

# The Lion's Roar

Mumblings from across the desk in the den of the  
Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch



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## Presidents Report

Hi all. I hope you have all got your big day and holiday plans sorted. I am looking forward to getting out of town for a couple of weeks.

## Christmas Party

This was a great day, it started off a bit damp but came out good by time the spit roast arrived. We gave out the trophies from the Show and Shine and drew the xmas raffle. Thanks to all of you that did the dumb stuff so you can donate the non-perishables for the hampers, and to Rob and Cherie for spending the time to load them.



## Friday Raffles

There has been very little support from club members at the Friday night raffles at Joe's and there has also been not many customers at the bar, so we have decided to can them. The raffles are all the fundraising we do so future subsidised events could be affected.

Have a very Merry Christmas drive safe and enjoy your family time and I will see you on the other side.

Ray Miles

## Show and Shine Results

### 4825 – EH

1st: Joshua Bentham 1964 EH Special  
2nd: Cherie Tomlinson 1963 EJ  
3rd: Craig Blackwell 1953 FJ

### HD – WB

1st: Jason Airey 1970 HG Kingswood  
2nd: Ralph McMillan 1974 HQ Panel

### VB – VL

1st: Craig Blackwell 1983 VH Comdr

### VN – VS

1st: Scott Hawkins 1996 VS HSV GTS

### VT – VZ

1st: Paul Davey 2003 VY Commodore  
2nd: Craig Blackwell VZ Maloo R8  
3rd: Annie Ryan 2006 VZ Clubsport

### Best VE Commodore

1st: Nick Birdling 2010 VE HSV Sen  
2nd: Daryl Roxburgh 2015 GTS VF

### Torana

1st: Marg Miles 1972 LJ  
2nd: Tony Brown 1974 SLR Torana  
3rd: Rob Gordon 1979 Torana

### Monaro

1st: Tim Walters 2005 Series 3 Monaro  
2nd: Tony Brown 2004 GTO HSV



**Hard Luck:** Ralph McMillan

**Peoples Choice:** Tony Brown 1974 SLR5000 Torana

**Most Improved:** Joshua Bentham

**Presidents Choice:** Nick Birdling 2010 VE HSV Senator

**Presidents Award:** Rob Gordon





## Story of Becky

For those of you who haven't met Becky she is a 1964 EH Holden Special. Being that she is now 51 she has a long history of which we are still piecing some of it together.



*2015 Show and Shine Awards*

She started her life being manufactured in New Zealand at Paine Bros in Otahuhu. Initially she spent her life in the North Island until her previous owner from Nelson who drove her as a daily driver to work, and also owned a restored EJ sedan and EH wagon, which was in the process of restoration, when the costs started escalating and the owner was forced to sell his daily driver EH. She lasted a very short period on Trade Me and it was almost a race between us and someone from Dunedin to buy her but the owner was fair and let first contact view first. We drove to Nelson in early October 2014 and purchased her, our first Holden.



Becky attended a few club events in late 2014 and early 2015, such as the Swap Meet, Club Xmas, Jacksons Pie and Pint Run and the Rangiora Car Show. She lead the way to Jacksons Pub on the way to the West Coast which was a good effort for a 50 year old car, though it had to have a drink of oil and fuel at Jacksons pub to get her home.



*2015 Pie and Pint Run*

In February this year Leanne and I set out to start restoring her with the intention of getting it back on the road for Kaikoura Hop 2015 in late September. We stripped it out to a rolling body and sent it out around the Canterbury region to get rust repairs, repaint, engine rebuild, upholstery and rechroming.



Initially we set out to have 10 weeks to reassemble the car at the end, A few hold ups lead to only 4 weeks for reassembly which seemed unachievable. With a bit of help from friends and lots of long hours after work we had Becky running and ready to drive after 3 weeks leaving us 1 week to make sure things were good to go for Kaikoura. Each time we took it out something didn't quite go to plan ending up stranded with a stuffed generator, leaking windscreen and leaking brake wheel cylinder on separate occasions.







Some big trips are planned in the near future such as Cromwell Car show and Whangamata Beach Hop. Becky was rebuilt to be used and enjoyed which we have started strong so far in doing that. I was asked by a member of public recently "What if it rains", I replied "I still drive it as cars are built to be driven not be shut away in a shed".



Becky has now been on the road 2 and a half months and has run over 1500km since being rebuilt. She has attended a large number of events in the short period since..... Kaikoura Hop, Upper Classics Classic Car show, Swap Meet, Bathurst at Rays, Paul Kelly Classic Speed Festival, 2 Petrol Head monthly breakfasts, HECC Show and Shine, All OZ day cruise and show, Fat Tonys Cruise, Rockabilly Car Show, Poker Run and a cruise to Hanmer with another club member.

Get out and enjoy the Classics no matter the weather



*Josh Bentham*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### December

31st New Years Campout at Balmoral Forest Camp

### January

10th Pie and Pint Run to Jacksons Pub

16th Cromwell Car Show - contact Marg for entry form.

21st - 24th Rangiora Muscle Car Show

### February

2nd First Meeting of Year at Joe's Garage

27th Hanmer Motorfest. Pre-register before Feb 20th. \$10 per vehicle or \$20 on the day. Ray has entry forms.

## FOR SALE

Marg Club Shirts - \$55  
Polo Shirts - \$40  
Club Stickers - \$5  
Club Sashes - \$20

For more information contact her on 021 138 7046

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If you have any issues please contact us direct we are all willing to answer any questions or talk through any questions you may have.

