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NEXT CLUB MEETING:- FRIDAY 28TH MAY. Commencing 8.00pm at the Theatrette, Camberwell Civic Centre, Inglesby Road, Camberwell. Parking in carpark opposite. N.B. H.C.C. meetings are held on the "FOURTH" Friday of the month.

CLUB FUNTIONS:- May 29th a Wine & Cheese night 8.00pm, 126 BEACH Street, Frankston. (See inside of newsletter for further details).

June 12, 13, 14 Echuca Steam Rally - All persons interested in O/nite accommodation please contact Des Judd before the next general meeting. Members interest in making a "DAY" trip to Echuca, the club has an area set aside for it at the Echuca Rotary Park (As per M.G. Concours).

July 11th - Run to Gippsland Folk Museum.

August 14th - Presidents Run (Destination to be advised).

The April meeting of the H.C.C. was opened at 8.15 pm . Items coming under discussion were the Club Badge for which prices are being obtained. Confirmation was made of the coming Wine and Cheese night on May 29th. Our Guest speaker at the last meeting was Paul Mann, who at very short notice gave the members present a talk on Restoration hints and some usefull car-care products.

CURRENT COMMENT:- At this stage the H.C.C. has very few members restoring an old car, restoration in general being confined to Veteran, Vintage and Classic Cars, that is all cars up till 1941, Humbers of these vintages being particularly hard to find, hence lack of members owning these vehicles. In England and America at present there is a growing trend to restoring Post War cars (After 1946) and cars of the late Forties, early Fifties are now being eagerly sought for restoration, no doubt this trend will extend to Australia in the near future. Humbers of this period were one of the most luxurious and elegant cars and some quite rare models were manufactured between 1946-55 such as MK11, 111 Imperial and Pullman, Snipe Two Door Convertible (Roadster?) Pullman 4 Door Convertibles and many Government and ~~Queens~~ Tour "Specials" being made. Anyone who thinks that someday they will have the time and patience to restore a car could be well advised to get an "early" Humber whilst they are still available, as in Australia there is noticeable lack of interesting or hand made vehicles produced between 1945-55 (most of the American cars of that period are "Run of Mill" Chevs etc). American importations being cut back at that time to enable the "FX" to survive. (Not many survive now though). The only cars being imported in any numbers were luxury and sporting type cars, the cheaper models were not imported in as such large numbers as previously because of our Fledgling Local Industry (Holden) though many unusual variations of these "Cheaper Models" were produced in their Home countries (Roadsters, Coupes etc) The majority of luxury cars are now collectors items MK 1V & V JAGUARS, MKV & VI ROLLS AND BENTLEYS, SUNBEAMS 90, LAGONDAS, ARMSTRONG SIDDELEYS, DAIMLERS ETC.

The Humbers are often referred to as being "Elephantine" but now with the trend being to have "A Big Old Car" our "Elephants" are becoming very desirable with good examples virtually escalating in price because the general public are starting to realise what a well built comfortable and powerful car these early Humbers were despite their somewhat bulky shape.

EDITOR.

SOCIAL NOTES:- The Wine and Cheese night on 29th May, looks to be a really great "turn". Sniffing around the kitchen I found that the menu of Delicious casseroles and Smorgersbord foods coupled with some fine cheeses is enough to delight the palate of any gourmet. A wide variety of Australian Wines is available (Beer for Non-Wine Drinkers) To attend this night all you need is yourself (\$5 Double, \$3 Single) a Smile (To match everyone else) and Friends & Family are most welcome. Don't forget Saturday 29th May commencing at 8.00pm at Mr. & Mrs. Underwoods house, 126 Beach Street, FRANKSTON.

#### SOCIAL NOTES (CONT.)

The Echuca Steam Rally Run on the Queens Birthday Week-end on June 12,13,14 is being finalised in regards to bookings for accommodation. Anyone wishing to attend this event and stay O/night is asked to contact DES JUDD (783-9743) before the next general meeting.

The main day of the Steam Rally is Sunday, June 13th and with Echuca only being 120 miles away it would make a good day trip for the family. There will be working demonstrations of Steam Engines, Farm Machinery, Drought Horses, Miniature Steam Trains, Antique Oil Engines Pony Rides and Veteran and Vintage Cars. The H.C.C. has an area on the grounds set aside for it so if you've been planning a week-end away or just an interesting days outing (the kids would love it) this is an opportunity too good to pass up.

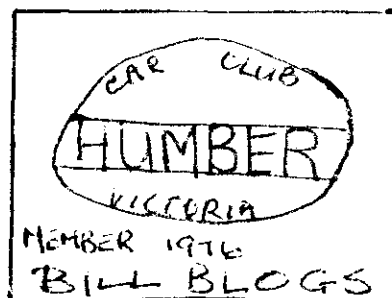
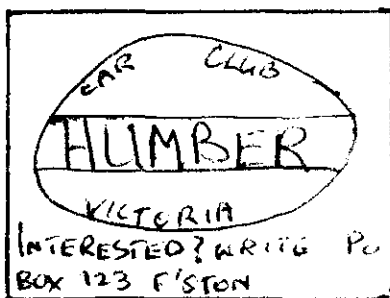
#### MAROONDAH DAM RUN

Once again the Club was plagued by inclement weather for its run to Maroondah (Sunday May 16th) whilst driving to the "Set Off" Point I thought to myself "with this miserable weather we'll have a whole regiment of Wolseleys to march out platoon of Humbers" but to my suprise there were twenty-five Humbers and about six Wolseleys. One of our members remarked that perhaps Wolseleys "Leak" or a more reasonable explanation could have been "who would want to fix a broken down car in the wet? Undaunted by the weather the Humbers set off (following a good deal behind were the Wolseleys) Bill Baker led the way and after about an hour both Humbers and Wolseleys reached Maroondah. (The Wolseley Car Club must have fielded their best cars). It wasn't too long before bonnets were up, bottles, barby's and wine casks out and members of both Clubs enjoying themselves. Our visitors and their cars were both well presented and after a thorough scrutiny the conclusion was reached that Wolseley is a fine car (for a Dolled Up Austin). Once again Tom Alpine won the Raffle (how do you win two in a row Tom?) and with the sun now intermittantly appearing it turned out a most enjoyable day. The Humber Car Club would like to thank the Wolseley Car Club for attending this event and we hope we can have a similar outing together in the near future.

MEMBERS ATTENDING THE MAROONDAH DAM RUN

DAVID & KAYLYN RAYNOR:	SER. 1V SNIPE
LLOYD HUGHES & FAMILY:	HOLDEN
PETER SCHOFIELD & LEE:	SER. 1 SNIPE
TOM MCALPINE & FAMILY:	SER. 1V SNIPE
BILL BAKER & FAMILY:	SER. 1V SNIPE
TREVOR BRAZIER & FAMILY:	SER. V SNIPE
REG HATTERSLEY & FAMILY:	SER. V SNIPE
GREG LAMING & FAMILY:	MK 1VA SNIPE
PETER DAVENPORT:	SER V SNIPE
KELVIN HUGHES & FAMILY	SER. 1V SNIPE
NANCY BUTT	SER. 1V SNIPE
DES & DENISE JUDD:	SER. 111 SNIPE
BOB & NANCY KENNEDY:	SER. 1V WAGON
LOU COPELAND & FAMILY:	SER. 1V SNIPE
HERB & CONNIE PERKINS:	MK 111 SNIPE
FRANK & RITA MAGUIRE:	MK 1V SNIPE
TONY ALEXANDER & FAMILY:	SER. 1 HAWK
COLIN BESSIN & FAMILY	SER. 11 SNIPE
PAUL HANKS & FAMILY	SER. V SNIPE
RUSS KELLY & FAMILY:	SER. 1V SNIPE
MIKE TARANTO & FAMILY:	SER. 1V SNIPE
DAVID POWLEY & FAMILY:	MK 1VA SNIPE
JOHN & MARIE BROWNE:	FORD

At the moment the Club is having membership and advertising cards printed. The membership card will be issued to financial members and the card will carry the respective members name and the club ensignia. It is hoped that members will wear these cards to all Club Functions, as it will identify him or her to other members (no more WHATHISNAME?) The membership will also serve its purpose in enabling members to get discount at various Motor Trade Houses which the Club will recommend to its members. The Club advertising card will be just that, its use being to promote the Club to other Humber owners or alternately placing the card on parked Humber windscreens. Rear windscreens labels are also being printed for members cars should they wish to display them.



CARS & PARTS FOR SALE

Parts to suit Series Models - Best Prices, Best Service - BOB KENNEDY H.C.C.  
SPARE PARTS OFFICER.

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Ser. 1V Sedan = Good Body - Good Paintwork (Maroon) Motor and Trans. faulty. Interior very good. Unreg. Good Tyres - Many spare body panels and mech. parts \$400 LOT  
ONO Contact Mr. Robertson 754-5854.

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Humber Hawk 1954 6mths Reg. 4 New Tyres, Needs battery and muffler \$100 Contact Mr. Gro  
515744

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Snipe Ser. 1 Auto. \$600 Has been recently spent on car (New seats etc) Price \$150 ONO  
Contact Bob Gilchrist 467-1388.

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Humber Hawk 1955 Genuine 46,000 miles Ex. Duco A1 Motor \$300 recently spent on G/Box,  
5 New Tyres, Ex. Interior. Asking \$1,000. Contact G. Bertelkamp, 862 1582.

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Ser. 11 & 111 Parts. New 010 U/Size B/end bearings \$30, New engine pipe \$7,  
1 S/H Windscreen \$40 Contact Harry Muhlberg, 49 Northern Avenue, Newborough.

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\* Brand New Windscreen Rubber to suit MK'S 1, 11, 111 snipes. Club has limited stock  
\$6 per. windscreen length. Contact John Browne 699 1771. Bus. 763 8526 home.

### HANDY HUMBER HINTS

Have you ever noticed that shiny cars have buff marks in the paint? These "Marks" are caused by the harsh abrasives used in cutting compounds. If you want your car to have a deep clean lustre try finishing off (after cut & polishing) with "BRASSO" Brasso worked in small areas at a time gives paint an almost mirror like surface and providing you "WORK" the brasso enough the small scratches will be polished out. When using brasso don't let it dry on the surface but rub it off whilst it is still wet.

To preserve vinyl (Humber Dashboards) "AMOUR-ALL" is ideal. This milky solution can be just wiped on rubber vinyl, wood or almost anything as it has the ability to "Penetrate" just about any surface, it leaves vinyl, wood etc. with a clossy shine as well. (Some Members are having trouble locating suppliers of "AMOUR-ALL" so the club will attempt to buy it in bulk and have it for sale at the nex general meeting.

The club is presently designing a front cover for the Newsletter (which is to be Called The Humberette). On the reverse side of the front cover will be advertising space for any members who may want to advertise his/her services for one year (The cover is to be "professionaly" printed)

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Bill Blogs Ph. 123-4567

38 Smith Street, Melbourne.

Carpenter, Cabinet Maker

"No job too small, first class work  
done"

X The advertising will be strictly limited to club members only so if your a tradesman or who is will ing to do work "on the side" or even if you have a business and wish to advertise, this is a good opportunity. It is envisaged that a charge of \$5 per annum. per ad will be charged.