

The Lion's Roar

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



March 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer has now past and Autumn is upon us. The weather has been incredibly good to us the last few months of events which is great. In the last month we have been to Hanmer Motorfest and Truck Racing at Timaru Levels Raceway, both were great events with stunning weather. Timaru had a slow response of members attending, we were almost to the point we looked to cancel the event which would have been a great disappointment after Paul had gone to a lot of effort to organise this with Levels and Motorsport NZ. I'm glad some of you jumped at the opportunity to showcase the club and had a great day.

Over the last month of events we have continued to have huge enquiry from potential members which has kept me incredibly busy throughout events.

A member has already enquired about attending Holden Nationals in Taranaki in 2019, I would be interested to see if there is any other interest in attending this. I have previously queried to the Holden Federation about our club re-joining but due to lack of numbers wanting to attend the last couple of Nationals I currently don't see that this would be the best use of club funds, however I am open to people's feedback on this.

We are also having issues with our email system being spam blocked by the internet so we are working to

fix this as some emails get deleted before they get to your inbox.

Keep your eye on upcoming events and we will see you soon.

Josh Bentham

DID YOU KNOW...

That as well as being denied a Bathurst success, the VN also suffered the ignominy of being sold as a Toyota in Australia!

MUSCLE CAR MADNESS 2018

There is only one Muscle Car Madness! This year was an awesome turn out by our club with 23 cars.

18 of us met at The Peg, cruising there all together and joining 5 camping out at the venue, to have everyone parked up together was awesome with so many good looking Holdens lined up. With so much to do and see, it's a full on weekend of flaming fuel madness with everything for us petrolheads. Let's make it an even better turn out next year.

Justin Peake

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The Rig Day Out

Nice cool early start on Sunday 4th March was a must, to be able to make it to Timaru before the day was half gone. We met at our spot in Rolleston behind the BP and for a few that meant a strong coffee and warm clothes and for others it meant "wearing shorts as it will be hot day".

The cruise down to Ashburton gave those farmers that were out and about, a good show of Holdens driving in a line. We picked up a few cars in Tinwald and in Temuka and this was a good chance to have a chit chat. I was tail-end-Charlie and thankfully (to be expected) no one broke down.

When we all arrived at Levels, Paul had secured us a fab spot right opposite the food caravan and right on the bend of the track. The car and rig racing was outstanding. Nice to sit back in the shade of the club tent and watch those cars neck and neck around the track.

Josh did a sterling job rallying up more cars to join us on the lunch break cruise. No Holden's were overlooked coming through the gate and Josh chatted them up to the point they couldn't refuse.

The lunch time cruise was fantastic and all money going to the charity of the day – Heart Kids. Great effort team \$420.00 for the charity. A family nearby donated to the charity also and their two sons got to ride shot gun in a VK and VE. Boy they were smiling and waving heaps at their family!

The club definitely shined with 18 Holden's (members and non-members) and one Dodge Ram. We all decided it would be a good idea to be in car-year order, so leading us out was Nigel Smith in his immaculate 1954 FJ Holden.

The line-up that followed was; 1964 EH Premier, 1968 HK, 1970 HT, 1972 Kingswood, 1973 HQ Belmont, 1974 HQ Monaro, 1980 Kingswood, 1986 VK Commodore, 1996 HSV Clubsport, 2002 GTO, 2003 Clubsport, 2004 VZ Commodore, 2007 R8 Clubsport, 2008 VE R8, 2008 VE Commodore, 2010 VE Commodore, 2011 Commodore SSV Redline, and finally the 2007 Dodge Ram.

We could have sat there til the last race, but it's that drive home that you have to think about and the slight detour so as not to go through the roadworks south of Hinds.

Great day all round with cars, socialising and a tan to end it - Stephen was right, it was a shorts day!

Sarah McKenzie



Hanmer Motorfest

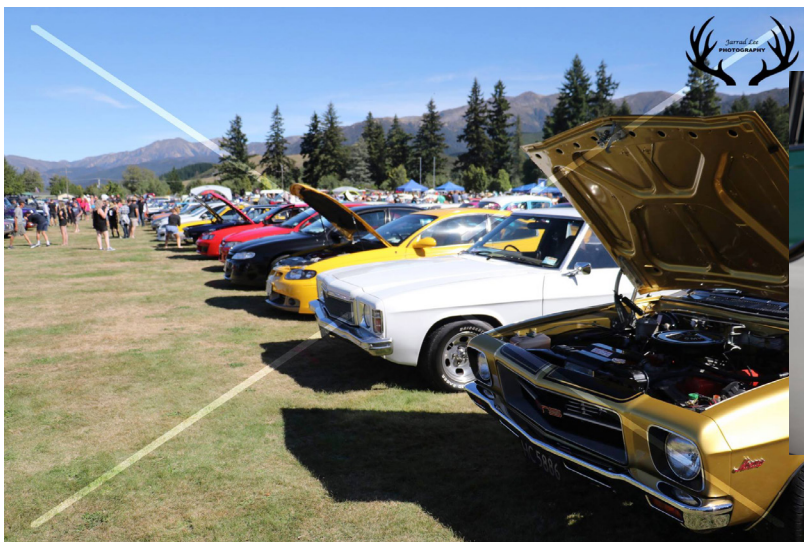
A few members from Christchurch and Hokitika went to Hanmer on the Friday and we attended a small cruise around Hanmer township, As this was the first year they held a cruise it wasn't overly large and we hope it can be increased to a greater potential in the future.

8 cars met bright and early at The Peg and cruised up to Hanmer, upon their arrival there were 8 cars on the road into Hanmer awaiting their arrival. We cruised into the show and parked up together and put our sashes on windscreens (I left the flags in the wrong car which was sitting back in Christchurch). We ended up parked opposite Nelson Holden Club and it was great to have a chat with some of their members who are keen to try and attend All OZ day this year. It was yet another hot Hanmer day, Numbers of cars was on par with last year, maybe because of Twin Rivers in Christchurch the same weekend.

As always the Falcon Fairlane Club Christchurch had managed to get a load of great prizes for the raffles which have been good to Leanne and I in the past events so we thought we would go all out and buy 25 tickets, much to the shock of the lady selling the tickets and Sarah and Whare who gave us their tickets to receive any prizes on their behalf as they had to leave early. Unfortunately for Sarah her name wasn't drawn but our name was drawn out 3 times allowing us to get some more tools for the cars.

All in all Hanmer is a great weekend to get away from Christchurch and often due to it being a Motorfest it introduces a lot of models of vehicles not often seen at other events

Josh Bentham



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2018

1st Petrolhead Breakfast; 7.30am meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Rd to cruise out to the display. Please note the different meeting time as 'Holden' is the display this month and we want to be sure we get a good spot!

3rd Meeting at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm

7th Sheffield Fire Brigades' Wings and Wheels; Meet at The Talbot Tavern, 15 West Coast Road, Yaldhurst. Time TBC

May 2018

8th Meeting at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm

27th Scavenger Hunt; Meet at the Redwood Carpark, time TBC. Free entry HECC financial members, non-members \$5 from 7.30pm

June 2018

5th Meeting at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lake Hood Cruise
- Stewarts Car Museum Visit (potentially 17th or 24th June)
- Grasskarna
- Mid Winter Lunch (July)



FOR SALE

1973 HQ wagon - check out TradeMe listing #[1577146582](#). Closes 3rd April.

1965 HD Wagon

See Josh Bentham for further details

Club Shirts \$62, Polo Shirts \$46, Club Stickers \$5, Club Sashes \$20, Old "red and white" Club Shirts \$15. For more information contact Sarah on 021 024 92550

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 AS Colour store, (new location) corner Lichfield & High Street Christchurch Central, Christchurch Central. 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/> Order via Sarah once you have your style and size.

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