

The Lion's Roar

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



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Welcome all members to 2017

A busy start to the year as car show events continue to dominate the Summer weather. We have started the year with a few big cruises with a great range of vehicles from a 1963 EJ Special through to a 2016 VF Clubsport attending and even a few visitors with other models of vehicles which is always welcomed.

Our events this year to date have consisted of the Waiiau Wonder Rally to support the small North Canterbury Community with an earthquake fundraiser which the Wonder Rally raised 15k for Waiiau, Rangiora Muscle Car Madness with a few members camping and a BBQ on the Saturday, SKOPE Classic at Ruapuna with a smaller group of members and our first monthly meeting at our new clubroom at The Redwood with a good turnout of members and others looking to join which is great.



Leanne representing the club, at the Waiiau fundraiser Wonder Rally, tire tube bungy pull for a beer.

The Redwood was very accomodating to us on our first meeting and members response was very positive about the space. As we come to terms with The Redwood, i believe both The Redwood staff and club members will quickly learn each others requirements and work towards a great relationship that help the club, members and The Redwood.

The club is also looking to become an Incorporated Society in the near future. We will be working towards creating all the supporting documents towards our application. This will include the tweaking of some existing documents, writing of new documents and ensuring all our processes are in place before applying.

Lets make this year a big one and see you on a run or event soon

Josh Bentham

Please note our change in Club Meeting Location on the first Tuesday of the month to the Styx Room at The Redwood.



Waiau Wonder Rally

12 cars met in The Redwood carpark on a warm clear day and headed north. Once the convoy of cars were past Waipara the road quickly died down to few cars other than the club on the road. We reached an unusually quiet Cheviot and had a rest stop and a refueling of snacks and drinks.

Off we went again heading through Parnassus and taking Leader Road, a road less travelled, through to Waiau. A few gravel areas from road repairs from the recent earthquakes were apparent but was still very much passable. Part way through we had to navigate through a flock of sheep before dropping down into Waiau. We parked up out to the rear of the Waiau Hotel expecting a few other car clubs to have attended but none arrived. Upon arrival a few people came down and viewed the cars while members went to find some lunch and enjoy the Wonder Rallies quirky bike events including best bikes, bike sound off, throw a water baloon over a rope above your head while riding on the back of a bike, wheelbarrow races and a horizontal bungy for a beer. I participated in the horizontal bungy after a bit of encouragement from club members and friends, It was challenging but after digging it in i managed to get the beer.

After all the afternoon events club members joined together to give Michelle the Hotel owner a gift of non perishable items to help them out, to which she was very appreciative. Club members then made their own way home from yet another great event.

Leanne Bentham



Skope Classic 2017

Hi there, here is a short report on Skope race meeting. 5 people turned up in 3 cars, one of which was a Toyota Vitz. (I wont mention any names aye Matty) We sat over at Pot Hole Bend and watched a day's racing in sweltering heat. Thank god there was a breeze. The racing was fast and furious with a few drivers over cooking some of the corners and cars that just cooked. As it was too hot to drink we went home sober, which is probably a good thing, however with no hydration, I was also cooked. Luckily Monday was a public holiday.

Milton Souster



January Muscle Car Madness Photos



Most powerful Holden Commodore, - the HSV GTSRW1 - sold out before it's unveiled despite \$170,000 (AU) price tag

Joshua Dowling, National Motoring Editor, News Corp Australia Network
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[Most powerfully Holden Commodore - the HSV GTSRW1 - The Daily Telegraph \(au\)](#)

THE most expensive Holden Commodore of all time has sold out before it has been unveiled — despite a staggering \$170,000 price tag. Holden's performance car division, Holden Special Vehicles, has created the fastest and most costly car made in Australia, shattering all previous records.

But if you want to buy one as a collector's item — before local car manufacturing ends forever later this year — it's already too late. All 295 examples of the HSV GTSR W1 were spoken for before the car was unveiled overnight.

Diehard Holden fans placed deposits with dealers over the past year in anticipation of a special final edition — even though they were warned it would have a high price.



The name may be a bit of a tongue twister but the car is poised to become one of the all-time greats in Australian automotive history.

Its instant legend status comes courtesy of a race-ready supercharged V8 borrowed from the Corvette ZR1 — the fastest Corvette ever made.

The HSV GTSR W1 is also fitted with:

* The same super-sticky Pirelli tyres used by Porsche;

* Carbon-fibre components made by the same company that supplies Ferrari;

* Diamond-quilted sports seats inspired by Lamborghini;

* And the same type of suspension used by V8 Supercar race teams.

The \$170,000 RRP tops the previous record for an Australian made car, also made by HSV, the W427 built in 2007 and 2008 and which had an RRP of \$155,000. HSV says it could sell four times as many GTSR W1 sedans as have been allocated, but the number was limited by how many engines were available.

The Corvette ZR1's supercharged V8 has since gone out of production and HSV secured the last batch in existence. The engine is installed by hand at HSV in Clayton, south of Melbourne, where other go-fast bits are added.

The front fenders are wider and have been made of a lightweight plastic composite material to accommodate the widest tyres ever fitted to an Australian production car. The HSV GTSR W1 also has the biggest brakes fitted to a car made locally, beating its own previous record for the brakes fitted on the HSV GTS since 2013.

With a staggering 474kW of power and 815Nm of torque — more than a V8 Supercar racing sedan — the HSV GTSR W1 has the most powerful engine ever fitted to an Australian production car.

Fast facts: HSV GTSR W1

Price: \$170,000

Engine: Supercharged 6.2-litre 'LS9' V8 from Corvette ZR1

Power: 474kW and 815Nm

Transmission: Six-speed manual

0 to 100km/h: 4.2 seconds

The full article can be found at [The Daily Telegraph \(online\)](#), and is property of NewsCorp Australia. Photo sourced from [Netcarshow.com](#)

To read a different article on the entire 8 model 2017 HSV 30 year lineup, go to the following link:

[Car Advice - 2017 HSV lineup](#)





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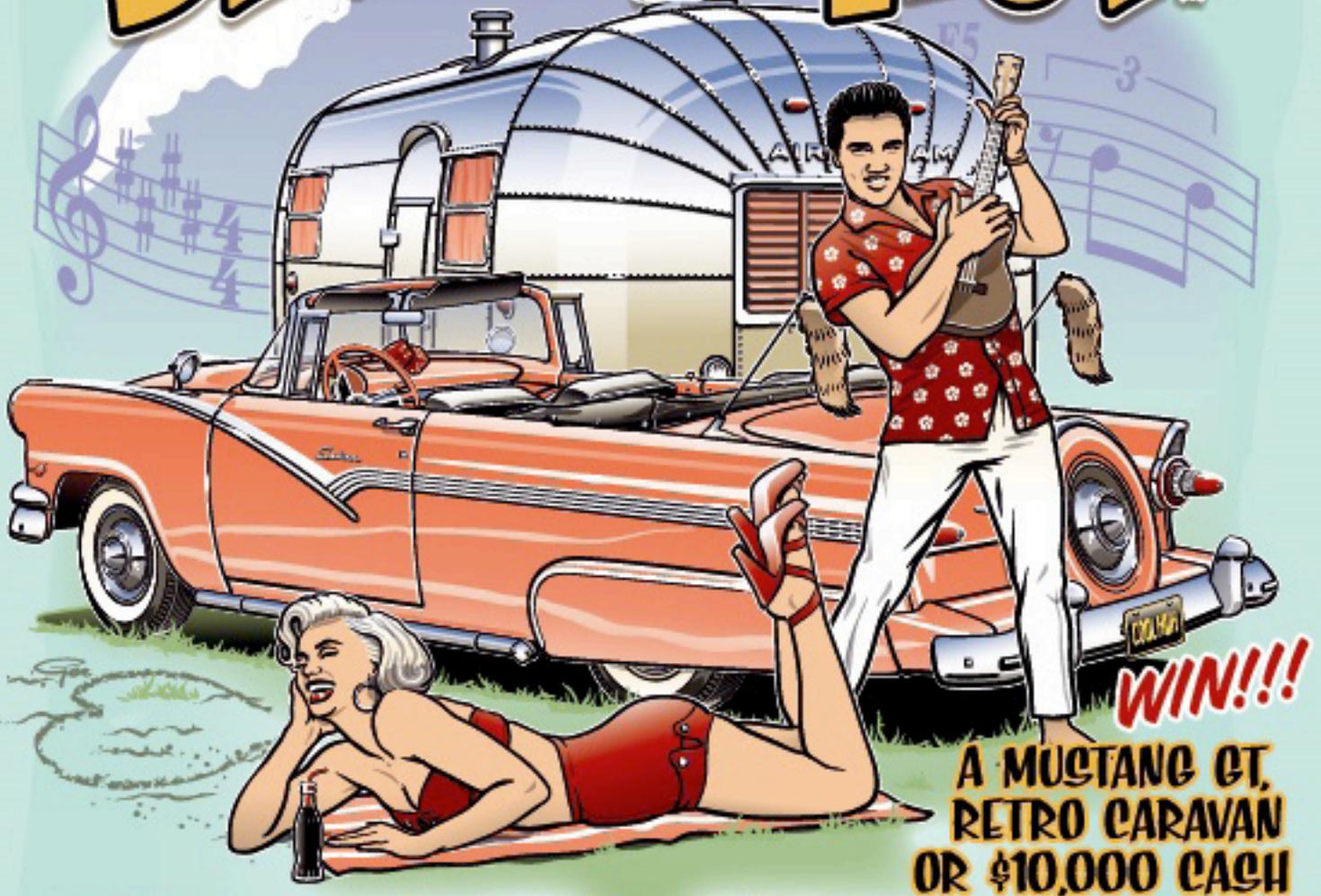
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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

25th Hanmer Springs Motorfest
Meet at The Peg 7am, pre-entry \$10
per car. \$20 on the day
Refer to 'Falcon Fairlane Club'
website for price details and
registration form.

March

7th Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx
Room at 7.30pm

12th Twin Rivers Motoring Extravaganza
at Canterbury Agricultural Park.
Meeting point to be confirmed

17th -19th Caroline Bay Rock and Hop
For Entry Forms go to:
www.carolinebayrockandhop.co.nz

22nd - 26th Beach Hop Whangamata
For further info go to:
<http://beachhop.co.nz>

April

4th Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx
Room at 7.30pm

14th-16th Holden Nationals to be held in
Dunedin.

30th Cruise to Akaroa. Meeting point and
time to be confirmed

May

2nd Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx
Room at 7.30pm

28th Scavenger Hunt. Details to be
confirmed.

FOR SALE

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

For more information contact her on
021 024 92550

We also have some old stock of the old "all red
and white" club shirts for sale. Price now \$15

New Club Clothing Range:

- Staple t – \$35.00
- Block t – \$35.00
- Womens sketch t – \$35.00
- Kids t – \$30.00
- Youth t – \$30.00
- Sweatshirt – \$60.00
- Hoodie – \$65.00

If you are interested, go into their store at the corner of St Asaph
Street and Durham Street South, Christchurch Central, (03) 372 1585

This will allow you to check out the colours and styles available, as
per the above list.

Refer to their website: <http://www.ascolour.co.nz/>

- 1963 EJ, \$15000. Contact Jeremy on
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