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Phil Elliott Remembrance Day Run to Serpentine Falls
Coverage of Recent Runs, check the calendar for more

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EDITORIAL

Well the weather has improved and there has been plenty of club runs to attend, the last couple I have attended have had about 12 EH / EJ s in attendance, which is a reasonable turn out. Reports sent in had 3 club cars at the Geraldton show over the long weekend.

Thanks to Ray (Pres) for his contributions to the newsletter, as I do not always get to the club runs, it is good to get a brief report from another club member who did attend.

In this issue we have reports on the Rockingham run and the Phil Elliot Remembrance Day Run.

The GM Owners day is fast approaching and your entry must be in at least 2 weeks before show day, the 25 November.

For those entered in the 2013 ASR you need to make sure you have paid your entry as that closes soon also.

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Please forward all articles, stories, etc, that you come across for the next newsletter and submit them to the editor prior to the 31st of January 2013 - Thanks

Presidents Report

Well since the last news letter our club cruises appear to be going well and merit must go to Gordon for his input into the events that he has arranged for the coming year starting off with the cruise to Bindoon and the most recent one was to Rockingham on the 23th September 2012, details of which are on one of the adjoining pages.

I still need a lot of help from members regarding details of members cars and any articles that they find which may be of interesting reading regarding EH's or other motoring vehicles or events!

“Please, Pretty Please”

It appears that all past presidents have had the same problem and its not until you take on the position that the penny drops. This is your club so put pen to paper or ring me regarding whatever you may have or like to discuss so a story can be made up.

The clubs web site will be upgraded very shortly with details of some of the Committee members contact telephone numbers and updated photo's of old and new members projects that are under construction or have joined the cruises over the last few months. This should refresh the site after the alterations are concluded with Simon Day.
Thanks Simon

Committee Members contact details and phone numbers have been added to the inside cover sheet but only those that wish their number to be given out.

The new sun shelter has arrived and we will try and erect it on the Serpentine cruise on the 14th October 2012. It should look good.

Gordon Dunn wishes to express his thanks to those that went on the Bindoon cruise which turned out to be on a great sunny day. They departed on Sunday Morning after meeting at Midland and traveled to Bindoon where they went and spent time at the local markets before adjourning to the local Tavern. All had a good time!

Peter Collins a new potential member and family also joined the cruise and we all wish to welcome him and hopefully he joins the Club membership.

The only downside to this cruise was the lack of numbers only four cars turned up.

All States Run 2013

Please remember that the last call for entries for the ASR is the 30th of November 2012 all payments must be in their hands by then. Please let the committee know if you will be a starter.

Phil Elliott Remembrance Day Run - Serpentine Falls

After leaving the parking area at the Kelmscott Hotel all 12 cars headed off to Serpentine falls which was a good run down the Bunbury Highway until the turnoff into the national park, and after paying the entrance fee a parking place was found for all the cars together.

Alongside the parking area was a nice BBQ grassed area and a place to set up the clubs new gazebo for the first time.

Well this type of shelter wasn't very hard to work out and the instruction list wasn't even referred to. The frame work for the topside is made of aluminum and it's concertina design make it very easy to stretch out to its full size after putting the cover over the top first. The legs of the frame then just slide out and up it goes and the two sides and back are velcro together and the corners zipped as well.

It sure beats the old one and the many rods that had to join together that's if you could find what bit goes with what etc. As the weather looked threatening and light rain started falling the shelter was used to the max and all fitted underneath without being cramped in until it stopped. The shelter when enclosed measures 6x3 metres and then the sides can be lifted by the use of extra tent poles which will make the total sun shelter 12x6 metres for those very hot days.

As Phil's wife Jo and son Jason were in attendance, Bob Hurrell said a few words regarding Phil Elliott's memorial and the day's outing in remembrance of Phil's activities for the club over many years.

As the weather remained mainly fine for the day I think all of us had a great day which lasted until around three o'clock before heading home.

Thanks for all that turned up on the day, and for those that didn't you missed a good one!
- Ray Forster

Photo of Jo and Jason with friends under the new shelter.





Rockingham Run

The Club's Run to Rockingham on the 23rd of September 2012 was a different thing altogether, as we had a total of thirteen cars and one other vehicle on the day. We all met at the Gateway Shopping Centre parking area south of Perth and later after all the usual pleasantries proceeded to Rockingham where we encountered heavy traffic along the foreshore due to such a beautiful warm day.

Finding parking at the hotel was a battle but all got parked within a half hour or so and headed to the hotel (Rockingham Hotel) for lunch. The silver service that this establishment was well known for in the Fifty's and Sixty's has long since gone and the place shows its age in its current rundown appearance. However to its merit the food wasn't all that bad which was its good point and a nice lunch was had by all.

It was also pleasing to see every one mixing in with the new members and circulating around the tables and making themselves known to each other, Great Stuff, that's what this Club's all about.

Oh I forgot to mention that included in all the cars was a beautiful EK Holden Pale Blue Panel Wagon owned by Guy and his wife Greta, which they purchased from Wendy and Larry (Club Members) and they were invited to join us on our run and enjoying a great day.

- Ray Forster





A new car on the run



Jims car out on a club run

NEWS

HIS and HER EJ's

I think most of us can remember the time you saw your first car.

For me, I was 15 years old, 5 months into my first year apprenticeship, and keen to get a set of wheels for myself, after many years of helping my Dad rebuild plenty of his cars.

As we were looking thru the Sunday Times my Dad spotted an add that read. Collectors Item Holden EJ 1962 Original Condition and Licensed \$2,000 ono. He told me his first brand new car was an EJ, and he loved it, well this got me interested.

I promptly rang the girl who had it for sale and arranged to see it, lucky me it was less than 2 blocks away from where I lived, so off I go on my deadly treadly (push bike) I was off to see the car.

When I first saw her (the car that is) I thought "no that must be the one they are keeping" and there was another hidden away. Much to my surprise it was the one. A Bunyip Bronze EJ Special Sedan with a White Ivory Roof and White rims, Everyone used to call it Baby Sh*t Brown, but I still loved it.

I asked them if I could hear her run, so they tried cranking and pounding on the accelerator but she was a no go, even got to the stage of virtually flattening the battery. So they said we will just get another battery for a jump start and be right back. So there I am in the car, and I thought "hey I will just pull the choke out and try to start her. Well you guessed it She fired right up and purred like a kitten, Well that did it for me I knew this was love at first start !!!

I convinced Dad to come and have a look at her and he gave the ok, even helped me out and paid half, so I had money to spend on her. We came back the next day, payed the money and off Dad drove us home. Well we get to the end of the street and she stalled. He tried to put her in park and we heard click click click, (linkages worn out) and we started rolling backwards down the hill, tried the hand brake, zippp all the way out (broken cable) only thing we could do was hold a foot on the brake. So Dad made the decision that I hold the brake, he walks home to get his car and tow me.

Well I sat for a while and waited, Dad was off down the road, and I tried again to start her, and wouldn't you know it She started for me again, So I took the chance, dropped her in drive and drove her home, I think I even beat Dad home, but boy did I get in trouble for that, 15 and driving unlicensed.

So I was so happy I finally had a car of my own. That was nearly 23 years ago and I still have her today.

At the time it was original, 138 grey motor 3spd Hydramatic column shift and Power assisted 4 Wheel drum brakes, even had the rear venetian blind. Had I realized I was going to have this car for so long I might have kept it exactly how I bought her, but being young and not much money to spend, it was cheaper to rebuild a red motor than the grey,

So out she came and a 173 high compression Red motor (ex Grandads HQ) and an EH front end fitted, I did keep the Hydramatic for about 2 blocks drive with Dad and we decided to swap it for a Trimatic instead. We even managed to keep the column shift as well. Slowly changes were made over the next few years, a dual throat carby from a 186S was fitted, Genie extractors and a tricked out Trimatic, Dragway Indies with 215x50x13's and a 2.78 diff ex LJ Torana was added. She was a beauty in all her chrome glory,

And speaking of beauty, I was dating a lovely young girl at the time. Soon after we started dating, Julie (yes the same girl and currently my wife of 16 years) needed transport to get to work, So I decided to let her drive my EJ to work, I had built a LJ Torana as another project after the EJ was on the road , so I had the Torana and She had The EJ. So that basically became HER EJ.

Well after a while I sold the Torana and we got engaged , we bought a house and I found myself wanting for another EJ for myself. I spotted another EJ special Sedan in the paper , so off we went and had a look and a drive (I had never driven column shift manual so that was an eye opener) 3 speed crash box behind a 202 Red motor, I know not original but she was a nice Dolphin grey colour with bright Red interior and White rims, I made the decision right then to buy her and add her to our family, that is how she became HIS EJ. That was 17 years ago and also still have her.

As you may have seen in the photos, I have the WA License Plates HIS EJ and HER EJ and they will go back on them once I get them on the road again.

Well as the family of cars grew, so did the offspring grow as well, 3 kids later, we have 2 older girls and the youngest a boy, so did the cost of living and the need for a bigger car, they (The EJ's) both were put away in the shed for safe keeping until ready for restoration one day. Well we out grew the house and shed , so we made the decision to buy a bigger house and increase the size of the shed so I could get back into working on both of the EJ's. Well the time is right and the motivation from the EH club (and the wife), we can start to get them both back on the road again soon I hope, this time with a few changes.

The wife's, HER EJ , is getting a VR V6 with Turbo 700 4 Spd Auto and Commodore Diff and Brakes and steering, Mine HIS EJ, is getting a Small Block 350 Chev, Turbo 400 rack and pinion steering and 9" Diff, not sure on brake combo yet, but getting great help from the EH club's website and members.

Well thanks for reading and I look forward to meeting and talking with everyone else in the club and will try to get on the road with the cars ASAP.

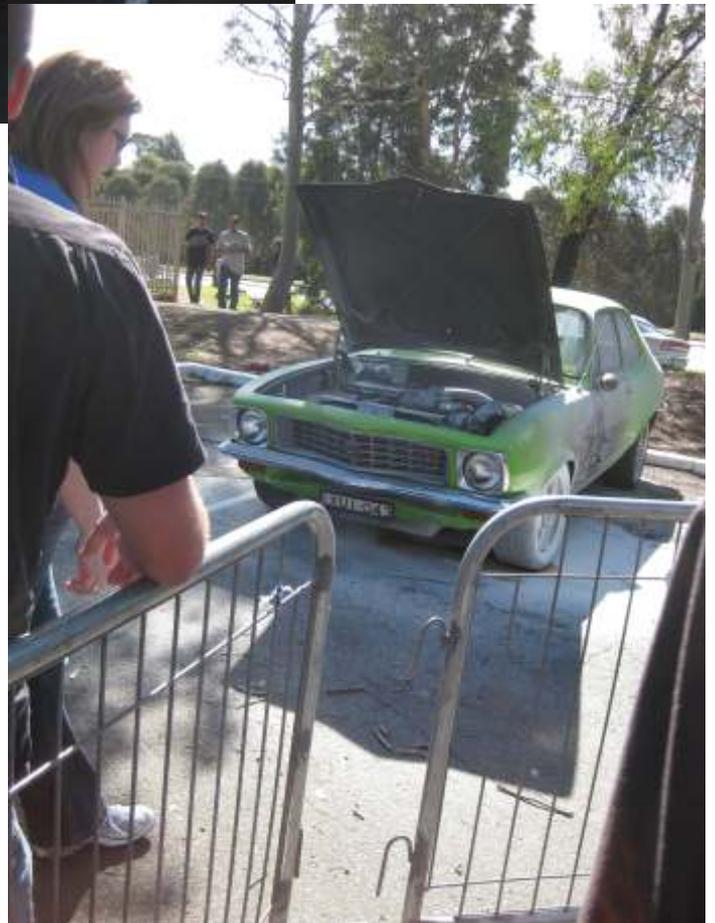
Regards Adrian and Julie Reid
Club Member no. 327



EH Anniversary Day - Sydney

Another good turn out for the EH Anniversary Day at the Colyton Hotel, the t-shirt this year celebrated the 50 years of the EJ. There was a steady stream of on lookers through out the day. There was a variety of vehicles to check out and keep people interested.

One bit of excitement, which could have turned out very badly, was a LJ V8 Torana, parked next to but outside the display area, had a fuel leak in the engine bay, while being moved, with a fire as a result. Quick thinking by a number of people to grab extinguishers from their cars and one who got a larger unit from the bottle shop. There was a fair amount of damage to the engine bay and LH front guard & tyre.







WHATS ON

Club Runs

November

4th - Classic & Awesome Rides Show
Trinity Playing Fields Manning & Elderfield Rd Waterford
Meet Carousel Shopping Centre Fast Eddys 8.30am depart 9am
BYO chair, food & drinks

25th - GM Owners Day
Bassendean Oval West Rd & Guildford Rd
Set up 6am - 9am, gates close 9.30am BYO chair, food & drinks

December

9th - Club Christmas BBQ
Garvey Park Ascot 10am - 3pm More information closer to date

Need Chrome Work

For those of you that are preparing to have any chrome work done then you may like to visit Vinci Chrome of Malaga for a quote and then ask for the 10% discount that they have extended to all EH Club Members.

Contact Michael for your quote and discount.

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