



# *Column Shift*

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

## February Club Cruise to Willunga Slate museum

Willunga Slate Museum is located in the Old Police Station stables behind the Old Police Station and Courthouse. The Police Station and Courthouse have been transformed to house the areas local history.

We planned to meet at the Entertainment Centre at Hindmarsh on Sunday 28th February 2010 at 12.30pm and departed with 3 cars at 1pm. The group travelled along South Road and met up with the other 4 cars at the corner of South Road and Blacks Road. After a quick chat we departed for the drive to Willunga and arrived about 2pm.

We had a tour through the old Police Station and gaol complex behind.

After the tour finished we progressed to the stables behind as they had been turned into the Slate Museum. Some interesting displays and good use of the stables with interactive displays, photographs and tools used in the quarry. 7 FE & FC vehicles on this run.



*April 2010 - May 2010*



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.

## COMMITTEE

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## MEETINGS

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

## POSTAL ADDRESS

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## 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

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

April 2010

We had another successful Show and Shine even though the numbers were down on previous years. Congratulations to the trophy winners, your cars were voted best by club members and you should be proud of your efforts in the presentation of your vehicles.

Would all members please let Paul know very, very, very soon if you are going to Gladstone on the long weekend in October. He will need numbers now. I'm also guilty of not telling him yet. Sorry Paul (5 going).

I'm not sure (of course) who will be voted in for positions at our next AGM. But I would like to ask members to consider being involved in the club in some way. The Presidents position is not a difficult one and really doesn't take up too much time. There are other positions to consider. Even if you do it for one year (365 days only) it helps and revitalizes and freshens up the club with new faces. There are some members that come to all meetings and would be very capable in doing these jobs. Don't worry I won't target you! Think about it. Just say YES!

Bye for now,

Iain Burns





Hello Everyone

With all the things planned and happening this year it seems to be flying past quickly and not much time to stop and look.

Past events 7 FE & FC cars on the Willunga Slate Museum Cruise in February and 4 FE & FC cars on the Beach Cruise. So as the weather starts to cool I expect the numbers on the Club runs to drop off. Some of us are going to the FE & FC Nationals in Orange in New South Wales and by the time this edition becomes available we will have been and returned. So with all going well, good luck to the people driving over. The route has been planned and the convoy will leave Wednesday morning for the 1209km trip to Orange. We are planning a slow cruise there and some extra sightseeing on the way home, all up about 3,300km trip.

Future events planned are the Annual Show and Shine on 25th April at The Gums Recreation Ground, Shakespeare Avenue, Tranmere. The Flyer is on the web site and has been mailed out to all.

Everyone listed was sent a flyer, for those who did not receive them you can blame Australia post.

The web site had the date back in December and the last newsletter had the date listed on the back, so to be blunt everyone has had notice of the event date. To be saying we picked the wrong date is a little selfish for those in the metro area to expect the country members to drive to Adelaide and then drive home the same day is just a bit much. Everyone has the opportunity to do their bit for the club and for those who do the organising of events it is a very time consuming task with little or no encouragement to keep doing it.

Step up and have a go on the committee or assist with running of events or maybe even have a go on the BBQ. This is your club as much as it is mine so do the right thing and show support for the people doing the things you don't want to do.

May club run will be to the Tramway museum at St Kilda on Sunday 9th May and this should be the last before the weather becomes cold and wet.

**So far we have had 1 expression of interest form sent back so we need expressions of interest forms returned ASAP for the Gladstone Gaol Visit and 2 night stay in the gaol complex.**

This will enable us to plan events for the Long weekend in October. We have had about 20 people show interest so far and it is always good to have more. Cars will be secure as they are locked inside the Gaol complex at night and roped off during the day when parked there.

I have planned the events for 2010 so they will not clash with swap meets and other events happening in South Australia. If you have any events you would like listed let me know and I will try and accommodate your request.

**Due to issues beyond my control, the Newsletter is later than the original planned release date.**

Remember promote the club when ever you can.

Thanks  
Paul Roberts  
Vice President



## 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 2010	- Released 2nd Feb 2010
April/May 2010	- Released 26th Apr 2010
June/July 2010	- Release date 1st June 2010
August/September 2010	- Release date 3rd Aug 2010
October/November 2010	- Release date 5th Oct 2010
December/January 2011	- Release date 7th Dec 2010
February/March 2011	- Release date 1st Feb 2011

## FEDERATION OF HISTORIC MOTORING REPORT

Meeting February 2010

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:

- A comment was made about the number of Swap Meets that are occurring. There seems to be one at least every month.
- Pre December 1918 veterans will get fee entry to the 2010 Bay to Birdwood but must start and finish under their own power.
- The FHMC website is up and running.
- The Variations list will soon appear on the website.
- The Bay Classic made a small surplus.
- The 2010 Bay to Birdwood will have a maximum of 1500 vehicles. It will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- The Motofest 2010 is up and ready, and can be checked out on the website.
- NOTE: The act of selling a vehicle cancels the registration. So, if you are selling a vehicle you could drive it to the new owners place and do the paperwork and transaction there.
- You may have noticed on a voting slip recently a Political party called C.A.R.S. Peter Pangaris has organised a Party called Car Action and Road Safety (CARS). He is pushing for a Government that will support Road safety initiatives and Motorsport other than the Clipsal 500.

## HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

This years Show and Shine was a little disappointing for signing Log Books. We had only 20 Log Books to sign with a remaining 12 still to be signed. I hope this is not a sign for the future. The day was enjoyable and we had good food and weather. I do understand that the timing being on Anzac Day and a long weekend would not have suited everyone. I was given a number of apologies and I thank members for this.

Don't forget to come to a meeting and get that log book signed and pay your fees before the start of August.



## WALLY'S HISTORIC REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

WALLY: *Well I'd like you to remember that some of us are getting older and we cannot remember all of these rules and regulations so what about that?*

ANSWER: Wally, most clubs are run by people who do all the jobs for free and because they want to. They also know that once in a while, members make the odd mistake, but even allowing for old age, would you drive your modern car without rego? Also, it so often seems it's the same people every time and they don't seem to take the matter seriously when it's mentioned. Added to that, the problems are generally caused by the folk who simply pay their subs in order to get cheap rego and that gives club officials reasonable cause to feel the club and the system are being abused.

WALLY: *You seem to make a fuss about members attending club events and meetings. Why's that?*

ANSWER: For most clubs Wally, the subs you pay barely cover all the costs of running that club throughout the year. There's rent, insurance, newsletters to give just a few. So most clubs need to make a little extra money by way of raffles, trading tables or similar. That means the regular attending members actually subsidizes those who simply join in order to get the cheap rego.

WALLY: *So do all the clubs make the same fuss as you do and if so, why and who oversees it all?*

ANSWER: In South Australia, we have the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs. All the clubs who are eligible to have members participating in the MVRs are members of this Federation. In turn, the Federation liaises with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles Department. Only approved clubs can provide the process needed for you to obtain the Historic Registration. If a club was seen to have failed to have acted within the terms of what is called the Code of Practice, then the club could lose its approval and the members would then have to look to another club. That is why our club takes its role seriously.

WALLY: *Well I've got a mate who's got a car with flash alloy wheels and some other modifications, so how come he gets away with it?*

ANSWER: Well Wally, if our mate has got a car that is 30 years of age or older and he wants to have what might be termed as non conforming items, he can still be in a club but should not be allowed the rego under the HVRS. At the same time, a small number of clubs might appear to be somewhat easier on the vehicles they give approval to, but that is their choice and if this is the case, they run the risks involved. The HVRS does have sensible provisions for certain cars to have items fitted that were not original, simply because they are no longer available. These cases are dealt with by the club involved and the Federation, in the best interests of preserving the heritage of our motor vehicles and the owners.

MORE OF WALLY'S QUESTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION

Iain and Denis  
April 2010





# Our Club February Cruise 2010





## Our Club March Cruise 2010



Beach Cruise from K Mart Kurralt Park to Seacliff. 3FC's & 1 FE on the run and 1 apology for not being able to turn up. We had a good cruise and there was plenty of people out and about along the foreshore. Thanks to all those who attended this event.





For some of our members we departed for Orange on Wednesday 31st March in convoy with our first overnight stop being Mildura Vic. Our second overnight is at West Wyalong NSW, each segment is planned for about 4 to 5 hours of driving so we have plenty of time to rest and sight see. Total distance to Orange about 1210km.

Total distance travelled by the group who travelled with us (Paul & Julyann) 3,155km approx. We travelled home via Bathurst. Canberra, Wagga Wagga, Shepparton and Horsham.

Some photo's of the trip.





# FE—FC Holden Nationals trip 2010



14th FE - FC Holden National will be held in Perth WA.

So start saving now as this long trip will be worth it for those planning the drive across the country. Options are put the car on the train and let someone else drive or even a car carrier and fly over and for those who want to sight see this great country of ours drive over. Our club will look at the options at get some details to help the decision. Those driving are planning about a 2 to 3 week journey so get on board as it is a wonderful way to see the country.

Surferboy Graham Dolphin is planning a wedding reception in Perth.

Accommodation will be in one location. Show N Shine will be in Perth close to the shopping area for the women to shop while the men look at the cars.

More info packs can be obtained via the WA club.

## Some basic options

Drive to Perth 2,700km ex Adelaide = at approx 700kms a day = 4 Days

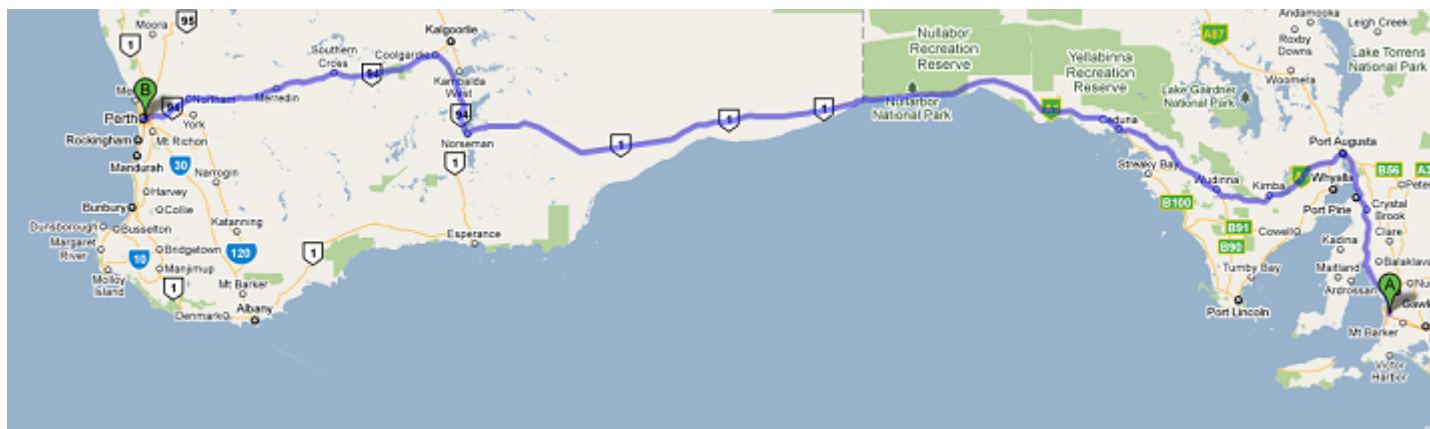
Car Carrier and flights price unknown at this stage.  
Great Southern Rail today's prices listed below.

For those going allow 3 weeks to make a holiday out of the trip.

\$ per Person One Way	Gold Service		Red Service
	Sleeper Cabin	Daynighter Seat	
Adelaide - Perth or vice versa			
Adult	1514	1036	458
Child/Pensioner	1022	628	211
CSHC	1022	628	211
BackPacker/Student/YHA	1514	689	231
Rail Saver*	NA	NA	231

\* Payment Required at time of booking. No changes permitted. Non-refundable (100% cancellation fee) Subject to availability.

Route	Up to 5.5m Length (\$)
Sydney - Perth	\$899
Perth - Sydney	\$689
Sydney - Adelaide	\$359
Adelaide - Sydney	\$419
Adelaide - Perth	\$669
Perth - Adelaide	\$349





## Members Cars

### Peter & Lauren Mitchell's FC Holden Special Sedan

Freshly restored and starting to win trophies, In the Top 20 at Orange and Best Stock at our clubs Annual Show N Shine on Sunday 25th April 2010.

Wonderful looking car, congratulations on a job well done.



## Donation to the club

Ron Taylor has sold his FC Sedan and is moving to Tasmania. Ron has been clearing out his shed and donated some items to the club to sell to other members, about enough to half fill the boot of the Commodore. Once a list is completed these will be offered for sale. A mixture of FC and EH Parts

## *Up and coming events*

April 2010

**\*\*\*2nd to 5th April 2010 FE FC Holden Car Clubs Nationals Orange NSW\*\*\***

**\*\* 6th April – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc AGM *Moved to May* \*\***

**11th. April 2010 ROTARY CLUB REGENCY PARK. SWAP MEET.** Regency Park Reserve South Rd.

**17th – 18th April 2010 – Ultimate Blokes Expo** Adelaide Show Grounds, Wayville

**\*\*\*\*25th April. 2010 - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc Event \*\*\*\***

***Annual Compulsory Show N Shine***

May 2010

**\*\* 4th May – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***

**\*\*\*\*9th May 2010 - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc Event \*\*\*\***

***Club Run to Tramway Museum, St Kilda... Open at 12noon to 5pm... \$10.00 adults.***

**23rd May 2010 KAPUNDA SWAP MEET** Kapunda Trotting Track, KAPUNDA, South Australia.

June 2010

**\*\* 1st June – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***

**\*\*\*\*20th June. 2010 - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc Event \*\*\*\***

***Club Run to Victor Harbor, stop at one of the hotels for lunch.***

July 2010

**\*\* 6th July – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***

**\*\*\*\*18th July. 2010 - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc Event \*\*\*\***

***Lunch at a Hotel north of Adelaide?? Gawler ????????????***

**25th July 2010 ALL MAKE SWAP MEET**

August 2010

**\*\* 3rd August – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***

**\*\*\*\*15th August 2010 - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc Event \*\*\*\***

***Club Run to Lobethal Markets***

**22nd August 2010 WILLUNGA SWAP MEET**

September 2010

**\*\* 7th September – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***

**\*\*\*\*12th September 2010 - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc Event \*\*\*\***

***Club run to Cleland Wildlife Park...Meet at The Entertainment Centre ...***

***...Admission \$16.00 for Adults...Take a Picnic Lunch***

**19th September 2010 THE LEGENDARY GAWLER AUTO SWAP MEET**

October 2010

**\*\*\*\*2nd & 3rd October 2010 - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc Event \*\*\*\***

***Gladstone Gaol Stay drive up to Gladstone Saturday 2nd of October 2010 via Gawler.***

***Saturday night Stay in Gaol Complex, secure parking for cars...BBQ Saturday night***

***Sunday cruise to Melrose and return Sunday night for overnight stay in Gaol***

***More details to follow check the web site.***

**\*\* 5th October – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***

**TBA October 2010 STRATHALBYN SWAP MEET, STRATHALBYN**