

HCCV End of Year Christmas Lunch

Saturday 1 December 2018

The Poowong Hotel

The day was hot hot hot, but we were determined to take MM4 to the HCCV Christmas Party. We were about half an hour later getting away from Castlemaine than we had intended, finally underway at around 9.30am for the 3 hour/250km trip. There were 20 attendees and I counted 6 Humbers - nice!

I handed out my easy-peasy Christmas Quiz and people still said it was too hard. You can be the judge as I have reprinted it in this issue, along with the answers.

First prize was awarded to Neil and Kathleen Hiho as very clear winners, and they took home a large tin of Cadbury Roses Chocolates.

The company was convivial, the venue delightfully relaxed and very welcoming. Service was excellent and the food was great, plentiful and delicious, good pub food!

We finally left at around 2.30pm for the hot hot hot trek home. We employed the sophisticated air conditioning system of the era: 4x50 - 4 windows open at 50 miles per hour with the quarter vent windows open and swivelled towards our faces. Max temp was 32, traffic was ok, and the Mighty Mark IVB never missed a beat.

Our grateful thanks to Nick for finding and booking the venue and handling the logistics.
Lotte Linden





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ATTENDEES:

David and Lorraine Aplin

Peter and Edna Bree

Nick Chippett: Early 1920s Humber Motorcycle engine on display (previous page)

John Docker: 1962 Series III Super Snipe (#1)

Judy Finch and Jan Beattie

Bev and Ron Heron

Neil & Kathleen Hiho: 1964 Series IV Super Snipe (#2)

Lotte & Ray Linden: the 1956 Mighty Mk IVB (#3)

Tom McAlpine

Jon Miller: 1964 Ser IV Super Snipe (#4)

Greg Rose: 1963 Series IV Super Snipe (#5)

John Washbourne

Peter Whelan and Lee Grenfell: 1955 Mk IV Super Snipe Utility (#6)



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Been a little while since my last update, mainly due to no new developments on any of the Humber projects and a very busy work schedule. My accountant likes to tell me that when he mentioned the amount of meal allowances paid the previous financial year that it wasn't a challenge to beat it (275% above industry average last year). But it's a necessary evil to pay the mortgage, bills and projects.

It was a pleasure to meet members at the Christmas Lunch and positive reviews were left on the day as everyone enjoyed the day.

I was asked about my projects, so as a recap, here's where I'm at with my Humber projects:

Dad's 1963 Vogue, just over 90% there. Still a little bit of paint work on the rear end and the bumper re-attached and maybe some internal finishing with having to make a new door card for the drivers door and some finessing with the fitment of seats. A little bit disappointed that it wasn't the 66 as advertised, mainly due to personal plates 66HMBR having been purchased.

My 1965 Super Snipe, no work in the last 5 years when we had a mini working bee for my birthday. As discussed with a few members at the Christmas lunch, I've made the decision that if it hasn't commenced by mid year I'll put it up for sale to allow someone else the chance to build one (or as a donor for needed parts).

My mid teens Motorcycle, for those who were present, I brought along my motorbike engine as a display (refer to Editor's write up for pictures). My passion has always been motorbikes, hence why I've currently got 8 projects with another 3 on the cards (on top of 4 cars).

Nick - A Humber Way



2018 Xmas Lunch Report

Thanks to Nick Chippett, the Xmas lunch at the Poowong Hotel was a great success. It was fantastic to meet up with many of the more familiar faces and a number of new and older faces at this lunch.

Nick brought along his very early Humber motorbike engine and as always is ever hopeful that someday he may be able to source more of this historic piece. Piecing together a motor bike from such a small start is something that is to be commended. I would like to urge all members if they see anything associated with veteran Humber motor bikes to let Nick know.

Some members, namely David and Lorraine Aplin, had recently returned from an extended touring holiday in their caravan. Kathleen and

Neil Hiho were traveling from one Xmas function to the next. All associated with various car clubs that they are members of.

Lotte produced a Xmas quiz that she assured everybody was quite simple. The winner of the prize was Neil and Kathleen. Well done on a tricky quiz.

At the last committee meeting it was decided that the Club would subsidise the lunch to the cost of \$10.00 per head. This was gratefully received by all present and does go some small way to the defraying costs for our members.

Thanks again to Nick for stepping up for suggesting and organising the venue for our club's Xmas Lunch.

John Washbourne