



CLASSIC HOLDEN NEWS

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Member News

July Birthdays-; It has been a while since the last newsletter so our apologies for the delay in recognising the following birthdays. Kathy Tattingham on the 2nd, Anne Brunton 11th, Rick Hogan & Harry Melios 13th, Ken Graham a BIG one on the 22nd, Donald Cantlon 23rd, Col Wicking 24th and Lisa MacLean on the 31st.

August Birthdays-; Colin Johnson 4th, Donna Bean 6th, Robert Berry &, Albert Wilson on the 8th, Peter Fulton 18th, Wendy Johnson 19th, Tony Lerou 25th, Alan Stalker 27th, Glenys Hannah 28th, and Aerin Langworthy on the 30th.

Membership-; Welcome to the following new members and their cars since our last newsletter; Tegan Peirce with her grandfathers original EH S/Sedan, Wayne Alger with his Yellow LJ Torana seen on the Shannons Run, Albert and Jess Wilson of Katherine with their HR Premier, James Hoddinott and Donna Mears with their FC S/Sedan seen at the Deckchair Cinema, Brenton and Lisa MacLean with their red XU-1 Torana and John Lugg with his HQ 4 Door GTS Monaro. There are three other applications on hold due to non payment.

Editors Chatter (and more Chatter)

It has been quite a while since the last newsletter so now time for catch up. Some news maybe a little out of date but it is still good to recognise those when it counts.

Sorry to hear Ray Orr is still staggering on 1 crutch. Lesson No 1 – don't jump off the shed roof when cutting down trees or you too will smash your heel.

On Sunday 27th June yours truly ventured to Hidden Valley to watch the HQ racing only to find Alan Langworthy hammering daughters A9X around the track doing circuit sprints. Poor Aerin was still in Sydney and wasn't returning til the following week so Alan was making the most of it. Whilst the A9X was in Sydney for the Summernats, Aerin and big brother, in his A9X, are reputed to have done some racing against each other around Wakefield Park Raceway at the Peter Brock Precision Driving School. Sound like great fun and a way to take revenge on Big Brother. Alan has some great stories to tell of the experience.

If that wasn't enough who was it that went to Adelaide for a meeting on Friday, Monday and Tuesday but flew home on the Saturday to be with his wife Yeh Right, to attend the Shannons Run in daughters A9X Torana and fly back to Adelaide Sunday night via Sydney arriving in Adelaide at 9.00 am for 9.00 am meeting. We won't tell if you don't Alan. Just to top it all off, the thundering roar of V8 horsepower we could hear whilst undertaking our AGM, was Aerin thundering the A9X around Hidden Valley at the monthly circuit sprints.

BROCK DRIVING LIFE On a more serious note Alan is looking at bringing the Peter Brock Advanced Driving School to Darwin next year. Look further in this newsletter for Alan's article. It appears like a great promotion for Kerry Holden to get behind and Alan will no doubt be talking to Mark Miller at Kerry's. It will be superb.

GALLOWAY'S Had a note from Okker and Sharon Galloway after the deadline to the last newsletter, every thing is well in the snowy highlands of Victoria and they are having a ball with the Murray Heritage Motorists club and the 4WD clubs they belong to. Okker, I'm envious - Ed. Neil and Sharon send their regards to all members.

WEDDING BELLS we here are ringin out Humpty Doo way. Congratulations to George Williams and Margot who tied the knot on the 24th July.

BABY MAKERS Heard on the grapevine that Michelle Barnden and Jeremy have been in family planning mode or just taking seriously some great fun. MYFJ54 utility is going to have to have pram restraints fitted in the back and maybe even a dicky seat. Congratulations Michelle and Jeremy.

VCC AUTHENTICITY MVR have granted approval for the following service centres to be VCC authenticity inspectors. This will be more convenient for some city dwellers and will assist when Ben is away on his many trips.

Ben Munneke of Sports Car City at Yarrowonga. Ph 89 832 328

Doug McQuinn of Doug's Service Centre BP Nightcliff,

Kevin Parchert of Greg Jenkins Motors, Shed 2 & 3 1427 Stuart Highway Winnellie Ph 89 843 252

Gus Sanders of Auto Inspection & Road Services Unit 15/34 Bishop Street Winnellie. Ph. 89 817 333

This gives members a greater selection to choose who they would like to inspect their car. Members require from the club a letter advising they are a financial member, details of the car and it's authenticity and that the club approves of the application for VCC registration. Final approval is subject to this letter being signed off by the Authenticity Inspector above and a roadworthy certificate being issued. This keeps control outside of the MVR and it is up to the recognised MVR clubs to police so that the system is not rorted. It is better to have self control than be controlled as long as we all stick together for the betterment of the privilege.

NEWSLETTER In order to disseminate the newsletter more efficiently and effectively we will be emailing it to members. Hopefully the next edition after this one. We need **YOUR** support. Membership forms as currently recorded on computer are being sent to all members with this newsletter. Please check them for accuracy including email address and return them with your \$25.00 renewal fee. If you have already paid your renewal please return the form. If forms are not returned before the next newsletter they will be sent again and will continually to be sent until returned so we know the information is correct. Those without a email address will continue to receive a hard copy a few days later.

WEB SITE Robert Berry attended the committee meeting and outlined his proposal for the establishment of a CHCC web site. Robert will investigate further but at this point in time it sounds very exciting and we thank Robert for his proposal.

MEMBERSHIP

We concluded last year with 96 financial members and have started this year with 33 members.

The following motion was moved at the AGM. "Members be granted 4 weeks from the date of the AGM, or as at mail received on the 16th August, to pay the \$25.00 renewal fee. Otherwise payments made after that date will be deemed to be a new applicant and will pay the full fee of \$30.00" Moved Ian Campbell 2nd Peter Crafter.

There is only "one fee fits all"

This is in line with the constitution which reads.

4. JOINING FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- a. The fees for membership to the club shall be set by the committee and shall be determined from time to time, but only once per financial year.
- b. The annual fee shall be payable on the first day of July, each year, or other such dates as set by the committee.
- c. Any member whose subscriptions is outstanding for more than 30 days, shall cease to be a member of the club, provided always that the committee may reinstate such a persons membership on such terms as it may see fit.

WANTED LHF guard for a EH . It appears that one Grumpy Secretary had his car reversed into by a "P plater" whilst parked illegally attending the committee meeting at John Palamountain's home.

My mothers grandfather gave me one hundred dollars. Isn't he great?

When my father left on vacation, he told me to study the Spanish word for city. I responded, "I'll ciudad"

Listening to a bear shuffle through one's belongings can be an in tents experience.

Recent Functions

The MVEC open days were a huge success with in excess of 3,000 people passing thru the gates. 12 CHCC members turned up to show off their cars with good footage of our member's cars shown on the ABC news on the Sunday night.

The Shannons Run was another great success with 66 cars in the procession and following up with laps of the Hidden Valley Motor Racing Circuit at a speeds to suit the pleasures of the drivers. There are many tales to tell. A big thank you to Gary Turbill of Shannons for hosting it and likewise to Dave Collins for superbly organising and managing the day.

The AGM was very well attended with about 35 people, who also enjoyed the tour of Jim Cooper's Auto Evolution Centre, one of the best private museums of cars of yesteryear to be seen anywhere, and who would expect to see such a fantastic display in litl' ole Darwin town. The expressions and body language of those visiting was an excitement in itself. We thought we were going to have about 50 people, as indicated from the phone around, and as always we catered accordingly for lunch, but only about 20 were their to enjoy the delightful steaks and salads. Your new committee is detailed elsewhere in this edition. Welcome aboard to the new committee Julie Stalker, Wilko Van Syl and Peter Fulton who join the stalwarts of John Palamountain, George Shepherd, Ian Campbell and Allan Stalker. Robert Berry has offered his services to get the website up and running and Wendy Johnson has offered her services to assist. Thank you all very much. If other members would like to assist please phone a committee member now and lets make light work of the job ahead.

If you require details of the AGM please contact Secretary George for a copy of the minutes.

FEDERATION Your President and Secretary recently attended a meeting to consider the formation of a Car Club Federation in the Northern Territory. 10 different organizations were represented with others to be invited to the next one on August 25th. The purpose is for clubs to be able to support each other, prevent event clashes, have a diary made known to all other clubs and to be a united vocal group if necessary. The big example is Clare Martin's \$90.00 levy. Whereby several individuals with VCC rego and the MVEC and CHCC clubs voiced independent opinions, there was no clout. With a combined effort of a guestimate of 1,000 members/motorists combined perhaps we may have in future. Who knows it may soon be time where we need a motoring "Hall Of Fame" in Darwin, and who better but the government to provide the venue. Alice Springs has a magnificent "Trucking Hall Of Fame". We will keep you posted of future outcomes of this get together. Many thanks to Gary Turbill of Shannons Insurance for hosting the early meetings and for being the central coordinator to get it off the ground.

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A woman was having a daytime affair while her husband was at work. One wet and lusty day she was in bed with her boyfriend when to her horror, she heard a car pull into the driveway.

"Oh my God – Hurry! Grab your clothes and jump out the window. My husbands home early!"

"I can't jump out the window – it's raining out there!"

"If my husband catches us in here, he'll kill us both!" she replied.

He's got a hot temper and a gun, so the rain is the least of your problems!" So the boyfriend scoots out of bed, grabs his clothes and jumps out the window.

As he ran down the street in the pouring rain, he quickly discovered he had run right into the middle of the town's annual marathon, so he started running along beside the others, about 300 of them.

Being naked, with his clothes tucked under his arm, he tried to blend in as best he coild. After a while a small group of runners who had been watching him with some curiosity, jogged closer.

"Do you always run in the nude?" one asked.

"Oh yes!" he replied, gasping in air. "It feels so wonderfully free!"

Another runner moved a long side. "Do you always run carrying your clothes with you under your arm?"

"Oh, yes" our friend answered breathlessly. "That way I can get dressed right at the end of the run and get in my car and go home!"

Then a third runner cast his eyes a little lower and queried, "Do you always wear a condom when you run?"

"Nope.....just when it's raining.

Parts Chaser

Street Wheels Unit 9/121 Coreen Avenue PENRITH NSW 2750. Specialise in steel wheel widening and modifications. Also steel and mag wheel restorations. P 02 47215 893 10% discount on proof of club membership.

Autocables <http://www.autocables.com.au/> speedo cables, Venetians, external visors, weathershieldsNEW!

Antique Tyre Company <http://www.antiquetyres.com.au/index2.html>. Yours truly got his tyres from them.

Excellent service

Cauchi's Auto Accessories Repro wheel spats and other stuff. Call Nick on 0412 544 651.

Obsolete rubber mats Repro Nasco mudflaps & repro original rubber mats. Ph Martin 0412 941 799

Rare Spares <http://www.rarespares.net.au/>

Scott's Old Auto Rubber (Melb) Rubbers, bailey channels kits, rust repair sections, lenses.

<http://www.scottsoldautorubber.com.au/holden.htm>

Speeds Holden New and Used Holden parts info@netwarehouse.com.au sales@speedsholden.com

Phil Bartolo From Kevin H via Alan S. Apparently this bloke can find all the obscure stuff. 0415 134 689.

American Autos americanautos.com.au Well worth a look for those hard to get bits at a realistic price.

Old Oldens 54 Morrow Rd. LONSDALE SA. Tony Dowsett

Ph. 08 8384 2759

HYDROBOOST phone Terry 9390 4811 Sydenham. VH44 boosters \$135.00 c/o or \$185.00 no c/o. VH40L boosters \$145.00 c/o or \$195.00 no c/o. Chromed \$80.00 extra. Also have mounting brackets etc.

Parts for Sale

The committee has made the decision that items For Sale will only be advertised for 3 newsletters then deleted unless the person requesting the advert requests it for a longer period.

Bad luck about the FJ tyres, obviously no one wanted them so the advert has been deleted.

SPEEDO DRIVE GEARS. To suit EH to HK with synchro gearbox on 2nd & 3rd only and 3.08 or 2.78 diff ratios.

Standard diffs were 3.36 behind the 179 motor and 3.55 behind the 149 motor. 3.55 was fitted to utes and vans regardless of motor size. These drive gears will also suit 1948 to EJ (grey motors) that had a 3.89 diff as standard.

Denis has had gears specially made. The initial one cost \$396.00 but has got extras for sale @ \$160.00.

Denis Hannah is a encyclopedia of knowledge on old Holdens. Give him a call on 89 721 397.

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Gems For Sale

Come on you enthusiasts you must know someone who would just love to own a piece of Australia's history - remember "*Australias Own Car*" and become a member of the CHCC.

* **1957 FE Utility** Mechanically good, 179 motor, new 5 speed Celica gearbox, HR front end, near new tyres and rims, some rust, lots of spares inc. sills, cross members, diff, axles, lights, grille, springs, dash, door handles, piping etc \$?????

Phone Terry Douglas 89 881 748 to discuss.

* **1956 FE Sedan.** Has been driven by current owner for last 20 years. Needs trim otherwise reasonable condition. No major rust. \$800 recently spent on brakes. Shed is about to fall down therefore owner wants car to go to a good home. Sounds like a restorers delight. Owner is desperate to see it go to a good home. Asking \$1,000 ono Phone Bob Selwood 89 889 078 Bees Creek Road.

* **1967 HR HOLDEN SPECIAAL S/SEDAN** last registered to Dec 03. Ideal for restoration or parts \$500.00 ono

Phone Matt Mainsbridge H 89 485 117.

* **HG UTE** Premier dash and grille, Prem headlights, No motor, gearbox or steering column. Has been fitted with 253 V8 \$1,000 ono Phone Eddy 0418 800 341

* **EK Sedan, FB S/Sedan, FB ute, HZ Panel Van, HK ute** - been rolled, 1930's Chev Ute, Blitz Trucks, Thames Trader. All in various stages of disrepair at Grove Hill. Seems to have a lot of crap he wants to get rid of. Phone Robbie Bowden 89 324 821 (hard to catch, works at Borroloola) or phone Grove Hill pub 89 786 430 and leave a message.

* Also heard a complete HR S/Sedan and EH S/Sedan have been dumped at the Jabiru rubbish tip.

* **HZ Sedan.** Automatic, 2834 motor, not registered, needs work \$850.00 ono Ph. Craig 89 885 606

Your Committee Members;

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Rob Berry Web site coordinator. Non officio position but grateful to have on board.

Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6.00 pm. Venues and times can change so please call a committee member if you would like to submit an agenda item or attend. All members are welcome to attend.

T SHIRTS & STUBBY COOLERS

Price is a very affordable \$35.00 for T Shirts and \$6.00 for stubby coolers. Members look great when they are recognised wearing the T Shirts and holding a club Stubby Cooler at club functions/outings.

Merchandise George will have them at the next club outing and Ian will gladly take your money.

Preferred Business Houses

If you know of top class repairer and/or suppliers OR if you wish to promote your own motor repair / accessory business with added advantages for fellow members please write or fax to the secretary or email the editor johnkpa@yahoo.com.au

Any one wishing to advertise in the newsletter can do so at a cost of \$25.00 per A4 page per issue. This will help offset the newsletter costs. You supply the original and we will copy and insert.

Below is a list of sponsors/businesses for club members to support and perhaps earn good discounts and to recognise those that have supported our club. Please support these business houses where you can as they support us. If there are others that should be added to the list please let your committee know.

MAJOR SPONSORS

Shannons -- Hidden Valley Motor Sports Park. If you haven't spoken to Gary you should have.

Other Sponsors/Recommendations

T Bar Cars	Coolalinga	Go and see Trevor for some great deals on model cars.
Hogs Breath	Mitchell Street DARWIN	10% discount on presentation of member card
TPL Exhaust Shop	Travers Street COCONUT GROVE	Excellent pricing for club members.
Toms Tyres	Goyder Road PARAP	See Grant for great discounts to members.

Financial Members and Their cars.

Rick Hogan	48-215 Sedan	George Shepherd	EH S/Sedan	Robert Berry	HK GTS Monaro
Gary Fien	FJ Sedan	Ian Campbell	EH S/Sedan	Peter Fulton	HK GTS Monaro
James Hoddinott	FC S/Sedan	Tegan Peirce	EH S/Sedan	John Maxwell	HG S/Wagon
WANTED	EK& FB Sedans	Peter Skehan	EH Ute	Wilko Van Syl	HG GTS Monaro
Dion Rinaldi	EK ute	Jan Vita	HR Premier Sedan	Tony LeRoux	HG 350 GTS Monaro
Peter Crafter	FB S/Sedan	Kim Cook	HR Premier Sedan	Michael Nilon	HX Statesman
Merv Doyle	EJ Sedan	John Palamountain	HR Premier Sedan	Wayne Alger	LJ Torana
Michael Castilla	EJ S/Sedan 4sale	Albert Wilson	HR Premier Sedan	John Lugg	LJ Torana
		Jan Vita	HR ute	Brenton MacLean	LJGTR XU-1 Torana
		Phil Wright	HR Sedan	Alan/Julie Stalker	LJGTR XU-1 Torana
		Denis Hannah	HR S/Sedan	Colin Johnson	LX Torana
<i>Non Owner Financial Members</i>					
Ben Munneke		Sean Palamountain		Adrian Ferriggi	
Michael Nilon		Lyn Walker			

BROCK DRIVING LIFE – TEAM BROCK

POSSIBLE DRIVER TRAINING AVAILABLE MID 2005

It is a long way off for all of us but to get Peter Brock and his team to Darwin for a week of training at Hidden Valley it takes some planning. Peter as you know is a very busy guy.

Brock Driving Life is Peter's company that undertakes circuit driver training. The team is made up from a variety of experienced and currently successful drivers who openly share their knowledge and experience with you. No question is too hard or too stupid! The courses are designed for all ranges of experience from novice/beginner to advanced driver. The guys have a knack of making everyone feel welcome and can talk at all levels. Teaching is direct hands on with lots of track time and one on one instruction. Having Brock beside you or on your tail on the track might not be everyone's idea of fun but it is sure an experience! The other instructors are just as helpful and will adapt their training to your level of capability. Theory and background information on suspension, brakes, cornering, race tactics etc are all covered.

Whether you are an experienced circuit racer or just want to improve your open road skills I can highly recommend this course to you.

In order to get it going I am coordinating interested people. Kerry Holden has committed to be involved and I have already had a number of people sign up. We need a minimum number of signed up students to initiate the courses planned for mid year next year. No dates have been fixed yet and those signing up early can suggest dates that work for them. The venue will be Hidden Valley naturally but the format of the training will be adapted to the needs of the people signing up. There will be several training days so we should be able to move things around to suit everyone.

SO first in first served – we anticipate from interest already shown that it will be sold out and there will be a limit to numbers.

If you would like more information or to register your interest please email me;

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