model, with all the comforts motorists need for long trips. Lou wanted a car which his wife could drive for shopping, which he could use for racing, and which the two of them could use together for long distance travel.

Thus they made reliability and docility primary considerations when they asked Repco to put a hot engine together for them. In addition, they wanted the car to be as standard as possible, so that there would be no trouble with spare parts if and when they needed them on an inter-state trip.

The car was completed about three months ago. It now has 12,300 miles on its clock and has proved itself

thoroughly reliable, highly potent, and as amiable in traffic as any stock sedan.

In appearance, Lou's car looks just the same as any other cream and black Holden. Apart from such touring accessories as a sun visor and venetian blinds, it differs from other Holdens only in that:

- Top speed is about 105 m.p.h. in touring trim.
- Engine gives 130 b.h.p.
- Brakes are boosted with a PBR kit, fitted by Better Brakes, Sydney.
- Front bench seat is replaced by a pair of Jaguar bucket seats.
- A Len Lukey muffler protrudes from the rear.
- Safety rims on the wheels —

Miracorp design.

- An electric tachometer peeps out from the right hand side of the dash panel.

Cost Plenty . . .

Lou Kingsley estimates that the car has cost him £2,100 complete. For that he has the high performance engine as well as the original; a car radio, a Smith's heater unit, a reversing light, sun blinds on the side windows, and, of course, a mighty performance.

We took Lou's Holden on a fast day's motoring, and ended up with 20.2 m.p.g., including all high speed and acceleration tests. Very early on we learned not to tramp hard on the throttle—even on dry tarmac—but this one caution apart, the hot Hol-

WHEELS, February, 1958 11

More Next Edition

FEDERATION OF HISTORIC MOTORING REPORT

Meetings November to February 2008-2009

At the recent meetings of the F.H.M.C. of S.A. the following points were discussed. For those new members who are unaware, our club and 130 or so others are affiliated with the Federation. The Federation acts on behalf on many issues including Historic Registration (HVRs), Bay to Birdwood Classic, special club runs, and insurance. Please note that my report is my own interpretation of the information given by either attendance at meetings or minutes of meetings. I don't expect all the issues I have outlined to be always relevant to us, but it gives some feedback on what the F.H.M.C. of S.A. represents.

-The following matters were brought up at the meetings:

- The Historic Commercial Vehicle Club of Australia has become a member of the FHMC.
- The Scuderia Italian Car Club has applied for membership
- The website is still a work in progress. Our club events could be put on this site.
- The Bay to Birdwood is expected to break even.
- Contact Cotton Tyre Service, Athol Street, Athol Park, for reasonably priced cross ply tyres.
- The issue of numerical numbers for motor bikes was raised again.
- There have been recent changes to the seat belt installation and wearing provisions. Pre ADR vehicles do not have to have seat belts fitted, and if fitted may have to have an engineers certificate to approve their use. When seat belts are fitted they must be used. Willshire Motor Trimmers, South Road, Marleston, can provide information
- The Kernewek Lowender will go ahead as planned for May 17th 2009 (the Wallaroo, Moonta, Kadina run)
- Still expect to pay a high price for retaining original number plates. I have heard it is \$200. Don't quote me on this one.
- Here's a DOOSY. There is a law that says you can not take a speedo out of a dashboard and or put it back or replace it with another speedo without the approval of the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs. There is a form to fill out and it could take 3 or 4 days to get approval to fix the blown globe in your speedo if you need to remove the speedo to replace the globe. The things we learn!!!
- The Bay to Birdwood Classic is for 1956 to 1977 vehicles. It suits our club. It is over subscribed, so no new ones.
- There is a rumour that some Government department is preparing a report as to remove 10 to 15 year old vehicles from our roads in an effort to reduce the road toll. We all know it's the driver not the vehicle in nearly all cases. I've got 4 cars over 15 years old! Anyhow, the Federation will look into it.

HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

Denis and I are HVRs (Historic Vehicle Registration) Authorization Officers and are issued a "certificate to issue" certificate. This enables us to issue MR334's (the paperwork to apply for Historic Rego), logbooks, and to update logbooks. Clubs can appoint a "logbook officer" that can update logbooks only and do not receive a certificate. If the need arises our club could appoint a member to stamp logbooks at meetings and on our Show and Shine days. That would give us 3 members who are able to stamp logbooks. The Department of Transport and the FHMC needs to know who these office bearers are.

Historic Vehicle extension OL3G (RHD) and (OL3K) (LHD) allows a person to drive a historically registered vehicle a distance not exceeding 500 metres at any time without a logbook entry, providing that the purpose is to relocate the vehicle from one part of the property to another, or to enable another vehicle to gain access to the road or property. Presumably the total of 500 metres is 250 metres there and back.

If you go to Regency for an I.D., check that it all you have to do. You do not have to put a vehicle on 3 months full rego and pay stamp duty before you put a new SA vehicle or any other vehicle on HVRs. If there are problems contact the FHMC. Please check this out carefully first as I am quoting this from the FHMC newsletter.

WALLY'S HISTORIC REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

WALLY: *So you mean I cannot drive the car to the TSA office?*

ANSWER: Look Wally, have you been listening so far? If the vehicle does not have valid full rego for SA and you have not got a valid log book, you'd be driving the car illegally both to and from the office, with no valid rego.

WALLY: *Well I've jumped through all these hoops. What's next before I can use the car?*

ANSWER: You contact your clubs Historic Registration Officer and he will issue you with a log book for \$1 that should be completed by him and signed by you. Then you are one of the many who are able to make use of this scheme.

Wally is tired and will not ask any more questions until the next edition of our newsletter.

Iain and Denis
March 2009



April 2009

5th April - Rock & Roll Rendezvous, Birdwood Mill.

7th April - AGM

26th April - Valley Rodders Swap Meet. Tanunda Oval.

26th April - McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic Day

May 2009

2nd & 3rd May - 28th Naracoorte Swap Meet.

5th May - MGM

17th May - Club Run Cruise to Hahndorf, Chocolate Factory at Woodside. Lunch at pub or B.Y.O.

17th May - Copper Coast Classic Cavalcade
For Cars and Motor Cycles 30years and older.

24th May - Kapunda Swap Meet

June 2009

2nd June - MGM

Sunday 7th June - Compulsory Show and Shine and formal dinner provided by Club for members who turn up to Compulsory Show and Shine.

13 & 14 June - Ultimate Blokes Expo.

July 2009

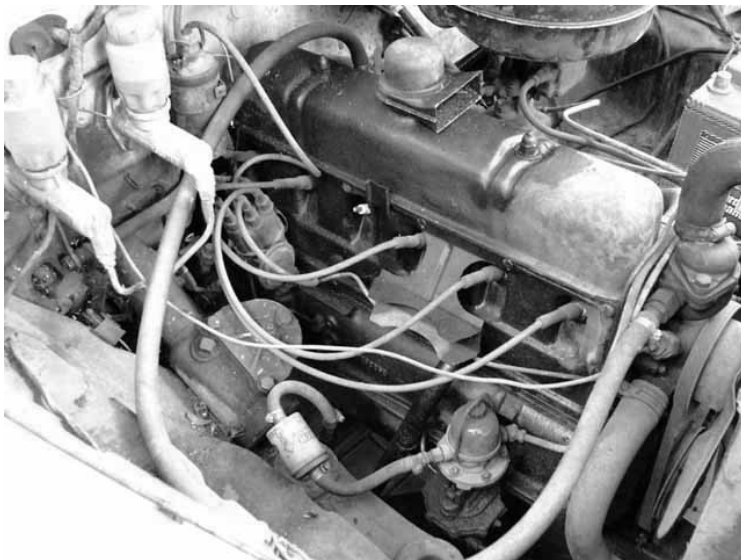
7th July - MGM

12th July - Club Run Cruise to Victor Harbor Lunch at Crown Hotel.

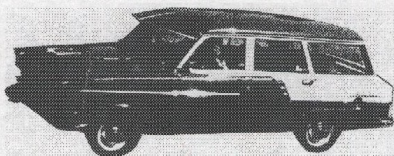
12th July - SWAP MEET at Warnertown.

26th July - All Make Swap Meet at Angle Park.

Iain Burns has his next project



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