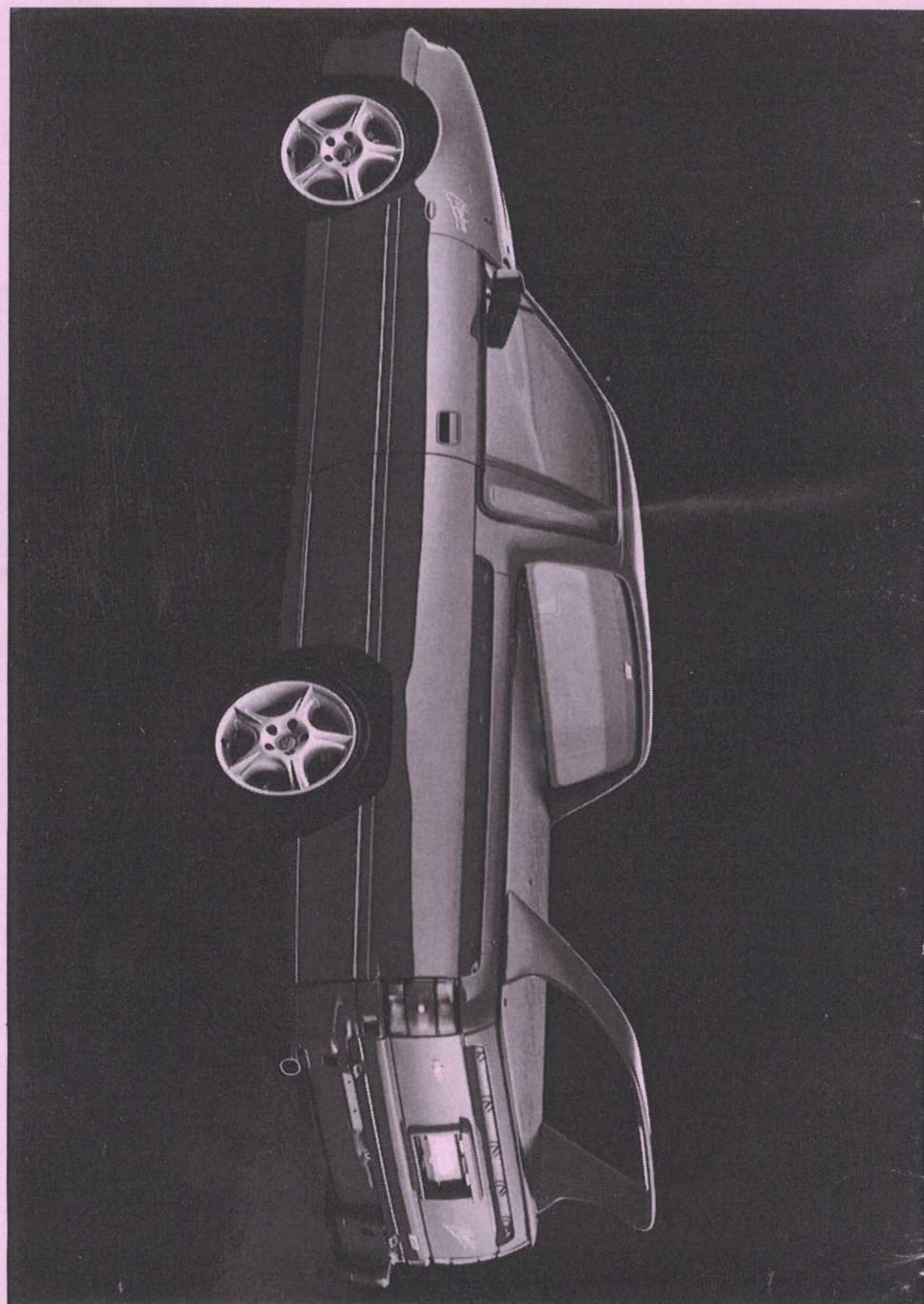


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The New HSV Maloo Ute

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Hi all,

Well, last month's AGM at the Hollycombe Steam Collection was a bit of a non event as we couldn't make up a quorum for the meeting. Apologies were received from Patrick Hemphill, Rosemary Camp and Chas Blake. I propose that unless I receive any objections from members, to carry on with the committee as it stands. I have published the Membership Secretary's and Treasurers report together with the accounts in this edition of HB.

I was pleased to get a 'phone call a couple of weeks ago from a Tony Grainger who has recently purchased the 1978 V8 Monaro which the club last saw at one of our club meetings at Duxford aerodrome way back in 1991.

This will of course be the last HB this year, so I would like to wish everyone all the best for the festive season and good wishes for the New Year.

Regards





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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The strong financial position of the Register continues with balances carried forward at the end of May of £483 with only a minimal amount owing for postage. A large part of the accumulated balances is due to the Register's accessing extremely low cost printing - should this facility cease the operating expenses will increase sharply. I recommend sub rates continue as is.



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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Register had 25 members at the end of the 96/7 year and at the time of writing less than 20 have renewed. As many members renew at the AGM I have not yet decided that membership is in decline. One of the problems we have is retaining membership when cars change ownership. For example Angela Sheel owner of a 1989 6cylinder 3.8 sedan sold it recently and despite putting HUKK info in the glove box we have had no reaction yet. As this is the kind of car that can ~~not~~ be used for everyday replacing your Ford etc its disappointing that we're unable to keep tabs on it. I submit a

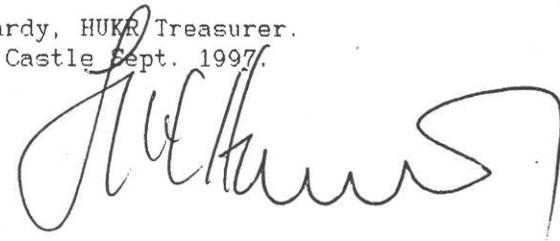
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Guy Hardy, HUKR Treasurer.  
Wolfs Castle Sept. 1997.



Will go some way to solve this. <sup>(QV)</sup> Another disappointment during 96/7 was the Holden expired ambulances. The chairman and myself were contacted by about 8 people who had purchased Bedford ambulances and needed info on the expires - not one joined the Register. The Holden appears to have low enthusiastic appeal hence to Thompsons apparent difficulties in selling his '89 Premier. The way ahead for membership would appear to be two pronged - ① the enthusiast club & ② the support organisation for all Holdens.

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# LETTERS - LETTERS - LETTERS

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Yours sincerely

David Hart

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## Thunder of V8s will drown out whisper of Super Tourer fans

IF you believed all the propaganda flying around Bathurst last weekend the V8s are dead in the water.

Everyone from cabbies to motel owners was singing the death knell of the traditional Aussie-thumping five-litre Holden Commodore and Ford Falcon class.

Well folks, we have news for you. The Primus Australian 1000 Classic will go ahead as scheduled on Sunday week and the race is virtually a sell-out.

Super Tourer officials told the national motor sport media last weekend the crowd would be down on previous years.

Maybe, just maybe, they were talking about their own race, where 20,000 turned up to see the two-litre cars buzz unattractively around the mountain.

Indications from ticket sales and a fully-booked camping ground are that a crowd of 60,000-plus will see Peter Brock's last race.

Loosely termed television propaganda had the viewing public believing his drive in the Vauxhall Vectra last Sunday was his last at Bathurst.

Wrong. Brock will link with twice Bathurst 1000 winner and twice Australian touring car champion Mark Skaife in one of the strongest driver

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**GORDON LOMAS**

Motorsport

combinations seen at Bathurst.

But if you believe the rumours Brock will not be driving the Holden Racing Team Commodore and his place will be taken by one of the astronaut pioneers, Buzz Aldrin or Neil Armstrong!

The Bathurst rumour merchants genuinely feel the V8 race will not take place because of insufficient scrutineers and officials.

The crowd and television audience will prove who the dreamers are when thunder strikes the mountain in a little over a week.

**COMICAL** John Cleland hit the nail on the head after the Super Touring Bathurst 1000 last weekend.

Reliability and durability were always going to come into the equation at Mt Panorama for the first two-litre 1000km race.

Cleland and co-driver James Kaye were snuffed out

of the 161-lap race after 32 when power steering failed.

"I've had three starts in V8s at Bathurst and finished all three races," Cleland said. "V8s are built like brick shit-houses and Super Touring has a few lessons to learn from them."

Of the 27 starters, 12 were declared finishers, but beyond sixth place they were more than 10 laps behind the winning BMW of Geoff and David Brabham.

**JOKES** doing the rounds of pit lane from V8 cynics even had the image-conscious Super Tourer people smiling.

What were the objects thrown at some cars screaming through the McPhillamy Park and Castrol Tower areas?

Yeah, someone didn't like the Volvo 850 and threw a David Jones picnic hamper at it.

And when the hampers ran out mobile phones were flung at the Swedish machine.

Then there was the line about the spectator who got so bored he torched his own car.

**MEMORABILIA**, including nine-time champion Brock's first Bathurst-winning Torana, have been dusted off and will feature in a farewell parade at the Primus Classic.

# Holden mystery

WHEN is a Holden not a Holden – or, for that matter, a Vauxhall or an Opel?

When Peter Brock drives one in the Bathurst 1000.

That was one of the questions being asked last weekend when Brock's red racesuit appeared with a 'Holden Vectra' badge on its sleeve (left).

Brock wore the logo on Wednesday, but not on Thursday when

he changed suits.

But later Tim Pemberton, Holden's PR man, appeared with a half dozen sew-on 'Holden Vectra' badges and Brock wore the logo for the rest of the week.

When quizzed on the matter, Pemberton said, "It's a Vectra. There is a Vectra website, which will carry in-car footage during the race, which Holden is

paying for."

Yes; but was the car a Holden? "It's a VECTRA. You can read into that what you will, but it's a Vectra,"

Brock's co-driver Derek Warwick wore no brand identification on his uniform while both John Cleland and James Kaye in the sister car featured heavy Vauxhall identification.

– PHIL BRANAGAN

### Unstuck

**A** CON-MAN sold car stickers to drivers in Dallas with the promise the profits would go to police charities. And, he said, cars with the stickers would be less likely to be booked.

### Stars in his eyes

**A** MOTORIST in Maine, US, was arrested for driving with a battery-powered TV strapped to the bonnet of his car.

He told police it was quite safe as he could watch the TV with one eye and the road with the other.

### Over exposed

**A** N ANGRY learner driver in Lyons, France, showed what she thought of the road test examiner after she failed her fourth test by ripping up his notes and baring her backside at him before storming off. She was later arrested for indecent exposure.

### Write off

**A** PUNISHMENT a lot like the opening sequence of *The Simpsons* was dished out to a persistent 14-year-old car thief in Arkansas, US.

The youngster was ordered to write "If I do not own it, I will not take it" 250,000 times on a school blackboard before serving two days in jail.

### Cleaned out

**A** BANNED British motorist lost his licence for another 10 months after he was caught pushing a road-sweeper through a shopping centre.

He had thought he was safe with his new job but didn't realise that, because it had an engine to suck up debris, he needed a driving licence for the motorised road sweeper.

Herald Sun, Saturday, July 12, 1997



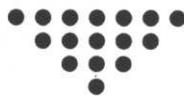
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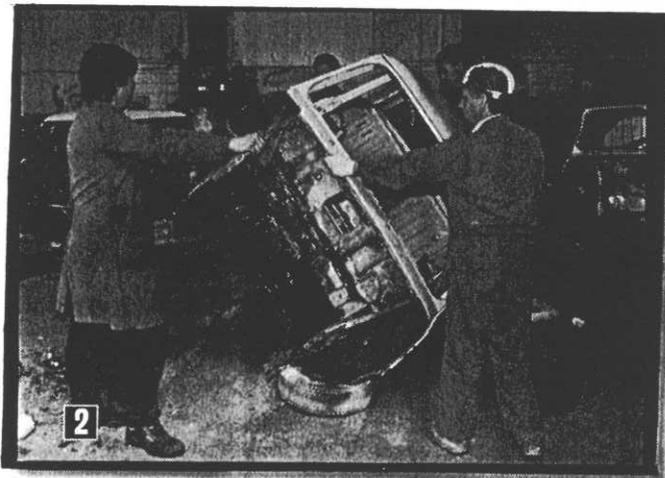
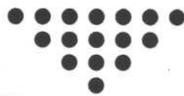
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**THE NEW HSV MALOO UTILITY**

The new HSV MALOO utility is a combination of proven durability and new features guaranteed to maintain eye catching appeal.

Power comes from the HSV upgraded electronic fuel injection 5.0 litre V8 producing 185kW at 4800RPM and 400 Nm of torque at 3600RPM coupled to either an electronic 4 speed automatic or a 5 speed manual transmission.

Suspension has been refined and now includes 17"x7" 5 spoke wheels with Bridgestone 225'45 Expedia S02 tyres.

Power assisted steering comes standard.

The MALOO has ABS braking system standard and single piston aluminium floating calipers on 289mmx23mm brake disc's up front with single piston aluminium calipers on solid discs at the rear.

Standard seating is HSV's Glencoe Sports design or the optional Devenish Performance design with matching door inserts.

Drivers side air bag is standard as are power windows. Exterior styling combines a specific front facia, side skirts, rear panel moulding, unique rear number plate surround, a specific tonneau cover with bold HSV logo, and the upper sail plane with integral clear stop lamp.

**OPTIONS:**

Two options offered for the new MALOO sure to lift the vehicles appeal from eye catching to head turning are the rigid tonneau cover and the all new specific high mounted rear wing with intergral stop lamp.

HSV MALOO UTILITY RRP -	MANUAL	\$45,577
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See picture rear cover page

Here's a useful tip: bullets don't make good replacements for car fuses. Two men down south in Arkansas found this out the hard way. According to a police report in a local newspaper, the pair were out one night on a **frog catching expedition** (apparently that's something people in Arkansas do). The

headlights on their aged pick-up truck failed because of a blown fuse. But the driver discovered that a .22 bullet fitted the steering column-mounted fuse holder nicely.

With the truck lights burning brightly again, the two men continued happily on their way – until the bullet overheated and “shot” the driver... in his testicles. The resulting accident left both frog hunters injured, although not fatally.

## Key Chain Tag Fills The Tank

FAIRFAX, VA—Some drivers will soon be able to pay for fill-ups by waving their keys in front of gas pumps.

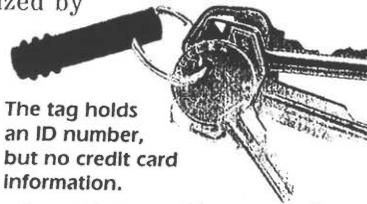
They will be using Mobil's Speedpass fuel purchasing system. When a customer waves his key chain in front of a specially equipped pump, an electronic tag on the key chain becomes energized by

a radio signal. It then emits a radio signal that contains a unique customer ID code.

If the Speedpass system recognizes this ID, it looks up the customer's preassigned credit card number. The driver pumps the gas and sees the bill on his next charge card statement.

Mobil says the system—developed in co-operation with Texas Instruments and the Wayne Division of Dresser Industries—is aimed at people who dislike digging through their wallets or purses to find credit cards.

One million of these credit card key chains will be issued in the coming months.



The tag holds an ID number, but no credit card information.

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### FAILURES BY DEFECT CATEGORY AS A PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES TESTED AT MOT STATIONS (CLASSES 3 AND 4 – CARS AND LIGHT VANS UP TO 3,000KG)

	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95
Lights	18.6	20.0	20.3
Steering	16.7	17.4	17.3
Brakes	14.6	15.4	15.5
Tyres	10.0	9.6	9.6
Petrol emissions	7.9	7.4	6.0
Petrol emissions catalyst	4.5	—	—
Diesel emissions	9.6	10.6	8.5
Driver's view	5.5	5.7	5.8
Reg plates and VIN	1.7	2.1	2.4
Other	16.4	18.0	18.0

Note: "Other" includes windscreen wipers/washers, horn, body corrosion, etc

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## BEAULIEU MOTORWORKS

A Garage of the late 1930s

Within the National Motor Museum, there has been built an Historic Garage which is complete in detail down to the last nut and bolt. It is not based on any particular Garage, although a lot of the artefacts and the general mood which has been created, came from William Tucker & Son, West End Garage, Wedmore, in Somerset. Jack Tucker was the son who retired in 1985. Whilst the building is a complete fabrication, everything in it, all fixtures, fittings, tools, cans and detail are all artefacts and have come from Garages and workshops that have closed down. The Museum has been collecting these items for more than 25 years.

Beaulieu Motorworks tells the part the pre-War Garage played in country life, how it adapted from being a blacksmith, or a wheelwright, or a bicycle maker, to look after the needs of the motor vehicle. It has a forecourt with six petrol pumps, but probably two would do for the amount of business done. There were no tied stations, so each petrol company wanted a pump on the forecourt. This resulted in a plethora of enamel and painted advertising signs on and around the Garage. These eyesores were hated by the Council for the Protection of Rural England and others, who campaigned vigorously against this type of advertising. They had little effect on Jack Tucker's Garage at Beaulieu! The three audio commentaries that are run in the Garage and on the forecourt tell different stories. They show how such a Garage was very much part of local life. At the rear there is a video, which mainly through personal memories, tells the overall story of the Garage and the filling station and brings the history up to date.

Also featured in the Garage is the scrap heap which contains many items which are highly collectable today! At the rear, there is a breakdown truck, a conversion from a 1926 Austin 20 Taxi, which has just towed in a severely cashed bullnose Morris.

This is one of the most detailed presentations in any Museum in the United Kingdom and was only made possible by generous support of T & N plc and matching funding from the National Heritage Lottery Fund.

On the upstairs level of the Garage, there has been created a modern interactive participatory gallery where young and old will be able to learn about the way in which the motor works. As well as displays on the engine, there are those on suspension, the differential, tyres and much more.

Further details of Beaulieu Motorworks available from Michael E Ware, telephone number (01590) 612345.

Photo Captions. The exterior of Jack Tucker's Garage now on show at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu.

The interior picture shows just a little of the detail in the Gaffer's Office.

The National Motor Museum Trust. The Charities Act of 1960. Registration No. 261929

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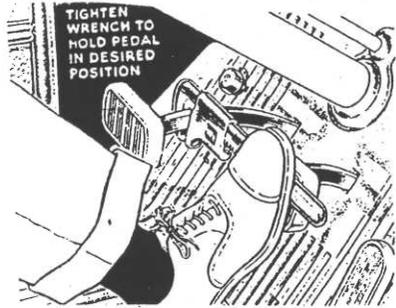
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**AUTOMOBILIA FAIR**  
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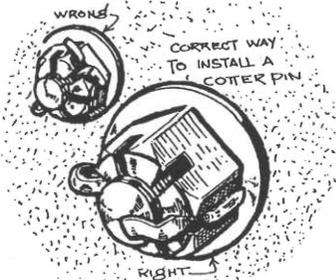
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Our New Year Autojumble will once again be held at our Museum building at Whitewebbs Road, Enfield, Middx., (junc 25 on M25).  
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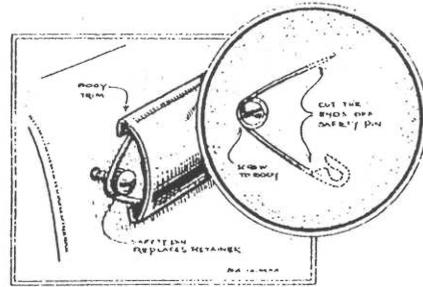


**WRENCH HOLDS PEDAL.** When it's necessary to keep the brake or clutch pedal depressed while you are working on a car, a large adjustable wrench does the job conveniently. With the pedal depressed, place the wrench handle against the pad and tighten the jaws on the shank of the companion pedal.



**THE RIGHT WAY TO LOCK A COTTER PIN.** It's obvious to many old car buffs, but some people do not know the correct way to lock a cotter pin. This sketch comes from Bob Hovorka's "Notes from the filling station" in Old Cars weekly of Iola, Wisc USA. Make sure the head fits into the slot properly. Do not fit side ways. Cut and bend according to the picture. Replace with a new pin in preference to re-using the old one.

**RESTORED CARS**



**CLIPS TO HOLD OLDER TYPE STAINLESS STEEL TRIM** are often hard to come by, today many are held on by plastic or nylon fasteners that become brittle and ineffective with age. These can be made from various sized safety pins or clips trimmed to suit the job.



**ALUMINIUM COOKING FOIL** can be used for masking bumper guards, bumpers, head lamps and other parts of a car when it is being spray-painted. The foil can be pressed around the parts without the use of tape. The sheets can be used again if necessary.

**CLEANING SPARK PLUGS**

Place the spark plugs in a wide mouth jar and cover with an inch or two of household ammonia. Place the top on the jar, leave for a couple of hours and the carbon, dirt and oil will be gone.

