



COLUMN SHIFT

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



Pictures from the Club's Christmas Cruise/Lunch at Nuriootpa. Most of the fleet started at the Entertainment Centre then made their way out to the Gawler Trotting Track for the Northern pickup. We then all cruised on to Nuriootpa and settled in the park with the Steam Train for lunch. Not long after lunch Scott found Santa Claus and brought him around to the picnic to meet the kids and give out lollies! Great weather (a little hot, but not too hot), great location and company.



FEBRUARY-MARCH 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.

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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INTERNET DETAILS

National Website - www.fefcholden.com.au
National Forum - <http://fefcholden.org.au/forum/>

MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships fall due on the 30th April every year

Notice to Nationals Entrants

For all of those people entering the Nationals this year, I really need to get hold of a picture and a short story (max 150 words) of your car. This is for the Nationals Magazine which will be a great reference during the Nationals and a nice bit of memorabilia afterwards.

Most people have got theirs in and if you are struggling to find a shot I may already have a picture from a Club run if you attended.

Please don't be one of the people with a big blank spot next to your entrant details in the magazine.

You can email stuff to me at
glennst@baonline.com.au

People I have not received a photo/story from.

077 Thomas Quince (SA)

100 Glenn Adams (SA)

103 Darren Boyer (SA)

109 Wayne Gurney (SA)

120 Scott Millar (SA)

123 Mick Fuller (SA)

125 Sarah Warhurst (SA)

126 Nigel Kalleske (SA)

Editor's Bit

Not a lot to report on for over the Christmas break, the biggest news was the Christmas Show, which was well attended.

The Nationals are creeping up on us again and should be a great show with 120+ Entrants for the 50th Anniversary of the FC Holden.

The FC Lounge project is moving along, a little slower than expected, but at present it is at Iain's place getting a fresh coat of paint before being returned to my place for the trim and final fit-up

Cheers
Glenn

Meeting OCTOBER 2007

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:

· A presentation was given by an insurance broker on a National Scheme of Public Liability for Associations, officials, volunteers, for vehicle clubs. Examples of incidents that can cause claims are:

1. Sexual harassment
2. Club raffles
3. Volunteers worker's insurance
4. Club chat rooms and forums
5. Unregistered vehicles.
6. Unqualified Marshalls.
7. Poor renewal of club membership forms.
8. Poor record keeping of incidents. (6 years)
9. Vehicle displays and rally's.

I will talk about these at the next meeting.

- A generic Risk Management Plan is available to clubs.
- All British Day is on 10th Feb. 2008.
- All American Car Show is on 17th Feb. 2008.
- A lot of clubs are applying to join the F.H.M.C. of late.
- A motor cycle won the Concours in the Bay Classic. There was a bit of discussion on this. It also won Best motor cycle!!!
- Discussion on how to fit a modern radiator core to a V-front honeycombed radiator.

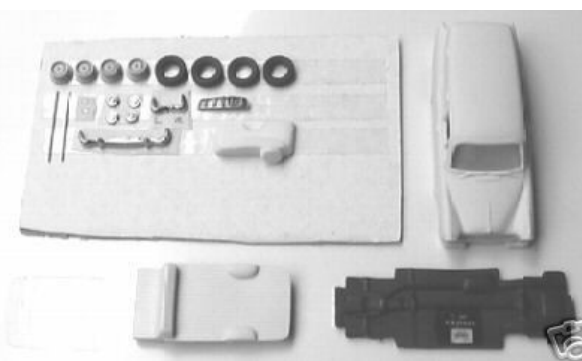
HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

- I am currently investigating the wording in the "Code of Practice" about wider wheels for FE an FC's. Some members are asking if 6 inch rims are OK. At this stage I still believe they are not appropriate.
- I intend to attend the Risk Management and Conditional Historic Vehicle Registration Information sessions held this year run in 2008.
- We have 34 Historically registered vehicles in our club.
- We have 55 members in the club.
- Robin has 9 Historic rego vehicles!!!

Iain and Denis
December 2007

Just recently there have been some models that have been made available or are about to be released.

This is a kit for an FE Panel Van advertised on the FE/FC



Forum and being sold on ebay. Limited to a run of 64, they are no longer for sale from the maker but may turn up for sale from one of

the original buyers if you get lucky.

Another van of sorts is the FC Coupe Wagon on www.models56.com.au, listed as a future car you'll need



to keep an eye on their website for the actual release of the model.

Another resin kit that is due for release from www.thepartsbox.com and done is a gasser style



For authenticity you can always fit up one of these 1/25th Holden 6 cylinder motors.

2008 Club *Show and Shine*

And LOG BOOK STAMPING

At the GM DAY April 6th 2008, TANUNDA OVAL

As the Annual club Show and Shine will not be held in March this year, we have decided to hold this event at the GM DAY at Tanunda. All members will be expected to attend as in past years. We have had nearly full attendance by club members over recent years and hope for the same in 2008.

The GM DAY at Tanunda is a great day for all of the family, it's not just for car nuts. The oval at Tanunda is a lovely and safe location for your vehicle. There are plenty of shops open for food and browsing just 50 metres from the oval. It will cost \$10.00 to enter and this will give you priority parking with other club members.

Keep this date free: 6th April 2008

Newspaper clippings

Fond farewell to wagon

WAS the recent farewell of the last Holden VZ Commodore station wagon to come off the production line at Elizabeth a final "goodbye forever"? Or was it merely a "see you later"? Holden introduced its station wagon 50 years ago, based on the old FE Holden in 1957.

It has not been making a station wagon version of the \$1 billion VE Commodore introduced a year ago but until last week has been making utes and station wagons based on the previous Commodore.

The utes stopped being made in July and Holden already has shown the new VE-based ute that will hit the roads from next month.

But it remains tight-lipped about any VE Commodore station wagon.

The last of the VZ models, a white station wagon going to a private buyer, was farewellled off the line at the Elizabeth plant by workers and GM Holden's manufacturing director Rod Keane.

It was based on the VT platform that began 10 years ago and subsequently updated with Commodore models known as the VX, VY and VZ - each of them Australia's most popular car of their time.

VT Commodore won the *Wheels* magazine Car of the Year announced in January, 1998. And VT, VX, VY and VZ Commodore-based V8 Supercars won seven consecutive Bathurst 1000 races, 1999-2005.

In all, 1,206,665 cars were built at Elizabeth on that VT platform - counting sedans, wagons, utes, the long wheelbase Statesman-Caprice and the hero Monaro coupe, including the U.S. Pontiac export versions of that. Mr Keane praised the



FIRST: The first Holden station wagon - based on the 1957 FE model.

FAREWELL:

Workers at the GM Holden plant at Elizabeth with the final VZ Commodore station wagon, the last of 1,206,665 cars made on the platform introduced with the VT Commodore in 1997.



workers for their flexibility in having produced VZ wagons and utes while also making VE sedans and their Statesman-Caprice brothers at the same time over the past year.

GM Holden claims a number of "firsts" with the VT to VZ series, including traction control, which is now on all Holden's Australian-made cars. Another first for an Australian-built car was stability

control, initially on VZ Commodore Acclaim and Calais. Now all VE Commodores have ESP and it will also be on all of the coming VE-based utes.

The Elizabeth plant now becomes a VE-only car line, including ramping up for production of the VE ute and the U.S. export program of the Pontiac sedans.

"From October onwards, we will

see the plant operating at the maximum line rate of 620 cars a day," Mr Keane says. The company plans that by mid next year half its production will be export cars, largely to the Middle-East and the U.S. Pontiac program. Speculation abounds on whether a VE Commodore station wagon will emerge once the new ute is in production.

Stuart Innes

2008 Club Show and Shine

Tri Five Classics Association Inc.

Presents:

25th Annual



GM DAY



Car Show-N-Shine

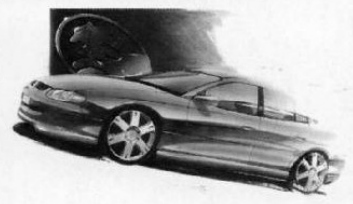
Sunday April 6th 2008

Tanunda Oval, Barossa Valley

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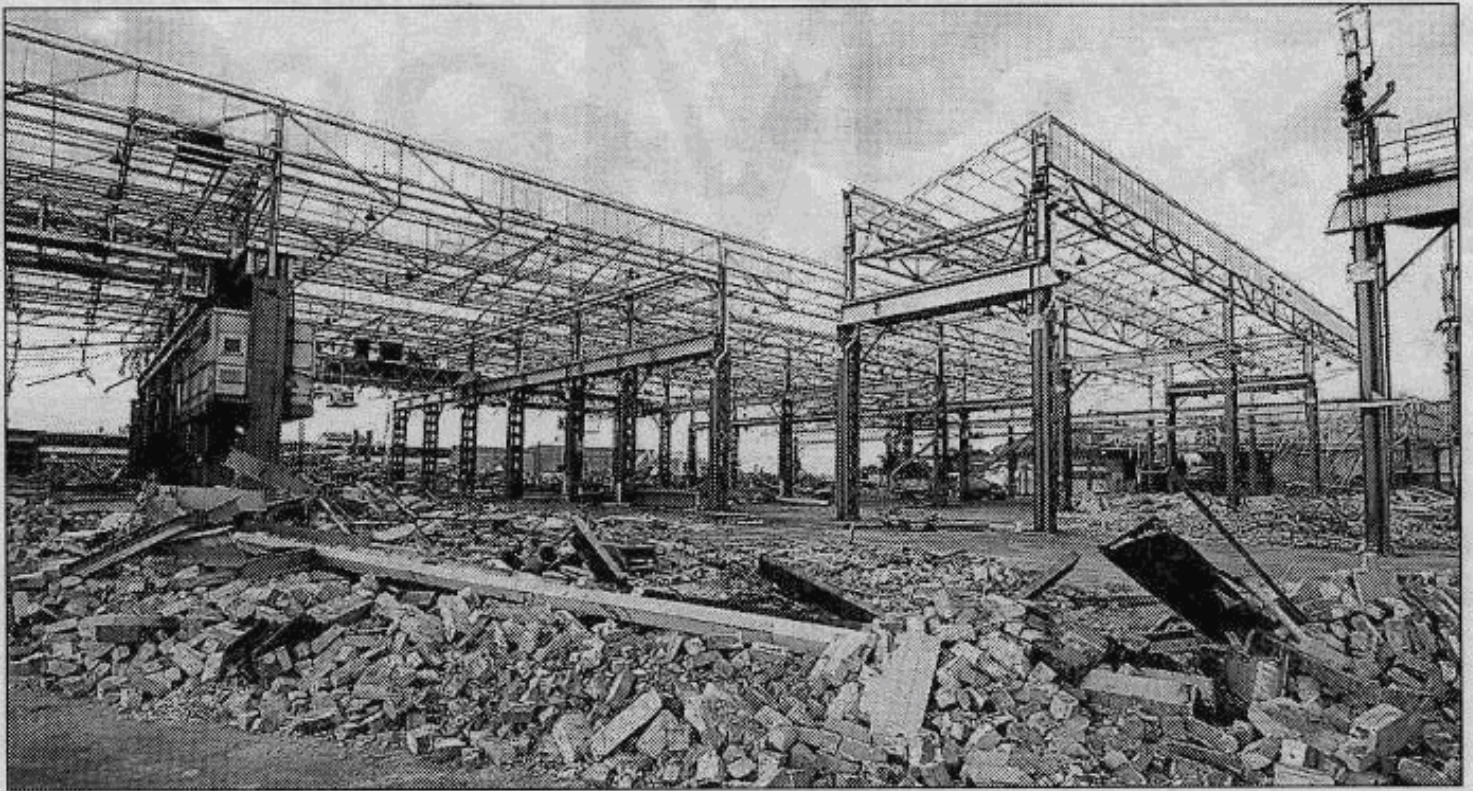
MUSIC BY "DUSK TILL DAWN MOBILE"

Entrants Welcome from 8.00am / Public Welcome from 10.00am

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

Vehicles Entered before March 21st Entry fee only \$10 Judged
Vehicle Entry Fee on the day: \$20 for Judged or \$10 for Display only

For More Details Contact: Rocco Macri 0407 00 1957 or email: trifiveclassic@hotmail.com
STRICTLY NO ANIMALS PERMITTED WITHIN THE TANUNDA OVAL COMPLEX



RUBBLE: The old GMH buildings on Port Rd have been demolished.

The end of an era

By **CHANTELLE KROEHN**
and **NICK BOWEN**

THE Port Rd landscape has changed dramatically with the razing of the old GMH buildings at Woodville.

About 4000 tonnes of concrete and masonry and more than 2700 tonnes of steel are being shifted off site – one of the largest demolitions in metropolitan Adelaide in recent years.

It paves the way for a \$30 million Bunnings hardware outlet, which will form part of the new Charles Sturt Industrial Estate.

Construction company McMahon Services started

the demolition work on March 1 and it is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

McMahon's demolition state manager **Chris Latham** said before the buildings could be razed nearly 40,000 sq m of asbestos cement roof sheeting and more than 20 cubic metres of other asbestos products had to be removed.

The buildings which have been knocked over were built in the 1950s and included an old tool room and pattern shop.

Holden's association with the Woodville site dates back to 1923 when Holden

Motor Builders bought 23 acres of land to establish a manufacturing plant which opened the next year. General Motors Corporation bought the company in 1930 – which was renamed General Motors Holden (GMH) – and gradually expanded the site to more than triple its original size.

The majority of work for the first all-Australian car was done at the Woodville plant, including producing the car body. From 1958, GMH progressively shifted the plant's operations to its new Elizabeth site, before stopping production at the Woodville plant in 1962.

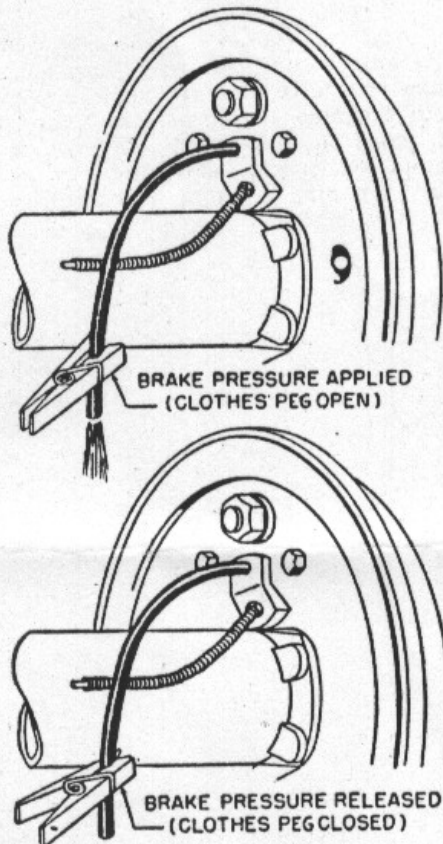
TAKE A TIP

BONNET-CATCH CARE

WHEN an alligator-type bonnet catch comes loose while the car is in motion, the results can be serious, as the driver is temporarily blinded by the bonnet. Such emergencies are often due to lack of attention to this vital part. Regular service should take the form of ensuring that all the working parts of the bonnet catch are free from dirt which may cause jamming, and are correctly lubricated so they operate freely. Also check the release cable, to ensure that this is well greased and not liable to stick, leaving the bonnet unsecured.

SIMPLE BRAKE BLEED

YOU can bleed hydraulic brake-lines easily, without the usual preliminary of obtaining a jar of brake fluid, if you use a strong spring-type clothespeg on a soft rubber hose connected to the bleeder valve. When



the pedal is depressed, there is sufficient pressure to blow fluid and air past the clothespeg; but it will close up instantly the moment the pedal is released, preventing air entering the brake system. If you wish, you can catch the fluid in a clean jar and replace it in the master cylinder.

FITTING HOSES

BEFORE replacing radiator hoses, clean the rust and old gasket cement from the metal inlet and outlet pipes, then rub powdered graphite—obtainable at any hardware store or garage—on to the outside metal surface, the inside of the hose clamps, and on the inside and outside of the rubber hoses. This will permit easy tightening of the clamps, a snug fit, and quick removal next time.

CARPET REPAIRS

IF the carpets in the front of an older car are worn and a quick, presentable replacement job is needed take advantage of the section of carpet that usually lies under the front seat. This can be cut off and sewn in place of the worn section. If desired, the worn section can then be roughly repaired and sewn back in position under the seat.

For a more modern car it may be better to keep the "new" look, and replace the front carpet entirely. Rubber-backed carpet is now sold at a reasonable price. If the old carpet is either replaced or repaired, check the sections that are wearing more than others and cover them with rubber mats for extra protection.

KEEP SCREEN CLEAN

DIRT on the windscreen is one of the biggest causes of wiper-blade failures. When the blade is working on a clean wet screen there is little wear; but when the screen is dirty before the blades start working considerable abrasion results. Therefore it is wise to wipe over the screen, whenever possible, before setting the wipers in motion.

PRESERVING TRIM

THE trim on the stanchion between front and back doors often wears excessively due to rubbing by driver and passengers when entering and leaving the car. This can result in an otherwise perfect car having a well-used look when it is offered for resale.

If you want to get the highest price for your car (and who doesn't?), you will find it worthwhile to protect this section when the car is new. This can be done by covering it with a piece of leather or plastic. The job will look quite neat if the trim is removed, the protecting piece wrapped around and sewn loosely in place, and the trim screwed firmly in position again. When you want to sell the car, simply remove the extra piece.

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WANTED

Wanted to Buy—FC Ute

I live in Warrnambool Victoria and can easily travel to SA. I will be attending the 12th Annual event is in Mt Gambier. I can be contacted via this email - bob-koik@hotmail.com or on 03 5562 7767 or Mobile 0400 221893 Bob Koik

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

Sun 10th

Falcon GT display Day, Wigley Reserve

Sat 16th

Whyalla Car Show

Sun 17th

All American Day, Tilley Reserve, Surrey Downs

2008 Motor Cycle Show Birdwood Motor Museum

March

Sun 2nd Campbelltown Swap Meet

Mon 3- Fri 7th Speedweek, Lake Gairdner
9th

Mannum Hot Rod Day

All Chrysler Day, Lockleys Primary School oval

All Ford Day, Seaview High School

15th

G1 Drift, Mallala Motorsport Park

Swan Reach show 'n' shine

14-16th Kustom Kulture Weekend, Highway Inn

16th Clare Swap Meet

Easter Long Weekend,

FE/FC Holden Nationals, Mt Gambier

April

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And LOG BOOK STAMPING

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