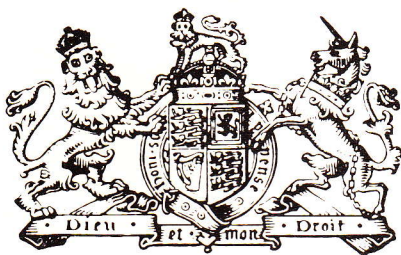


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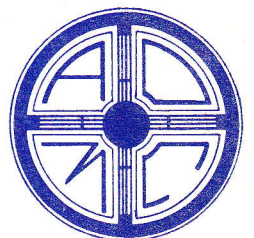
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SOCIAL CALENDAR 1982

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

Hello fellow club members. My family and I have just returned from 'Indented Heads', after 3 wonderful days of sunshine. The weekend was a very good get-together - most of us were content to sit in the sunshine and 'chinwag.' Some ventured out for short drives around the area but not too far. Further comments on the weekend are to be found in later pages of this newsletter.

At the last Meeting, we cancelled out the "Roast on the Spit" (July outing), till a later date yet to be set. Maybe early next year might suit us better when the weather warms up with daylight saving. This way we may be able to include a dance with the evening, plus have the cars on show maybe with another car club, then invite the public in to have a look at the cars through the day while we set up for the evening events.

To fill in the July outing, we have looked around for something different and with the help of George Toyne, I think we have a winner. On Sunday July 18th, at the "Burnley Horticultural College", from 1100 hrs. to 1600 hrs. we have arranged a "technical" day for all. This will be started with a B.B.Q. in the grounds then over to the workshop where we will have a car on the hoist and one on the ground. With these two vehicles we will point out all those funny sounding things to you and explain what they do plus go through a service for you. Also, we will have a diff. and auto transmission there to demonstrate a auto. trans.band adjustment. This type of outing I hope will answer for both male and female members a lot of questions on the why's and whatfors of your cars and help you understand them much better. The gardens at the College are there to enjoy - I'm sure a few hours could easily be spent by members and their families wandering around them.

The College runs a large number of courses throughout the year. If anyone wants to attend any of these we have included with your newsletter a list of all the types and dates of 1982 courses being run by the College.

On the small map numbers have been marked in which will help you find your way to the right spot. If you have a Melways Directory it is map 45, ref.A, 12. On the small map enclosed No.1 is the workshop where the demonstration will take place. No.2 is the car park and No.3 is the B.B.Q. area, toilets etc., No.4 is the gate we will have to enter by.

Last month's guest speaker from the "Westgate" bridge proved to be a surprise to all that attended. The amount of work that went into the planning and construction amazed us. It makes one feel much better when crossing the bridge to know what is underneath you.

We still have some "Wynns" products left at quite a large reduction, so please get them before we run out.

Till we meet again at Deepdene, all the best to each and every one of you. I have to close now as our Club Editor is leaning over my shoulder fuming at me for taking so long, so I'll cut my ravings till the next get together.

Bob Kennedy

WANTED TO BUY

Australian and overseas number plates. Any condition.

Des Judd - 783-9743

Clocks - going or not going. Grandfather Wall, Mantle and Carriage Clocks etc.,

Bob Kennedy - 789-5119

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD 28TH MAY, 1982

The President opened meeting at 8.15 p.m. before 25 members including 8 committee persons.

1. Bob welcomed members and visitors including Peter Philpott from Datsun Car Club.
2. Apologies:- Denise Judd, Bob Bruce, Rex Salter.
3. Minutes:- Passed. J. Lhuede.
4. Correspondence Inwards:- Shabon, Rover C.C., John Pritchard, Frank McGuire, A. Pirrie, Old Transport Book Shop, K. Catterall (U.K.) Newsletters from Austin A40, Daimler, Wolseley, Rover and Humber Clubs of Qld., S.A., and N.S.W., and Dunsterforce Books, Vintage Drivers Club.
Outwards:- In acknowledgement of above.
5. Treasurer's Report:- Credit Balance \$922.00 as of 28th May. Due to Bills for Newsletter Covers, Paper and postage has reduced balance to \$635.00
6. Social Secretary's Report:- April gave a brief resume of last outing to Gumbya Park. Next outing to Indented Heads, Queen's Birthday.
7. Technical Officer's Report:- Herb reported that Hillman Spares Blackburn are cheaper on spares than Brunswick Branch but for repairs needed to be carried out on front cross members due to them being cracked, Kent Engineering, 68 Renver Road, Clayton.
 It is stressed that the front suspension should be removed in unit off the car..
8. Editor's Report:- Nancy stated that 4 pages of newsletter cost \$84.00. May Newsletter came to \$1.55 per copy. Nancy went on to say that 3 pages would be sufficient for future editions.
9. The President asked for a show of hands for a theatre night in August, preferably Saturday night. Members showed interest for such a night out. Bob also asked for comments on Spit Roast Night as to whether July or daylight saving months would be more preferable. Members opted for summer months at a date yet to be decided. Not outing for July is planned.
10. Bookings were called for Indented Heads.
11. There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 9.40.
12. Bob then introduced Mr. R.B. Jones from West Gate Bridge Authority.

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GUEST SPEAKER FOR JUNE

MR. LAURIE TREWIN from Frantz Filters, Vic Pty.Ltd., Along with discussion on this product, there will be a demonstration which should make it a most interesting evening.

SHE "You can take me to the dance tonight if you like....unless (coolly) you meet somebody more attractive in the meantime"

HE "I say! That's sporting of you. We'll leave it like that then shall we?"

OUTING AT GUMBUYA PARK - PAKENHAM

Gumbuya Park was in a lovely bush setting, which was very relaxing - plenty of B.B.Q's; a lovely spot for everyone to get together, only a short drive from home. The adults and children really enjoyed themselves walking around seeing all the different types of birds and animals.

Members who attended were:-

Bob & Nancy Kennedy & Family	- Series 5
Des & Denise Judd & Family	- Series 5A
Harold & Adelaide Underwood	- Series 5A
Brian & April Beardsmore & Family-	Series 1
Bill & Joan Holmes	- Vogue
Tom & Lyn McAlpine & Family	- Series 5A
Jack & Sybil Waring	- Series 4
Paul & Carmel Carter & Family	- Vogue
Bob Bruce & Marjorie	- Series 4
Peter Davenport & Wendy	- Series 5
Geo. Toyne	- Series 5A
Rex Salter & Family	- Mark 4A

Each month our Trading Table is becoming more interesting and for the May meeting the takings came to \$43.40. If any members have odds and ends they no longer require please bring them along - all donations gratefully accepted.

APRIL BEARDSMORE.

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

In recent years number plate collecting has become as popular as stamp collecting within the old car hobby and makes a very interesting sub-hobby to our main interest which of course is old cars.

American plates are considered the most collectable due to their colourful appearance and very descriptive slogan of each state. Some examples:-

*IOWA - Garden State. NEW MEXICO - Sunshine State. NEW HAMPSHIRE - Scenic.
MAINE - Vacationland.*

Sound familiar don't they? All our plates from each state are reflected as are our own plates, which look very much like U.S. plates and far more attractive than the staid and sombre British type of plate which Victoria has had for so long. The first relettered plate? Georgia, 1941.

Hummer parts are becoming increasingly difficult to come by. I would suggest to all H.C.C.V. members to start stocking up, particularly on "FAST MOVING" lines such as fan belts, radiator hoses, exhaust components, disc-pads etc. etc. A few major parts houses are writing them off due to poor demand, so perhaps if enough of us produce a mini-boom in demand, the likes of Repco, P.B.R. Brooklands may maintain orders of stock and thus keep such vital parts in production.

Perhaps too, members can write down a list of parts from other makes which can be applied to Hummers such as H.D. - H.R. Holden front wheel bearings interchange or XW-XY falcon 6cyl. bottom radiator hoses will double as top hoses for series snipes - just to mention two.

If anyone knows of any other parts from other makes, a compilation of such instances could be made into a very handy reference book which I'm sure would be very beneficial to any members stuck out in the mulga! Just last Saturday I went into Brooklands for a fuel pump kit and the man behind the counter said "HUMBER! Ooh! I don't like your chances." (How many times have you heard that?) He was back within a minute with a kit, which is universal to most mech-fuel

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ever made. As soon as you mention "Humber" they don't want to know you, but if you can name another car which uses the same part; service with a smile.

See you on the 25th.

DES JUDD.

*** Why is a Politician like a banana? - Starts off green, turns yellow and ends up bent!

*** There was once a hillbilly who came across a mirror whilst ploughing his field. Being the first mirror he'd ever seen it became a source of amusement to him. He took it home and hid it upstairs in the attic and each night after that he would go up and look at it. After a while his wife became suspicious and went up to see what was so interesting - she picked up the mirror, looked at it and said "So that's the old hussy he's been running around with".

NEWS FROM OUR INTERSTATE MEMBERS

By: Lloyd Hughes.....

Called on John Browne and Faye in Adelaide a couple of weeks ago and found they'd sold the lovely Daimler that John was so impressed with when he wrote the series that ended in our last Humberette.

The replacement is a Reliant Scimitar - a limited production English Sports Saloon fitted with a Ford V6 motor. Body is all fibreglass and the styling of John's car - a very rare one in Australia - is a notchback with four headlights not unlike the early Celicas.

The body had been reduced without adequate preparation before John got it and the paintwork was starting to craze and crack so he's now got it all rubbed down and is sealing all the fibres back (apparently they all stand up like the hair on a dog once you start rubbing down fibreglass) and also drilling out and filling the myriad holes that occur in the thickness of a fibreglass panel and only appear if you have to rub it back,

Luckily the original distributors of these cars are based in Adelaide and still have most of the spares needed as well as being able to give the correct advice on handling fibreglass. This of course was only obtained after various so-called experts had given John incorrect advice.

The V6 - same as the Capri V6-sits well back in the chassis, actually behind the front axle line, which results in light steering and excellent handling. The bucket seats have generous wrap-around giving good side-support to the driver and passenger while there is an occasional seat more suited for children, behind - a real 2 + 2 car.

The car is quite high-g geared, or "long legged" as John puts it, with 4,000 r.p.m. only coming up at around 100mph in top - The car being easily capable of 125mph. Acceleration is quite brisk as all-up weight is just under the ton and electric overdrive operates on third and top giving economical high speed cruising John is still using the car for everyday transport during its restoration as the fibreglass cannot rust or deteriorate even while it is bare. So he tootles around on his business calls with no grille, no bumpers and and no paint!

It should be quite a magnificent car when its finished and provide high performance executive style transport for someone, as John intends to sell it once the restoration is complete.

I've only ever seen one Scimitar before- a fast back style car for sale at Pitstop Motors. The general style of John's car, the cockpit and performance reminded me of a Ghia-bodied Fiat 1800S I once owned, although I think the Fiat had nicer lines. It had twin Weber carbies, a highly tuned 1800cc motor and was also a 125mph machine.

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Unfortunately it was pretty much of a rust bucket and after driving it down from Sydney (where I bought it), I finally decided to get rid of it rather than restore it. I'd thought the wife would like it but she was not interested - fancy preferring a Triumph Herald to that!

As far as Humbers go, John has only his two-door Tickford Convertible Mark II left now and with a fully restored rolling chassis to plant the body on, the restoration should not be too difficult. One small problem is that John's in Adelaide and the car's in Melbourne.

Anyway, the good news is that John and Faye got married on June 12th, so lets hope he can now get that Reliant Scimitar finished quickly and then get stuck into the Humber Drophead Convertible.

We'll also have to hope he moves back to Melbourne so we can see it on some of the club outings !

THE RIOTOUS HUMBER RORT - Indented Heads

Well what a weekend it was !

First of all Lloyd Hughes arrived and promptly broke down with a euchred gear box. Some people will still drive those Mark Models !

- * Then we had trouble with Harold Underwood - believe he's got a tendency to hop into bed with other women !
- * We're also keeping a close watch on Adelaide in future - she seems to have ideas about annexing the Holme's lounge-room carpet !
- * That Brian Beardsmore is quite a Casanova - noticed him wooing some of the lovely Humber ladies in the restaurant car park.
- * Enjoyed the meal on the Saturday night - when it finally came, that is. The restaurant was well appointed, reasonably priced and the music subtle. No one danced except the kids though.
- * What about that sexy performance by "Lloyd the Pelvis ?".
- * And Beardsmore ?
- * Reckon Brian Beardsmore could make a living with that guitar - he's really quite professional.
- * Seems to be a bit of a mix-up somewhere - Col McKenzie's Series III wearing Series IV hub caps and the Wilson's Series IV wearing Series III hub caps ??

Overheard one of the kids remark about another, wearing a hat, "Does she need to keep her brains warm to make them work?"

Who couldn't find the keys of the garage to switch on their power??

THE HUSBAND'S COMMANDMENTS

1. I am Thy Husband: thou shalt have no other Husband but me, whom Thou didst vow to love, honor, and obey: for I saved Thee from old-maidism, and rescued Thee from the terror of single blessedness.

2. Thou shalt not look upon any other man to love or admire him: for I Thy Husband am a jealous Husband, who will visit the sins of the Wife upon her followers; therefore keep Thou faithfully to Thy marriage vow.

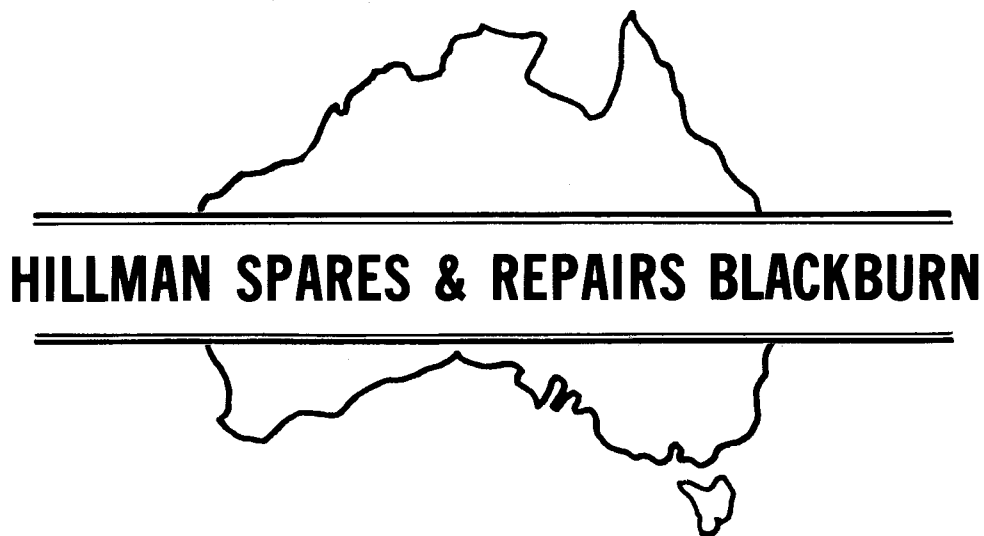
3. Thou shalt not backbite Thy Husband nor speak lightly of him: neither shalt Thou expose his faults to Thy neighbor, least He should hear of it, and punish Thy perfidy by a deprivation of sundry items, such as bonnets, dresses, &c.
4. Remember the seventh day to keep it free from all unnecessary labor: for there are six days in which to do Thy work. Thou shalt have Thine house clean and tidy by four o'clock on Saturday afternoon: and there shall be no washing of children or baking after that hour. Thou shalt do Thy marketing alone, lest in the company of other women Thou buyest ribbons for Thyself, instead of cigars for Thy Husband.
5. Honor Thy Husband's Father and Mother: and let not Thy thoughts wander selfishly towards Their cupboards and pockets whilst so doing.
6. Thou shalt not box Thy children's ears, nor thump them for plundering the sugar-pot, or running away with the pastry or jam: for a hungry stomach knows no law, save cut and run.
7. Thou shalt not listen to flattery, nor accept gifts or trinkets from any other man save Thy Husband, who esteemest woman's purity her greatest ornament.
8. Thou shalt not rifle Thy Husband's pockets for money when He is asleep, neither shalt Thou read any letters Thou mayest find therein: for it is His business to look after His own affairs, and Thy business is to let His alone: ask no questions but believe.
9. Thou shalt conceal nothing from Thy Husband: always speak the Truth, and make no false representation of the state of Thy pantry and purse, for Thy Husband abhorreth petty larceny in the domestic department, which shall be punished by closing the exchequer until such financial affairs are abolished.
10. Thou shalt not covet Thy neighbor's house: Thou shalt not covet Thy neighbor's furniture, nor Her dress, nor Her caps, nor anything that is Her's, and when Thou goest out with Thy Husband, Thou shalt not wear a crinoline, nor any other dangerous machine likely to come in contact with His shins.
11. Look for no jewellery from Thy Husband on the anniversary of Thy wedding: for it is written - "Blessed are they who expect nothing, for they shall not be disappointed."

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE CAR RESTORER - *Contributed By Lloyd Hughes.*

1. Thou shalt not store thy car out of doors - except thy wife's modern car.
2. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's car, nor his garage, nor his battery charger.
3. Thou shalt not love thy car more than thy wife - as much, but not more.
4. Thou shalt not read thy club Magazine in company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue the restoration.
5. Thou shalt not allow thy son or thy daughter to get married during the Holy days of the Annual Club Run.
6. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbour's Holden nor his Ford, nor envy his 1930 Chrysler.
7. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking thee is taking her for a Sunday drive, when indeed thou art looking for another old car.
8. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of the restoration.
9. Thou shalt not promise thy family a new addition to the house and then spend the money on restoring cars.
10. Thou shalt not give thy wife a floor jack for Christmas.

- Reprinted from "The Austinette" - Journal of the Austin A90 Atlantic Club of Australia.

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.

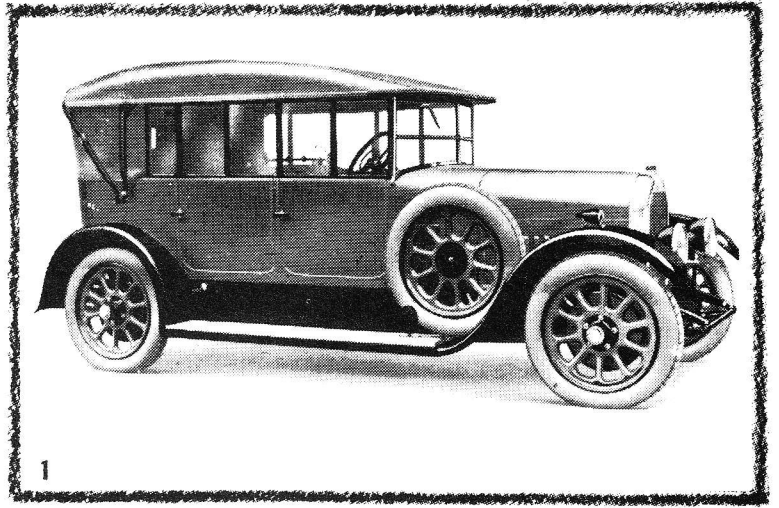
The King Pins stored in somebody's garage, may be the set that Mrs. Smith of Charters Towers needs for her 1948 Rover.

With the entry of my son Jim into the business we have shifted into mail or phone orders.

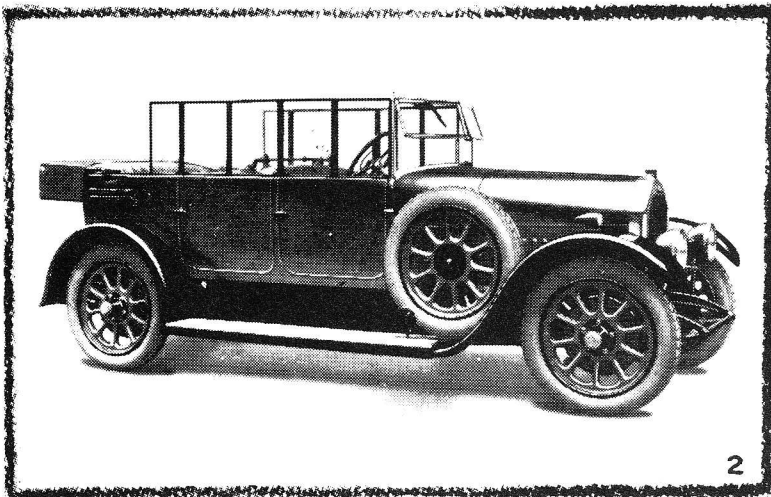
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1. 15/40 h.p. Tourer with hood raised.



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

3. 15/40 h.p. Tourer showing easy access to driver's seat.

