

THE HUMBERETTE

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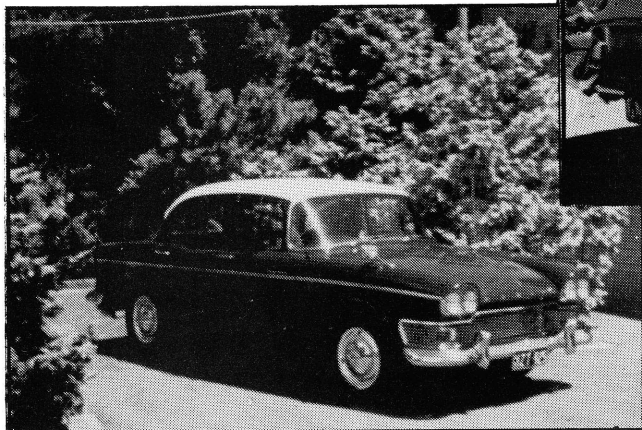


Ser. VA Snipe JUL-601
Outright winner HCCV Concours 1979
Owner: Reg. Hattersley.



Ser. 111 Snipe IYX-250
Most desirable car HCCV Concours 1979
Owner: Ralf Chalmers.

MKIV Snipe GNH-895
Winner Mark Section HCCV Concours 1979
Owner: Lloyd Hughes.



Ser. IV Snipe HZT-925
Owner: Nancy Butt.

HUMBER CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA

COMMITTEE 1980

PRESIDENT:	REG HATTERSLEY	877 1981
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Humber Car Club Calendar 1980

Social Functions: To include Humber Car Club of Victoria Concours (November), Annual Presentation Dinner (November), M.G. Concours (December), President's Run, etc. Full details in your monthly Humberette.

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 1980

Friday, March 28	Friday, September 26
Friday, April 25	Friday, October 24
Friday, May 23	Friday, November 28 (Annual Presentation Dinner)
Friday, June 27	No December meeting
Friday, July 25	Friday, January 23 (1981)
Friday, August 22	

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our first meeting for 1980 was a happy meeting, and it was good to get together again, after a break of three months.

As expected, with some members still on vacation, and the 25th being the start of a long week-end, our numbers were down and I hope attendance will be better for our election night on 22nd February. Our thanks to Des for showing us his Pearl Harbour slides, and some slides he has taken on some of our outings. They were all very interesting.

On the Saturday morning after the meeting, I had a visit from our Tasmanian member, Ross Brombley. I knew Des had stayed at Burwood overnight and he came around in his estate car, which was of interest to Ross, who is restoring a Series 3 estate car. We hope to see more of Ross.

And now some reminders:

February 22nd: dead-line for Motel Bookings for Bendigo at Easter, so let's hear from you.

February 24th: British Car Show at Templestowe.

March 16th: Cricket Match with Wolseley C.C.

And please remember there are 5 Fridays this February, and we meet on the 22nd, not the 29th.

Looking forward to seeing you at Camberwell on the 22nd.

Reg Hatt.

JANUARY 1980 GENERAL MEETING

President opened meeting at 8.30 p.m. before 16 members.

1. President welcomed members and received apologies from Chris Webb, Bob Kennedy, Les Lindorf, Accepted by John Browne/Ralf Chalmers.
2. Minutes accepted. Harold Underwood/Syd Humphries.
3. Correspondence Inward: P. Richardson re membership. Assoc. Member only. Owns 2 ton Commer Truck. D.G. Brown from Qland - membership, owns S.S. V. Change of Address. Bob Roach new Fin. member. Req. memb. form. Ray Trinham. 201 Mornington Rd, Tyabb.

Correspondence Outward: Herald, Age (bills) Prizes to raffle winners. Newsletters to Daim. Worsel. Rover. Sydney and Adelaide clubs. Get well to Ralf. Flowers and symp. to McAlpines.

Further inward mail: V.A.C.C. re Int. Motor Show and Concours.

Accepted by John Browne/Ralf Chalmers.

4. Treasurers Report: \$621.75. Books being audited for February Annual Meeting. Adopted by Bob Bruce/Tom Bamber.
5. Social Secretary's Report: February 10th event deferred. Easter Nat. Rally. Members required to put their names down by February meeting at the latest.
6. Editors Report: New cover for Humberette March issue.
7. Tech. Officers Report: No report due to no Tech. Officer.
8. General Business:
 - a) President expressed disappointment in the outcome of the Special Efforts, poor result and also the low number of people attending the last Annual Dinner.
 - b) Lloyd Hughes gave report on British Motoring Show held on February 24th Templestowe Hill Climb. Requested members to pay for tickets this meeting.
 - c) Vogue '63 value \$150 was announced by President from information received from Chris Webb.

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- d) Lloyd Hughes gave brief resume of A.M.C. meeting re restricted reg. for Hobby Cars.
- e) Norm Watt explained classic and Historic Rego to members re: restricted use of vehicle.
- f) John Browne announced a smashed series one Snipe laying off Queen's Road, reputedly fitted with air conditioning.

Also Mk. III at Box Hill Council Pound.

President closed meeting at 9.15 p.m.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

While 1980 looked to be quiet at the start it has turned out quite hectic. From the V.A.C.C. two invitations:

- a) International Motor Show (1 car only)
- b) Concours Alexandra Gardens during Moomba (3 cars only) 50-63 vintage.

John Browne's Mk. III Snipe has been chosen to be displayed on the upper level of the Exhibition Buildings for I.M.S. Incidentally, volunteers are required to mind the stand at the show to give out pamphlets on the H.C.C.V., so if you can spare a few hours we can organise a roster system so that the club is represented, especially at night time when the crowds are more intense. Perhaps if you are a retired lady or gent you could fill in a few hours one day of the show. Please help as we need support and co-operation of the members to represent the club in this, our best advert yet, at International Motor Show. Contact John Browne post-haste.

The Concours at the Alexander Gardens require 3 vehicles built between 1950 and 1963 and the cars must be competitive. The concours will also be covered by the media including TV stations. Two of our own concours winners have been selected but still another is required. Any takers?

Our Annual General Meeting is on February 22nd and you are obliged to attend. The hot-line for apologies for those unable to attend is 783 9743, which is for those either in traction or Timbaktu. To all others - BE THERE!

This meeting is also the last chance for those wishing to go to Bendigo Easter Rally to put their deposits(\$20) down for the Motel. Activities include: observation trial, concours and possibly a place in the Bendigo Easter Parade.

See U 22nd and cast your nomination and vote for the Committee of 1980.

Des Judd

EDITORIAL

As I mentioned in last months Humberette, the Mk. III will be participating in this year's International Motor Show. I'm sure the "old girl" will attract a lot of attention in that, aside from being a car of true quality it is the last of the "great" Humbers to leave Coventry.

The car has been neglected the last few months and allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that she needed more than a spring clean.

I decided that prior to cleaning, I had to "fire her up", well the garage was filled with fumes after about 5 minutes of turning her over. I was lucky in that the battery still had a spark of life left (always buy the largest battery possible) but after five minutes I was beginning to get worried. Anyway she started.

I took her out on the road and she just wouldn't perform and then she stopped with black smoke clouding the whole car - well after about 3 months the volatility of the petrol had diminished considerably, I found this out only when I put a couple of gallons of good fuel into her, this was after I checked the points, plugs etc. - some of us learn the hard way.

Now the cleaning, my thanks go to Des Judd for his assistance here as, quite frankly, without his help I would be still polishing. Its amazing what a cut and polish, nuggetting the tyres and completely cleaning the interior with plenty of elbow grease make to a car as the vehicle really looks smart now, both inside and out.

In last month's Newsletter I mentioned that the car would be in a couple of episodes of "The Sullivan's", well the episodes have been shown, and the car looked the part, I thought the interior shots came out particularly well (one of Humber's great plusses). Reluctantly I have to sell her now as with the Tickford as well I've decided that I'm better off restoring the convertible, hopefully that will come-up as good as the Mk. III. See you all on the 22nd.

John Browne

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE/WANTED

Ser. IV Snipe unreg. 9,000 miles on recond. motor.
\$200 incl. Ser. III Parts Car.
F.R. Rodgers, R.S.D. 22, Merino 3310

Parts: 1 complete set doors suit Ser. IV - no rust \$20
1 D6250 auto transmission (Ser. IV) \$50
1 set seats suit Series Hawk (red) \$20
Bob Bruce (059) 96 1983

Ser. VA Snipe rebuilt motor, new exhaust, brakes, battery,
c/- auto, interior good, body reasonable, 2 new tyres
R.W.C. \$700 O.N.O. 5505830 Mr. Day.

Ser. V Estate car, excellent mechanics, good body and
interior "Bob Kennedy's Special",
Bob Kennedy 789 5119

Mk. III Snipe, believed 25,000 miles, excellent original
interior, new carpets, repainted from "bare metal" up,
all new chromework, excellent mech. order, registered
July 80, potential concours winner - \$2,500.
John Browne 568 0019 (home), 699 4977 (bus.).

Sell: Ser. IV Snipe - free
Jerry Shicks, 17 Arthur Street, Mt. Waverley, 277 0683.

Wanted: Speedo cable suit Ser. V Snipe
Dick Phillips, 221 3460

Sell: Humber Ser. IV Snipe (might be a Ser. V), interior
tatty, otherwise O.K. 77,000 miles. \$50 O.N.O.
Mr. Morris 99 1682

Sell: Humber Ser. III Ambulance, Reg. December 80. R.W.C.
new tyres all round, radio, new interior, body very good \$500.
Anita Sargeant 277 4176 (bus.) 544 6703 (home).

Parts: Ser. IV body panels and a host of sundry bits and
pieces - free to take away.
Ser. IV engine/g/box assembly, engine cactus box O.K. -
free.

Sell: 1971 Datsun 1200 Coupe, genuine 54,000 kms, brand new
radial tyres, 12 month reg., RWC, interior and exterior "as New".
40 m.p.g. (true!!!) lady owner must sell - car available in
about 6 weeks \$2,950. O.B.O.
John Browne 568 0019 (home) 699 4977 (bus.)

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE/WANTED (CONTD.)

Sell: 1957 M.G.A. roadster fully rebuilt and balanced motor, recond. gearbox, recond. electrics (new loom), body expertly resprayed from "bare metal" up in royal blue, refurbished interior in tan leather, recond. instruments, recond. brakes, painted engine bay and boot, new rubber's throughout, good hood and tourney, good tyres, reg. RWC \$4,750.
John Browne 568 0019 (home) 699 4977 (bus.)

Wanted: Secondhand bench grinder, vice, ½" drill, oxy acetylene gear, block and tackle.
John Browne 568 0019 (home) 699 4977 (bus.).

SOCIAL NOTES

British Car Show

The H.C.C.V. will participate in the first Victorian British Car Show at the site of the old Templestowe Hill Climb (now "Pet Park"). The show has been extensively advertised and TV coverage should be present. Full facilities are available and proceeds will aid the Red Cross.

This is obviously an outing not to be missed!!!

When: Sunday February 24th.

Where: Pet Park, the end of Blackburn Road.

Meeting Place: Doncaster Shopping Town car park 8.45 a.m. SHARP.

All invited car clubs will meet in the car park and travel in convoy to Pet Park. Police will give the convoy "right of way" through intersections.

N.B. 8.45 a.m. SHARP

Any member wishing to go later in the day should make their own way to Pet Park.

N.B.: Saturday afternoon, get the garden hose out wash the car, clean the windows and "blacken" the tyres and let's keep the Humber flag flying.

Wolseley Car Club v Humber Car Club Cricket Match

Sunday March 16th we again do battle with the Wolesley boys. Somehow over the last few years they seem to have "gotten the edge on us", by hook or by crook. Well, this year we've got

the edge by creek! The night before the match the Wolseley Club has its Annual Dinner so hopefully, the Wolseley boys will have "red eyes" (hmmm not like a certain editor we know!!)

So this is our big chance to silence them - prepare yourselves for the battle at the Baxter Reserve.

Apology

The Editor does apologise for the lack of "Humberette" covers. During the year our membership has increased beyond his expectations. As new covers will be printed for the March issue, we shall have to do without for February.

Could the respective concours class winners please send me photos of their vehicles to place on our new cover.

If Norm Watt has finished his 34' Snipe, a photo of that car would be appreciated.

Editor

SNIFE SNIPPETTS

The following results are from the Post Vintage Humber Club (U.K.) 4th Annual Concours. Winners of various sections:

1938	Snipe
1952	Hawk Mk. V
1965	Hawk Series V
1967	Imperial
1973	Hillman Hunter ???
1964	Super Snipe Hearse
1935	16/60 Coupe

Outright winner 1935 16/60 Coupe

Harold Underwood's fleet seems to be expanding every day. While running a VA daily and restoring a Series I, Harold has acquired a Series II Snipe. When asked if he was going to obtain a III and IV to complete the set, he looked at Mrs. Harold, who in turn answered with a look which was a very loud NO! Looks seem to be more comprehending than words sometimes.

Wind noise in these Series Humber is quite noticeable at 80 m.p.h. plus, and while on the way to Moe late last month Denise Judd riding passenger commented "Gee, its windy today but none of the trees seem to be moving do they?"?!!

HANDY HUMBER HINTS

The auto trans on my Series IV Estate wagon was leaking fluid like a sieve. Upon the recommendation of the Chambers Bros. I tried special sealant to add to the oil. Seals are not so expensive of course, but the job of removing those D.G. boxes is a heavy task, so I bought a can of J.B. brand Sealant hoping it would at least do half the job the label on the can claimed. Well, after 5 days the pools of oil on the concrete receded to drops and 5 days after that, absolutely all clear. It really is amazing stuff as it also works on leaky power steering rams as well. No side effects have yet been experienced after 6 months daily use.

J.B. is an American brand obtainable at most speed shops.

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If your interior trim/seal is frayed or torn and you are not too concerned about "standard", try a door trim/seal from an ACCO A or B International truck. Its black plastic trim with rubber seal incorporated in it and will fit all way round.

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If you have any hints or solutions to problems don't hesitate to drop the Editor a line so that all members may benefit also.

Des Judd