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This months front cover photo is the 1929 Hudson Super Six Limousine of Geoff and Michelle Cuthbert



## STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

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

**26<sup>th</sup> May - Executive meeting - 11.00am North section club rooms**

**26<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 - Horseless Carriage Club of America 8th International Tour - Tweed Valley NSW - More information here: [www.hccasea.org](http://www.hccasea.org)**

**30<sup>th</sup> June - Annual General Meeting 11.00am North section club rooms**

**18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 May 2024

First the good news, the Falcon Knight is mobile again after fixing the fuel filter bowl, The Suzuki starter has been replaced so that is also mobile but the Wolseley and the Overland are still waiting for me to make time to get them going again.

We have had a couple of busy weekends ,with the Swap meet last week, which in spite of light rain for part of the morning was a good day with twenty odd stalls and a good crowd of buyers very few of whom left empty handed. The Rosevale chopping carnival was held yesterday and attracted a good crowd of VCCA members who all seemed to have a good day out. Wheels to Westbury was held today and we certainly had an interesting selection of cars from a veteran Ford to a brand new Lotus sports car and just about everything in between. This regular type of event seems to be popular with many members these days.

On the subject of events that we run, a couple of us were talking at the Rosevale run about some sort of longish distance, one day events to a town about half a days drive away, a lunch stop and return via a different road a bit like our upcoming run to Villarette only with a bit more distance. This would probably suit our later post war cars more than the older ones but we are here for all members and all ages of car so if you like the idea have a talk to your section events organiser and see if there is sufficient interest.

A couple of different car owners have rung us in the last few weeks asking for advice about selling their cars and as they are all club eligible we are happy to put them in Small Torque and on the website to give our members the details before they are advertised more widely.

Lastly I hope you have all given some thought to the subject of nominations to positions on the committees running our sections. It is vital for our club's future that we have a turnover of positions to keep the club from stagnating.

Safe motoring, Joe

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# 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.***

## MAY

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Classics on the Beach**

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

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Committee/General Meeting**

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

All welcome.

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, similar to “Classics on the Beach”.

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Club rooms open from 12noon – All welcome**

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## **JUNE**

### **AGM/General Meeting**

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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#### **NOTE NO MEETING ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – See above**

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**During the colder months of July, August and September our meetings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday as last year.**

**7<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September at 1.30pm.**

# 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.

## May

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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 5<sup>th</sup> - 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. 63821821 to book for breakfast or lunch. (Event is first Sunday of every month)

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> - Picnic at Ross** - come and go as you please, starting at 9.00a.m. Main Street Ross

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

**Thur 16<sup>th</sup> - 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 24<sup>th</sup> - Northern Section Committee Meeting** – commencing at 7.00 p.m. at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> - 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 General Meeting** to take care of any necessary formalities.

## June

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**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – No Section Committee or General Meetings.** Refer May 24<sup>th</sup>

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> - Wheels to Westbury** Coffee & cars 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Meet at the RSL near the Village Green. Enquiries Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144.

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> - British Classics** at NAMT from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. - see poster this edition.

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> - Lunch at Bracknell Hotel** - meet at Carrick at 11.00 a.m. Numbers to Mike on 0458 944 001 by Wednesday 12th.

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> – VCCA (Tas.) Inc. State Annual General Meeting** commencing at 11am at Northern Section Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.

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

## New Members

We welcome Raoul Cooley of Youngtown with a 1964 Cadillac convertible and Robert Wragg Snr and Rob Wragg Jnr of East Launceston with a 1931 Model A Ford Ute/Pick-up to our Club and Northern Section.

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## North West Section Events

Please be advised that Thursday night Dancing has now concluded – Thanks Rocco

### MAY

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> General meeting starting 11:00 am.** (note change of day and time due to daylight savings)

Followed by a run if the weather permits.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Weindorfer Day** – Wilmot Memorial Hall - Please arrive at 9.30 for Instructions on where to Park , Please see Collen Harrison on the Day.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Picnic at Ross** – Vehicles to park in Church Street , members to make their own way to this event.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting - Commencing at 6:00pm**

**Thursday 16 May - Villaret Gardens** - *Refer to Northern section events , but NW members who would like to travel as a group please call Laurie Bellchambers on 0438 282 443*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Sheffield classics and coffee.**

3rd Sunday of each month from 10am and 3pm. Come and go as you please but don't forget to enjoy Sheffield murals, shops, cafes. Parking beside and behind the Sheffield RSL and Citizens Club, 77 Main Street Sheffield.

### JUNE

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**Saturday 22 June - Bingo Night - Bring supper to share. Eyes down at 7pm**

**Sunday 30 June - State AGM in Launceston – further details to come.**

## **JULY**

**Saturday 20th July - Ken Silver film night - Club Rooms open at 6:pm for anyone that want to bring their tea and Film Starts 7:00 pm. Bring a plate of supper to share.**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Monthly Sheffield classics and coffee.**

3rd Sunday of each month from 10am and 3pm. Come and go as you please but don't forget to enjoy Sheffield murals, shops, cafes. Parking beside and behind the Sheffield RSL and Citizens Club, 77 Main Street Sheffield.

## **OCTOBER**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Catering welcome breakfast at clubrooms for Dodge Brothers Club of Australasia National Rally at clubrooms.**

Helpers required, more details to follow.

**Wednesday October 23 - Combine visit to the Don River Railway with Probus - Train ride, tour and sausage sizzle - Further details to come.**

## **FEBRUARY 2025**

**14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> Don River Railway 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

## **New Members**

NW section welcome new member Steve Nash from Port Sorrell, Steve has a 1930 Nash Sedan

# Wheels to Westbury Sunday 14th April 2024

A variety of cars and age groups made their way to Westbury to the RSL for refreshment and a chat.

VCCA members were joined by other clubs on a pleasant day, another reason to use our vehicles and circulate the oil in your engine.

Alan Smith



## Rosevale Wood Chopping Carnival Saturday 13th April 2024

28 members in around 14 vehicles enjoyed the Rosevale Wood Chopping Carnival and the stalls that go together to make this low key event, a great place to sit in the sun.

Nice to catch up with members from the North West and fellow members, whilst fixing most of the world's problems in a pleasant rural atmosphere.

The chops always create a lot of interest along with the great food and craft stalls.

Alan Smith





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## The Bundawarra Centre - Temora NSW

The Bundawarra Centre was another stop on last years Wolseley car club rally.

The Bundawarra Centre was established in 2011 due to the expansion of the original Temora Rural Museum, it is managed by the local Temora shire and has a dedicated group of volunteers, the building from the road looks modern and welcoming.

The centre houses many different collections from around the area that locals collected, to the heritage of the area. In the collection is the Temora Rock and Mineral Museum, a gentleman called Athol Stean collected rocks and fossils, basically his life, love and passion. I was taken back of the size of the room and collection, how many rocks can one person collect.

I ask you a question, how many lawn mowers are made, makes, models, within one shed, I can say lots, again, ask, how many TVs have been made, and tractors, stationary engines! List goes on. There are over 40 buildings to go through and easily spend 4-6 hours wandering around. A museum dedicated to yesteryear!

If this doesn't blow you away, the NSW Fire and Rescue exhibition, along with the Temora Ambulance Museum will. How many Ambulances can you count in the one shed, let alone the collection of matchbox ambulances. I didn't realise that there were that many made. The exhibition has a record of the achievements of the ambulance service within the community.



The vehicles are all in great condition, as they have just come out of service. The walls are lined with matchbox cars, uniforms, first aid kits and variety of articles regarding history. Of course, the museum has the usual suspects in Ford F100's as they were popular around Australia, but there are Dodges, Valiants, Fairlanes, Falcons, Commodores, Internationals, and a FJ Holden. Each vehicle tells a story, there is

plans in the future to build a bigger building as there are plenty of items that cannot be shown on display due to a lack of room, I will have to revisit once done!

The XA Falcon was put into service in 1973 after being bought by the West District Ambulance service from Golden West motors in Parkes, It was stationed in Parkes and

Trundle until it was pulled from service in 1981, it sat in storage for 30 years, until the NSW Ambulance service donated it to the museum in 2010.

The FJ Holden was sold new by Suttons Motors, Temora in January 1956, and was in service from February 1956 till 1973.



Another interesting shed located in the The Bundawarra Centre, is the NSW fire and rescue exhibition, this shed is very much like the Ambulance shed, a line up of fire trucks, forestry fire trucks and memorabilia, trucks include the Bedfords, Blitzs, Chevrolet, Internationals, Dodge and what I call rare, the BMC. There is also some horse drawn equipment. Again, this keeps you interested. With so much to look at.

The BMC fire truck was built in 1966 and is a 6-cylinder petrol engine, 4 speed gear box and a 2wd. It spent majority of its career at Scotts Flat Brigade in the Singleton Shire.

The 1949 Chevrolet Maple leaf was purchased by the Coolamon Shire council to be used as a fire tanker; the pump motor is a twin cylinder Petters. When the Coolamon Shire upgraded, the truck was put up for tender with Marravale and Berri-Jerry fire brigades both offering \$275. Ownership was decided with a toss of the coin and Marravale won and used the truck until it was decommissioned in 1976. It still has the Marravale fire brigade sign writing on it.



As you continue to walk around the site, you come across a open shed full of vintage tractors, very much along the lines of my friends collection at Westbury. Shaws. I spotted many tractors I knew the models of after years of working with Glenn and hearing these stories. There was John Deeres, Internationals, Hanomags, Bulldogs, Massey, Fergie's etc. I don't think I have ever seen some many Lanz bulldogs in one location. As you move on there is a shed setup as a shearing shed from back in the day, all with stationary motor with shearing attachments, a tool shop too. A shed setup with a stage, as an old-time music hall, with many memorabilia from the days gone by. Signs included. Big bulldozers, to old school rooms, one house apparently had Don Bradman live in it. As a baby. If I haven't said this enough, the town of Temora is well worth the visit.

Carey Richardson



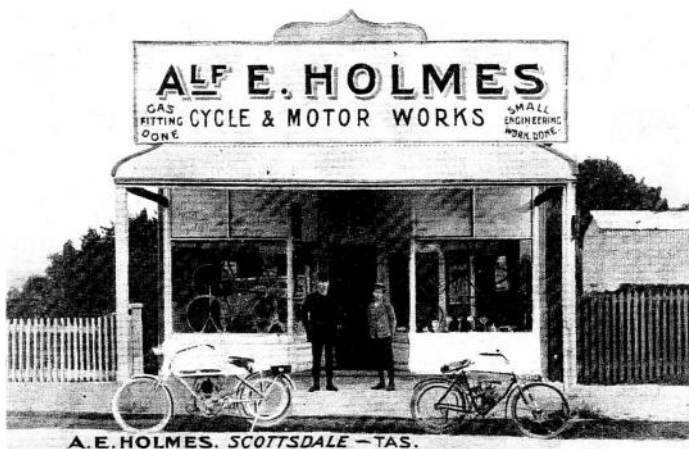
## Dorset's first motor cars and cycles

While the motor car was invented in the late 1880s it wasn't until the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century that volume production of cars began. The first mass produced car is recorded as the Oldsmobile in 1901. Henry Ford began producing his now-famous Model-T Fords in Detroit in 1908.

So it may come as a surprise to learn that in Tasmania Parliament passed a Motor Traffic Act in 1907 which required motor cars, motor cycles and drivers to be registered. It then took until 1909 for appropriate Regulations to be enacted, by which time the first car and motor cycle could be registered. The numbering sequence began at 1, and applied to cars and motor cycles. The first motor vehicle in Tasmania, Registration Number 1, was issued in March 1909 to a Mr Bruce W. Tevelein of Patterson Street, Launceston.

It took only seven months after that first registration for people from Dorset to register. A. E. Holmes of Scottsdale registered a motor cycle, number 357, and Norton Sharman registered 359. The business of Patmore and Dinham registered a motor car, number 358 and Mr. H. T. Waterworth of Pioneer registered car number 361. The records do not tell us what type of car or cycle was registered in each case.

'A. E. Holmes' is interesting as it could be the father, Arthur Ernest Holmes, aged 43, who was an Inspector of Roads, or his 18-year-old son Alfred Ernest Holmes who would go on to run a Cycle and Motor Works business in Scottsdale in later years. The other motor cycle registrant, Norton Sharman, was aged 18, perhaps suggesting that this was the younger man's choice of transport in the early days.



History tells us that these early vehicles were problematic and, let's be honest, quite dangerous, not the least because of the state of the roads (where they existed) and the need to share the road with horses and carts. In 1915 A. E. Holmes of Scottsdale (the father, we presume) was reported as suffering a serious loss when his large Talbot motor car caught fire through backfiring, resulting in £100 of damages, though the car was insured.

Four years later he was driving into Launceston when his car had an encounter with a horse and cart near Rocherlea. The cart overturned and the rider was thrown out onto the road. The newspaper report suggests that the horse was practically uninjured, the horse rider had a cut face, but the car was considerably damaged!

*The North-Eastern Advertiser is working with the Dorset Tasmania History Society to publish historical articles so that our history, in stories and images, is not lost. The Society is recording and archiving Dorset's local historical information and can be contacted via their Facebook page.*

## The 2024 National Veteran Vehicle Rally

Unfortunately council decision making on our sponsorship request won't be made until mid May so we have decided to hold off on sending out the entry forms until this has happened. We are hoping for a positive result and as such this will reduce the entry fee, we are working hard to make this as affordable as possible. Apologies for not hitting the date we advertised, but we are sure you will enjoy the savings. We will keep you updated when the entry forms are available, later in May.

A few other points:

The boat is filling up quickly, limited spots available, and prices are increasing the closer we get, so book now if you haven't already.

Accommodation is also filling up quickly, so make sure you have done this now. The suggested venues are only holding spots until the end of April.

We look forward to seeing you in Tasmania in November, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

We're also looking for volunteers to help with the running of Rally to be held around Launceston from November 18th to the 23rd.

If you're able to help in any way with things like putting out signs and directing traffic, please get in touch with Jill Hawkins on 0448 678 291 or Joe Clippingdale on 6396 1144

Thanks,

Rally Directors

P - 0448 678 291 (Jill)

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The North East Advertiser newspaper met up with our State Tour as we passed through Scottsdale

# Mick's Metallurgique a standout



• Mick Peart, from Targa and his 1923 Metallurgique, with Pat and Terry Campbell from Launceston with their 1929 Hupmobile.

VETERAN CAR Club of Australia made its way to the North-East on Day two of a Tassie tour.

Thirty cars and 50 people departed Launceston on Sunday, March 10 with overcast conditions making for a cooler and trouble free run to Tam O'Shanter Golf Club for morning tea before continuing on to Scottsdale for lunch at the RSL and Community Club.

Tour Directors Mike and Marion Cassidy said it was a great day.

"After lunch and some leisure time to look around Scottsdale, the Tour headed for

Launceston with a few of the older cars suffering from the high temperature on the climb up the Sideling before stopping at the rest area and a cool down, while entrants enjoyed refreshments supplied by the Scottsdale Lions Club then on the road again for the final leg in Launceston," they said.

Targa's Mick Peart enjoyed a successful day on the road – he was awarded the J. Paine and Son Memorial Trophy for the Best Amateur Restoration of his 1923 Metallurgique, which was making its first run after four years of restoration.

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## For Sale

### 1912 Overland 112 Model 59C Doctor's Coupe.

There is only one 112 Model 59C Doctor's Coupe listed in the USA WOKR club register. This was registered to a Canadian owner, but the owner dropped out quite a few years ago, so its current state is unknown. There are no others in Australia.

This car is a replica.

The basic body was built by Norm George, in Victoria, who built/restored several veteran cars over many years. This was his last and he never finished it because he went into a nursing home. The car was bought by an "investor" who sat on it for 10 years, and then decided to sell it. I bought it from him, in the same condition I had seen it at Norm's 10 years earlier. This car has only done perhaps 2000 Km since it was rebuilt. It has been on a Tasmanian rally, the Wangaratta Overland rally, and several other local runs.



Norm built the body from blown up drawings of the Doctor's coupe as shown in the Overland brochures and parts lists. All the mechanicals are standard model 59. The wheels are 23" instead of the standard 25" for the model 59, but are otherwise identical.

The chassis and mechanicals have been totally rebuilt. The radiator is original but has been cleaned and is good. I have fitted a modern starter motor, by fitting a ring gear on the flywheel, so my wife could drive it. The battery is hidden under the driver's seat.

The interior is all Huon Pine woodwork, with tapestry upholstery, and Mahogany dashboard. All the interior brass work - spark/throttle levers, door handles, window levers etc., have been "brass-gold" plated so that they don't tarnish, but look like polished brass (this is not lacquer, it is gold plating!). The doors are monogrammed with the international doctor's symbol - staff with coiled snakes - in gold.

It has LED indicators, and electric horns. The main horn is a brass very early electric/ veteran era horn, mounted in front of the radiator. The other is a modern electric mounted underneath. These are driven by a veteran rubber horn bulb through the usual flexible brass conduit, which drives a multi-stage pressure switch from a washing machine, so that with a gentle squeeze, only the "dulcet toned" brass veteran horn sounds. Squeeze harder and the harsher modern horn warns everyone off. The lights are "Overland" scripted acetylene head lamps, and E & J kerosene side and tail lamps. There is a rectangular brass veteran acetylene generator inset in the left front mud-guard. The indicators are operated by a toggle switch discreetly hidden under the driver's seat - under the driver's right leg, along with the starter button.

The ignition is a brass Bosch DU4, rewound, and the ignition "OFF" is by pulling the advance/retard lever all the way down in the retard position. All the electrics and the battery are under the driver's seat, but there are a couple of terminals under the bottom edge of the firewall for connecting a charger. I have found that it will start for several days running without recharging. The starter is really a quite low load on the battery.

The speedo is a brass Jones one driven from the RH front wheel.

The windscreen has a brass split-frame with the top half folding outwards. The door windows operate through a large "brass gold" lever with three positions - Down, Up-with a small ventilation gap, or Fully Up. They slide up the inside of a small, fixed glass window at the top.

It is my understanding that Overland didn't build the bodies for the Doctor's Coupe, the Opera Coupe, and the Light Delivery, even though they were listed in the brochures and parts lists. I understand that the bodies were built to order by various out-side body builders, so apart from the standard body outlines, and the use of standard Overland chassis and other parts, the details would vary according to customer and body-builder preference.

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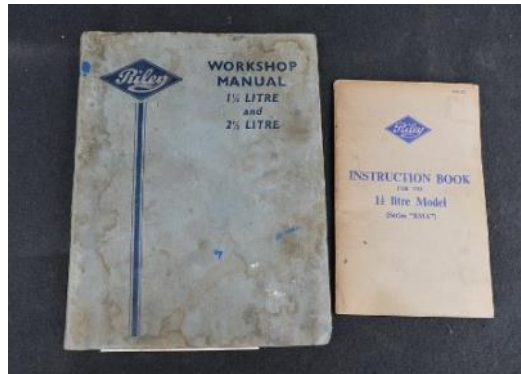
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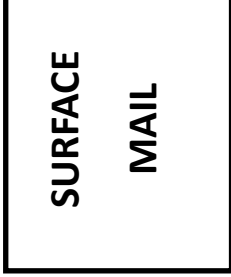
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