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Hi All,

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a great Christmas and were not made too poor by it all!

A rather thin magazine this time as I have had very little sent in to me.

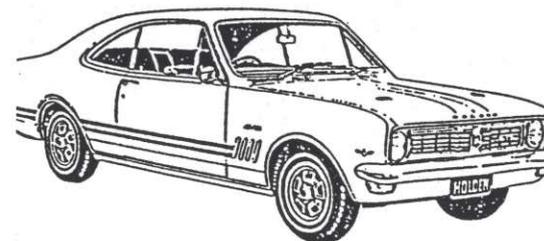
I had a glance at the first edition for last year. It seems that I was saying similar things then. Not surprising I suppose when there are so few events going on and a lot of cars are laid up during this time of the year, given the cold and snowy weather just after Christmas I doubt that many people ventured out unless they had too.



You will see from front cover that Geoff Sawyer's VP is finally back on the road after a long time. He had a long and fairly expensive saga trying to fix a stalling problem, Nearly everything was tried, but in the end, much to Geoff's relief, the fitting of a second hand ECU solved the problem.

Regards

Ken





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News

23 November 2005

GM Holden Corporate Affairs
www.media.holden.com.au**HOLDEN MONARO OUT IN FORCE FOR QUEENSLAND POLICE**

Holden and the Queensland Police Service have joined forces in an effort to reduce the road toll and increase road safety leading up to the holiday season.

No fewer than 10 headturning Holden Monaro coupes have joined the Queensland police fleet to provide maximum visibility on roads during peak periods.

The Monaros will be used as a tool that will be a constant reminder for motorists to follow the road rules.

Queensland Police Minister Judy Spence and Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson unveiled the fleet at an event in King George Square in Brisbane.

The vehicles will be distributed to each police region where they can be used to promote road safety messages through high profile traffic patrols.

Each region and district can use the vehicles to employ local strategies based on road crash data and their individual needs.

The Monaros will be equipped with highly reflective markings and road safety messages displayed on the panels.

Each Monaro is fitted with mobile data devices which allow police to access information including driver license details and persons of interest data.

They also feature a range of modern technology to accommodate secure digital radios and mobile radar equipment.

Holden announced earlier this year that it would end production of the current generation Monaro in late 2005 after a stellar run as Australia's undisputed performance car hero.

The coupe has been Australia's top selling sports car each year since its release in late 2001 and has been sold under various brands in the United States, United Kingdom, Middle East and New Zealand.

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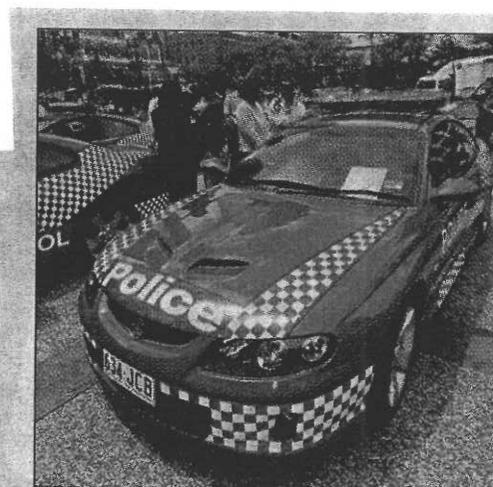
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Boys' toys: The Queensland police with their new Monaros, right. The CV8-Z Monaro, above.





6 December 2005

GM HOLDEN TAKES ON GLOBAL DESIGN ROLE

70 new designers for Australian operations in design coup

GM Holden will significantly expand its Port Melbourne design centre to design vehicles for General Motors markets around the world.

The Port Melbourne design operations will be GM's third largest design centre behind its Detroit, United States and Russelsheim, Germany centres.

Local staff will increase from 107 to 176, cementing GM Holden's place as the largest automotive design centre in Australia.

The decision means GM Holden will assume key global roles in the design and engineering of General Motors cars outside the Australian market.

General Motors Vice-President Global Design, Ed Welburn, today announced the expansion in Melbourne during a visit with GM Holden Design Director Tony Stolfo.

Mr Welburn said GM Holden would take on design programs for other GM brands in recognition of Australia's maturity and achievements as a design centre.

"This decision means the coming of age for GM Holden Design, its place in the GM design world and frankly, the world of design in general," Mr Welburn said.

"As the world's largest automotive company, it is natural that GM would harness the abilities and vision of its designers around the world to expand and develop its vehicle portfolio.

"GM's vision is a team of hundreds of the world's best designers who push themselves, and each other, to make each new design better than the one before.

"GM Holden has earned its place at the table through delivering internationally successful production cars as well as breathtaking concept cars over the past few years.

"Our Australian operations are making their presence felt around the world, with GM Holden designers currently based in the United States, Europe, Korea and China.

"GM Holden has been a high output design house for many years and we're about to make it something much bigger.

"Today's announcement rewards the value of this design staff to GM and their ability to create stunning vehicles."

Mr Welburn said GM Holden offered strategic benefits for GM because it combined with other key centres in the United States and Europe to deliver around-the-clock design potential.

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GM Holden has already started its largest design recruitment program in company history, scouring the world's automotive ranks for 70 extra talented designers.

Mr Stolfo said GM Holden would seek to recruit technical experts in each of seven key disciplines - technical design, color and trim, creative design, digital sculpting, modelling and fabrication, design quality and visualisation.

He said almost 400 applicants from around the world had responded to preliminary calls for expressions of interest to GM Holden, initiated to determine the depth of available talent for such a large-scale design staff hiring process.

"This takes GM Holden Design to a new level. We're no longer just a GM Holden design team, we're part of a global design team," Mr Stolfo said.

"It's just amazing to think about what that says about this country's creativity. From today, it says we can create cars for just about anyone, anywhere.

"We've certainly done some non-Holden design before now, but it's always been ad hoc. From today, that capability becomes part of GM Design's DNA.

"It means that we can potentially apply our skills to any GM brand in the world.

"It means a future performance vehicle for North America or a hatchback for Asia-Pacific could be partly or wholly designed right here in Port Melbourne."

Mr Stolfo said GM Holden enjoyed strong links with Australian design educational institutions and hoped to be able to hire strong local talent in the process. He said hiring completion was expected in the first quarter of 2006, depending on availability of candidates.

"We've worked hard to build the educational infrastructure to develop tomorrow's stars. As an example, we are heavily involved in the development of the Automotive Design Curriculum at Monash University," Mr Stolfo said.

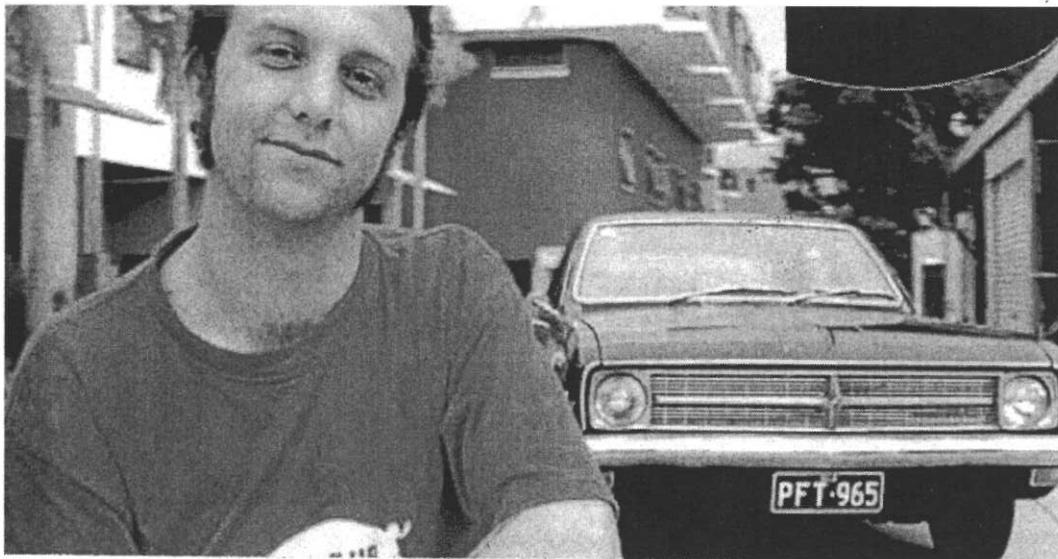
"This is a great opportunity for us and we want to make sure we can tap into Australian talent as much as possible. At the same time, we would also love to bring in ideas from overseas to create variation in the way our designers think about and view cars."

GM Holden Design has built a reputation as Australia's premier design operation through popular production cars such as the Commodore, which has been the country's best selling car each year since 1997.

GM Holden concept vehicles prepared for Australian automotive shows have become the stuff of legend. They include this year's show-stopping EF1JY concept, last year's Torana TT36 concept, Cross8 four-door Ute concept which became the Crewman and the Commodore Coupe which wowed Australia at the 1998 Sydney show and became the reborn Monaro in 2001.

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Brisbane's James Straker will drive his 1968 HK Holden Kingswood in next year's rally

Kingswood to go global

AUSTRALIANS KNOW THE HOLDEN KINGSWOOD IS SYNONYMOUS WITH LEGEND. DANIEL JOHNSON REPORTS ON HOW A BAND MANAGER IS TAKING HIS ON THE ROAD TO CONQUER THE WORLD

What do you get if you cross *Cannonball Run*, *Wacky Races* and *Jackass*? The answer is Gumball 3000, the world's most eclectic car rally. Started in 1999 as an excuse for eccentric Brit Maximillion Cooper and his mates to drive their high-end cars across Europe, and now an internationally renowned event, next year's rally will take in 13 countries across three continents in eight days. After the 2005 event received prime-time television coverage on networks ranging from MTV to CNN, and the Gumball 3000 website received more than 47 million hits over the course of the rally, the 2006 Gumball 3000 is shaping up to be the biggest yet.

The rally starts in London before taking a 1600km route through Europe to Istanbul, where cars and drivers are airlifted to Hong Kong. They then drive to Beijing, followed by another airlift to Utah in

the US. The last portion of the race takes in Death Valley and Las Vegas before the drivers cross the finish line at the Playboy mansion.

If all goes to plan, the 2006 Gumball 3000 will also feature the first Australian-made car at the starting grid. Brisbane's James Straker — bar owner, musician and former manager of popular Australian bands including Something for Kate and Magic Dirt, is hoping to drive his Kingswood in the Gumball 3000 after organisers gave him the green light to compete in next year's rally.

"I've got a 1968 HK Holden Kingswood and it's been selected," Straker says. "They only select 120 cars a year to go in it — they've given me the thumbs up and, if I can raise the sponsorship, it'll be the first Australian-made car in the rally."

Cooper says he is more than happy to add a dash of Australian culture to the rally.

"From my perspective, it will be fantastic to have a Holden on the rally," he says. "A few past entrants had talked about entering an old one but never did in the end. My philosophy is to bring together the most eclectic and eccentric mix of both cars and people to participate each year, and so this fits the criteria perfectly, and would take pride of place on the entry grid next to another Porsche or Ferrari any time."

Cooper says he wants to make the Gumball 3000 more of a worldwide event, and is keen to have a global mix of competitors.

"Next year I am specifically making up the entry grid with equal representation of nationalities — Europe, Asia, North America, the Middle East and the 'rest of the world' including Oceania, Africa, South America, etcetera," he says. "There will be a complete variation of real supercars (McLaren F1s, Enzos, Maserati MC12s, Bugatti Veyrons), classic sports cars such as E-Types, Aston Martins, Bristols, alongside American muscle cars, a plethora of luxury Rolls and Bentleys and then a few randoms — everything from true rally cars to an ice-cream van — and I guess the Holden fits this sector."

The Gumball 3000 has also become a cult favourite among rock stars and Hollywood types. Entrants are a cross section of creative and business people, with music stars such as 50 Cent, Jamiroquai, The Darkness and Blink 182, plus numerous actors and members of the fashion industry. Cooper lists the likes of Johnny Knoxville, Adrien Brody, Daryl Hannah and Jodie Kidd, along with sports legends such as Tony Hawk.

Straker says if he is successful in entering the rally, he could theoretically win.

"Because the Gumball is a rally, not a race, the slowest car can actually win, so I love the idea of the Kingswood taking out the first place," he says. "To be honest, just actually going on the rally is my main goal. They are making a feature length movie and also a PlayStation game about the rally next year and that would be just amazing to see the Kingswood in both."

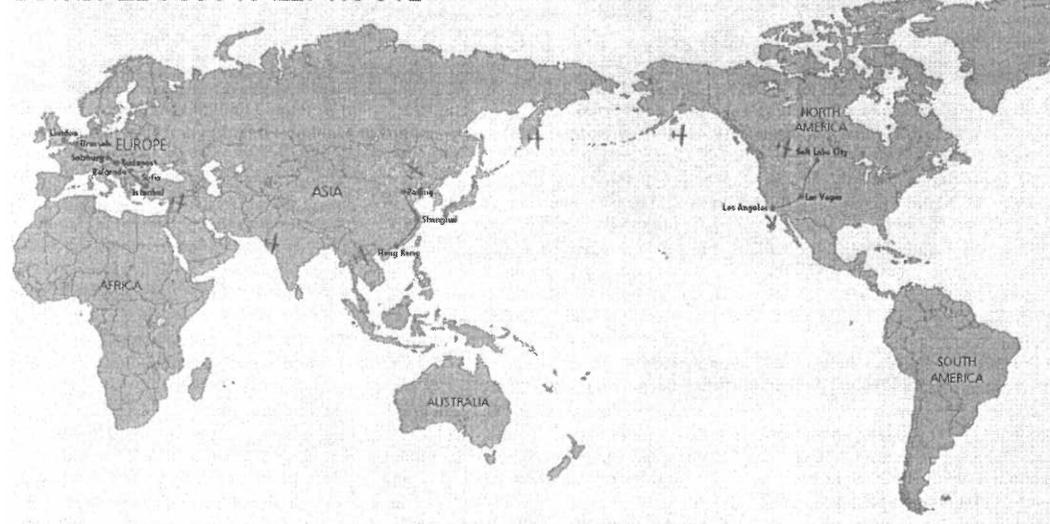
The only real hurdle Straker faces in getting his car in the rally is winning sponsorship.

"The cost of entering the rally itself is £40,000 which equates to around A\$92,000," he says. "For an individual person like me that's a fair whack of cash, but having seen some of the budgets that large companies spend on marketing each year, it really is a small amount."

"It looks as though there is a good chance a record label/distribution I was signed to back in the day is going to come on board which is great, but still no word from Holden. Sometimes it's a little difficult to work out exactly who to speak to." ■

■ Companies interested in sponsoring James on his Gumball 3000 bid can email him at info@imaketrubble.com.

GUMBALL 3000 RALLY ROUTE



Concept no more

Holden confirms S3X will become its long-overdue large 4WD wagon

By MARTON PETTENDY

HOLDEN has come clean on its worst-kept secret: GM Daewoo's S3X concept will morph into a production four-wheel drive wagon as part of its line-up in 2006.

To prove it today in Sydney, Holden pulls the covers off a Lion-badged version of the S3X, which will eventually take over from the home-grown – but slow-selling – Adventra crossover as The General's rival for Ford's successful Territory and Toyota's Kluger.

Codenamed C-100 and first revealed as the Chevrolet S3X concept at the 2004 Paris motor show 12 months ago, the South Korean-manufactured seven-seater 4WD is now undergoing final prototype testing in Seoul prior to the start of production late this year.

While the production S3X, expected to hit the market in the first half of next year, finally gives Holden a fully fledged member in the booming



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SUV market segment, the mid-sizer will be followed by a smaller version based on the Daewoo's C-105-codenamed T2X compact 4WD show car revealed at this year's Seoul motor show in April.

It is believed S3X will be available with both five and seven seats, as well as – like Territory – with the option of all-wheel drive or two-wheel drive (in this case front-wheel drive).

Eventually giving Holden a full range of off-road models will be a South African-built, right-hand drive version of the Hummer H3, which is not scheduled to appear here until 2007.

Holden says its production version will closely resemble the S3X showcar revealed in Sydney, the look of which was influenced by former Holden design director Mike Simcoe, who was head of GM Asia-Pacific Design when the car was developed, and Max Wolff, who is now deputy director of advanced design at GM Daewoo Auto & Technology.

Describing S3X as the company's "most purposeful step into the SUV arena", Holden chairman and managing director Denny Mooney today said: "The S3X production version will fill Holden's most obvious portfolio gap in a truly convincing way.

"It will deliver three rows of seating to accommodate seven in comfort and will provide sporty suspension allowing the type of driveability which people expect from Holden," he said.

Sydney's S3X features heavily flared wheel arches wrapped around 20-inch nine-spoke alloy wheels, metal bumper inserts, horizontal wing vents, jewel-like headlights and a separately-opening rear window.

According to Holden, S3X's wheelbase of about 2700mm makes it comparable with Kluger, while its 4639mm length is closest to BMW's X5. Other vital statistics include a width of 1848mm and height of 1722mm, which also make S3X similar in dimensions to Territory, of which Holden makes no mention.

Inside, there is a combination of wood and metal highlights, while an onboard infotainment system includes a DVD-based navigation system linked to a 180mm monitor.

Though the S3X concept is powered by petrol-electric hybrid technology – which Holden says offers "a glimpse into GM's potential future propulsion systems" – the production vehicle will be powered by a 3.2-litre version of the Holden Alloytec V6 engine made in Port Melbourne.

European models will use a 2.8-litre version of the Alloytec, as well as new Korean-built turbo-diesel engines, which may eventually be offered here as well.

Bidding war for Bathurst Monaro



rious purchases: The 1968 HK Monaro GTS 327 Bathurst coupe sold for an amazing \$55,000.

A totally stripped 1968 HK Monaro GTS 327 Bathurst coupe with its original and reconditioned parts in a truckload of boxes sold for an amazing \$55,000 at the Shannons Melbourne Summer auction earlier this month.

The price – which Shannons national auctions manager Christophe Boribon believes is a record for an Australian muscle-car project – was reached after a fierce floor and phone bidding duel.

A crowd close to 1000 people cheered on at the Cheltenham show-room.

The sale reflected the rarity and potential restored value of the Monaro, the 227th GTS 327 built to Bathurst specifications at Holden's Elizabeth plant in South Australia. The car has been off the road since 1982.

Other early Holdens in the auction drew varied results.

A rare 1958 Holden FC 3-door station wagonette in need of restoration sold for just \$2600.

A 1974 Holden HQ GTS 308 sedan went for \$6000, and a restored 1961 Holden EK station wagon owned by football broadcaster and fishing personality Rex Hunt brought \$12,000.

A 1954 Holden FJ Utility dropped the hammer at \$13,000 and an immaculate orange 1976 Holden HX Sandman panel van achieved \$18,000.

Other notable sales included

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SEEN by Diane Lloyd-Jones in the "Science and nature" section of *The Australian* newspaper: "In Adelaide, flooding along the river Torrens on the city fringe reached biblical proportions as it swept away the figures of baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, a kangaroo and a whale from the West End Brewery's Christmas nativity scene."

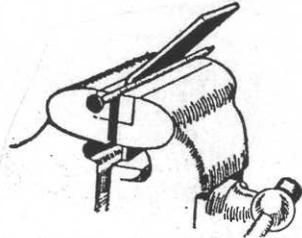
It seems notions of the kind of thing you would be likely to encounter in a Bethlehem stable have moved on over the years.

NewScientist | 10 December 2005

Hacking Traffic

A gadget that changes red lights to green might sound like a commuter's dream. But mobile infrared transmitters (MIRTs), which do just that, are commonly used by police, firetrucks and ambulances. The good news: You can build one for less than \$20 by following the instructions on www.i-hacked.com. The bad news: The unauthorized use or sale of a MIRT is now a federal offense, punishable by jail.

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IMPORT ADVICE

I loved your story about the Maloo (15 November). However, you failed to mention the biggest headache of importing a new car from outside the EU: the ESVA test. The vehicle must pass this before the SVA test, which you need to register it for UK use.

I am trying to get my wife's newly imported Holden Adventra LX6 through the ESVA. It has failed on noise and emissions. Any advice?

Dave Sharrock

Colin says... I've talked to several people about your problem. One suggestion is to get something called a Modal test carried out. This gives you second-by-second information on the car's emissions from start-up (it's likely that the cold start test is the big problem). You can then talk to a catalytic converter specialist about fitting a more-effective cat. The noise issue is easier to deal with as the cat might sort it.

Speak to Iain Litchfield at Litchfield imports - he's an expert and says that he is happy to talk to you. Call him on 01684 850999.

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Flasher case has far-reaching implications

The DPP appealed against a Crown Court decision that a motorist who warned others of the presence of a speed trap had no case to answer to a charge of obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty. Dismissing the appeal the court held that for the offence to be committed, the prosecution must prove that those warned were either exceeding the speed limit or were likely to do so at the location of the speed trap.

Most of those motorists affected had asserted

that they were simply being good citizens and in effect saying to other motorists, usually by flashing their headlights, "be careful not to exceed the speed limit, as there is a speed check ahead", a major point being that there was absolutely no evidence that the motorists they had warned were exceeding the speed limit when they were warned.

As this has been decided on appeal it sets case law, so this ruling is now binding on all lower courts; you now cannot be prosecuted for warning someone of a speed trap ahead.

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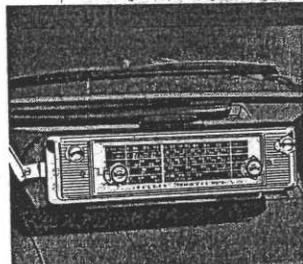
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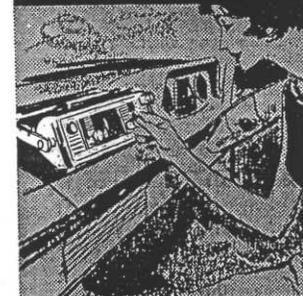
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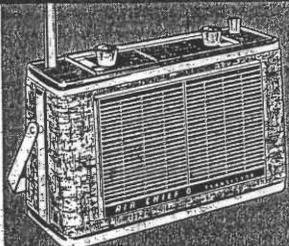
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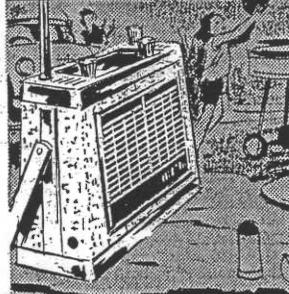
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