



Column Shift

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

October Club Cruise and 2 Night Stay at the Gladstone Gaol

This event for our club will be one of the hi-lights of 2010 with all those who attended asking where are we going next year. This fabulous event was 14 months in the planning and 2 trips to Gladstone to ensure the weekend was not wasted. We departed Paul & Julyann's home at Paralowie at about 10.30am for a cruise along the New Northern Expressway and then onto the barrier highway. An observation run was organised for the cruise up with two \$25 dollar Gladstone Gaol survival packs as prizes. This certainly proved very competitive with the drivers and passengers. Tony Holland from the gaol did a brilliant job of looking after the group even though he was just getting over an illness. The details for our event are, we cruised up to Clare and stopped there for lunch and then continued on to Gladstone via Main North Road. After some introductions at the Gaol and picking our cells for the night, unpacking and settling in. We all had a look around the complex and thought how tough the inmates had it here. Saturday night was the BBQ night and we all enjoyed the outdoor area complete with resident kangaroos. More details inside....



October 2010 - November 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.

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MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships fall due on the 30th April every year

PRESIDENTS REPORT

NOVEMBER 2010

We are again getting some FE's and FC's in the car park at meetings. Even I brought my FC. I'll try and do it more often, but it's a bit of a logistics nightmare moving all the cars from the driveway. I'm working on the rear end of my FE now and can't drive it for a while. I am determined to finish it during the Christmas holidays. This will see half of the exterior of the car repainted and looking respectable. I'm doing a *bit at a time* restoration this time, which is not the best but it keeps me tinkering and off the streets.

I received a letter from the Federation regarding the Special Interest Vehicle Group (SIVG). I should read it out at the next meeting. This is all about having a scheme similar to HVRS for modified vehicles. The Minister and the Registrar have indicated that they are preparing a report for release, and that "we" need to consider our options. The Federation asks clubs to assist and respond if and when our help is required.

At the last couple of meetings we have discussed the notion of having some sort of reward for members who have been in the club for 5 years, 10 years etc. (continuous service) It seems to have approval and some ideas range from badges, patches, certificates, key rings, honour board, etc. Also, the idea of having a "member of the year" award, "attendance at meetings" award, and a "most car runs award" has been discussed.

Bye for now,

Iain



Hello Everyone

I hope all is going well for you as it is for me, plans are coming together and things are finally falling into place for me. Well we are getting close to the end of another year and things are in place for our Christmas lunch on 5th December.

Thanks to all the members who have taken the time to reply to the e-mail, mobile phone texts and message on the forum and decided to join us. ***** Remember if you are not on the list then your seat is not booked and there will not be any extra seats available. We have been told that the venue will be booked out on the day.*****

Ideas for next year have been coming in thick and fast. The first cab off the rank will be to the All Holden Day at Glenelg on 23rd January 2011. So dust off your cars and get set for something different. At our club meeting Kathy has been trialling new ideas with the members who turn up to the meeting. Tickets to the pictures, lucky squares and giveaways have proved to be something different.

By the time this has been printed we will have been to Gladstone Gaol so for those who missed it we will cruise to Gladstone via Gawler and Clare. On the way up we will be having an observation run with two prizes awarded to the two top scoring cars.

Our membership has dropped a bit this year or maybe some people just forgot to pay their membership dues by the end of April. At the Gawler swap meet the announcer broadcast over the pa about the Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle club which has 300 members and has club runs every weekend and almost everyday of the week. This club seems to be doing something right, we are never going to be that big as we only have FE & FC cars and they cover many cars which cater for a larger group and interests. I did notice some other people chasing FE & FC parts which means others are building these cars and hopefully we will see more of these cars on the road.

We have had bigger turn outs to club events due to the members being more vocal about the need to turn up and show support for the club. Great work to all those who are taking the extra step and showing some pride in their club.

I will be planning the events for 2011 so they will not clash with swap meets and other events happening in South Australia as I did this year. We still have some spots to add to the list for places to go so send us some ideas.

If you would like to have a go with this newsletter see me as I can not spend the time it requires anymore as I need to get out to the shed and build a car.

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	- Not Released
August/September 2010	- Released 3rd Aug 2010
October/November 2010	- Release date 2nd Nov 2010
December/January 2011	-
February/March 2011	- Release date 1st Feb 2011

FEDERATION OF HISTORIC MOTORING REPORT

Meeting OCTOBER 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:

- Bay to Birdwood report. A few delays, but generally a good run. 1300 vehicles attended.
- There was a L34 Torana "look a like" done up in Holden Dealer colours applying for Historic rego. The FHMC will investigate as there is some belief it could pass. It is a bit like the orange racing FE at the last Nationals.

If we have a club event and in the very and almost impossible event one of us breaks down and calls the RAA, we should say we are "just out for a drive" rather than "we are on a rally". Which we are anyway.

Gordon Cowley says "give CAMS the flick" in reference to our letter from CAMS asking clubs to join their association.

The Milang Vintage and Machinery Club has it's 2 day event at the Milang oval on 22 & 23rd of January 2011.

Paint on HVRs vehicles come up again. A 1950's style truck has a modern style phone number on it. Rather than an old one. This is seen as advertising.

The Adelaide Hot Rodders have been approved for HVRs. Suitable vehicles can only get approval of course.



HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

I was thinking about writing some article for this edition and I noticed that Denis Williams' name was on the bottom of this proposed article, and I had to change it to George. It just dawned upon me that Denis is no longer a log book signer. Denis has been in the club a long time, member number 100, and joined on my birthday (secret date) in 1995. Denis has been in charge of log books for a long time, and for this we owe him a BIG, BIG, BIG, thank you. *THANK YOU DENIS* from all of us.

Iain and *George*



Panel Van For Sale

Please find attached photos of the FC Windowless panel van I have for sale.
Van is exactly how I bought it about 15 years ago. It is un-reg and I have no rego papers.
No motor or gearbox. Floors and sills are rusty but rear van section is quite good.
\$1500.00 ono.
Van is located at Salisbury S.A.
Mick Ph. 0408088880 AH. (08) 82817227



Our Club Run August & September 2010

August Club run was to Lobethal Mill Market and our yearly visit to Melba's Chocolates at Woodside.

We met at Clarks Rubber on North Terrace, Kent Town. We drove up via Norton Summit and took the scenic route. Great to see a good turn out. The drive up was a bit different with most cars giving their gearbox a good workout. We stopped for lunch at Amberlight Cafe in Lobethal and then drove onto Woodside where we all donated to the additional sales on the day. Thanks to all the members who took the time to turned out for this cruise. 4 FC's on the run and 5 other cars with a total of 24 people another great turn out. Thanks to all involved.



September Club run was to Cleland Wildlife Park on 12th September 2010.

Our club run to Cleland wildlife Park was a great success for all those who attended. We arranged to meet on Greenhill Road, Eastwood for a 20min cruise up Greenhill Road to the park. For those who missed it, driving up this road gives you a spectacular view of the city and surrounds. The weather was great and we had a total of 7 cars and 16 people on the run with two cars and families only being there for the cruise. This was a bit different for us but it was much appreciated for taking time out to join in.



Our Club Run October 2010

After we finished the BBQ and cleaned up the dishes and area we sat and talked and then moved inside to sit around the combustion heater for a chat and a few lemonades. We then checked out the winners of the observation run and Kate ran a quiz competition with a couple of prizes. Tony Holland gave us a night tour of the gaol by torch light which proved a hit with all. Sunday we posed the cars for a group photo before departing for Melrose and Quorn where we stopped for lunch. Then we drove to Port Augusta for some shopping and ice creams and returning to the gaol before freshening up and driving back to Port Pirie for dinner at the Sportsman Tavern. Monday we drove back home via Clare.





The BBQ Technician



The deluxe suite with power.



Tony Holland and the group before the night tour.



Craig testing out the accommodation after too much fun.



Posing for the camera



And our now famous heres looking at you pose.

Member's Cars and Story

Peter & Lauren Mitchell FC Restoration

Born in 1959, this FC Holden has been owned by George and Elsie Maggs for its entire life.

In 2009 a restoration project was started to restore the FC back to roadworthy condition. This story starts back in 1959 when this 2 tone grey Holden FC Special Sedan rolled off the GMH production line in Adelaide.

The car was soon delivered to the new owners George and Elsie Maggs via a local Holden dealer. Original purchase price was around one thousand pounds.

Used as a daily driver, caravan tow car and general family car, it served its purpose well until late 70's.

At this time the car had a rest in the shed due to some rust problems in the floor pan. The new family car was a HJ Holden with 253 V8

My earliest memories are in the early 80's when Grandad (George) used to reverse the car out of the shed and run the motor to keep the systems fresh. Due to the seats being removed for floor repairs, we had to sit on Oil drums as seats.

I affectionately remember the FC as the "old bomb" and ever since a little kid wanted to do something special with this car.

Late 2008 we started slowly to get the project underway. Easter 2009 the project was pushed into full speed when it was relocated from Uranquinty (near Wagga NSW) to Adelaide. A full restoration is planned with the final result being a neat and tidy car that closely resembles the car that rolled off the production line back in 1959.



Our Club Run October 2010 continued



Members Cars

Martin Lewis FC Holden



Donation to the club

Ron Taylor has sold his FC Sedan and has moved to Tasmania. Ron has cleared 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. A list has been completed these will be offered for sale. A mixture of FC and EH Parts.

See Paul for details

Wanted to Buy

Hi

I am looking to buy an early wagon (would prefer to have recent or current SA rego) so I was hoping to inquire if you have any members interested in selling.

Thanks for your assistance

Nick 0438 303 393

Up and coming events

November 2010

**** 2nd November – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM ****

21st November 2010 Club Run from Glenelg to Harry Bowey Reserve for BBQ Lunch.

Check the web Site for details or ring Paul

December 2010

5th December 2010 Club Run and Christmas Lunch

Parahills Community Club, Bridge Road, Parahills

***** All seating is pre-booked so if you are not on the list then there is no seat for you. *****

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

January 2011

16th January 2011—Hahndorf Swap Meet , Hahndorf Oval

23rd January Club Event— All holden Day at Wigley Reserve Glenelg

\$10 entry fee and club BBQ for members.

February 2011

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

6th February 2011— Lockleys Swap Meet

12th February 2011 Club Event Beach Cruise

Kmart Kurralta Park (6.30pm) to Semaphore Via Glenelg

20th February 2011— All American Day, Tilley Reserve

March 2011

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

6th March 2011— Campbelltown Swap Meet

5th & 6th March 2011— Power of the past, Mt Barker Oval

13th March 2011 Club Event

Annual Compulsory Show N Shine

The Gums Recreation Ground, Shakespeare Avenue, Tranmere. (11.30am)

20th March 2011— Clare Swap Meet

April 2011

3rd April 2011 Club Event—Cruise to the South Australian Aviation Museum

Lipson Street, Port Adelaide. (1pm details to follow)

**** 5th April – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc AGM ****

(All Club committee positions become vacant, so here is your chance to be involved)

10th April 2011— Croydon Park Swap Meet

17th April 2011— Tanunda Swap Meet