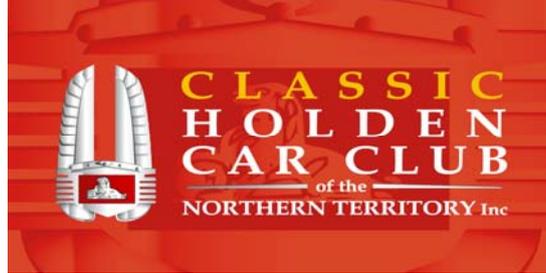


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Grumpy's two bobs worth

And it was a top pub it was back in the "old daze", dirt floor and all. Pity it turned into Darwins first casino and took away even more of the local character. Turn up at the quiz night for more historic pics and see if you can guess where they are.... Pity about the car on the right hand side...that's segregation for ya.....

This edition does not include a Presidents report so you are stuck with a grumpy edition so hope you have all had a good year and stay safe during the festive season and come along to some events next year.
 Our best wishes go out to Steve Moller and lets hope he overcomes his latest illness.
 Also hear Jack Burr is on the look out for a new Commodore...think he should go to church on a Sunday and not down the wharf area..Too many "P" platers that can't drive, "lucky for air bags" he said.

Smile and ponder awhile
 Two men are in a pub.
 One says to his mate 'My mother-in-law is an angel'.
 The reply from his friend.....'You're so lucky...
 Mine's still alive...'

I was at an ATM when an old lady came up and asked me to check her balance.
 So I pushed her over.

A suicide bomber runs into a pet shop and yells, 'you've all got 30 seconds to get out!'
 The tortoise at the back of the shop shouts, 'you bas%##d!'
 If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

Life is sexually transmitted

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

Never take life seriously,... Nobody gets out alive anyway.

“On the Web”



<http://www.beattheheatnt.org.au/>

This is a great local site that provides all you need to know on what's happening “Off Street Drag Racing”. This not for profit organisation has a great bunch of people that make the “Off Street” meets happen and they deserve all the praise for putting it all together in a very friendly atmosphere. If you've never done this before you need to experience this. Alas now you will have to wait till next year as the last meet was held on the 2nd of October.

Club Merchandise

Look the part and support your club

Polo Shirts \$35.00

Hats \$15.00

Stubbie Coolers \$6.00

Stickers \$3.00

Key Rings \$5.00

Merchandise available at most events, just see Ian

The 2009 V8 Supercar Championship Series calendar:

Dec 4-6 Sydney 400, Homebush, NSW

The 2010 V8 Supercar Championship Series calendar:

Feb 18-20 Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi

Feb 25-27 Desert 400 Bahrain

Mar 11-14 Clipsal 500 Adelaide SA

Mar 26-28 Aust Grand Prix Albert Park VIC

Apr 16-18 ITM Hamilton 400 NZ

Apr 30-2nd May QLD Raceway

May 14-16 Winton VIC

June 4-6 Bigpond 300 Barbagallo WA

June 18-20 Sky City Triple Crown Hidden Valley

July 9-11 Dunlop Townsville 400 QLD

Sep 10-12 L&H 500 Phillip Island VIC

Oct 7-10 Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000

Oct 21-24 Super GP Surfers Paradise, Qld

Nov 5-7 Falken Tasmania Challenge TAS

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Dec 3-5 Sydney Telstra 500, Homebush, NSW

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“All the Goss”

Photo courtesy of Mel Edwards expozd.com



I missed out on the last few events at the Hidden Valley Drag Strip but I had a quick peruse of the race results on the **Holden vs Ford** event in September. Mike Brideson is now into the 14sec slots with a best time of 14.84. While Kevin Alchin ran consistent mid to low 13's, Mick Carroll got himself into the 12's with a best 12.82. Chris Parris was the fastest CHCC member on the night and is nearly into the 10 second region with a best time of 11.065. The HZ is now off the strip and Chris is working on a new project. Great Stuff!!



Another Erection Ceremony; The committee got together on a warm and humid October Saturday to bang their heads together and try to build a better mouse trap, (well banner frame actually, the one that attaches to the marquee). Our Prez Steve was a little crook that day so he just dropped off an esky full of beer and wished us well. In reality I thought it was just Garry doing the thinking and the rest of us goofing around.



The challenge with the old set up was that it is cumbersome, heavy and takes a lot of effort to assemble. Let's not forget the fact that it was first built by the fabulous volunteer efforts of Grumpy & Ian and that they should be recognised in the tremendous efforts they put into the club. Lest assured a new and improved frame will be seen on the marquee the next time we set it up.

“Suggestions Feedback”

An e-mail from Garry;
The Minister for War & Finance and myself had a thought regarding Bathurst 2010 (next year). How would everyone feel if we had a club run and end up at our place (Howard Springs - 5 acres), we would have an Aussie theme ie: BBQ, Ribs, Party Pies, marinated Chicken wings, prawns etc..... We would have a large screen setup with a bar (that I have designed but not built yet but will be next year!), a flat screen at the pool, also thinking of hiring 2 of those V8 Supercar games that you sit in or setup a Slotcar track with Holden and Ford slotcars..... maybe even let the Ford club know so we have someone to put shit on hahaha..... could also set up "Other" Holden/Ford games if need be. We are happy to do the catering etc.... plenty of Holden flags etc..... we could call it "Darwin to Bathurst"!

I love this idea, I'd like to put forward that the club organise a mini bus for people who may want to have a few ales on the day. Send your e-mails to



Joe Mathews is the local distributor of Penrite Products and a few members won some gift certificates at the Rural Rally, these certificates can be redeemed at our Sponsors "AutoBarn". Just pop on down and see Tony in his store in Coconut Grove.

“Previous Functions”

“City to Souvlaki”



After a pretty average turn out at the Esplanade we were all set off at five minute intervals with a set of route instructions and a ‘got lost’ envelope. It was good timing for Mary Louise and myself as we didn’t see another car till the finish. To our relief the questions were a little easier and we quickly filled in the clues to our final destination.

It was great to see some old faces and some new faces as well, Shane McAlpine has rejoined the club after a long stint overseas and new members Danny and Nikki Elliot in their newly acquired FB sedan.



The only mishap was that Joe Horvath turned off the engine in his beautiful HT Monaro at the Howard Springs post office (the final clue) and it refused to start up again. After a long wait and a cool down the car finally fired up and he was able to make it to finish, thanks go to the members that hung back with Joe for moral support.



As per last year the final destination was the grand residence of the Mellios family and 18 Holdens eventually lined up on the back lawn. Harry once again offered to put on a show and together with the Kyriacou clan it was a huge success with marvellous live entertainment with the band “Humidity” and a sumptuous feast that will be the talk of the club for quite some time.



The festivities went well into the afternoon and the monster raffle went down a treat, there weren’t many who went home empty handed and quite a few people went home with a couple of prizes. The major prize was a high pressure water blaster that was donated by Nightcliff builders and won by Greg Coates.



Cars were judged by Harry’s wife Matoula and family friend Tanya, this year there were two trophies to be handed out. Just deserved, our late arrival Joe Horvath took home the best car with his HT Monaro and Wilko and Mary Louise took the other with their HG Monaro. Trophies were donated by Nightcliff Builders.



These events just don’t magically appear and it takes a great deal of effort to put them on. Many thanks go to the Prince family for the route instructions and organisation of the day as well as the Mellios and Kyriacou families for putting on such a fabulous show. Its always great when we see a good roll up of members, come on get involved with the club!!

“Mandorah Run”

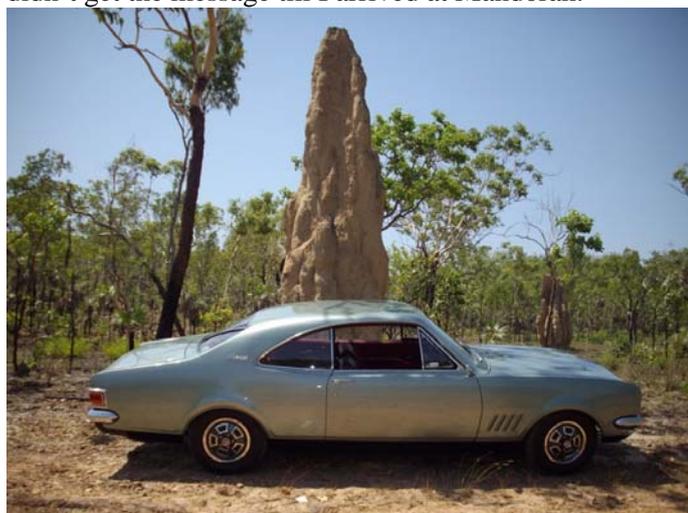


The humidity had abated that day for us and we had eleven classics and a few ‘moderns’ line up at Wishart Siding for a great cruise to Mandorah. Danny and Nikki had a little hiccup with the FB (fuel problems) at the start but after changing over to gas it was plain sailing all the way to the other side of the harbour. (I won’t mention anything about a certain member waiting at Wishart rd wondering if anyone else was going to join the cruise)

As last year we had the opportunity to park the cars right up on the front lawns for people to check them out and they certainly attracted attention with quite a few locals and tourists taking the opportunity for some happy snaps.



The plan was to have a little detour to Darwin River Dam but as there was construction taking place the road was blocked off, course leader aka “Speedy gone grumpy” called me up to tell me to keep on going (I was taking up the rear) but with me bopping away to the boom box I didn’t get the message till I arrived at Mandorah.



The Mandorah Hotel is a great place to spend the day, taking in the sights of the sea, the wharf and the ever changing CBD skyline across the harbour. The lunches were great (would have loved some hot chips though) and it seemed that the crowds were there enjoying themselves to that magnificent 18 piece band that kicked off that afternoon.



I love the Cox Peninsular rd, it has been fully bituminised for over a year, it has great winding curves and the country side is amazing, great tall timber with Livistonia palms, cycads and Grevilleas all looking lush and beautiful.

I had a little drama on the way back though with a blow out of the right rear tyre coming down the hill just past the Virginia turn off. The drama was that I forgot my wheel brace and had to undo the wheel nuts with a tiny socket set (#\$@%), other than that, a great day out.

Classic Holden Car Club Spotlight



Owner **Joe Matthews**
Model/Type **LX Torana S/L Plated 7/1977**
Exhaust **2 1/2 single system TPL**
Interior **All original including carpets**
Brakes **Original Drum Rear / disc front**

Year **7/1977**
Engine **253 V8**
Transmission **Aussie 4 speed**
Suspension **king coil V8 standard**
Paint **Original paint Cottle White**

Sonya and I are the second owners of this car; originally it belonged to Sonya's grandparents and was purchased new from Freeman motors in Adelaide on 25.5.77. The car was used as a family car for many years until Gordon passed away then Nan drove it for a few more years. The car was then used on occasions when Sonya's father flew to Adelaide either on business or pleasure, mostly from the city to Victor Harbour. This became a costly problem as the infrequent use caused the normal problems, Brakes, overheating, and so on. Barry gave us the car about December 01 and it was freighted to Darwin to become Sonya's everyday drive car after some planned work. When the car arrived along with all the original manuals and service history both in the book and written on the drivers door, spare wheel alignment shims in the glove box and a boot full of spares the work began. Acquisition of a donor car for the V8 parts needed to give this old girl a heart transplant was purchased and stripped of parts needed and the rest sold off to cover costs. Over the next couple of months a number of hours and late nights were spent getting it all ready for the upgrades. Second hand hot wires brought from Perth with new 225/60 x 13 on the back and 205/60 x 13 on the front fitted, window tint and stereo added along with a general clean up. During this time close mate's Wes Chin and Ian Searle (racin Rednecks) managed to replace the springs, shockies, Brakes, Master cylinder build and change over the new 253 engine, recon the V8 donor gear box and so on it goes with radiators, electrical, seat belts, extractors, carby rebuilds, engine change along with the donor exhaust, change clutch rod to cable etc etc.

After the engine change Sonya drove the LX for a while and was not really impressed with the heavy steering, no aircon, loud and rattling twin system and the heavy clutch so we decided to purchase a small car with the good bits, aircon and power steering so the Torana then became my project ongoing. Now at 32 years old and with 141000km's on the clock and only having clocked up 5000 k's over the last 7 years the original paint is showing its age and we hope to have the car painted next year in Darwin if possible due to the funding of transport up and down, along with a new wilder engine with a little more horse power for just that little more fun so I am looking for a 308 (Holden pattern) for the rebuild and maybe a trimatic to go with it and on the project goes.



Financial Members and their Cars

Contact Grumpy if you're not on the list (note its not up to date)

Bruce Wall	48-215 Club	Paul Winter	HR convertible	Paul Maksimovic	HX Ute
Jim Dowling	48-215	Tonia Thompson	HR Sedan	John Hocking	HX LE Monaro
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Bill McLeod	FJ Sedan	David Finch	HK GTS	Mark Booth	HZ Premier Wagon
Gary Fien	FJ Sedan	Rex Hales	HT Prem Club	Shane Walsh	WB Statesman
Agnes Shaw	FJ Sedan VCC	Adem Mahomet	HT Sedan	Adam Ciccarone	LC Coupe
Jim Brown	FJ Sedan	Greg Connor	HT Ute	Elliot Wilson	2 LC Torana's
Nikki Elliott	FB Ute	Craig Scruff Sommer	HT Ute	Stephen Hilliard	LJ Torana
Garry Quinn	EK Sedan	Paul Dyer	Chevrolet SS Club	Elise Prince	LJ Torana
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Mick Heiner	EJ Sedan VCC	Joe Horvath	HT GTS	Paul Whittaker	LJ Torana
Jack Clissold	EJ Prem VCC	Greg Coates	HT GTS 350	Joel Hill	LJ GTR
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Garry Quinn	VE HSV GTS	Craig Dawson	HT Wagon	Kym Benton	HJ GTS, HQ GTS
Katrina Bangay	HQ 350 Coupe				

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Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5.30 pm. Venues and times can change so please call a committee member if you would like to submit an agenda item or attend a committee meeting.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Bowls Night

Cos this was a blank space



John with his fingers in a tight spot yet again...

Another enjoyable finish to the year with the rat pack playing merry hell at the bowling alley then being perfect little angels at Mindil beach, after the usual follow the leader thru town parade. Who was the new member out and about for the christening of his one toner? Hope he made it home to Humpty Doo as it sounded like fire works on July 1st, maybe we can follow it when they ban the fireworks.

Lane results

Lane 16 1103 Grumpy, Dave, Lynn, Tess (6 yr old) Ian & Patrick

Lane 15 1096 Garry, Greg, Mikey, Nicole, Paul & Sue

Lane 14 1023 John, Alan, Lyn, Gelignite Jack & Greg

Lane 13 961 (the young guns but they did only have 5) Jared, Aaron, Brock, Morgan & Becky

STOP PRESS

For those members who have availed themselves of **“CLUB”** rego it is rumoured that MVR are going to be conducting a random check on vehicles spotted out on the road so it would be advisable to have your log books kept up to date and signed by a club signatory with an entry noted for every day the vehicle leaves your yard. Non compliance could result in loss of your cheap rego and unwanted hassles for the CHCC.

IT IS ALSO A REQUIREMENT THAT R42'S BE COPIED AND RETURNED TO THE CLUB WITH REGO DETAILS, IE:- NEW REGO NUMBER AND DATE OF REGISTRATION

Trading Post follows

“Cars for Sale”



1966HD Holden Special Sedan - Rego til April 2010.
@ 82,000 miles on the clock with original paperwork,
receipts and factory workshop manual

Engine: 179Cu In Red Motor - Runs sweet and is
Standard (not sure on internals though), will come
with a WW Stromberg Manifold and Carby in the
boot. Has extractors fitted.

Trans: 3 Speed Column Shift Crash Box - Comes
with a spare.

Diff: Banjo - Not sure of Ratio

Brakes: Drums all round - Recon'd Remote booster,
New Cylinders on the front, new rears in the shed.
Most of the brake lines have been replaced.

Body: Most of the rust work has been done, small
amount to go. Could definitely benefit from a paint
job.

Interior: Very few rips in the roof lining and arm
rests, the rest of the interior is in very good
condition. Has had a CD player fitted.

Suspension: Ball joint front end, Front Lowered
Kings Springs, rear STD Kings Springs with 2"
Lowering Blocks. A few bits and pieces have been
replaced. Heavy Duty Sway bars fitted.

Wheels: Standard 13" with good tyres. There is a set
of new 14" HT/G/K rims with new 215/65R14tyres
that will go with it.

Price: \$2,500 o.n.o.

I can be contacted on 0419845955 or by e-mail:
pilgrim@[bigpond.net.au](mailto:pilgrim@bigpond.net.au) if anyone is interested.

Regards, BrettVick

“More Parts for Sale”

4 VZ 18 inch mags from VZ "S" Thunder ute. (as used
on VZ monaro etc) \$600. need new tyres
call grumpy 89882425

Custom centre console to suit LH-LX Torana. \$80.00
WB Front disc brake callipers \$100.00
Ph. Mike 0413592798

EJ Instrument cluster and chrome dash moulding.
HQ NOS Left Front guard, HR NOS RHR Quarter panel
Offers to Mike 89 881 348

4 VE SS 18 inch mags with Bridgestone Tyres
(29,000 k's)
Phone Steve 0438817610.

Early Holden Parts I have been through Denis
Hannah's block in Katherine and he has some
amazing stuff, it's not all for sale but if you are after
a part he may just well be able to help you out.
Denis Hannah 89721397

HQ GTS Wheels, two 308 mainfolds and various
other parts
Steve Bolle [0407 719 822](tel:0407719822)

253-308 Stroker kit \$2,500 ONO
Paul Maksimovic juiced253@hotmail.com

The following parts were donated by Marj Harris
and are in the custody of Ian Campbell.
Best offer (probably the first offer) with all proceeds
going into the club coffers.

1 x HJ Grill,
1 x HX Grill
4 x HX s/wagon tail light lenses
2 x HD/HR exterior tail gate handles
1 x EK chrome bonnet mould
1 x FB/EK windscreen protector
1 x FE - HR clutch master cylinder
4 x HD/HR hub caps
1 x HQ/HJ left hand bonnet hinge
EJ/EH door belts 1 x l/h front 1 x r/h rear outer
2 x HX s/wagon chrome tail light surrounds
1 x EH sedan rear window
1 x HK/HG bumper

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Stick this on your Fridge and please phone to advise of your participation

What's up next Year!!!!

Next Years calendar has yet to be finalised but be sure that all your favourite events will be there and we will throw a few new ones in for a bit of variety.

26th January; Australia Day Ute Run
Yep..... it's a Tuesday

Feb 20th ; Quizz Nite at the PINT CLUB
Abala Rd
Early Table bookings to
John P on 0417 262 918
Grumpy on 8988 2425
Donations of prizes greatly appreciated

March; Town Run TBA

18th June Sky City Triple Crown Hidden Valley V8 Supercars

If you have an idea for an event contact the committee and put it up, the weird and wacky ones will probably get thru. We are looking for something different to entertain the masses...

“Over flow”

Here are a couple of pictures of your editor taken in the early 80's with my HJ Sandman Panel Van.



This shot was taken just after an afternoons bush bashing at the local mud flats, the car was filthy dirty, not to mention a few other things.....



(we like short shorts)

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