



Bulletin



Updates, reminders, trivia and things to do for members of the Central Island Branch Feb 2026

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The Bulletin is designed to keep members up-to-date on recent developments, activities and offer a variety of info in order to rev up everyone's interest levels.

If you have an article, item or find a link to an interesting auto related website or video please send it along to: George Roberts
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Thank you



Member Profile

Marilyn & Roger Tarry Nanaimo 1931 Talbot

Some of you might have seen the first run of the Talbot (up and down the drive way) on the Clubs Facebook page. It was a great day for us, as having had the car since August 1983, Roger had not driven it.

Roger has spent hours getting it to this point.

We bought the car from one of Roger's work colleagues and friend. Remember the day well as Roger was being best man to his cousin. We loaded the car onto the trailer in the morning and attended the wedding in the afternoon.

Drove home next day. Our next-door neighbour was a great mechanic and it turns out he used to work on these cars when he was younger.

I at that time I was working at a company that made hardwood windows and doors. The Manager was very interested in the car, which was very handy for us, as I acquired quite a bit of (so called waste) hardwood. The original car was Ash, but who is going to see it.

The engine needed to be rebuilt, which was done by the Talbot repairer at that time. It needed some machining stuff done, also cast a new water jacket, some pistons and liners and an oil pump cast, which Roger was unable to do.

Once done, it sat in my kitchen on the floor under the breakfast bar for twenty odd years. Can't tell you how many times I stubbed my toes.

When we decided to immigrate, Roger thought he might sell the Talbot. He got a "Oh no. Do you think I have had that in my kitchen for all that time for you to sell it? We are taking it with us and you are going to finish it" speech.

It was in a container for 7 years, when we got to Canada, until we built the garage. Every part has been stripped, serviced/repaired and put back together. There has been some lovely language over the years. But it is looking good.

Roger worked really hard on the Talbot during Covid as he lost his job, then with his operation. It has certainly kept him busy and mind off his heart surgery.

There is still lots to do, and we certainly have had our challenges, with regards to material for the interior and leather paint for the seat covers. Roger had got some paint made up a few years ago. It is really good, but they cannot make it now because of the new rules in Canada with regards to chemicals. We need the paint as we have the leather skins for the seats. Not the right colour of course. We had got a good deal on skins for a job lot, before we came to Canada.



The main last thing needed was the roof covering. The company that was going to do it, was really busy. Therefore, we decided that a temporary measure was needed. This might turn out to be a long-term roof, but who cares.

Roger just happened to have an old damaged tonneau cover on the shelf, which he cut, altered, and added too. He did not want to take the chance of rain damage whilst taking it to get an alignment done, so that he can get it tested/inspected, to be able to put it on the road.

With Covid restrictions being lifted we hoped to use the car for the first time.

Roger had problems with getting insurance from ICBC, but eventually with Nigel Matthews help. Roger eventually got it insured in June 2021.

We had a god run to Enrico's Winery in 2022 with the OECC. They had a people's choice in two categories, one for best Mercedes and one for all the other cars. The Mercedes winner was chosen and just before they announced the winner for the other category, Roger had decided to go back to the car for a bottle of water. Roger's name was called out; I had had a good feeling that he might have a chance. They all laughed when I told them he had gone for water, as he had no idea, that he might win.

He looked bemused to start with, then a big smile came, from ear to ear. I was really pleased for him, as he had put in so many hours restoring the Talbot to that point. Getting recognition for his effort was a great reward.

Unfortunately, on a run to Gabriola in August 2022 the car broke down on the way home. Roger could not get it going, by this time it was getting late. A very nice man stopped to help. I had phoned Hagerty, but they could not get any breakdown vehicle to the island until next day. So, the nice man took me to the ferry terminal, so that I could get the last ferry, (I had work the next morning). The man helped Roger tow the car to his place as he had offered Roger to stay the night. The tow truck arrived early next morning.

On inspection later on it meant Roger had to do a rebuild of the engine, parts had to be ordered from England, and he had to find a machine shop to do some engineering work. This was his work for the winter.

There is still a lot more hours to go.

Roger got it back on the road for 2023. We but did not do many runs, as there was then problems with the gear box, which had to be sorted.

We also did some runs in 2024 and 2025, but like most old things it needs constant attention and servicing.

Have included some pictures, of what it was like when we bought it, and now.

Written by Marilyn Tarry



June 2021



August 2022- First Run



Aug 2025 - Gabriola Car

OECC-CIB February 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes.

256 Legion, 1630 East Wellington Road, Nanaimo.

WE HAVE 4 2026 CALENDARS AVAILABLE - \$10.00 EACH - CALL MARILYN

Welcome- Start of meeting 7.00 pm. With an attendance of 16 members. There was a brief talk from a representative of the Legion to announce that the Legion was in its 50th year and as such there would be a free membership for anyone wishing to join this year.

New Members – Not a new member per say, but new to most of us, Rick Smith of Chemainus who has a 78 Triumph Spitfire.

50/50 Draw -Marilyn and Roger distribution of tickets with \$70 sold.

Financials- Bill Grace has reported both year end and monthly financials with the club funds that are in good standing. We have also realised a small folly in so much that for the last 3 years of 50/50 draws from the Polar Bear Walks, these funds should have been donated to the “World Wildlife Fund”, this over-site is being corrected and Bill will be issuing a cheque for \$177.50 to be sent to them. The very successful Christmas Dinner organised by Julie McKay was helped with the club contributing \$476 to cover tips and sundries.

Membership- Farrell VanderRee will issue a new April 2026 membership roster, where current members total 56, with a number of people from last year that so far have not yet renewed. Farrell prepared the names for the “Early bird draw” for next year’s free membership and the lucky winner was Doug Campbell, (not present tonight).

Website- February’s monthly newsletter The Bulletin– by George Roberts will be out later in the month with these minutes included. George is always on the lookout for more content material, news, stories, articles etc. John Weir has been keeping our OECC- CIB website up to date with photos of past events and a record of previously issued monthly Bulletin’s.

Social Media-Julie supplies the Facebook OECC-CIB regular event posts.

Regalia-Marilyn completed a year-end inventory of the OECC regalia and has 4 of the 2026 Calendars available at \$10 each for anyone who would still like to buy one. Also, we have a current count of 32 “British Parking” signs available at \$20 each. The \$3 cloth sew-on badges are currently on a stock re-order list.

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BOTB- Julie as co-ordinator for BOTB has been busy preparing arrangements with the town of Ladysmith for the scheduled 49th event on July 12th. With getting rentals in place and trying to organise food trucks etc. Volunteer positions will be required to be filled and a sign-up sheet will be circulated later. We have requested a donation of \$700 from the Ladysmith Township this year but with the declining 75% request per year we believe we will only receive \$375. We have not requested an amount from the Ladysmith Credit Union yet for this year.

We would request members to canvas additional sponsor's like: Lordco, Canadian Tire, Tim Hortons, etc. similarly as per last year. Bill Grace will look into the possibility of a food truck to be on site from the North Nanaimo Rotary Club. There is also a general request for a sound system or possibly a radio station to host for the event as previous years sound quality has been poor.

Events- Dave Stewart is the event co-ordinator for the Qualicum Show and Shine scheduled for Father's Day Sunday June 21st and the registration for that event is now open.

The position of an additional Events Co-ordinator remains open to be filled with a CIB club member. Regarding other public events of interest coming up:

March 25th-29th Vancouver Auto Show.

April 26th -St. Georges (LAMB) Car Show, Fort Langley.

May 16th -ABFM VanDusen Gardens, Vancouver.

May 17th -Southlands-Centennial Beach Car Show.

May 18th -Victoria Day, CIB's own car run venue possibility-Little Qualicum Falls to Port Alberni for lunch, Englishman Falls on the return, (if time allows)?

May 31st -Heritage Acres SIB -British Car Restoration Fair and Swap Meet.

May 31st -Lotus Car Club BC, Gold River, Heron's Landing, contact Bob Wilson, wilson@telus.net

July 5th -Parksville Car and Bike Show, registration is now open.

July 12th Brits on the Beach, Ladysmith, Transfer Beach.

Tool Bank- Catalogue binder available on Facebook under "Files" tab.

Car of the Month- Merv's mystery car or manufacturer, (unfortunately not present tonight).

50/50 Draw results- Winner was Farrell VanderRee \$35 plus \$5 for wearing his badge.

Announcements & Open Discussion-

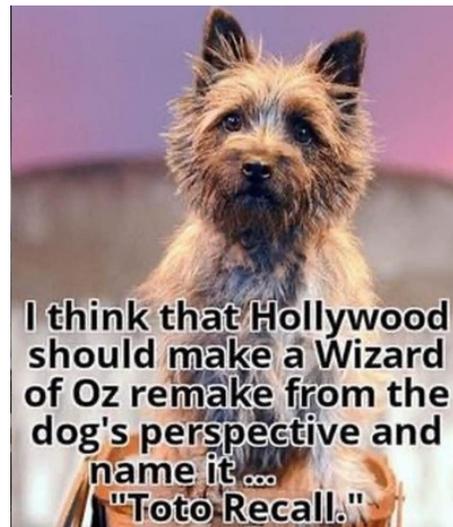
Request to members for future guest speakers at meetings or visits to workshops and ideas?

The weekly Wednesday coffee 2pm. Chat gathering at the Café 356 are ongoing until the weather has improved. Our regular 2 meetings at the Qualicum Beach Wed. Evening 6pm. meet-up at the '3 poles' parking area, and the Friday noon at the Rutherford old Sears parking lot, are not expected to start until after May 1st. Discussed other possibilities of having our own mini club-car show at the 356 Café's car park as there is generally lots of space in the summer.

End of Meeting - closed at 8. pm. Please mark the next meeting on your calendar as set for March 19th 7pm. Start. Thank you.



People who take naps are the real heroes. It takes courage to wake up twice a day...



Mick Jagger is 80. Mitch McConnell is 81. The benefits of a life of sex, drugs, and rock-'n'-roll should not be ignored. 😊



French Creek

02-04-26



02-11-26



02-11-26



French Creek

02-18-26

Good turnout at the 356 Cafe' this afternoon with 12 members present. The change back to more seasonal chilly weather provided us with only one brave soul in a soft top MGA and the bravery award goes to Len Smith.



Bond by Michael Godard



See all of Michael Godard's Paintings at:

<https://michaelgodard.net/>

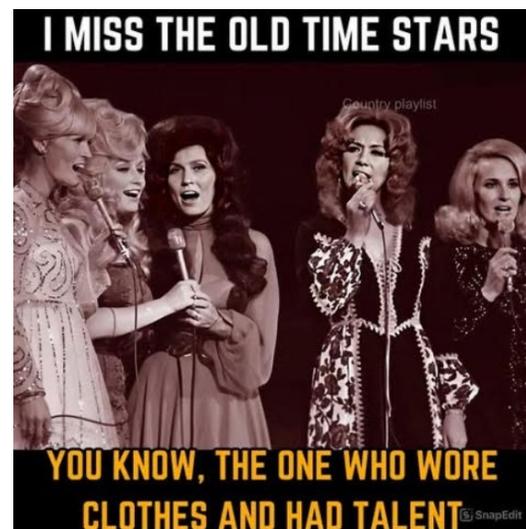
I WENT TO THE DR. TODAY AND
TOLD THE NURSE I GOT BIT BY
A WOLF. SHE SAID, WHERE? I
SAID NO, REGULAR. SHE STARED
AT ME FOR 10 MINS.

The Officer Said,
"You're Staggering"
I Said, "You're Quite
Handsome Yourself."
We Just Laughed
And Laughed.
I Need Bail Money.



**Its been
mathematically
proven that if
your biological
parents did not
have ANY
children,
chances are
HIGH that you
won't either.**

Today's word:
Subdued;
the guy behind the counter
who makes your
sandwiches



The Stars and their Cars

Kylie Jenner – Ferrari LaFerrari Aperta, Est. \$1.4M

When Kylie Jenner was still with Travis Scott, she was lucky enough to have her boyfriend gifting her expensive things. One of these was this black *Ferrari LaFerrari Aperta*, which is estimated to be worth somewhere around \$1.4 million. This model is one of *Ferrari's* most exclusive ones, as only a limited number of them have been made. And Kylie, who was named by *Forbes* as the youngest self-made billionaire in 2019, has one of them. To be fair, with all the money she's made through her makeup business, she can afford any set of wheels she wishes. As a matter of fact, in 2019, she bought a white *Bugatti Chiron* worth \$3 million.



Britney Spears – MINI Cooper Convertible, Est. \$55K

Britney Spears has been one of the biggest pop stars in the music industry since the late '90s. Photographed above is the *MINI Cooper convertible* she was spotted driving on a number of occasions in the past. If you want to purchase a car like this, make sure you have around \$25K saved up. This is probably Spears' most modest ride because other cars you will see in her garage are high-end and lavish. She is currently enjoying her indefinite hiatus from music, but she did have a voice role in the 2019 movie, *Corporate Animals*.



Kate Moss – MG Midget Mk III, Est. \$2.5K

Kate Moss was once one of the biggest names in the modeling scene, and she was among those who earned the highest. A cool automobile she has been spotted driving in the past was an *MG Midget MK III*. She didn't disclose how much she spent for it, but the *MK III*'s price was said to be at \$2.5K back in 1972. This automobile isn't really equipped with modern technology, but we guess it's still a cool ride to be seen in. Moss isn't active in modeling anymore, but she still gets to enjoy an \$80 million fortune.



Caitlyn Jenner – 1960 Austin-Healey Bugeye Sprite, Est. \$15.4K

One of Caitlyn Jenner's favorite possessions is arguably her custom 1960 *Austin-Healey Bugeye Sprite*. She had it made and customized by the *Bugeye Sprite Specialists* in 2016. Ever since then, she's been driving it around on the streets for everyone to see. Cars like this usually go around for an estimated amount of \$15.4K if restored. Caitlyn wanted to get one, as a tribute to her father, who he used to own the same model as well. However, the reality TV star never got the chance to [actually drive](#) that one. Caitlyn recently participated in the 2019 documentary called *Buzz*.



Georges St-Pierre – Range Rover, Est. \$50K

We want to talk with Georges St-Pierre's car insurance company because what they did for him was certainly amazing! His Range Rover got stolen and what did they do? They gave him a new one! Just like that. The stolen vehicle was recovered but it had suffered some damages.



Julia Roberts – Mercedes-Benz GL320, Est. \$53K

Julia Roberts is known for her charismatic and perfect smile, incredible talent, and high-grossing movies. One of her most iconic performances was on *Pretty Woman*. After that, her legend only grew higher. She has shown that she can do everything with a versatility beyond compare.



Tips & Things

12 Detailing Tips

https://www.hagerty.com/media/magazine-features/hagerty-magazine/essentials-for-your-mobile-diy-car-detailing-kit/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=26_HDC_HDC_CA_EML_UN_UN_MemberMonthly_February&hashed_email=35e1096693feeb0887776545448a4c6a26ee2ff13d52dcf8e78f6ccd34f70301&dtm_em=35e1096693feeb0887776545448a4c6a26ee2ff13d52dcf8e78f6ccd34f70301

A Treasured Land Rover

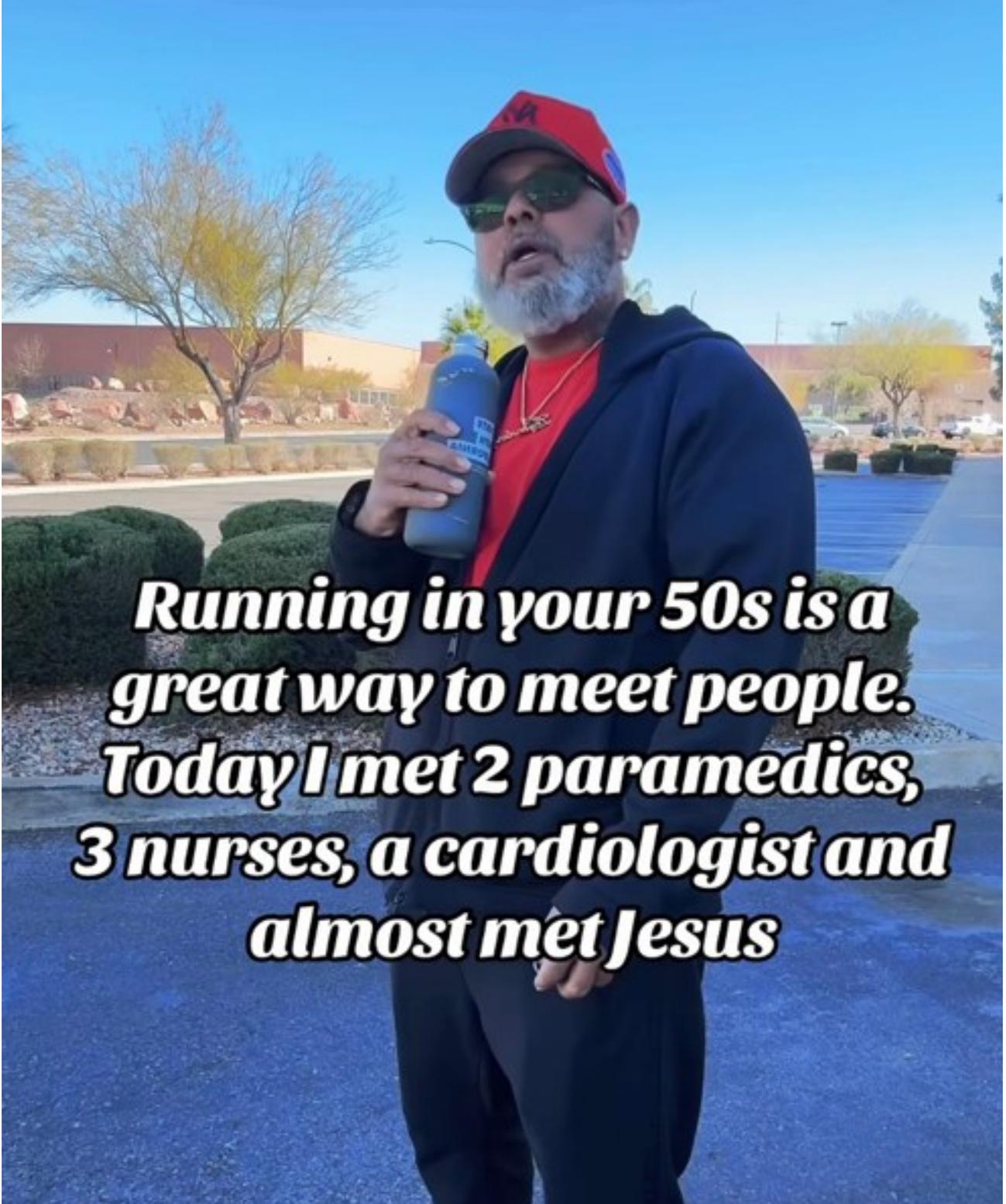
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8 Tips for Disassembling an Interior

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RM Sotheby's Miami Auction - February 27

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Running in your 50s is a great way to meet people. Today I met 2 paramedics, 3 nurses, a cardiologist and almost met Jesus

Puzzle Time



**Click on link below then click in lower right corner to enlarge
ENJOY !!**

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=02a610f9f5dc>

CLASSIFIED ADS

Thinking of doing a Classified Ad page in the Bulletin

If you have anything for sale, send it to:

georoberts1951@gmail.com

with a short description, price and contact info

MEMBER PROFILES

We NEED member profiles for the Bulletin

Send to

georoberts1951@gmail.com

Send bio with a few pictures

Thanks for your help

Upcoming Events

**Reminder: Every third Thursday of the month Club Meeting - Legion Branch 256
1630 Wellington Road E 7:00 PM start - We'd love to see you there**

Weekly Chat Gatherings - **Driving Season - weather permitting:**

Wednesday evenings - 6pm - Qualicum Beach - 3 Poles Parking Lot

Friday noon - Rutherford Shopping Mall - Old Sears Parking Lot

Weekly Chat Gatherings - **Off Season:**

Wednesday afternoon - 2 pm - 356 Café in French Creek

(bare in mind they close the café at 3 pm. for winter operations)

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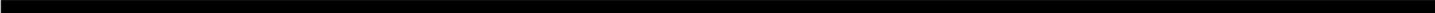
**May 31 Lotus Car Club BC – Gold River, Heron's Landing Car Show
Contact Bob Wilson, wilson@telus.net**

**June 21 Father's Day Show & Shine, Seaside Cruizers - Qualicum Beach
Early Registration at: <https://seaside-cruizers.vercel.app/>
Also contact Dave Stewart at: dave_stewart@shaw.ca to let the club know how many members are attending**

**June 28 Vintage Car Club Mid-Island Chapter Swap meet (non-profit) - 8:00 AM to 2 PM
All types of Collector Car Parts & Cars for sale
80 Indoor Stalls - Truck & Trailer Boot Sales
300 Public Parking area.....Good Food.....ATM.....Good washrooms
Self contained Camping - Easy walk to Famous Goats on the Roof**

July 5 Parksville Car and Bike Show, Registration is now open.

July 12 BRITS ON THE BEACH - Ladysmith - MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW



Regalia



Description		
Cap	Navy & Black	22.00
Tuque	Navy & Black	22.00
Cloth Patch		3.00
Metal Grill Badge		20.00
Badge Decal		2.00
Mug		7.00
Sign	British Parking Only	20.00
Leather Goods		
OECC Coaster		15.00
Belt Buckle		15.00
Key Fob	Please advise make & model of car	5.00
Key Fob	OECC Logo	5.00
Key Tag	Please advise make & model of car	3.00
Key Tag	Union Jack	3.00
<p>Note- Leather goods are made to order, if we have not got what you want Please let us know and we can get it made</p>		



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