

# THE HUMBERETTE

November 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*

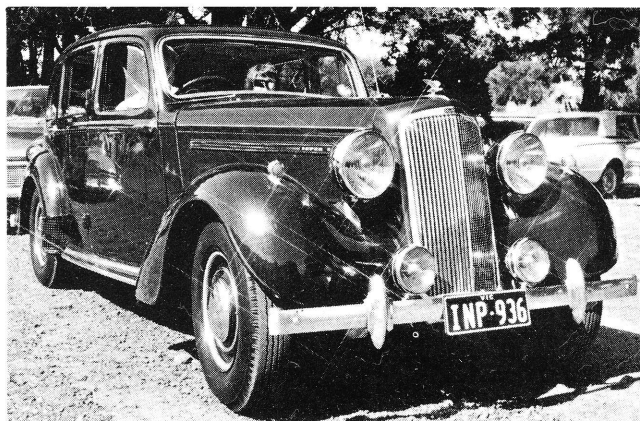
*Owners: Tom & Lynne McAlpine*

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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### 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 REPORT

The best club news I've heard for some time is that more cars are taking part in this year's concours and I'm sure we are all looking forward to seeing these cars on the 11th.

We have also had many enquiries from our newspaper advertisements, so it would seem that all we have to hope for is weather to match the day.

Then on Friday the 23rd November we will have our presentation night at "Chaucers" of Canterbury, another event to look forward to. This night is nearly booked out, so if you intend to go, I would suggest that you contact Marie Browne or Marion Hattersley, as soon as you can.

Our last outing for the year will be at the M.G. Concours, on Sunday the 9th December, and we hope our club will be well represented on this day.

Looking forward to seeing you at all three events.

In closing, for my last report for the year Marion and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Safe Motoring.

Reg Hattersley

## MINUTES OF 26TH OCT. '79 GENERAL MEETING

President opened meeting at 8.20 before 25 members and welcomed members and visitors.

1. President welcomed Bruce Chambers.
2. Apologies, Jack Lhuede taken by Lloyd Hughes & Harold Underwood.
3. Minutes passed by David Golds and Bill Baker.
4. Correspondence read and passed by Ralf Chalmers and Harold Underwood.
5. Treasurer's Report - \$1,212.85.  
Deposits for Chaucer's called and price list for jewellery read out.  
Raffle Ticket butts now due.  
Treasurer's Report adopted by Tom Bamber and Bill Holmes.
6. Social Secretary's Report - Annual Dinner. Chaucer's require numbers by 16th November. Members also asked whether or not they are going to Bendigo.
7. Editor's Report - November is the last Newsletter for 1979.
8. Tech. Report - Bob Kennedy thanked Peter Davenport for Books donated to library.
9. Vice President gave details of British Car Show with venue at Old Templestowe Hill Climb on Sunday 24th February 1980. \$2.00 at this meeting from each member allows unlimited number of people in each car.
10. President wishes all to know that the Concours is on the 11th November not the 4th November as shown in Newsletter.
11. President announced that Bob Kennedy's estate wagon will be entered in Concours so unfortunately will not be judging this year.
12. Reg also explained Joseph and Mary Spencer's absence from club outings.
13. President opened meeting for General Discussion.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m. and Reg. introduced guest speaker.

## SOCIAL NOTES

### HUMBER CAR CLUB CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE 1979

Once again the HCCV Concours was an outstanding success. The quality and quantity of the vehicles attending Como House was both excellent publicity for the club and the vehicles.

The standard of cars presented for concours judging is improving each year and obviously making the judge's job a more difficult one. This particular year the judges adopted a very critical approach as several vehicles did appear to be "very close" upon a cursory inspection, though in the final analysis there were "clear cut" winners in each category.

The general public who visited Como were most impressed with our cars, one instance I can recall was of two elderly American gentlemen remarking on the silent and smooth running of Nancy Butt's Ser. IV Snipe - yes there's nothing like fine British engineering.

Winners of the respective section are as follows:

Mark Winner: Lloyd Hughes MKIVA Snipe  
Series Winner: Nancy Butt SerIV Snipe  
Winner's Section: Reg. Hattersley SerVA Snipe  
Outright Winner: Reg. Hattersley SerVA Snipe

Most desirable vehicle of the day was voted by members to be Ralf Chalmers Ser.IV Snipe.

#### Members in attendance:

Bob Kennedy	Ser.IV Wagon
Ralf Chalmers	Ser.IV Snipe
Dick ?	Ser.VA Snipe
Des Judd	Ser.IV Wagon
Keith Willimot	Ser.II Vogue
Harold Underwood	Ser.VA Snipe
Peter Schofield	Ser.I Snipe
Bill Holmes	Ser.V Snipe
John Browne	MK.III Snipe
Tom McAlpine	MK.I Snipe
Nancy Butt	Ser.IV Snipe
Reg. Hattersley	Ser.VA Snipe
Col. McKenzie	Ser.III Snipe
Les Lindorf	MK.III Snipe
Lloyd Hughes	MK.IVA Snipe
Mrs. Walsh	MK.III Snipe

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## SOCIAL NOTES (Contd)

### ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER

November 23rd was the Annual Presentation dinner at the HCCV. Trophies were awarded to respective concours class winners and the best city and country member.

The "best" city and country members are judged on the number of general meetings and social outings attended.

Once again Chaucers excelled themselves with a fine meal and first class service and our thanks go to Marion Hattersley in doing all the organising of the night.

The "Special Effort" was drawn and the winners will be notified.

Winner of the best country member was Les Lindorf.  
Winner of the best city member was Chris Webb.

Congratulations to both Chris and Les for, as well as being fine members, they are real "Humber" men.

### M.G. Concours

This is probably the club's most popular event for the year. The venue is Berwick Park, Princess Highway, Berwick (as in prior years) and no doubt the many other clubs catering for vintage, classic and marque vehicles will be in attendance.

For those members who haven't been before, the M.G. Concours represents the best opportunity to view the largest and most diverse collection of vehicles assembled at one place and one of the pleasing aspects is that you don't just don't know what "rare" machines will turn up, be it a Pierce Arrow to our Le Mans Aston Martin.

M.G. Concours, a "must" for motoring enthusiasts and a delight for the children (especially young boys!)

Friends and family welcome, B.Y.O. B.B.Q.

When: Sunday December 9th

Meeting Place: Prince Mark Hotel, Princess Highway, Dandenong

Time: 11.00 a.m. SHARP

The "Prince Mark" is approximately 2 kms out of Dandenong on the left hand side of the Highway or you can go direct to the venue, just stay on the highway and follow the signs at the bottom of the Berwick Hill. If taking the Humber, please park in the area designated for our club.

## CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE

Series IV Snipe = 65,000 genuine miles.  
Green with grey interior, Unreg., new tyres.  
Phone Mrs. Ramsey - (059) 66 2571  
(Car garaged at Clayton)

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MK.VI Hawk, Set of 4 cars.  
MK.VI Hawk 50,000 miles, reg., radio, heater  
MK.VI Hawk 68,000  
MK.VI Hawk Restorable  
MK.VI Hawk Heaps of parts  
Peter Sfetcotoulos, phone 42 0510.

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Series Hawk Parts including body panels free.  
Peter, phone 42 0510.

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Hawk Workshop Manual - Side Valve Models.

Free.

B. Davies, phone 781 3591

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Wanted - Humber Vogue, Martin Cooper, phone 756 6125

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Ser.VA Snipe (deceased Estate) Sherwood green, recond. motor,  
radio/cassette, rear window demister.  
Steve, Phone (business hours) 350 2000 or  
32 Deveraux Street,  
Oak Park

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Ser.VA Snipe, Fawn, 93,000 miles, very well kept and in  
good condition. No rust and always garaged. March 80 reg.  
\$1,200 O.N.O. W.R. Ellis, phone (053) 44 0556

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## Jack Brabham's Report

Jack Brabham recently tested one of these cars, so we let him take over to tell you more.

"The Snipe has a really beefy engine, but it has been fitted in very neatly so that front vision is not impaired by a high bonnet line. Now it has been given bearings of even bigger capacity, the lubrication system has been modified, there is a quieter fan, and the cooling has been improved."

"What I liked most about it was the excellent torque, which so far as I was concerned, turned the Snipe into virtually a top gear machine. Of course, the overdrive plays a big part in this, and though I've said it many times before, I'll say it again - I like overdrives. It was so restful and pleasant to swoop up to 40 or 50 miles an hour in normal top, flick the overdrive switch and settle back to some really smooth motoring at anything up to close on 100 miles an hour. In normal traffic there weren't many occasions when I felt it necessary to change down to second gear. Believe me, it makes a delightful change after all the porridge stirring you have to do with the gear lever of a racing car round a twisty circuit."

### Some Of The Feel

"To give me the utmost comfort 'my' Snipe was also fitted with power-assisted steering. Now I have driven some big cars in the United States with power-steering systems that gave me the willies. The reason is that in their frantic efforts to get a finger-light control the engineers sometimes go too far and take out every bit of feel from the steering wheel."

"I think it is very important to retain some feel of the road, so that you know what the car is reacting to. I was glad to note that the Snipe kept some of the feel, and so it gets my marks on that score. Mind you, I do think that anyone driving a car with power-assisted steering should give a little thought under icy road conditions. As the co-efficient of friction falls there is less road sensation felt through the wheel, and it is easy to turn the tiller more than is necessary."

### Summing Up The Super Snipe

"Another feature I liked during my night drive home was the way the heater controls and light switches are illuminated. (Though in fact I prefer a snap switch for the lights instead of a turn knob)."

An additional refinement is the illumination of the heater controls and light switches on the instrumental panel, which has rheostatic control of the instrument lighting and a separate glove box light. There is also a door-operated roof light in the luggage compartment.

The intermediate hold on the Automatic transmission is now operated from the transmission selector lever, thus increasing its efficiency and facilitating its use.

Also fitted as standard equipment are two twin screen washers, two speed electric screenwipers, reversing light, cigarette lighter, electric



New color styling in scratch resisting baked enamel with smart new side mouldings and harmonising interior upholstery, emphasise the distinctive and attractive appearance of this new model.

In addition to all this the car buyer ought to note the new child-proof locks, new wrap around radiator, wrap around bumpers, front and rear new floor structure for quietness, new suspension with marked stability. We could fill far more pages than this explaining its virtues. Only one thing stops us: There are a lot of cheaper cars people want to know about!

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## SPECIFICATION

Humber Super Snipe 111a (aut. price 1999).

### ENGINE

Cylinders: 6 Bore: 87.3 mm x Stroke: 82.55 mm. Capacity: 2965 cc.  
Comp. ratio: 7.5 to 1. Valve gear: OHV Maximum b.h.p.: 125 at 4,800 r.p.m.  
Carburettor: Zenith downdraught.

### TRANSMISSION

Clutch Borg and Beck 9 in. dia. single dry plate, hydraulic.  
Ratios: 1st; 12.77. 2nd; 7.34. 3rd; 4.55. 4th: Final drive. Hypoid bevel.

### SUSPENSION

Front: Independent with silico manganese coil springs. Anti-roll bar.  
Rear: Semi elliptic springs. Spring dampers: front; Telescopic.  
Rear: Telescopic.

### Steering

Recirculating ball. Turning circle: 38 ft. Steering gear: Recirculated ball.

### BRAKES

Method of operation: front, Hydraulic, drum. Rear, as for front.  
Vacuum Servo assistance on front and rear.

### EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase, 9 ft 2 ins., Length, 15 ft 3 ins. Weight, 30 cwt. Width, 5 ft 9½ ins. Height, 5 ft 1 in. Ground clearance, 7 in. Wheels, 15 ins.  
Tyres, 6.70 x 15. Petrol tank, 12½ gallons. Track, front, 4 ft. 8 3/4 ins.  
Rear, 4 ft 7½ ins.

### INTERIOR FITTINGS

Door actuated courtesy light: Yes. Glove box: Yes. Door pulls: Yes.  
Heating and demisting system: As extra. Twin sun visors: Yes.  
Map pockets: yes, Ashtrays: Front; Yes. Rear, Yes. Padded fascia panel: Yes. Front-hinged door: Yes. Armrests: Front, Yes, Rear, Yes.

PERFORMANCE

INSTRUMENT: Speedometer at 60 m.p.h. 1 m.p.h. fast. Distance recorder, Accurate.

MAXIMUM SPEEDS, Flying Quarter Mile: Mean of four opposite runs 97 m.p.h. Best one way time equals 100 m.p.h.

SPEED IN GEARS: 1st, 40 m.p.h.; Intermediate, 70 m.p.h.; Top, 97 m.p.h.

ACCELERATION TIMES FROM REST: 0-30, 4.9 secs.; 0-40, 7.4 secs.; 0-50, 11.4 secs.; 0-60, 15.2 secs.

ACCELERATION FROM CONSTANT SPEEDS: 10-30 m.p.h. 4.3 secs.; 20-40 m.p.h. 5.2 secs.; 30-50, m.p.h. 6.8 secs; 40-60 m.p.h. 8.4. secs.

Overall fuel consumption for 326 miles: 19 m.p.g.

Touring Range: 240 miles. Fuel tank capacity, 12½ gallons.

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