

1936 RAILTON 4.2 LITRE FAIRMILE MkII THREE POSITION DROPHEAD COUPE

Coachwork by Coachcraft Ltd., Hanwell, London.

Registration No. BMN 419 (Previously DLY 419 – retrieval of original UK registration number should be possible through the DVLA)

Chassis No. 645139 Engine No. 11082

Specification: Eight cylinder in line, water-cooled monobloc, side valve bore 76mm, stroke 114mm, capacity 4,168cc. Three-speed gearbox, single plate clutch, shaft spiral bevel final drive. Wheelbase 10ft 6 in. Tyres 6.50 x 16.

Railton Cars of Cobham, Surrey produced cars of quality and distinction. Anglo-American in their construction they were fitted with a 4.2 litre Hudson engine and had a lowered 4 litre Terraplane chassis with stiffened suspension. Coachwork was in the British style with louvered and riveted bonnets and the end result was a car with startling acceleration, good looks and considered to be the best of the Anglo-Americans produced.

This car was purchased at auction in 1991 by the owner, Railton member No. 781, and has undergone a complete restoration. The previous owner, Kenneth Mummery, was a leading member of the Railton owners club and owned this car for nearly 54 years. The car's paintwork is silver with green leather upholstery and the black mohair drop head complements the overall effect. The car was a previous winner of the John Cobb cup, the Alan Nicholls award and the Kenneth Mummery award. The car participated in the 1951 Blandford Speed Trials and at the Team Railton event at Prescott circa 1972. Under the present owner, the car has been dry-stored in a de-humidified garage, has been run regularly and taken to rallies. Minor attention only has been required to keep this Railton in the splendid condition it is today.

It is offered for sale with Isle of Man registration documents and some history. The Railton was always an individualistic hand-built motor car and it is rare to find one in such beautiful condition and good running order.