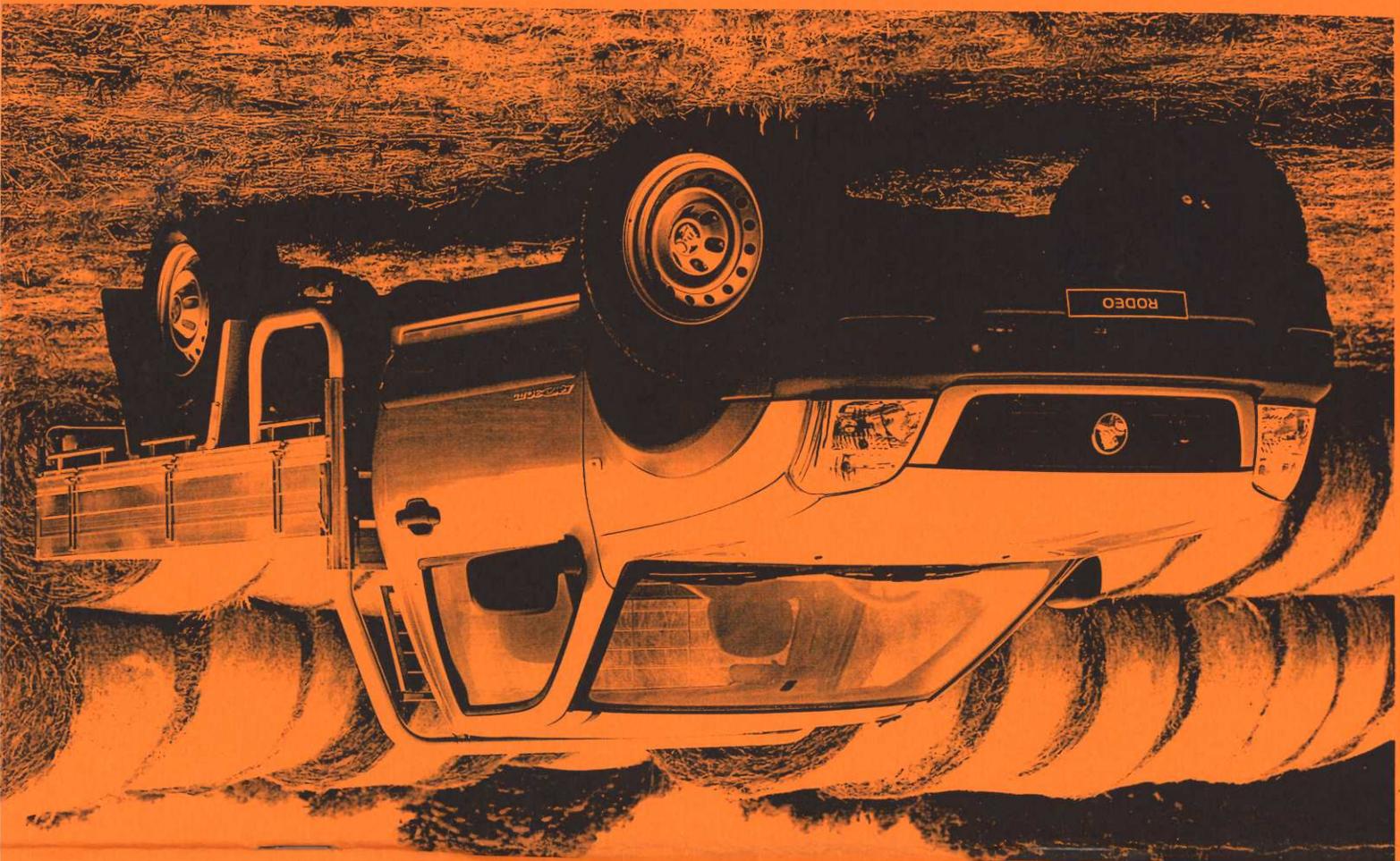


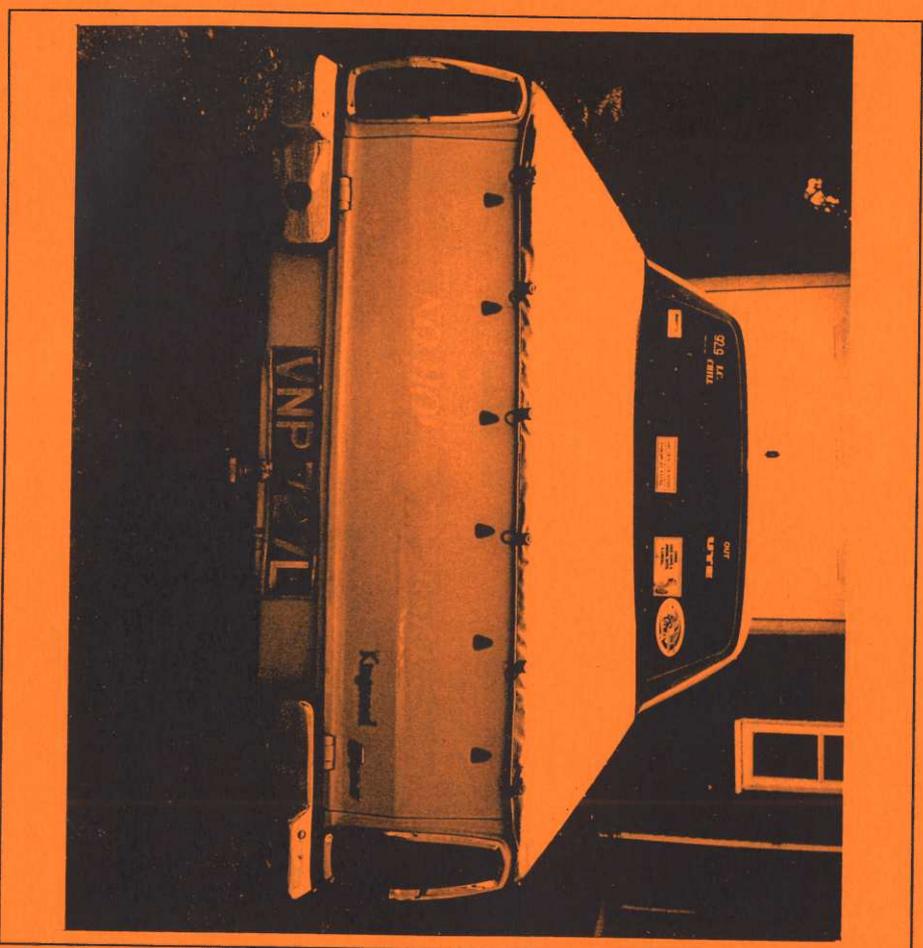
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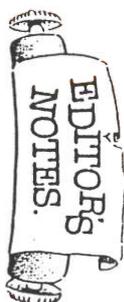
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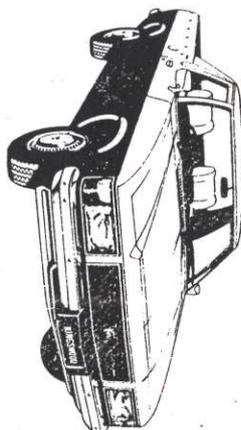
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Hi all,

As you read through this issue you will see that I have included details of our annual Holden day at the all GM meeting at Billing on the 13th July. Stickers are needed to enter the actual show area, so please let me know if you will be attending and I will send you one.

You will also note from the enclosed forms that it is membership renewal time! Can you return these to Guy as soon as possible with your cheque. For those overseas members who might find it difficult to send their renewal fee in sterling, please let me know and I will discuss the arrangements for other currencies.



If any member is interested in attending any particular show in the coming months, please get in touch with me or the ACCA (see page 19) to see if other Holden/Australian car owners are interested in joining you.

Hope to see you on Holden Day

Regards

Ken



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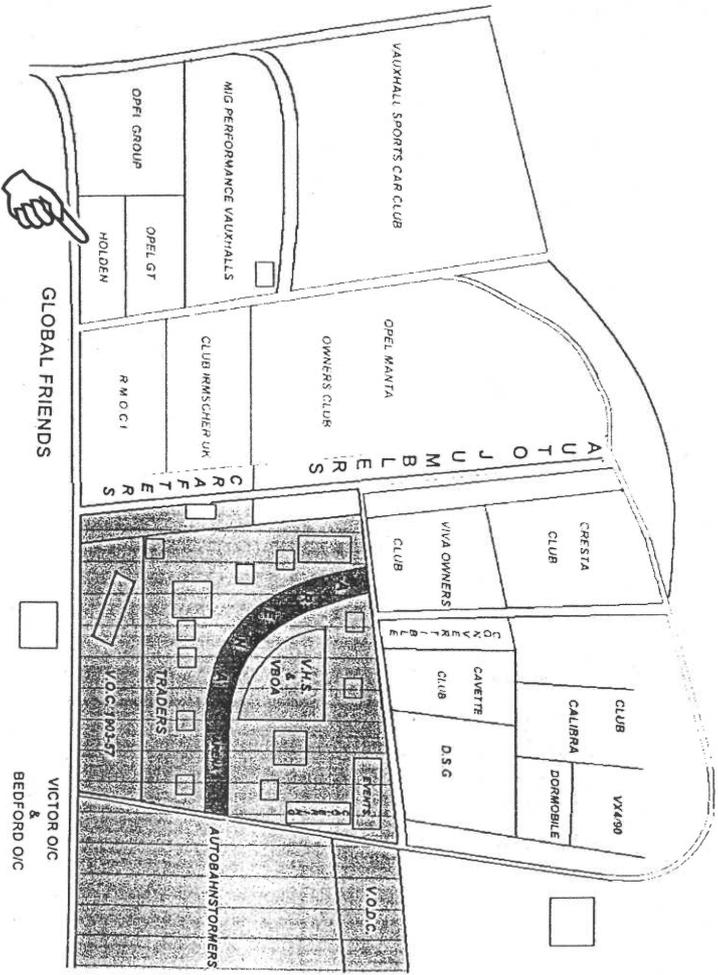
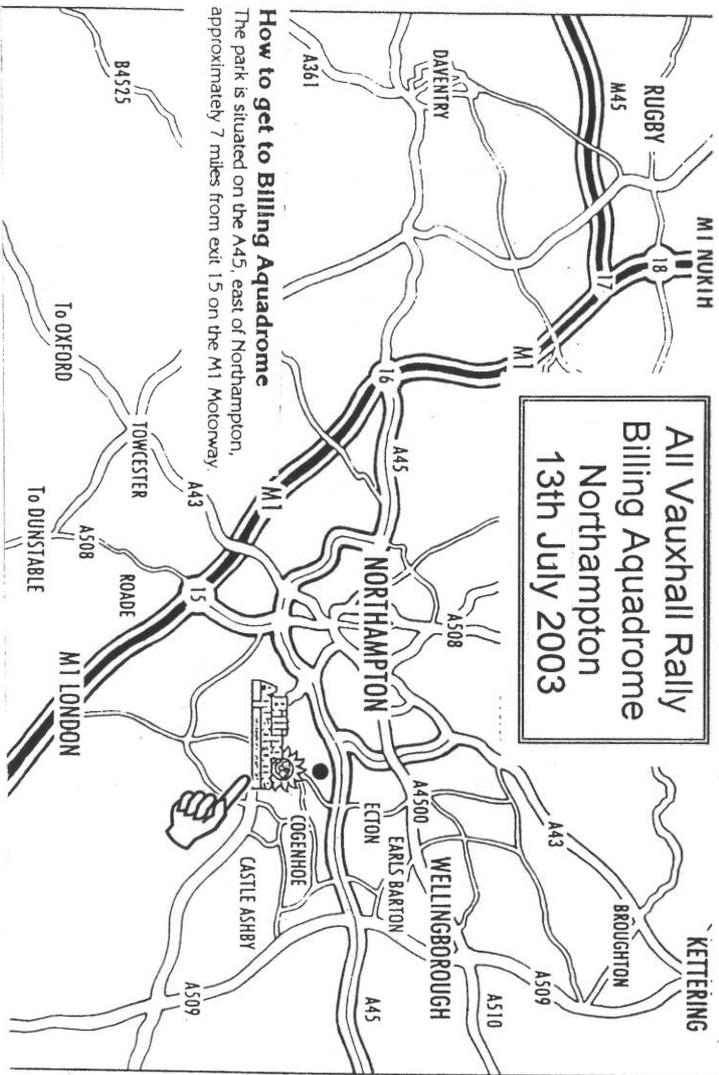
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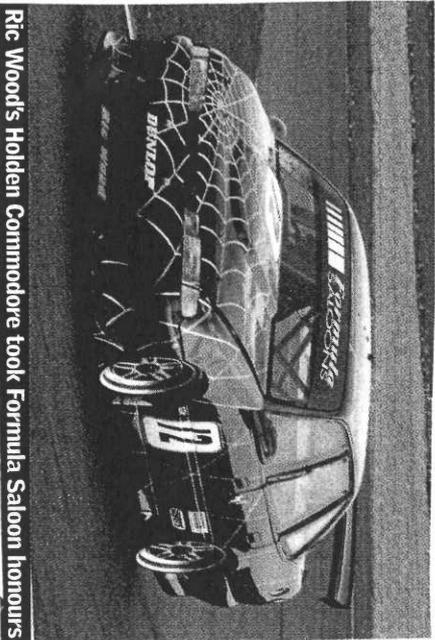
Dear Ken,
Just thought I would let you know that in Total Vauxhall Magazine there are 2 Features on Holdens.

The First is on a new Monaro CV8, the Second is a 6 page Feature on the 'Racing Monaros', like the car that won the Bathurst 24 Hr race last year.

also
In Autospot 27-3-03 there is a Feature on Historic racing in Australia, showing Holden Torana, commodore and Vauxhall Cresta
Also enclosed a photo of a superb Vauxhall Wyvern 'ute' seen recently at the Surrey Street Rodders 'wheels day' at Brooklands Motor Museum, Weybridge, Surrey.

Also news that Ric Woods Holden Commodore came 1st in the Formula Saloon race at Silverstone on April 21st, Ric enclosed





Ric Woods Holden Commodore took Formula Saloon honours

14-3-03

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Dear Ken,
News of more Holdens in the Motoring
Press.

Classic Van and Pick-up Magazine April 2003
Superb Feature on an Australian Vauxhall
VeloX Pick-up. This Holden bodied ute
was built in Australia and restored in
Australia. but is in the UK to join in the
100 Years of Vauxhall celebrations.

Diecast collector Magazine April 2003
Superb 5 Page Feature on all the latest
model car releases from Australia over
the last 2 years. Holdens shown are
Monaro (3 Versions), Torana LT XU-1,
VT Coupe concept car, Monaro CV8,
ET Special sedan and station wagon,
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Monaro GTs 350, LX Torana SS-49X,
FE Special, HX Sandman Van and HX
Sandman Utility as well as Various
Ford Falcons, Chrysler Valiants, Chrysler
Chargers etc

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Online, Holden Takes the Flag Ahead of Ford

In another coup over its bitter rival, Holden was today found to offer the best internet customer experience, knocking Ford out of top-place for the first time. According to the study, conducted by leading Australian online research company Global Reviews, Holden's clear victory follows a major upgrade to their website that goes some way in establishing the internet as a key customer channel.

In the latest Automotive Manufacturers Online Benchmark, conducted in February 2003, the experience at the websites of 13 automotive manufacturers was objectively assessed using 440 criteria. The benchmark evaluates the level of information and functionality offered to online users, and input from thousands of consumers is built in to the benchmarking process to ensure the results reflect consumer opinion.

Holden and Toyota were the big movers, significantly up from their final positions in the November 2002 benchmark, whilst Ford lost its top spot. Holden's improvement reflects recent upgrades to its website, including the integration of a used car system powered by Carsales.com.au. Its score of 74% places it some 6% ahead of Ford, and a 12% ahead of third placed Toyota.

Ford's performance was again strong across the benchmark, especially its approach to branding, while Toyota excelled in the provision of general automotive information. BMW (51%) and Mitsubishi (50%) rounded out the top five sites.

In recognition of the role of internet research in the automobile purchasing process, car manufacturers are increasing the emphasis on their websites. Holden's used car initiative is a prime example. Indeed, each quarter the benchmark reveals that at least one company has implemented a major site upgrade. With automotive websites becoming an increasing source of sales leads, providing a premium online experience is vital.

According to Global Reviews Director Adam Goodvach "We have now reached the point where consumers have high expectations of automotive websites. If a site does not meet their demands then much of the hard and expensive branding effort will have gone to waste." The challenge for manufacturers is to react to competitors and make consumers happy while meeting their internal business objectives.

LEADING AUTOMOTIVE WEBSITES

Company	Website	Score (%)
1 Holden	www.holden.com.au	74
2 Ford Australia	www.ford.com.au	68
3 Toyota	www.toyota.com.au	56
4 BMW	www.bmw.com.au	51
5 Mitsubishi	www.mitsubishi.com.au	50



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28 February 2003

Holden to buy TWR Australia racing, engineering operations

Holden has purchased TWR Australia, the company currently managing Holden Racing Team operations and providing engineering design work to Holden and other clients.

The decision secures the future of Holden racing operations following the appointment of administrative receivers to five TWR companies in the UK. It does not involve Holden Special Vehicles, which has operated under a separate structure to TWR since 2001.

Holden has acted swiftly following discussions with the receivers to ensure the security and continuity of Holden racing activities and related brands, and the completion of important engineering design work for Holden.

TWR Australia includes the racing division, based in Clayton, Victoria, managing the Holden Racing Team and K-Mart Racing. The engineering division is based in Clayton and contracts to Holden, HSV and other clients. Under a separate arrangement, Holden Special Vehicles is contracted by Holden to build premium performance vehicles.

The ownership change will be a seamless transition with the day-to-day activities of the race team and engineering group continuing as usual under the existing management.

Holden's ownership is a powerful statement of long-term commitment and puts to rest any uncertainty and speculation arising from the appointment of receivers to TWR in the UK. HRT and HSV are core components of the Holden brand and we will take whatever action necessary to protect them.

The employees of TWR Australia can be confident of Holden's fullest support, and equally, our many race fans can look forward to another successful season. Holden has a long, proud association of more than 30 years with motorsport, and HRT is the country's most successful racing franchise.

Holden's Director of Performance Products and Racing, Ray Borrett, will assume immediate responsibility for the investment, reporting to me. John Crennan will continue in his role as Managing Director of Holden Special Vehicles.

Ross McKenzie
Executive Director Sales and Marketing

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MONAROS GO

Aussie M3 400bhp muscle-car coming to UK – as a Vauxhall

VAUXHALL HAS answered the prayers of British muscle car fans by confirming that the Monaro coupé will hit our roads in March 2004.

As predicted, the four-seat coupé will be badged Vauxhall, but the Aussie Mustang-like recipe of 5665cc all-alloy V8 and rear-wheel-drive should remain unchanged.

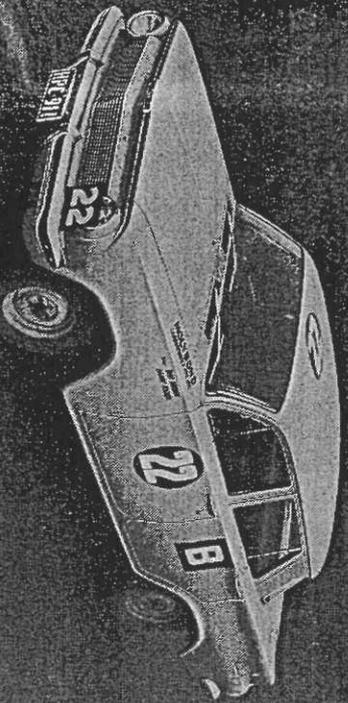
"The Holden name means nothing over here," said a Vauxhall insider. "And the Monaro will enhance our range."

Expect 150mph-plus and 0-60mph in less than 7.0sec even from the base 300bhp Monaro CV8, which should cost about £26k. The 402bhp range-topper, to be badged GTO, will be priced around £33,000.

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The ethanol debate is hotting up, with more organisations calling for a limit on how much ethanol can be blended into fuels. Motor vehicle, lawn mower, two-stroke engine and petrol pump manufacturers all say ethanol level in fuels should be capped at 10%, as they say blends above this level can have an adverse impact on their equipment. In fact, some manufacturers have suggested vehicle warranties will be voided if ethanol blends above 10% cause damage.

RACV has sighted legal advice to one of the major oil companies on the steps that need to be taken so that motorists are not misled in their purchase of ethanol-blended fuel. This advice should be heeded by all service station operators, for if they sell this fuel in Victoria without sufficient disclosure to motorists, they may be engaging in misleading and deceptive conduct under the Trade Practices Act. Because of this advice, RACV has called on the State Government to regulate full disclosure to motorists. This includes the price of ethanol-blended petrol being displayed on the retail price board, plus signage which clearly identifies the ethanol additive in a prominent position, to ensure motorists are informed prior to making a purchase decision. The adverse impacts of using fuel which contains more than 10% ethanol must also be spelled out at the point of sale.

It is to be hoped that both State and Federal Governments can work quickly to sort out the ethanol mess before any damage is done.

David Cumming, RACV corporate and government affairs manager



Significant styling changes give the new long-wheelbase Holden Statesman a powerfully aggressive road presence.

April 2003





In the 9 years since the introduction of the V8 Touring Car category in Australia, the Holden Racing Team has through its people and sponsor group, become the most successful team of the V8 Supercar era.

To the end of the 2002 season, HRT had won 5 consecutive V8 Supercar/Australian Touring Car Championships, and has won 6 of the past 7 titles since 1996. This record is now unsurpassed in Australian Touring Car racing since the inception of the Championship in 1960. The only drivers and/or teams that comes close is the legendary Ian Geoghegan who won 4 consecutive titles and 5 in 6 years but - apart from 1969 - "Pete's" crews were run in the years when the ATCC was a one-race Championship. The other is Dick Johnson Racing that has recorded 6 title victories from 1981 to 1995.

Following are some figures that give an indication of the success and consistency of HRT in that time:

- 1996: 10 round Series.
 - * HRT won 7 rounds - 70%
 - * HRT took 4 pole positions
 - * Won 19 of 30 races - 63%
 - * Won Sandown 500 and Bathurst 1000
 - * Craig Lowndes 1st in Series; Peter Brock 4th.
 - 1997: 10 round Series.
 - * HRT won 4 rounds - 40%
 - * HRT took 6 pole positions
 - * Won 8 of 30 races - 27%
 - * Greg Murphy 4th in Series; Peter Brock 6th.
 - 1998: 10 round Series.
 - * HRT won 6 rounds - 60%
 - * HRT took 7 pole positions
 - * Won 15 of 30 races - 50%
 - Craig Lowndes 1st in Series; Mark Skafie 3rd.
 - 1999: 13 round Series.
 - * HRT won 8 rounds - 62%
 - * HRT took 4 pole positions.
 - * Won 20 of 33 races - 61%
 - * Craig Lowndes 1st in Series; Mark Skafie 3rd
 - 2000: 13 round Series.
 - * HRT won 6 rounds - 46%
 - * HRT took 8 pole positions
 - * Won 16 of 33 races - 48%
 - * Mark Skafie 1st in Series; Craig Lowndes 3rd.
 - 2001: 13 round Series.
 - * HRT won 5 rounds - 38%
 - * HRT took 4 pole positions (Shoot Out format) - 31%
 - * Won 11 of 30 races - 37%
 - * Mark Skafie 1st in Series; Jason Bright 3rd.
 - 2002: 13 round Series.
 - * HRT won 9 rounds - 69%
 - * HRT took 5 pole positions (Shoot Out format) - 38%
 - * Won 19 of 29 races - 65%
 - Mark Skafie 1st in Series; Jason Bright 4th.
- OVERALL: 1996 - 2002 INCLUSIVE:
 * HRT has won 45 of the 82 rounds

The Holden Racing Team began following the establishment in 1988 of the joint venture between the TVR Group and General Motors - Holden, in forming Holden Special Vehicles. It was a logical step to form a touring car team to create a marketing link between the Special Vehicle's division and the on-track heritage of Holden's motor sport activities.

In 1989, Perkins Engineering was contracted by Holden Special Vehicles to run the racecars under the HSV banner, with the Holden Racing Team being established the following year under

the management of Win Percy. Success was immediate, with Percy combining with Alan Grice to win that year's Toohey's 1000 at Mount Panorama, followed by a second place in 1991. With the establishment of the V8-only category (later to become V8 Supercars) in 1993 and a return to the supporter-preferred Holden V's Ford battles, HRT rebuilt. Under Managing Director John Crennan and Team Manager Jeff Grech the restructuring began, with new personnel, new equipment and in 1994, the return of Peter Brock to the Holden Factory Team, plus the support of major sponsor Mobil Oil (Australia) Ltd. Mobil then became naming rights sponsor in 1995.

The three year plan implemented in 1994 had its result in 1996 with Craig Lowndes in his debut season sweeping the Australian Touring Car Championship, then with Greg Murphy, backed up to win the Sandown 500 and Bathurst 1000 events. That was the first title for HRT, followed by the current remarkable winning run of Championships from 1998 to 2002. Victories at Australia's premier touring car event the Bathurst 1000 have also followed in 2001 and 2002.

As Holden's official factory team, the Holden Racing Team is proud to be able to continue Holden's long tradition in motor sport in Australia. The Team is also honoured to have been, or be associated with major National and International companies as part of the sponsor portfolio with firstly Telecom (Telstra) and then Mobil as naming rights sponsors. Holden of course now has the official naming rights, with Mobil the primary sponsor.

Originally, HRT was based in Notting Hill in Melbourne's outer east. However the growth of the Team necessitated a move in early 1996 to its current base at Clayton Business Park, in the same complex as Holden Special Vehicles.

This factory allows all preparation to be carried out in-house; the Team having its own car preparation, sub-assembly and fabrication areas plus an engine build shop, which includes three, 1000 horsepower water-brake dynamometers. This "dyne" area is also used in the development of the HSV road cars, including "optimising" of the HSV engines.

The success of the Holden Racing Team has encouraged key joint venture partners in technical support areas such as the partnership with John Hart Technology and Mazak Machine Tools that has resulted in HRT enjoying one of the most comprehensive small design and manufacturing facilities in Australia. Similarly too, a long association with automotive paint refinisher PPG, has allowed the Team to have its own body repair and paint shop based in house

The Holden Racing Team sees motor sport as a business, and will continue to work towards success for itself and its diverse sponsor group in the challenging seasons ahead.

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Australian Car Clubs Association.

Since the formation of the Australian Ford Register UK in 2002, following on from letters published in Classic American, several other Australian car enthusiasts have got together and formed the AusCCA. This currently comprises the Australian Ford Register, the Holden UK Register (covering all Holden and Holden bodied cars) and the Mopar Muscle Association, which caters for Australian as well as American built Chryslers.

The three clubs operate separately but have a common interest in Australian built vehicles. The clubs representatives correspond on a regular basis to keep one another abreast of news and events and to promote the Australian car scene in the UK.

Previously Aussie cars may have been considered as right hand drive versions of mainstream American cars and nothing more, whereas they mostly have borrowed some American designs and developed them into their own unique vehicles, which are as good as any built elsewhere in the world. Perfect evidence of this being the 70s Australian Ford Falcon Coupe, immortalised by Mel Gibson in Mad Max or the latest Holden Monaro 2 door coupe which will also be sold in the US as the Pontiac GTO: Australian built US muscle!

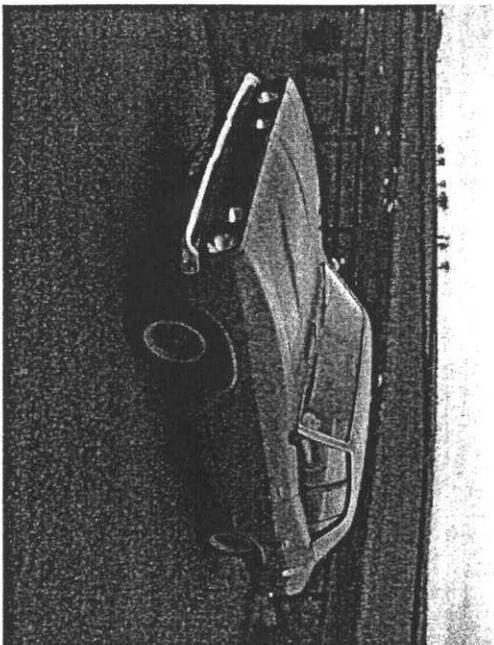
It is hoped that through the 2003 show season the AusCCA will attend several shows to show everyone what Australian cars are about.

Anyone out there owning an Aussie built car need not feel out in the cold any longer, if you own an Aussie car, get in touch with one of the below :

Holden - Guy Hardy - 01646 692254
Ford-Sandy Mercer - 0141 620 3246
Chrysler - 01462 814051

Events the AusCCA hope to be present at this year include :

Enfield Pageant 24th-26th May
AAC Summer Nationals at Billing - June 15th
Bromley Pageant of Motoring - June 29th
Mopar Euronationals - Santa Pod - July 26th / 27th



Dear Ken and Guy,

Received latest Holden Business , excellent again. Glad to see the Surrey street rodders Wheels Day is in the "whats on" for Good Friday . I have not been before but heard excellent reports about it from last year and plan to go as a season starter.

I thought I would give details of other events which may be of interest to members of HUKR with a view to having AusCCA fully represented.

May 25th -Chryslers at Brooklands - organised by the Mopar Muscle Association, the show will be mostly Chryslers and Chrysler engined classics such as Jensen and Bristol, but other muscle cars will be in attendance and made welcome. The show will be in the museum area of Brooklands allowing people to get onto the banking to see how the old race track used to be. (see attached advert).

The other two events that come to mind at present are as detailed below. I have lifted this straight from the e-mail from Sandy Mercer of the Aussie Ford register UK :-

"On the show front, and giving us a chance to gather together. I have had some encouraging responses from some of you about getting together at either of the events I mentioned, although, understandably some folk are not too interested in the one at the drag strip.

So, just to recap, the two events are the American Auto Club Summer Nationals at Billing Aquadrome, near Northampton. This takes place on the weekend of the 13/14/15th of June. As I mentioned before, the main day for the show, and the day that tends to bring out the day trippers is the Sunday where it can get very busy indeed with literally thousands of American cars. As I mentioned before, and has been confirmed to me by Matt Hollingsworth who is a committee member of the Mopar Muscle Association, the MMA are very happy to have us park alongside them. They tend to congregate at the rear of the main show field which has the marquee, the stage and is surrounded by the vendor stalls. While this location may not sound too promising, it is in fact almost ideal as the MMA is by now very well known for occupying that spot, and the nature of their cars (very loud, very colourful, and very rare or interesting) tends to draw large crowds to them. I think this can be very beneficial for us as, the usual tendency for the show is that the marshalls just pop you into the general melee and rows of A.N.Other cars. I think that we can and will benefit from having all the Australian cars together in one place. You will note that I say Australian cars because I am very hopeful that the Holden UK Register

Australian Chryslers. Between us, Matt, Guy of the HUKR and myself, we can get this organised.

I can see this being great fun, and a chance for us interested and like minded souls to gather and talk Aus Ford, plus to look at one anothers cars, poke some interested fingers around, and share knowledge. I would hope that some of us have various Australian artifacts to let folk know we are there (a big Australian flag would be nice), and I know that some of us own some very interesting books, magazines, models, etc of Australian Fords which may be of interest to us all.

The other show that I mentioned before is the 10th Mopar EuroNationals at Santa Pod Raceway on the 25/26/27th of July. Santa Pod is quite close to Northampton, and in fact most of us would have to drive past Billing to get to the Pod. I realise that having a meeting at the dragstrip may not be for everyone, and I also know that entry tends to be a bit expensive (I believe they charge per person - I will confirm this), but again it could be a nice day out. Sunday once more is the main day, and while there will be almost continuous action on the strip, there are areas set aside for showing cars too. I think it would be a nice day out (the weather is traditionally good - and that may now just be the kiss of death). I know that at least one of you is keen to race his car on the strip, and there is an Aus Valiant from the MMA that races regularly, but it would maybe be nice to see two Aus Fords having a side by side race this year."

Regarding the Mopar EuroNationals , there is some talk of a drag race class called the Stock Appearance Muscle Car shoot-out which could be fun. This will be for road going cars, not full race cars and could provide an opportunity for a Holden versus Ford race, a lot closer to home than travelling to Bathurst!

There will no doubt be other shows which members will attend, and once members get to know one another then there will probably be extra enthusiasm to meet again at other venues.

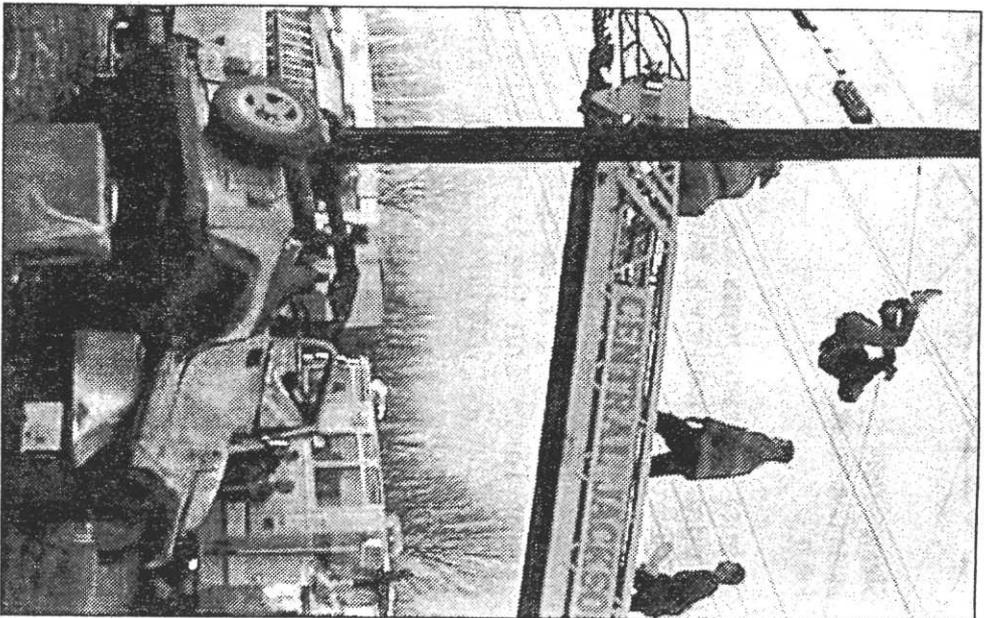
One suggestion from Rob Apsey was to do something next year for Australia Day. Being in January is not ideal but it could be fun if tied in with an Aussie themed pub or similar.

Speak to you soon
Matt Hollingsworth

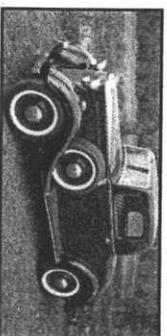
UNITED STATES

High-wire act saves driver's life

BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI. A teenager thrown into the air when his Jeep struck another car saved himself by grabbing on to power-lines and hanging on until he was rescued, authorities said. Joe Thompson, 18, was suspended about seven metres above the ground for about 20 minutes on Tuesday afternoon. He even managed to call his father on a



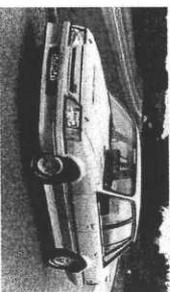
mobile phone while waiting to be rescued. Flown to a Kansas City hospital, he was treated and released. "God was definitely in control, that's all I can say," he said. Sergeant Ray Myers, of the Blue Springs police, said Mr Thompson was "bear-hugging" the wires when help arrived. "He had apparently snagged the lower wire, and the momentum carried him over," he said. "He had two wires wrapped together and he was just hanging on to them." Picture: AP



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- Before you leave, ensure your vehicle is roadworthy and has been properly serviced – mechanics and garages are few and far between. (For a list of RACV Service Centres near you, call 9790 2190.)
- Carry spare water (for radiator) and a first-aid kit.
- Most stops take major credit cards and have EFTPOS but always keep an eye on your fuel gauge; it's not a good idea to run out of fuel on the Nullarbor. Allow at least \$400 for fuel, with some of the more isolated stations charging up to \$1.25 a litre.
- Don't drive at night and be wary even during the day; those signs warning of camels, kangaroos and wombats are not just for show.
- Keep an eye out for roadtrains and allow at least 1km of clear road ahead to overtake safely.

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THE WAY TO GO

How far is it: Melbourne to Perth via Adelaide, Port Augusta, the Nullarbor and Kalgoorlie is around 3500km. The Nullarbor itself, from Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie, is 1850km.

Facilities: Accommodation and fuel are plentiful enough. The longest stretches between facilities is the 191km between Balladonia and Norseman in WA, and 186km between Nullarbor Hotel/Motel (SA) and the SA-WA border.

More information: Details of facilities available in each locality are available in the excellent brochure *The Nullarbor*, produced by the Eyre Peninsula Tourism Association. For a copy, call the EPTA on (08) 8682 4688. It can also be downloaded from www.epta.com.au. Another good site on the Nullarbor and its settlements is www.nullarbor.net.com.au.

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Holden name change

NORWICH dealer Holden is renaming three of its dealerships: Sabers, Reliance Garage and Holden Motors will now be known as Holden Saab, Holden Renault and Holden MG Rover respectively. The move brings the branding in line with the group's other three dealerships. Managing director Chris Carey said the Holden name would now be used across the group.

MOTORRADER 21 April 2003

Ian Mosely was surprised by a snippet of information he found on the *National Geographic* website. A story about the removal of the elephants from London Zoo included an information section about elephants which told him: "Elephants eat roots, leaves, grasses and sometimes bark." Mosely, whose experience of elephants is limited to zoos, has never heard one bark, and wonders if this is something they only do in the wild.

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From the instructions on a bottle of Color Steps Colorant shoe dye: "Apply using quick, long, even strokes back and forth in one direction." Ticky...

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Schu's full tank

> ALTHOUGH he finished only fourth in Sunday's Australian GP, Michael Schumacher has shown he can handle the wet and the dry. But, as he revealed in German newspaper *Bild*, there is wet and there is wet.

Asked in a reader forum about how he emptied his bladder during a race, Schumacher replied: "What I do? I relieve myself in the car. It happens to many drivers and to myself also. With the heat inside the cockpit, it dries in a few minutes."

Herald Sun, Thursday, March 13, 2003

YOU'RE NAILED, SIRE

A Zulu king's armour-plated Mercedes was put off the road when one of its \$3000 bulletproof tyres was punctured – by a nail

FEBRUARY 2003 ROYALAUTO

Canberra's *Yellow Pages* has a listing for Murray's Luxury Coach Hire, which is suitable for events such as: "Conferences", "Tours and Transfers" and "School Executions". They do not say if they supply the gallows.

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FINALLY, a family doctor on England's south coast tells us he received a letter from East Sussex County Healthcare. It reads: "Dear Colleagues, Following an audit of our outpatient clinics we have found a considerable amount of unattended appointments were for patients who were referred to us with memory problems." Surprise, surprise.