The Lion's Roar

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



September 2020

Welcome to the new commitee voted in at the club AGM!

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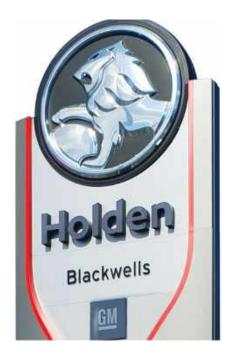
Presidents Report

Hello again folks!

Gee, another month done and dusted, and my first year as President has gone by so quickly.

With our AGM and elections held this month we have been able to fill all positions except for the Secretary role. Sarah was incredibly kind to stay on an extra year to help me settle into the president's role and will be taking on her new position as Club Captain from October, so if any club members would like to consider the position, or even share the position, please let us know.

I would also like to thank all our committee for the effort that has been put into the club over the past year, and the help offered to myself, and welcome our new committee members into their roles.





Our club's membership subscriptions are now due and need to be paid in order to enter our Show n Shine in November. I believe our subs are very competitive for such an active club and help subsidise members for various events held during the year, with our mid-winter breakfast, and Xmas lunch being two great examples.

As most of you will be aware COVID-19 restrictions, and a change of date for the Bathurst 1000, have meant that we have had to join many other 2020 events, and regretfully cancel this years All Oz Day. We plan to still use our chosen charity, Sweet Louise, for our 2021 event, and you can still donate to them via their Give-a-Little page (see our All OZ Car Show page on our website for the link).

On a more positive note, Josh has been busy quietly liaising with Blackwell Motors organising a Holden sign removal cruise which is set for next month and will allow us all to get our cars out.

Time to enjoy our spring, while cruising in our Holdens.

Allan



The Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch has collaborated with Blackwells Holden to give Holden car sales a send off it deserves after winning over our hearts since 1948.

Meet at Blackwells Sockburn on at 6pm. We will cruise from here to Blackwells Moorhouse Ave and continue a cruise into the Sunset sending Holden off the way it deserves!

Notes:

FRIDAY 2nd

if we are still restricted by Level 2 this event will be a rolling cruise so no exiting vehicles.

You may think your send off should incorporate burnouts etc but this isnt the time or the place for this type of behavior

With the retirement of the Holden marque, we would love to hear about your passion for the beloved Holden. Let us know your story and we may be able to share it with the rest of the club in the next edition of the club newsletter.

Ed...

Poker Run

Playing poker you have to be lucky, of course, you are halfway there if you drive a Holden. So, on the 9th of August, we were feeling very lucky indeed as we arrived at The Redwood & Christchurch Function Centre on time and already with the car washed.

After roll call we started off at 1-minute intervals, 13 teams in all, with Cherie's voice repeating in my head ... "it is not a race", "it is not a race".

The first stop was to pump up my tyre as the team pointed out I had a slight flat ... well it was flat at the bottom of the tyre. Free air you would have thought should have been easy to get. The air may have been free but the pump getting it to the tyres was a challenge. After two service stations, Shell Redcliffs was the most reliable.

Cruising up Evans Pass and passing heaps of cyclists ... trust me, cruising in the car seemed to be the best plan on a chilly Sunday morning, we stopped at the top to quickly admire the view and get the second clue off Richie. Next destination, Prebbleton.

From the Top of Evans Pass, Lyttelton here we come, and can I just say that road is really smooth. Knowing we must be going in the right direction, we caught up with Sarah and Whare, a bit worried about Whare's reaction of pulling over when he saw me coming and Cherie's voice still ringing ... "it is not a race", I went for the gap and battled on. Thank you, Whare [wishful thinking Alistair, we were pulling over for donuts].







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Poker Run continued...

Through the tunnel and down the other side into a slight left-hander and onto Port Hills Road with Whare in my rear-view mirror ... and Cherie's Voice saying, "it is not a race". Apparently, if you go a certain speed down Brougham Street, you can get all the lights green. So, I'm told.

Then out on to the Southern Motorway and a chance to blow a few cobwebs from the manifold. Quietly into Prebbleton and another card to another destination, West Melton. This was an interesting trek as if you did not watch it you could have become a casualty of the new motorway and come to a dead-end or two. Into West Melton, actually, that was a learning curve as there is more to West Melton than what you see from the West Coast Road. Very Nice.

Then the last sprint to Southbridge ... now my philosophy was pointing the car in the direction of Southbridge and it must be out there somewhere, if you get to Lake Ellesmere you have gone too far. Different teams went in various directions, but me ... let's just go south.

I eventually come across a VL Commodore ... not knowing whether it was with the club or not ... I had a burning question... who was quicker, an SV6 or a very tidy VL with a 308 in it. It was a draw. I mean it had to be, as you can only go 100 km per hour on the open road.

Then into the watering hole of Dan Carter for a beverage and hot chips.

Once everyone arrived it was time to show our hands. Not before one last draw of a card to help or hinder... hey, it was all a gamble. Well done to the winners, Josh and Leanne. I am sure I had the worst hand, but a fun day was had for most of us.

Thank you, Richie, for organising the event. Well done to the rest of us that turned up and supported the club event.

Alistair





n Enthusiasts Club Christchurch Final card - DO NOT OPEN until eryone has arrived and you are



Follow our Facebook events page for more information All Oz Car Show Christchurch or Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch For further information please contact us on general@holdenclub.co.nz

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

| 1st | HECC Meeting & AGM! |
|-----|------------------------------|
| | The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm |

- 6th South Canterbury All Australian Day ***CANCELLED***
- 16-20th Kaikoura Hop
- 27th Rock & Wheels Amberley Meet at the Peg 10am
- 25-27th Franz Joseph Glacier Car show

October

| 2nd | End of Lion Farewell Cruise |
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| | Blackwells Sockburn to City 6pm |

| 6th | HECC Meeting |
|-----|------------------------------|
| | The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm |

- 18th Bathurst at ... Check Facebook for details
- 9-11th VCC Swap Meet ***CANCELLED***
- 17-18th All Oz Cruise & Car Show ***CANCELLED***

November

- 1st HECC Show & Shine Details to come
- 3rd HECC Meeting The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

December

- 1st HECC Meeting The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 6th HECC Xmas Lunch Details to come

January

No Meeting

Events are current at time of publishing. Always check with the organiser of the event for the most up to date information!

FOR SALE

<u>Club Clothing Range</u>: Staple T

| Staple I | 222.00 |
|-----------------|---------|
| Basic T | \$35.00 |
| Womens Sketch T | \$35.00 |
| Kids T | \$30.00 |
| Youth T | \$30.00 |
| Sweatshirt | \$60.00 |
| Hoodie | \$65.00 |
| | |

For the club clothing range, drop into AS Colour, Lichfield & High Streets, to check out the available colours and styles.

\$35.00

| <u>Club Merchandise</u> : | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Club Stickers | \$ 5.00 |
| Club Sashes | \$20.00 |
| HECC Cups | \$ 2.50 |

Limited stock of older style womens "red and white" club shirts available \$10.00 (sizes 8-18).

Contact Sarah McKenzie.

Committee News

We are still looking to fill the role of SECRETARY.

Let us know if this sounds like you!

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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.