



# *Column Shift*

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

## May Club run was to St Kilda Tramway Museum

With this event being on Mothers Day it was thought that it may have to be cancelled but we had 4 FE & FC's turn out plus a Commodore. Great to see a good turn out. The day was great with entry fee also allowed all of us to look at the Museum and have as many rides on the four different Trams as you liked. Thanks to all the members who took the time to turned out on Mothers Day. The Tramway Museum has many static displays and many years of history stored at the site.



*August 2010 - September 2010*



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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## MEETINGS

TOC Hall, Delaine Avenue Edwardstown  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month (except January) at 7:30PM

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## MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships fall due on the 30th April every year

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

July 2010

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Hello Everyone

Well we are half way through this year already and getting things in place for the year coming. Anyone with ideas for next year club runs and events let me know and we will see if we can fit them in. We have had some requests for longer runs which is a back flip to the last couple of years with fuel prices dominating the distances travelled. At our last club meeting it was discussed and past by those that attended that all members will be nominated to do a report on their personal reasons for joining the club and supply some history about their car. It gives us all an avenue to show some pride in your car and club. This is an absolutely wonderful idea for me as the newsletter will have more members contributing to the process. We also talked at length about a constant issue of only the same people turning out for club runs and how to improve this. Some ideas have been put forward as to how many club members never attend any events during the year and why. One idea was that as part of the membership you will be required to attend at least 3 events during the year. This sounds good to me with 45 members in the club we should have more than the same 3 or 4 cars turning up to events. More free BBQ's and free gifts to give away at events and functions was another idea. If you have an idea let us know and we will discuss it.

Another issue was the membership problem ALL MEMBERSHIPS expire on 30th April each year and have to be renewed before August 1 or you lose your membership number, Log books are to be stamped at the Annual Show 'N' Shine but this is not happening.

*We now have 20 people going on the Gladstone Gaol Visit and 2 night stay in the gaol complex.* On the last long weekend we went for a run up to Gladstone to check out what was open on the weekend. Fuel stops won't be a problem. I was also going to organise a run on the Sunday to Melrose, Booleroo Centre and Jamestown but we will only be going to Melrose as the run is ok but nothing was open except for the hotels. For those going on the weekend we will be having an observation run with a prize at the end for the most points scored.

I have planned the events for 2010 so they will not clash with swap meets and other events happening in South Australia. If you have any events for 2011 you would like listed let me know and I will try and accommodate your request.

The last newsletter was not printed due to a couple of reasons, 1 being lack of material to create a newsletter and the other being too busy to chase the information. For those contemplating changing jobs like I did after 30 years with Bridgestone, here is a free tip you will be working harder and your free time will cease to exist until you find your next direction in life.

Remember promote the club when ever you can.

Thanks  
Paul Roberts  
Vice President



## 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 2010	- Released 2nd Feb 2010
April/May 2010	- Released 26th Apr 2010
June/July 2010	- Not Released
August/September 2010	- Released 3rd Aug 2010
October/November 2010	- Release date 5th Oct 2010
December/January 2011	- Release date 7th Dec 2010
February/March 2011	- Release date 1st Feb 2011

## FEDERATION OF HISTORIC MOTORING REPORT

Meeting June 2010

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. It represents 15,000 members and 11,000 vehicles. 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:

- The Bay to Birdwood has 454 entries with 27 veterans. Well up in numbers at present.
- Ethanol is not good for rubbers and other old fashioned gaskets that old vehicles use and you should do some testing before using ethanol fuels. SA's 10% may be alright but some states allow higher levels.

## HISTORIC REGISTRATION UPDATE

Nil

## WALLY'S HISTORIC REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

WALLY: *Is this a complete guide to the Historic Vehicle Registration Scheme?*

ANSWER: No, there's bound to be odd cases and the club's officers may have to consult with the experts at the Federation.

WALLY: *Well, the club Historic Registration Officers and Authorised Persons seem to have a lot to keep up with, so what can members like me do to help?*

ANSWER: Well, Wally, the club officials generally like to attend and enjoy meetings and events themselves, so I'll give you a few tips on how to keep them happy! Follow these points below and the club will flourish.

- Remember that for many, this role is not their day job, so please respect their time.
- Get your responsibilities done in plenty of time. That means paying your subs as early as possible and not waiting for club officials to remind you. Don't leave these until you are about to head off to an event.
- Please be patient as on some nights, several members all want matters sorted out.
- Ensure you get your latest rego slip stamped.
- Follow the instructions on how the club will deal with the log book processing.
- Make sure you have a log book that is valid and signed.
- If you are not sure about something, please ask.
- Take part, not advantage

WALLY: *Well thanks for those details, perhaps if I come along to more events, I'll be bang up to date with all the rules?*

ANSWER: Thanks Wally, look forward to seeing you next club night.

NO MORE OF WALLY'S QUESTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION. They are all finished!

Iain and George

# Our Club President's Report

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

JULY 2010

At the last meeting in July it was noted that we have only 25 paid up members. Usually we have around 35 and sometimes up to 45. This is a little concerning. We have a *very* flexible grace period for payment of these fees, with the membership deadline being at the end of July, even though they are due in April - try doing this with your gas bill!!! Don't forget that you will not be registered for Historic Registration if you don't pay your fees. Kathy also stated that if you don't keep up your fee payment, you lose your club number and get a different one. Whilst this may not be of a concern to many, those of us with low numbers may wish to hold on to them.

I put some challenges to the members at the meeting concerning a couple of issues that keep reappearing. The first one being each member's commitment to club runs, and the other contributing to the newsletter. Yes, you have heard it all before if you have been a member for a while. At the meeting members overwhelmingly supported my thoughts and ideas on this. In fact they went further than what I first proposed, with quite a few people making suggestions and comments.

As a result, members decided that all members of our club commit themselves to three club runs per calendar year including the Compulsory Show and Shine (Metropolitan members only). If this happens we will see more cars and more people on our runs, rather than the same group of regulars. This is what our club is about. More on this later.

I know everyone understands our club aims, but I will re-emphasise them. We as a club believe that if you become a member of our club that you will be involved in our club, and that includes club runs, meetings and social events. This will reward the great deal of work that some members are doing in preparing these activities. Remember, your daily drive car *is* accepted on club runs! The club is about getting together, having fun and sharing ideas – not just about handing out cheap rego!

It was also overwhelmingly supported (except one member) at the meeting the idea that all members will contribute to the newsletter in some way. Therefore, we will elect 2 members from the club to contribute something towards the newsletter every time a newsletter is released. At present we have newsletters every 2 months. This will mean that you will only have to have an item to be published every 2 or 3 years! It is not a big commitment. The article can be virtually anything and it doesn't have to be car related. Your best jokes, holiday snaps, baby photos, recipes, car pictures, your life's story etc. will do. We will draw up a list and give you a reminder.

On a different note, Greg spoke about a product that is available called Vedaboard, which is available I think from Rare Spares. It's a very simple solution to store all your bolts that you remove from your vehicle for repairs or restoration. There are up to 10 Vedaboard's that suit various parts of your car like dash, doors, tail lights and grille. You can leave them on the board for painting. See Greg for more information.

Bye for now,

Iain









## Our Club Run May 2010







These two events were something different as you did not have to bring your FE or FC but due to some confusion at the Blacks Road & Main South Road pick up point we had 3 cars turn up so doing the right thing we waited until they took them home and swap the for the family car. This will happen more often during the colder weather. We had 21 people turn out for lunch at the Hotel Victor which was a great effort and I am sure it was enjoyed by all who attended. On the way home we stopped at Robin & Caroline's to look at the new shed and allow those who have not seen Robin & Caroline's collection before to take a tour. No photo's taken at this event. July's run out north was run out to the Barossa and have lunch at one of the hotels. We did that with 13 people turning out. Lunch was at the Lyndoch Hotel and all who attended enjoyed the large meals provided. After lunch we drove out to the Greenock Aviation Museum. It was interesting the amount of display's that were on site as the shed space was small but a very impressive display.





## Member's Cars and Story

Hi Everyone, Our names are Stephen & Vida Schild, and we are members of the FE FC Holden Car Club of SA . We lived in Adelaide for approximately 35 years and decided to make the move to a better lifestyle, now that the nest is empty, so we now reside in a small stone cottage on approximately 11 acres of hilly land at Waitpinga, just on the outskirts of Victor Harbor.

Our hobby is collecting anything old and interesting, but mainly old Service Station Memorabilia. We have a collection of old Petrol Pumps ( Bowsers) enamel signs, oil bottles and lots of small interesting items that relate to Service Stations including tins.

After moving to Waitpinga, it took a couple of years to get the house and grounds in a reasonable condition, we also built a large shed to house our collection, while this was happening we were also restoring a 1949 Francis Barnett motorcycle, so decided to join the local car club, which is The Victor Harbor Historic Car Club, where we met some interesting and nice people who owned a wide variety of cars, ranging from the early 1900's to some classics of the 50's and 60's. It was during one of the meetings we heard about a FC Holden sitting in a collectors shed, with low mileage and no body rust. It took a couple of weeks to convince the owner of the FC that we were interested restoring the car and not buying it for resale. Once this hurdle was overcome, we proceeded to purchase the car at the price he wanted for it!! ...

The car is a 1958 FC Holden Special, with 45,000 original miles on the speedometer, a handwritten log book by the original owner with all service details and the work that had been carried out on it, the colour of the car is Granite Grey with India Ivory flash and roof, and lucky for us all the interior was almost as new with no work required to upgrade, except for a clean. We drove the car around for a few months in the condition it was purchased in, but as it had been in a shed for many years near the seaside, it had surface rust on the top of the bonnet, roof and boot. The car looked OK when polished, from a distance on dark night with no moon, but in November 09, we decided it was time to give her a coat of paint. I was going to tackle the painting of the car myself in the shed, but as I was not confident of doing the best job we decided to get the car sprayed professionally. As we know once a car is stripped down for a paint job, there are lots of little things to replace and upgrade to make it more reliable, so we proceeded to fit all new welsh plugs, steel timing gears, gaskets, overhaul gearbox with a kit, door rubbers, bailey channels, complete re-chrome, with all stainless trim polished etc, etc.

As at the present day our FC is back in our shed with a new paint job and is a couple of weeks away from completion, engine installed and running, new door rubbers installed front and rear windscreens installed with the next big job being new Bailey Channels..

We are looking forward to taking the car out on the next FC Club run...

Stephen & Vida Schild



For those who missed this info.

14th FE - FC Holden National will be held in Perth WA.

So start saving now as this long trip will be worth it for those planning the drive across the country. Options are put the car on the train and let someone else drive or even a car carrier and fly over and for those who want to sight see this great country of ours drive over. Our club will look at the options at get some details to help the decision. Those driving are planning about a 2 to 3 week journey so get on board as it is a wonderful way to see the country.

Surferboy Graham Dolphin is planning a wedding reception in Perth.

Accommodation will be in one location. Show N Shine will be in Perth close to the shopping area for the women to shop while the men look at the cars.

More info packs can be obtained via the WA club.

Some basic options

Drive to Perth 2,700km ex Adelaide = at approx 700kms a day = 4 Days

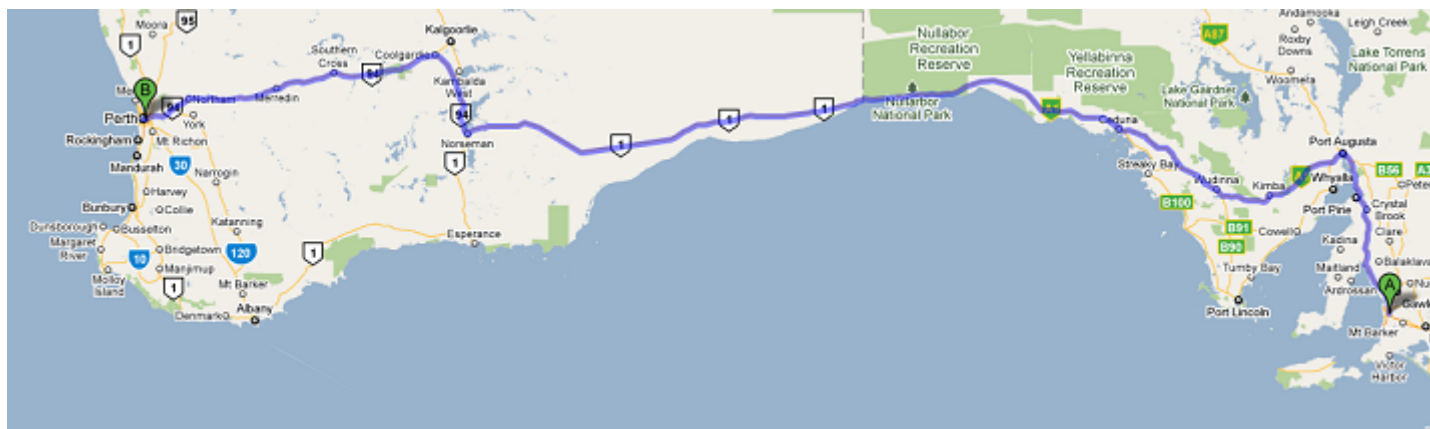
Car Carrier and flights price unknown at this stage.

Great Southern Rail today's prices listed below.

For those going allow 3 weeks to make a holiday out of the trip.

\$ per Person One Way			
	Gold Service	Red Service	
		Sleeper Cabin	Daynighter Seat
Adelaide - Perth or vice versa			
Adult	1514	1036	458
Child/Pensioner	1022	628	211
CSHC	1022	628	211
BackPacker/Student/YHA	1514	689	231
Rail Saver*	NA	NA	231
* Payment Required at time of booking. No changes permitted. Non-refundable (100% cancellation fee) Subject to availability.			

Route	Up to 5.5m Length (\$)
Sydney - Perth	\$899
Perth - Sydney	\$689
Sydney - Adelaide	\$359
Adelaide - Sydney	\$419
Adelaide - Perth	\$669
Perth - Adelaide	\$349





## Members Cars

### Paul & Julyann's latest purchase FC Holden Special Station Sedan

Recently purchased from Port Lincoln and on its way to being modified and mechanically checked before being put into daily use.



## Donation to the club

Ron Taylor has sold his FC Sedan and has moved to Tasmania. Ron has cleared out his shed and donated some items to the club to sell to other members, about enough to half fill the boot of the Commodore. A list has been completed these will be offered for sale. A mixture of FC and EH Parts.

See Paul for details

## Wanted to Buy

Hi

I am looking to buy an early wagon (would prefer to have recent or current SA rego) so I was hoping to inquire if you have any members interested in selling.

Thanks for your assistance

Nick 0438 303 393

## *Up and coming events*

July 2010

**\*\* 6<sup>th</sup> July – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***

**\*\*\*\*18th July. 2010 - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc Event \*\*\*\***

***Lunch at the Lyndoch Hotel and visit to Greenock Aviation Museum***

25th July 2010

**ALL MAKE SWAP MEET**

August 2010

**\*\* 3rd August – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***

**\*\*\*\*15th August 2010 - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc Event \*\*\*\***

***Club Run to Lobethal Markets***

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2010

**WILLUNGA SWAP MEET**

September 2010

**\*\* 7<sup>th</sup> September – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***

**\*\*\*\*12th September 2010 - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc Event \*\*\*\***

***Club run to Cleland Wildlife Park....Meet at The Entertainment Centre ...***

***...Admission \$16.00 for Adults....Take a Picnic Lunch***

**19th September 2010 THE LEGENDARY GAWLER AUTO SWAP MEET**

October 2010

**\*\*\*\*2nd & 3rd October 2010 - FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc Event \*\*\*\***

***Gladstone Gaol Stay drive up to Gladstone Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2010 via Gawler.***

***Saturday night Stay in Gaol Complex, secure parking for cars...BBQ Saturday night***

***Sunday cruise to Melrose and return Sunday night for overnight stay in Gaol***

***More details to follow check the web site.***

**\*\* 5th October – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***

**TBA October 2010 STRATHALBYN SWAP MEET, STRATHALBYN**

November 2010

**\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> November – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***

***21st November 2010 Club Run from Glenelg to Harry Bowey Reserve for BBQ Lunch.***

December 2010

***5th December 2010 Club Run and Christmas Lunch???????????***

**\*\* 7<sup>th</sup> December – FE FC Holden Car Club of SA Inc MGM \*\***