



Column Shift

Newsletter for the FE-FC Holden Car Club of South Australia

Our Club run for September 2009 was to the Bay to Birdwood—Classic Run. This event is held every two years and the Classic event is open for vehicles manufactured between 1st January 1956 and 31st December 1977. Entries were limited to 1,750 vehicles with all entries being filled early. The day was very cold and rained a few times during the day. The run to Birdwood was eventful with many cars slowed to a crawl with plenty of other cars not on the run joining in. There was 8 members cars on the run, 6 cars met at Harbourn-town and entered together which allowed us to park and start together. With so many cars it took about 45mins from start time of 9am till when we departed. Some cars returned on arrival and others stayed at Birdwood to have a look around.

A group photo from before the cruise.



October - November 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), Ute's 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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MEETINGS

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1st Tuesday of each Month (except January) at 7:30PM

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INTERNET DETAILS

National Website www.fefcholden.org.au/sa/

MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships fall due on the 30th April every year

PRESIDENTS REPORT

September 2009

Name tags have been ordered and should be collected by members at the October meeting.

It is expected that members will wear badges to all meetings and to social events. If you loose your badge and need another one you will need to pay for another.

By the time of printing The Bay to Birdwood Classic would have been held.

Let's hope it was an enjoyable day for all.

I have suggested a number of ideas for our monthly car runs. These include an overnight stay at the Gladstone jail in the Mid North.

A work mate did the run with his motorcycle club and he thought it was a great trip. Of course there are comfortable facilities for tourists.

The other is a run to the Willunga Slate Museum which would suit our Southern members.

Bye for now,

Iain Burns



Hello

The cruise from Tea Tree Gully to Gawler via Kersbrook and Williamstown was a good day out for those who attended. The weather was not ideal but those who took the time to attend had an enjoyable cruise.

With the weather improving hopefully we will get bigger member turnouts to events.

The Bay to Birdwood had a reasonable turn out from members with 8 cars on the run.
Cruise to Birdwood started a bit slow and improved at about Tea Tree Gully when the flow of traffic improved.

It was great to see our club putting on a good show of vehicles even if the weather was bad.

Great effort by all the members who attended.

The next 2 events are planned and mapped out so hopefully we will have a bigger turnout to these.

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	- Released 4th Aug 2009
October/November 2009	- Released 6th Oct 2009
December/January 2010	- Release date 1st Dec 2009
February/March 2010	- Released 2nd Feb 2010

September 2009

20th September - Gawler Auto Swap Meet

27th September - Club Run

The Bay to Birdwood Classic Run

October 2009

2nd – 4th October 2009 - Lobethal Grand Carnival

6th October - MGM

17th & 18th October - Sprint Auto Gazzanationals

18th October - Strathalbyn Swap Meet

31st October - Club Run

Saturday Night Cruise
from Adelaide to Glenelg and the to Semaphore.

November 2009

3rd November - MGM

31st - Gawler Auto Swap Meet

15th November - Club Run

Cruise from Glenelg to Harry Bowey Reserve,
Salisbury Park for BBQ Lunch

December 2009

1st December - MGM

12th or 13th December - Club Run

FEDERATION OF HISTORIC MOTORING REPORT

Meeting August 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. It represents 15,000 members and 11,000 vehicles. 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:

- Old Car Day replaces the name Drive It Day.
- The FHMC Tour was a success with 90 vehicles and 180 people driving for 13 days covering 2000 kilometres.
- A reminder that the "Code of Practice" is not being re-written. There is a review in progress.
- A number of people have requests from DTEI asking them to return number plates of unregistered vehicles. By registering for a short while and ticking the "seasonal rego" box, they will ignore you. Another method is to point out that the vehicle is being garaged and will be registered at another date. Then you can request approval to keep the number.
- A Whyalla club wrote a letter about the high cost of retaining numerical number plates that were originally on vehicles. The response is that we live in a commercial world and that these plates make money for DTEI and the Government. If people are willing to pay big bucks then it will continue as it is.
- The Special Interest Vehicle Working Party is not a problem to the HVRS as they are working on special interest vehicles not the Historic Vehicles Registration Scheme.
- Someone commented on the poor quality fuel being dispensed from some Melbourne Servo's.

HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

None to report for this newsletter.

WALLY'S HISTORIC REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

WALLY: *OK, so if I decide to change my car to another club or sell it, what rules apply then?*

ANSWER: If you decide for whatever reason to transfer your cars on HVRS to another club the Federation suggests that you see the new club and have your vehicle(s) checked, and an MR334 issued, then you get your log book cancelled by the current club, they note in it the number of days used from the current registration year. A new log book will be held by the new club until they have sighted the old cancelled log book. The remainder of your rego remains but you must get the green rego document stamped and signed by them. The new club will mark how many days you have left in your rego year.

WALLY: *So what if I sell the car?*

ANSWER: You notify your club and they cancel the log book, it remains your property, the clubs records show the sale and you notify TSA of the sales, HVRS is NOT transferable.

WALLY: *So when a log book is cancelled, what happens?*

ANSWER: Some club HRO's cut the corner of the book or stamp it so that the pages cannot be improperly used, but the easy way is for the HRO to draw two lines through the pages.

WALLY: *What's all this fuss about me being a paid up member of the club?*

ANSWER: If your subscription is not paid on the due date, you are deemed not to be a financial member of the club. That also means your log book has not been appropriately stamped and recorded, so even if you complete the log book, you are using the vehicle in contravention of the HVRS rules. Think about it- you get your car registered for about the quarter of the going full rate and your club subs are a small proportion of the yearly cost, so it's great value for money, especially if you have a number of cars.

MORE OF WALLY'S QUESTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION

Iain and Denis
September 2009



Bay to Birdwood—Classic September 2009



Bay to Birdwood—Classic September 2009



August Club Run 2009

Our August Club Run was held on Sunday 9th August and was a cruise to Gawler via Tea Tree Gully, Chain of Ponds (Millbrook Reservoir), Kersbrook, Williamstown (Barossa Reservoir) and Lyndoch. We departed from Bank SA Car park at Tea Tree Gully. Three FC's (Iain's, George's and Paul's) started the run and we met up with Jim and Andrea in their FC Panel Van and Robin in his FE Station Sedan at the car park just past Millbrook Reservoir.

Photo's taken on the day.



August Club Run 2009



FE—FC Nationals Update

There is a variety of merchandise available to commemorate the 13th FE-FC Nationals.

Entrants are encouraged to download the official catalogue and entry form.

You can also browse the merchandise on this site.

To order, please fill in the Order Form and return it to:

13th FE-FC Holden Nationals Entrant
P.O. Box 609
Parramatta NSW 2124



Enclosing a cheque or money order for payment, or noting a receipt number if you prefer to make a direct deposit (details on the form).

Don't forget to clearly mark the sizes you require for clothing. In the catalogue and on the site you will find Size Guides to ensure you get the right fit. Please choose carefully, as we cannot accept returns on clothing.

Members Car For Sale

Michael Thomas is selling his FC Special Sedan. The asking price on the sign on the back is \$9,500.
See Michael for details.



Sam Muscat's FC 1958 Special Sedan



Wayne Gurney's FE Special Sedan





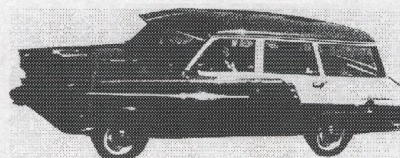
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