



COLUMN SHIFT

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

Spot the difference

Thanks go to Philip and Elaine Ivanov for supplying the picture below of Main Street Gawler in 1957, the image to the right is taken from roughly the same location in January 2009. All of the original buildings remain with surprisingly few modifications. You'll also notice a few trees have grown up behind the Old Spot Hotel. It might be difficult to re-create the shot now though as the council has installed pedestrian "refuges" that would otherwise get in the way of a clean line-up. There has been some discussion on the reason for the photo on the FE/FC Forum, if anyone can shed any light as to why so many FEs and people were there for the photo shoot please let me know.



FEBRUARY-MARCH 2009



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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MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships fall due on the 30th April every year

FE-FC Holden Car Club Meeting # 287 3/2/2009
Members 19 visitors 4 apologies Jim, Glenn

Jim has had to step aside as Vice President his mum having cancer and has been distracted since before Christmas and has been unable to do anything about the 25th anniversary celebration. We need a volunteer to fill the spot of Vice President till next AGM.

25th anniversary Show 'n' Shine and dinner has been changed to Sunday 7th June please support it, it's free. I will ring every member in the next couple of weeks with all the details so I can gather numbers and book a venue, entries for the Show 'n' Shine.

February's event will be a cruise organised by the HD/HR car club. A combined beach cruise sat 21 Feb. meet at 7 start 7:30 from West Lakes Shopping Centre behind Hungry Jacks they are organising other runs during summer and will be inviting other clubs along, see you there.

26th GM Day, Sunday 29th March

Old School and New Age Auto Show Saturday 28 march
*****closing 1st march \$20 before \$30 after includes car/driver/buddy.

The June Show 'n' Shine is compulsory it gives Ian and Dennis a chance to stamp books and inspect cars.

They do good work voluntarily that the club requires to maintain the club's ability to offer members historic rego.

AGM coming up, Kate, Robin and Greg to be vacating the committee and would like every member to think about doing a stint on the committee.

Greg Drinkwater
Club President

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. Sometimes newsletters are skipped if there is nothing to report.

February/March 2009	- Released 3rd Feb 2009
April/May 2009	- Released 7th Apr 2009
June/July 2009	- No release planned
August/September 2009	- Released 1st September

G'day

As with the rest of Committee I will be stepping down from the post of Newsletter Editor come this AGM. As people would have noticed by the sporadic issues of the newsletter and my non-attendance of events my life is quite hectic at the moment. A TAFE welding course will consume my Tuesday nights for the next 2-3 months also.

Good news is I have got my trans back and now the fun starts by trying to re-fit it. A new water pump, HR steering gear and a set of LH front disc brakes are going in too. This should all help keep her cool, steer her straight and not rip the guards when turning up a driveway.

Finally! a car build to report, elsewhere in this issue is a few words and pictures from Wayne Gurney on the freshen up of his FE, great to see. Hopefully a few others come forward with their projects.

Thanks again to all the contributors, especially Iain Burns, Paul Roberts, Phil Ivanov and Wayne Gurney.

A recent ad for services that was sent to the club is Glass Saviour - glass and window scratch repairs and polishing. Christopher Scott 0414 666 690 glasssav-iour@bigpond.com Mobile business.

Quoted from his letter to the FE/FC Club - "Costs vary, but an indicative price on one wiper scratch removal would be \$80-150 as a rough guide"

No need to complain about no "Holden" ori-

entated stuff to do with recent invites from the EH and HD/R Clubs to their respective runs.

There is also now the Aussie Classic Cruise, open to all Australian delivered cars that were made prior to 1980. The next cruise is on March 7th and you can call Paul Mullins for details on 0411 075 958 or email hr350@adam.com.au. There is a strict no-hoon policy and the Police are informed of the cruise route.

Cheers
Glenn



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Wayne Gurney's FE Special Sedan

5th January 2009

The old dear has had a fresh paint job, still two tone green and is looking pretty spick and span. All chrome is in Adelaide at A class metals. This should be completed this week ready for replacement. The motor has had a rebuild and is being fitted today.

Wayne Gurney



Club Christmas Lunch

The SA Club had their Christmas Lunch at the Avoca Hotel with about 30-40 people turning up including kids. The meal and some drinks were subsidised by the club and very nice too choosing between Barramundi or Turkey. Although a few of us were wishing we could order from the kid's menu when we saw the size of the burgers that came out.



Not something you see at your local pub every day (the cars)



Nov 2008—Thorndon Park Run

Club Run and Family Picnic at Thorndon Park Reserve, Gorge Road Paradise. There were 7 cars on run, some arranged to meet at the Entertainment Centre, Hindmarsh, others drove directly to the reserve. Weather was great, sunny day breeze from lake a little chilly.



Meeting October 2008

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. 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:

- It was moved that the FB-EK Holden Car Club be accepted into the FHMC
- The Generic Risk Management Guide is still a work in action.
- The Historic Commercial Vehicle Club of Australia has established an S.A. branch and would like to join the FHMC.
- GM Day is to be held at Tilley Reserve (corner of Hancock and Yatala Vale Roads, Surrey Downs) on February 5th 2000. Not Tanunda Oval.
- Gordon Cowley (of FHMC) has stated in the newsletter that "I have no reason to believe that, that process, will not happen". This is in reference to the Historic Vehicle Registration review. I assume it's the modified vehicle issue.
- There have been some adverse reports on the activity of workers at Regency doing checks. Apparently people attending to have a numbers check have been given a full roadworthy check on their vehicles. Stand your ground if this happens and request to see the manager. Also, if you do experience a problem let the FHMC know about it.

HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

REMINDER (again):

Denis and I have been asked to sight and stamp Rego papers when we stamp log books or when registration has been paid. The later may be easier to remember as it is fresh in your mind. Log book stamping and your registration dates of course do not always line up well. Anyhow bring in Rego papers for signing please.

WALLY'S HISTORIC REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

WALLY: Do I get the historic rego he has paid transferred over to me?

ANSWER: No, you start the process again and he loses any balance of the HVRs rego. The seller should ensure

that his log book for the car is duly cancelled by his club, if it is on the SA HVRs.

WALLY: So the car is home – what do I do now?

ANSWER: You speak nicely to your club's Historic Registration Officer, bearing in mind that he has a job and a life of his own and that your enthusiasm for the 1942 Blogmobile may be greater than his! Arrange with him to view the vehicle in order to ensure that it complies with the code of practice. No, Wally, the '25 Chev did not have disc brakes, chrome rims and flamed paintwork! Don't forget that if he has had to travel some distance, an offer of petrol money would generally be considered good manners. He will, if the car is suitable, give you a completed MR334 form in the name(s) you request subject to you being a paid up member of the club. Those proposing a car in joint names should know all the names have to be bona fide club members.

WALLY: So are there lots of rules about what cars are given approval by the club's Historic Registration Officer?

ANSWER: The major points are that the vehicle is 30 years old and is equipped as it was when it was first made. Some modifications are permitted but they have to be agreed. The Federation oversees the policy of what is permitted and the HRO may need to discuss a particular point with them.

WALLY: Does any one check up this area?

ANSWER: Some official inspections of cars have been noted at major shows. Also, it is possible that a club may lose its permit to provide its membership with historic rego, if it is seen to accept a car that does not comply with the code of practice.

WALLY: What about the police check?

ANSWER: Again, ask your local friendly policeman to come along and inspect your vehicle, so as to issue a MR29 Vehicle Inspection form. Again, if you are in the country, your local policeman may well call round to do this at your home. Don't be tempted to drive to the Police Station if you have no rego or permit. You might well get a fine to add to your cost! Please ensure the officer can clearly see the engine number he will be looking for, remembering that he might not like getting oily or down on his knees. Well unless you are a lady owner, wearing a mini skirt! No Wally your legs are too hairy!

WALLY: So what do I do now?

ANSWER: You take your MR334 form plus the copy of the MR29 and go to a Transport SA Service Centre where you will have to complete an application form to register the vehicle in the name(s) of those on the MR334. Make sure you have your driving license with

you and be nice to the clerk on the desk as they could spoil your day? Be prepared for someone not to understand the intricacies of the HVRS and for them to consult another staff member. With any luck you'll get your green rego slip and the sticker to go on your windscreen once you get home.

MORE OF WALLY'S QUESTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION

Iain and Denis
October 2008

March 2009

3rd March - MGM

March Long Weekend - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA inc 25th Birthday Celebration, Proposed Events Saturday 7th March Compusory Show and Shine (Location to be determined)

Sunday 8th March Dolphin Cruise and formal dinner provided by Club for members who turn up to Compulsory Show and Shine.

How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?



1. **Golden Retriever:** The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?
2. **Border Collie:** Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.
3. **Dachshund:** You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!
4. **Rottweiler:** Make me!
5. **Labrador:** Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeze, please, please, please!
6. **German Shepherd:** I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.
7. **Jack Russell Terrier:** I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.
8. **Old English Sheep Dog:** Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb!
9. **Cocker Spaniel:** Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.
10. **Chihuahua:** Yo quiero Taco Bulb. Or 'We don't need no stinking light bulb.'
11. **Greyhound:** It isn't moving. Who cares?
12. **Boxer:** Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.
13. **Australian Shepherd:** First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle....
14. **Poodle:** I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

How many cats does it take to change a light bulb?

Cats do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs – so the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?



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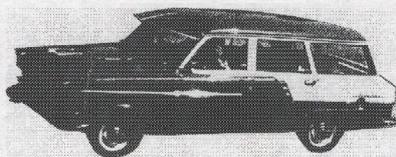
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