

# *EH HOLDEN CAR CLUB OF WA*

**NEWSLETTER  
SUMMER 2013**



**Run Round Up**

**GM Day, Garvey Park Xmas Run & Victorian Hot Rod Show**

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# EDITORIAL

Well I hope every one has had a good festive season and managed to get the car out for a drive. There have been plenty of events and runs to attend over the last couple of months and the club runs for the coming months are at the back of this issue.

The club runs at the end of last year were well attended and I think the majority of attendees enjoy themselves. So come along, if you have not had a chance previously, to the next few runs and join in.

Well the EH All State Run is only weeks away and those going are preparing to get to Mt Gambier for Easter.

Also this year sees the 50th anniversary of the EH so expect at least one special event towards the end of the year.



# *Presidents Report*

**Hello all and welcome to the summer edition of the Clubs News Letter.**

I would like to congratulate all those members who took part in the GM Owners Day at Blue Steel Oval Bassendean on the 29th of November last year. Our club had twenty three cars turned up on the day which I think was the largest showing of vehicles for a specific model at the oval on the day.

I must first of all make special reference to the few that turned up the day before to set up the gazebo and mark out the area set aside for each vehicle so that all of the club's cars would fit into the allocated area.

Due to the threatening weather on the Saturday before, everything had to be securely tied down as the forecast was for strong winds and possible rain. The Club's new trailer was delivered by John Nolan and it came in handy for a wind break and a strong tying point for the gazebo which was only half erected.

Next day on arriving, all was intact without any damage and the storm had passed so lady luck had smiled upon us. My thanks goes to John, Larry, Gavin, Gordon for giving me a hand not an easy job but it had to be done.

On the Day all vehicles were positioned with their bonnets facing inwards which was a little different than past years, however, I felt that it would bring the public into our section for better viewing of our cars and for this reason I think it served its purpose.

## **A RARE FIND!**

There was one vehicle parked in the middle of all the other cars, which was covered up for its grand showing, and at the prescribed time when all members were rallied, then the cover was removed, and for the first time we believe anywhere in Australia a **Left hand Drive EH Holden Ute** was displayed in its original found condition.

I won't tell the story of this vehicle in this report as the details are in one of the following pages but yes an LHD EH Holden made in Australia and shipped overseas almost 50 years ago, just amazing.

This vehicle created a lot of interest from the general public who stopped to admire it throughout the day and probably more questions were asked as to, where was it found, who owns it, is it going to be restored, etc etc.

Anyway on the day we all seemed to have a great day and thanks to Vera for arranging the food and drinks "again" and for Mitch who took on the roll of Chef, the meat was cooked to perfection, gee Mitch we all thought you were only good on the spanners !.

When it came to the new trailer we were all on a learning curve but now we know how to unpack and pack it and the most important thing now is to how to keep it clean and tidy.

As usual, the club presented two trophies to its members for the best modified and original EH Holden that is judged by the public and members by a voting card that was handed out during the day. The award judged by the public for the best modified EH went to Peter Collins beautiful green and white Special Sedan, an immaculate presented car.

For those that don't know Peter, he only just joined the club late last year and has attended a few runs, so well done Peter.

The award for the original section was jointly won by Bob Hurrell and Garth Irvine, but because there was only one trophy, Bob in the goodness of his heart and having won many awards previously for his vehicle offered it to Garth to adorn his mantle shelf, so many thanks Bob.

### **Members Christmas Party** Garvey Park December 2012

With a good turn up of approximately 12/15 cars, I didn't take account of the exact number but with reasonable warm weather and a good breeze under the shady trees it made out for a good day.

With lots of food and drink and thanks to Rob for cooking all the meat (and if you didn't know he was a chef in an earlier life) thanks and well done.

Our new trailer fitted out with the esky, tables and chairs and the built in BBQ really makes it easier to set up and dismantle for all of the clubs runs, it's just a great investment well worth every dollar spent.

Although nothing exciting happened, it was just the usual catch up with the gossip amongst friends and club members over a drink or two etc.

The only glitch to the day was the shire ranger was suppose to open the gates at ten o'clock but didn't turn up until half past, just in time before the post would have been extracted from the ground.

The day came to the end after the usual clean up by 1600hrs after having a great day and all departed for home.

### **What's coming up for the New Year!**

Have a look at the web page and see the cruises that Gordon has arranged, with the first one being undertaken on the 28th of January 2013 a short half day run from East Perth down to Fremantle for lunch at Capt Munchies.

This event may have been completed before the newsletter goes to press, anyway I am sure everyone will have a good time and if you have missed this then take a gander at the other events over the next few months.

Now just to finish off,

Please make a note on your calendar to set aside the weekend of the, 17th, & 18th of August 2013.

The club has made attentive bookings for a weekend away at the Forest Lodge near Pemberton for all members especially our southern country members for the 50th anniversary year celebrations.

Details about tentative bookings will be advised when prices are confirmed as the club has locked that w/end in for the whole lodge.

There is approximately room for forty persons on a shared basis, types of which are motel rooms, studio rooms, homestead, and chalet styles at very reasonable rates. A cooked breakfast is available and the Saturday evening meal will be a curry night with all different styles.

Those that miss out on the first in first served bookings at the lodge can make arrangements at other accommodation which is available nearby and still attend the lodge for dinner.

Anyway, details later when prices are set.

### **50th Anniversary Main Event**

We need your thoughts and input regarding the 50th Anniversary Event (26th August) of the first EH off the assembly line. We as a club need to bind together to celebrate the beginning on the Sunday closes to that date which is the 25th of August 2013.

There have been very few suggestions, but I would like you all to think about it as I will be forming a small committee to run with it. So if you have a flair for these types of arrangements let me know as I will need assistance.

There may be a need for a lot of research to acquire events facilities, sponsorship and advertising of the event etc.

Please share your thoughts with us in any form and contact me or raise your ideas at the coming general meeting.

This event will be open to any EH owner state wide being a club member or not, and hopefully, I am aiming to have up to sixty cars attend.

Now, this is your Club so get off your backside and don't leave it for the usual few and let's make this the biggest and most talked about car event ever to happen in Perth for our much loved EH's.

Cheers Ray

# NEWS

## **Xmas get together - December 2012**

Once again the club gathered for the Christmas picnic at Garvey Park. Ray had organised to have the gate opened, so we could park on the grass. Unfortunately the council ranger had not opened it on time, so a few of us had to wait for Ray to arrive as he had the contact details for the council. About twenty minutes later the ranger turned up and unlocked the gate so we all filed in and set up the marquee & trailer.

The weather was warm and sunny all day, there was around 15 club cars & 1 guest (EH ute) in attendance.

The club marquee was put to good use providing shade through out the day, the BBQ was fired up and a feast cooked & served up. Thanks to those who organised the food and cooked & cleaned up.

Overall a good day in good company.





# NEWS

## GM Owners Day - November 2012

The bi-annual event was held at Bassendean oval. I arrived about 6.30am with John & Vera already there, a couple of others rolled in during the next half hour. Ray and a couple of others had set up the new club marquee on Saturday and marked out the club area, but no one else knew what the layout was. So when Ray turned up at about 8am there was a bit of shuffling of cars to get the layout right.

Mark Cole arrived with a mystery vehicle on a trailer, under cover, this was positioned in the middle of the club display and un wrap just after the opening of the show. It turned out to be an imported ute.

The club had around 20 cars on display, which was a strong showing and a good variety of club vehicles. The new marquee & BBQ trailer worked well and kept the members in the shade and well fed. Thanks to the club members who manned the BBQ and organised the food & drinks.

Overall the number of vehicles at the show was slightly down on previous years partly due to a number of competing car events also on that day. Even so there were a number of new cars to check out and the usual variety to keep you interested for the day.

After a fine day it all wrapped up at 4pm with the normal queue to get out.









1964 HOLDEN EH UTILITY  
LEFT HAND DRIVE (LHD)  
CHASSIS NO: 15613 (MELBOURNE)  
ASSEMBLY LINE: ADELAIDE BUILD NO: 4  
COLOUR: BUDGEE GREEN

THIS RARE AND ORIGINAL VEHICLE WAS BUILT BY HOLDEN (GENERAL MOTORS) IN 1964. THE VEHICLE WAS MADE SPECIFICALLY LHD FOR EXPORT INTO THE OVERSEA'S MARKET, EITHER INTO THE PHILLIPINES OR HAWAII. THE CAR WAS MANUFACTURED WITH A NUMBER OF NASCO ACCESSORIES FACTORY FITTED TO ENHANCE THE FEATURE AND SALE OF THE CAR. RESEARCH INDICATES THAT HOLDEN WAS NOT ABLE TO MANUFACTURE AND EXPORT DIRECTLY IN TO THE USA MARKET BY ORDERS FROM GENERAL MOTORS (USA).

THIS CAR WAS FOUND AND PURCHASED IN APRIL 2012 FROM THE OWNER IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BELT, JUST OUTSIDE GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, WHO ADVERTISED THE CAR AS A CHEVROLET EL CAMINO TO IDENTIFY THE CAR TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. THE CAR WAS ORIGINALLY FOUND BY THE PREVIOUS OWNERS FRIEND IN DELAWARE 24 YEARS EARLIER.

RECOVERED FROM THE GARAGE IN DELAWARE, OVERGROWN BY PLANTS, VINES AND UNDERGROWTH FOR MANY YEARS, THE CAR WAS GIVEN TO THE FRIEND IN EXCHANGE FOR REMOVING AND VACATING THE SHED. THE CAR REMAINS COMPLETELY ORIGINAL AND UNTOUCHED. IT'S ESTIMATED THAT THE CAR BROKE DOWN AND PARTS WERE UNAVAILABLE OR NOT ABLE TO BE SOURCED TO REPAIR THE CAR TO WORKING CONDITION AND SO WAS PARKED UP IN THE GARAGE FOR MANY YEARS.

AFTER ANOTHER FOUR YEARS SITTING IN HIS SHED IN MONTANA WAITING FOR IT TO BE HOTRODDED, IT WAS PUT UP FOR SALE ON EBAY WHERE THE CURRENT OWNER SIGHTED THE ADVERT AND ARRANGED A DEAL.

HOW IT ARRIVED IN THE USA REMAINS A MYSTERY, HOWEVER IT IS EXPECTED THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT HOME TO THE USA BY SOMEONE SERVING OVERSEAS IN THE USA MILITARY. AFTER BEING TRANSPORTED BY CAR AND TRAILER TO LOS ANGELES, VIA YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, BONNAVILLE AND LOS VEGAS, WITH OWNER AND FRIEND IN HAND FOR THE RIDE, THE CAR WAS IMPORTED INTO AUSTRALIA, ARRIVING ON THE 25 OCTOBER 2012.

WELCOME HOME LITTLE EH HOLDEN UTE - ONCE YOU WERE LOST AND A LONELY HOLDEN IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, BUT NOW YOU ARE WITH FRIENDS, RARE AND UNIQUE TO AUSTRALIA.

"AMERICA - YOU HAVE BEEN PICKED"

# Victorian Hot Rod Show E.Hs - January 2013





# WHATS ON

## Club Runs

### February

Night Cruise Sunday 17th February 2013

Meet at the Westfield Innaloo Car Park on Scarborough Beach road at 7:30pm for a 8:00pm departure. We will be cruising to Captain Munchies Burger Bar Beach St / Parry st Fremantle.

### March

Serpentine Tractor Museum Cruise Monday 4th March 2013 (Public Holiday)

Meet in the carpark, cnr Albany Highway and Page Roads Kelmscott at 9:30am for a 10:00am departure. We will be driving to the Serpentine Tractor Museum with short stop @ Byford servo , and lunch at the local Tavern.

EH Holden All State Run 2013 Thursday 28th March to Monday 1st April 2013  
Mt Gambier SA

### April

All Aussie Car Day Pinjarra Sunday 14th April 2013

Meet Kelmscott Page Rd 730am Dep 8.00 am Short Stop @ Byford servo , Saus sizzle & drinks supplied by Club

Whiteman Park Classic Car Show Sunday 28th April 2013

Meet Red Rooster Cpark Beechboro / Bridgeman Rds 8am Dep 830 , ENTRY PASSES REQUIRED Avail from Club Saus sizzle & drinks supplied by Club

### May

Wundowie Iron Festival Fair Day Sunday 19 May , Foundry Tours on the day

Meet 8am Dep 8.30 Midland Gateway Cpark Lloyd St & Gt E Hwy BYO

### Other

Cranksters Pipeline Picnic Sunday 10th March

Leaving Carousel Shopping Centre 9.30am