March Club Run - Garage Crawl by Richard

We started off the day at Chris & Paul Orchard's at "10am". I thought I'd get there a little early so rocked up at 9.40 which was about an hour after the first member of the Early Morning Holden Club rocked up. Obviuosly everyone was looking forward to day in guys sheds. We had a look at Chris's car which is currently in the early stage of being done and he has the shell is on a rotisserie. The body is pretty good with only the normal rust repairs being needed. Chris is planning on running a red motor and four speed in his early.

From ther we headed over to Aldo's to check out his FX Ute. This will run a 283, Turbo 350 and HR front end, Commodore diff on beefed up original narrow springs. Also has taken on all of the body work himself and so far the firewall is completed along with the inner and outer sills and left rear quarter panel. Guys could see how much he had taken on himself and this is his first resto and self taught along the way. Aldo showed us some of the tools he has picked up along the way including an air punch and flange tool which was used in making up panels and making holes in panels for spot welds, very useful at less than \$200.

Lastly we headed over to Ram Springs - Rays workshop. We put Peter Charman's early on the hoist and checked out his front end, he had a knock in the front end which was a result of the front shocker retaining plates being incorrectly installed by a mechanic. A quick fix and it now drives like it should. Secondly we put Paul Orchard 4.4 litre all alloy V8 powered FX on the hoist. Guys could see the additional chassis strengthening added and cross member changes in fitting the V8. After a BBQ lunch we wrapped up the day and most guys were home to watch the Grand Prix. The day was well attended with 25 members there through the day.

Members with Earlies Peter Charman Peter Corrigan Michael Delzoppo Daryl Dunn Jim Dyer Ray Eaton Richard Fox Aldo Gianchino Rod Grummitt **Neville Mawer** Chris Orchard Paul Orchard John Shore **Andrew Staines** Derk Tuik

Members without
Trevor Dempsey & Brendon (EJ)
Ralph Edwards
Chris & Angus Fox
Ian Glennie
Russell & Shannon King
Ian MacLean
Rod Martin
Glenn Serry
Mark Wags and Janet Waghorn
Scott Woodbridge