



COLUMN SHIFT

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

Our Clubs 25th Anniversary Cruise, Lunch and Annual Show 'N' Shine was held on the 7th of June. We had a very good turn out of 26 members cars. The cruise started at the Entertainment Centre, Hindmarsh after a chat and photo session to mark the event. 23 cars departed the Entertainment Centre and cruised along Port Road and then we drove around Port Adelaide to bypass the traffic lights. We only had to stop a couple of times to get all the cars in formation but this provided photo opportunities. The rain stayed away until 3pm so this made it a good day for the Show 'N' Shine.

Some of photo's from before the cruise.



AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2009



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), Utes 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

We have had another successful Show and Shine where 25 cars presented themselves for the day. It may have been our best turn out since I have been in the Club. I probably speak for most of you that the venue was a good choice, especially for a winter event. It didn't rain so sadly I didn't get to use my vacuum wipers in the FE on the way home! (they actually do work). Most of the day worked out well with great food, and it was a nice touch that all entrants received a gift. The cramped eating area was a little disappointing. Congratulations to all the trophy winners in the Stock and Modified categories.

Speaking of being in the club, on July 6th 1999 I became a member of the club. So it's been a very quick 10 years. I remember speaking to Greg about the club and saying to him that I was not really into being involved in clubs, and particularly car clubs, and that I probably would attend a meeting here and there and maybe a club run or two. Fortunately he still encouraged me to come along to a meeting. Since then I think I have only missed 2 meetings, one of which I forgot to attend! (That's what happens when you get older they say).

Why did I keep coming? Well, simply because the people I meet were down to earth, made me feel welcome, loved their cars, gave out advice and were prepared to help me with some facets of my restoration. (I hope your eyes aren't welling up with tears!)

At the July meeting, I brought up the idea of having name tags for club members. Martin Lewis emailed me with some reasoning behind having name tags and a number of printing places where I found out what the costs involved would be. Many car clubs have name tags and you do notice it at Show and Shines and Nationals events. They are very good for new members and oldies alike to get to know people easier and if you are getting a little older to remember names of people! They also show the feeling of professionalism and that the club is well organized and is welcoming to new members. Another idea was brought up and that was to have cards hanging from lanyards. We had a show of hands at the July meeting and the idea of having name tags seemed to have approval. The committee will approach Robin to see if he can afford to open up the clubs purse strings to purchase the tags.

Bye for now,
Iain Burns

Hello

The club's 25th Anniversary Cruise, Lunch and Annual Show 'N' Shine was a very well support event. 26 members cars was an outstanding achievement for our club to have so many cars in one place at one time. Thanks to all those who attended and stayed to enjoy the great lunch that was provided. Many thanks to Iain for finding a great venue to hold the event. Some great photo's on the web site gallery from the day.

July Club Run had about the same turn out as last year. It may be because of the weather and people not having heaters as it was quite cool on the day. It rained so hard on the way home that all the cars were driving at about 60kph in the 100kph zone.

Still an enjoyable day out for a drive, maybe next year we will organise to leave the FE & FC's home and just take the other cars.

If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter please e-mail it to the club e-mail address.

Entry Forms for the FE- FC Holden Nationals 2010 are available now see me if you need one printed or you can obtain them from the FE-FC forum site,

Remember promote the club when ever you can.

Thanks
Paul Roberts

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 2009	- Released 3rd Feb 2009
April/May 2009	- Released 7th Apr 2009
June/July 2009	- Released 2nd June 2009
August/September 2009	- Released 4th Aug 2009
October/November 2009	- Release date 6th Oct 2009
December/January 2010	- Release date 1st Dec 2009
February/March 2010	- Released 2nd Feb 2010

August 2009

[4th August](#) - MGM

[9th August](#) - Club run

23rd August - Willunga Swap Meet

September 2009

[1st September](#) - MGM

20th September - Gawler Auto Swap Meet

[27th September](#) - Club Run

The Bay to Birdwood Classic Run

October 2009

2nd - 4th October 2009 - Lobethal Grand Carnival

[6th October](#) - MGM

17th & 18th October - Sprint Auto Gazzanationals

18th October - Strathalbyn Swap Meet

[31st October](#) - Club Run

Saturday Night Cruise
from Adelaide to Glenelg and the to Semaphore.

31st Oct & 1st November - Autofest Mt Gambier

November 2009

[3rd November](#) - MGM

[15th November](#) - Club Run

Cruise from Glenelg to Harry Bowey Reserve,
Salisbury Park for BBQ Lunch

December 2009

[1st December](#) - MGM

[12th or 13th December](#) - Club Run

Meeting June 2009

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:

- Bay Classic is filling "fast". 650 of 1750 places gone. NOTE: A one way road to Birdwood again this year. There was rumour of a change. So be *careful*.
- The Cruising Classics entries are moving along nicely.
- The FHMC Executive has meet with a team from the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to discuss the HVRs review. Nothing concrete was made known. The FHMC re-iterated that it did not want any changes to the existing system.
- There was a question from the floor about SIV's. (Special Interest Vehicles i.e. the proposed modified vehicle scheme). The Australian Street Rod Association and the Street Machine Association of SA passed on the following message. "The HVRs will continue its present form for "not significantly modified" vehicles that are 30 or more years old. The basic definition of an SIVRS vehicle is a "vehicle that is legally registered to use the roads in South Australia" and "is in the body likeness of a 30 or more year old vehicle". This allows Street Rods, Street Machines and vehicles modified outside the HVRs guidelines access to a conditional registration scheme. A similar approval and log book system is envisaged. The restricted use would again be 90 days per calendar year. The cost would be the same as 3 months rego. The FHMC is not expected to be the log book issuing authority. Don't expect this to happen soon.
- The Holden Torana Car Club has applied to join the FHMC.
- The RAA service is available for club runs. Make sure you have good cover for the best tow and conditions available. The RAA has done a survey at our last meeting to find out what cover people have.
- What happened to "Dive It Day?" Do you remember it?

HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

Many thanks to all who turned up to this years Show and Shine at the Le Fevre Recreation Centre. Denis, George and I signed 25 log books and only have 7 to chase up and sign. Some members gave apologies for these. Don't forget to pay your membership fees so you are legally registered. You have until the 1st August.

Try to remember to get your rego papers signed and recorded as you do with your log books. We have only seen about 10. Yes, it is a hard habit to get into.

WALLY'S HISTORIC REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

WALLY: *But what if I am away on holiday during this time?*

ANSWER: Wally, you make arrangements to get other bills paid in such cases don't you? If this is likely to happen, pay your subs as early as possible and make an arrangement with your club's officials before you leave.

WALLY: *So can I get my log book stamped by post, as I live a long way from the club?*

ANSWER: Individual clubs have their own arrangements. The first thing to do is to make sure your club gets your subscription well in time, in order for you to be recorded as a financial member for the forthcoming year. Generally, you will be given various days on which you are invited to attend the club, in order to get the book stamped as well as details as how to do it by post. If you opt to do it by post, always ensure that you include a suitably stamped self-addressed envelope. During the time your log book is being processed by your club, you cannot legally use that vehicle for journeys under the scheme.

WALLY: *So if I don't bother to comply with the rules, what are you going to do about it?*

ANSWER: Wally, nobody likes dobbing somebody in, but if after a few chosen words you still don't change your ways, that is one option for the club officials but no one at our club would want that to be an automatic reaction. At certain times of the year such as renewal time, comparisons on when your car is known to have been used and those recorded in your log book may be made. Having that lime green Spyker in town twice a week gets you noticed! Both the local police and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles might be involved. The fines could be \$750, plus the difference in registration costs.

WALLY: *Any tips on how I should remember to sign my log book?*

ANSWER: If your vehicle is locked away safely, why not put the log book on the seat or clipped to the steering wheel?

MORE OF WALLY'S QUESTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION

Iain and Denis
June 2009



June 2009—25th Anniversary Celebrations & Show 'n' Shine



July Club Run

Our July Club Run was held on Sunday 12th July and was a cruise to Victor Harbor from the Entertainment Centre at Hindmarsh. Two FC's on the run George's Sedan and Paul's Station Sedan. We had some extra cars on the run with Greg & Kathy in the Monaro, Jim & Andrea in their Commodore and Iain and family in the 4 wheel drive. We stopped at the Grosvner Hotel for lunch with a total of 15 people eating in the Bistro. After lunch we all went for a walk but the weather was a very overcast and did rain quite a lot. The meals were great and service was good as well.

Photo's taken on the day.



Scott's find while on holiday's

Just got back from our holiday and whilst driving around found this beauty on the side of the road with what I believe is a tilli kit on the car, although there is some bits missing from the car it has got a complete bypass oil filter setup and rear venetian. I went to the house and knock on the door to find out a bit more about the car, if it was for sale? or parts? but no one was home. I thought this was an interesting find and you may be able to put some photos of this find in our newsletter.

Cheers Scott Mcdonald



Interesting E-mails

Wondering if you can help us out here?

As the Marketing Manager for the National Motor Museum I have developed a site called 'Tell Us Your Holden Story' where people can log on and upload images/video and the history or story behind the Holden brand and what it means to them. As an iconic global brand that started in little old Adelaide, we think it should be celebrated and people should have a place to say what it means to them. After all, everyone has a Holden story!

Prior to launching the site Australia wide, we are wanting to populate it and thought it would be a good idea to approach Holden car clubs and to start with the FE FC Club.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers

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I am the Marketing Manager for the National Motor Museum and I have developed an online community called 'Tell Us Your Holden Story' where we would like to see people log on and tell us their personal connection with the Holden brand and what it means to them. They can upload images and video too if they want to. You would know that Holden is an iconic brand that started in Adelaide in 1856 and is now a global success story. We think it should be celebrated and people should have a place to say what it means to them. After all, everyone has a Holden story! We hope this site will allow Holden lovers to engage with each other regardless of their connection with the brand. They don't need to be a member of a car club or anything other than have fond memories or experiences they wish to share.

Prior to launching the site nationally, we are wanting to populate it and thought it would be a good idea to approach those who are clearly passionate about Holden to see if they will link this site on theirs?

You can access the site at <http://yourholdenstory.ning.com/?xgi=bkHFUgy>

Let me know if you have any questions. We would love to have you involved.

Cheers

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Members Cars

Andrew Priede's 1958 FC Holden Sedan

- 202 Red Motor with Yella Terra Head
- 3 speed Tri-matic
- Mileage: 60,000
- History: Came from Darwin to Perth and Modified then to Victoria and then to South Australia.



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