

Wheels across the Pacific: transnational histories of the automotive industry

A symposium co-convened by Automotive Historians Australia and Society of Automotive Historians.

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The symposium will be conducted online

This symposium seeks papers that look at transnational histories of the automotive industry, that is shared histories that extend or go beyond national boundaries. To this end, the symposium is being co-convened by AHA and SAH in the first of what we hope will be ongoing collaborations between Australian and American automotive historians.

We recognise that the auto industry has, from the late 19th century been a global enterprise although that aspect of its history is often submerged in a national story. Hence, we are looking for papers that explore ways in which the Australian and American auto industries shared expertise, skills, design and studio practices, engineering, people, business structures and management paradigms, advertising, parts and trade practices such as tariffs.

The programme will take into account the time differences between the two countries.

Abstracts: Abstracts of 200 words outlining the theme of your proposed paper should be sent to the conveners by 30 June. Note that final papers will be 15-20 minutes in length.

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