

The Billing Aquadrome Rally mentioned in H.B.1 and 2 (on Sunday, 5th June, not Saturday) was better than previous years in terms of weather but disappointing in other respects. There were some lovely Vauxhalls as well as a few American cars present but since one of the Vauxhall clubs opted out this year the number of older cars was much reduced. A worthwhile event if you haven't been before, though.

Bromley was the reverse - the best ever selection of cars (there was even an Australian Morris Major on show) in the most appalling of weather! It took place on the intended day of the Wimbledon Men's Final, but one couldn't even shelter inside the car and listen to the tennis - it too, was rained off.

I hope you receive this mag in time to book for the Colchester Historic Vehicle Rally on Saturday & Sunday 30th & 31st July. Details from Mr. M. Culham, Marena, Nayland Road, West Bergholt, Colchester, Essex. The last time I attended this Rally I could hardly believe what a spectacular array of vintage and steam vehicles lived so near my home! Perhaps I'll see you there?

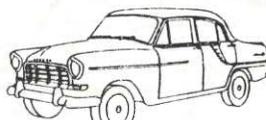
Don't forget the national, indeed international Beaulieu Autojumble later this year at Beaulieu Motor Museum in Hampshire. It is so huge it would really take more than the allocated two days to visit all its stalls, but the haggling is fun - there may even be some Holden parts! Watch the motoring press for dates. Last but not least 'thank you' to Ken Garner for printing this and future editions of 'Holden Business'.

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These 'postponed technical tips' are becoming a bit of a joke, so I PROMISE with the business of the A.G.M. etc. out of the way that some will appear in H.B. 4, together with an up-to-date list of Holden parts suppliers, both trade and enthusiasts (e.g. Australian colleagues wishing to swap Holden parts for English spares). Also there should be room for more letters and articles, so less room for me! Being officially bi-monthly H.B. 4 is due out in September, so please send all correspondence to the newsletter by 27th August to Patrick Hemphill, 6 Stour Gardens, Gt. Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 0JN.



HOLDEN EH (1963-65)



HOLDEN FC (1958-59)

- WANTED Cylinder head, clutch hydraulic seal kits and bootlid for FE Holden. Iain Brazier, 'Uplands', 44 Hangingroyd Rd, Hebden Bridge, West Yorks.
- WANTED Bootlid ornament for FC Holden. Allen Harris, 56 Moore Walk, Forest Gate, London E7 0BY.
- WANTED New or useable vacuum advance assembly for 149 cu. in. EH Holden. Tony Hancock, 5, The Croft, Bulkington, Nuneaton, Warks.
- FOR SALE Holden HR official workshop manual. John Cowley, Mill Lodge, Mill Lane, Birch, Colchester, Essex.
- FOR SALE to finance Holden FE restoration - South African 'CAR' magazines - many going back to mid sixties. £1.00 sterling each inc. postage. Alistair Saxton, 96 Frere Road, Vincent, East London 5247, South Africa.
- FOR SALE 'The Motor' magazines 1958 - 61 (11 copies), 'Motoring' (Nuffield publication) March '52, July '56 & Oct '57, and Duckhams 'Quest' Spring 1978. Some incomplete out still entertaining. 50p each or lot for £5.00 payable to 'Holden U.K. Register' Patrick Hemphill (address above).

FRONT COVER: Iain Brazier's 1956 FE Special

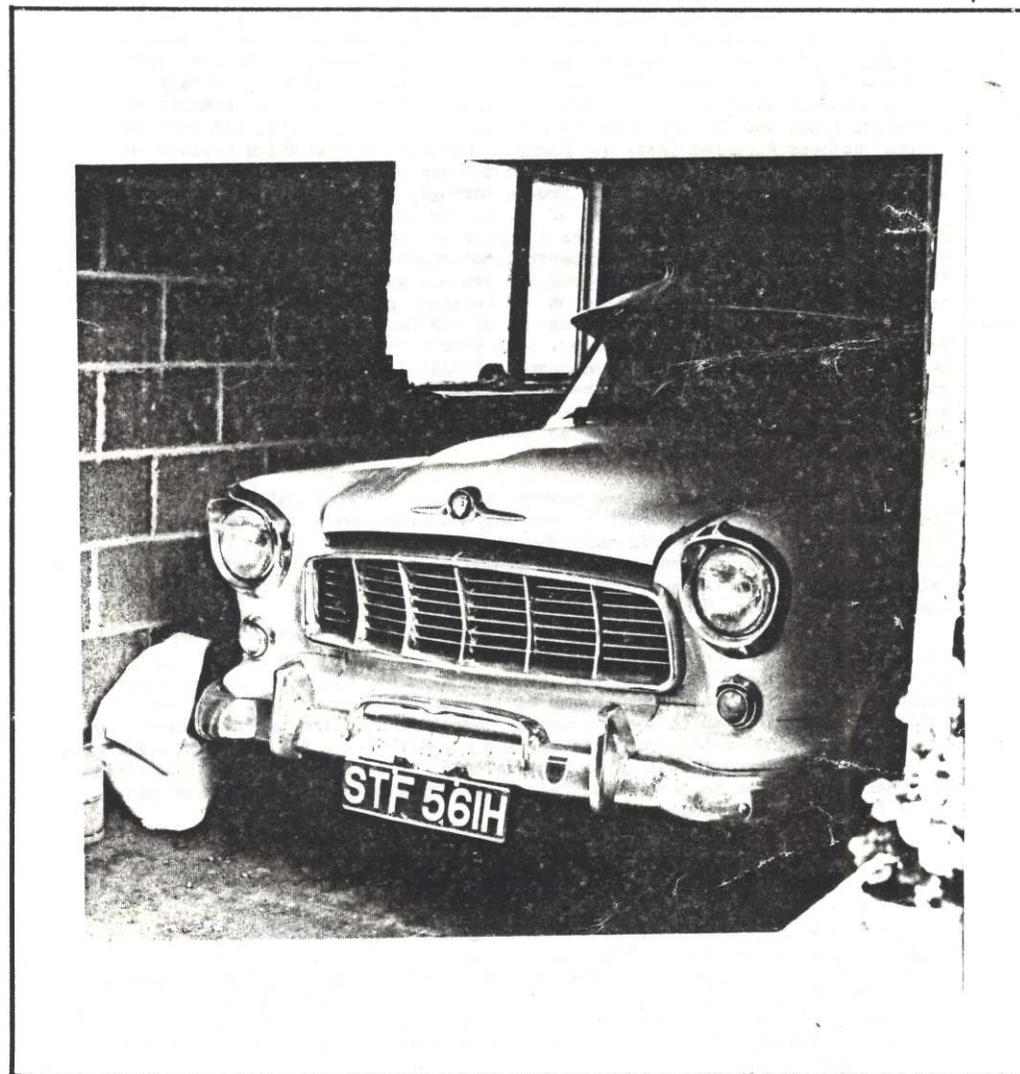


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G'day,

Welcome to our 'new format' Holden Business - hardly had the Register and newsletter got off the ground than we have aspired to proper heading, and photos!

Holden Day has come and gone, and with it the first A.G.M. As a result we now have an official Committee (see above) and lol subscriptions to pay. You'll also find enclosed a copy of the Constitution. There's more info on the A.G.M. inside, but Holden Day, as I predicted took place in lovely sunny, although windy weather in the less usual environs of a Leicestershire farmyard. Those who did not attend missed an eventful day where, although no 'pukka' Holdens appeared (save Guy Hardy's chevrolet Holden which resides on the farm) there was plenty else to see in the way of Holden models, brochures, workshop manuals and road tests to browse through, when they didn't slow away!

I had the privilege of announcing during the day that, as a result of correspondence between the Register and the Factory, the Register has been officially recognised by General Motors-Holden's in Australia, and that subject to expected restrictions, we are allowed to use their trade marks including the lovely 'Lion Device' on our Register paper and certain regalia.

Our thanks to Guy for the use of his farm for Holden Day, and a warm thank you to those who attended. Next year's Holden Day is scheduled to be held near Fishguard, again with camping facilities being provided, so if you missed the first one we will see you there! If you didn't come along you won't have received a brass-plated attendance plaque - you can obtain this collector's item simply by sending me an S.A.E. (for 18p, please). First come, first served - I've only a few left!

We warmly welcome two new members this month - Tony and Colin Hancock (father and son) of 5, The Croft, Bulkington, Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Between them they own, and run an original 1964 EH Special Station Sedan ritted with the standard 149 cu. in. Red Motor and assembled, I believe in Woodville, Adelaide. Painted in White over Acapulco Grey it sounds like a very nice car and an ample stablemate for their 1936 Hillman Minx.

As will be seen in the A.G.M. report below, a membership subscription was agreed.

The sum is just £7.50 per year, valid from June 1st. to next May 31st. Will all members (those persons holding a numbered membership card) who have not yet done so PLEASE PAY THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS to the Membership Secretary Guy Hardy at the address above. Cheques and Postal Orders to be made payable to the "Holden U.K. Register". I hope you will agree that this is good value as it entitles you to 6 newsletters per year plus access to lots of technical advice, literature, sources of parts and a friendly social scene.

LETTERS

Apologies for editing this issue's crop of letters rather heavily; all are interesting so I have tried to include as many as possible. First, a short note from Australian car magazine publisher, Eddie Ford, of Newstead 3462, Victoria:-

"Thanks for your note. I have given the Holden Register a mention in 'Restored Cars' No. 75. I hope it can do some good, and later I'll donate the Register a 'History of Holden since 1917' hard cover, as they are a better book than the soft cover.

I'll send some recent clippings on the new Holdens coming up. As you may know Holden lost their lead when they dropped the large car concept and went for the 'World Car' based on the Commodore. Ford (namely Falcon, Fairlane & LTD), have been well ahead since about '83 in sales and in some months double. The retention of the V8 in the Commodore saved them to a degree as they have the Police market tied up with them."

- Thank you for your generous offer, Eddie. If you would like to read about Australian old cars including original and rebuilt Holdens, a year's subscription to 'Restored Cars' costs Aus \$ 16.50 payable to Eddie Ford publications Ltd at the above address. Next, Alan Potter, President of the Torana Street Machine Club of Victoria, P.O. Box 202, Ringwood 3134, Australia wants to exchange information:-

"Any information you wish to know about Toranas or any Holdens will just give us a call or write. How many Holdens do you have over there? What models, etc? Many of our members would be interested to hear from you and about the vehicles you drive.

We attended the recent Street Machine Show in Victoria and won Best Club Display on this Event which was a good Club effort."

- Congratulations Alan, on a thriving Club almost as new as ours. I hope some Register members will write to Alan to exchange info. I have their newsletter if anyone would like to borrow it - 18p SAE, please.

The Manager of the appropriately named 'Lions Den', 9 Goodwin Street, East Ipswich, Queensland 4305, Australia, has written offering his services:-

"At present we have on our shelves over 40,000 items covering all Australian produced G.M. models from 1916 - 1973. All these items are brand new, old stock parts and accessories purchased from G.M.H. Dealers Australia wide. We do not stock reproduction or imitation parts. We have available genuine Workshop Manuals, Owner's Handbooks, showroom brochures and take pride in being the largest stockist of genuine NASCO accessories in the country. For example for an FE Holden we stock the following genuine accessories:- Hood ornament, sunshade, radio, venetian shade, mudflaps, boot lamp kit, reverse lamp kit, rear wheel spats, wheel trims, door weathershields etc. etc.

Our library of Holden literature and G.M.H. archive material is available to members of car clubs for research and information. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any question relating to production or repair of any G.M.H. vehicle - we can supply information on paint and trim, date of production, where produced etc. All research is done free of charge. We would be very interested to hear from members of the Register; members are offered generous discounts on all items in stock."

- Why not make use of the Lions Den - they really appear to have a lot to offer us. Nearer home, the Sussex Chrome Co., 39 Salisbury Road, Tilgate, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 5LX will strip, replate and polish chrome items at specially reduced rates for Register members. They can treat complete bumpers and radiator grilles as well as smaller items. Their phone no. is Crawley 551276, and is open until 9pm.

NEWS

First Holden U.K. Register A.G.M.:-

The minutes of the A.G.M. as recorded will be available to any paid up member sending me an SAE, so I will not repeat them in detail here. Basically the purpose and future of the Register was discussed, and as the meeting continued it became increasingly clear that 1. it had a bright future despite a potentially very small membership, and 2. the members who put themselves forward as Committee Office Bearers had very positive ideas about the running of clubs in general, and our Register in particular. As can be seen from the enclosed (proposed) Constitution, the Register takes itself seriously in the big world of car clubs, but one must remember, looking aside an apparently intense document that, while the Register must provide for its own, and its members' protection, we can, and will have a lot of fun as well! Please read the Constitution, and if you object to any of its clauses, please inform me prior to 31st August 1988 and I will take up the matter from there. If I receive no objections, I will take that as an expression of approval and the Constitution will maintain effect. Oh! your Committee was elected as well, and the folks you'll have to put up with until the next A.G.M. appear in name and position in the front. As can be seen there's plenty of room for more Committee members so they only have one post each, so book now for next year's A.G.M. - and bring your tent! Incidentally, the Register welcomes members from the U.K. and abroad, which should stimulate growth of the Register.