

## SATURDAY SURPRISE TOUR - PANTON HILL HOTEL Saturday 29 June 2013

could write a short note about the Humber Car Club tour on Saturday 29 June. She wrote "Good weather, good company, good food, good route and great cars." I felt this was toooooo short so I am adding the following additional details for your reading pleasure.



On Saturday 29 June 2013 it was easy to rise out of bed in time to meet with other HCCV Club members at 10:00am at Lillydale Lake, even though the morning was cold and foggy. Rhonda and I arrived at the meeting point in our Mark IV Super Snipe to find three other Humber's lined up in the public parking area ready for the short tour to a mystery pub location for lunch.



A map showing the planned tour route was handed to a person in each vehicle. The map showed various points of interest along the route and each participant was able to choose which of these, if any, they would like to explore more closely while travelling the route. Jan and Judy in their Series III Super Snipe, Anne and Colin A in their Mark VI Hawk, and Rhonda and I in the Mark IV Super Snipe began the tour in convoy behind John and Judy in their 1927 Humber 14. I am always impressed, when travelling in convoy, by the magic of the movement of our Humber's bouncing, swaying and gliding along the road.

Rhonda and I stopped at the first point of interest, an antique store in Yarra Glen, where I purchased a couple of items. The other participants continued in convoy ahead of us. After spending at least half an hour browsing through the store Rhonda and I continued the tour route out of convoy.

What a wonderful drive through the green hills east of Melbourne, from Lillydale via Yarra Glen to Kangaroo Ground and finally reaching Panton Hill. The sun was peeping through the fog and cloud at midday when we arrived at the Hotel. We enjoyed a chat and some laughs together over lunch at the hotel. Of course cars were mentioned in discussion at the dining table but Judy L sat between John W and myself to make sure it was not the only subject of discussion. Good thinking Judy. The journey home after lunch was undertaken in the pleasant warmth of the afternoon sun. **Much thanks to both John W and Judy L for arranging this relaxing day out for members to enjoy.** (Ian A)