

THE HUMBERETTE

August 1979

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE



TOP RIGHT

1910 12 HP Humber (AER 088)

Owner: Alan Duncan

CENTRE RIGHT

Series VA Super Snipe (JUL 601)

Outright winner HCCV Concours 1978

Owners: Reg & Marion Hattersley

BOTTOM RIGHT

Mark I Super Snipe (INP 936)

Winner "Mark Section" HCCV Concours 1978

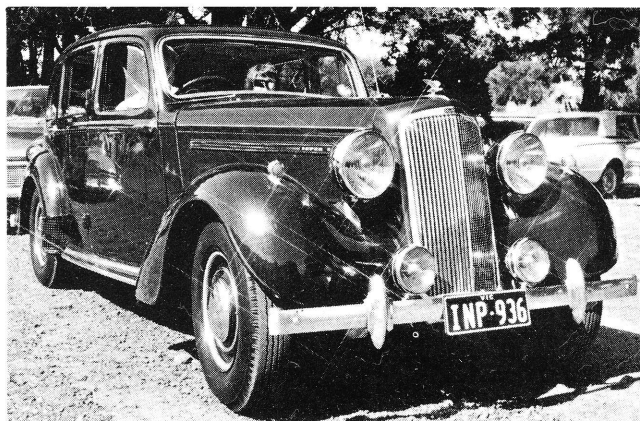
Owners: Tom & Lynne McAlpine

BELOW

Series IV Super Snipe (HZN 925)

"Most Desirable Vehicle" HCCV Concours 1978

Owner: Nancy Butt



HUMBER CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA

COMMITTEE 1979

PRESIDENT:	REG HATTERSLEY	877 1981
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SOCIAL SECRETARY:	MARIE BROWNE	758 7526
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Humber Car Club Calendar 1979

Social Functions:

May 20	—	Sovereign Hill, Ballarat
June 2, 3, 4	—	Echuca Steam Rally
July 8	—	Chirnside Park Historic Home Tour
August ?	—	Social Secretary's "Special"
Sept. 16	—	President's Run (Invitation to Daimler Lanchester Car Club)
Oct. ?	—	Economy Run (Invitation to Rover Car Club) — date to be confirmed
Nov. 4	—	Humber Car Club Concours
Nov. 23	—	Annual Presentation Dinner at "Chaucers"
Dec. ?	—	M.G. Concours
Feb. 10, 1980	—	Saturday evening wine tasting (place to be confirmed)

General Meetings

The Humber Car Club of Victoria meets on the fourth Friday of the month (unless indicated otherwise) at the "Theatrette", Camberwell Civic Centre, Inglesby Road, Camberwell. Please note: meeting commences at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

Dates of Forthcoming General Meetings in 1979

Friday, June 22	Friday, October 26
Friday, July 27	Friday, November 23 (Annual Presentation Dinner)
Friday, August 24	No December meeting
Friday, September 28	Friday, January 25 (1980)

All correspondence to: Secretary,
Humber Car Club of Victoria
P.O. Box 35,
Frankston 3199

All Membership Subscriptions to: Treasurer,
Humber Car Club of Victoria
Ian Foreman,
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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

IT WAS PLEASING TO SEE SO MANY FACES WE HAVEN'T SEEN FOR SOME TIME, AT OUR JULY MEETING. IT WAS A GOOD MEETING. OUR NEW CLUB BANNER WAS ON VIEW, AND OUR NEWSLETTER BROUGHT WITH IT AN ATTRACTIVE NEW COVER, AND AN UP TO DATE LIST OF MEMBERS NAMES, ETC. ALSO, COPIES OF THE CLUB CONSTITUTION ARE NOW AVAILABLE, ON REQUEST.

WE WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS, JOHN & JOY WILLIAMS, THEN AFTER AN OPEN DISCUSSION PERIOD (AFTER WHICH MOST CONCLUDED THAT NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO CONVERT TO GAS) IAN FOREMAN GAVE US A MOST INTERESTING TALK ON STEREO SYSTEMS FOR THE HOME AND CARS. OUR THANKS TO IAN FOR CONTRIBUTING SO MUCH TO THE ENJOYMENT OF OUR MEETING.

RECEIVED TWO POSTCARDS FROM MEMBERS, THIS WEEK. ONE FROM OUR AROUND AUSTRALIA TRAVELLERS, SUE & RAY COWIE, WHO OBVIOUSLY ARE HAVING A WONDERFUL TRIP, DESPITE RAY HAVING AN ACCIDENT ON A MOTOR BIKE, AND FINISHING UP IN BROOME, VIA THE FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE. RAY IS NOW ON THE MEND, WHICH WAS GOOD TO HEAR. AND GWEN & SID SENT US THEIR GREETINGS FROM THE SUNSHINE STATE, WHERE THEY ARE ENJOYING BASKING IN THE SUN & EATING TOO MANY BANANAS AND PINEAPPLES. GWEN TELLS US THE SID HAS SEEN LOTS OF TOPLESS GIRLS, AND SID TELLS US THAT HE HAS ONLY SEEN TWO SNIPES AND THREE VOGUES. I'LL BRING BOTH CARDS TO OUR NEXT MEETING.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NIGHT AT THE NAUGHTY NINETIES ON 18TH AUGUST, AND I HOPE WE WILL HAVE A GOOD TURN UP FOR OUR MYSTERY RALLY, WITH THE ROVER & DAIMLER BOYS, ON SEPTEMBER 16TH.

SEE YOU AT CAMBERWELL ON THE
24TH. REG HATTERSLEY.

MINUTES OF JULY GENERAL MEETING

PRESIDENT OPENED MEETING AT 8.10. WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS JOHN & JOY WILLIAMS.

- 1) PRESIDENT WELCOMED INGE FOREMAN, DAVID GOLDS, KAYLYN & DAVID RAYNOR.
- 2) APOLOGIES - NANCY BUTT, HERB PERKINS, RALF CHALMERS, LOU COPELAND.
- 3) MINUTES PASSED FOR PREVIOUS MEETING.
- 4) CORRESPONDANCE - NEWSLETTERS FROM N.Z. & S.A. SYDNEY, ROVER, WOLSELEY & DAMILER CLUBS, LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST.
- 5) PETER DAVENPORT SUGGESTED IDEAS FROM OTHER NEWSLETTERS TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR NEWSLETTER.
- 6) TREASURER'S REPORT - \$1343.
- 7) SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - FINALISATION OF BOOKINGS FOR NAUGHTY NINETIES.
- 8) MERLE & KEITH CATTERALL ~~WEEK~~ WELCOMBED.
- 9) TECH. OFFICER REPORT - TORQUE SEETINGS & LIBRARY LIST TO BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT NEWSLETTER.
- 10) A.M.C. REPORT - NIL
- 11) CHRIS WEBB GAVE PROGRESS REPORT ON RESEARCH AND ANNOUNCED PLENTY OF TECH DATE FOR THE HUMBERETTE.
- 12) PRESIDENT EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR HAVING AT THE MEETING
THE NEW CLUB BANNER

MINUTES (CONTINUED)

- 17) PRESIDENT THREW MEETING OVER FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION, WHICH CENTERED ON L.P.G. CONVERSION AND THE GENERAL OPINION WAS THAT HUMBERS ARE NOT SUITED TO LPG CONVERSATION.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50.

THE ECONOMICS OF THE HOBBY CAR

EARLIER THIS YEAR THE USED CAR MARKET WAS IN A HEALTHY POSITION AND THOSE OF US WITH SERIES MODEL HUMBERS WERE WATCHING THE PRICES OF THESE CARS SLOWLY BUT SURELY INCREASING ALL THE TIME, MAKING THE OWNERSHIP OF A HUMBER A MORE FINANCIALLY VIABLE CONCERN. BUT NOW, THE MARKET HAS CRASHED AND ALTHOUGH THEY WERE STILL AND ARE A BETTER MADE CAR THAN THOSE ON THE MARKET TODAY THEY ARE NOW AN UNWANTED CAR BECAUSE OF THEIR REASONABLY HIGH PETROL CONSUMPTION COMPARED WITH EVEN SOME OF THE V8 CARS AND LOOK HOW CHEAP THEY ARE AT THE MOMENT. ALSO AFTER THE LAST MEETING'S DISCUSSION (JULY HCCV GENERAL MEETING) L.P.G. WAS DEFINATELY RULED OUT.

MY PERSONEL POSITION COULD BE WORSE THAN YOURS AS I NOT ONLY OWN 2 HUMBERS BUT ALSO A MONARO V8 WHICH BY THE WAY I WOULD NOT PART WITH. SO FOR THOSE WITH JUST PERHAPS ONE HUMBER IN DAILY USE AND YOU ARE SERIOUS ABOUT KEEPING IT ON ONE HAND, AND A BUT EX DUBIOUS OF ITS ECONOMICS ON THE OTHER, LOOK AT IT THIS WAY. BUY A SMALL CAR FOR RUNNING AROUND IN AND PUT THE HUMBER IN THE GARAGE, ONLY TO COME OUT ON SUNDAYS OR CLUB RUNS. THIS MIGHT SOUND A BIT EXPENSIVE CONSIDERING REGO, AND INSURANCE FOR A CAR WHICH IS ONLY GOING TO TRAVEL PERHAPS 2 OR 3 THOUSAND MILES A YEAR, BUT PONDER ON THE EXPENSES THAT OTHER PEOPLES HOBBIES COST THEM!

FOR EXAMPLE, THE WATER SKIER HAS ON OUTLAY OF \$6,000 MINIMUM FOR BOAT & TRAILER \$100 FOR ONE PAIR OF SKIS PLUS UP TO \$40 PETROL FOR A GOOD DAYS SKIING, PLUS LIFE JACKETS ETC. AND STILL DRIVE A CAR TO GET IT ALL XMX TO THE WATER, AND ITS ONLY A SEASONAL SPORT. THE GOLFER CAN PAY UP TO \$500

THE ECONOMICS OF THE HOBBY CAR (CONTINUED)

FOR A GOOD SET OF CLUBS AND UP TO \$500 TO JOIN A DECENT CLUB, PLUS ALL THE WET WEATHER GEAR NEEDED TO PLAY ALL YEAR ROUND, AND AGAIN A CAR IS NEEDED TO GET THERE.

SO \$300 TO COVER REGO & INSURANCE PER YEAR IS LITTLE TO PAY COMPARED WITH THE ABOVE EXAMPLES. ALSO A CAR WON'T WEAR OUT IN A HURRY DOING A ~~MAXX~~ MINIMAL MILAGE EACH YEAR. AS A MATTER OF FACT ITS CONDITION COULD ONLY IMPROVE BEING FREE FROM THE ELEMENTS AND RIGORS OF DAILY USE. IF YOU ARE GENUINLY SERIOUS ABOUT WANTING TO KEEP ~~MX~~ YOUR HUMBER AS A HOBBY CAR IT IS REALLY PROBABLY ONE OF THE CHEAPEST ALL YEAR HOBBIES AVAILABLE AND ONE OF THE MOST SATISFYING.

SEE YOU IN AUGUST

DES JUDD

SOCIAL NOTES:- "NAUGHTY NINETIES"

AS THE NAME SUGGESTS THE "NAUGHTY NINETIES" MUSIC HALL WAS INDEED A FUN EVENING. THE ENTERTAINMENT WAS NON-STOP AND OUR HOSTESS A WELL ENDOWED WOMAN IN HER SIXTIES!! WHO KEPT THE PATRONS LAUGHING WITH HER BANDY SENSE OF HUMOUR. WE ALL ENJOYED OURSELVES AND I COULD WELL RECOMMEND THE NAUGHTY NINETIES AS AN EVENING OF FUN & LAUGHTER.

PRESIDENT'S RUN - MYSTERY TRIAL

OUR PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY HAVE DEVISED A VERY INTERESTING MYSTERY TRIAL FOR US WHICH JUDGING BY THE RALLY'S HELD IN PRIOR YEARS WILL ENSURE A SCENIC DRIVE AND A FEW "CRYPTIC" CLUES TO OUR FINAL DESTINATION (PANIC ENVELOPES ARE SUPPLIED!)

SOCIAL NOTES CONTINUED

WE HAVE EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO BOTH THE ROVER AND DAIMLER CAR CLUBS TO JOIN US, AND THIS WILL OBVIOUSLY LEAD TO A COMPETITION TO SEE WHO WILL LOSE THE LEAST NUMBER OF POINTS. ON EVERY OCCASSION THAT THE H.C.C.V. HAS PARTICIPATED IN EVENTS WITH THE DAIMLER & ROVER BOYS I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE CLEANLINESS OF THEIR CARS, OBVIOUSLY LIKE OURSELVES THEY TAKE A PRIDE IN THEIR VEHICLES, SO IF WE ALL BLACKEN THE XX TYRES AND GENERALLY GIVE OUR CARS A GOOD SCRUB-UP, WE SHOULD COME OUT TRUMPS.

LETS HAVE A GOOD TURN-OUT AND FRIENDS AND FAMILY ALWAYS WELCOME. BYO FOOD & DRINK, BBQ FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

WHEN:- SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

WHERE:- C.R.B. CARPARK, 60 DENMARK STREET, KEW

TIME:- 10AM SHARP.

EDITORIAL

I MENTIONED A COUPLE OF ISSUES AGO THAT I WAS LOOKING FOR A CHEAP AND RELIABLE CAR FOR MARIE. THE MK111 ISN'T REALLY SUITED TO DRIVING THE FOUR MILES TO WORK EVERY DAY AND IF I CAN FIND THE TIME I WOULD LIKE TO DETAIL THE VEHICLE TO ENTER IN OUR CONCOURS. I BOUGHT A CAR FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS THAT IS IN PRETTY GOOD ORDER THROUGHOUT EXCEPT THAT THE ENGINE AND GEARBOX NEEDS REPLACEMENT. I'VE SINCE HAD A LOOK AT A COUPLE OF ENGINES (IN WRECKED CARS) THAT AREN'T MUCH OF AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE ONE IN THE CAR, WHICH IS A MOBILE SMOKE SCREEN. SO IF ANY OF OUR MEMBERS KNOWS OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF A GOOD ENGINE AND GEARBOX PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 758-7526.

I'VE ~~WAXED~~ NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR THE MK111 AS EACH MONTH IT CONTINUES ON AS RELIABLY AS EVER THOUGH IF I'M GOING TO CONSIDER ENTERING OUR CONCOURS SHE'LL REQUIRE A NEW HEADLINING AND A SET OF TYRES, WITH A TOTAL COST OF \$450. I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP BUYING RAZOR BLADES FOR A FEW MONTHS.

EDITORIAL CONTINUED

THE GARAGE IS A CONTINUING SAGA, HOPEFULLY BY NEXT MONTH THE CONCRETING WILL BE DONE AND THEN I CAN START MOVING IN.

WITH THE FUEL CRISIS AND PRICES OF BIG CARS NOW AT AN ALL TIME LOW IT COULD BE AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO BUY A GOOD SNIPE. FUEL CONSUMPTION ON HUMBERS SEEMS TO DIFFER FROM ONE CAR TO ANOTHER (DRIVER TO DRIVER) AND I'VE HEARD REPORTS ~~XXXX~~ FROM 12MPG TO 24 MPG FOR SUBURBAN DRIVING. THE GENERAL AVERAGE SEEMS TO BE AROUND 18MPG FOR SUBURBAN DRIVING AND 21MPG ON A TRIP, COMPARRING THIS WITH A 2 LITRE TOYATO AUTOMATIC AT 26MPG AND PETROL AT \$2 PER GALLON (FUTURE PRICE) THE HUMBER WILL COST YOU ABOUT AN EXTRA \$6 PER WEEK/½ DOZ BOTTLES OF BEER - WHICHEVER WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, ITS A SMALL COST TO DRIVE A COMFORTABLE FIVE/SIX SEATER THAT CAN TOW A CARAVAN ECT. A NEW CORONA AUTO SEDAN IS ABOUT \$7000 AND UNITS THAT ARE 4/5 YEARS OLD AND 50,000 MILES ARE ABOUT \$4000 - POOR VALUE FOR MONEY IN MY BOOK. WITH PETROL PRICES INCREASING CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO SOME OF THE PETROL SAVING DEVICES ON THE MARKET SUCH AS THERMATIC FANS, ~~XXX~~ ELECTRONIC IGNITION AND LESS RESTRICTIVE EXHAUST SYSTEMS. IN NEXT MONTHS EDITORIAL I HOPE TO HAVE A FEW FACTS IN ~~XXXX~~ REGARD TO THESE DEVICES. LOOKING FOR SEEING YOU ALL AT THE NEXT MEETING.

EDITOR

SNIPES SNIPPETS

WE WISH BEKYL AHEARN A SPEEDY RECOVERY AFTER HER HOSPITALISATION
AND WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HER AT THE NEXT MEETING.

HE'S NOT SAYING BUT I'M TOLD CERTAIN CAR CLUB PRESIDENT IS
CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY AROUND MEETING TIME.

ALSO CERTAIN SOCIAL SECRETARY CELEBRATING HER ~~XXXM~~ BIRTHDAY.

SID AND GWEN STILL "LIVING IT UP" IN QUEENSLAND.

40,000 MILE HUMBER PULLMAN MENTIONED IN LAST MONTHS HUMBERETTE
HAS BEEN SOLD TO A S.A. MEMBER - SHOWS THAT OUR CAR & PARTS
FOR SALE/WANTED GET AROUND.

CARS & PARTS FOR SALE/WANTED

SELL - SERIES IV SNIPE LAST OF THE FULLY IMPORTED BRITISH
BUILT SALOONS, UNMARKED CARPET, UPHOLSTERY AND ~~REXBERX~~ BODY,
ENGINE A PICTURE, A SHOWROOM CAR WITH LOW MILAGE, LONG REGO,
ONE OWNER FROM NEW. MUST BE INSPECTED TO APPRECIATE, NO
OBLIGATION. A COMPULSORY SALE TO BEST OFFER OVER \$900 -
CONTACT PERCE KITCHEN 592-2735 BETWEEN 11 - 12.15 (BUSINESS)
592-2735 AFTER HOURS

SELL - MK11 SNIPES 2 OF IN FAIR CONDITION - BEST OFFER
MR. C. DICKSON, 26 McINDOE PDE, PARKDALE 90-2561

SELL OR GIVE AWAY PARTS AND PANELS SUIT SERIES SNIPES -
JOHN BROWNE 758-7526

WANTED:- GOOD ENGINE & GEARBOX SUIT SERIES SNIPE - URGENTLY
JOHN BROWNE. 758-7526

CLUB LIBRARY LIST:- BOOKS & MANUALS

OWNERS HAND BOOKS

S/SNIPE	MK 1V
HAWK	1948
VOGUE	SER. 111
HAWK	MK 1V

SALESMAN BOOKS.

S/SNIPE	MK 1VA
HILLMAN	IMP.

MAN HOUR SCHEDULES

S/SNIPE	MK 11 & 111
S/SNIPE	MK 1V
HAWK	MK MODELS

WORKSHOP MANUALS

S/SNIPE, PULLMAN, IMPERIAL	MK 11 & 111
S/SNIPE IMPERIAL	SERS 1 TO V
HAWK	MK 111 TO V1
HAWK	MK 111 TO V
BORG WARNER MODEL DG AUTO TRANS	
BORG WARNER MODEL 35 AUTO TRANS	
HILLMAN MINX	
HILLMAN MINX MK 1	
VOGUE SERIES 1 TO 111	

SPARE PARTS MANUALS

S/SNIPE	MK 1 (1946)
S/SNIPE	MK 11 & 111
S/SNIPE	MK 1V
S/SNIPE	SERS 1
S/SNIPE	SERS 11 TO V
S/SNIPE SUPPLEMENT	LIST SERS 11
S/SNIPE SUPPLEMENT	LIST SERS 11 & 111
HAWK	MK 111 TO V
HAWK	MK111 TO V1
HAWK	SERS 1

SPARE PARTS MANUALS (CONTINUED)

HAWK SERS 1 TO 111

VOGUE MK 1 TO 111

HILLMAN MINX SERS 111B (1960)

SERVICE TRUCK (HUMBER) 1 TON 4 WHEEL DRIVE

W/SHOP MANUALs(NOT COMPLETE):- MINX SERS 1 TO V

HUSKY SERS 1 TO 111.

COB SERS 1 TO 111

SERIES MODELS SNIPE, HAWK, VOGUE

MK SNIPE, HAWK.

GOSS GASKETS ISSUED 1953

LUCAS ELEC' ROOTES 1962

PBR HYD BRAKE PARTS CATALOGUE GH16

CHURCHILL SPECIAL TOOLS BULLETIN JULY 1953

ROOTES GROUP SPECIAL TOOLS 1957 EDITION

BORG & BECK CLUTCH PARTS ISSUED 1954.

HAVE YOU GOT ANY MANUALS, POSTERS OR ANY PAPER WORK THAT MENTIONS HUMBERS, THAT YOU CAN SPARE FOR YOUR CLUB LIBRARY SO THAT ALL MEMBERS MAY SEE AND READ THEN, AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE LIST WE ARE MISSING QUITE A LOT SO HUNT THEM OUT AND DONATE NOW IF YOU CAN.

IF ANY MEMBER WANTS TO USE ANY OF THE CLUB LIBRARY ITEMS, THEY ARE QUIET WELCOME, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS A TIME LIMIT ON ALL ITEMS.

BOB KENNEDY.

ENGINE TORQUE LOADING FIGURES

SNIPER SERS 1 TO V

CLY HEAD (TIGHTEN WHEN HOT)	68LB, FT.
CRANKSHAFT (MAINS)	72LB FT.
CON ROD (XX BIG END)	36LB FT

SNIPER MK 11 & 111

CYL HEAD (TIGHTEN COLD)	42LB FT
CRANKSHAFT (MAINS)	65/45LB, FT
CON RODS (BIG END)	30/45LB, FT

HAWK MK 111 TO VI

CYL HEAD (TIGHTEN COLD)	58LB, FT
CRANKSHAFT (MAINS) REAR CAPS	30/40LB, FT
" FRONT & CENTRE CAPS	45/65LB, FT
CON RODS (BIG END)	25/29LB, FT

VOGUE

CYL HEAD CAST IRON HOT	48LB, FT
ALLUMINIUM COLD	
CRANKSHAFT (MAINS)	55LB, FT
CON ROD (BIG END)	24LB, FT

AS YOU CAN SEE WE ARE MISSING A FEW, THESE FIGURES WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE LIBRARY MANUALS WE HAVE IN STOCK, MAYBE YOU CAN FILL IN THE MISSING FIGURES BY DONATING TO YOUR CLUB LIBRARY SO THAT ALL MEMBERS CAN SHARE THE INFORMATION HELD IN ~~THESE~~ THESE MANUALS.

BOB KENNEDY