

HOLDEN TORQUE



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September 2019

Photograph below – Ron's Iconic Photo at Sandown – Queens Birthday
Weekend 9th of June 2019



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What's new in this edition?

Vale Ron Klein – We pay respect to a much loved man and icon of our club and motor sport in general. He will be sadly missed.

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Website

Why not visit our website? Find us at: www.holdenclub.com for more information on the club or up to date information on our various events.

Club Meetings

Refer to Calendar for next club meeting. All members, friends and new visitors are very welcome.

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Presidents Report

Hi everyone,

It's been a while since our last magazine and a few things have happened.

Firstly: the sudden passing of our Vice President, Ron Klein.



Ron was a good friend of mine, we would talk at least once a week, often more, on either club matters or just talk crap and have a good laugh. His time as VP was very positive with Ron always looking to try and help improve the club. His professional connection with CAMS was often helpful to the club as we had a "backdoor" into CAMS.



His car collection was varied and interesting, ranging from a beautiful LJ XU-1, a Rolls Royce, several BMW's, Porsche 911, Mercedes and a Maserati. Some of these cars were very special models in Australia. Those of you who came to the presentations at Ron and Judy's property in Balnarring would have seen these cars in his specially built mancave.



Ron was always willing to help you if he could and was always the first to put up his hand to help at a club event if he was free. For a few years we had our presentation at the factory in Moorabbin then we moved to his great property in Balnarring.



Ron had a friend who owned a top catering business in Brighton and got him donate the food for the last two events at his property.

Ron was fatally injured in a head on collision coming home from a day of golf on 26th June, two days before his 63rd birthday.



Estimates ranged from 600 to 900 people. I learned a lot about Ron that day and so did many others. It was a service filled with a lot of laughter and just a few tears.

The family held a memorial service on 10th July. As Ron was a popular fella, the family needed a good sized venue, this was found in the St Kilda town hall, it was close to his office and central for everyone. The place was packed out with standing room only.





I miss him tremendously as many others do.

RIP Ronnie Red socks.



Ronnie's Red Socks Rally

We had a run organised the Sunday after Ron's passing that was turned into Ronnies Red Socks Rally in Ron's memory. It was organised by Richard Atkins and Chris Fudge and started at the Manhattan Hotel in Ringwood that ran up into the hills across to Healesville finishing up at for lunch at the Grand Hotel in Yarra Glen where we toasted Ron. We asked everyone to wear red socks or something red for Ron and everyone did. We had a great turn out. John Wardzynski came along and photographed the run and several non members attended as well.

It was a great day. Thanks to Richard Atkins and Chris Fudge for organising the day.

Ronnie's Red Socks Rally will be an annual event around the same time each year, at a different start and finish point, so stay tuned.



SANDOWN SPRINT

Earlier in June we co ran a sprint event with FFCC at Sandown that unfortunately lacked entries which put us in a losing position financially again. The event itself ran well with the entrants having many runs, lots of bang for their buck. Thanks to all of our members who helped on the day.

As a result, HSCCV committee have made the decision not to run any more sprints as they are not financially viable, so the September 15th date we had booked, has been cancelled.

The committee have met recently and nussed out a few things.

One of those is the club plates. Lesley Robinson has taken on the task of looking after the system for the club. If you haven't already done it, you are required to send the club photos date stamped of your car/cars for our records. This is a VicRoads requirement. Contact Lesley to find out exactly what photos you need to take.

We are working a few more cruises for you all as these are a great way to meet each other and you get a chance to bring along your special car for a run.

NEW RACING

This year in Australia, two new racing categories have and are being introduced. Firstly: TCR. This is a fairly low cost tin top racing class that runs front wheel drive turbocharged 2 litre engine cars in production bodies. With many brands involved, this has made for some exciting racing in the rounds that have been run so far, certainly more excitement than Supercars who are a bit lost in the way things are run. Our very own HSCCV member Tony D'Alberto is running a Honda for Wall racing. We spoke recently and he is enjoying the challenge of driving front wheel drive after only racing rear wheel drive cars all his career. Tony has already had podiums and is doing well in the points. As I am writing this the TCR's will be at Winton and their next round is at Sandown in September. This is the future of racing in Australia. As Molly Meldrum used to say, do yourself a favour, and head down to Sandown, say Hi to Tony and enjoy some great racing.

The next new category is S5000.

This is a new open wheel formula that has wings, wheels and noise.....V8 noise. It is a unique Australian formula that is bringing back the spirit of the old formula 5000 cars of the seventies that some of our older members will remember. These cars have a 5 litre Ford Coyote engine with a Hollinger transaxle designed for these cars fitted to a modern safety tub including HALO.

The cars are being assembled by Garry Rogers Motorsport who are also manufacturing many of the parts for the car. Five of the new cars were tested at Winton recently and the drivers were blown away by these cars.

I have seen the test car doing demo laps at Phillip Island and it sounds sensational and is exciting to watch on the track.

There has been lots of interest from overseas including New Zealand, so a Trans Tasman series might be revived.

There is going to be 14 racing at their first event at Sandown at the Shannons nationals in September.....I'll be there.

Holdens in Hawaii

My wife and I recently travelled to Hawaii, more specifically the island of Maui. Driving around in the Mustang convertible, I was surprised and proud, when I saw an Australian made Chevrolet Caprice police car. Over the next few days I saw more of them. Eventually I followed one back to the Maui PD HQ, I went inside and was taken out the back, beaten up and thrown in the cells for a while. After they realised I was only a crazy Aussie they gave me tour of the fleet and garage facility. They have quite a large fleet of Caprices that are leased from the local GM dealer. Some of these cars had clocked up 100000 miles and still going strong. I also saw a couple of Ford Crown Victoria's still going. These cars haven't been manufactured since the early 2000s so it would be likely these



Aussie cars will be on the beat on Maui for some time.

Cheers for now

Bruce



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Memberships coming up for renewal in September / October 2019

Member Name	Subscription Expiry Date	Member #
Abblitt, Bryce	3/10/2019	1669
Atkins, Richard	22/09/2019	1667
Blanchard, John	27/10/2019	1672
Davey, Christopher	30/10/2019	1671
Cooper, Chevy	13/10/2019	1538
Haweil, Alfred	1/10/2019	1668
Spinello, Damian	20/10/2019	1670

Upcoming Birthdays:

Chris Fox on 10 Sep

Michael Perry on 20 Sep

Samantha Cardwell on 25 Sep

Peter Stewart on 29 Sep

Kevin Newman on 10 Oct

Tony Chantzios on 11 Oct

David Fitzgerald on 12 Oct

Christopher Davey on 17 Oct

Cameron Chivers on 22 Oct

Tony Cott on 23 Oct

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Holden Technical Advice from one our members Al Searle....

308 Rocker Cover Oil Filler modification

Als "Answer to a question that nobody asked" Rocker Cover Oil Fill modification

It takes forever to put oil in the engine with these elcheapo stamped rocker covers due to the baffles in them. So I decided to add a new fill point.

Pieces used. Bought from an online electronics store.

Drill a 32mm hole in the rocker cover



Insert the collar (with o-ring) in from the bottom

Tighten up the nut on the top.



Screw in the cap and reinstall rocker cover back on the motor. I put some water in the rocker cover to check for leaks....found none.



VK Headlight mounting screw modification

Als "Answer to a question that nobody asked" VK Headlight mounting screw modification found a couple of screws that had stripped out the mounting holes for the headlights.



Insert M5 nut insert



Drill the hole out to 7mm



And replace the old self tapping screw with new M5 screw and washer, perfect fit and won't strip again. I modified all of them.



Correction to Torana, Australia's Sporting car icon of the 1970's article – Submitted by Ivan Oakey - yekornavi@yahoo.com.au

Good Afternoon Thomas - Ivan OKEY at this end - further to our recent conversation concerning the November Magazine article and the corrections I mentioned I offer the following

H.B. Series 1 - Series 70 and BRABHAM Specifications

Series 70 - Nominally 1200cc - Actually 1169cc

70 bhp Red Motor - Single CD 150

Zenith Stromberg Side Draft Carbie

4:125 Diff - Front Disc Brakes and

Either 4 speed or Auto Transmission

Brabham - Nominally 1200cc - Actually 1169cc

79 bhp Red Motor - Twin CD 150

Zenith Stromberg Side Draft Carbies

4:125 Diff - Front Disc Brakes and

4 Speed Manual Transmission Only

For The Above Units The Speedometer Drive Gear Required a 16 Tooth Drive Gear whilst the Standard Diff Ratio [3:89] with the 56 bhp Black Motor and 4 Speed Transmission only Required a 15 Tooth Drive Gear - Differentials Both Having a 33 Tooth Crown Wheel and a 8 or 9 Tooth Pinion Respectively The " BRABHAMS " were produced As Options in the following numbers - SL - 180 to 200 and the S - 360 to 400 Between Acacia Ridge [Brisbane] and Elizabeth [Adelaide] - Once The Four Door Bodies Became Available in Series 2 the S was Optional and

the SL was Standard as Four Doors While the BRABHAM continued as a Two Door and 510 were Produced - NASCO then had a Total of 160 Twin Carburetors to Dispose of which were Back Dateable to the HA VIVA. The BRABHAM was Replaced by the 1600cc Over Head Cam Motor Prior to the Introduction of the LC and this became the 1760cc OHC in the LJ - The 1200cc continued and then Eventually became the 1300cc up until the end of the Torana UC Production as the TA Model.

My Vehicle came out of Adelaide either just Before or just After the 1967 Xmas Plant Shut Down and was First Registered as A Company Fleet Car in February 1968 [See the Attached Just Holdens Article below]

and an Identical Car WON the Toughest Rally in 1968 being The Alpine Rally in South East NSW / Nth East Vic Thus having Its Own Slice of Motor Sport History

Sent with Regards and Best Wishes from

Ivan _ R _ OKEY - Life Member # 004

@ 1430hrs [W.A. Time] on Wednesday the 5th of June 2019

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Email to: letters@justholdens.com.au

BRABHAM TORANA

Ivan Okey is a foundation Life Member #4 of the Holden Sporting Car Club (1972). Living within sight of the GM-H Dandenong plant he is a dyed-in-the-wool, lifelong Holden fan which of course makes him a Peter Brock fan and remains a devotee of Bev.

With a passion for motor sports Ivan has been a keen club competitor and remains the proud owner of a HB Brabham Torana. He tells...

"I bought this in June 1968 as an ex-GMH fleet car with 4-speed and 4.125:1 differential (same as Automatic version). I put in for it and got it at just four and half months old with 4,500 miles on the clock and full warranty. In the future, cash permitting, I would like to restore it. It has no modifications and will remain standard, however some components are from later Torana models (which were back-datable - such as the carburetor dashpot plungers and hydraulic timing chain adjuster, side repeater direction indicators from LC."

NASCO ACCESSORIES - Towbar and chrome towball, F&R bumper over-riders, gear lever lock, interior anti-glare mirror, F&R mudflaps, Bonnet embellisher, push-button radio, chrome wheel trim rings, venetian blind, lockable fuel cap.

- **ABOVE: Sandown 1978, Brocky**
- **ABOVE RIGHT: Brock, John Harvey and triple world Formula One champion, Juan Manuel Fangio**
- **RIGHT MIDDLE: Ivan's HR Premier X2 during an Easter Motorkhana, Wagga, NSW - GMH Motoring Club's Dandenong/Fishermen's Bend and Pagewood competition event.**
- **BOTTOM RIGHT: Torana Club Of Victoria 10th Year display 1982**
- **BELOW: Ivan's Holdens out front of his home in Tristania Street, Doveton from where he could see the GM-H Dandenong plant from the front porch.**

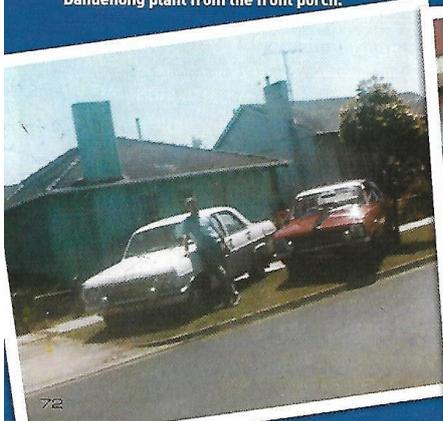


And now...
the BRABHAM T



John Brock

79hp engine
Over-size exhaust
Power disc brakes
High-lift camshaft
Wide-rim wheels
Wide-tread tyres



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Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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Phone: A.H.: _____ B.H.: _____ Mobile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Date(s) of Birth: _____

Vehicle(s): _____

Club Plate reg & car details: _____

Membership No(s): _____ Introduced by: _____ (New Members)

I am interested in: Motorkhana: _____ Race: _____ Rally: _____ Sprint: _____ Hillclimb: _____

I hereby certify that I will abide by the rules and regulations of the **Holden Sporting Car Club of Victoria Inc.** and also the **National Competition Rules of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport** with which this car club is affiliated.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Membership Fees:	Single:	\$50.00 full year
<small>Please mark clearly.</small>	Family:	\$70.00 full year (must all be living in the same household)
	Under 18:	\$25.00 full year
	Associate:	\$25.00 full year (Bona fide members of non CAMS affiliated car clubs only. Proof of membership required.)

Membership runs for 12 months from the 1st of January to the 31st of December

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