

# THE HUMBERETTE

January 1980

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*

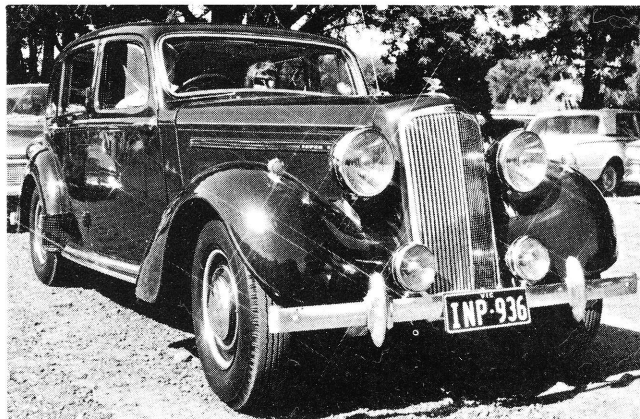
*Owners: Tom & Lynne McAlpine*

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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### 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)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Our President is currently enjoying his holidays but I'm assured he will be presiding at our Meeting on January 25th. He looks forward to seeing you all there.

REG HATTERSLEY.

SECRETARY'S NOTES.

May I open by wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year and I hope your Christmas was merry and full of good cheers, as well. As the Club entered it's fifth year on Oct. 10th '79 elections for a new committee draws near and as most of the committeemen are retiring this year, members will be required to stand or nominate people to fill these positions left vacant. Our February Meeting is the Annual General Meeting where this task of electing the new committee takes place and ALL city members are required to attend

If you have never thought of standing for a position on the "Dench" now is the time to start. None of the jobs are easy. It takes a lot of work, effort and spare time. You are charged to fulfill your task to the best of your ability and not to leave it to the next person to do for you. You are also obligated to attend each General Meeting, Committee Meeting and outing which can't always be done of course, but at least a 90% effort is required.

If you are nominated for a position on the committee, please on please, decline if your excuse for standing for such a position is based on "Oh well, I suppose I'll have to if no one else will". It is absolutely useless to the committee and the members of the H.C.C.V. to come in on that basis. If you are genuinely concerned about the running and welfare of this Club, its members and their cars and to the marque itself and apply yourself honestly and willingly to get the job done, then come forward, please.

This hobby of ours is the most fascinating of all others, the cars, the history, the people who built them or drove them can only be compared with the history of flight.

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The more involved you get, the more fascination... So if you own and drive a classic, and a member of a Car Club and then venture further to take part in the running of that Club and do it well, (with not much thanks) the self-satisfaction is most fulfilling and makes all the effort well worthwhile.

See you at the January Meeting.

DES JUDD.

### SNIPE SNIPPETTS.

Des Judd found a nice polishing rag at the M.G. Concours, hanging from the H.C.C.V. Banner. It, ( the rag ) did such a good job on the engine, Des took it home to his good wife, who put it through the washing machine then hung it on the line to dry.

But horror of horrors, it was not a rag but a flag with Daimler Lanchester Club emblazoned across it. Des dutifully returned the flag to a D.L.C. member, Tony Porter, and was informed by a stunned Tony that the President of the D.L.C., a one John Macklin by name, had indeed left it behind at the M.G. day. I apologise to John for I told his Editor about it first, so John will be 'surprised' when he picks up his January issue of the D.L.C. Newsletter.

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### COMING EVENTS.

British Display Day . - February 24th (Templestowe).

The January Meeting will be your last chance to pay Lloyd Hughes your \$2.00 to enter. More details at January Meeting and February Newsletter.

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Easter National Humber Rally ( Bendigo).

All members wishing to secure Motel accommodation must pay \$10 deposit by February General Meeting. Those wanting to make Caravan Park bookings MUST make their own arrangements NOW.

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It has been suggested that independent Judges be used for our Concours'. This will most certainly be investigated. But if other Judges than the three who were at the '79 Concours had to do the same job, the scores could have been different, but the result would be just the same. The three Judges who participated last year solidily stand by the result they gave.

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### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions should be received by the February Meeting, except those new members who joined after August 1979.

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## SNIPES SNIPPETTS.

Get well to Ralf Chalmers - hope to see you 'back on deck' Ralf.

Secretary has changed the colour of his Wagon ( sorry Estate Car !).

## CARS & PARTS FOR SALE/WANTED.

Sell MK 111 Snipe, mileage of approx. 30,000, has been repainted from bare metal up, all new chromework, new carpets, excellent original leather interior, all woodwork re-lacquered, good tyres, Reg 6/80.  
Car in excellent condition throughout \$2500 firm,  
568 0019 Home, 699 4977 Business. JOHN BROWNE.

MK V1 Hawk going O.K., reasonable condition, registered, any reasonable offer.  
I. MC DONALD 862 1915.

## SOCIAL NOTES.

### M.G. CONCOURS.

The weather was ideal for the M.G. Concours, but in contrast to prior years I felt the numbers of cars attending was down a little, still in all, an enjoyable day to view vehicles that we only hear about. I felt that the SS 100 Boat Tailed Roadstar was so impressive that I purchased a Tattsлото ticket the next week - but to no avail - well we can only dream.

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As expected the numbers of M.G.'s attending is enormous and one of our members who will remain anonymous helped the M.G.'s tally. The H.C.C.V. was well represented by a fine array of Series Cars and the Club Banner looked terrific - just ask the Daimler boys !

The M.G. Concours judging is done differently to our own, in that, originality is not taken into consideration. Obviously with the M.G. Concours set-up the one set of Judges could be hardly expected to know each and every Model and Make of Car, this is why cars are judged 'as presented'. This year's outright winner was a much modified M.G.A. Roadstar and it was immaculate, though original in the body and chassis only.

It will be interesting to compare the 'British Day' with the M.G. Concours and to see what vehicles turn out.

#### BRITISH MOTORING SHOW.

The various Car Clubs representing British makes have banded together to put on a show of all British Cars.

The Show will be held at the site of the old Templestowe Hill Climb at the northern end of Blackburn Road, Templestowe, on Sunday 24th February 1980. This site is now privately owned and also includes a children's Pet Park.

All people with English Cars are invited to participate - even non Club members. Cars will assemble at Doncaster Shopping Town Car Park at about 9.30 a.m. where they will be grouped into the various makes before travelling in convoy to the Show.

As the organisers need funds to promote the venture they would like all people attending to participate to pay the \$2 entry fee now. This can be paid at the H.C.C.V. General Meeting on January 25th. By doing so you will be entitled to bring in as many people as you like in your car with no further charge.

Non-participants will pay \$2 per head. This is the normal entry fee for the Pet Park which will be on view as well as the cars. It is planned to make a substantial donation to Red Cross from the proceeds.

Ample B.B.Q. facilities are available as well as a Kiosk and Ice-Cream Vans. About 40 acres of parking is available. If you would like to participate see Lloyd Hughes with your \$2 at the January Meeting. We have told the organisers that the H.C.C.V. will field a good number of quality British Humbers.

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EDITORIAL.

I can honestly say that I've enjoyed the break from the Printing Machine over the Christmas period. The MK 111 Humber hasn't shifted from inside the garage, but all this is due for change as the V.A.C.C. has asked that the car be available for this year's International Motor Show in which the MK 111 will represent the Club - quite an honour for the 'old girl'. Obviously now the car will get a long deserved 'scrub up' cut and polish, carpet shampoo and steam clean to the engine compartment and interior.

When the car is looking its best, unfortunately I will have to sell her, so if anybody would like a low mileage MK 111 Snipe give me a call.

As most of you know I recently purchased an M.G.A. Roadstar for the summer months. Well the M.G. developed an unexplained oil leak from the rear of block, this made it necessary to remove the engine and gearbox, whilst the engine was out I decided a repaint would improve things and, well, one thing leads to another and now the M.G. is just a shell, and having a repaint, re-chrome, rebuilt enging/gearbox, wheels and brakes and new trim. I'm right in the middle of the job now so in about a fortnight or so (I've taken 10 days holiday) the M.G. will be back in service, this car is also for sale when finished.

In case your're wondering I've had a big cleanout of vehicles and the only one's I'm keeping are the MK 11 Humber Tickford Drop Head Coupe and my Daimler Roadstar. On the subject of cars for sale, does anyone have a Snipe Reg. Roadworthy for \$200 - \$300, obviously for this price all I expect is a reliable old plodder, so if you're wanting to sell one give me a call on 568 0019 Home, 699 4977 Business. This car is for my brother who needs transport whilst restoring his Austin Sprite.

Well that's about all for this month and I'll see you all on Friday.

EDITOR

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A powerful new Humber Hawk saloon fitted with O.H.V. engine and with provision for overdrive in top gear has been announced in England. The new Humber Hawk, combining silent and smooth running with reliability and great roominess, and possessing a top speed of over 80 m.p.h. is designed to give increased power at continued low running costs.

Laycock-De-Normanville overdrive is an optional extra.

The Hawk has these new features:-

- \* An O.H.V. 70 b.h.p. engine, giving a 20 per cent. rise in power output, but at continued low running costs;
- \* Laycock-De-Normanville overdrive - this optional extra gives, in effect, the advantages of five forward gears;
- \* Better braking with lining area increased by over 40 per cent;
- \* All-round fuel economy, an increasingly important factor in everyday motoring;
- \* More passenger room on wider rear compartment seats;
- \* Balance clutch control, light and simple in operation;
- \* More attractive exterior styling with redesigned rear wings. A new interior finish and many additional refinements afford added comfort and luxury;
- \* The steering wheel is redesigned with a horn ring;
- \* The new stop-tail lamps incorporate reflectors and flashing indicators, and there is a concealed petrol filler cap;
- \* New balanced boot lid, finger light in operation, with slam type lock.

#### O.H.V. ENGINE LIKE THE SUNBEAM

The new O.H.V. four-cylinder engine is a fine example of latest engineering practice on well-proved and fully-tested lines. With 70 b.h.p. available the car is capable of over 80 m.p.h., with excellent acceleration and effortless high cruising speed. This extra power and smooth operation is due to the clean, compact design of the cylinder head. Separate and unobstructed inlet and exhaust ports for each cylinder, large diameter inlet valves, and a compression ratio of 7:1 are features to be noted, as well as improved engine mountings and an efficiently designed carburetter.

The engine incorporates a thermostatically-operated manifold system for easy cold weather starting and all-round excellence of performance with either high or low grade fuels.

#### CHASSIS FEATURES

The rigid and fully boxed girder frame with cruciform members is designed to withstand strains of hard driving or rough road conditions. To take care of the increased performance larger and wider brakes are fitted, the brake lining area being increased by over 40 per cent.

#### OVERDRIVE

Full provision is made for fitting Laycock-De-Normanville overdrive unit as an optional extra. Many advantages result - higher maximum and cruising speeds in greater comfort, improved petrol consumption, and reduced engine wear.

THE HUMBER CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA WOULD  
LIKE TO EXTEND ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHIES  
TO TOM & LYNNE MC ALPINE AND FAMILY  
ON THE PASSING OF MRS. MC ALPINE SENIOR.