



Column Shift

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



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June-July 2007

CLUB GENERAL INFORMATION



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

CLUB OBJECTIVES

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

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 Holdens.
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

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at 7:30PM

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INTERNET DETAILS

National Website
www.fefcholden.com.au
National Forum
www.fefcholden.org.au/cgi-bin/yabb/YaBB.cgi
(Or follow the links from the National Site)

MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships fall due on the 30th April every year

President's Report/Nat's Update

Hello all

Winter is here and its happened all of a sudden it seems only a couple of weeks ago we were walking the dog late evening and the temp was 18. Now its 6 and most are inside in the warm, then there are the ones that get on with the build and if its cold then put on more clothes cause the car has to be at the next nationals!!!!.

There must be have been lots of FE-FC projects on the go, there seems to be a new one in every car mag I pickup lately. If you know someone building an FE-FC then please make them aware that the nationals is coming up and encourage them to come along.

Kate has been to all but one nationals and I know that she kick's herself that she has missed one but looking back Kate refers to the first Nats and how casual the whole weekend was and how everyone was impressed to see cars and meet people that have become friends and how now nearly a quarter of a century later all she wants is to get in her "EFFEE" and go to the nationals.

Attending the nationals for us, is a chance to see another part of Australia, to catch up with old (and not so old) friends and make new ones and talk cars the whole weekend. It would be quite an accomplishment in the future to be the one with the most attended nationals next to their name.

Entry forms are now available on the forum and from your club officials.

This years entry form has an EARLY ENTRY PRIZE so BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION, fill in your entry form and send it off with your payment to us.

See you at the Nationals

Greg Drinkwater
Club President

Editor's Bit

Yes, it's late, a combination of factors made sure of that. On the upside, the entry form for the Nationals should be included with this issue.

If you are going to the Nationals we cannot stress enough that you need to get your accommodation booked as soon as possible, the rooms set aside for the Nationals will not be held after 31st December 2007.

There is a web-site with up to date information here- <http://www.fefcholden.org.au/nats/>
And of course breaking news usually gets put on the FE-FC Forum.

The Nationals mean different things to different people, if you have the perception that your car isn't good enough for the Nationals, don't worry! Nadia and I travelled to the Philip Island Nationals with no expectations apart from seeing a lot of FEs and FCs in the one location. We weren't trophy hunting and we all had a ball the entire weekend, including the kids. It was good to finally meet people I had been talking to on the Forum for years. There was no snobbery and people were always willing to talk about their cars if asked. Mt Gambier is a great holiday spot with plenty to do besides all the Nationals activities, so really there is no excuse not to come to your own State's Nationals.



There is not a lot happening during the winter months, but Martin has come up with a few good outings for us all, As the saying goes "use it or lose it". July sees the club going to Gumeracha for a pub lunch and a visit to the big Rocking Horse.

Cheers
Glenn

FEDERATION OF HISTORIC MOTORING REPORT

Meetings FEBRUARY and APRIL 2006

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 109 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 Bay to Birdwood is cost cutting. For example the "lavishness" of official functions will be cut back etc.
- A club is being sought to do jobs like filling "goodies" bags and marshalling etc.
- Ace Metal Finishes of Thebarton have given the F.H.M.C. a flyer on their chrome work. They do fibre-glass chroming too.
- Transport SA is now called DTEI. (Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.)
- Some vehicles at the "All British Day" have been taken off HVRS. DTEI inspectors were at the event. 10 vehicles at car shows have been taken off the register. Our club's vehicles should be OK as we have inspected most.
- The B and B dates have been frozen at 1 Jan.1956 to 31 Dec.1977.
- The Variations Sub Committee reports that the discussion paper is with the registrar at the moment. (Mr. Frisby) There is also a discussion paper on the Special Interest Vehicle Registration Scheme.
- There are 10,000 vehicles on HVRS.
- It is possible that a seminar or more will be held to discuss changes in the HVRS over the years. It was suggested that a seminar should be held when the new discussion paper is released.
- Coming up on the 1st of September this year is the 2nd National Heritage Motoring Day. Probably called the "drive it or ride it day". So drive your car on this day to promote our love for old cars.
- It has been suggested that all clubs should have a "risk management plan". The Morris Register has a generic plan. Most of us don't know what this means for a voluntary organization.

HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

- Don't forget that log books must be stamped before 1st of August so you can drive your vehicle to the next club run etc.
- Just as importantly you must pay your membership fees before this date also or you will be driving an unregistered vehicle.
- DON'T carry rego papers with your log book. A stolen car becomes easier to sell.
- Log book covers still not made yet. Apparently the RAA will produce 5000 advertising RAA insurance. They do have an historic vehicle insurance scheme. (They did not want to know me a few years back. Obviously competing with Shannons!)

May Club Run (2) - BBQ at Stinky's (Glenn's) Place

The alternate May Club run was to my place for a BBQ. While I can't comment on the run up to my place, the rest of the day was good. The BBQ was well received with very few left-overs, people were chatting and inspecting the property and my mini wrecking yard. All the kids were having fun riding their bikes and leaving skids in the gravel (Grrrr!).





I have owned my FC Holden Special Station Sedan since December 1986. I paid \$50 dollars for the car which was in poor condition. The Left and Right hand head lights were in the back of the wagon rusted out, no side chrome work and rusted in the normal places.

It was originally Two-Colour Green and registered in South Australia for all of its life. Its second coat of paint was white which lasted about 10 years. It is now painted Abyssin Yellow which has been on for about 11 years.

The paint work needs some work again. I have completed most of the rebuilds myself and spent many hours on it. It has had 3 engines in it in the time i have owned it, 138 cubic inch standard (Grey), 149 cubic inch very warm and now a 186 cubic inch which is also very warm. It was always going to be Modified as that was my interest back then. (before computers) I drive my FC to work 5 days a week and with approx 50 miles travelled. Over the years it has gone from our second car to first car and back to our second car.

We have travelled quite a bit on holidays to places like Peterborough, Renmark, Mannum and Mount Gambier just to name some places also towing a trailer.

Next years trip to Mount Gambier will add to the list of places travelled and enjoyed.

The vehicle's original details are as follows:

No. FC229-12849-A FC Special Station Sedan - body made in Adelaide

Trim 274-662 Danube Green and Black
Paint 226-2100 Biscay Green over Shannon Green

RPO 253-5775

Date of Manufacture After May 1959?

Mechanical modifications done include

Under Car

Diff Centre 3.08 Banjo Course Spline from LH Torana
Diff Housing EH Holden, Exhaust System Twin 2 inch system with chome tail pipe extentions, Front Brakes LJ Torana Discs part no 008, Front Suspension HR cross member Lowered Springs, Fuel Pump Rear Electric Carter points type, Fuel Tank Toyota Crown 60 litres capacity, Gearbox Cross Member LH Torana Modified Gearbox M20 Aussie 4 Speed, Hand Brake HQ Assembly, Rear Brakes EH Brake Drums and shoes (Modified) Wheel cylinders HR to suit discs, Rear Suspension Stan-

Member's Cars - Paul Robert's FC Custom Wagon



Fan Multi blade plastic aftermarket
Fuel Pump Standard
Intake Manifold Redline to suit Holley 350
Oil Pump Standard (Blue Motor)
Power Booster VH40-L Remote Hydra-vac
Radiator HQ Auto 2 Core
Rev limits 2200rpm to 5200rpm
Timing Gears Alloy
Water Pump HQ - HJ small bearing with flange set close to pump .

Inside Car

Console LH Torana
Front Seats Chrysler Sigma
Gear Shifter Modified Commodore Shifter
Rear Seats Standard FC Leather
Wilsonia Gauge

Standard FC Leaf springs,
Tailshaft Standard Six cylinder LH Torana,
Wheels Dragway Splats 14 x 7 rear and 13 x 7 front.

Under Bonnet

Motor Holden Red Six Cylinder 186 cubic inch Standard Bore, Pistons.
Head Stage 3
Air Cleaner LC GTR Torana chrome with modified base,
Alternator 55 amp
Brake Master Cylinder HR Holden
Camshaft Cobra Cam 292 degree duration
Carburettor Holley 350 with Manual choke
Crankshaft Steel crank out of 149 cubic inch, oversize bearings
Exhaust Manifolds Cast Iron Headers from HT 186 S,



Pictures this page

Top - Our Daughter Charlene sitting on the bonnet in February 1987.

Centre - Used as a Wedding Car around 1990.

Bottom - Recent picture before removing the spot lights.

May Club Run (1) Cavalcade of Cars (Kadina)

KERNEWEK LOWENDER

2007

On May 20th our club run was to the Cornish Festival held in the towns of Kadina, Wallaroo, and Moonta. It was a lovely cool day with an ever so slight drizzle till 7.45pm, so slight REV-546 did not mind!

The club members meet at the servo on Port Wakefield Road at 7.30am, and left soon after to head to the Wallaroo wharves where the Cavalcade was to depart. Oh yes, I nearly forgot to mention that sadly, the two, yes two, club members and two, yes two cars belonged to Martin and myself. My kids Chris and Lisa tagged along for the day. Martin in his generosity let me lead, (it made me feel really important!) probably because I said I would sit on 55mph. We headed towards Pt. Wakefield under some light cloud cover and passed a few vehicles and got passed by a few more. By the time we reached Pt. Wakefield the bank of clouds ended just like a shoreline at the beach and the low autumn sun shone into our cars. We continued on and we passed a little Ford Prefect going up the long hill that is just before Paskeville. Martin stopped soon after for what I thought was a comfort break but it turned out that his wanted to check to see if his boot was shut! Hmm. The Ford Prefect passed us just like the hare and the tortoise, and we passed it again soon after.

We arrived at Wallaroo wharves at 9.15 and wandered around looking at all the different vehicles. There were 663 vehicles registered and lined up in a huge car park



and by the time we arrived it was about 2/3rds full. We even saw a metallic blue Lightburn Zeta. I shook Glen Dix's hand and spoke for a minute or so. At 10.00 am the vehicles started moving in long rows and soon we were on our way firstly through Wallaroo, then to Kadina, Pt. Hughes, Moonta, and again returning to Kadina. I could not believe the number of people that lined the route. They brought coats, chairs, and drinks, sat on chairs or in cars, and showed genuine enthusiasm for the passing vehicles.

The Cavalcade wound its way along stretches of country roads, main streets and a few back streets of the towns. Rarely were we held up changing gears, riding the clutch, or worrying about dropping into first gear at slow speeds. We arrived at the Kadina Football oval at about lunch time and parked our cars on the oval. The first task once



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arriving was to fill our tummies so we bought a Cornish pasty each. Later we wandered around as you do at these events looking at the other vehicles.



Birdwood, which takes 2 hours of often stop start bumper to bumper driving. It costs only \$10 to enter compared to \$50 for this years B to B. The appreciation



This run was one of the best I have been on. It is a relaxed safe drive down a double laned highway giving the cars a hassle free steady run. It really beats the Bay to

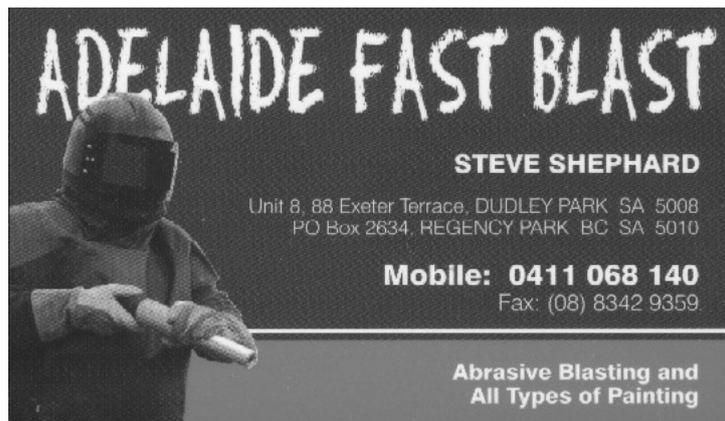


on the locals lining the streets was amazing. The early morning start was well worth the effort and I recommend this run for 2009.



TRADING

One of our club member's has opened his own abrasive blasting business, see his card below for details.



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Cheers Glenn - 0408 891 843

New Business

Brett and Ken have just opened a business called Blade Grafix. We are specialising in signs, designs, custom cut graphics, window tinting, pin stripping and Audio installs. So if your club needs some stickers made up for a special event or you want to make up a sign for your car stating what mods you have done on it. Please give us a call and we would be more than happy to help you out. Our number is 0413 252 077.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

Sun 24th The C.O.C.C CRYPTIC CRUISE, MEET KMART ANZAC HIGHWAY at 10AM. \$5 PER CAR. ALL CARS MUST HAVE A NAVIGATOR TO ENTER THE CRYPTIC CRUISE. FILL UP THEM TANKS AND GET READY TO HAVE A FUN DAY WORKING OUT THE CRYPTIC CRUISE. AND TRY AND WIN A PRIZE... GOOD LUCK EVERYONE WELCOME

JULY

Sun 17th Collingrove Burnout Comps, Competitors \$20/day 11:00 am to 4.30 pm Gates open 9:30 am, Gerry sccsaevents@internode.on.net

AUGUST

Sun 19th Collingrove Burnout Comps, Competitors \$20/day 11:00 am to 4.30 pm Gates open 9:30 am, Gerry sccsaevents@internode.on.net

SEPTEMBER

Sun 16th GAWLER AUTO SWAP MEET Gawler Trotting Track. Gates open at 06-30 Sellers \$10 .. buyers \$5 Indoor sites \$20 To book indoor sites phone Trevor Bellchambers 08 8522 1864 No need to book for outdoor sites. Camping avail. on the Saturday night. For more information www.perry.net.au/gawler.htm

Sun 23rd Collingrove Burnout Comps, Competitors \$20/day 11:00 am to 4.30 pm Gates open 9:30 am, Gerry sccsaevents@internode.on.net

OCTOBER

Mon 1st Collingrove Burnout Comps, Competitors \$20/day 11:00 am to 4.30 pm Gates open 9:30 am, Gerry sccsaevents@internode.on.net

Sat 13th SPRINT AUTO PARTS GAZZANATIONALS Adelaide International Raceway, For more details please contact Gary & Deby Myers on 0428 692033 / 0408 692033 www.garymyers.com.au

Sat 27th - Sun 28th EXTREME STREET "N" CUSTOM SHOW. Inquiries 0434 827 419

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Easter Long Weekend, FE/FC Holden Nationals, Mt Gambier

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UPCOMING CLUB RUNS

June Club Run

Dundee's Wild Life Park, Murray Bridge

Dundee's Wildlife Park is renowned as an interactive "hands on" wildlife experience, and if you are looking for something different you are in luck. Numerous species of Australian birds and animals, including crocodiles, snakes, wallabies, kangaroos, potoroos, bettongs, parrots, emus, kookaburras, owls and many more call Dundee's Wildlife Park home.

Visitors are provided with the unique opportunity to hold a baby crocodile, python and the black cockatoos while on a guided tour of the park.

We need 15 people, so support your fellow club members and come along.

We will drive up the freeway to Murray Bridge, and have our "bring your own" lunch in a covered area (so we will not be affected by rain).

Guided tour is \$5.00 per person. This is the discounted price, but we must have 15 people.

Date: Sunday 24 June 2007

Where Dundee's Wildlife Park, Murray Bridge

Meet Greenhill Road, just west of
Glen Osmond Road, Unley

Time 11:15am for 11:30 departure

Then: Mt Barker on ramp
(Murray Bridge side)

Time: 12:00 noon

Arrive: 12:30pm at Murray Bridge for lunch
Drinks and ice-creams available for
sale, but not "take-away" food Near
est KFC, Sub way, etc approx 3 kms

Guided Tour Commences at 2:00pm and takes
approx 1 hour

July Club Run

Gumeracha Hotel & Big Rocking Horse

Date Sunday 22 July 2007

Where Gumeracha Hotel for lunch, then visit Big
Rocking Horse & Toy factory

Meet Entertainment Centre, Hindmarsh

Time 11:15m for 11:30 departure

Then St Agnes Hotel car park

Time 12:00 noon

Arrive 12:30pm at Gumeracha Hotel

August Club Run

Strathalbyn Antiques & Hobbies Fair

Date: Sunday 19 August

Meet: Greenhill Road, just west of Glen Osmond
Road, Unley

Time: 8:45am for 9:00am departure

Then: Mt Barker: Adelaide Road Information Bay
Time: 9:30am

Parking: Parking on the oval will be arranged, so that
our cars will be on display. You may remain
with your car, or lock it up and wander the
various sites.

Entry Fee: Some complimentary passes will be available
for free entry to the various display sites.
First in, first served, so be early at Greenhill
Road.

The Antiques & Hobbies Fair is a 2 day event on Satur-
day 18th and Sunday 19th August. We will be there on
the Sunday.

(Similar to last year's event that resulted in Scott Millar
acquiring an FE a couple of months later)

September Club Runs

The Heights (Modbury) School Fair

Date: Saturday 22 September

Meet: Entertainment Centre

Time: 9:45am for 10:00am departure

Display: Cars will be on display between 11:00am and
4:00pm.

You may remain with your car, or lock it up and wander
the various sites and enjoy the Fair

Bay to Birdwood

Date: Sunday 30 September

Start from: Adelaide Shores, West Beach.

End at: National Motor Museum, Birdwood.

Closing Date for Entries: Friday 10 August.

Vehicle Age: 1st Jan 1956 to 31 December
1977 (includes all FEs and FCs)

Entry Fee: \$50- (\$60- for Concours Entry)

Entry forms have been mailed to past participants. En-
try forms will be available at the July meeting for those
who don't have one.

Rear Ended

Accessory of the week (118)



"RARE."

Did someone say RARE?
One of the rarest of Nasco accessories, the Touch-up Spray Gun. Most people do not know these existed, let alone have seen 1. An unusual accessory that is powered by the air in a car or truck tyre.

Many thanks to Ken Mc Lean and Mark Diehm for sharing the details and pics of this accessory.

Regards
Alex

Next weeks accessory - GMH battery

NASCO

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