



Classic Holden NEWS

October Members News

Birthdays birthday greetings for October are:- Sonya Peterson 2nd, Dave Loder 4th (A BIG one Dave?), David Paterson & Glen Heath 6th, Pam Campbell 8th, Peter Johnson 9th, Simon Dalton 10th, Jeremy Barnden 13th, Paul Winter & Amanda Leach 16th, Matty Frost 17th, Dion Rinaldi 24th, Ben Munneke 27th (another BIG ONE), Mick Pfennig 28th. We hope you all celebrate the big day in fine style and enjoy every moment.

“CELEBRITY GOSSIPER”

CONGRATULATIONS To Sean Palamountain and partner Chantelle on the birth of 8lb 12oz Teagan Kay on the 15th September. Yes it missed grandfather John's birthday on the 6th (the scheduled date) and deceased great grandfathers on the 9th and missed dad Sean's birthday on the 11th. After a 10 hour labour dad is fine.

FITNESS FREAK Heard that new member Jo Duncan gets high on doing Triathlons thru the scrub. Good on ya Jo it is a pity a few more of us didn't do the same. Get high that is.

“Crocodile Dundee” alias Stalker Heard recently that our own “Crocodile Dundee” in Alan Stalker was reported to be chasing a 2m Crocodile down Gulnare Road. No it is not a NT News report so the information is correct.

Brock O5 Eater Not only heard but also actually saw the new red Monaro with the red leather trim with the rego No GTKILLA. Could only be a GT Ford hater with that number. Committee member husband Greg quoted “He has to ask permission to drive it”. Congratulations to Katisha Wilson on a fine purchase. One day the plastic will become Classic. She has got hers, now he wants a 308 for his HK Monaro.

BATHURST 05 Heard a whisper that a red XU-1 Torana owner, Brenton MacLean went to Bathurst and was too late home to attend a committee meeting and was only staying home a couple of days before going to Philip Island for the motor cycle Grand Prix. Brenton has his business for sale. With a lifestyle like his, people should be jumping with bulging pockets of money to purchase it.

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WHAT CAME FIRST, the chook or the egg?? ..Seems that out Palmerston way it was the eggs and only scrambled ones at that. GETAGRP Humpty Dumpty, you should know you cook them on the stove IN your house not ON your house. Or do you just need to erect a higher back fence???? As the saying goes, they stick like to a blanket

Editors Chatter

Membership-; *Welcome to the following new members and their cars since our last newsletter;- Andrew Koop with his late fathers EH, David & Sue Mullavey EK Panel Van under restoration, Tony & Wayan Le Roux HG 350 Monaro, Graham Simpson WB Statesman and Michael Rust FE sedan under restoration.*

PRESIDENT RESIGNS This is probably the biggest news. Yes, your President John Palamountain, and alias editor, has resigned as President of the Classic Holden Car Club of The Northern Territory Inc. after 5+ years at the helm due to a possible conflict of interest arising. John has taken a new position as Business Development Manager of Shannons for the Northern Territory replacing Gary Turbill. John will attempt to uphold the Shannons good news story in "Sharing the Passion" and will still remain an active committee member putting in where required, or at times where not required because of his outspoken nature. John thanks the committee and all members for their great support over the last 5+ years. It has been a very rewarding experience being president of this rapidly growing enthusiasts club.

NEW PRESIDENT Wilko van Syl has nominated as replacement President and has been endorsed by your committee, as per the constitution. Past President John and the committee wish Wilko all the best in this exciting new challenge. Many will know Wilko from his great organising capabilities of the Flying Fox run to Katherine, the award winning club display at the MVEC all clubs open day and the fantastic run to Manton Dam with the newly formed Classic Ford Club. All the best Wilko, it will be a very thankful and rewarding position.

Club Records It is probably not evident to most members but running a club as big as this one has become is like running a business. We produce several different reports in the running of the club. These are currently kept separately and let me tell you it is a PITA (Pain in the Ass) updating them and keeping them accurate. Alan Stalker has devised a programme that members details are entered once as per the "accurate" membership forms provided and with the press of a button we can provide the necessary information the committee needs to know from financial/unfinancial/potential members to a list of the engine numbers of each club members cars. A big thank you to Alan Stalker for his design and volunteering to maintain the program. It will be a great burden off the shoulders of the President, Secretary and Treasurer in particular.

2005 V8 Supercars Championship Calendar

October 6-9th Bathurst 1000 – Bathurst
Oct 20-23rd V8 Supercar Challenge–Surfers Paradise
Nov 11-13th Symmons Plains – Tasmania
Nov 25-27th BigPond Grande Finale – Phillip Island

2006 V8 Supercars Championship Calendar

March 23rd-26th Clipsal 500 – Adelaide
March 30th Australian Grand Prix Melbourne
April 21-23rd V8 International – New Zealand
May 12-14th V8 300 – Perth
May 30th Shanghai Round – China
June 30th July 2nd Hidden Valley – Darwin
July 21-23rd Queensland 300 – Ipswich

August 11-13th Oran Park – Sydney
Sept 8-10th Sandown 500 – Melbourne
October 5-8th Bathurst 1000 – Bathurst
Oct 19-22rd V8 Supercar Challenge – Gold Coast
Nov 10-12th Ferodo Challenge – Tasmania
Nov 22-24th Bahrain International Circuit
Dec 8 -10th Grand Finale Phillip Island

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please phone to advise of your participation/non attendance at the following functions
Alan 89 884 663, George W 89 230 765, Ian H 89 831 318, John W 89 462 447, Wilko H 89 273 320, Brenton 0419 818 714
Greg 0419 865 886

November 12th **Finlays Stonemasons opening.** Yes, they will all be there. The politicians, the tourism people, the "whose who" of Darwin and beyond, and those who would like think they are. If you haven't spent an hour wandering around this fabulous place you haven't experienced lay back culture at it's best. We are looking for volunteers to have their cars on display at this great tourism promotional venture at Yarrowonga, on the approach to Darwin. Please phone a committee member now and have an enjoyable afternoon from 2.00pm til 8.00pm with the Chung Wah Society blessing the carved dragon with their Chinese dragon dance celebration to a coffee in the all new restaurant.

November – Patriots Remembrance Day run. It is on we think. **NO IT ISN'T.**

November 26th – Xmas Party. Due to the popularity of last years event eg; 10 pin bowls at Nightcliff, parade thru the city ending at Mindil Beach with drinks and pizza.

NEED to know numbers. Get in early – 6 lanes are booked = 1st 36 bowlers are in.

Should you wish to come along and **not** bowl, that is OK, just let a committee member know. Last year we had some non-attenders, which meant we had to pay for a lane we didn't use and we had left over pizzas.

January 26th – Australia Day Ute Run. You don't need a Ute to participate. All are welcome in aid of the Variety Club. More info when it comes to hand.

February 19th - The annual quiz night at the Pints Club at Marrara. Owing to the popularity you will need to get in quick to book a table. This year there will be a Classic Ford Club Challenge. Book a table early with a committee member as we are limited to 15 tables. Don't be disappointed.

June 30th – July 2nd V8 Supercars at Hidden Valley. Start preparing now as next year we have limited space and we will probably only show the best we have to offer.

August 2006 MVEC Road Show. Yes, **next year.** MVEC are doing a Mobile Road/Car Show to Alice Springs and return. It will take over 2 weeks stopping at towns on the way down and different towns on the way back staging afternoon/evening displays of members cars. They are looking at 20 – 30 cars. A car transporter will take the older/slower/unregistered cars. The Foden fuel tanker was to participate but due to unreliable brakes MVEC have decided against it. More details will be advised as they come to hand



A Special thankyou to Gary Turbill for his support to the Classic Holden Car Club and the motoring movement of the Northern Territory in general. Gary has resigned from Shannons and whilst remaining in Darwin with his family has taken another appointment opportunity. We wish Gary all the best in his new venture.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS RE: C.A.R.S

(Formerly known as vcc registration)

What is C.A.R.S?

- Classic Automobile Registration Scheme

Who does it affect?

- Everyone with a car over 30 years of age.
- Current vcc rego holders.

What is it about?

- In brief it is a document prepared by MVR to make radical changes to the existing vcc rego guidelines.

History Currently the MVR guidelines are very basic and do need some streamlining.

The belief that a vehicle must be completely original or restored to original to qualify for vcc rego has proven to be false. These "so called" guidelines were drafted by a MVEC member several years ago and presented to MVR as a draft but were never agreed to. However MVEC followed this draft, as did the CHCC, believing these were the guidelines.

The new proposal is that **any** car over the age of 30 years can qualify for concession registration and third party insurance, as long as it fits the new guidelines as proposed. The car can be modified, a Street Rod etc. Before these guidelines are adopted MVR will call a meeting with a representative from each motoring club, the Police, TIO (third party insurers) and any other interested parties they see fit to be involved.

Whilst many people do not have an objection to these cars qualifying for concession registration and third party insurance, if they are doing less than 100ks per week, there is some conjecture as to whether they should have the same classification eg vcc.

A club has to make application and be approved before its members can avail themselves to the registration benefits. This is not such a big deal.

The club can make it's own rules regarding what members it will allow the concession registration eg; any car over 30 years of age, the rules that we currently abide by or any rules we decide on in between. These rules will be written in to the constitution. Once again, not a big deal.

The "conditions of Registration" under CARS generally appear to be OK as discussed by your committee except where it states that a journey for road testing purposes can only be 20km radius from the vehicles garaging address. This is difficult for rural dwellers and we will look at getting this one changed.

A logbook will have to be kept and checked by a "club inspector" on a regular basis eg 2, 3 or 4 times per year. Each club is to provide an approved logbook for its members.

An 8-page document has been issued to clubs to discuss. Should you require a copy please phone a committee member within 14 days as they all have it. The committee proposes to call a meeting of interested members to discuss the paper. When you call a committee member to get your copy, advise that committee member if you have an interest in attending the meeting and you will be invited once a date is set.

From this meeting we will set the ground rules we would like to see implemented. From here there will be a meeting called for a delegate from each club to meet with other motoring clubs to form some sort of consensus, I doubt we will all agree, and from here those delegates will then present to the MVR and other parties, when that meeting is called. Therefore it is not guaranteed what we say will stand at the end of the day but at least we get an opportunity to air our views.

Should you be interested and/or want to be a part of the decision making process **ACT NOW**.

MANTON DAM RUN

The CHCC Committee came up with the idea of the Manton Dam run as the alternative for the HOGs show as it was deferred this year. It was the first official outing for the Ford club. I rocked up to the Berrimah Servo a little early just to pump up the tyres on the BBQ trailer and low and behold the car park was full of classic Holden and Fords. As predicted the Holden's came out of the woodwork and ready for the "Inaugural Friendly Rivalry" between the clubs. To start things off there came a gap in a row of classic Fords which was promptly filled up with Lance Moore's beautiful blue FE ute. It was definitely a sight to see, a rose amongst the daffodils.

At our next pickup point at Wishart siding, I was amazed to see the amount of cars assembled and when everyone had gathered I had realised the numbers were beyond my expectation and fears of under catering came to mind. Quick conferring with the Stalker's had them scooting off to Coolalinga in their pacey Torana for more supplies. (this highlights the importance and appreciation to have firm RSVP's...can't be having hungry hoards!)

Anyway with 60 people gathered in around 26 classic cars we set to the Dam Wall (not to be confused with the spot where the boats are). The run was fun and without mishap and I received plenty of comments on how great the venue was, nice shaded green lawns perfect for a BBQ. It is a secluded spot with our cars in full view from where we set up, far away from prying eyes and prying coat-hangers. The carpark was filled with a beautiful mix of Australian and American machines, making a great photo opportunity for all (what a shame my camera died a few days before). To add interest for the day was the walk up to the Dam wall, for those that were so inclined. The path up to the wall is very scenic even though the water had stopped flowing. Displays along the path outlined some of our history and the old pump houses were still intact (and functional).

It was good to see the regulars there and the chance to meet some new friends. The Ford gang got the chance to get together and have a bit of a yarn and see what club life is all about – lots of fun, lots of friendship, lots of sausages (compulsory club cuisine) and of course the chance to show off the love of their lives!!

All in all, I think everyone had a decent feed and with the space for kids to play games on the lawns and have a bit of an explore in this historical spot, it made for a great family outing. Last bastions left around 2pm at the lowering of the mighty Holden banner.

Hope to see you at the next do – the Xmas Party and procession!

Cheers, Wilko

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The only two things we do with greater frequency in middle age are urinate and attend funerals.

Being "over the hill" is better than being under it.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

"Money can't buy happiness...but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery."– Spike Milligan

However, when you find yourself convinced that the world is moving too fast, just find a bank or supermarket line to refresh yourself.

Age is a heavy penalty to pay for maturity and wisdom.

Never try to out-stubborn a cat.

This has got to be one of the cleverest E-mails I've received in awhile.
Someone out there either has too much spare time or is deadly at Scrabble.
(Wait till you see the last one)!



DORMITORY:

When you rearrange the letters:
(With no letters left over and using each letter only once):

DIRTY ROOM

PRESBYTERIAN:

BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER:

MOON STARER

DESPERATION:

A ROPE ENDS IT

THE EYES:

THEY SEE

GEORGE BUSH:

HE BUGS GORE

THE MORSE CODE:

HERE COME DOTS

SLOT MACHINES:

CASH LOST IN ME

ANIMOSITY:

IS NO AMITY

ELECTION RESULTS:

LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

MOTHER-IN-LAW:

WOMAN HITLER

SNOOZE ALARMS:

ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

A DECIMAL POINT:

IM A DOT IN PLACE

THE EARTHQUAKES:

THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:

TWELVE PLUS ONE

AND FOR THE GRAND FINALE:

PRESIDENT CLINTON OF THE USA:

TO COPULATE HE FINDS INTERNS
(Apologies if it offends)

Yep! Someone with waaaaaaaaaaaay
too much time on their hands!