



Column Shift

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

FE—FC Holden Nationals 2014—Hobart

Well we are back and all survived the journey to Tasmania.

A few dramas were experienced by some of our members including me. Although some were serious most were minor. For those who have never been I strongly suggest you do.

We left home at about 6am on Wednesday 9th April and arrived home on Sunday 27th April 2014. Others who drove across to Tasmania had different commitments so their travel plans were varied compared to ours. Our group consisted of George and Sandy, Jim and Andrea, Craig and Tracey, Paul and Julyann. George had the first mechanical issue at Monarto, Electronic Distributer module failure, so back home on the back of a truck and returned with the Commodore. Our Plan was to meet George at Tailem Bend but we arrived and the got the phone call. George was behind us so we pushed on to Ballarat where George and Sandy arrived about 4 hours after us.

The accommodation at all the places we stayed was great. As we managed to get units in Tourist Parks mainly Big 4, four to a cabin. We paid out about \$930 per couple for all the accommodation except for the Travel Lodge Hotel for the Nationals which we all had separate rooms.

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Devonport on the morning of arrival.

FE—FC Holden Nationals 2014



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), Ute's 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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Hello to all

Well it has been a long time since we have had a newsletter and I thought it was overdue for a revamp.

This edition is due to the FE - FC Holden Nationals.

Over the last few years we have made some major changes to the way the club is run from changing venues to changes in the clubs constitution to fix all the issues that have been back to bite us. As a club we have grown into a more professional operation with changes that have been made to make us compliant with relevant legislation to protect the club and our members on Historic Registration. Not all decisions have been accepted by a few, but the majority of the members have voted and backed the changes.

We the Executive Committee have been working hard to make it enjoyable for all while trying to make the club viable for the future but this will only work if the members continue their support of the club.

Change of topic the Nationals.

They were fantastic and for the Tassie group to do this on their first outing was brilliant. Brian Milligan won the People's Choice Award for his FC Sedan. I sort of had the impression that Brian was a bit lost in the moment by this award. This Award is worth more than any other trophy won on the day as it is by his peers and not by the judges. A fantastic effort for a South Australian to win this on his first Nationals Event.

Well Done Brian & Donna.

If you have been to Tassie then get there.

Thanks Paul Roberts



Hello Everyone

It has been a long time since I last reported on the web site.

So here it goes

The Web site is progressing well and is stable in its present form.

I would like to update it but time is short and for those who saw what I showed at the club meeting , it was well accepted by this is on the back burner at the moment while we do some other projects at home.

The web site is running well with plenty of pictures of past events.

We now use Google Calendars to send out emails about coming events , meeting plans and informative emails about other functions.

The Forum is still available for those who choose to use it.

We have a Facebook site and there is no plans to expand further at the moment.

This is something that is a part of our lives as we use Facebook to communicate with family and friends all over the world so the Car Club Facebook site is just an extension of that.

It is as easy as reading your emails.

It is a closed group so you have to apply to be a member.

Remember promote the club when ever you can.

Thanks

Paul Roberts

Web site Co-ordinator & Newsletter Editor



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.

Nothing Planned at this stage



This a picture of the unit at Ballarat. We ate out as we can not take any food with us to Tasmania due to Quarantine restrictions. We slept in and departed for Melbourne to catch the ferry . We arrived about 3.30pm and had a coffee, a walk around the area and got ready to board the boat at 4.30pm. I was the first car on the boat so it set in I would be last off the boat. Some 4 wheel drives were loaded first and then it was our turn. Up the ramp at the front then drive to the rear of the boat do a u turn then back towards the front. A workman the directed us down the ramp, down two levels right on the bottom opf the boat. We grabbed our gear for the overnight trip then settled into our cabins before getting a meal on board. The trip across was quite smooth except when we passed the other ship coming back across at about 1.30am. Back to sleep and up at 5am to see us arrive at Devonport.

We packed up our gear and waited to disembark when called. Continental Breakfast at the local pub then off to Devonport to fuel up shop for supplies and then we are off. We drove the coast to Wynyard to visit the Museum, this Museum is well respected by Ford in America as they have a vehicle stored there as well. Millions of dollars worth of cars stored in a great location. Fuel up again and off to Cradle mountain of our first night. The roads on the west coast are good but you climb and climb and climb some more before twisting and turning up and down hills. A 100km trip took about 3 hours (Welcome to Tasmania's wild side). Different conditions were sucking the fuel and getting out of second and third gear was a challenge. I needed to use premium fuel to get enough kick to get through this. Car temperatures were low and fuel burn was not great. We arrived at Cradle Mountain and first thing was to fuel up then find our accomodation, then book our Tassie Devil Tour to complete the day. It would have been good to stay another night here but we were already booked. We made use of our new Club Jackets, scarfs and beanies every time we got out the cars. In the Cars heaters on and windows up and jackets off. We left Cradle Mountain early before 6am to get to Queenstown by 8.30am for our ride on the Wilderness Railway.



We all had a laugh as Craig was selected to play a part on the train and Andrew our Tour Guide was full of information and excelled at telling the story of the line.

We visited the local museum and had lunch before going to Strahan for our next two nights accommodation.

The views were spectacular on the way, Strahan is a very beautiful place, we checked out the local area before booking into the cabin which accommodated all 8 of us. We hit the shops for supplies again for tea and settle in for the night. Next morning up and down to the wharf for our World Heritage Cruise to Hells gates and up the river stopping at the salmon farms and then onto the historic prison site. The cruise was great front row seats and a meal supplied. Back to the wharf by 3pm then booked to see the play the Ship that never was which has been running nightly for 23 years, in a word fantastic. We all were given parts to play and it was very entertaining.

Back to the unit then settle in for the night and get set for the next part of the journey. In the Morning off to Queenstown to Derwent Bridge to look at The Wall Carvings. Then off to Hobart, another fantastic drive through the country side. We made a quick detour to Bridgestone at Moonah to see Ron who I have known for years but never seen. When we arrived Ron was not in so off then off to the cabins at the Airport. Then the unthinkable being told only two cars could be allowed on the park and the other two could stay outside. NOT HAPPY. We parked all four cars inside the park near the cabins. Up early again to go to Port Arthur and those useless I Venture cards that wasted an hour and half to activate. Left Port Arthur to go to Tasman Cruises of a photo session in our orange wet suits and a boat ride in 3.5 metre seas. Another fantastic event. So back the next morning to see what we did not see the day before then back to Hobart to see the sites.

We booked into a hotel for a meal as it was our anniversary so we arranged a maxi cab that was late but you have to remember this is Tasmania and nothing phases them no hurry for anything. The meal was great and the Maxi Cab was late so we grabbed two cabs as the hotel was closing. Friday we were off to Tahune Airwalk and another great drive. The airwalk was spectacular and I was proud that those with the fear of heights managed to get around there. Craig's knee was playing up so he waited back at the rangers station for us to get back.

Friday night meet and greet went well Fish and Chip night always a hit then off to the rooms to relax and prepare for Saturday Show N Shine. Cruise to the park set up the cars (115Cars), take the pictures then off to Salamanca Markets. Bloody Huge never seen anything so big. Walk from one end to the other and back. Then conned a ride with the Hot Rod group bus to their display at the show grounds (300 Hot Rods). Caught a taxi back, then walked back just in time to get the cars and go back to the Hotel for preparation for the Saturday night sit down meal at the golf club.

Sunday hit the road to cruise to Richmond then to Baskerville Raceway for a few quick laps and a photo shoot. Then off to the park for a BBQ lunch by the river. Back to the Hotel and prepare for the awards night at the golf club. Awards Dinner went well with SA having two places in the top 10 (Brian and Steve) and Brian getting the People's Choice Award. Phil with the hard luck story winning the award. Monday we split and went to different places, Craig & Tracey, Julyann and I went to the Hot springs for a swim, Jim went to the delegates meeting and then they went to the shops with George and Sandy.

Tuesday we left the motel for Coles Bay via Ross to park on the famous Bridge for a photo shoot.

Coles bay was gorgeous well worth the climb over the hills to get there. Wednesday off to St Helens and this great scenery continues.

We left St Helen's to drive to Georgetown 120km that took about 3 hours climbing up and over the hills again some places down to second gear. St Columba Falls was spectacular. Fuelled up again and continued to Georgetown and then over the Batman Bridge to Beauty Point and Beaconsfield. Continued on page 6.

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Beauty Point was the Seahorse farm and Platypus House both well worth the money to get in.

Beaconsfield tour was great as well so much to see.

We stayed at Hadspen just out of Launceston . Nice place but the cold starting to creep in so in bed early and up early for Craig, Tracey and I to go to the dawn service in Launceston. So many people in such an open space magnificent.

Back to pick up and pack up to move. Heading towards the boat today but first the Motor Museum at Launceston, then off to the 50's café on the way to the boat for lunch.

Our trip on the island nearly over, lined up for the boat at Devonport talking to many, then the slowest part loading the cars on the boat. Settle in for the trip back to the mainland.

Cruise was smooth again I can not believe our luck no storms and calm seas both ways.

Off the boat drove just out of Melbourne then stopped for breakfast and fuel at Mc Donald's. We drove to Stawell then to Nhill for the night.

Next morning we all left at different times for the run home.

Lots of photo's on the web site for all to view.

Thanks

Paul Roberts

President

FE _ FC Holden Car Club of SA.



View looking back towards Queenstown which is on the left side of the photo.



Old Iron Blow Mine



Water tower lookout in Strahan



Coles Bay



St Columba Falls near St Helens



View from the lookout over the Tamar River



Ross Bridge in Ross

Car Club New Clothing designs

The web site has all the details on pricing for club apparel.

The New jacket style, Scarf and Beanie served us well in Tasmania.

Our Club Show and Shine

We handed out some Certificates this year as recognition to various people and to our Life Members. Changes to Historic Registration have pushed us along this year to change our thinking and to protect the Club in the process.

Future Events

Hamburger BBQ and Cruise in May.

AGM in May

Long Week End in October

Copper Coast Show & Shine

Craig has booked a couple of holiday homes about 1 km apart.

Each house sleeps 8 so numbers are needed as we may have to cancel one if the numbers don't improve. So get on board and have a great weekend away with the other members.

Christmas is still open for discussion as we have had a couple of ideas thrown into the hat. Let us know your ideas

It is your Club , so show your support and lets get on with the job of supporting our Cars and Club.

Brian & Donna's FC



Congratulations goes to Brian & Donna for winning the peoples choice award at the FE—FC Holden Nationals.

Changes in the Club

For those who missed it.

We have moved to Shannon's Club Rooms and Meetings are now on the fourth Tuesday of the month except December.

We have totally moved out of the old Club Rooms and are saving the rental fee at the moment. Most of the Club Gear is stored at Craig and Paul's Homes and this may change in the future.

Changes with Historic Registration have had a large impact upon our Club and we have accepted the challenge and tightened the policy as per the Governments request.

We now have Life members and not Honorary Members as voted by the members. This was done for a couple of reasons firstly to recognise these people and to give them an official number for our records. The other is to cover these members who have Historic Registration as under the old way of dealing with this they could not prove they are financial members, which in turn could put the Club in a very bad way if they had an accident or were deemed to be unregistered if pulled over. This year we have resolved the issue but maybe not to everyone's liking but from a Club Point we have done the right thing.

Membership Increases to cover the costs going up and a process of review every two years. No Social Memberships as we were charging \$20 for something that was costing \$31 to run.

Other subtle changes that will put the Club on a better path for the future

By the time this newsletter is released we will have another AGM and maybe some new people sitting up the front.

A big thankyou to all the Executive Committee and to the other Committee Members who organise and share the load with events. Tracey and Julyann who have jumped in and organise some great things this last 12 months. To the other members who have contributed to the events discussions and brain storming session with the direction we need to take the Club towards.

Thankyou very much it has been appreciated.

It is your Club so get involved

Promote the club whenever you can.

