

The Lion's Roar

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



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Presidents Report

Welcome to July. I hope you are enjoying this lovely winter we are having. We are still looking for members to enter the third round of the Interclub challenge (not really Interclub now due to the other clubs not turning up). We are playing golf.

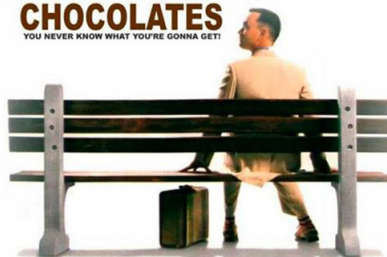
Show us your local

This event started the other week at The Harewood Tavern. Unfortunately, there was the same faces there and the bar was very loud. I hope we can get some more members next time when we go to the other side of town.

Mystery Picnic lunch

We met at Countdown Moorhouse on Sunday at 11am. The weather looked like it could go either way, but lucky for us the rubbish stayed away except for the bit we drove through on the way to our destination (Pines Beach). We had a great time in the sun. 10 cars came out over the day. We may try it again.

LIFE IS LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GONNA GET!



Suprise Cruise Picnic Lunch

AGM

Don't forget to get your nominations in by the August meeting for who you want in the big chairs.



Welcome

Welcome to our new members who have joined us this month.

Mike ONeill with a 78 Ute and others. Chris and Debbie Coughlan with an 86 VK 96 VR Club and an 87 VL.

James Coughlan and his partner Kerry Keys with an 81 VH.

Ray Miles



Photos from Southbridge Hotel June 26



**Photos from Suprise Cruise to Pines Beach
Sunday 17th July**



Our Time with LONEYZ

It would be fair to say Leonie's acquisition of LONEYZ was thought about and planned for long in advance. It would also be fair to say that her checklist of wants was very specific. Model and shape – HSV VY, Colour – Ultraviolet, Transmission – manual, Cup holders for coffee – Yes!. (I should emphasise that once she has made up her mind on something, it is made up)

Years before buying LONEYZ, Leonie had always intended on owning a Commodore SV6. But after looking into the 'Purple Murph', her sights shifted towards an Ultraviolet Clubsport instead.

We first laid eyes on her in the flesh in Wellington December 2010, but that was after purchasing her online from Auckland! While we flew up to Wellington for a couple of nights to attend a concert, Leonie's sister and partner flew up to Auckland, cash in hand to buy a car on her behalf. They drove down from Auckland to Wellington to meet us at the waterfront, and we had our first drive before they boarded the ferry home, while we stayed another night in Wellington before flying home.



Our first photo at Wellington 2010

Our first long distance road trip (at least, further than Seddon) was attending the 2012 annual National HSV Club Meet in Taupo (in February). This was the first time for either us travelling the Desert Road through the Central North Island. While ultimately we didn't remain members of that club for long, it was a great and interesting weekend with a decent sized number, and range of (predominantly Auckland) HSV vehicles and owners.



Getting reading for the drive to Taupo



National HSV Nats 2012 Show Competition, next to a VY Murph Edition



Ruapuna V8 SuperTourers 2013 part of joint display of HSV and FPV Clubs.

In late 2012 we attended our first meeting with the HECC, the annual Show and Shine at the Groynes. We quickly realised we had found the sort of club we were looking for. A local club where at the end of day the number one important thing is enjoyment of the Red Lion. Since then she has gone on many a club run, although irritatingly missed the 2014 Show and Shine at the last minute due to a cracked wheel rim. Not the first or the last time that has happened. (Most recently she stayed roadside during our Claybird Shooting Club Challenge)





Xmas Event HECC 2013

LONEYZ is still the same car that left the factory. There is no long list of modifications, and probably never will be. (well, she is due a new exhaust upgrade – Leonie). But she has been well loved and well driven. She has a lot more miles on the clock now, and shows the expected wear from living in the rural and driving in an earthquake damaged city (although she did get treated to some minor paint repairs, and a complete repaint of the front kit a year or two back). But, as a club member once said, cars should be driven and enjoyed, not parked up in a garage.



HECC Jacksons Pub Run 2015



HECC Show and Shine 2015

As someone who grew up in a family of only Fords (yes, even the farm ute was a Ford, and my first two cars in the early 90s were Escorts.. there, the truth is out), I never thought one of my favourite weekend relaxations would be cleaning and grooming somebody else's Holden in preparation for a day trip somewhere. But almost six years on I wouldn't have it any other way. For Leonie, she has the car she always wanted.



If we win Lotto tomorrow and splash out on the newest GTS for those Sunday runs, there will still be a spot in the garage for LONEYZ. No doubt she will be with us for some time to come.

Darryl Cowens (Darryl and Leonie)



Love the classic cars of #WestsideTV? NZV8 Magazine did a special cars of Westside feature in their latest issue on sale now. Find out the behind-the-scenes stories of the cars including Rita's 1972 Holden Torana LC, Ted's 1978 Holden HZ Sandman and Mike McCarthy's 1980 Holden Commodore VB





INTERCLUB CHALLENGE

The Holden Enthusiasts Club of Christchurch challenge you now!!!

ROUND THREE

9 Holes of Golf

Date: 14th August 2016

Start Time: 10.00am

Costs: \$7.00 per financial HECC member (subsidised)

Club hire is an additional \$15 if required

Closing Date for Entry & Payment: 31st July 2016 as we are required to pre-book the location

Location: Everglades Country Golf, 637 Marshlands Road

Running Time: Approximately a couple of hours depending on numbers

Spectators welcome.

Please confirm all entries to general@holdenclub.net.nz or to a committee member

Please note that if you book to take up the challenge and you fail to show, you will still be liable for the full cost of \$10.00 due to the pre-booking of the location



Black Edition adds some colour to Holden Commodore SV6

[Stuff NZ - Black Edition adds some Colour to Holden Commodore](#)

Full Article published online at Stuff NZ. All photos are property of Fairfax NZ

Written By: David Linklater 9 July 2016

HOLDEN COMMODORE SV6 BLACK EDITION

Base price: \$51,490.

Powertrain and performance: 3.6-litre petrol V6, 210kW/350Nm, 6-speed automatic, RWD, Combined economy 9.0 litres per 100km.

Vital statistics: 4964mm long, 1471mm high, 2915mm wheelbase, luggage capacity 495 litres, 18-inch alloy wheels.

We like: Extra driver-assistance technology, correct-wheel-drive chassis.

We don't like: Wheezy-sounding engine, two-tone wheels look too small.

Special editions are a part of motoring (marketing) life, as much with Aussie brands as anybody. They're the perfect way to stir up sales when a model is on a go-slow or in between updates.

Holden has cranked out more than its share for the Commodore over the years, but they haven't always suited Kiwi customers.



Australians are simple folk, content to sleep on a bale of straw and travel by wooden cart where necessary. So entry-level models are very popular among private customers across the Tasman.



It seems the Aussies are finally getting the idea because the latest limited-run Commodore, the Black Edition, is similarly flashy and shared between the two markets.

Now's the right time to be loading up the big Holden. Australian Commodore production finishes next year - something that Holden didn't foresee when it spent megabucks on turning the VE (2006) into the VF (2013) with loads of new technology, especially in the high-end models. Might as well share the wealth around.

The Black Edition reaches up the range, from the SV6 model (as tested here) to the SS V8.

It's particularly pertinent for the SV6 because the Black has Holden's colour head-up display, which is familiar from high-end Commodore V8 models but has never been offered on a V6-powered version before.

The SV6 Black also gets satellite navigation integrated into the MyLink touch-screen information/entertainment system.

The full article can be found at read at the link at the beginning of the page..





IT'S TIME FOR THE
amazing MYSTERY
CAR RALLY
SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST 2016

REGISTRATION TIME - 9.15am to 9.45am with first car leaving at 10am sharp

MEETING POINT - Joes Garage, 478 Cranford Street, Christchurch

OPEN TO ALL CARS - MAKES & MODELS

ENTRY COSTS - All entries will be free with HECC members receiving a \$5 voucher to put towards refreshments. Make sure you bring a pen & a sense of humour!

At our final location you will be able to purchase meals & refreshments.

To help with prizes and organising please register via HECC facebook page, email general@holdenclub.net.nz or phone/text Cherie on 0275 770 427 by the 16th August 2016



UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 2nd Monthly Meeting at Joe's Garage
7:30pm
- 5th Friday meal/drinks Becks South-
ern Alehouse Colombo St 6pm
- 14th Interclub Challenge Round 3 - 9
Hole Golf Everglades Marshlands
Road
- 28th Mystery Car Rally, meet at Joe's
Garage 9am

September

- 4th Rock and Wheels Amberley
- 6th Monthly Meeting and AGM at
Joe's Garage 7:30pm
- 9th Friday meal/drinks TBC

October

- 4th Monthly Meeting at Joe's Garage
7:30pm
- 7th Friday meal/drinks TBC
- 9th Bathurst Day BBQ at Ray's from
9am
- 16th All Oz Day TBC
- 30th Show and Shine

November

- 1st Montly Meeting at Joe's Garage
7.30pm
- 3 - 6th Club trip to Pukekohe Raceway
for V8 Supersprint
- 4th Friday meal/drinks TBC
- 19th Quiz Night Little River Pub TBC

FOR SALE

Marg Club Shirts - \$62
Polo Shirts - \$46
Club Stickers - \$5
Club Sashes - \$20

For more information contact
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Wanted to Buy: Early model Commodore, 6 or V8.
Prefer Rego and WOF. Ring Mark 3251007

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through any questions you may have.

