



COLUMN SHIFT

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



June Club Run

Hi all

it was a great day for a BBQ and an open fire thanks to Robin and Caroline for having the club invade their yard and sheds once again. We had a pleasant drive to Myponga and a fantastic BBQ thanks to all who contributed to the food table, very delish. Good to see members out in their cars on a winters day. The BBQ thing seems to be appreciated by members and i can see it and other club subsidised events being the way to go. Thanks to Paul for the great pix

Greg



AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2008

CLUB 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.

CLUB 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.

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INTERNET DETAILS

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MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships fall due on the 30th April every year

Editor's Bit

G'day

A lot of water under the bridge since the last newsletter and it seems nothing has changed.

My FE Sedan is still waiting to be fixed and work/family commitments have kept my weekends tied up. So it waits as does the FC Wagon Project that was supposed to have started late last year. At least the kids have pulled some of it apart. Deciding the theme for the build has been difficult and I am still not sure if I have settled on one yet. First I was going to try a "traditional" modified with a warm grey, lowered, Standard paint scheme and some white walls or flappers, then I thought about a two-tone metallic "Foos" styled car. After that I thought about just the normal straight two-tone scheme with a Red 6, 5 speed and decent set of mags. It's all up in the air at the moment, but hopefully I will have made a decision and got it ready in time for the next Nationals in Orange in 2010.

Amongst all this I have managed to "acquire" an EK Panelvan, plans are for a "rat style" (cringe) shop truck for my blossoming motor trimming business. Once the sills and floor pans are replaced I have some good original running gear lined up for it and I might even attempt a wagon seat conversion so that I can take the family cruising too.

Cheers



Planned Column Shift Issue Releases

It is planned to have the newsletter available at the member's meetings, if not they go out soon after in the post. Generally there is no newsletter for June/July unless there have been events to justify a run.

October/November 2008	- Released 7th Oct 2008
December 08/January 09	- Released 2nd Dec 2008
February/March 2009	- Released 3rd Feb 2009
April/May 2009	- Released 7th Apr 2009
June/July 2009	- No release planned

Federation Report

In this edition I would like to report on a meeting I recently went to run by the Federation. The meeting was about Risk Management and CHVR (Conditional Historic Vehicle Registration). I will try to convey of what I understand to be correct.

Risk Management has been around for a long time. Quite a number of you deal with risk and managing it in your daily lives, namely at work. Insurance companies are getting edgy, and soon it will be a requirement that Club's have risk management procedures for meetings and club events and runs. For example; at the Federation meeting it is minuted at the start of the meeting the location of the exits. On club run's a risk assessment would be carried out on the activities that are to happen on the day. We actually do mental risk assessments already, but soon we have to put it on paper.

At the May club meeting I spoke to members about this and suggested that in the future we elect a Risk Management Manager whose role would be to take up Risk Management responsibilities. This person could be the President, Vice President or a new position within the club. The person would need to work with the Vice President as our social events and club runs would need most of the focus in regards to Risk. I have been supplied a booklet and a CD with all spreadsheets and information required. It really is not meant to be a big job and once someone has had a go at it should be plain sailing after that. Keep this in mind for the future.

HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

Also at the same meeting I was given a booklet which has the most asked questions that are often asked about Historic registration. It takes the format that Wally doesn't listen well or he is just plain ignorant, and he asks questions relating to Historic Registration. (not that any of our club members are like this!) Members that have been in the club for a while would know most of the material, but we must remember that we have new members all the time and they often have many questions to ask. It would help if the new booklets were printed to give to new members, but they are still not ready yet. Every edition our newsletter will have Wally's questions in it for a while.

WALLY: Why the Wally's guide?

ANSWER: Because that could be an apt name for some members who ignore or break the rules of HRVS.

WALLY: So are many members of our club doing the wrong thing in how they are using their cars on the scheme?

ANSWER: Not many, but often the same very small

number who tend to be in the group that do not attend meetings or events. Sadly, these members are unlikely to read or heed the warnings.

WALLY: So what are the major problems that clubs such as ours have?

ANSWER: The major problem would seem to be operating a vehicle on a public road without a valid log book that has been correctly filled in BEFORE the journey.

WALLY: What do you mean by a valid log book?

ANSWER: Your log book is valid if you have paid your club subscriptions for the forthcoming year, got it stamped by the Club's Authorised Persons and it shows when your current registration runs out. It should be signed by you and up to date as regards your current address and other details. You will need to buy a new log book after a certain time.

WALLY: I know I've got 90 days a year to use our cars under the scheme, but is that per club year or in the registration year?

ANSWER: You have 90 days in the registration year.

WALLY: So I even have to fill in the log book and lose one of the 90 days, if I take the car onto the road so as to get another car out?

ANSWER: When you are given your rego under the HVRS, it will say Historic Vehicle + Extens. These "Extentions" mean that you can drive your car within 500 metres of your home address, without a log book entry.

WALLY: What if I drive overnight?

ANSWER: You should record a signed entry for both the days.

MORE OF WALLY'S QUESTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION

Iain and Denis

May 2008

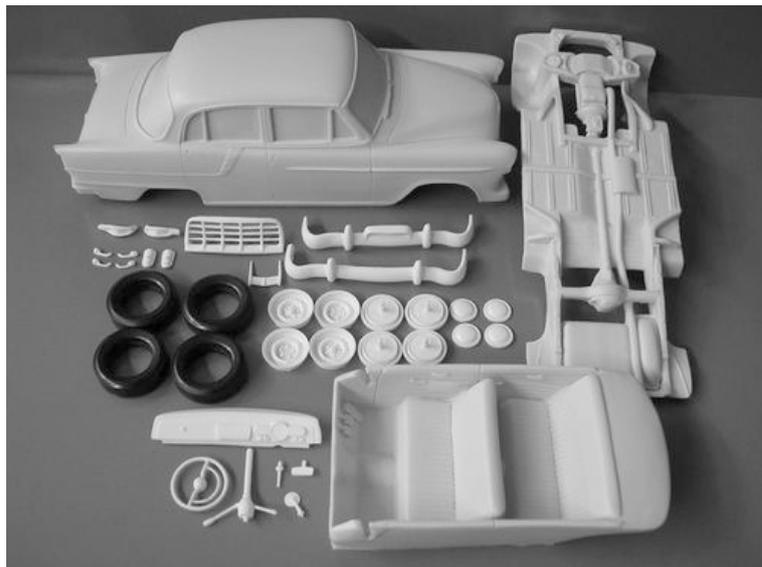
FC Special Sedan Model Released



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Mag Wheel Sale



July 18, 2008

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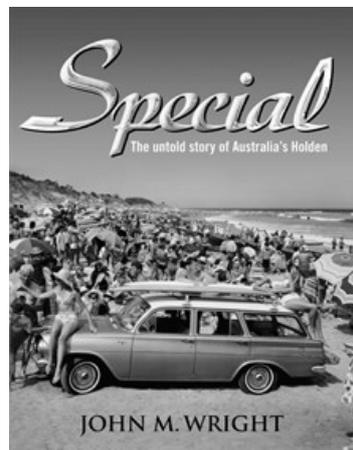
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Holden History Book on Sale



A book for all motoring tragiacs, this is a fascinating history of an iconic car - the FJ Holden - and the story of the extraordinary success of General Motors Holden.

Description

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The advent of the FJ Holden, seen as Australia's Own Car', revolutionised Australian automobility. Australians clamoured for the Holden not just because it was a (relatively) affordable car but because it was seen as symbolic of the new post-war era of increasing prosperity. Holden now enjoys a unique, iconic status in the automotive culture of Australia.

If enough people are interested we can organise a bulk purchase through the club at \$35 per copy.

Club Runs

May Club Run

50th Anniversary of the FC Holden Cruise.
All Vehicles and Families met at the car park next to Semaphore Palais (Wonga Park Reserve) at 10am for a 48km cruise to Harry Bowey Reserve, Salisbury Park.

Wonga Park Reserve



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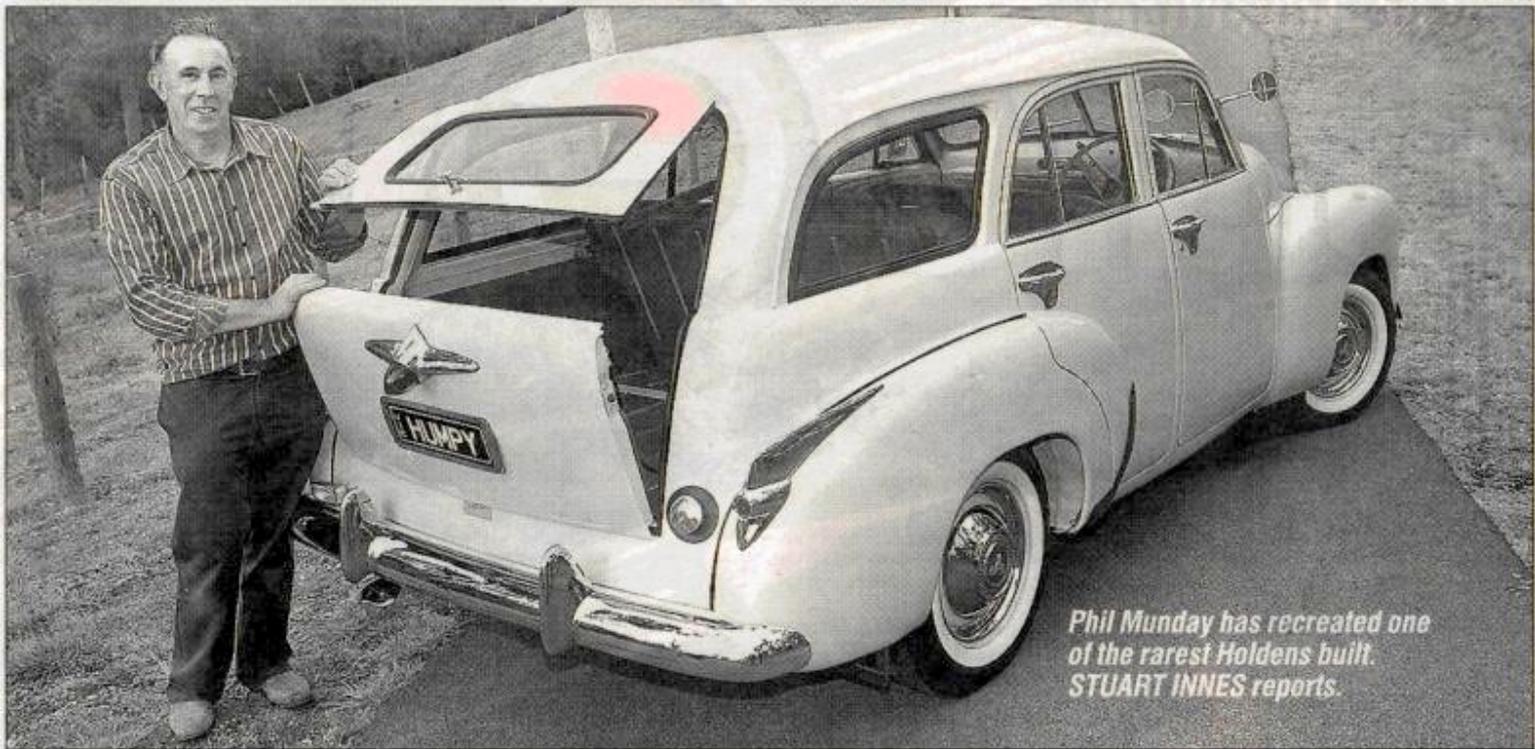
July Club Run

Hi all

What a miserable day to drag yourselves (and the grandkids) out for a spin into the Adelaide hills to the Warrawong wildlife sanctuary buy it was worth it sitting on the corner outside the colonial. The Holden owners club gave us about 15 minutes entertainment as they drifted sideways around the corner on to the freeway, we waited for the inevitable spin but they all managed to keep things straight. Warrawong is just behind Stirling in the hills free entry is always good and the restaurant food was good and we all had a feed and bought tickets to the wildlife show which was very informative and lots of fun getting up close with the animals in the show. Kate found exception to the keeper and his snake and as soon as he appeared with the snake she was gone. After the show we all took a walk along the boardwalk looking out for the local wildlife after quite a steep climb back to the restaurant we broke up and went home our separate ways

Greg





Phil Munday has recreated one of the rarest Holdens built. STUART INNES reports.

Holden on to the past

NOT many 1955 FJ Holden station wagons exist. After all, Holden didn't start producing wagons until the FE model in 1957. But if anyone would have one, it has to be Phil Munday, avid and large collector of the original 48/215 (FX) and subsequent FJ model Holdens.

Specialist body builder S.H. Cordell, of Melbourne, created a handful of station wagons by converting FJ Holdens in the 1950s.

Two are known to survive - one in Sydney and one as a wreck owned by a customer who has commissioned Mr Munday to restore it.

Mr Munday, who owns more

than 40 FX and FJ Holdens, decided to replicate the Cordell modifications.

After 11 months, he created a mist grey wagon with red leather trim. "I always wanted to restore an FJ wagon because of their rarity," he says. "We drive it around all the time and people are gobsmacked when you drive past.

"It's got to be the best project I have done so far."

Another project was completed in 2006 when he built a \$120,000 FX racer for Peter Brock to drive at the historic races at Goodwood that year. It was the last car Brock drove on a racetrack before he was killed in a road rally the following

week. Adelaide author and historical authority on early Holdens, Don Loffler, says few Holden wagons were ordered in 1955 because the conversion cost added 50 per cent to the price of the sedan.

Mr Loffler is a fan of Mr Munday's replica. "If Holden had produced wagons like these back then, people would have queued up for miles," he says.

Since Holden introduced factory-built wagons, it's estimated one million have been made. A new Sportwagon version of the VE Commodore will be in showrooms by mid-year.

Meanwhile, Phil Munday is happy with his earlier, rare version.

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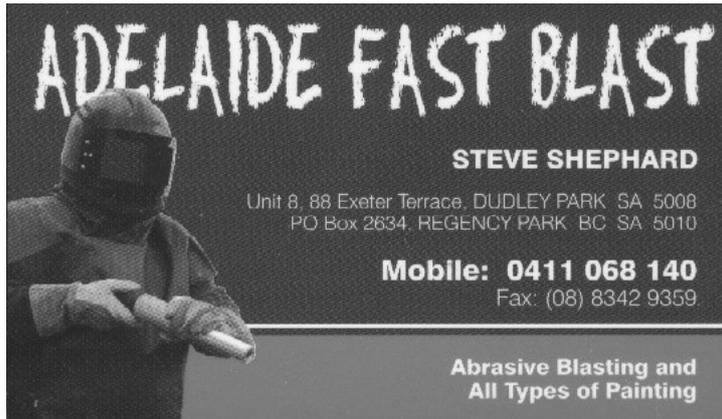
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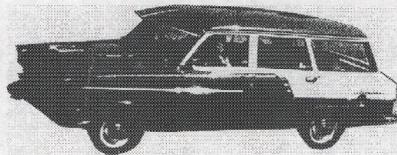
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Cheers Glenn - 0408 891 843

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Asking for Help

To Whom it may Concern,

I have a massive favour to ask of you, and that is to check with some of your members to see if we are able to use some cars for our wedding day. My fiancé adores Holden's from that era and It would be a great surprise to him if I could organize something that wouldn't cost the earth (as much as I would pay the earth for him, unfortunately I just can't afford it!!)

If you could help us out please feel free to contact us, we are after 3-4 cars that would be available on the 11th Oct 2008.

Feel free to contact me if you are able to help us out.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

Renee Gross

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 5	MGM
AUGUST 24	Sunday- Victor Harbor/Goolwa]Pt Elliot/Hindmarsh Island — Lunch at Pub
SEPT 2	MGM
SEPT 13	SATURDAY NIGHT—DRIVE IN—TBA
OCT 7	MGM
OCT 25	SAT NIGHT - HALLOWEEN, Mystery location
NOV 4	MGM
NOV 16	SUNDAY - Thornton Park Reserve, BYO Picnic Lunch, no shops only small kiosk
DEC 2	MGM
DEC 13/14	XMAS LUNCH/DINNER—TBA



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