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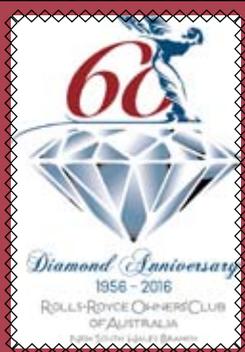


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At the All British Day 2016, Two Dawns 65 years apart in age:
Andrew McFarland's 1951 SDB124
and the latest model on display courtesy of Trivetts - Photo Chris Gillings



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President's Comments



Many years ago my parents used to say as one grew older the time went much faster. At the time I found this difficult to understand as, in my view, time was constant. But I now believe my parents were correct, as here we are in 2016 with only a couple of months to go and the year is finished!

During this year we have had what must be close to a record number of new members. This has taken our numbers to 420. We have met some of these new members already and look forward to meeting them all at one or more of our up and coming events. This augurs well for the future of this sixty year old Club.

Our revitalised web site has been instrumental in our gaining many new members as we receive a number of enquiries, many of which turn into new members. Shay does an excellent job of keeping this up-to-date as well as managing our Facebook page which seems to be popular and certainly attracts much attention from members and others alike.

At our workshop held in August, a number of excellent ideas were generated and an open and enthusiastic discussion ensued. In particular there was a desire for more technical days and both David Hughes and Charlie Frew have been discussing how we may best move forward with this activity. More later!

Our new caterers at Barnwell Park have been providing excellent meals for both Committee and General meetings under some difficulties as much of the kitchen required renovation and new equipment. This is now in place and from November we can expect even better offerings as they will be able to provide a menu from which members will be able to select. Come early and give them a try.

Currently your Committee is working at developing a first pass calendar of events for 2017. The idea is to space events and make certain we are able to offer a wide range of events so there is something for everybody. We are particularly aware of older vehicles and are keen to include them in some of our outings.

If you have an idea for an outing or a place to visit why not either organise the event for the Club or at least mention it to me so we can see what can be done. If you have ideas we want to hear of them. **Bruce**



From The Membership Registrar

Hello everyone, The Display Day at Linnwood House started off with British weather for British cars - bleak and cold. But, there was a very small contingent of the "faithful" which slowly grew as the weather marginally improved.

Great to see LeRoy Jones and new member Alastair Duke and a very proud Bob Doyle with his newly acquired Cloud III. A healthy number of our cars arrived as well as a great turn-out by our guests from the Rover Club and some very interesting British makes like Alvis and Humber. There were a couple of US "ring-ins" who were made very welcome. As we were the hosts, it was a tad disappointing that more of our members didn't make it. That said, we gained a couple of new members on the day. One very charming couple arrived with the most beautiful very early Bentley T in superb condition, with the encouragement of Victor Nash. A big thanks to Chris Gillings and President, Bruce Duncan who greeted and welcomed arrivals at the gate.

We are off to a really good start to the new membership year welcoming lots new members this month. Our club continues to grow at a healthy pace with few departures at renewal time. This is very encouraging for us for the future of our club, especially with younger members joining as "Family" members.

New Members: I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the following new members - Kathy Beckett as a new "Family" member of the John, Shay and Katie Gillings family. Peter Cashman with 1974 RR Silver Shadow (SRH TBA), Alastair Duke with 1978 SSII SRH35393, Evan Groombridge (Associate Member), Alex Peterson and Rae Barrett-Foy with "Family Members" Cameron and Kaylee Whiteman with 1982 RR Silver Spirit ASB03938, Stephen and Kim Smith with 1950 RR Silver Dawn SBA30. Stephen DeBono has rejoined with Danielle Harland with 1987 Bentley Mulsanne BJSJ422160 and 1951 RR Silver Dawn SDB52. Stephen's brother Brian Debono has also joined with 1956 Bentley Continental S1 BC44AF. Ian and Catherine Baker with 1981 Silver Spirit ASB03019, 1966 Silver Shadow SRH1957 and 1962 Silver Cloud SAE681. Rowan and Hunter Fitzpatrick have joined as Associate members.

Departures: Kent and Simone Davis who have sold SBH40622 Bentley TII and Spirit ASL32272.

Remember - It's your club, so let's get involved. You are welcome to everything we do.

Steve McDonald, Membership Registrar.

TO RECENTLY JOINED MEMBERS - CAR PHOTOS. AND VIN NUMBERS.

It is a requirement on application for membership that the VIN and a quality 6x4 photo (not a photo copy) of your eligible motor car is submitted with the membership application. Membership cannot be established until the VIN and a photo is produced. Our committee has determined that this condition of joining as "Ordinary" members must be enforced before I can complete new membership applications. So, if you have joined in recent times then please send in a 6 x 4 quality photo & VIN. Associate Members are naturally exempt.

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Editor's Comments

One of the sad duties of an editor is to inform members of the passing of members and dear friends. This month it is quite a list:

Kerry Wherry Ely, a long time NSW member and later, a Victorian member with her late husband Lachlan.

Harry Champion, one-time owner of Silver Ghost 12HG, now owned by Bryan Inder.

Vanessa Hardman, daughter of Bill and Leslie Hardman and niece of Helen Hardman.

Patrick Ryan's brother, Jim who had a tragic accident recently. It is not my place here to attempt obituaries but just to send our members' heartfelt condolences to their families.

On a happier note, we are pleased to welcome a new advertiser, May Estates promoted by member, Greg May. You can see it positioned below.

Have you noticed the new layout of Market Place designed by Ken Swinbourne. It's much clearer, isn't it?

Margaret Gillings, Editor



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Phantom V Conservation Fund

Report:

As at 16th October 2016	\$
Opening balance:	5571.05
Donations (sadly!)	0.00
Expenses (happily!)	0.00
Closing balance:	5571.05

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All British Day 2016

Most of the week before this year's All British Day was taken up with an anxious watching of the skies. We have experienced cancellation because of rain damage to the Kings School playing fields before. However, on Friday we were given the go-ahead for what turned out to be a beautiful spring day, hot enough for Chris Gillings to wear his 'Arafhat'.



Chris was there early to show us all where to park. He was also able to use his drone to take these aerial shots. They give some idea of the extent of the Kings School grounds and the number of cars they can accommodate. That's us, as usual, around the cricket pitch.



Charlie Frew's 25/30H.P.

Charlie please let us know the chassis number! Maybe we are being conceited in thinking that future members may use L&D to research their cars but we try hard to ensure that the paper trail continues just in case.



Jim Kelso came with fellow 20H.P. enthusiast, Geoff Harrison in Jim's 1924 20H.P. GRK81. Both have been members for more than either of them want to remember!



Nothing can capture the public's interest more than the Boa Constrictor horn on Andrew Gibson's 1926 Phantom I 102SC.



Michael Jeanes's garage is now going to be home to a Rolls-Royce again. He has bought the ex-Ross Small, 2 door Mulliner Park Ward 1969 Silver Shadow CRH6742.

Our place around the cricket pitch gives us the ability to put all our picnic tables together in a row. We have found that setting up lunch 'behind the boot' inhibits other people from looking closely and fully appreciating our cars. And anyway, this way it's more sociable!



Of course, the Phantom V (5VF159) was on display and, as usual, attracted lots of attention ...



This young man certainly gave it the thumbs up!



... she certainly looked at her regal best!



One of the things we like about our cars is the roominess of the boot. Katie Gillings and her friend Tailah found her mother's 1972 Silver Shadow SRH14252 a great performance space out of the sun. The blanket was just for extra insulation.



Paul Schipp and David Marshall-Martin are really enjoying owning their 1977 Shadow II, SRN30408. Or maybe they were just amused by the girls over there!

Photos;
Patty Aiosa Bruce Duncan
Chris Gillings David Murphy

Meanwhile, down in the lower field...

A number of our members belong to other car clubs and become quite schizophrenic on this day. The most numerous 'other marque' is Jaguar. Bob Adby, John Elmes and Philip Kinsella all displayed their Jaguars.



Philip Kinsella's classy-looking XK120



See! We still speak to John Elmes even when he is wearing his Jaguar badge. At least, Coralie Ogle, Michael Jeanes and Patty Aiosa do.



Victor Nash displayed his Daimler and so parked his 1948 MkVI Bentley B157BG with the Daimler Club just adjacent to our area. John Hiscox is also a Daimler Club member.



Later in the day it was hard to see any grass!



Let's hope they all took the right one home!



John Gillings admired Rex Vincent's newly-restored Morgan. Norah seems at a bit of a loss with a blue car! Vincent cars are nearly always red!

A Visit to Young Henrys Boutique Brewery in Newtown

After a couple of false starts and change of dates we finally settled on September 4th which unfortunately turned out to be 'Father's Day'.

An energetic group enjoyed the free beer and coffee and some lunch and being a small group we caught up on all the gossip. The enclosed photos show the group in front of 1922 Silver Ghost Chassis 12HG and 1981 Corniche DRH50523. **Jeremy Inder**



Main entrance gates to Young Henrys



Silver Ghost Chassis 12HG with L to R Andrew McFarland, Shannon McFarland, Alex McFarland, Bryan Inder, then Corniche DRH50523 with Coralie Ogle, Jeremy Inder, Liz Cuming, Prudence Inder, Steffan Piolet

The Dinematics at The Quays, Church Point, October 2016



There were actually 14 of us but Shay Gillings and Luisa Rose are missing when our lovely waitress took this photo. Jane Price, second from the right, who came all the way from New Zealand to join us. Thanks to organisers Merryl and Jeanne.

Dawn Patrol XV



A classic photo of Federal President, Neil Matthew's Silver Wraith BLW78 with a Spitfire, powered by the legendary Merlin engine. NSW President, Bruce Duncan and SHRF Chairman, Russell Rolls are standing either side of Neil.



The largest gathering ever (seventy three participants) for the annual Dawn Patrol assembled in Wagga Wagga on Friday 16th September 2016. Seventeen were from NSW, with the balance being from Victoria, Queensland & Tasmania. Whilst not all cars were Silver Dawn's or Bentley equivalents, there was an interesting collection of RRs and Bentleys ranging in age from Mal Henderson's 1935 Bentley Drophead Coupe to Ralph Plarre's Rolls-Royce Phantom.

Bruce Duncan planned a very interesting weekend of driving, eating, drinking and observing some of the best restored aircraft in Australia being put through their paces at the **Temora Air Museum**. The heavens opened on Sunday and the area was deluged with rain. A planned visit to the 'Sunshine' Iris Nursery had to be aborted and we were redirected to the Lockhart Museum for morning tea which was most enjoyable.



Above: The CA-16 Wirraway (restored in 1975) was delivered in Australia in 1944. It flies in the markings of 5 Squadron RAAF, which flew Wirraways and Boomerangs on army-cooperation and target marking duties on Bougainville from late 1944.



Left: The De Havilland Tiger Moth is significant on two counts: it is Australia's oldest example and also served at Temora during WWII training new pilots.

The Dawn Patrol is the annual tour organised by the Early Post War register. That is, Silver Dawns, MarkVI Bentleys and Silver Wraiths. The point is that Registers are, strictly speaking, Federal bodies and are always very well covered in Praeclarum. That said, your editor can never resist a few photos in L&D. MG(Ed)

Bruce was constantly in contact with the SES to ensure we were able to make it back from our drive to Morundah (approx. 130kms from Wagga) following a magnificent meal at the Morundah Pub. Incidentally, Morundah (population of 24) has regularly, since 2006, staged Opera and Ballet performances direct from the city in what is known as the **Opera House** (It started life as a renovated pig pen but is now a purpose built "theatre" capable of holding everything from opera to market days) right next door to the Pub. The ballet, Romeo & Juliet was held only the night before we arrived.



What's that truck doing there?



Sunday night a very relaxed final dinner was held in a private room at the RSL Club next door to our accommodation. John Harriman the Silver Dawn Registrar, was given a birthday card from the group and Ralph Plarre was charged with the task of presenting the 'Missen Impossible' award (similar to the Backscratcher) to a worthy recipient, a duty he performed with much theatrical gusto. With no one actually failing to proceed during the weekend, the writers were awarded a prize for *almost failing* with an engine fan problem.

Bruce conducted a quiz during the evening which drew plenty of competitiveness and laughter from each table as we failed miserably at answering the questions - perhaps we really did have too much food and drink after all which would be most unusual for a Rolls-Royce event!!

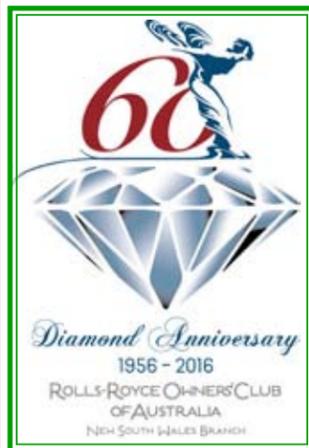
The consensus was that Bruce had done a marvellous job of organizing the weekend and he was presented with a card signed by all participants and a token gift to remember us by.

Patty & John Aiosa



Photos:
Patty Aiosa
Lloyd Missen

COMING EVENTS for the next 6 months or so



Wednesday 30th November 2016

Diamond Anniversary Presentation Night And Christmas Dinner

At the Royal Automobile Club of Australia
Your Committee invites all members to join them for
A Black Tie Presentation Night Dinner

A three course, seated dinner, preceded by a social hour, will be served.
The presentation of awards will take place during the evening.

There is a limited amount of accommodation available at the Club, for those who would like to make a night of it.

Time: 6.30pm until 11.00pm

Cost: \$90.00 per head

Dress: Black Tie (i.e. Formal attire)

Venue: Royal Automobile Club of Australia
89 Macquarie Street, Sydney

A Booking Form is enclosed



OUR OWN EVENTS &

THOSE WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO:

November 4-10 - Wild Rivers Run, Mid North Coast
Contact: Bob Adby



Sunday November 20 - The Silver Ghost Register is arranging a 110th Silver Ghost Anniversary Lunch for Register members and all club members. This complementary lunch with wines will be held in Lindfield at the home and studio of artist Liz Cuming. Please reserve the date. Booking forms and information will follow.
Contact: Bryan Inder Silver Ghost Registrar

Wednesday November 30 -
Presentation Dinner RACA See
Above. Booking Form Enclosed



Sunday December 4 - **Terribly British Day** Canberra
Watch for further details later.

2017

March 9-15 'High Country' Overlander to the Federal Rally. Details in Praeclarum and opposite. **Contact:** Allan Simpson allan@simpsonhealthcare.com.au



March 16-20 2017 - **Federal Rally Canberra ACT**
Registration Form promised for the October Praeclarum



WE ARE INVITED TO:

Friday - Saturday February 10-11 - **The Oberon Highland Steam Festival and Vintage Fair.**

<http://www.oberonsteamfair.com.au/highlands-steam-and-vintage-fair/>

February (exact date tba) - **Gnoo Blas Orange.**

The 'High Country' Overlander to the 2017 Federal Rally in Canberra

Another world-famous *Overlander* has been meticulously planned for the enjoyment of any club members who wish to take part, travelling to the 59th Federal Rally, which is being hosted by the ACT Branch in Canberra, between 15 and 20 March 2017.

The '*High Country*' *Overlander* will be commencing on **Thursday, 9 March 2017** in the small township of **Berry**, which is situated 145km south of Sydney, in the Shoalhaven Region of NSW.

The next day we will be heading in a southerly direction down the Princes Highway to our next overnight stop in the aptly named **Eden**, an idyllic and peaceful town situated on Twofold Bay.

The following morning, **Saturday, 11 March**, we'll continue travelling south on the Princes Highway. Entering Victoria shortly after leaving **Eden**, we'll be passing through **Cann River** and **Orbost** before reaching our destination for the next two nights, which is the lovely holiday town of **Lakes Entrance**, situated at the eastern end of the Gippsland Lakes.

As this is the Victorian Labor Day long weekend, it's to be hoped that members of the club's Victoria Branch will drive from Melbourne and join the *Overlander* in **Lakes Entrance** on the Saturday night.

Sunday, 12 March will be a day of R & R, with a relaxing launch trip planned on calm waters to the delightful hamlet of **Metung**, situated in a corner of the Gippsland Lakes, for a delightful lunch.

The next day, **Monday 13 March** (which is a Public Holiday), we'll be heading north from Lakes Entrance into the Victorian Alps along the Omeo Highway, eventually arriving in the delightful 'High Country' town of **Bright**.

Incidentally, **Omeo** is an Aboriginal word meaning mountains – very appropriate for the areas through which you'll pass today! At times *Overlanders* may perhaps find the alpine roads 'challenging', however as the route is all fully sealed, Rolls-Royces or Bentleys will traverse them all with ease. The absolutely spectacular rugged mountain scenery in this area is unsurpassed anywhere in Australia!

On the morning of **Tuesday 14 March**, we'll be leaving **Bright** and, after once more heading initially in a northerly direction, we'll then start to head east on the Murray Valley Highway, passing through the Victorian town of **Corryong** before once again entering the state of NSW and travelling north in order to reach the *Overlander's* final overnight stop, which is **Tumbarumba**.

The following day, **Wednesday 15 March**, the *Overlanders* will make their own way to the final destination – Canberra, with a suggestion of going through **Tumut**, up the Hume Highway to **Yass**, and then through **Murrumbateman** to Canberra.

Having read this, and if you'd like to participate in the '*High Country*' *Overlander* to Canberra next March with a great group of your fellow club members, please contact me as soon as possible because, as you can appreciate, accommodation is quite limited in places – particularly in Lakes Entrance and Bright due to the Labor Day Long Weekend.

Allan Simpson – NSW Branch

Registration Form Enclosed

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On time delivery

By Leon de Bord

Sorry friends. This is not about home-delivered pizza. It's about my thoroughly enjoyable experiences as a 'hobbyist' driving weddings in Rolls-Royces and a Bentley for Club member Vivien Reed's Australia in Style.

This is not an 'advertorial' for Vivien's business and cannot be read as such. Other Club members operate successfully in the same sector.

First things first; Vivien uses four wedding cars. Delightfully, each has a name. They are – *Winston*, a 1951 Silver Wraith touring saloon (WOF32) with Park Ward coachwork; *Humphrey*, a 1956 Silver Wraith long-wheelbase limousine (ELW40) by Park Ward; *Charles*, a 1961 Silver Cloud II standard saloon (SXC463); and *David*, a 1954 R-Type Bentley standard saloon (B111YA).

Their characters are very different and each is an immense pleasure to drive. The Wraiths are surprisingly nimble in today's traffic.

My first wedding was with *Humphrey*. He is a rare car – a vice-regal limousine built for the British High Commissioner to Australia. Viewed on the road he looks enormous. Within he is gigantic. The rear compartment seats 6 comfortably with broad occasional seats.



Humphrey instantly reminded me of a 1979 *Autocar* review of a Phantom VI to celebrate 75 years of Rolls-Royce: the reviewer said it was as if one were a ship's captain telegraphing orders to a hidden helmsman deep down in the front somewhere. *Humphrey* defined!

I was surprised at how very well *Humphrey* handled the run. To me, 80-85 km/h is a good, stately speed which doesn't overstress his engine with 6 passengers on board. Nonetheless, he creeps up to 90 km/h quite easily and without prompting on flat motorways.

Not long after, driving *Winston*, I took an elegant Persian couple to their ceremony on the beach below Turimetta Head in Sydney's north. They elected for a beach wedding to escape the summer heat of Sydney's west.

I encountered one problem: the 'goat track' down to the beach was steep and uneven. Within minutes one of the aunts returned to the headland, helped by a young girl who'd just had a swim.

My concern was instant. The aunt couldn't make it to the beach. I sat her in *Winston* and served chilled water while wondering what to do.

A group of surfies, in their board shorts and tee-shirts, saw what had happened and asked if they could help. I explained. Their reaction was instant: they drove the aunt to the lower end of the headland in their 4WD and walked her – arm-in-arm – across the sand to the ceremony. What a joyous gesture!

I find that modest weddings are just as happy as the high-end events. The magic still happens.



I recall one of many simple events: the bride and groom graced *Winston* with their presence. A celebrant conducted the wedding on the Lavender Bay foreshore with its wonderful harbour backdrop of boats and a cruise liner. The photographer and the celebrant's assistant were witnesses. Photos and a flute or two of sparkling with snacks followed. Delightfully, the bride called me 'sweetie' – a first for me as best I can recall.

For one event, I drove a bride and her father in *Winston* from Vacluse to an event in Centennial Park. There were three huge marquees – one for the ceremony, another for the reception and the third for top-end caterers. There were guards around the perimeter. One told me the wedding cost 'millions' which I found unfathomable.

Not long after, I drove *David* to a wedding at Darling Point. After the ceremony, 100 guests sat down to dinner on the mansion's lawns. The event organiser said \$10,000 had been spent just on roses flown in from overseas.

And there are what we call 'getaways'. One night I collected newlyweds in *David* from their reception at Le Montage, Lilyfield, overlooking Iron Cove, to take them to their downtown hotel. Chatting with a duty manager as I waited I discovered that one family had spent \$250,000 on a wedding which included a fireworks display on the water and a video-link to overseas relatives. What can I say? Wow!

I've driven numerous overseas visitors and they all say 'wow!' to Sydney. An English couple – and their family and friends from the greater Manchester area – wanted a January wedding but with a bit of warmth



so selected Sydney. I drove the bridal party in *Charles* to their event on the Northern Broadwalk of our Opera House. Driving through the bowels of the Opera House, I felt as if we were in the midst of a huge, surreal movie set with stage props everywhere.

A Swiss couple enjoyed *Humphrey* for a surprise birthday for the husband and other guests at the fabulous Pulu restaurant at Freshwater. I chose to make their evening more memorable: back in the city I dropped them under the Harbour Bridge and suggested they walk along the Circular Quay waterfront to the Museum of Contemporary Art where I collected them.

I then took them to Mrs Macquaries Point to gain more of the flavour of Sydney at night. Seeing them walk hand in hand was, to me, a symbol of deep affection. The gentlest couple I've driven, in *Charles*, were young Spanish newlyweds who, above all, wanted a sight-seeing floatplane flight from Rose Bay which they loved. After the flight, I took them to Vacluse House for coffee and friends. Leaving them alone, I said I'd be at the car. At their request we drove back to The InterContinental through Paddington where they found the historic terraces enchanting.

Not all weddings go strictly to plan. Sheer nerves and terror get the better of some brides. It requires tact, understanding and distractions to calm them. My standard line is: "Don't worry about anything. Nothing can begin without you". And, on the way to ceremonies, I ask questions and





two same-aged bridesmaids had enjoyed a little too much sparkling wine before leaving their apartment in *Humphrey*. A problem arose because the photographer got lost and was 45 minutes late for the ceremony. My three ladies decided 'more' sparkling was required. Vivien provides a very good French sparkling and my passengers enjoyed almost another bottle while waiting for their photographer. It's not for me to judge or to deny service. I can only advise discreetly that a flute of sparkling wine is really all that's needed as a prop for photos.

It makes me think: do some people have anything other than hazy recollections of their weddings? I recall a groom and his party who – at 11.00 a.m. – were tanked on beer. Charmingly (?) they called through *David's* rear windows wishing everyone a happy day. Of course drinking anything other than water is simply not allowed in the cars. Never.

There can be drama. It hasn't

happened to me but I've witnessed a few hiccups like a mini-disaster at Cabarita's Prince Edward Park. As my wedding party got on with photos, another group arrived in exotic Italian cars and a new Rolls-Royce Wraith. They had photographers and videographers – one controlling a drone with its high-res camera for aerial shots. Sadly for them the drone crashed high up in a tree. It's probably still there. Some people chuckled but I couldn't possibly!

How do I define a good wedding? I would say happiness. For brides and grooms it is one of the most important days of their lives.

I've enjoyed many amazing experiences having driven all over Sydney, Wollongong and the Blue Mountains. Friends tell me I should become a taxi driver (which I won't). **Leon**

chat about the cars and their histories. Everyone loves the Spirit of Ecstasy story.

At times I've sat with brides – running late because dresses were still being ironed and make-up wasn't happening and bouquets hadn't arrived – and calmed them. One mother gave this advice to a bride who was 30 minutes late for her wedding: "Don't worry", said mum. "You are showing who will wear the pants in the family from day one"!

Recently, with *Charles*, another Silver Cloud and a Daimler limousine, we drove a large bridal party from Balmoral to Riverview College. With his sharp mind and humour, the bride's father said he'd had a dreadful morning: he'd had to glue his eyes to the carpet to avoid looking at semi-naked young ladies rushing around their apartment.

Decorating cars can be an issue: no blue tack with 'Just Married' signs on the boot owing to the likelihood of discolouring paintwork – and no tin cans attached to the rear bumper. There was one amusing decoration – a young Chinese couple wanted *Charles's* radiator grille adorned with Micky and Minnie Mouse dolls. It meant a lot to them. As a driver, I am prepared for everything and it was no bother to tie the dolls securely either side of the Spirit of Ecstasy.



Can you imagine the nerves of a 50-something Scottish lady marrying for the first time? She and her

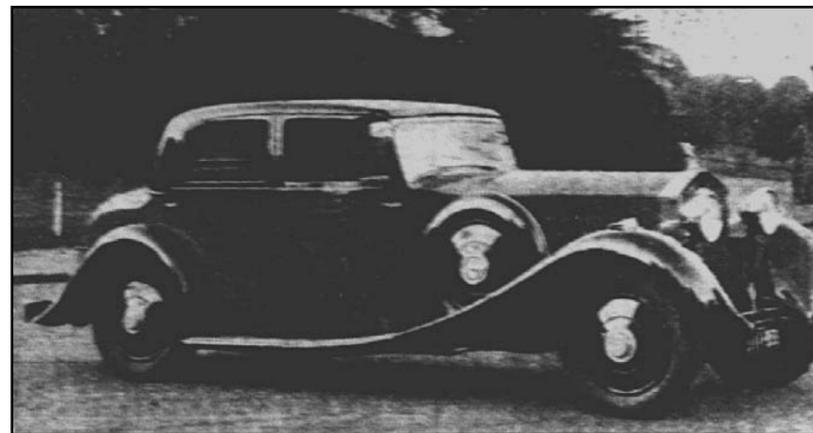
The Rolls-Royce Treasure Trove No. 10

What the Papers Said

Compiled by David Neely

'Trove' is a National Library of Australia website (trove.nla.gov.au) which provides access to digitised newspapers, from which this series has been compiled.

"Special Rolls-Royce Imported For Well-Known Pastoralist" and "Luxurious Car For E. Hunter Bowman" were headlines in 'The Land' on 30 August 1935.



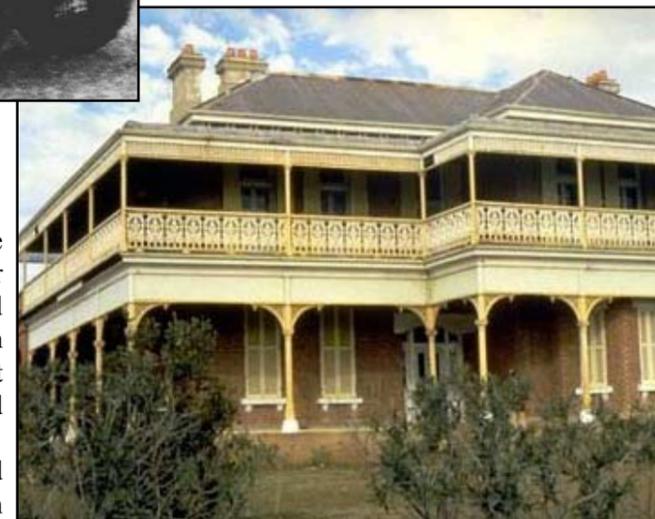
This photograph appeared in the newspaper article with the caption: "The 25 H.P. Rolls-Royce imported recently for Mr. E. Hunter Bowman of 'Skellatar', Muswellbrook."

The article continued: "Illustrated on this page is a special 25 H.P. Rolls-Royce, which has just been imported to the order of Mr. E. Hunter Bowman, well-known pastoralist of 'Skellatar', Muswellbrook, N.S.W. It is worth describing as showing to what lengths the makers of the very finest cars will go in order to attain the highest degree of excellence in every point of design.

The coachwork is by Hooper's of London, one of the most famous coachbuilding firms in the world, and the car is characterised by extremely simple but symmetrical and modern lines. It was produced originally for the Amsterdam motor exhibition. The whole vehicle possesses an air of quiet distinction, which seems to be attained in Rolls-Royce and one or two other productions.

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Skellatar House, pictured here in 1981 by the National Trust of Australia, has been restored.



The car is 1934 20/25, GWE16, Hooper saloon. Tom Clarke notes it was the Scottish, Amsterdam and Geneva Shows car. It has been owned by Club members David Pockley, who joined the NSW Branch in 1966 and Peter Yorke, who joined the ACT Branch in 1990.

The Hunter Bownmans later owned the first Silver Dawn to come to Australia, 1949 Silver Dawn, SBA18 and 1949 Bentley Mk VI, B8FV, which was delivered to Mrs Hunter Bowman in London.

1934 20/25, GWE 16, at the RROCA Federal Rally in Canberra in June 1970. [Photo: F J English Archive]

Linnwood Picnic Day



Heather Goldsmith in her elegant 1948 Silver Wraith WAB37 was welcomed at the gate by Bruce Duncan and Chris Gillings. She could just as easily come in her Alvis.

We have held our Concours d'Elegance here in past years but because of the decision to mark our 60th Anniversary Concours elsewhere, we chose this venue again for a simple picnic day. We also wanted to invite some sister clubs to join us again and continue to support the Friends of Linnwood on their Open Day.



These two Sunbeams certainly brightened up the day.



How's this Humber for a classy looking classic car?



It is hard to overemphasise the importance of keeping track of chassis numbers. Any new owner who wants to research the history of his car will use it as his major research tool.

Above, our Membership Registrar, Steve McDonald points out the position of the chassis plate on this vehicle. He needs it for his records and your editor tries very hard to make sure pictures of every car are identified by chassis number.

Owners; please learn your car's number, let Steve know what it is and write it in the email or on the back of any photographs you send for publication. Some future owner will thank you!



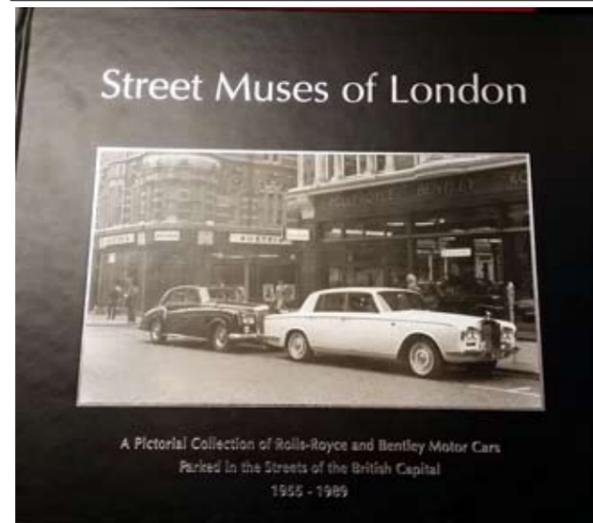
There was no specially designated parking for different makes but the Alvis Club banner gave its members an indication of a meeting point.

Photos:
Bruce Duncan
Ross Edwards
David Murphy



After checking out all the other makes and models, David Murphy found that he remained loyal to the marque.

Library Book Review: "Street Muses of London" A Pictorial Collection of Rolls-Royce and Bentley Motor Cars parked in the streets of the British Capital 1955-1989 By Davide Bassoli



This is the second book published by Davide Bassoli's Nubes Argentea which our Club Library has recently acquired. The first, *The Spectre Arises* by Steve Stuckey, has been thoroughly reviewed in *Praeclarum*. This latest book was only published in May and so a review in *London & Derby* seems apt.

The majority of the pictures in this tome were acquired at auction by Davide Bassoli from the estate of a Mr Graham Crump. There are some additional photographs from other sources. Mr Crump, as Bassoli continues to refer to him, wandered about the street of London taking pictures of Rolls-Royce and Bentley Motor Cars. Although Mr Crump was an amateur photographer his meticulous recording of details about the car, the location, the time of day, the shutter speed, etc allow nearly all the vehicles to be fully identified in the book. The majority of the photographs are in black and white and are in chronological order from April-November 1955 until March-December 1982. At the end of 1982 Mr Crump turned to colour and until 1988 the photographs are in colour. The book appears like a photograph album with a white border around each photograph. There is an index of all the cars from Silver Ghost to Bentley Eight.

I found this a wonderful 'picture book' with some quirky comments by Bassoli pointing out the reaction of by standers or dress styles or other vehicles in the photos.

David Bassoli admits to not being a native born English speaker and thanks Steve Stuckey for his help in getting the English translation done. Nevertheless a bit more careful proofreading would have avoided some minor errors.

However this book is still worth borrowing and enjoying. Some of the photographs show cars I haven't seen before in any other book. I was especially fascinated by Phantom V, 5BV99, a James Young PV22 body with rear wheel spats and a chrome strip running along the lower edge of the body 'slithering on the ground' as Bassoli describes it.

Happy reading, **David Marshall-Martin, GSM**

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SEASONAL REMINDERS

- In preparing for summer weather & changing the engine coolant, **ALSO** clean out the 'overflow'/top up container prior to refilling. With early Spirits (& equivalent Bentley models) for example, it is best to **remove** the container & use a bottle brush. Do this preferably every **2 years**.
- Application of 'hide food' to leather preserves **suppleness** and **aroma** even after 'one off' type treatments.

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Above: Andrew McFarland's reputation as a beer connoisseur has spread world-wide. John Hiscox was served this cleansing ale on a hot day in Italy earlier this year.

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