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SOCIAL CALENDAR 1982

| Sunday March 21st | British Motoring Show | August | Open |
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| April 9th to 12th | Mornington Racecourse Easter National Rally South Australia | Sunday September 12th | President's Run Mystery Trial |
| Sunday May 16th | Picnic Run — | Sunday October 10th | Mitchelton Winery |
| | Gumbuya Park, Pakenham | Sunday November 14th | H.C.C.V. Concours |
| June 12th to 14th | Weekend at Indented Head | Saturday November 27th | Annual Dinner and Presentation Night |
| Saturday July 17th | Roast on the Spit | Sunday December 12th | M.G. Club Concours |

The Club meets on the Fourth Friday of the month (except December) at 8.00 p.m., in the Deepdene Park Hall, Whitehorse Road, Deepdene.

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President's Report

Seasons greetings to one and all. I hope the festive season has left all club members intact - will be looking forward to talking to as many as possible at the next meeting on FRIDAY 28th JANUARY. A number of members are still away but I'm sure we'll get good attendance on the night.

Our last event for 1982, the annual dinner/presentation night went off smoothly and was very well organised - all that attended had an enjoyable evening. The details of raffle results including monies raised are to be found in this issue, in Social Secretary's report.

This year I would like each member to endeavour to enlist one new member. If each of us try throughout the year it will help the club tremendously in growth and new ideas, as a number of members resign annually for their own various reasons.

Over the Christmas holidays Nancy and myself have been looking around for pre 1940 Humbers and have travelled many a mile to date and followed up a lot of leads — so far with only one possibility. We have met a lot of people, seen a number of cars and heard about many others. I'm compiling a list of our findings and some of these vehicles will begin to appear in our news letter as from this month — so keep your eye on the "FOR SALE" column. We've found many Humber owners who do not belong to a club or don't wish to join any. Also found others in clubs that have nothing to do with Humbers but they intend to stay with the club they know — maybe one day we'll win them over.

Well fellow members, enough from me at this moment. Hope to see you on Friday 28th at 8pm.

BOB KENNEDY

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Hopefully all H.C.C.V. members are recovering from a safe and undramatic festive season which was a happy and fullfilling one (and thankful that it's over for another year!) Now its time to look forward to get all enthusiastic again, in supporting our outside of home/work interests which I hope includes Humber preservation and the Good Ol' H.C.C.V.

An interesting calendar is being drawn up which the committee hopes will meet with your approval. Subs are now almost due and unlike most things these days, do not look like being increased for yet another year, but be prompt anyway so that the treasurer can plan out some sort of budget early in the year so as to give the new committee a base on which to operate.

Lapel badges are in the process of being made but as yet the order has not been completed due to the Christmas/New Year break, but should be available by February general meeting.

The "Humberette"has somewhat of an American flavour this month. But is only meant to be taken lightly. Dick Langworth's article was written for the benefit of over 300 million yanks who would have no idea what a "HOMBAR" is.

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Cont.... Secretary's Notes:

Dick assures us that he means no harm or wishes to hurt any Humber owners feelings "Down: Under".

The M.G. boys have invited us to join them at Heidelberg for their concours sometime in March. (Date to be published elsewhere in news letter). A Car Khana with the Wolseley boys (and girls) is planned for later in the year plus a return to Echuca for the Steam Rally in June are some of the things we hope you will enjoy for 1983.

See you on the 28th January.

DES JUDD

MIND TEASERS:

- 1. Do they have a fourth of July in En gland?
- 2. How many birthdays does the average man have?
- 3. Is it legal in France for a man to marry his widows sister?
- 4. If a doctor gave you three pills and said to take one every half-hour how many would you take in a day?
- 5. How many animals of each species did Moses take along on the Ark?
- 6. A farmer had 17 sheep; all but nine dies. How many had he left?
- 7. If you had only one match and entered a room where there was a lamp, an oil heater and some kindling wood, which would you light first?
- 8. One month has 28 days. Of the remaining 11 months how many have 30?
- 9. Why can't a man living in Parkes, N.S.W. be buried West of the Darling?
- 10. A woman gave a beggar 50 cents. The woman is the beggar's long lost sister, but the beggar is not the woman's brother. Why?

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our annual dinner went off most successfully last November, due to the sensational job Margaret did of organising everything down to the last detail. Thanks to all members who donated so generously for the Christmas hamper and also to Harold and Adelaide Underwood for the dinner set and Margaret Willimott for the lovely cake.

It was a great surprise to the children and adults alike when Santa arrived with his gifts for everyone and his cheery ho, ho ho's-job well done Bill.

Raffle winners - 1st prize - Xmas Hamper - J. Tanner (Sun Machine Room)

2nd prize - Dinner Set - Peter Davenport (H.C.C.V.)

3rd prize - Xmas Cake - Dina (Wills Cigars).

Club person of the year award went to Peter Shelden, and Barry Bosnich is yet to be presented with a token of appreciation for selling the largest number of raffle tickets. Final figures are not yet to hand, but the profit made by the H.C.C.V. was approximately \$75 from the dinner and \$192.10 was the grand total raised from the raffle. Thanks again to all members for their generous donations and support. All members send best wishes to Harold and Adelaide and hope they are both much better. See you on the 28th January.

April Beardsmore

MOTOR TRENDS IN U.S. of A.

Although the following is a regional survey of who's driving what in the U.S.A. much can be compared of who's driving what in Australia.

THE EAST

The College car is usually piloted by a young flake-brain who can't make up his mind whether to stop nuclear war or go to dental school. He thinks cars were made to pollute the atmosphere, nobody told him cars were for fun so style and performance don't matter. The car can't be American made and it shouldn't be Japanese, there's something about them that makes people think you work for a living. Usually the college car is an old english or French 4 cyl, dirty, dented, loaded down with dirty washing for Mom to do and covered with bumper stickers calling for "Ban the Bomb" or "Save the Lungfish". The college-professors cars are just as bad with emphasis on maroon 504 peugeots for their fine engineering while ignoring the 250 mile service intervals.

The dominant car species of the Eastern suburbs is the boxy, wedgy Euro-turbo. It might be an Audi, Volvo, Saab or even a new Peugeot. Mom's not sure and Dad can't remember off the top of his head, they all look the same. The important thing is, they are distinctive - unlike U.S. cars, which have too much styling to possess individuality. (If you think this doesn't make any sense, don't worry. It's not making sense to the marketing guys at Chrysler, Ford or G.M. either). The main things about turbo cars are that they are nouveau riche looking like a Benz, and they go like an antelope with a hot-and-sour-soup enema but only the teenage son in the family knows this for it's hard to get up turbo-boost in the six blocks between home and the office!

Ubiquitous in Eastern Suburbia is the station wagon, which to judge from style and colour, is ordered by mail or chosen blindfolded.

NEW YORK CITY

New York is a special case. Native New Yorkers do not know anything about cars. They think a car is something yellow with a number on the roof. Most other cars are big black olds ninety-eights or Porsches with M.D. plates parked beside a hydrant.

THE SOUTH

In town the muscle cars are still the favorite although no one drives them much. Most of the time they're parked outside factories while the owners try to make enough money to pay for the gas. In the country the primary means of locomotion in the rural south is that almost forgotten item, the pick-up truck. Its not jacked up the back, no 4 wheel drive, tinted glass, Cibie lights or moon rover tyres, its just an ol' truck. A real pick-up truck will last 200,000 miles, go anywhere on earth with bald tyres, carry the gross tonnage of the Lusitania and hit 90mph on the Interstate. Also seen in the country are a lot of L.T.D's owned by the practical sort of folks who like to be able to buy a truck, tractor, combine, hay-baler and a car all at the same dealership. L.T.D's handle just like trucks and have the same styling so farmers feel at home. Also in the South is the influx of old people looking for a place to die of heart-attacks from playing tennis instead of shovelling snow. In Florida its a local sport to spend the afternoon watching immaculate, ancient Lincolns with Jersey plates meander over the sidewalks and through the parkway dividers at three miles an hour.

is a woman,

^{1.} Yes, ther's a fourth of July in every country. 2. One - the average man, every man would is born only once. 3. Impossible, because the man would have to be dead. 4. Three. 5. None, It was Noah's Ark. 6. Nine (read the question again). 7. The match. 8. All of the other 11 months have at least 30 days. 9. He is still alive, so he can't be buried anywhere. 10. The beggar

THE MIDWEST

Men in the Midwest drive 'Vettes or wish they did, otherwise its Mustangs. Camaros or Firebirds. After they get married, they generally settle for an Oldsmobile, and dream what they could have done in a Corvette Plastic Date-Bait. Midwest women all drive Jap cars and give them cute little names (like "Benji") but sitting in every back yard is a Leviathan Motorhome that hasn't been down the driveway in five years. Mom, Dad, the Kids, dog and Grandma all went to Florida for vacation - Grandma got an attack of colitis, so the waste tanks had to be flushed out every 35 miles from Fort Wayne, Indiana to Macon, Georgia. A side trip to the emergency room in Cincinnati Hospital 'cause baby sis knocked two teeth outa baby brother, Dad went off the road three times in freak snowstorms in Kentucky, took one look at the tow bills and began to drink, so Mom had to drive all the way to Chattanooga where she backed over somebody's boat trailer in the parking lot of a 7-Eleven Store. The dog threw up 154 times and when they did finally get to Florida big sis eloped with some guy in a mouse suit. Now nobody in the family can ever look at that Winnebago motorhome.

THE WEST

Contrary to cigarette ads, the car of choice in the great American West isn't some wooly pick-up truck or jeep - it is a Cadillac. When it is 700 miles to the nearest town and there's not a single curve in the road, a guy can fall asleep at the wheel in Oklahoma City and wake up in Tucson without fear of interuption. A Cadillac's suspension is great for driving around the prairie when your drunk and over a ton of beer can be held in the trunk which when closed acts as a heli-pad when more supplies are needed. Everything about a Cadillac is perfect for the West. It's always too hot or too cold out there and Cadillacs have fabulous climate control. This land yacht is the natural descendant of the old prairie schooner. Of course Pick-up trucks are still plentiful in the West. They are driven by oil-rig roughnecks who want to look like cowboys and college-students from the East who want to look like oil-rig roughnecks. Indians also like Pick-ups. Indians want all the land back so they buy Pick-ups with extra long beds so they'll have someplace to put the land when they get it! In the Rockies the Subaru 4 w.d. predominates but there are some hopelessly wealthy movie stars who buy range rovers with blacked out windows. There are two drawbacks however. One is that there are only two mechanics left in the country who can fix them and they are both in New York and the other is, that when the owners of these vehicles are really blasted on cocaine, it's very hard for them to tell the front end of a range rover from the back end.

THE NORTH WEST

In the North-West the Hippies still drive dirty, battered Datsuns and converted school buses. Also in the North West are pick-up trucks with camper boxes. Travelling in a Winnebago with the whole family is bad enough, what it's like to holiday in a pick-up camper is unimaginable.

CALIFORNIA is also a special case. Automobiles to Californians are what Fosters is to Australians or Hysteria to Iran. A Californian selects his car according to image. Indoor image means important job, rich and powerful so this guy buys a Benz or B.M.W. An outdoor image seeker wants everyone to think he is healty and athletic so he buys a Datsun King Cab 4 w.d. There is one other kind of Californian image for people too obviously poor to be indoors and too obviously unhealthy to be outdoors. This is the silly-image where people spend all their time and energy restoring a studebaker so that they will be noticed.

If you don't fit into any of these catagories then you are driving a Chevrolet, have the stars and stripes hanging in your living room and wonder what the hell it's all about. If you'r Australian, you'r probably still wondering what it's all about too!

STOP PRESS......STOP PRESS.....STOP PRESS.....STOP PRESS.....

A HUMBER IMPERIAL U.S.A. STYLE

I wanted a collector car bad, but didn't want to spend millions getting one so I sold my everyday Lancia to a friend (who remarkably still remains a friend) and started looking for a replacement - preferably something walnuty and leathery. There is no logical reason for needing tree-wood or cow-skin in a car, but logic was never the car-collector's strong point anyway. It was soon obvious that the \$2700 I'd received for the Lancia would not buy half a Jaguar 3.8 or even a Rover, so I bought a Humber Imperial.

Now any Humber is weired enough but an Imperial is the downright end! Built in 1965-67 at Thrupp and Maberly Coachworks, this was essentially a gussied up super snipe. It has the last version of the snipe body with the squared off green house and a vent wing at each corner.

It looks like a Checker from the side, but is Rolls-Roycey from the rear, so naturally you always park it bum-end-out. The ungodly get around to the front and encounter the giant chromed moustache like a '50s Buick and start cracking puns. The best one so far is the guy who said he thought a Humber was something you got in a whorehouse!

Only about 2500 imperials were built, which partially allows the serious fanatic to put up with these wisecracks. (Of course, only about 2,500 '60 Edsels were built too). Performance is, shall we say, leisurely. A Jaguar this is not, rather its a sort of English Buick. Well built solidly if unimaginatively engineered, the kind of car a doctor or solicitor would buy if he couldn't afford a Bentley. Looked at in this light the Imperial is a nice car, silky smooth on the road and fast if you give it enough room. It's fun to trundle along with your back-seat passengers flipping down walnut picnic trays, swivelling out reading lights, swinging on leather assist straps and lighting up with one of about 17 cigar lighters. It's sort of a mini. Disneyland back there. The wiring is that inspired combination of Joe Lucas which every restorer of an English car has come to appreciate with a sort of inverse pride.

Hey - pretty good, right? I swapped a \$2700 used car for a \$2700 collector car in good shape showing just 50,000 miles. If it doesn't appreciate, at least it won't depreciate.

Of course it wouldn't be half the fun with an '82 Dasher and that's what this off-beat hobby is all about, isn't it? Isn't it?????

RICHARD M. LANGWORTH New Hampshire U.S.A.

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FOR SALE

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FOR SALE

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WANTED TO BUY

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p582056

Brake cable; p1405543

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King pins 32-33 Minx Switch bezel p2233547 super Minx or Humber? FREE (quantity of these) Unknown steering sector* Lockheed wheel cylinders (could be Chrysler)** Door handle with key. Series Minx, Humber. *** Lock mechanism with key (boot) **** Gear lever knobs p1203066

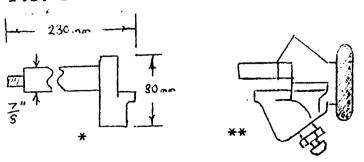
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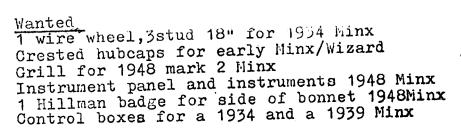
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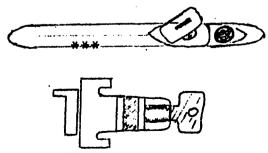
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1982/83 M.R.A. BLOOD CHALLENGE

Most of you will be aware of the Motorcycle Riders Association (M.R.A.) annual Blood Challenge, held during the Summer months, and most clubs, if not all, in the A.O.M.C. have taken part in it, usually as an individual club effort.

As individual clubs we have little or no chance getting our mames up on the board as the organization with the most donations for that year.

It is proposed that during this coming challenge that we stand united as one organization.

The Association of Motoring Clubs. So instead of putting down your club's name in the book you put down A.O.M.C., this will as least give us a fighting chance against other big organizations such as Rotatact and the Scouting movement etc.

So if clubs can organize their members to start donating from the beging of December, either as individual donors or in a group.

If you are going as a group then it might be an idea to notify the Blood Bank of your intentions and so arrange a time convient to both parties, this is especially important if you have a large group.

SO LETS GET THE A.O.M.C. WELL KNOWN BY GETTING TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS A REAL SUCCESS.

Robert Mackie Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria

P.S. Rotaract won the challenge last year with over 800 donations, this year they are aiming for 1000 donations. Lets show them what we are all about and get at least 1200 donations, we have the numbers.

HUMBER SPARES



While our first concern will always be Rootes Group Spares (Australia's Largest Range).

We have now moved into stocking all model English Spare Parts, but as always we are eager to buy collections of new English Spares for Australian dollars.

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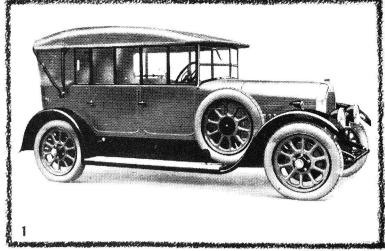
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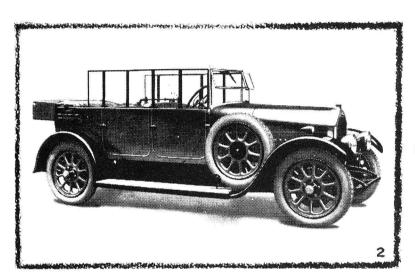
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1. 15/40 h.p. Tourer with hood raised.



2. 15/40 h.p. Tourer with side windows raised.

