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**"Celebrating 30 Years"
1979-2009**

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President's Report – July – Dec 2009

Thank you all so much for allowing me to be President once more. It is such an honour. 1993 was the last time I wore the hat. My goal as President and also Membership Secretary, is to help the Club grow in membership. The flow on will be a more financial club, more attendees to events and meetings and more input.

On behalf of the Club I would like to offer much appreciation to the outgoing Committee members and especially Stuart Bowyer whom has worked very hard for the Club. Our new Committee has lots of fresh faces which is great to see. So please be patient with all of us as we learn the ropes of running the Club.

Please make sure you take some club cards to place on car windscreens. It is also good when a car is for sale, to ask the owner to pass on our club details to the new buyer, or if they keep the car, to come along and have some fun with the club.

As many of you will know our particular interest is factory finish FB and EKs. The Jackson family enjoy collecting original cars as one day we would love to start a museum. All leads would be appreciated to help us find and preserve one of the greatest cars ever made. Also I am researching and gathering information for a book. So please don't feel like I am interrogating you when I ask too many questions ☺

Congratulations to all the winners of our annual Show n Shine. Trophies were awarded at Club Presentation dinner which was organised by Jessica Jackson. A, marvellous effort Jessica in all areas, from planning, preparation, delivery and the clubs 30th Birthday cake. Thank you so much, you made Linnwood feel like our own Club House. Thanks also to Jesse for being Jessica's right hand man, also to Dishpan Wayne and Tea Towel Stu.

The Last Word Nationals, Nationals, Nationals ... let's go!

Steve Jackson
President

p.s. From the Jackson family...wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

From the Editor,

Hello there and welcome to the September and December 2009 edition of the Newsletter.

It finally happened! I missed an entire edition of the Newsletter. ☹ I tried - I honestly did but four and half weeks in the USA totally immersing myself in the American car culture including two hot rods shows, driving Route 66, shop tours of hot rod workshops, plenty of meals at Mels Diners and other diners, retail therapy in hot rod shops and the highlight - a Friday night cruise on the streets of Petaluma where much of the movie American Graffiti was filmed just meant the Editor didn't have enough time! More on my USA adventure inside...

Sooo to make up for this the September and December editions have been rolled into one BUMPER edition of the Newsletter.

Wasn't All Holden Day incredible! To see so many FB EKs at the Club stand was simply awesome. Lots of records tumbled that day. Congratulations to everyone who attended. Just think if we can get those sorts of numbers at All Holden Day what sort of numbers can we get a Nationals?

Did someone mention the Nationals? There has been lots of hard work going on behind the scenes but there is still plenty to do! If you have an idea or suggestion or would like to help in any way now is the time to speak up. The Nationals Committee will be approaching Club members to help out in various ways so please be ready to yes. Also everyone needs to be thinking about potential National sponsors. If you have a sponsor in mind please speak to Steve or myself.

Remember too that January 2010...is a very special month...the month when the FB Holden was released in Australia! So please everyone be upstanding and raise your glasses for a toast...to the FB Holden!

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Until next time... 'Holden On'

Stewart Watters
Editor



**Club Calender
January to September 2010**

Month	Date	Points	Event
January			No Club Meeting
	9 Saturday	No	Blacktown Drive In Night hosted by Lions Pride Car Club
February	9 Tuesday	Yes	Club meeting – Linnwood 25 Byron Road, Guildford
	14 Sunday	Yes	Club run to Warragamba Dam
March	9 Tuesday	Yes	Club meeting – Linnwood 25 Byron Road, Guildford
	14 Saturday	Yes	Club run to Royal Easter Show (tbc) or North Head.
April	Tuesday	Yes	Club meeting – Linnwood 25 Byron Road, Guildford
		Yes	Club run to Gerringong
May	11 Tuesday	Yes	Club meeting – Linnwood 25 Byron Road, Guildford
	TBA	Yes	Club run to Grey Pride, Berrima
June	2 Tuesday	Yes	Club meeting – Linnwood 25 Byron Road, Guildford (note 1 st Tuesday of the month)
	11-13 Fri-Sun	Yes	21 st FB EK Holden Nationals Narrandera – Celebrating 50 years of the FB Holden!!! 11-13 June 2009.
July	13 Tuesday	Yes	Club meeting – Linnwood 25 Byron Road, Guildford
	17 Saturday	Yes	Ten Pin Bowling
August	8 Sunday	Yes	Club run to All Holden Day
	10 Tuesday	Yes	Club meeting – Linnwood 25 Byron Road, Guildford
September	14 Tuesday	Yes	Club meeting – Linnwood 25 Byron Road, Guildford
	19 Sunday	Yes	Nth Run Berowra / Pie in the Sky

If you have any questions please contact Steve Jackson 0408206056 or Stewart Watters on 0434000281.

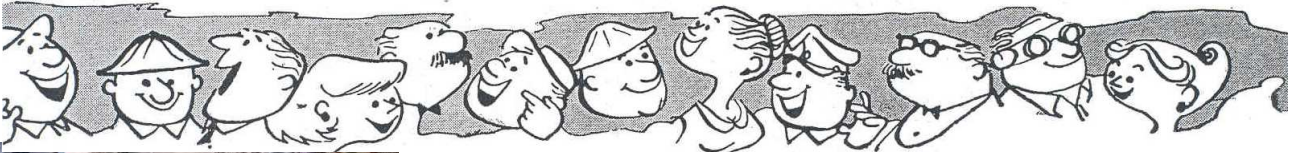


Swap Meets

24 January 2010 – Mudgee Annual Swap meet and Rally, Mudgee Showground

21 February 2010 - Sydney Super Swap Meet. Veteran & Vintage Chevrolet Assoc. of Aust. Hawkesbury Showground. Clarendon.

28 March 2010 - Annual Goulburn Swap Meet Goulburn Recreation Area. (Showground), Braidwood Road, Goulburn.



New members Welcome to new Club members Matt O'Shea, Rodney Cooke and Tim Gotterson. Matt has a lovely EK wagon complete with flash kit and an EK sedan. Rodney has two EK sedans – one original and one modified. Tim has a original Honey Beige ute with 69,000 original miles on the clock. Welcome aboard guys and hope to catch up with you at a run or meeting real soon.

Happy Birthday to Us! 1979 to 2009 and still going strong. 2009 marks the 30th Birthday of the FB EK Holden Car Club of NSW. Jessica Jackson supplied the birthday cake and candles and we all sang happy birthday to us at the Presentation Dinner. Hip Hip Hooray!

Congratulations to lots of Club members including Scott and Michelle who married recently. Yes! that supercharged V8 is finally finished. When can we see it Scott? ;-) We welcome the arrival of Jackson Bowyer a son to Stuart and Kellie and the arrival of Henry Kyngdon a son to Andrew and Victoria. Best wishes to everyone from the Club.



New Logo and Club shirts have arrived. Many thanks particularly to Frank Petracic and the Committee who helped design the logo. Club shirts are \$45 Contact Peter Kantarelis at a Club meeting.

21st FB EK Holden Nationals – Well this is the **BIG** one we have been waiting for!!! **Celebrating 50 years of the FB Holden!!!** To be held at Narrandera on the Queen's Birthday long weekend Fri 11, Sat 12, Sun 13 June 2010. It will be hosted by our Club and it will be a Nationals not to be missed. So why Narrandera? We have tried very hard to find a location that met everyone's needs. A number of places were considered but in the end Narrandera came up trumps.



21st FB EK Holden Nationals Narrandera NSW

- It is reasonably 'central' to all States and in striking distance from major capital cities. Narrandera is 856ks from Adelaide, 435ks from Melbourne, 1,246ks from Brisbane and 550ks from Sydney. Narrandera is intersected by two major highways the Newell Highway running North-South and the Sturt Highway running East-West.
- It has plenty of accommodation. There are 9 motels, 2 caravan parks and various hotels and B&Bs located in town.
- It has a venue that has the capacity to cater for over 200 people for both the Saturday and Sunday dinners.
- It has well laid out parkland to accommodate plenty of FB EKs for the Show n Shine.

Entry forms and other information are to be mailed out during December/January and posted up on the FB EK Forum. We do hope to see you at the Narrandera Nationals 2010.

Club Jackets are available. Black with gold sleeves with our Club logo on the front and the Club name emblazoned across the back shoulders. In sizes from S to XXL price is \$100.00 per jacket - that's cheap on \$\$\$'s but big on value - look cool and order yours now! See Peter Kantarelis.



National FB-EK Holden Forum Want the latest FB EK info? Check out <http://www.fbekholden.com> It's the place to meet other like minded FB EK enthusiasts Australia wide.



Club Run August – 24th All Holden Day 2009

By Stewart Watters Photos by Steve Jackson

Records are not broken every day...and as it turned out this was not going to be any ordinary day...



I was running late from the word go. Stuart B was waiting out front by 6.30am in the EK and Peter Kantarelis was also waiting at his place in his EK....sorry fellas! We rolled into the McQuade Park to find....no-one! Hit the panic button. A few calls later and we soon worked out everyone had gone ahead and entered the showground – a smart move.

Parking cars is so much fun! Not. Bob Kirkman did a great job organising and parking everyone in an orderly manner. Thanks Bob!

With the cars parked everyone broke out the picnic chairs, rugs, umbrellas, shade tents and cold drinks and settled in for a day of Holden gluttony. I've often thought this event was as close as you can get to the Nationals without going to the Nationals and this year didn't disappoint. With 775 cars entered for the day there really isn't another Holden day like this one.

We had a fantastic location right down the front so we had a constant flow lookers and admirers passing through our cars. It was good to meet some new people too including Rodney Cooke from the FB EK Forum who also signed up with Club membership.

Nathan Grima created a stir by placing a "For Sale" sign on his beautiful EK. You should have seen the looks on peoples faces!

OK so about those records. With a total of 30 FB EKs we set a new Club record for attendance at an All Holden Day. What a massive achievement!. I recall not that long ago our Club was struggling to get 8 to 10 cars on the day. So with 31 FB EKs entered it really was something special. Well done to everyone!

Not only did we break our own record but the Club was awarded the trophy for the Best Represented Club for the entire All Holden Day!

A swag of other trophies were also won by members of the Club including:
James Montague FB sedan Trophy sponsored by East Kurrajong Rural Fire Service
Nathan Grima EK Sedan Trophy sponsored by Macquarie Town Hot Rod Club
Robert Kirkman EK Utility Trophy sponsored by Amelia's Plasters
Tony & Marie Grima EK sedan Trophy sponsored by Kingsgrove Motor Body Repairs

A BIG thank you is deserving to all our Club members who attended on the day. Without your support and attendance none of this would have been possible. Special mention goes to Jackson Bowyer for attending his first Club run – well done Jackson! Good to see Mum and Dad indoctrinating you from an early age...

So with all these records broken this year begs the question...what can we do for next year...2010?...for the 50th Anniversary of the FB!

Cars entered: Andrew Agius (EK sedan), Vince Borg (EK sedan), Stuart Bowyer (EK sedan), Ross Clancy (EK sedan), Steve Clare (utility), Ray Cribb (utility), Peter Glading (FB sedan), Nathan Grima (EK sedan), Tony and Marie Grima (EK sedan), Phillip Grima (EK sedan), Wayne Jackson (Cataract Grey Wagon EK 219), Jessica Jackson (Pink FB Sedan), Steve Jackson (FB sedan CFP 913 Twilight Turquoise), Peter Kantarelis (EK sedan), Bob and Lorraine Kirkman (EK utility), Lou Merceica (EK wagon), Jim Montague (FB sedan), Matt O'Shea (EK wagon), Frank Petravic (EK sedan), John Reed (EK sedan), Ian Warby (EK sedan), Stewart Watters (FB sedan), Tony Westlake (EK sedan), Steve Jackson Jnr (FB Honey Van), Steve Jackson (Cameo EK 9000 Miles), Steve Jackson (Honey Beige 215), Steve Jackson (Morning Grey 215), Wayne Jackson (EK 215 Auto White), Steve Jackson (Honey Beige Ute FB), Steve Jackson (Strata Blue Ute EK), Ian Filmer (Utility). Additional members present without cars: Craig Richardson, Wayne Xerri, Neville Wardrope Grant Russell, Andrew Hunter and Tim Brook.





Member Interview with Peter Kantarelis

In 50 words or less can you tell me a bit about yourself?

My name is Peter Kantarelis. I am 39 years old, married with a 9 year old daughterand a 4 year old Labrador and I live in Revesby, NSW.

Who taught you to drive and what was your first car?

I learnt to drive by mates who wanted to know how fast their cars would go and let me have a shot along some not so secluded roads. Stupid, but true. I also had few proper lessons learning unimportant stuff like stopping, turning, parking, etc. My first car was a HJ Holden.

What other cars have you had over the years?

HJ Holden, HQ Holden V8, Chrysler Regal V8 (Hey, forgive me, I'm Greek!!), Ford XB V8, Chrysler Centura, Ford Fairmont Ghia ESP, and VP Calais.

Tell me a bit about how you ended up joining the Club?

I was looking for a car for a while, and stumbled across the forum. From there I noticed what a good club it was, with all the club runs, etc, and joined as soon as I bought the EK. Barely been in the club for 6 months and I'm now treasurer. Trusting lot, this mob!!!



How did you track down your EK?

I was looking for quite a while, and for various reasons I couldn't find one I liked or was in my range. The one I bought popped up on Ebay, and as usual I was fart arsing about trying to decide whether to buy it.....and it sold. A week later it came back on, due to an unpaying bidder. I went out and saw it, and it was a bit rougher than what I was after. After the owner noticed my pockets bulging with crisp green backs, we settled on a price and the rest was history.

Can you tell us about its history?

Not much known about it. It was a 1 owner up until 2000, then a young lady had it for a few years, then the previous owner had it until earlier this year. I'm the 4th owner. It's a Sydney built car, apparently sold through Savell Bros. in Hurstville.



What sort of plans do you have for the EK?

At the moment I'm just enjoying driving it. In the near future I plan on having some minor rust and dents fixed, and respraying the car, keeping the original colours. I then plan on adding some bling to it, like spats, mudflaps, etc. I want to keep it as original looking as possible.

Apart from FB EK's (of course) what is the car of your dreams?

If I had the money, I would love an unmodified, original FJ Holden. Basically anything from the '40's, '50's and '60's that's still in original, unmodified condition gets me excited

Anything else you would like to add?

It's heartening to see that others out there are buying, restoring and cherishing these icons of Australian motoring history, be it any make or model of car. My EK may lack all the comforts of my daily driver, but it has character, something lacking in today's cars.

Red's Big Day Out Club Run – 20th September 2009
Photos by Dave Goffer





Members Present: Dave Goffer, Steve Jackson (FB Van), Wayne Jackson (EK wagon), Jessica Jackson (EK sedan), Tony Westlake (EK sedan) and Wayne Xerri (EK wagon).

My First Club Run - 1998 By Matthew Hicks

I first attended a Club run some time in the latter part of 1998, back in the days when my wagon was still a shambolic, unregistered wreck and I was instead driving a sleek '67 HR special wagon. The brief was simple; a Sunday morning cruise, meeting at Campbelltown Macca's headed for the seaside meet at Wollongong light house. Sounded great. Somehow at 2am that same day as the last empty bourbon glass hit the table at Peaky pub I managed to convince a mate to come along, and so we headed south at around 9am feeling a little seedy and quite looking forward to the McDonald's part of the adventure, if anything...



We downed a full breakfast each and had been enjoying the healing powers of coffee and early morning rays for nearly an hour when my mate asked "so what time are these guys getting here?" – Not a bad point seeing as we had now overshot the meeting time by nearly half an hour. As our trays were cleared away, the waitress politely informed us that there were 8 other McDonald's in Campbelltown alone, not counting those on the border with nearby suburbs...A quick whip round some of the nearer restaurants revealed nothing, so we started down the road toward Wollongong anyway – fuel was cheap and time was plenty, and "maybe we could meet some girls", my mate added... Club run or not, the beach was a great place to be on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

Finally at around 2pm we spied a familiar blue EK sedan, and standing alongside it a fellow whose name escapes me but who I remember having the unenviable nickname "Boxhead". He had also been at the last club meeting when the run was arranged, and explained the absence of any starters as "we just decided to meet here instead". So my first club run was also an introduction to the 'informalities' of club event planning – evidently we *had* been in the right place at the right time, just not the *other* right place and time... if you know what I mean...

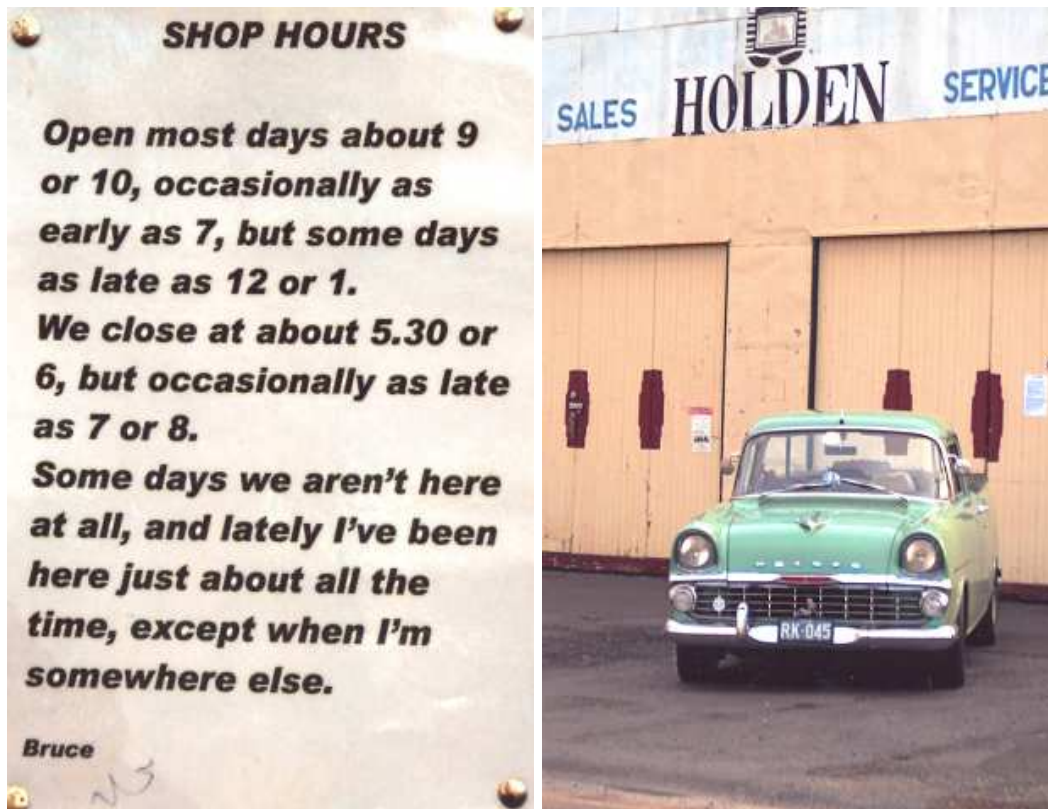
Regardless of the puzzling nature of the day, I was impressed by the notion that owning an old Holden could be associated with an enjoyable, leisurely activity, and so it wasn't long before I pieced the FB back together so as to be properly involved for the next club event. Come to think of it, I believe the next run was to Bass Hill drive in cinema – where time and location changes were not allowed!



Spotted recently at the Rose Seidler House Fifties Fair – Sue, Martin and Maybelleine's Big Day Out!

Tassie Time!

Lorraine Kirkman sent in these two beautiful photos of when they were travelling in Tasmania. Bob and Lorraine had pulled over outside this old garage to make some minor adjustments but after reading the sign on the workshop decided not to wait...!

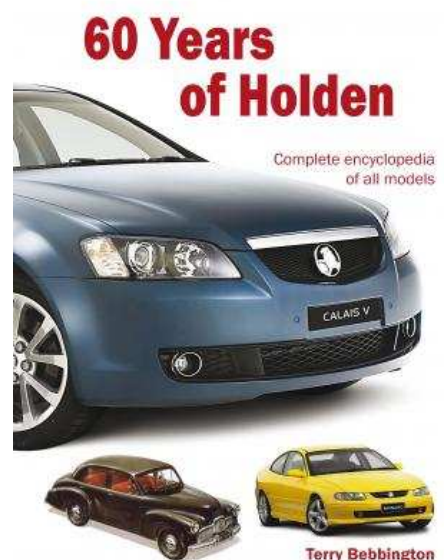


60 years of Holden By Terry Bebbington

Terry Bebbington, the walking encyclopaedia on Holden, is back with his latest gem. Detail, detail, detail... beginning with Holden's pre-1948 history, this book charts Holden's course in Australia from the 48-215 to the current VE Commodore. But not just Holden's top-selling large cars, all other models are covered in the same exhaustive detail. Torana, Gemini, Barina, Camira, to the current Viva and Epica. 4WD's and commercial models are also included. There is also a section on rare prototype and concept cars that Holden has produced – including the Hurricane and the EFIJY.

Like the two editions that have gone before it, 60 Years of Holden will be a must-have for the Holden enthusiast and a valuable reference for years to come. The sheer volume of specifications makes this a unique source of all things Holden. How many Holden facts can you take?

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Show 'N' Shine – Judging Day 18th October 2009 Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood

by Susan Cadzow

The day started dark and cloudy with miserable drizzling rain. I arrived to find half a dozen cars in the car park and most of the members huddled under the eaves of the toilet block trying to keep dry! (Note to self: Must look on Ebay for an authentic 1960's NASCO umbrella to add to the car accessories. I'm sure there will be something authentic and rare listed for sale!)

Optimistic as all Holden owners are, we waited around for the clouds to break and the sun to shine through (or at least for the Club President and his entourage to arrive as he had managed to get lost – obviously those original restorations don't include GPS)

We had 26 cars in total – 20 of which were EKs! Obviously more FB owners have been lured to the dark side...The park rangers dropped in to check it all out and I noticed they had a wistful look in their eyes as they wandered past the display, one of them telling me how he used to have an EJ.

Voting was tough this year! All the cars deserved a trophy!. Dashboard Hula girls seemed to be this year's accessory. I might just have to get one of those, as well...

Jackson Bowyer was a hit in his Club romper suit and scored double points for his dad!

Thanks to all involved in organising the day – especially Jessica (drinks/voting forms), Frank (Meat and cooking. BBQ chef extraordinaire), Stuart (bread/voting forms), Peter (Park access/display), Jim Montague (location), Vince Borg (salad), and Bob Kirkman (display), Thanks to Dave, Peter and Steve for the great photos.





Members Present: Denis Bernasconi (FB sedan), Dave Beers (EK sedan), Stuart Bowyer (FB sedan), Vince Borg (EK sedan), Susan Cadzow (EK sedan), Steve Clare (EK ute), Ray Cribb (EK ute), Dave Flannigan (EK sedan), Greg Gibbons (FB sedan), Dave Goffer (EK ute), Sean Griffin (FB wagon), Jessica Jackson (FB sedan), Steve Jackson jnr (FB van), Steve Jackson (EK wagon, EK sedan, EK), Wayne Jackson (EK), Peter Kantarelis (EK sedan), Bob Kirkman (EK ute), Lorraine Kirkman (EK sedan), Matt O'Shea (EK wagon), Frank Petracic (EK sedan), Wayne Xerri (EK sedan and EK station sedan)

Club Presentation Dinner – 14 November 2009

About 40 Club members and children attended the end of year Club presentation dinner at our 'Clubhouse' Linnwood, Guildford. It was a lovely evening with quite a few FB EKs parked out the front. Our room was all decked out with streamers, balloons and candles and the juke box belting out some 50s tunes. Plenty of gasbagging was had over dinner. After quite an extensive search for some matches Jessica brought out a 30th Birthday Cake to the FB EK Holden Car Club of NSW where we all gave a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday (to us!) ably led by Steve (what a voice!) Jackson and Stewart Watters. Trophies were awarded, some memorable and profound speeches made and we all had a jolly night. Jessica Jackson did an amazing job of organising and running the night. Well done Jessica and many thanks. She was ably assisted by Jesse, Stuart Bowyer and Wayne Jackson who all looked right at home in the sink – many thanks guys! Lots of others in the Club pitched in to make it a great night. Congratulations to our all trophy winners and to the 2009 Club Champion Steve Jackson.







Trophy Winners

FB Original

1st Denis Bernasconi
2nd Steve Jackson jnr
3rd Greg Gibbons

FB Sports

1st Sean Griffin

FB Modified

1st Stuart Bowyer

EK Original

1st Lorraine Kirkman
2nd Frank Petravic
3rd Steve Jackson

EK Sports

1st Susan Cadzow
2nd Matt O'Shea
3rd Wayne Xerri

EK Modified

1st Bob Kirkman
2nd Vince Borg
3rd Steve Clare and Dave Flanagan (equal)

Car of the Day Lorraine Kirkman

Bruce Giles Best in Sports Susan Cadzow

Club Champion Steve Jackson

“Mums Worried”



Lightening Ridge Carpark 1978



Drive In Night



9th January, 2010

Greater Union Blacktown

Cricketers Arms Road

Meet at 7:00pm



Lions Pride Holden Car Club Inc
NSW

Enquiries: 0402 134 336 Mark

Web: www.lionspridensw1.com

All Welcome come along for a Great Night

Early Club Days - 1987

By Steve Jackson

When I joined the club in 1987 meetings were held at North Parramatta Mc Donald's, in an allocated room up stairs. A two-week-old Jessica Jackson attended my first meeting in June of 1987, in a Pyramid Coral EK Sedan. The club was very young, young in the age of its members, young were the cars (An EK was only 25 years old). In achievements, young also.

I was so excited when I had found the club. After a two year search I found an EK with a club sticker (no phone number or address) so I left a note for someone to ring me.

At the time I lived in Emu Plains. There were many members from Mt Druitt and the surrounding areas. We convoyed with about eight cars to the meetings, that were full of surprises. The internet was not yet born, swap meets were still in their infancy. The trading post was also region by region. Loads of parts and Nasco accessories used to turn up for sale or auction. I remember one day Russell Cooper had a box of NOS guard spears. The club was the place to be if you wanted to find cars, parts for sale, or free advice.

On club runs things were very different. We didn't have mobile phone to communicate with if you were running late, or fell behind with a little trouble. The last car would have its headlights on so the leader could see that the tail was still intact. The enthusiasm was so, that many members would come on the run without their cars, Ken Ross while still searching for his beautiful FB Standard (that eventually found him) would follow in his Gallant. Jeffrey Burnham (then Club President) in his Sigma Wagon, as his EK Standard was in the long resto stages). Club founder Trevor Page would be in his Ford Station Wagon? FORD?

The FB EK Nationals was still three years away. The first All Holden Day was at Panthers Leagues Club in September 1987. Later the show was to move to the Butterfly Farm at Wilberforce. When I drive past the Farm today, I can't believe how small the show area was. The big club event at the time, was the Blacktown Street Parade plus the Yennora Woolsheds Car Show were also well attended. Drive insns and bowling was very much in favour, also the almost monthly Saturday night cruise to Bondi.

Cars in the Club were not to the standards of the Club today, although, there were some amazing standouts. Leo and Charles Schofield, had two of the best EK sedans one could see! The Parisian Lilac with anodised flashing of Charlie's is still around, in the same condition. The Tuscany Yellow EK sedan of Leo's sold, ended up in the weather on the street, as a daily driver ☹ We all know now what that does to one of these vehicles. David Beers purchased the car some years back for parts. Can you believe that? Trevor Page had an incredible Castile Green FB Sedan, accessorised to the hilt, even with stainless sill moulds. The car sold to Crookwell and later back to Sydney, still a beautiful car, though, the car has seen some weather and also the original books from the original Orchard Hills owner have disappeared.

The Time Machines...there's not many left, though,....They're out there!

Anyone seen Steve's Pink and Plum EK with Flashline...?...last seen in Glebe in 1996...it's gotta be out there...somewhere...a lost Time Machine...



Historic Conditional Registration Scheme

For those of you who may be considering using Historic Conditional Registration Scheme, here are a few points to give you a rough idea how.

The operator of a vehicle to be registered under the RTA Historic Conditional Registration Scheme (HCRS) must be a current financial member of an RTA authorised motoring club.

To register your car for the first time under this scheme you will need:

- Proof of Identity
- Proof of Purchase or Acquisition
- RTA Form 1246 - Application for Conditional Registration (Mauve Form)
- RTA Form 1259 - Historic Vehicle Declaration (White Form)
- Current Pink Slip
- Current Financial Membership Card

Both RTA forms must be completed and then signed and stamped by the Club Plates Registrar before lodgement with RTA. Similarly, renewals from then on will require an RTA 1259 form with a Pink Slip and signature of Plates Registrar before paying renewal.

Once on this scheme you will need to adhere to certain conditions, they are as follows:

- A log must be kept and maintained in the vehicle for all vehicle movements.
- Vehicles can only be used for authorised club events, however, there is provision for service trips within a SHORT distance of garaging. If a longer distance is required for a specific purpose permission from the club must be sought and logged in the Registrars Day Book. (This is enforceable by Police & RTA). If you happen to be a member of another club you may list that club on your RTA1259 Form on renewal and that will automatically cover you for their club events as well as ours. However, The Primary Club that has sanctioned your plates will need to authorise your RTA form.
- If you wish to use your vehicle on a run that is not on our calendar of events or on the events calendar of any other club nominated on your RTA 1259 form then you will need to seek permission from the Plates Registrar and provide details of your usage and destination for notation into the Day Book. For your protection it is advisable to carry, with your car log, a club calendar and your current Club membership card as the Police & RTA have the right to stop you and ask you why are you on the road? And where are you going? If they choose to do this, the above items will be your best evidence to produce.

Information is also available through the RTA Customer Call Centre 13 22 13 or on the web at http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/otherinformation/conditional_registration.html?rlid=3

FB EK Holden Car Club of NSW Rules on Eligibility for Historic Plates Scheme.

1. Car owner must be a member of the Club for at least 12 months and must currently be a financial member. (Special consideration may be given in relation to the length of membership at the discretion of the Committee).
2. The member must attend at least 4 Club meetings a year (one of those being July meeting and AGM)
3. Movement of the car other than in connection with Club approved events must be notified to the Plates Registrar. No exceptions.
4. The Member must strictly maintain a log book recording all movements of the car.
5. The Plates Registrar is to maintain a Day Book and register of historic plates.

Vehicles must be in original condition or meet the 'sports' category as defined below:

1. All vehicles must retain external panels and interior trims as close as possible to original.
2. All vehicles must retain grey motor and gearbox and standard front and rear ends (standard wheelbase).
3. Period accessories allowed as well as modern sound system, carpet and seat belts.
4. Period speed equipment allowed such as twin carburettors, extractors and exhaust mods.
5. Widened wheels, mags and radials are acceptable to legal limits.
6. Suspension mods within legal limits.
7. Chrome accessories and sports steering wheel acceptable.

My USA Adventure By Stewart Watters

During September and October this year my family and I spent four and half amazing weeks travelling the east coast of the USA. Our holiday was broken into two parts. The first ten days was spent at Anaheim the home of Disneyland but we also went shopping, Californialand, shopping, Universal Studios, shopping, day trips around LA, shopping...you get the drift. The next 2 weeks or so we drove over 2,600 miles in a anti-clockwise direction through Las Vegas, Route 66, Grand Canyon, Death Valley National Park, Sierra Nevada Mountain, South Lake Tahoe, Yosemite National Park, San Francisco and then back down the coast road to LA. There was plenty of car culture highlights during the trip including a shop tour of Circle City Hot Rods and meeting owner Jimmy White and some of the guys working there and some hot rod parts shopping at Reids Rod Parts where you could buy (if you had a fat enough wallet) an entire repro steel '32 roadster...just take it home and start bolting it together. Amazing stuff. The biggest highlight was a 24 hour visit Petaluma and Penngrove – two towns about 40 minutes drive north of San Francisco. There is no easy way to tell this rather convoluted story so pull up a chair...

Holiday Planning

Whilst in the US I wanted to make sure I got to a car show...but not just any car show...it had to be the Hot Rod Revolution. I've been reading about this one for a few years and the guys that run this show are into very traditional pre-1948 hot rods. You won't find any electric windows, IFS, IRS, candy colour paint schemes, air conditioning etc...but you won't find rat rods either... these are real rods built to be driven in the tradition of the 1940s and 1950s. The Revolution as they call it is held in a small non-descript park in a very small town called Penngrove.

The website <http://www.hotrodrevolution.com/> gave some recommendations for accommodation, one of which was the Best Western in Petaluma. So with our accommodation booked came the next question...what were the girls going to do for an entire day whilst the guys spent an entire day at a hot rod show? Easy!...shopping! What would we do without the internet? Within ten minutes I'd worked out that the Petaluma Village Premium Outlets had no less than 60 outlet stores! Heaven on earth some would say.

Whilst browsing the internet looking for things to do in Petaluma I came across another interesting link "Petaluma's Salute to American Graffiti". The full caption is in the text box to the right. Now that really grabbed my attention! The movie American Graffiti would have to be in my top ten movies of all time. Set in 1962 and with a killer 50s soundtrack the movie is about a group of teenagers and their last in town. Think hot rods, cruising, rock n roll, drags etc. Here's the punch line...the majority of filming was conducted in Petaluma...forget shopping....I'd found my heaven earth!

Petaluma's Salute to American Graffiti is a weekend of celebrations produced by a volunteer non profit organization called Cruisin the Boulevard. It is has a Board of Directors and Board members and proceeds from the annual salute are invested back into the town of Petaluma. What a great idea! Their webpage www.americangraffiti.net was choc full of information promoting the event, town and the movie. I liked the look of some of their tees so I shot off an email to the general contact email asking where I could purchase some. I got a great reply from Rich Poremba one of the board members of Cruisin the Boulevard Inc. After swapping a few emails Rich asked... "If you think you'd be up for a little cruising Friday night, I will need to know in advance so we can rally the troops."...I was definitely up for that!

Friday 25 September - Petaluma

We got a 6.30am start out of LA in order to miss the commute traffic. From previous experience this was a smart move as it can get very heavy...that's 16 lanes of heavy...Heading north on Highway 101 we drove the 430 miles from LA to Petaluma arriving at around 3pm. It was a straightforward trip with the US roads all very well signposted. After checking in to the Best Western we all had a swim in the hotel pool to recharge the batteries. I rang Rich to say that we had arrived in town and we arranged to meet at the hotel reception area that evening. Passing the time was easy - I simply sat on the hotel verandah watching the hot rods roll in for the night. These hot rods were a taste of what was to come as they were attending the Hot Rod Revolution the next day at Penngrove. See pics on the next page.

Event: PETALUMA'S SALUTE TO AMERICAN GRAFFITI

Date: 5/14/2009 to: 5/16/2009

Address: Varies

Location: Historic Downtown

Time: Varies

Phone: 762-3394 or 769-0429

www.americangraffiti.net

Description:

This event is a tribute to George Lucas' timeless, coming-of-age film, *American Graffiti*, on the Historic Downtown streets where most of the memorable scenes were filmed. An annual community-wide celebration commemorating classic American cars, cruising the "main drag," rock 'n roll music and the "happy days" of the early '50s and '60s. Produced by Cruisin' The Boulevard, Inc., an all volunteer, nonprofit organization. An event that has in the scant three years of its existence become one of the premier classic car events in Northern California. Visitors from at least 16 states and four foreign countries made the trip specifically to participate. The main event takes place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Historic Downtown Petaluma. Visit www.americangraffiti.net for the complete venue and locations. Attendance this year is expected to top 20,000. Be there or be square, baby! For more information, call 762-3394.



Whilst strolling around the carpark looking at the rods a cop car rolls into the car park...uh oh not good...but this wasn't any ordinary cop car. This was a 1961 Ford Galaxie four door sedan complete with period black and white paint scheme, police insignia, flashing lights and a B & M Super Chief Siren. Out of the cop car step...not the boys in blue...but three of my hosts for the evening Rich Poremba and John and Joetta Furrer. Three of the friendliest people and generous people you will ever meet. The Galaxie is of course a replica of the cop car made famous in American Graffiti. After a quick yak I was given an American Graffiti goodies bag that contained tees, cloth badges, enamel pins, books and other Cruisin the Boulevard merchandise. Wow! Did I mention the generosity of these guys? Thomas, Emma and I piled into the back of the Galaxie (much to the horror of my youngest daughter Katie who thought we were being taken away by the police) to meet the rest of the Cruisin the Boulevard crew who were parked nearby.



The line up included a range of hot rods, classic cars, customs and cruisers. I met some very lovely people who were all incredibly friendly and interested to hear about my holiday plans. One fella wanted to know did we "really throw shrimp on the BBQ...?" ☺ After having another good yak with everyone and checking out the range of cars the plan was sorted to cruise Petaluma and visit some filming locations of American Graffiti. Sounded perfect to me! First stop in the Galaxie was Frates Road otherwise known as Paradise Road where the famous drag race between Milner ('32 Deuce) and Falfa ('55 Chev) was filmed – hallowed ground for some! Not a lot has changed except for the construction of a golf course. Next we cruised to radio station XERB from where Wolfman Jack broadcast..."We're gonna 'rock roll ourselves to death baby!". Whilst at XERB Thomas, Emma and I switched cars into Steve's '58 Chev Impala...what a beautiful car. We cruised

back into Petaluma and past the Petaluma High School where the outdoor scenes of the high school hop were filmed and then on to the location where Toad begged people to buy him a pint of Old Harper liquor was filmed. Whilst the shop is currently a sport and dive shop not much has changed and you can clearly see the location.

Our next cruise was in Ron and Cynthia's beautiful two tone green '56 2 door Chev where we literally "Cruised the Boulevard". There were plenty of people out on this balmy Friday night in Petaluma. With the 50s tunes playing, the neon lights, the classic American streetscapes and hot rods cruising I was transported back to 1962...absolute bliss! We cruised past Jerries Cherries where the Galaxie lost its rear end, past the spot where Toad backs into another car, past the used car lot and overzealous salesman in the big rocking chair and numerous other locations. By the end of it my head was spinning or had I entered a time-warp back to '62?



Our final stop was at the local In-N-Out Burger, a burger chain that was first established in 1948 and "Quality you can taste!" After a good feed and lots more talk and some final happy snaps it was time to cruise back to the hotel in the Galaxie. My night back in '62 was coming to an end. ☺

"Where were you in '62"...well it's the closest I'll ever get to '62...what a blast...what a night...one that I will never forget. Thank you to all the Cruisin the Boulevard guys and gals!

The pics below are from the movie and come from the following websites. Make sure you check out all the details about Cruisin the Boulevard, Petaluma and American Graffiti at:

<http://www.americangraffiti.net/index.html>

<http://www.standbyforjustice.com/>



Paradise Road



Toad backs up



Galaxie loses its rear end



Overzealous used car salesman



Toad begging for Old Harper



Curt arrives at XERB where Wolfman is broadcasting

Saturday 26 September – Penngrove

It was hard to imagine that after a night like that there was still more hot rod heaven in store. As planned I dropped off the girls at Petaluma Premium Outlet Shopping and set a time of roughly 2pm to come back and pick them up. The boys then headed to Penngrove a quick 10 minute drive down the Old Redwood Highway. The event is held in a non-descript dusty baseball diamond – perfect for the 130 to 140 traditional rods that were on display. I purposely arrived an hour before the event opened to the public so I could get some video of the hot rods coming down the road and entering the park. Static displays of hot rods are good but I've always felt that for any car show actually seeing and hearing them in motion is 100 times better. We saw some incredible hot rods roll in. I'm going to let the pictures do the talking...





Wandering around the show surrounded by these incredible rods with a rockabilly band playing in the background, trade stands of hot rod gear and the BBQ fired up made for a wonderful day. After 4 hours my brain was in melt down mode with quantity and quality of the rods so we decided to call it a day and head back into Petaluma to pick up the girls. We found them easily enough...they were so weighed down by shopping bags crammed full of clothes, shoes and other trinkets. Thing was they still had two-thirds of the shops to go but that's another story...!

FB EK Parts - For Sale

At the November Club meeting Peter Glading distributed the list below of FB EK parts for sale. The list has also been distributed to all members via email. The parts belonged to Bruce Giles. Bruce was a member of the Club for many years and he passed away about 3 years ago. All parts are located at Casula and Peter would prefer contact by email (peterglading@dodo.com.au), mobile is 0420 901 358. If anyone needs to contact Peter on the mobile, week ends are fine but please do not phone during business hours Monday to Friday, preferably after 6.30pm. Prices are being organised but everything is negotiable... just like Bing Lee.

Please note that some of the parts may have been sold since the November meeting.

PART	QTY	COND			
			GENERATOR LUCAS #LSU240 EJ-EH	1	RECO'D
AIR CLEANER HOUSING (TOP & BOTTOM)	1	USED	GRILL ASSY EK	1	USED
BONNET BAR EK	1	USED	HARMONIC BALANCER GREY MOTOR	1	USED
BRAKE DRUMS	5	USED	HUBCAP FB	1	GOOD
BUMPER BAR BRACKETS FRONT LEFT	1	USED	INDICATOR HOUSING EK DRIVERS SIDE	1	USED
BUMPER BAR BRACKETS FRONT RIGHT	1	USED	INLET MANIFOLD GREY MOTOR	1	USED
BUMPER BAR END LEFT FRONT	1	USED	INLET MANIFOLD GREY MOTOR	1	USED
BUMPER BAR END REAR DRIVERS SIDE SEDAN	1	USED	INLET/EXHAUST MANIFOLD ? (SPEED BOAT) GREY MOTOR	1	USED
BUMPER BAR END RIGHT FRONT	1	USED	JACK HANDLE FOR SCREW TYPE	1	USED
DIFF CENTRE 3.36	2	USED	JACK SCISSOR TYPE WITH HANDLE FB/EK GENUINE	1	GOOD
DIFF CENTRE 3.9 FB/EK	1	USED	JACK SCREW TYPE	2	USED
DIPSTICK GREY MOTOR (SHORT SHAFT)	2	GOOD	OIL BREATHER CAP CHROMED GREY MOTOR	1	USED
DOOR HANDLES EXTERNAL (FULL SET) 3 X GOOD	4	USED	OIL PUMP S PIPE GREY MOTOR	1	USED
DOOR HINGES NEED SPRINGS	3	USED	REAR AXLE FB/EK	4	USED
DOOR SEAL INNER FE-EK (RARE SPARES)	1	NEW	REARVIEW MIRROR BRACKET FB/EK (NO MIRROR)	1	GOOD
DOOR SEAL OUTER FB-EK LHF (RARE SPARES)	1	NEW	REGULATOR LUCAS	3	USED
DRIVE SHAFT WITH YOLK	3	USED	SEAT MOULDING LOWER FRONT LEFT	1	USED
EXHAUST HEADERS GREY MOTOR	1	USED	SEAT MOULDING RIGHT LOWER FRONT	1	USED
EXHAUST ZOOMIES (SPEED BOAT) GREY MOTOR	SET	USED	SHAFT COUNTER GEAR	1	USED
FLIPPER WINDOW FRAMES (no springs) FRONT	1Pr	GOOD	SHAFT REVERSE IDLER	1	USED
FLY WHEEL STANDARD GREY MOTOR	1	USED	SHAFT TRANSMISSION MAIN	1	USED
FUEL TANK SEDAN	1	USED	SHOCK & SWAY BAR RUBBERS FRONT	SET	GOOD
GEAR 1ST & REVERSE SLIDING	1	USED	STARTER MOTOR BOSCH	3	USED
GEAR ASSY REVERSE IDLER	1	USED	STONE TRAY FRONT FB/EK	1	USED
GEAR BOX	2	USED	STUBB AXLE DRIVERS SIDE FRONT	1	USED
GEAR BOX END HOUSING GREY MOTOR	1	USED	TAIL LIGHT ASSY (CHROME)	6	USED
GEAR BOX MOUNTS (L&R)	SET	USED	THERMOSTAT HOUSING LOWER PAINTED GREY MOTOR	1	USED
GEAR CLUTCH ASSY 2ND & 3RD SPEED	1	USED	THERMOSTAT HOUSING UPPER CHROMED GREY MOTOR	1	USED
GEAR COUNTER	1	USED	VENT GRILL EK (BELOW WINDSCREEN)	2	USED
GEAR MAIN SHAFT 2ND SPEED	1	USED	WATER PUMP GREY MOTOR	2	USED
GENERATOR BOSCH	2	USED			
GENERATOR LUCAS	2	USED			



Club Merchandise

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The FB ute on the left is owned by Geoff Black (Blacky on the FB EK Forum) and is located in Western Australia. The FB ute on the right is a model car by a German enthusiast and based on Blacky's ute. Cool huh! Check it out at <http://www.carsntrucks4you.de/images/Aussie%20Cars/Holden%20FB%20Ute.htm>



Don't forget that by showing your FB EK Holden Car Club of NSW membership card at American Autos Rare Spares Strathfield you will receive a Club member discount and purchases go towards the Club tally for future sponsorship.



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