



# COLUMN SHIFT

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

5th of April was our Club run to the Rock & Roll Rendezvous at the National Motor Museum at Birdwood. Five Cars from our Club joined with hundreds of other cars. Music from 50 & 60' era was a hit with all those who attended by the amount of people on the dance floor. Weather was great for a cruise to Birdwood.

Check the Web site for the latest Gallery Photo's of all our Events.



JUNE-JULY 2009



## 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.

### COMMITTEE

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### NEWSLETTER

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### HISTORIC VEHICLE REPRESENTATIVES

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### MEETINGS

TOC Hall, Delaine Avenue Edwardstown  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month (except January) at 7:30PM

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PO Box 444, Goodwood SA 5034

### INTERNET DETAILS

National Website [www.fefcholden.org.au/sa/](http://www.fefcholden.org.au/sa/)

### MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships fall due on the 30th April every year

## FE-FC HOLDEN CAR CLUB MEETING # 289

7/4/2009

Members 15 visitors apologies 2

President's Report

Welcome

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show 'n' Shine and dinner Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June please support it it's free will be at Lefever Community Centre 541 Victoria rd 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.

We have not got \$450 from Jim it may still be in the post Show 'n' Shine is compulsory it gives Iain and Denis a chance to stamp books.

Entry Forms

My last meeting thanks go to

Committee

All those that helped with the nationals.

Couch Glenn, Ron, Scott and Iain.

Promotion

Sarah Warhurst for all the t shirts.

Paul, Steve and Trudy.

The locals at the mount.

Sponsors.

Paul has done a newsletter and due to printing and distribution costs I would like to see us use the club forum and email to distribute it.

Think about doing a stint on the committee.

Minutes of previous meeting read

Accepted Julyann moved Mick

Business arising

Correspondence

Treasurer's report

Social events report

New business

Brian has bought in some stubby holders coffee cups etc

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

Wiper arm assist are for sale

Memberships are due now

AGM

President's position Iain won vote over George.

Vice President Position Paul unanimous

Treasurer's Position Robin unanimous

Secretary Position Kate unanimous

Nationals Delegate's Positions Greg and Paul

Historic Rego Positions Iain and Denis

Newsletter Paul

Web Site Co-ordinator Paul

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Thanks

Greg Drinkwater

Hello

Firstly I must welcome the new members of the committee for putting their hand up to have a go and a big thankyou to Kate, Robin, Iain and Denis for staying on to resume their tasks.

At the April club meeting I made mention of the cost of sending out the Newsletter. Something to ponder.

The cost of printing the Newsletter was \$46.20 to be printed. At the last meeting we had 15 members turn up so those 15 had their newsletters hand delivered. That leaves 55 copies to be mailed out.

To add to the cost we need envelopes and stamps so by the time it is done we are talking about \$80 approx.

Yes I know for the exposure of the club we need to print it, but remember we do this four to five times per year.

This equals two membership subscriptions per newsletter.

Now the change that is required is for all those members who have fast internet connections (ADSL, ADSL2, 3G and Cable Broadband) to get their newsletter off the web site. This will be simple and painless for those who attempt this, you can download it, print it or save it so you can read it later and it's in colour.

Let me know if you have a problem, try downloading the older version as a test.

I understand not all members have internet and we will need to print copies for those members and for Dial up internet users. All this can save the club money that can be spent on the club and at events.

To participate in the send me an E-mail and let me know if you have a fast connection as listed above and I will send you the web site address of where you can download your copy.

I will leave the last two years on the website and then remove them.

*Results to the survey so far 25 replies out of 56 members and 20 people are going to download a colour copy from the web site.*

This is the web site address needed <http://www.fefcholden.org.au/sa/newsletters.htm> or from the home page <http://www.fefcholden.org.au/sa/> on the left side "Column Shift Newsletter"

I have had a couple of quotes for printing the newsletter and I will now get it printed in Salisbury close to home and work. The suggested other place at Elizabeth was expensive and even included a charge just for reading the file off a CD. Interesting how the generate new business.

If anyone would like a copy or copies of the photo's taken at club events let me know.

The web site is going well remember to have a look at coming events or the photo gallery. If you don't have the internet at home check with your kids or grand children and they are normally proud to see what their parents and grand parents are up to.

The Rock & Roll Rendezvous was a great day out and was enjoyed by all.

The Club run to Melba's at Woodside and to Hahndorf was a reasonable day. Misty rail for most of the day but still a good run.

The Clubs 25th Anniversary Dinner and Show & Shine is fast approaching. Flyer's have been posted out and give directions to the event or for those who are going to join us on the cruise from the Entertainment Centre to the event.

I hope to see you all at the 25th Anniversary Dinner and Show & Shine and I will take some photo's on the day to add to the web site.

The Bay to Birdwood Classic in September, entry forms are available on the web site under events. If you would like a copy posted out let me know and I will fix it for you.

Remember promote the club when ever you can.

Thanks

Paul Roberts

### Planned Column Shift Issue Releases

It is planned to have the newsletter available on the Club Web Site and posted to the members by the release dates below.

Sometimes newsletters are skipped if there is nothing to report.

February/March 2009 - Released 3rd Feb 2009

April/May 2009 - Released 7th Apr 2009

June/July 2009 - Released 2nd June 2009

August/September 2009 - Release date 4th Aug 2009

October/November 2009 - Release date 6th Oct 2009

# FEDERATION OF HISTORIC MOTORING REPORT

## FEDERATION OF HISTORIC MOTORING REPORT

Meeting April 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:

- Clubs need to have a system in place to Check on the compliance of historically registered vehicles. For our club we will need to see members we don't see very often.
- If you leave your vehicle with a mechanic or other person to drive make sure you explain how to fill in and use the log book correctly. Mechanics may use trade plates.
- A copy of information on Regency inspections will be posted out to club reps.
- Some people have been given Historic Rego by accident at the Rego office. The registration is not valid. Owners need to be notified as well as the FHMC.
- Still no web site up yet.
- The Bay to Birdwood Classic is looking for a sponsor. It is \$50 this year to cover rising costs. It makes our \$50 a year membership seem cheap.
- At the National meeting the following classifications are as follows:

Veteran up to end of 1918

Vintage 1919 to 1930

Classic 1931 to the end of 1949

Historic 50's

Historic 60's

Historic 70's

- The Robert Shannon Foundation gives monetary grants to younger club members to restore historic vehicles.
- The speedo information in recent editions only applies to car dealers so rest easy and sleep well now!

## HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

Don't forget to come to the club's own annual Show and Shine at Le Fevre Recreation Centre on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>. As you know it's the time for your Historic Registration vehicle check and to get your logbooks stamped. This year Denis, Greg, George and myself will stamp logbooks. Of course you are rewarded with a LARGE free meal.

### WALLY'S HISTORIC REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

WALLY: *Am I obliged to go to club events?*

ANSWER: Various clubs have different rules. Some put conditions on members to attend a certain number in one year. Others have provisional membership or waiting periods before they process a MR334 form.

WALLY: *Why all this fuss about completing log books etc? After all it's only a hobby interest!*

ANSWER: Wally, are you so thick that you would avoid registering your everyday car? You know the risks and penalties for that and your car on HVRs has just the same!

WALLY: *Yes, but that's between me and the authorities!*

ANSWER: True, paying the fines are your worry but the club is concerned where any member is seen to be abusing a scheme that has been produced after a great deal of work by those all concerned. If you are seen to be abusing it, the authorities may well take action against all those who enjoy the privilege of HVRs, a scheme envied by other states.

MORE OF WALLY'S QUESTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION

Iain and Denis May 2009

## President's Report (May)

### PRESIDENTS REPORT MAY 2009

I would like to congratulate all members who have been elected club positions at the April Annual General meeting. The new committee for 2009-10 are myself as President, Paul as Vice President, Kathy as Secretary, and Robin as Treasurer.

I would also congratulate other members who have been elected to other positions. Thank you to all outgoing position holders especially to Greg Drinkwater for his efforts for guiding our club through a "home ground" Nationals event, Jim Bentley for a great effort in the difficult Vice Presidents role, and to Glenn Stankevicius for being editor of our club newsletter.

Because I am concentrating my efforts on being President at meetings we have elected Greg and George Lee as Log Book stampers at meetings. Of course Denis Williams still holds his role.

They should not have too much work to do during the year as you will all be at the "*Annual Show and Shine and Log Book Stamping Day*" on SUNDAY JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> at the Le Fevre Recreation Centre! So don't forget your log books (you can't if you drive your car) and try to remember to bring you rego papers for stamping as well. This is a little new to some members.

Paul, our new Vice President, has the task of organizing our club events for the 2009-10 year. This can be a difficult and often thank-less task. The best way of supporting him is by attending club events. If time or energy does not always permit you from attending, at least come to one or two events per year. If all club members did this we would have larger numbers on club runs and get to know each other a little better.

What's a car club for?  
Surely not just for Historic rego!

Bye for now,

Iain Burns

## Upcoming Events

### 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. (Numbers Required)

**12th July** - SWAP MEET at Warnertown.

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

**26th July** - Willunga Almond Blossom Festival Street Parade

### August 2009

**4th August** - MGM

**9th August** - Club run

**23rd August** - Willunga Swap Meet

### September 2009

**1st September** - MGM

**20th September** - Gawler Auto Swap Meet

**27th September** - The Bay to Birdwood Classic Run

# April Club Run 2009

The April Club Run was to the Rock & Roll Rendezvous at the National Motor Museum at Birdwood. A great day had by all who attended. Many different clubs represented as can be seen by the photo's below.



## May 2009—Melba's Chocolate Factory and Cruise to Hahndorf.

The May Club Run was to Melba's Chocolate Factory and cruise to Hahndorf for lunch.

Five Cars on the run Robin's Grey FE Sedan, Ian Smart's FE Sedan, George and his FC Sedan, Iain and Family in their FC Sedan and Paul & Julyann's FC Station Sedan.

We had fine misty rain on the day. Melba's was making a profit when we arrived and I think they did well while we were there. Lunch at Hahndorf and a stroll along the main street was enjoyable.

Some Photo's from the day.



## MEMBERS CARS

Marcantonio Clemente's FC Holden Special Sedan (Standard) at the GM Day at Tanunda in March 2009.  
Very neat and well presented.



## MEMBERS CARS

Michael Thomas FC Holden Special Sedan (Modified) Photographed at the GM Day at Tanunda in March 2009.  
A good example of a modified sedan without going too radical.



## NEW VEHICLE CLASSES AT THE UPCOMING 13<sup>TH</sup> NATIONALS

The upcoming Nationals at Orange will see a few changes to the way we classify and judge the vehicles.

Historically, we have broken the cars into two groups: Stock and Modified. There has been a guide published in the Nats Rules and Constitution to help entrants determine which group their car should go into, with assistance available from their local Nationals Delegates. However, there have been a few problems with this approach over the years, and as time has gone by those problems have become worse. The definition of "Stock" back when those rules were first written is quite different to our understanding of the term now. Fifteen years ago, there were few cars on historic rego, and so most of the vehicles that were called "Stock" had improvements from what we might otherwise call "Original" or "Authentic", because they were seeing frequent road use. This is no longer the case. Through successive Nationals, the 'bar' has been raised significantly, and the "close enough is good enough" approach of the mid-90's no longer cuts it. This problem has been exacerbated by the use of a single judging system for all cars, irrespective of whether they are in the "Stock" or "Modified" group, which has seen instances of mildly modified cars winning "Stock" trophies. The "Top Ten" system introduced at Jindabyne - which was a giant step forward from the previous system - unwittingly compounded this problem, as all cars had to be judged on exactly the same basic Quality, Fit and Finish criteria, in order to determine the top ten highest scoring vehicles, irrespective of class.

At Orange, the most important change to the scheme is that there will no longer be a "Top Ten". Each class will have its own "Top Five", and there will be no attempt to commingle the Stock and Modified vehicles any more. Stock vehicles will only be



compared to other stock vehicles, and Modifieds only to other Modifieds. There will still be a Grand Champion in each group. A by-product of this approach is that we can use more judges: we can have one group looking at Stockies, and another adjudicating on the Modifieds, and it would not matter if one group are "harder markers" than the other. Trying to properly



2008 Stock Grand Champion:  
Kevin Woolard (NSW)  
FC Station Sedan

evaluate 100+ cars in the time available with just three people was proven virtually impossible at Phillip Island.

Secondly, a new class will be introduced. In addition to "Stock" and "Modified", there will be a class in between, entitled "Street". This group is designed for the significant number of non-stock but mildly modified vehicles that appear at the Nationals these days. The style of car that this group is intended for includes:

- Improved Stock - *basically Stock, but with modern fittings (stereo, radiator overflow tank etc)*
- Period Modified - *the grey bottie: headers/extractors, twin carbs, mags etc*
- Minimally Modified - *engine replacement, such as 138/149 red, where there are few - if any - other modifications*



*2008 Modified Grand Champion:  
Steven Johnson (SA)  
FC Station Sedan.*

The working principle is that if the modifications require Engineer Certification, then the vehicle probably should be in "Modified", and not "Street". However, this isn't a hard and fast rule, as regulations vary from state to state, and the regulations themselves have changed over time.

Further to the issue of having multiple groups of judges, another advantage of completely separating the classes from each other is that each class can be judged on different criteria. One of the comments raised by participants in the Nationals – especially from those that have experience in similar events run by other clubs – is surprise at the lack of an award for "Most Original/ Authentic" at the FE-FC Nationals.

At Orange, each of the three classes will be independently judged using appropriate criteria:

- Stock: *Quality, Fit and Finish, plus Authenticity*
- Street: *Quality, Fit and Finish*
- Modified: *Quality, Fit and Finish, plus Engineering*

Rather than officials scrutineering vehicles, each entrant will select a class for their vehicle, and hence the system under which it will be judged. More detailed guidelines will be published closer to the event. Additionally, your Nats Delegates are able to assist you in classifying your vehicle if you are unsure which group it is best suited to. And of course, you still have the option to opt out of judging completely if you wish.

A future article will explain each of these new methodologies in greater detail.

*Article by Richard Thomas*



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Regards  
Clay Fletcher

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