

EH HOLDEN CAR CLUB OF WA

NEWSLETTER
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Run Round Up

BSN Motorfest, Garvey Park Xmas Run & Drive In Night

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the New Year, I trust every one had a good Christmas & New Year celebrations.

It is the time of the year when there are plenty of car runs & shows on so we hope you will take the opportunity to get your vehicle out and show it off. If your car is not on the road at the moment you can still come along, in your daily driver, to any event and enjoy your fellow club members and enthusiasts company.

The club Christmas Run at Garvey Park was well attended with about 16 vehicles and about 30 members & guests in attendance. See Veras report.

The club also had a good display at the Busselton Motorfest in November, with 10 vehicles on show. The club had a BBQ on the Saturday night with 10 members in attendance. See the run report.

There is a full Summer and Autumn list of club Runs and other events for you to get out and socialise with your fellow club members.

The club has had a number of requests for parts or information on businesses who can do work on EJ & Ehs, for the many restoration services required, so if you have had a good or poor service from any restoration supplier let us know and we can use this information to help others make a decision on who may be suitable to work on their pride & joy. You may also have a few spare bits you wish to sell or trade, check out the clubs forum page as you may be able to assist in the restoration of another EJ - EH.



RUN REPORT

Busselton weekend away 27th November - Motorfest

This was the first weekend away that I can recall in my 10+ years as a member where camp beds and swags were not required.

The destination was Busselton for the towns' annual Motorfest show and shine. As I had never been to one I was keen to support the event.

Only four of us met at 'the usual' spot in the Kelmscott pub car park, Bob Hurrell in his sedan, Vera Nolan in our Panel Van, Mark Cole in his FJ van and myself in the HG for the drive down. We chose the inland route as we weren't in any hurry and it gave us a few places to stop for a cuppa. Mark led the way out of town but I soon took the lead from the 138 grey as the 350 wanted to get up and go! First stop was Pinjarra to clear the back log of traffic behind us and grab a cuppa.

First major stop was the Bunbury Esplanade where club member Phil Hutton was waiting with other entrants, for an impromptu car display. After a chinwag, some perusing, plenty of drooling and a kebab we jumped in the cars and headed to Busselton and the home of club President and Newsletter Editor, Sue and Neil where we would stay the night.

Our hosts fired up the Barbie while we knocked the top off the eskies and chillaxed! We were also joined by new member Rob Bailey and his wife Rosanne, who tried to induce death by "The Perfect Pecan Meringue Pie" to us all!

As we are all old farts we didn't join in on the schoolies celebrations that were happening in the town! I bet there were a few sore heads the next morning?

Sunday morning and a quick wash of the cars we headed to the oval to be directed to our allotted location. Here we meet Brad Pettitt, the Fuller lads, Larry and Wendy, Marissa Adams, John Sharp, and Neville MacArthur.

It was a struggle to get 10 cars (1 x ute, 2 x PV, 2 x wagons & 5 sedans) into such a small space, but we managed. It just meant that we parked up and didn't fully display our vehicles.

Club jobs out of the way, we could then walk around and look at the array of fine vehicles on display. Show over it was time to head home, but this time via the new highway.

Special thanks to Sue and Neil for their hospitality

Thanks to John Nolan for the report.

PS Vera & John took out the Top Van trophy.



Club Display at Busselton Motorfest





Other cars at the
Busselton Motorfest



RUN REPORT

Christmas at Garvey Park with the EH Holden Car Club

On Sunday the 18th December was the clubs' annual Christmas get together at Garvey Park on the banks of the Swan River in Belmont. The weather gods once again shined on us, allowing for no excuses for not bringing the old girls out of the garage.

We arrived to find the gate locked which meant unloading the club stuff in the car park for a short walk to the BBQ and shelters. As the shire provided shelters had been booked we turned to plan B and erected the now ancient style club gazebos. It seems no matter how many times we put these things up they still drive everyone nuts when it comes to matching what part goes with what. With a few helpers and plenty of cursing and the odd expletive they were both up.

Not long after the club trailer arrived with 'the key' (a 20lb sledge hammer provided by Mitch O'Brien), to let us in. With members still arriving and our new Fijian friends near by providing the Christmas music we settled down for a relaxing afternoon, catching up with the regulars and many new members, a warm welcome to you all.

The older kids grabbed the cricket kit and emulated their T20 big bash heroes in a game of tip and run. This year we once again conducted a raffle with some good prizes including an autographed book by Don Loffler.

It was especially pleasing to see Phil Elliot's son Jason and his wife there with not only the wagon but some mates dressed to impress in period clothes for the occasion.

From the event co-ordinators perspective, it was not only pleasing to see so many vehicles (1 utility, 2 panel vans, 5 wagons and 10 sedans + an FJ van and an HG Monaro) but so many members with young families.

3pm soon arrived and it was time to pack up, offer Christmas and New Years wishes before heading home.

Many thanks to the committee and members for making it such a great day!

Thanks to Vera for the report & a well planned day.

Garvey Park



Garvey Park
Jason Elliot & crew



Relaxing

RUN REPORT

Drive in nite! - 14th January 2012

With the night advertised in the newsletter, on the web page and the ever popular Gen Y social medium of facebook, we rendezvoused at a fried bird fast food restaurant car park in Woodvale at 6pm.

A group of 10 Aussie built GM-H classics always attracts some attention and tonight was no different. So with just 30 mins to meet and greet and chat to new members, we headed off to the Galaxy Drive theatre, the last operating metropolitan drive in out of 24 which opened in 1973!

Some of you may recall the following;

Highway-Bentley, Skyline-Floreat, Panorama-Roleystone, Metro-Innaloo, Lakeway-Swanbourne, Melway-Melville, Wirrina-Morley, Eastway-Belmont, Starline-Hilton, Melody-Kwinana, Parkline-Forrestfield, Odin-Gwelup, Waverley-Beckenham, Swanway-Midland, Daleline-Armadale, Glenway-Balga, Riveline-Riverton, Twilight-Maddington, Beechline-Beechoro, Galaxy-Kingsley, Moonline-Wanneroo, Marmion-Sorrento and the Aceway-Morley

Thankfully there was no queuing required and we headed straight in and lined up in two blocks. Radios tuned, deck chairs out, eskies and picnic hampers opened, New years greetings exchanged, we settle down to watch the motion pictures on the big screen.

For me it was all too much and I retired to the comfort of the panel van as a movie about talking rodents shipwrecked on an island just didnt do it for me.

With intermission came the obligatory choc bomb ice-cream and more interaction with those that attended.

This is always a great night no matter what the movies are. To me its about the social interaction with like minded people and checking out peoples pride and joys.

On the club front we had 2 x EJ sedans, 2 x EH sedans, 1 x EH panel van, 1 x EH utility, 1 x HG Coupe plus 2 x 74 Toranas and 1 highly modified Ford Capri. An HX sandman and a HQ coupe joined us later. All lined up and looking great!

I have often toyed with the idea of the drive in being full of classic cars of all persuasions watching a double feature of Running on Empty and Mad Max. How cool would that be?

I think Ill just have to settle for the next one in mid February and hope that we can double the number of cars!

John Nolan

Drive In Night



WHATS ON

Club Runs

FEBRUARY:

COASTAL CRUISE Sunday 19th

Meet at Royal street car park at 10:00am. Cruise north then south along the coastal road to Fremantle. Lunch at Captain Munchies.

MARCH:

GUILDFORD HERITAGE FESTIVAL Sunday 11th March.

Lots of events will be taking place on the day. 10:00am till 4:00pm.

BROOKTON OLD TIME MOTOR SHOW Saturday and Sunday 24th and 25th

This is a great bi annual event that always draws a great turnout of classic cars and military vehicles. Lots of stall vendors and entertainment throughout the day. The Club chooses to camp overnight as there is live entertainment in the evening. A cooked brekkie is available at the oval before we set off home on Sunday. Meet at 8:00am at Dan Murphys in Kelmscott. The cnr of Page and Albany Highway Kelmscott. Then we will convoy along Brookton Highway to Brookton.

APRIL:

ALL AUSTRALIAN CAR DAY Sunday 15th April

Normally held in Waroona it has now found a new home at Pinjarra. We will meet at Dan Murphys in Kelmscott at 8:30am. The cnr of Page and Albany Highway Kelmscott. Then convoy to Pinjarra.

Classic Car Show WHITEMAN PARK Sunday 22nd April .

Meet at the Red Rooster store cnr of Bridgeman Road and Beechboro road Beechboro at 8:00am then convoy to Whiteman Park.

BAKERS HILL FESTIVAL Saturday 28th April

Meet at Midland gate Shopping Centre at 8:00am then we will convoy a short distance to Bakers Hill for the show.

MAY:

NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY SUNDAY 13th MAY

Meet at Royal Street Car Park at 10.00am then we shall have a leisurely cruise to the Noble Falls for Lunch.

JUNE:

AGM and CONCESSIONAL CHECK SUNDAY 24th June 2012

Vintage & Veteran Car Club - Hale Road Wattle Grove

WHATS ON 2

Other Events

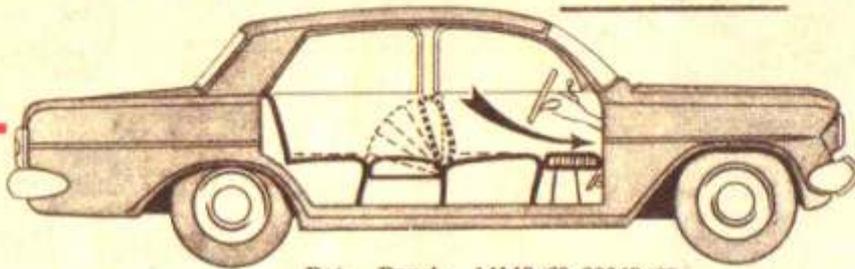
FEBRUARY:

BIG ALS POKER RUN 12th February
Burswood Park 10am to 3pm then the Poker Run Starts

APRIL:

MURRAY AUTO XTRAVAGANZA Saturday APRIL 7th
The next instalment of The Murray Auto Xtravaganza. This is the Easter Long weekend and once again will be a big one, with the inclusion of the 2012 Australian Van Nationals as a part of our event. Entry forms will be up on line soon, in the meantime if you want to get yours in early, email Info@maxpinjarra.com.au

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FAREWELL MEMBER No 29 - PHILIP ELLIOTT

It can be said that in matters EH everybody including current and past EH members had contact with Phil at some stage.

On the 15 November last year Phil passed on and will be sadly missed by Jo, and the extended Elliott family and friends and all members of the EH Car Club. Most would know that Phil had not been a well man for some time. At a large gathering to celebrate Phil's life it was pleasing to see many EH Club members, some with their EH vehicles.

Born in Kalgoorlie, Phil was the youngest of five children. The family moved to Collie where Phil lived his early years. Many may not know that Phil was a dedicated Boy Scout who became Patrol Leader of Kookaburra Patrol at the 79th Collie Scout Troop. Not so surprising as throughout life Phil followed the scout motto of "Be Prepared".

Who will ever forget the long period while Phil was restoring his Saltbush Green/Fowlers Ivory wagon, he used his white Dato ute to attend Club runs. Phil was well prepared with his ute always bringing EH Club equipment and food and drinks to events over a long period. Thanks again Phil! Well, Phil surprised a few onlookers when he burnt some Dato rubber on leaving the Collie Motorplex after the 2009 All State Run driving events.

Shortly after foundation of our Club in 1990, Phil became a member and soon took a leading role as Club Treasurer. He was the first point of contact for prospective EH Club members and for enquiries re EH maintenance and parts. Apart from being Club Treasurer Phil maintained a comprehensive listing of all members with details and photographs of all their EH's. Phil also held positions of President and Secretary while continuing to look after Club records.

Prior to acquiring his wagon, Phil was the proud owner of Saltbush Green EH sedan known as "Snuffy". The Elliott family well remember their holiday excursions sometimes with caravan in tow in "Snuffy". The remains of this well used sedan still reside at the family home. However, this memory lives on as son Jason is using the front fenders and other parts in restoring his EH. When it hits the road Jason, what will you be naming your EH?

Thanks to assistance from Jason it was great to see Phil and Jo and the fully restored wagon at the 2010 Christmas BBQ at Garvey Park. It is a credit to them. Thanks again to Jason and Leonie and Jason's mates for bringing the wagon to the 2011 Christmas BBQ. Jason intends keeping the wagon.

Farewell No 29 we will all miss you and in another time and another place we will enjoy a Corona or two!

Thanks to Bob Hurrell for the obituary.

Farewell Member - 29



Phil and son Jason at Garvey Park Christmas 2010



Jason & Crew with the Wagon at Garvey Park 2011

