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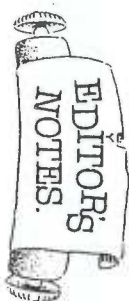
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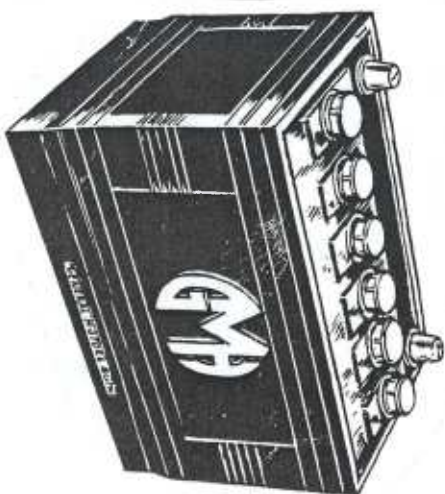
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Hi all,

A wet start to the year for some of you, I hope you survived without incurring any damage.

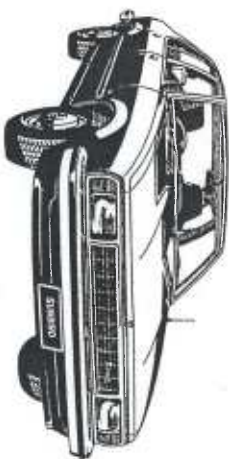
I wasn't able to get along to the Australia day event at the Ace Café in London, did any of you go along and do you take any pictures? If you would like to send me a couple I will publish them to the next edition of this magazine.



I know that some members have been working on your cars during the winter. Let us know how you are getting on, a small write up or short e-mail would be of interest to our other members.

Regards

Ken

Australian car production could end prematurely if suppliers collapse: FAPM

By IAN PORTER

PARTS-MAKERS have warned the Productivity Commission that Australia's ailing car manufacturing industry could be brought to a sudden and premature end before its scheduled demise in 2017 by the failure of a single component supplier. The Federation of Automotive Products Manufacturers (FAPM) also warned that many parts-makers might not be able to meet their obligations as the industry grinds to a halt.

The warnings came last week as the Productivity Commission announced it was changing tack and focusing on assistance for the parts supply chain in its motor industry hearings.

Commission deputy chairman and presiding commissioner for this inquiry, Mike Woods, told a sparsely attended hearing in Melbourne last Wednesday: "With the changed circumstances following Toyota's announcement and that of GM/ Holden, this inquiry will be focusing



its final report quite heavily on the issues facing the component manufacturers and also the workforces of both the assemblers and the component manufacturers.

"And, as a follow-up to that, some of the regions particularly affected by that. That will naturally lead to a reorientation of our final report to focus on those issues," he said.

The need for emergency government assistance was highlighted by an FAPM estimate that it could cost a parts-maker with 700 employees about \$35 million just to meet its obligations and close its doors.

Feb 26, 2014

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Holden has designs on two new show-stoppers

By RON HAMMERTON

GENERAL Motors is believed to be preparing to spring two Holden-designed concept cars at international motor shows.

As GoAuto has reported, one of them will turn up at the big-ticket New York motor show in April.

And the other, thought to be designed and fabricated at Holden's Melbourne design studios, might even be revealed as early as this week, with an Indian

news report suggesting a tiny SUV concept is on the cards for the Chevrolet stand at the New Delhi motor show that opens today, February 5.

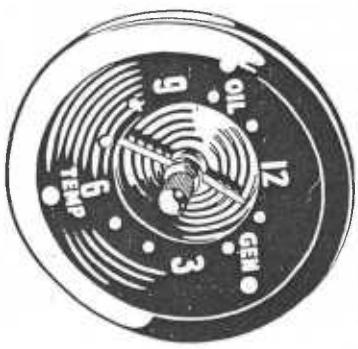
Autocar India reports that the sub-four-metre-long SUV concept has been built on General Motors' Gamma 2 platform that underpins a range of compact GM vehicles, including the Holden Barina (Aveo), Barina Spark (Beat) and Trax.

The report suggests such a vehicle could be pitched at the Indian-built Ford EcoSport and Renault Duster in the subcontinent, and powered by the same 1.3-litre diesel engine as the Chevrolet Sail and Enjoy. Feb 5, 2014

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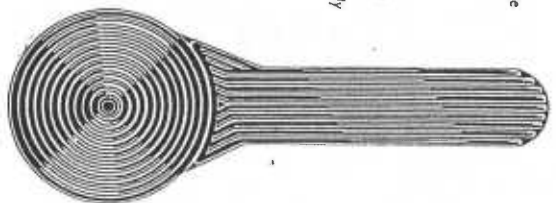
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New German labour deal points to Holden looking to Europe for key models

By BARRY PARK

A DEAL brokered with German car-making unions appears to have paved the way for Holden-badged Opel cars to return to the Australian market en masse within the next few years.

The German-language newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* reported last weekend that union officials involved in workplace talks with the car-maker had revealed its factories were gearing up to produce vehicles for the Australian market.

The report says the agreement also places a freeze on any redundancies at the Opel factories in Russelsheim, Eisenach and Kaiserslautern until after Holden shuts its Australian car-making operations in 2017.

It adds that union officials involved in striking Opel's new wage deal cum jobs guarantee had said the German production lines would build right-hand-drive Holden and – strangely – Buick models “especially for export to Australia”.

The report says that the number of units slated to be sent here is expected to be in the “tens of thousands” – a number that would suggest the Opel brand could one day account for as much as a third of Holden's Australian sales.

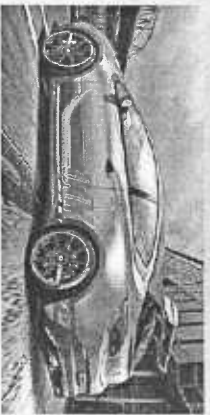
Holden manager of corporate communications Sean Poppitt declined to confirm the report.

“We can't comment on Opel's situation, that's a question for them,” he said. “We also won't comment on any future product plans for Holden except to say we have very exciting vehicles in the pipeline.”

Unlike Ford, which has announced what is almost its full model line-up once it quits Australian car-making in 2016, Holden is remaining tight-lipped about the shape of its showrooms past its 2017 production exit.

OPEL might have fled from Australia but Holden is planning to reattach the lion badge on key models from General Motors' European brand, which puts the Astra OPC Extreme revealed last week sharply into focus.

To make its world premiere at the Geneva motor show in March, the Extreme iteration is a stripped-back,



no-nonsense, race-bred variant of the flagship Astra OPC three-door coupe that was cut short in Australia, lasting only six months on sale here before GM pulled the pin on the entire brand last August due to insufficient sales.

Although the Extreme is described as a “study”, Opel has confirmed the vehicle – billed as the fastest-ever Astra road car – “is to be the foundation for a low-volume production run”.

By TERRY MARTIN

News

Friday, 28 February, 2014



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GM HOLDEN APPOINTS NEW CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR:

GERRY DORZAS

Global automotive executive Gerry Dorzas has been appointed the new Chairman and Managing Director of GM Holden, effective from 1 March, 2014.

Mr Dorzas has more than two decades of global industry experience with Mercedes, Fiat, Toyota, Hyundai and Volkswagen throughout Europe and Asia.

Most recently, Mr Dorzas served as President and CEO of Volkswagen Group Sales India and Chief Representative of the Volkswagen Group of Companies in India. He succeeds Mike Devereux who late last year was appointed GMIO Vice President, Sales, Marketing and After-sales, after four years as GM Holden Chairman and Managing Director.

GM Executive Vice President and President GM International Operations, Stefan Jacoby, said Mr Dorzas would be responsible for GM's operations in Australia and New Zealand.

“Gerry has the right industry-leading experience and credentials to lead GM Holden through a significant program of change, as it transitions to a National Sales Company,” Mr Jacoby said.

“GM International Operations (GMIO) is undergoing a transformation that is committed to driving our markets toward success.”

“As part of this transformation, the GMIO team is working to build a global organisation with strong local passion, ownership and entrepreneurship.”

Mr Dorzas said he was looking forward to taking up the role.

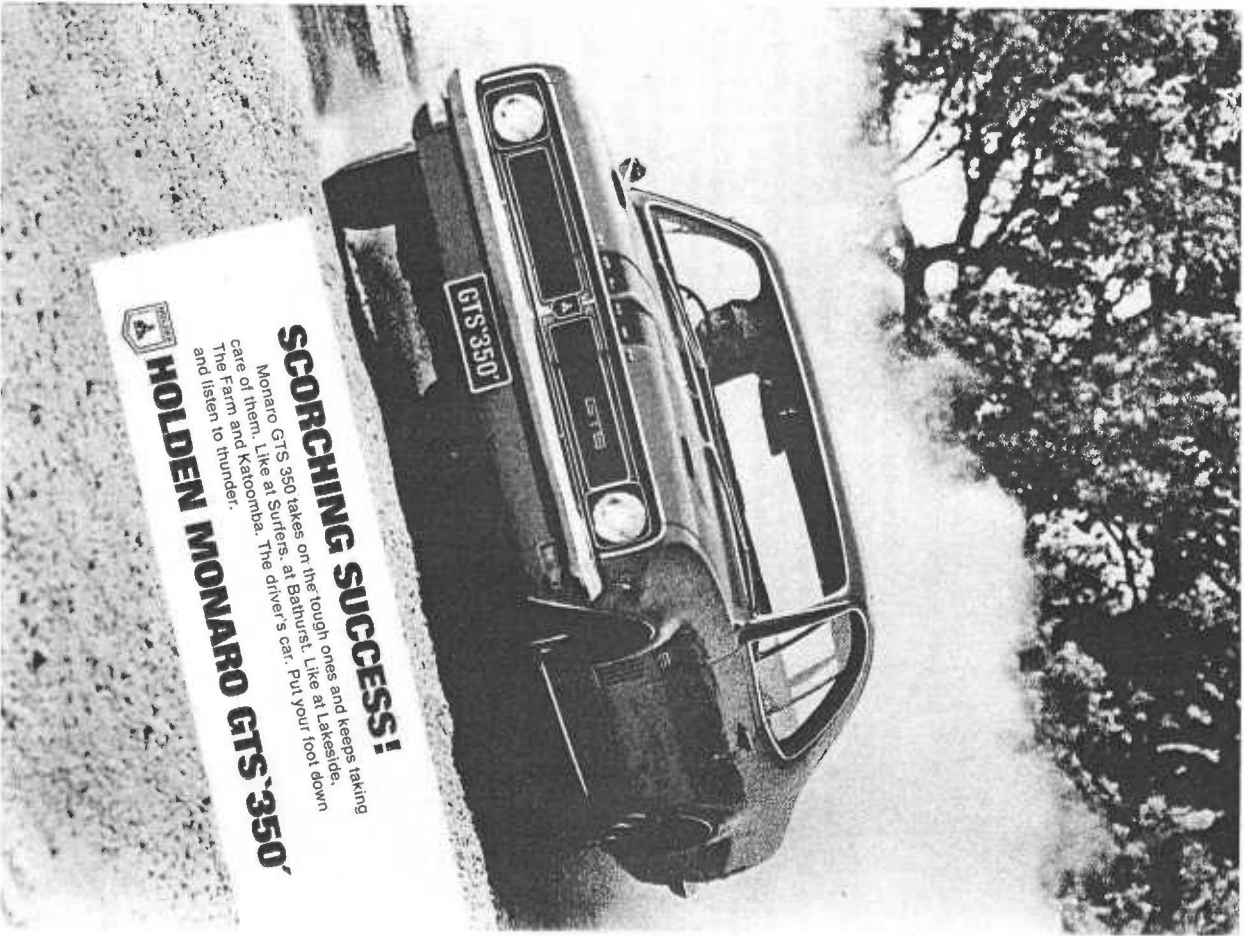
“Around the world, Holden is renowned for the strength of its product and professionalism of its people,” Mr Dorzas said.

“I am energised by the opportunity to lead a talented and passionate team and to guide one of Australia's strongest, most iconic brands into its next phase.”

Mr Jacoby thanked Mr Devereux for his leadership of Holden over the past four years.

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INCOME

Nationwide Net Interest.....0-11
 Leek United Net Interest.....1-53
 Subscriptions.....302-00

303-64 3577-54

EXPENDITURE

25 Year Register Celebration Day.....654-10
 Unpaid cheque and charge.....28-00

682-10

Closing Balance at Leek United BS.....2895-44 3577-54

CHAIRMAN'S ACCOUNT

Brought Forward from 2011-2012.....1-43DR
 HB 147 Print and Post.....51-00
 HB 148 Print and Post.....49-20
 HB 149 Print and Post.....39-60
 HB 150 Print and Post.....41-10
 HB 151 Print and Post.....52-54
 HB 152 Print and Post.....51-84
 Domain Registration 24 months.....18-04
 Stationery etc.....56-69

360-01

OFFSET by

Banner and link for buy car parts.....192-00
 Hindley Sub.....15-00
 Credit C/F [above].....1-43

208-43

Amount due from Register to Chairman..... 151-58
SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT

Brought Forward from 2011-2012..... 21-35
Expenses for secretary and 25 year celebration..... 87-63

Amount due from Register to Secretary..... 108-98

Closing balance at Leek United..... 2895-44
CREDITORS

Chairman..... 151-58
Secretary..... 108-98

Net bank balance after creditors..... 2634-88

Guy Hardy
Membership Secretary & Treasurer
Wirksworth
Jan 2014

From: Colin & Christine <4y5ccm@talktalk.net>
To: holdenuk@ndirect.co.uk
Subject: Re: Holden Ute
Date sent: Wed, 19 Feb 2014 16:13:15 -0500

Hi Ken,

Please see more pictures of the Ute, it is a 1979 Ute that was bought in Ireland approx. 4 years ago, Andrew used it occasionally but it mostly spent time in his workshop being tinkered with. The Ute is Yellow however it now has the grey vinyl wrapping and black carbon look vinyl roof, all of which can be easily removed should this be preferred. The Ute was MOT'd on Friday 14th. Overall the Ute is very clean, all 4 wheels have had a full refurb. and are immaculate, all 4 tyres are in good condition. We have some spares, wheel centres etc. that would go with the Ute. We are not sure of the true value at the moment but will try to find out more however we are open to all reasonable offers. People can contact me on 07764233179 or email me on 4y5ccm@talktalk.net or work colin@jborhwicktrucks.co.uk should they have any questions.

Thank you for your help with this.

Regards,

Colin



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