



The FE-FC Holden Nationals

The Nationals have been running for over twenty years. From its humble beginnings as a "Tri-State Run" for the NSW, Victorian and South Australian FE-FC Holden Car Clubs, it has grown to encompass clubs from all over Australia. Such is the strength of the FE-FC Holden movement, FE-FC Holden Clubs now exist in Queensland and Western Australia, and clubs catering to a wider model range from ACT and Tasmania also participate.

The event has continued to grow over that time, with the largest event staged so far being Phillip Island in 2006, which coincided with the 50th Anniversary of the FE Holden. That event catered to 129 entered vehicles and around 350 people.

We expect to eclipse that number in 2010, and are operating on a working number of 150 vehicles and 400 participants.

Nationals by Year and Location

- 1988 **Ballarat** (Vic)
- 1989 **Wagga Wagga** (NSW)
- 1991 **Adelaide** (SA)
- 1993 **Bendigo** (Vic)
- 1995 **Canberra** (NSW)
- 1997 **Mildura** (Vic)
- 1999 **Adelaide** (SA)
- 2001 **Sydney** (NSW)
- 2003 **Gold Coast** (Qld)
- 2005 **Jindabyne** (ACT)
- 2006 **Phillip Island** (Vic)
- 2008 **Mt Gambier** (SA)
- 2010 **Orange** (NSW)
- 2012 **Perth** (WA)



Grand Champion - Stock - 2008



Grand Champion - Modified - 2008

Official Nationals Website



The 13th FE-FC Holden Nationals have a purpose-built website to advertise the event and inform potential entrants and spectators.

<http://fefcholden.org.au/nats>

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The FE-FC Holden Car Club of NSW presents



13th FE-FC Holden Nationals
Orange, NSW

April 2nd – 5th
2010

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Why Orange?

The last two Nationals have coincided with the FE and FC 50th Anniversaries, which are hard acts to follow. When the NSW Club started scouting around for possible locations to host the next Nationals, we knew we needed somewhere:

- big enough to accommodate 300 or more people
- with venues large enough to feed that many participants
- with parkland to accommodate 120-150 cars comfortably
- with entertainment to suit the whole family

We finished with a short list of two cities. As we evaluated them, we got to speak to people at the Orange City Council, as well as a representative from the Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club, Mr Denis Gregory. The

help we were provided was fantastic. The city of Orange really welcomed us. When we discovered that 2010 was the 50th Anniversary of Touring Car Racing, and that the very first ATCC race was indeed held in Orange, it was no contest. What a theme for the event.

Gnoo Blas

The Gnoo Blas Circuit opened in 1953 and closed in 1962. It was a triangular street circuit on the outskirts of Orange, 3¼ miles in length. During its time it was recognised as the fastest track in the country, with a lap record of 105mph, 15% faster than nearby Mt Panorama. That record was set by Reg Hunt in 1956, in a Maserati.

The first Australian Touring Car Race was held at Gnoo Blas in February 1960. It very nearly ended in disaster. In an action-packed race, the Jaguars of David McKay, Bill Pitt and Ron Hodgson took out the honours, followed by a variety of Holdens in every place from 4th to 10th. The Orange City Council and The Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of that famous race in February 2010. The FE-FC Holden Car Clubs of Australia will do likewise in April.

Itinerary

The Nationals are much more than just a car show! There are official events on each day of the Easter weekend, that include motorcades, dinners and other activities. The provisional itinerary for the event is:

Good Friday 2 April

- Picnic lunch at Lake Canobolas [optional]
- Celebraton of Motor Sport (Mt Panorama) [optional]
- Official Welcome Dinner

Easter Saturday 3 April

- Official Show 'n' Shine: Sir Jack Brabham Park, Gnoo Blas
- Wine-Tasting at Turner's Vineyard [optional]
- Official Dinner

Easter Sunday 4 April

- Street Display - Orange City Centre
- Official Super Cruise
- Sports Events, Picnic lunch: Oval
- Official Presentation Dinner: Orange Function Centre

Easter Monday 5 April

- Circuit of Mt Panorama
- Trophy Winners' Display



Entrant Eligibility

The 13th FE-FC Holden Nationals are run by and for members of the FE-FC Holden Car Clubs of Australia. To participate in the event you need to be a member of one of these clubs:

- FE-FC Holden Car Club of NSW
- FE-FC Holden Car Club of Victoria
- FE-FC Holden Car Club of South Australia
- FE-FC Holden Car Club of Queensland
- FE-HR Holden Owners' Club of ACT
- FE-FC Holden Car Club of Western Australia
- Classic Holden Car Club Tasmania

... or a member of an officially invited club. The full list of invited clubs is available on the website. Other clubs are welcome to apply for official invitation. Please email nats-invite@fefcholden.org.au to find out more about this process.

Vehicle Eligibility

Members of eligible clubs are welcome to attend with or without an FE/FC. Vehicles that are entered must be legally registered (either full or historic "club plate" registration), and insured. Obviously, vehicles must be either an FE or FC Holden.

Vehicles are classified into the following categories:

- Stock (or Authentic: Original or Restored)
- Street (vehicles with mild modification/modernisation)
- Modified (for significantly modified or customised vehicles).

Further detail and assistance on choosing an appropriate category is available on the website. All vehicle entrants will nominate their vehicle's class, and can choose to "opt out" of official judging if they wish.