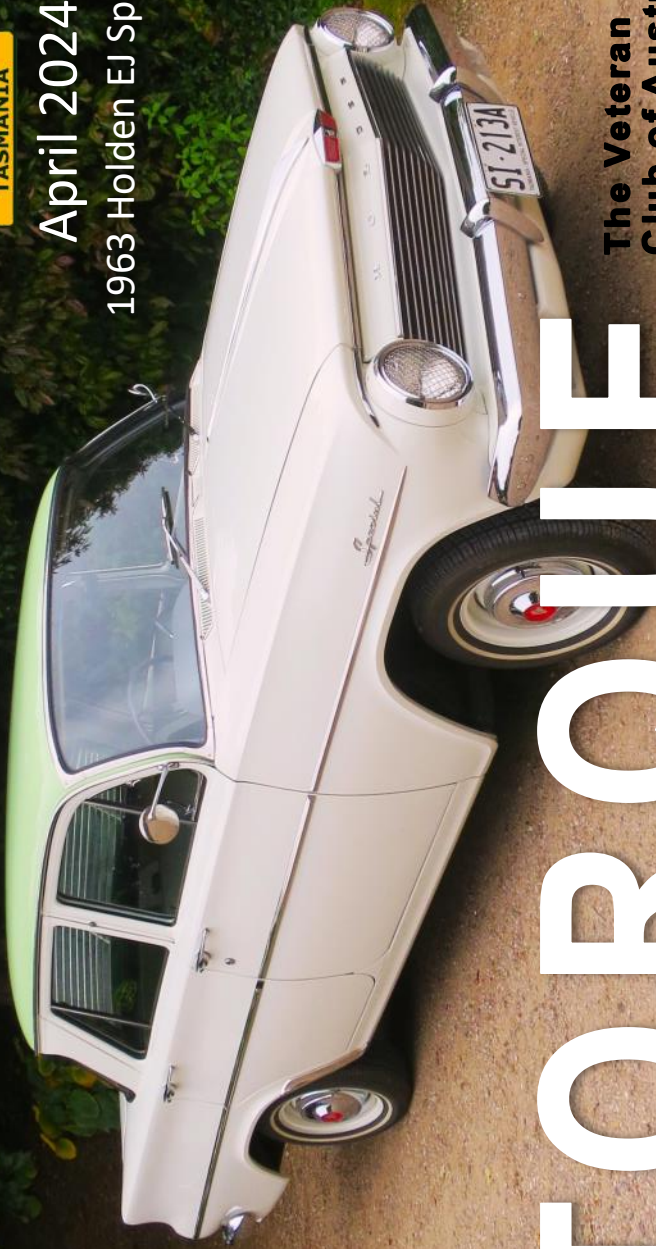




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STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Note: To participate in any event, eligibility criteria and entry requirements put in place by organisers must be satisfied.

26th May to 1st June 2024 - Horseless Carriage Club of America 8th International Tour - Tweed Valley NSW - More information here: www.hccasea.org

18th - 23rd November 2024 - The 2024 National Veteran Vehicle Rally

Launceston, Tasmania. Expressions of interest are now open.

Please head to our website and click on the link to complete your EOI.

Thanks,

Rally Directors - P - 0404 917 366 (Ben) - P - 0448 678 291 (Jill)

N.B. – Please be aware of all current COVID19 restrictions when attending events.

Presidents Prattle April 2024

Today we have just returned from the Annual State Tour which we enjoyed very much. What more can you ask for in a club event than, good company, good roads and great food? The route took in some interesting roads that have been seldom travelled by us before as well as old favourites like the Sideling and the Fingerpost to test our hill climbing ability. Many thanks to Mike and Marion for all the effort they put in so that we could all enjoy the runs with a minimum of fuss.

Congratulations to Steve and Toni Bishop, Mick Peart and Frank and Margaret Brooks who won the three awards and commiserations to Greg Bannon who's T model did not quite live up to expectations and was awarded the hard luck trophy.

Members of the northern section can pick up their copies of the up to date membership register by asking Ashley or me for a copy when you come to the clubrooms. They replace the ones that were done in 2018 and which are now badly out of date.

With our section AGMs getting closer you will find nomination forms in this issue, PLEASE give it some thought and put your name forward to take on a position and help the Club keep up the standard we have come to love. We in the North are going to need a new president and secretary as a minimum and it would be really pleasing if we had enough nominees to require a vote.

The situation with the State Executive is not satisfactory with no Exec Secretary and this must be fixed for the Club to operate properly. We have muddled through this last year but the situation cannot be allowed to continue. If you the members want the benefits that the Club brings, then you will have to make sure that positions are filled by members who share our love of the Club and our respect for all those who have gone before us in building this fantastic statewide organisation.

It usually seems to come up at Annual Tour time that we used to get much larger attendance at the rally. There is a simple answer to this. Times have changed, people's habits have changed and they now want different things, just as we do things differently to what our parents did, the next generation of our Club will no doubt do things differently again. So if you want a different type of event or at a different time then put up your hand and offer to try it out and see if others like your idea.

I'm going to have to spend a bit of time in the shed as my list of cars that need fixing is growing and I'm far too crook in the knees to go back to a push bike, The Overland magneto failed just after the Peter Waddle run. Julie's Wolseley exhaust pipe broke off last time we used it, and today on getting home from the rally I turned the petrol off and something went click petrol started dripping from the tap. At least all three cars waited till we got home at the end of an event before they played up.

Safe and happy motoring, Joe

Northern Section Events and Meetings

The Northern Section Clubrooms at 67 Lawrence Vale Road are open on Wednesday from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Come in for a cuppa and a chat and visit the spare parts shed. All members state wide are welcome.

NOTE: - VC vehicle inspections please contact the Northern Section Technical Officer, Ashley Monks, on 6344 3134 or 0409 703 440 for an appointment that is mutually convenient.

Veteran Car Sheet Metal Work - every Friday 9.00am until early afternoon. Build your own vehicle body or just a bonnet or mudguard. Other projects also catered for. Just come along to the downstairs workshop at the Clubrooms to become involved. You will be made most welcome.

April 2024

Fri 5th - Northern Section Committee Meeting – commencing at 7.00 p.m. followed by **General meeting** at 7.30 p.m. at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.

Sun 7th – Shannons & Northern VCCA Autumn Swap Meet at Mowbray Race Course Vermont Rd. Mowbray. Gates Open 7.30am. Entry \$2 per. adult, Trade stands \$10. Traders can enter from 6.30am onwards. If you can help out please contact Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

Sun 7th - Classic cars and coffee Georgetown – Hosted by Don Mario’s restaurant. Park in council car park in the Main St. 9.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m. but come and go as you please. Ph. 6382 1821 to book for breakfast or lunch. (Event is first Sunday of every month)

Sat 13th - Rosevale Woodchopping Carnival from 10.00 a.m. make own way there via Bridgenorth Road or Ecclestone Road.

Sun 14th - Wheels to Westbury Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Meet at the RSL near the Village Green. Enquiries Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

Sun 21st - Eurosport Tas - Coffee & Torque at NAMT 10.00 a.m. -12 noon.

May

Fri 3rd - Northern Section Committee Meeting – commencing at 7.00 p.m. followed by **General meeting** at 7.30 p.m. at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.

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Sun 12th - Wheels to Westbury Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Meet at the RSL near the Village Green. Enquiries Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

Thur 16th - Lunch at Villarett Gardens - Meet at Hub Cafe Westbury for morning tea and leaving at 11.00 a.m. for Villarett. Numbers to Mike 0458 944 001 by Sunday 12th May.

Fri 24th - Northern Section ‘Annual General Meeting’ commencing at 7.30pm at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston. All invited. Please bring a plate for supper. Immediately following the Section AGM there will be a short Section Committee / General Meeting to take care of any necessary formalities.

N.B. – Please be aware of all current COVID19 restrictions when attending events

New Members

We welcome Katie Stewart and Scott Parkinson of Bracknell with a 1950 Austin Devon Saloon, and Sandy and Roslyn Lippis of Norwood with a 1968 Mk2 Jaguar Sedan to our Club and Northern Section.

Southern Section Events

The Club rooms are open every Wednesday from 12noon, why not join your fellow enthusiasts for a chat and a cuppa.

If you have any items for Small Torque – car related For Sales or Wanted, or stories of your first car, your first restoration etc. or anything you think would be of interest to other enthusiasts - please submit to Section Editor before the 12th of each month.

A reminder also that ALL ITEMS should be submitted through your Section Editor.

WE ALSO NEED IDEAS FOR OUTINGS and RUNS – Have you got a favourite pub for a meal, a picnic spot or just a scenic drive, can you organise a treasure hunt, a quiz or even a mystery run – in fact anything you think will be of interest – contact any Committee member.

APRIL

Tuesday 2nd April – Committee/General Meeting

Committee/General Meeting at the Club Rooms - 7pm for 7.30. Refreshments follow.

All welcome.

Wednesday 3rd April – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome

Come on out to your club rooms and meet fellow members – you may like to help out if anything needs doing – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library - lots of old photos etc. Check the spares shed, new area now complete - you may find a part you need.

Sunday 7th April – Classics on the Beach

Lower Sandy Bay Beach from 9am. Make your own way there. 1st Sunday of month.

Wednesday 17th April – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome

Come on out to your club rooms and meet fellow members – you may like to help out if anything needs doing – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library - lots of old photos etc. Check the spares shed, new area now complete - you may find a part you need.

Sunday 21st April – “Coffee and Cars at Richmond”

9am onwards till noon at The Richmond Arms Pub car park. Open to all-comers. Just turn up and show off your vehicle and enjoy a coffee and chat. Ladies can wander the many artisan shops and galleries. This event is the 3rd Sunday of each month, similar to “Classics on the Beach”.

Sunday 28th April – Garage Visit with Sausage Sizzle

We have been invited to visit Bob Waddilove’s extensive garage at his home in Dromedary. 11am to 3pm. 19 Pegasus Drive, Dromedary. Tea/Coffee and sausage sizzle supplied.

Timing is up to you but if you anticipate turning up then please contact Bob on 0431 896 172 or Roger on 6249 3344.

MAY

Sunday 5th May – Classics on the Beach

Lower Sandy Bay Beach from 9am. Make your own way there. 1st Sunday of month.

Tuesday 7th May – Committee/General Meeting

Committee/General Meeting at the Club Rooms - 7pm for 7.30. Refreshments follow.

All welcome.

Wednesday 8th May – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome

Come on out to your club rooms and meet fellow members – you may like to help out if anything needs doing – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the library - lots of old photos etc. Check the spares shed, new area now complete - you may find a part you need.

Sunday 19th May – “Coffee and Cars at Richmond”

9am onwards till noon at The Richmond Arms Pub car park. Open to all-comers. Just turn up and show off your vehicle and enjoy a coffee and chat. Ladies can wander the many artisan shops and galleries. This event is the 3rd Sunday of each month, similar to “Classics on the Beach”.

Wednesday 22nd May – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome

Come on out to your club rooms and meet fellow members – you may like to help out if anything needs doing – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat, browse the

library - lots of old photos etc. Check the spares shed, new area now complete - you may find a part you need.

AGM/General Meeting for June prior notice

Sunday 2nd June - AGM and General Meeting at Club Rooms

11am General Meeting, 12noon to 1pm Lunch (sausage sizzle or BYO) followed at 1pm by AGM.

Nomination forms will be in Small Torque so start to think about what position you would like to nominate for. We need different people to take on some of the roles.

Welcome New Members

Southern Section welcome three new members –

David and Janet Moore of Snug who have a Triumph Stag and Greg Haines of New Norfolk who has three Essex Tourers.



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North West Section Events

APRIL

Wednesday 3rd - NW Cuppa & Chat

These gatherings are held at the NW Section clubrooms starting at 1:30pm. Come along for a cuppa and enjoy the company of fellow members. Spare parts and the library will be open. Have a look you may find a spare part, or a book of interest.

Saturday 6th April General Meeting *Commencing at 7.30 pm, bring a plate of supper to share.*

Wednesday 10th Committee Meeting - *Commencing at 6:00pm*

Sunday 14th Top Gear Car Show Stanley Gates open at 8:30am and close 2:30pm

MAY

Wednesday 1st NW Cuppa & Chat

These gatherings are held at the NW Section clubrooms starting at 1:30pm. Come along for a cuppa and enjoy the company of fellow members. Spare parts and the library will be open. Have a look you may find a spare part, or a book of interest.

Sunday 5th General meeting starting 11:00 am. (note change of day and time due to daylight savings)

Followed by a run if the weather permits.

Wednesday 8th Committee Meeting - *Commencing at 6:00pm*

JUNE

Sunday 2nd – Annual General Meeting starting at 11:00 am

Sunday 2nd General meeting starting 11:30 am. Followed by lunch at allocation to be determined.

Wednesday 5th NW Cuppa & Chat

These gatherings are held at the NW Section clubrooms starting at 1:30pm. Come along for a cuppa and enjoy the company of fellow members. Spare parts and the library will be open. Have a look you may find a spare part, or a book of interest.

Wednesday 5th Committee Meeting - *Commencing at 6:00pm*

OCTOBER

Sunday 6th October - Catering welcome breakfast at clubrooms for Dodge Brothers Club of Australasia National Rally at clubrooms.

Helpers required, more details to follow.

FEBRUARY 2025

14th /15th /16th Don River Railway 50th Birthday

New Members

North West Section would like to welcome , Debbie and Kim Butterworth - 1946 Vauxhall Wyvern

Raffle Winners

1st. prize (car freezer) - Bob Lawrence, Devonport

2nd. Prize (carton of beer). - Mrs. Ashley Gale, Smithton.

3rd. Prize (gifts for the Ladies). - Virginia, Lovett St., Devonport.

These are a list of the sponsors and donations of the raffles and sponsorship for the club.

The Raffle for the Garage Sale & Swap Meet are as follows.

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FROM HOTRODS TO VINTAGE

Who would have thought that after having V8 American 60s cruisers and then HOTRODS that a passion for vintage would rear its head. Although I'd also owned and regretfully sold the 38 Ford sedan of the Ryman brothers in recent years.

So, it was to be - 5 odd years ago I got introduced to the curvaceous and gorgeous stunning figure of firstly Mavis - a blue 26 Whippet - and shortly after Babs - a red 29 Model A boat tail speedster. Yes, and these days a 25 Chevrolet Runabout in progress, makes up a trio.

Mavis, the whippet, was a purchase sight unseen from pre auction sales in SA back in 2018.

Would you believe, when I'd told my wife Deb when perusing Just Cars magazine - that "we should get this" (pointing at the photo) that Deb's reply "what ever", I took as "ok proceed to purchase dear husband". WRONG ?? I WAS - SO WRONG.

It was only on delivery day a few weeks later, that my mobile rings and Deb says "where are you? As you've got a delivery to sign for and you better get here now!!!!"

Mmmm, now being told - "it's blue and on 4 wheels" at this point I knew I was in trouble with mum, and so the vintage acquiring has begun.

New Year's Eve 2019, and that Robert Waddilove escorts me to look at a '29 red Speedster Ford, and while I'm - yes drooling over her in the container - he says those magic words. "If you don't buy her - I will."

So, the deal was done there and then - in my head and Bob's - but not to blunder again, we had to return home with the hope of wife Debs ok, with conditions of purchase by my financial management dept at home.

Deb was asked of her permission this time but her only clause - that the hotrod still in our custody would have to go asap.

That next day the Speedster Ford was trailered home as a non goer - she was unloaded and treated to a 3-course banquet of a freshly charged battery - new oil and lastly fuel, and as a sign of appreciation - she roared to life.

We now had a flatmate for Mavis - "Babs meet Mavis" and "Mavis meet Babs."

Now the rest is history, and these 2 senior ladies make my day when I stroll to their garage apartment they share, and I peer in the door for a chat regularly. A pair of beautiful elderly ladies - as I say - oh and their brother Chev also.

Just need to drive them more – well, I'll close on that note. Good night to you all.

Thanks

Tony Langlois, VCCA
Southern Section



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STATE TOUR DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Well the 2024 67th State Annual Tour has been run and trophies won. It has been our pleasure on behalf of the Northern Section to direct this year's Tour and we thank you all for your participation, positive feedback and encouragement.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge Shannons Insurance for their financial donation and continued support of our events and would ask members if seeking any type of insurance to give Rodney Belbin at Shannons a call.

We also thank our State Executive for their financial contribution which enable us to make the event a little more special. We thank our many generous sponsors for their donations by way of items for lucky draws etc.

We would like to thank our committee,

- Pat and Terry Campbell,
- Damien and Teena Giustini for organising the game 'Aces and Axles',
- Joe and Julie Clippingdale who was also Tailend Charlie on Saturday,
- Peter Riggall for organising the trophies
- Allan & Christine Smith for photos etc.
- and a special appreciation to John Walkden as Tailend Charlie on Sunday.

We congratulate all who took part and accolades to those who won awards. Trophy winners were -

C.W. Bryan Family Trophy for Most Appealing Car -

Won by Steven and Toni Bishop, 1928 Ford A Roadster




Shannons Perpetual Trophy Director's Choice -

Won by Frank and Margaret Brooks, 1937 Riley Lynx Sports



J. Paine and Son Trophy for Best Amateur Restoration -

Won by Mick Peart, 1923 Metallurgique



Hard Luck Trophy donated by Trygve Krogsaeter -

Won by Greg Bannon, 1927 Ford T Model

Congratulations to Alan and Christine Smith for winning the 'Aces and Axles' game with 'Four of a Kind'

Mike and Marion Cassidy, Tour Directors.



The 67th State Annual Tour

The Northern Section were the host of this years Annual Tour. 30 cars entered from each of the 3 sections. We started the tour by meeting at the Village Green at Longford where we were joined by many other cars who were participating in a celebration of the Longford Motor Racing circuit.

We then went for a drive heading south briefly then to Blackwood Creek and to Carrick and then back to town where we met at the clubrooms for a catered for evening meal.

On Sunday we headed to the North coast ending up at Tam-O-Shanter bay Golf Course. I had personally been to nearby Weymouth but I don't believe I had ever been here before. We were served a beautiful morning tea by the golf club after which we headed via. The Wine Route to Scottsdale.

At Scottsdale we had lunch at the RSL before returning via. The Sideling to Launceston. At the lookout at the top of the Sideling we were treated to tea and coffee and ice cream and fruit salad provided by the local Lions Club.

In the evening we met at the Australian/Italian Club for dinner and some frivolity with quizzes.

On Monday morning there was a short drive out around Relbia and back to the clubrooms for morning tea, prize giving, trophy presentation and farewells.

Throughout the tour we all participated in a lucky game of cards with the winner being announced on Monday morning.

Thanks must go to Tour Directors Mike and Marion Cassidy for a great tour which took us on some roads and areas I have never been. It was also a feature of the tour that so many local clubs and charities were supported.

Thanks also to Mike and Marion's committee who helped organise all this and helped along the way.

Peter Riggall.





Photos by Alan Smith

Saturday 17th February - Evandale Penny Farthings

Members enjoyed the rather warm weather, taking shelter under the many trees. There are lots to view at this event, from the bike races, general entertainment, displays and food stalls. VCCA Members assist the event by taking part in the Grand Parade, whilst finding that the ABC Back Roads Documentary team were doing a feature on Evandale.

Alan Smith



Saturday 24th February – Exeter Show

Another perfect day, in very hot conditions, with members enjoying the true country show atmosphere on offer at Exeter. A good showing of members and general public vehicles, trucks, tractors, from old to brand new, made this a great relaxed event to fill the day nicely.

One member received the Best Motor Car Award over some very exotic motor vehicles on show at this event.

Alan Smith



RICHMOND TO NEW NORFOLK JOURNEY 31/1/21

Nearly just a memory now back to early Covid days - my partner in crime Bob Waddilove and myself, dreamed up our interpretation of the “Bay to Birdwood” run.

Now Bob, (an ex-WA man) with his family, had travelled previously to SA and with his 37 Ford Roadster participated in this event, and excitedly still remembers the thrill of that experience when he was a younger eager beaver.

So, back on 31st January 2021 it seemed appropriate to try our combined take on that event here. For those of you who supported it and participated, wow! what a day for a couple of amateurs like us, we had a ball and can't thank you all enough. 213 cars crammed the village green in Richmond that morning - meaning perhaps, that an easier parking start location may be beneficial next time. Then you'd recall - Covid hit hard in 2022 with restrictions and rules shutting everything down.

Hopefully, in the near future we'll get it up and happening annually.

New Norfolk council seem enthused to allow street closures to create public parking for the day next time. Using CBD for angled street parking should get a fare quantity of cars in close proximity.

So, we'll keep you posted for its return with a Sunday and a date in due course.

Thanks

Bob n Tony Gatsby (Waddilove n Langlois).

Volunteers needed to help with the running of **The 2024 National Veteran Vehicle Rally** to be held around Launceston from November 18th to the 23rd.

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The **Australian Motorlife Museum** at Kembla Grange, near Wollongong NSW is well worth a visit if you're ever up that way. It houses a fantastic collection of cars and bikes, some quite rare and all in immaculate condition, from the beginning of the motoring era up to about 1960, and also a huge collection of other technology from the time like typewriters, telephones and gramophones. Minerva, Lanchester, Summit, Rugby, Austin, Fiat, Dodge, Chevrolet, Rolls Royce to name a few. I spent a couple of hours thinking they'd look better in my shed than in this one.



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7 MILE BEACH HISTORIC TIME TRIALS RE-ENACTMENT

Hi from Gatsby Bros inc, being Bob Waddilove and myself Tony Langlois, with a committee – open to create anything prewar in automotive entertainment.

Most of you would know our last escapade. The Richmond to New Norfolk Journey on 31st January, 2021 - Our take on the Bay to Birdwood of SA for many years.

And yes, planning this again – see page 21 for more on that.

HISTORY ON TASSIE BEACH

Now from 1905ish and thru to around 1950ish, Tasmanian beaches were popular spots for vintage time trials.

Initially the Northern motorcycle club and Launceston Light Car Club merged and participated regularly at Bakers/Greens/ Brickmans & 7 Mile beaches, along with their Launceston to Hobart timed events.

Later a name change saw the Tasmanian Motorcycle Club evolve which is still strong today.

THE RE-CREATION

So, as mad hatter as we are - we started during Covid, to do some ground work. To find a spot on the beach - check the tides - locate the info to put all in place. Then a trip to meet with Parks management who look after the coastline frontages. Surprisingly they saw our excitement, and based on its historical value to our state in tourism etc, we've been invited to present an event plan. Either a one or two day event, running bike and cars on the timed trial strategy over a few hundred yards.

WOW, how the word got out and the enthusiasm started rolling in.

Great grandsons having inherited the period family Douglas and BSA bikes, and wish to dust them off and the 80yo sons that had memories of dad driving on the beach, and wanting to put together a jalopy for the event.

Now this is not a fast or race event - it's hoped to be annually and will be run in accordance with safety and guidelines strict to the era prewar.

Modifications of the era - all vehicles and dress code to the era. Vehicles will be scrutineered.

Event will be filmed and documented also. There will be a limit of vehicle numbers and mainland interest already in our early stages of planning.

We are also eager for any photos or stories etc that may be with family memories.

Gatsby Bros would love to hear from you.

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A radiator and front & back bumper bars for a 1928 Chev.

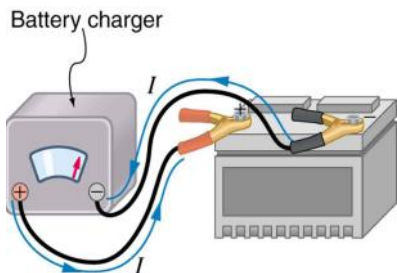
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The Northern Section is wanting to increase their service offerings to members and wondering if any members have any electrical testing equipment they'd like to donate.

At the very least, they're looking for a 6 volt battery, but anything you think would be useful would be most appreciated.



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