



## **Austin Bantam Society**

### Description:

Fans of American Austin and Bantam cars and trucks, Bantam Reconnaissance Cars (the first jeeps!), British Austin Sevens and their derivatives (Dixi, Rosengart, Dat) are all welcome here.

We are a diverse group of enthusiasts with a common love of these unusual, small cars. It all began with the success of the tiny Austin Seven in Longbridge, England in 1922. By the late 1930s, production of dozens of Austin Seven models in the UK, plus derivative cars in the U.S., France, Germany and Japan (more than 350 models in all), made the Austin Seven one of the most influential cars in automotive history.

In the U.S., the American Austin and American Bantam Car Companies strove valiantly to succeed in tough economic times (the Great Depression) and against much larger competitors who sold full-sized cars for about the same price as Austins and Bantams. Success was elusive, but the novelty and charm of the cars have endured.

What's more, the American Bantam Car Company holds a unique and honorable position in military history as the builder of the very first jeep, the Bantam Reconnaissance Car.

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