



COLUMN SHIFT

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



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FEBRUARY - MARCH 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

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

POSTAL ADDRESS

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PO Box 444
Goodwood SA 5034

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

January 2007 Club Run

Australia Day Run

For the run to Aldinga on Australia Day the weather was kind and the beach and sea provided an excellent venue. Sitting under shade on the beach with a good turn-out of members made for an enjoyable day.

Members who turned out were:
Iain & Michelle Burns and family
Robin & Caroline Camens and boys
Bill & Lois Oliver
Paul and Julyann Roberts in the quad headlight
Ray & Anna Renolds
Brian & Lyn Commons (in Justin's station sedan)
George Lee



FEDERATION OF HISTORIC MOTORING REPORT

Meetings August and October 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, 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:

- Transport S.A. have responded and stated that a review of the Historic rego scheme and Special Interest Vehicle is under way. A discussion paper will be released.
- The McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic Day is on 29 April 2007.
- The All Makes Swap Meet was on the 5th November at May Tce. Lockleys.
- Log book return sheets are due.
- There is still a chance that the current LPG stance could be softened. W.A. now allows LPG on Historic registered vehicles.
- The Bay to Birdwood had 1452 entries with 1150 pre 1950's vehicles. This is not enough to pay the bills. This is the Historic vehicle movement's biggest promotional tool and it is important to the movement to keep this event.
- Rory Forss (FHMS Special Projects Officer) has spoken to an ex BP boffin about our modern fuels. I mentioned the problems in my last report. I will quote what has been stated in the minutes. "Air contains moisture and the air/moisture/fuel interface in a fuel tank will initiate corrosion. If a car has to sit around "un used" it is wise to add a little bit of fuel now and again to keep the fuel changing. A small amount of upper cylinder lubricant will also leave an oily film as the level drops and reduce the chance for corrosion at the fuel air interface. There are also cream fuel tank sealants that put a non corrosive film on the inside of fuel tanks when the cream dries out. Modern fuel does deteriorate

with time. The lighter factions evaporate first and the tank contents can stratify as well. Anti "gum" preventers can drop out of the solution and then the valves "gum up".

- 600 AHMF surveys have been returned of 7000 FHMC individual members.
- All British Day is on February 11th 2007. I went last year, and it was a good day in the Adelaide Hills.
- Kev's Tractor Collection is at Kingston in the S.E. 08 8767 2261. A friend of mine collects tractors; personally I think it's a bit weird!
- C and A Complete Drive Solutions at Croydon Park make one off and small batches of parts for veteran and vintage vehicles. Ph 8444 6700.
- 140 expressions of interest for the Mid North Meander.
- Bay to Birdwood reports were generally good. The city detour was still not liked but it was not as bad as last time. There were 1486 entries.
- New Log book covers not ready yet.
- The Vet and Vintage Chev Assoc of Aust, SA have advised the meeting that they would no longer run the GM day at Tanunda. (1st April 2007) The '55 '56 '57 Chev Club will.

HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

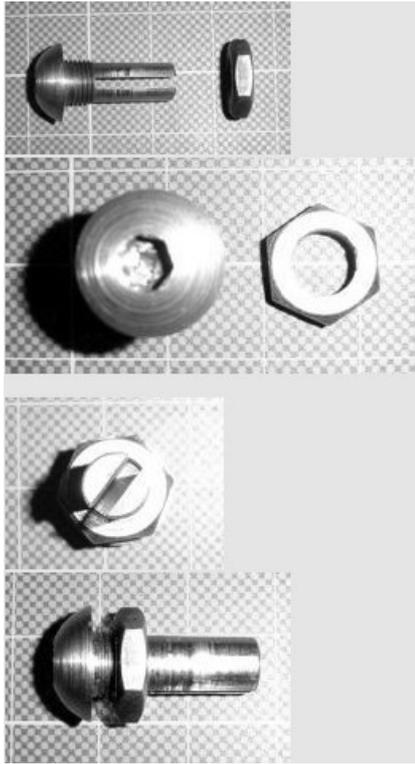
- There are 7 log books unsigned for 2006-2007 at present. Some of these vehicles are not being used at present. I will contact the owners.
- One Log book has not been returned since the vehicle was sold.
- All log books must be returned once a vehicle is sold. The new owner cannot use it.
- We have 35 historically registered vehicles at present. That equates to 27 memberships.

Iain and Denis

Adjustable Boot Spring Posts

Members of the FE-FC HCC of NSW have designed a new "adjustable boot spring post". These were once commonly sold in spares shops to repair broken or fatigued boot spring posts.

The other benefit of the adjustable springs is that the special spring tensioning tool is not required, and boot springs can be refitted without risk of losing skin or a finger.



Most of these original style adjustables are fairly unattractive, with a large bolt head showing through the boot strut pressing. The design philosophy of this new unit was to produce something that would be as inconspicuous as possible. Once in place, with a lick of paint, these bolts should be almost indistinguishable from the original post pressing.

The bolt and nut are made of Grade 5 hi-tensile steel, and the kit includes matched star washers (not shown). Note that this is not a standard coach-head bolt that has been cut down, but a custom manufactured item. The prototype has been fitted for several months in one

of the members' vehicles, and has proved quite successful. The kit will fit FE-EK sedans, including early FE models with 1/2" springs.

Price will be about \$35-\$40.

They are not in production yet, but if you are interested, let Martin Know and a bulk club order will go in.



Reproduction Horn Button

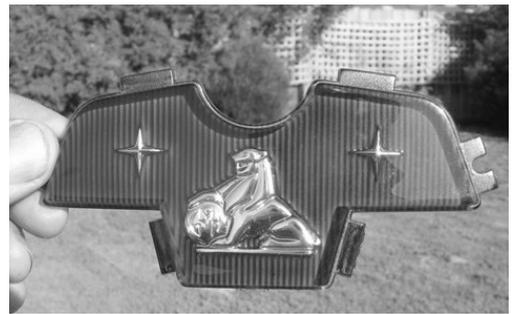
Rare Spares are about to produce a reproduction horn button that has been given the OK by the eastern states gurus. The picture on the internet looks very good, but it won't show up well in b&w, so I haven't reproduced it here. Price is expected to be around \$125-, with availability probably around April.



When they become available, I reckon we'll be able to get a good club deal, so if you are interested, please let Martin know.

Reproduction Boot Badge Inserts

I have a couple of repro boot badge inserts available. They are very good – have a look at the badge on 'Jim' if you want to view them.



Price: \$65.

Those people who have ordered from Martin can get them (upon payment) at the coming meeting.

Reproduction Plastic Seat Surrounds

Martin is still taking orders for these. Cost will be about \$150- per set, with delivery in a few months time. If you tell me you want a set, you are making a commitment as the club is being held to the number that we order.

FE Anniversary Run DVD

The DVD of the run is now available. Those who have ordered can get them from Martin at the meeting. Cost is \$10-.

Orders for more will be taken.

July 2006 Club Run—St Kilda

Hmmm, not sure how that happened, but here's the story on last year's club run to St Kilda.

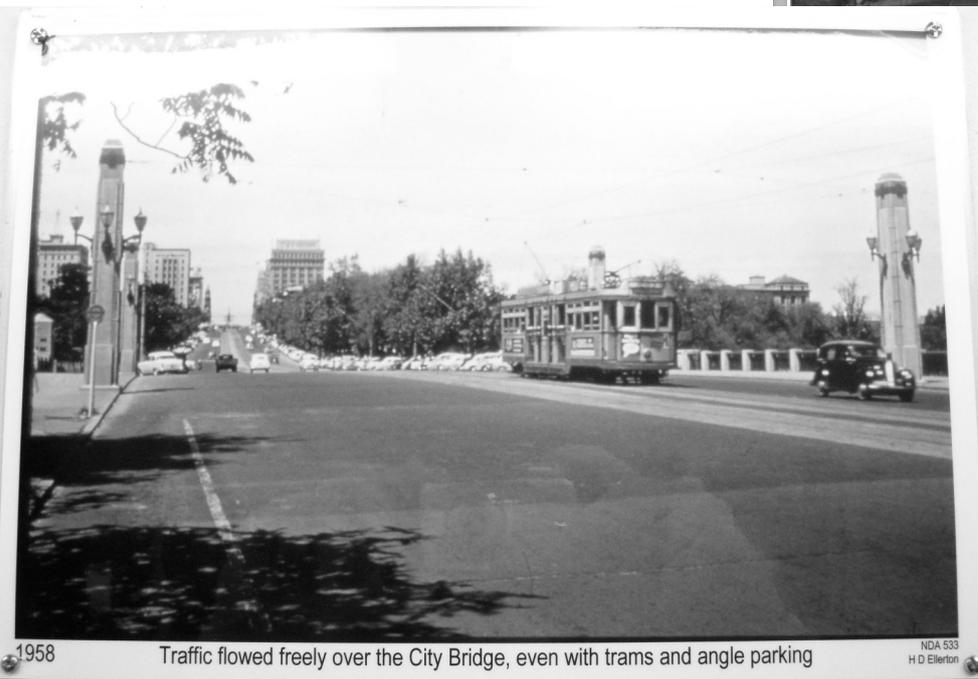
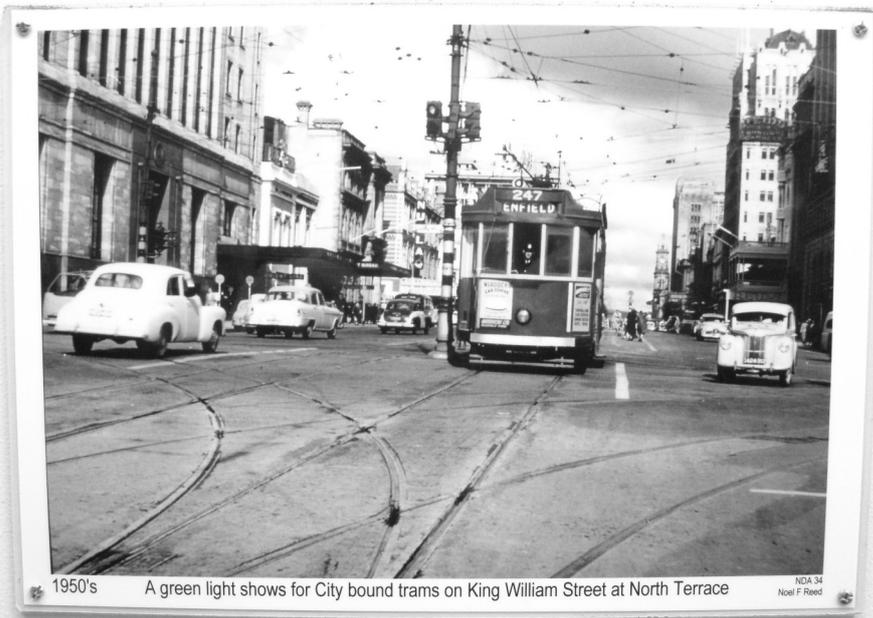
Not a very promising day, but despite forecast showers there was a fairly large turn-out. 9 cars including my "heavily modified" FE that looked suspiciously like a Toyota Van :) Upon arrival people mingled and were chatting for a while before moving the cars into the tram area for some photos. After lunch a few of us took the opportunity to ride the tram up to the St Kilda beach playground. After the tram ride, my family toured through the various sheds with trams, buses and other memorabilia. Very interesting with a quite a few period photos that included the odd FE and FC.



Thanks again to Martin for organising another great day out and well worth the trip.



July Club 2006 Run—St Kilda



February Club Run

The February day out will be a barbecue day at Glenn and Nadia's house. Glenn has recently built a new outdoor patio area and he wants to try it out.

Members can make their own way there, Arrive at Stankevicius' residence: 1:00PM

or for those who want to join a convoy:

Meet: Entertainment Centre car park,
Corner of Port Rd & Adam St, Hindmarsh

Time : 11:30AM for Midday departure

Glenn's Address:

71 Pederick Road, Lewiston
(phone 0408 891 843 if you get lost)

Bring:

- Your own drinks
- A salad **OR** a desert to share

MAKE SURE YOU RSVP as we need to know who brings a salad or desert and we need numbers to buy the meat.

RSVP Glenn 0408 891 843

Three Main ways to get there.

First (Easiest)

1. Get onto Port Wakefield Road, continue to the Two Wells turn off and turn **RIGHT** into Two Wells.
2. Turn **RIGHT** at the Bakery, or if you miss that

RIGHT at the Big Pub on the corner, this gets you onto the Gawler-Two Wells Road.

3. Head out about 10-12 kms, Pederick Road is on your left hand side. Turn **RIGHT** and keep going past Pederick Court, we are the 4th house past Pederick Court.

Second

1. Drive into Gawler and turn **LEFT** onto Twelfth Street (Mitre 10 on the Corner) continue along to the T-Junction and turn **RIGHT** onto Fifteenth Street and Overway Bridge Rd.
2. At the roundabout continue onto Ryde Street, first easy left on the roundabout.
3. Turn **RIGHT** at the next T-Junction and you be on Gawler-Two Wells Road. You will pass over the Gawler By-Pass and the Glider Club/Trotting Track will be on your right
4. Head out through the 80kmh zone and into a 110kmh zone about 15kms from the last T-Junction. Pederick Road is on you left.
5. Keep going past Pederick Court, we are the 4th house past Pederick Court.

Third

1. Head north up Heaslip Road, through Angle Vale and past Trinity School, over Gawler River to the T-Junction.
2. Turn **LEFT** and continue to Boundary Road, too far and you hit dirt road.
3. Turn **LEFT** onto Hayman Road.
4. Turn **RIGHT** onto Pederick Road, 71 is on your **LEFT**.



NEXT CLUB RUNS

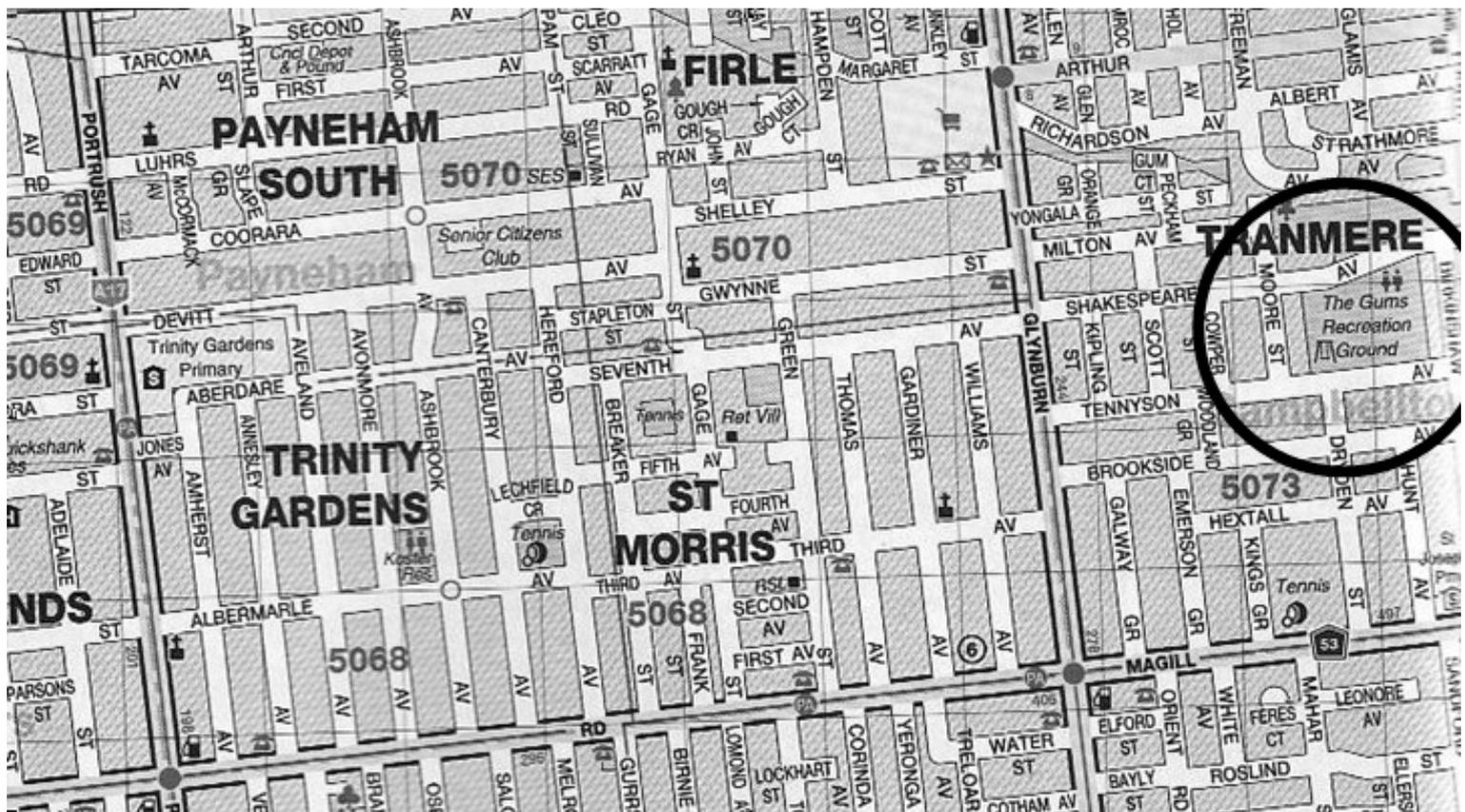


March Club Run

Compulsory Club Show 'n' Shine

This is the annual full club turn-out day. Cars will be inspected by our scrutineers and log books will be endorsed for another year.

- Date : Saturday 17 March 2007
- Time : From 3:00pm
- Bring : Your cars, yourselves.
This is a "club supplied" barbecue
- Venue : The Gums Reserve, Shakespeare Avenue, Tranmere.





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THEY'RE HERE and on view now in your Holden Dealer's showroom... three wonderful-looking new Holden sedans. The very last word in beauty, performance, comfort and safety.

You'll be proud of the new styling. These new Holdens are longer, lower and magnificently styled to thrill the eye. Things that you'll like outside include the new radiator grille, new hooded headlamps, new flatter bonnet and boot lid, the new curving one-piece windscreen and broad, wrap-around rear window. There's a new look about Holden inside as well as out.

You'll thrill to the new performance. There's seventy gross brake horsepower now! Compression

ratio is higher at 6.8 to 1. And the new 12 volt electrical system gives improved starting, lighting and ignition performance.

You'll like the new safety, handling ease and comfort. You see more in these new Holdens—vision is increased by 40%. You ride in new comfort with wider seating for 6 people, new front suspension, new front stabiliser and longer wheelbase of 105". There's a new ball type steering... a great asset when driving on winding roads and for parking.

This is the car for you! A new fashion-setting beauty and still the one car designed and built for Australian conditions. The new Holden... Australia's own car. It's on view now.

- There are two 'Air Chief' Car Radios specially designed for the new Holden.
- Convenient GMAC hire purchase arrangements are available.

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UPCOMING CLUB RUNS

April Club Run

GM Day, Tanunda Oval, All GM vehicles, past & present

Sunday 1st April

Feature displays & vendors, Trophies Galore, Food and drinks, Free kids corner, Fins and chrome, Rocker cover races. This event celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the 1957 Chev.

Entry Fee: Adults \$5.00, Families \$10.00, Concession: \$3.00

Entry Forms: Available from Martin Lewis

Convoy

Meet: Entertainment Centre car park, Corner of Port Road and Adams Street, Hindmarsh

Time: 8:15am for 8:30am departure

May Club Run

Kernewel Lowender – Cavalcade of Cars

Kadina – Wallaroo – Moonta

Sunday 20th May

Assemble at AusBulk Marshalling Yards, Wallaroo.

Travel from Wallaroo, through Moonta, Port Hughes and Kadina. Lunch at the Cooper Coast Sports & Leisure Centre at approx. 12:00 noon. Lunch in the stadium (hot pasties, steak sandwiches, cakes, etc) or upstairs in the licensed lounge (a-la-carte menu)

Start time 10:00am.

Depart from Adelaide at 7:00am to give time to travel and have sausage sizzle breakfast on arrival before the cavalcade starts.

If you want to travel up on Saturday and stay the weekend, do something about accommodation NOW. Accommodation enquiries contact "The Farm Shed" on (08) 8821 3333

Entry forms and Details available from Martin Lewis. More details in the next newsletter.

TRADING

FE Standard Sedan, Restored, white with a tan interior. \$3500 ono

FC Standard Wagon, (Rare car) Repainted, blue, 179 motor and trimatic box power brakes and heater. \$3800 ono

For sale mid April:

VY Series II 25th Anniversary Sedan. Mags, Power windows, spoiler, Air leather steering wheel, auto, cruise, 6 stack CD, towbar. White approx 90,000 km. \$15000 ono

Call Robin Mob - 0401 124 285

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Fri 2nd to Sun 4th Adelaide Toyoshow.

<http://www.toyoshow.com/>

Sat 3th CLAUDE'S' TRIM SHOP CRUISE

Meet at 7pm at Kilburn Football Club. All American Cars welcome.

Sat 3th Steel City Drag Raceway, Whyalla. S.A.

Tracy Murray 08 8645 5 073 / 0409 839 066

Sun 4th SUPER CHEVY SUNDAY #14

Kilburn Football Oval, Kilburn. Christine 0403 024 650

Sat 17th G.I. Drift Competition <http://www.mallala.com>

Sun 18th MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SHINE

National Motor Museum BIRDWOOD Public Entry to Museum - Bryan Ravenscroft 8370 2082

Sun 18th 2007 ALL AMERICAN DAY, Immanuel College 32

Morphett Road Novar Gardens. 10AM to 4PM Adults \$7.00 kids under 14 free. www.gmclub.org.

Sun 18th (earlier this year due to Clipsal V8 race)

CAMPBELLTOWN SWAP MEET, 7am-12noon.

Campbelltown Oval, cnr Darley Rd. & Lwr Nth East Rd.

Sun 18th Swap Meet & Ute Show.

Murray Bridge Showground. Murray Bridge. SA.

Ron Lehman 8532 3277, John Whimpress 0428 132 889

Sun 25th Rock & Roll Rendezvous

Birdwood Motor Museum (Pre 1976 vehicles) Email: prener@history.sa.gov.au or phone 08 8568 4034

MARCH

Sat 3rd Speedway City Burnouts.

www.speedwaycity.com.au

Thurs 1st - Sun 4th Clipsal 500, <http://www.clipsal500.com.au>

Sun 18th CLARE SWAP MEET, 7am-12noon.

Clare Showgrounds and Oval opposite caravan park

Sat 24th 2007 POWERFEST NO.2 AIR

Drift Cars. Go to Whoa, Powerskids, Show ' & Shine, Burnouts, Extreme Horsepower 0434 984 805

www.ehorsepower.ueuo.com

Sat 31st Old Skool n New Age Show, Bice Oval Christies

Beach. www.offyarockerpromo.com

28th March - 1st April ADELAIDE MOTORSHOW.

Adelaide Showgrounds. Goodwood Road. Wayville.

<http://www.adelaidemotorshow.com.au/>

Rear Ended

Ever heard of the “Bill Gates Speech”, it’s one of those feel-good, tell-it-like-it-is emails that you all try to get younger folk to read.

A bit of digging on the Internet revealed an often overlooked fact, Bill Gates didn’t actually write or say this stuff!

This list is the work of Charles J. Sykes, author of the book “Dumbing Down Our Kids: Why American Children Feel Good About Themselves But Can’t Read, Write, Or Add”. Many versions omit the last three rules.

Anyway, if you have never seen the list, here it is

Whether you like Bill Gates or not...this is pretty cool. Here's some advice Bill Gates recently dished out at a high school speech about 11 things they did not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teaching has created a full generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept sets them up for failure in the real world.

RULE 1
Life is not fair - get used to it.

RULE 2
The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

RULE 3
You will NOT make 40 thousand dollars a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with car phone, until you earn both.

RULE 4
If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure.

RULE 5
Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping they called it Opportunity.

RULE 6
If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

RULE 7
Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the

parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

RULE 8
Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

RULE 9
Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

RULE 10
Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

RULE 11
Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

The usually omitted last three rules -

RULE 12
Smoking does not make you look cool. It makes you look moronic. Next time you're out cruising, watch an 11-year-old with a butt in his mouth. That's what you look like to anyone over 20. Ditto for "expressing yourself" with purple hair and/or pierced body parts.

RULE 13
You are not immortal. (See Rule 12.) If you are under the impression that living fast, dying young and leaving a beautiful corpse is romantic, you obviously haven't seen one of your peers at room temperature lately.

RULE 14
Enjoy this while you can. Sure parents are a pain, school's a bother, and life is depressing. But someday you'll realize how wonderful it was to be a kid. Maybe you should start now. You're welcome.