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Henry Pang's 24SK, a 1934 Phantom II Continental Touring Saloon by Park Ward won 2nd place in his category at the Sydney Concours d'Elegance.  
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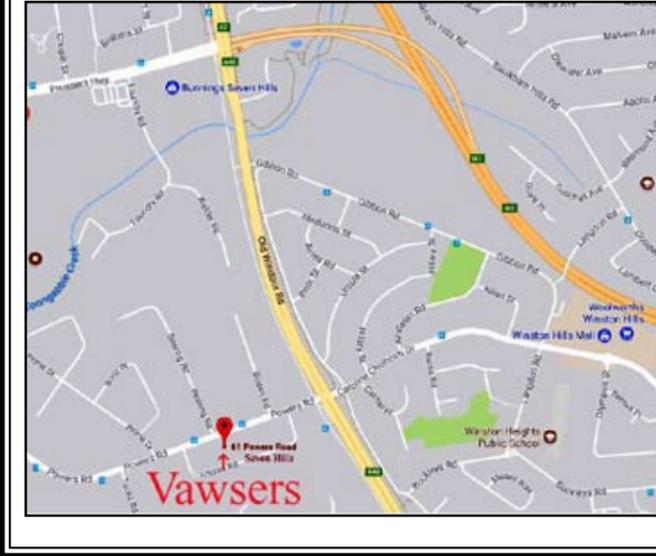
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Please Note that the Committee Nomination Form is enclosed in this edition of L&D

### A Greenslip Registration Alert

I had an issue re-registering the Foundation PV. Although I had paid the greenslip well ahead of the due date the RMS had no record of it. Shannons investigated and discovered that the new RMS software does not recognise short Chassis numbers and that the notification sent by Shannons to the RMS fails to be recorded. This then requires a manual over-ride by whoever takes the payment for the greenslip. Shannons have become aware of this problem and will train their staff to deal with it. Clearly a problem for us with Chassis numbers fewer than 11 digits. My suggestion is that if paying the greenslip by phone you may want to ask whoever takes your payment to verify notification has been received (not just sent) by the RMS before completing the call. More traps for the unwary .... Brian Crump



### President's Report

[president@nsw.rroc.org.au](mailto:president@nsw.rroc.org.au)

Only a few more sleeps and many of us will be in Clare for the 2018 Federal Rally! The preparations seem to be totally under control and a great Rally is certain to be enjoyed by all participants. Soon the Overlanders will be leaving and enjoying their various routes to Clare and soon the rest of the participants will be heading to SA for a fabulous few days of fellowship, enjoyment and the pleasure of our motor cars. I wish safe travelling to all Rally participants from their homes, to Clare and back home again.

Brian Crump has organised three "Come With Me" events so far this year. With the Federal Rally in April, the Commemoration Day and Drive-and-be-Driven Day in May he will be taking a well-earned break. But there are no reasons why other members can't organise an event for us to enjoy. If you believe you know of an interesting place why not lead a run to this "secret" place? Check the 'dates reserved for an event' on the Coming Events page.

Over the June long weekend, the SMART register will be running its first event for some time as a weekend around Cowra. This coincides with the Henry Lawson Celebrations at Grenfell, the town of his birth. If you would like to join this weekend away, please contact me as soon as you can so I can let you have details of what's planned. You are welcome to join us in any car.

I mentioned the Commemoration Run earlier. We are one of the few R-R Clubs in the world to organise such a run each year. This year the run is to Wisemans Ferry with lunch at "The Retreat" resort. There will be a door prize of dinner, accommodation and breakfast at this venue; certainly a prize worth having but to have a chance you need to be at the event. Book ASAP. The booking form is included with this L&D and has been an attachment to the last couple of monthly Bulletins. Don't miss out.

So much is happening and there are so many events to enjoy. I am confident there is something to suit everyone. Hope we see you there. **Bruce**

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We will rectify any information that is incorrect.

**Founder Member John Nevell died in early March after protracted illness.**

Barrie and I knew John from his University days in the Faculty of Dentistry and met up with him and his family again in the UK in the early 1960s.

John was with us when we went to inspect and ultimately buy our Phantom II, Mona.

Although he lived and practised dentistry in Coffs Harbour, we kept in touch and we will certainly miss him. He remained a faithful club member for 61 years. Long-lasting friendships like these seem to be one of the best features of this club.

There will be a more extensive obituary to John in the April Praeclarum.



**From The Membership Registrar**

membership@nsw.rroc.org.au

Hello everyone,  
As we head off in the near future on one of the three Overlanders or take the option of a private journey to the Federal Rally in Clare, we appreciate the great opportunity to join in probably the best of our club activities. Overlanders are the best ways to get to know fellow members, and to give your R-R or B's the best run ever to show the world just what fine motoring is all about.

We wish you all a safe journey and look forward to catching up in the Clare Valley.

Our current membership is 458.

**New Members.** A very warm welcome to : Marguerite Kass, and also to Charles Handler who joins with CRH5044 1968 R-R Corniche, Paul and Carol Scrace with 1957 Silver Cloud SFE345 and Paul Nelson joins as an Associate Member.

Please keep watching for published activities including the Commemoration Run & the All British Day.

*Remember – It's your club, so let's get involved. You are welcome to everything we do. Steve McDonald.*



**Editor's Comments**  
editor@nsw.rroc.org.au

Members must have had more time to read the February/March '18 edition of L&D than they have at other times of the year! There have been more responses to it, more

promptly and in more depth than ever before. Certainly your editor made more glaring errors than usual but I didn't get away with it as easily this time.

**EDITORIAL ERRORS**

I left out Brian Crump's accreditation for Come-With-Me photos taken at Motorlife. Sorry Brian.

I mislabelled Jim Heaton's R type as a MKVI and attributed it to Ian Oliver of the ACT Branch

I missed a typo 'HP source' in Mal Henderson's Car-of-the-Month story. Well, at least this means that this issue has two very full "Letters to the Editor" pages!

**ON THE POSITIVE SIDE**

John Hiscox's article on FtP and the photo of the Propert Caravan separately brought back memories for Ivan Pearson and Roger Taylor. I know you'll enjoy reading their reminiscences.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

RROCA member **Peter Haertsch** OAM has been awarded an AM in the 2018 Australia Day list.

Motoring Journalist, **Pedr Davis** was also awarded an OAM for service to journalism and to the automotive industry. Pedr has also been Patron of the Council of Motor Clubs of New South Wales since 2013. Congratulations to both Peter and Pedr from all RROCA members.

The back of the address sheet, with contact details for all committee members and upcoming events is now in a slightly different format. Hopefully it will make it easier for members to keep as a reference sheet. **Margaret Gillings, Ed.**

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- **NOTE:** use **ONLY** on a cloth - **DO NOT SPRAY**, and **check** the 'Windex' instructions on the container.

# Sam Movisio's Sydney Concours d'Elegance at the Sydney Superyacht Marina

L&D is very sorry that this wasn't listed in Coming Events earlier. Admittedly it is an invitation event but many members may have enjoyed going along to, at least, look at some very beautiful cars on display. We will try to do better next year!



ABOVE: Henry Pang receives his trophy from one of the Pebble Beach judges.



ABOVE: John Elmes in his smart judge's jacket. He, David Neely, Joe Quattrocchi and Kim Stapleton were all judges on the day along with three guest judges from Pebble Beach.



ABOVE: Keith Wherry displayed his Bentley Continental and received an award for second in his category from Joe Quattrocchi



ABOVE: Graham Lawrence was there in his 1965 S3 Continental BC96XE

RIGHT: It was rumoured that this Porsche is owned by one of our members.

# Carnivale in Parramatta Park Australia Day 2018 There was something there for everybody!



An Austin Meteor Boattail



1907 Edwardian Reo



1908 Edwardian Renault



Mark Glanville's 1947 Silver Wraith WVA32



1936 Packard 120b Roadster



1910 International Auto Buggy



1973 Camargue



1959 Austin Farina Convertible



Ford Prefect - Yes they are 2 cent pieces adorning the car. Every curve requires the coin to be bent before being glued to the panel. Count the coins and the number of bent coins. Now ask why.

Photos & captions: Mark Glanville

The spectacular 1929 Ahrens Fox 6 cylinder 18.5litre fire engine from the Museum of Fire was a crowd favourite.



# Long Run IIX to HARS

The 30 members who enjoyed this event are already looking at a future Long Run to The Fleet Air Arm Museum in Shaoalhaven . [www.navy.gov.au/history/museums/fleet-air-arm-museum](http://www.navy.gov.au/history/museums/fleet-air-arm-museum)



As Mike Mulvihill pointed out, the rarity of two Seraphs together on the highway is something special.

Steve McDonald's Spirit ASE10043 with the QANTAS 747 in the background.



David Neely about to close the hatch on his F 1-11



... Coralie, too had a go. "Having had a husband with an aeroplane and a brother-in-law who was career Airforce, it was interesting talking to the HARS volunteers."



Boarding the Lockheed Super Constellation



... and being very glad that one didn't have to fly very far in these Economy Class seats



On the left half a 707 carcass... on the right, an R-R 747 engine (just engine)



Steve McDonald was enjoying all this hugely but David Marshall-Martin looked sceptical.



Coralie said, "A fun day!" I invited BDC friends Carol McCormick, Ian Methven & Stephen Blundell to join me. Carol & Ian drove down with me in my Bentley and Stephen met us there in his".



The Tech Session! Here, Mal Henderson and Alex Peterson attempt a repair. It's an R-R Dart turbo-prop engine.



David and Linda Neely standing under the R-R engine of the Boeing 747

Photos:  
Brian Crump  
Shay Gillings  
Coralie Ogle  
Ian Renfrew



... and, of course, lunch!

## COMING EVENTS for the next 12 months. Those that we know of so far.

### REGULAR EVENTS:

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** are held on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of every month at 8.00pm at **Barnwell Park Golf Club 551 Lyons Rd, Five Dock**. Meet to eat at **Carmen's on the Park** from about 6.30pm onwards.

L&D is trying out a new colour-coded format for this Coming Events page:

ITEMS SHOWN IN BLACK = EVENTS WE ORGANISE  
**IN RED = OTHERS ORGANISE BUT WE ARE INVITED TO OR THEY ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**  
 THOSE IN GREEN = FEDERAL REGISTER EVENTS  
 IN BLUE = SUITABLE DATES RESERVED FOR POSSIBLE EVENTS

It is hoped that this will give members a wider choice of events to attend and avoid clashes with other clubs to which they might belong. Please let us know what you think.

**April 6-19** – A third Overlander for those who are too late for the first two. Overlander from Port Macquarie via The Great Ocean Road and Back via Broken Hill.  
**Contact:** David Ross [davross1@bigpond.com](mailto:davross1@bigpond.com)

**April 4-12** – Outback Overlander for Vintage cars to Clare Valley via Broken Hill.  
**Contact:** Jeanne Eve [jeanneeve@gmail.com](mailto:jeanneeve@gmail.com)

**April 6-12** – Overlander to Clare valley via the South is now full.  
**Contact:** John Hiscox [de27@bigpond.com](mailto:de27@bigpond.com)

**April 11-16** – **FEDERAL RALLY CLARE VALLEY S.A.**

Registration Forms were included in the October Praeclarum.

**Sunday May 6** – **Commemoration Run** – Wisemans Ferry. See opposite. Booking Form enclosed



**Sunday May 20** **Drive-and-be-Driven or Come in Your Other Interesting Car Day** Peats Ridge. No need to book. Lunch available at the Galvanised Café.  
**Contact:** Judith Merlin [secretary@nsw.rroc.org.au](mailto:secretary@nsw.rroc.org.au)

**Thursday June 7 - Dineamics Ladies Lunch.** Young Alfred restaurant, Customs House Circular Quay. Ladies, watch your emails! **Enquiries:** Jeanne Eve [jeanneeve@gmail.com](mailto:jeanneeve@gmail.com)



**June 8-11** – **SMART Register Long Weekend** – Cowra  
**Contact:** Bruce Duncan [smart@register.rroc.org.au](mailto:smart@register.rroc.org.au)

**Sunday June 17** – *Date reserved for an event*

**June 30 - July 2** – **BDC Christmas in July**

**Sunday July tba** – **Hunter Region All British Day**

**Sunday July 22** – *Date reserved for an event*

**Sunday August 5** – *Date reserved for an event*



**August 11-18** **Silver Ghost Register Trip** to US  
 Meet in Lake Tahoe  
**Contact:** Bryan Inder [ghost@register.rroc.org.au](mailto:ghost@register.rroc.org.au)

**Sunday August 12** **Shannons Display Day** at Eastern Creek. **Contact:** Bob Adby [cmc@nsw.rroc.org.au](mailto:cmc@nsw.rroc.org.au)



**Saturday August 18** – **RACA Dinner** **Contact:** Brian Crump [snr-vp@nsw.rroc.org.au](mailto:snr-vp@nsw.rroc.org.au)



**Saturday August 25** – **Long Run IX** to Mulla Villa, Wollombi **Contact:** Shay Gillings [shay@gillings.com](mailto:shay@gillings.com)

**Sunday September 9** – *Date reserved for an event*

**September 12-14** – **Machinery Truck and Hobby Show, Clarendon**



**September 14-19** **Derby Register Long Weekend** in Scone **Contact:** Mal Henderson [derby@register.rroc.org.au](mailto:derby@register.rroc.org.au)

**September 21** – **Dawn Patrol XVII** **Contact:** John Harriman [sdmkvi@register.rroc.org.au](mailto:sdmkvi@register.rroc.org.au)



**Sunday September 23** – **All British Day** at the Kings School. Tickets will be on sale by the May General Meeting. **Contact:** David Hughes [abd@nsw.rroc.org.au](mailto:abd@nsw.rroc.org.au)

**October tba** – **Return to Wombat Flats.** Once again we were invited to Bob Doyle's property at The Oaks for a sausage sizzle and to raise money for the Phantom V fund. Watch for a booking Form



**October 12-14** – **Motorclassica**

## Commemoration Run 2018

We commemorate the 114<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting of Royce and Rolls at the Midland Hotel in Manchester on May 4<sup>th</sup> 1904.

**Rex Vincent will give a brief address on aspects of the life of Claude Johnson; "The Hyphen in Rolls-Royce".**

This year we will be enjoying a leisurely drive to Wisemans Ferry to enjoy lunch at the Wisemans Ferry Retreat. There will be a two-course meal at a cost of \$55 pp including a welcome drink on arrival as well as tea and coffee after the meal. Any other drinks are to your own account.

A lucky door prize for two will be presented on the day consisting of a dinner, bed and breakfast package at the Retreat. The Retreat has a special accommodation offer if you would like to stay on Sunday evening; Superior rooms at standard price of \$119 for two people.

**Contact:** Norah Vincent [rnsqa@bigpond.com.au](mailto:rnsqa@bigpond.com.au) Booking Form enclosed



### REMINDERS

We welcome all initiatives by members to organise events. We have 'reserved dates' in most months waiting to be filled. The intention and the dates of all events should be checked with Events Coordinator, Margaret Gillings 0407 913 533 [editor@nsw.rroc.org.au](mailto:editor@nsw.rroc.org.au).

They need to be approved by the Committee for insurance purposes. The lead time to have an event listed in L&D, a two-monthly journal, is around 2 weeks before the end of the even months but only a month's lead time is needed for the Bulletin.

If you are driving to South Australia for the Federal Rally you may think it useful to download a copy of

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**101mph  
in 1911!  
In a Ghost of  
course!**

Many of us belong to several car clubs and, if you own a Silver Ghost, then the US based Silver Ghost Association is great value. There are about 500 members world-wide who access technical information and spare parts. The SGA's primary aim has been to get cars out on the road and touring. Tours have been arranged all over the world with a number of successful ones in Australia.



The group of members surrounding this very special 1911 Ghost participated in the recent Winter Fling held over four days in Los Angeles. What is a Winter Fling? Many US members live in areas where it snows and is cold and miserable at this time of the year. The Ghosts are put away for the winter. So each year they pick a nice warm place and go there to have fun and be warm. This year having fun involved visits to some amazing private car collections. We could not always take photos.

Member and collector, David Morrison has an extensive collection of Silver Ghosts and racing cars, so we were not surprised to find he has built a replica of the R-R factory experimental car built in 1911 and known as "The Sluggard". Claude Johnson felt the need to tackle the Brooklands Circuit and show that his R-R product could also be fast as well as dependable and smooth. Driven by Lord Hives in his younger days, 101.81 mph was achieved, At a steady 78 mph, 24 mpg was recorded. The car was returned to the factory and never sold.

David's replica was built from scaled up photos and old factory records. His gearing is higher than the original and at 1200 rpm on the new motor, 80 mph is achieved. When run in, he expects the car to easily reach and pass the original 101mph of old. **Rex Vincent**

**Dineamics February 2018**

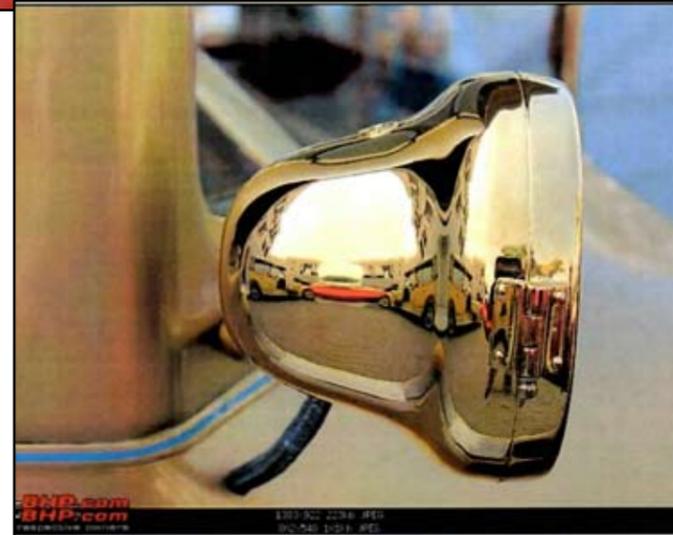


The Dineamics in February at the Da Capo Cafe . It was great to see Jane Price who flew over from NZ and also Marie Harland at her first Dineamics lunch. A couple were missing but I'm sure the chatter level was high. *Pamela Rose, Linda Eames, Robyn Henderson, Lavinia English, Coralie Ogle, Jane Price, Marie Harland, Judy Carroll, Merryl Godfrey and Merinda Rose.*

**Gold  
The 1919 Gold Daimler shown with a Rolls-Royce ~~Silver~~ Ghost**



This car was owned by Sir Seth Hukumchand of Indore, who was known as the "Cotton Prince of India". It was a 45hp sleeve valve model and boasted a Windovers body, which in 1936 was sent back to London for refurbishment. The car remained in the family and was not seen for 60 years, but in February 2017 it was exhibited at the 5<sup>th</sup> Cartier Concours d'Elegance at Falaknuma, Hyderabad, standing next to a ceremonial Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost. Prior to the Concours it was mechanically stripped and rebuilt and somehow the gold plating restored.



It is unholy to bip the horn at a cow, so instead of a mascot it had a bell with string attached for the driver, to only emit a little ding-a-ling. Everything in sight is gold plated including the accelerator pedal which is located between the clutch and the brake. The upholstery is a luxurious brocade and the woodwork cappings are ornate.

Some photos are attached, but look for the reflection in the gold headlamp. **John Hiscox**

A successful day although all owners of pre-Aircon cars cancelled. That was sensible in the 40° heat. Sturt Gallery was excellent and no-one else had been there before.



Above: Brian Crump, the 'Me' in 'Come-with-Me' and Steven Berveling

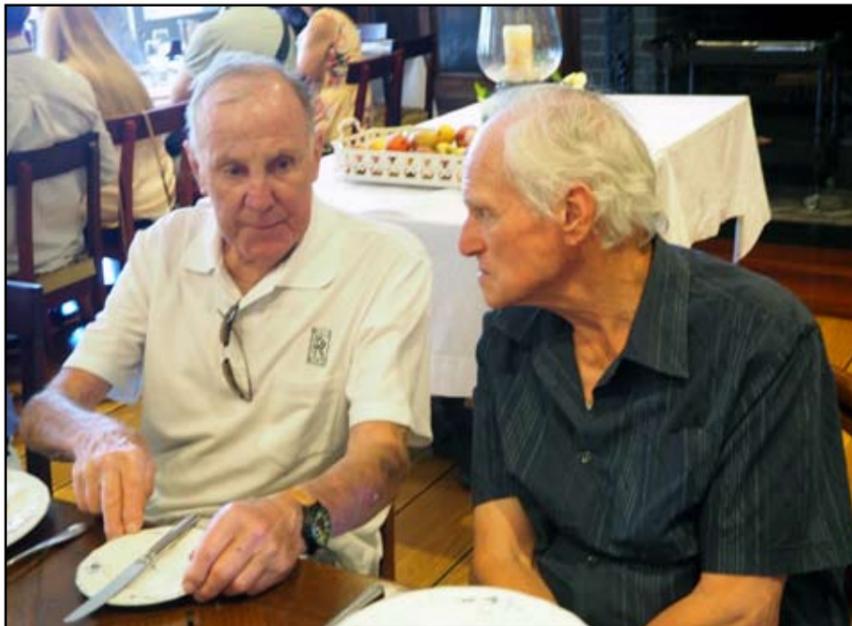
### Come-With-Me to the Sturt Gallery



Above: Mal Henderson looked very relaxed as did Allan Simpson, below



Above: Beverley Simpson and Robyn Henderson were glad to be in the air-conditioned restaurant for lunch.



Left: At lunch, Andrew McFarland sat with Bruce's friend, Warwick Ravel

Photos: Bruce Duncan

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### Clean Up Australia Day at Putney Park



Cleaneruppers, Jim and Caroline Hickey  
There were 14 in our group working at Putney Park near the ferry terminus. Sadly only three from the RROCA and the rest from the Rover Owners' Club.

We met at 10.00am, signed on (to cover us with insurance), collected our bags and cloths, had a quick briefing and we were off.

We have done this area several times and it is generally in excellent condition. But people still leave their rubbish around and spoil a lovely area. All together we collected around 100 kgs of rubbish, well down on last year, including many items suitable for re-cycling.



A few major "finds" were mainly empty bottles ranging from Coca-Cola to Jim Bean as well as a discarded barbecue and half a dozen stackable chairs. They all went on our heap. A representative from Ryde Council came and thanked us for our efforts. An easy hour or so with a better park the result.  
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There are some interesting names to be found on Conduit St. Sales cards. Here is one for mystery writer, Edgar Wallace's 1929 Phantom II.

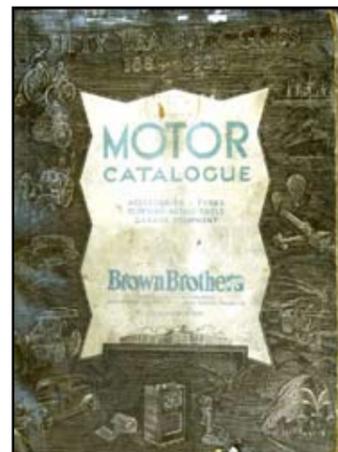
Let's try to get to the sauce of this problem!

Re Car-of-the-Month Story about B201HM in the last L&D



Margaret, ("HP source" - how could you! How many years have you been an editor?) (*Mea Culpa! MG.Ed*)

Now being serious - as being partly responsible for Robyn and Mal's purchase of this beautiful Bentley (by virtue of a glowing road test I did of it in L&D), I am so happy that they are enjoying it. But I fear someone has been taking the mickey over Brown Brothers. Brown Brothers had nothing to do with brown sauce - HP sauce was owned and manufactured by the Midlands Vinegar Company from 1903 until the 1960s. They also owned Lea and Perrins from 1930. The company was then sold to Smedleys, then Danone, and since 1988 has belonged to Heinz.



Brown Brothers were Britain's largest motor accessory company in the pre-war years. I have one of their catalogues from the 1930s and it is fascinating reading. (Well, OK only if you are a certain sort of tragic, but I think that describes most of our members). As such, the Bentley was a natural purchase for Sir Herbert Smith.

As to bearings, I have to sympathise. As many members know I also have an abiding interest in two and three-wheeled transport. For many years in the 60s and 70s the only supplier of bearings for out-of-production British single and V-twin engines was a company whose products were known to be substandard. But there was no alternative, so we just had to use them and expect a short life span. I think the situation has now improved.

Yours, Guy Cox

Well, I suppose you could describe that Speed Nymph mascot as saucy!



...to say nothing of that Imp

Dear Mal & Robyn.

What's all this nonsense about Brown Brothers and getting into a pickle over sauces! The original owner of B 201HM was Sir Herbert Smith (Bart.), born 22 June 1872, died 1943. He was made Baronet in the 1920 birthday honours, for public service. He was a carpet maker based in Kidderminster! He was a heavy drinker! Had one son & one daughter, Dora, who ran away to marry and was cut off without a penny. Son Herbert, known as Jim, inherited the title but had no issue so title died out, as did F.H. Royce's title on his death. Hope there is progress on the spring repairs, Hope to see at an event soon. With kind regards **David Axe.**



LEFT: Sir Herbert Smith with his friend, T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia) with whom he used to sail yachts.

Mal's Reply

Margaret, Further to the above from Bernard King "The Derby Built Bentleys"; Smith owned 3 Derbys from new: B55DK King states Smith was life Governor of Birmingham University. B111GA King states Smith was Chairman of Lea & Perrins Ltd & HP sauce Ltd. B201HM King states Smith was Deputy Chairman of Brown Brothers Ltd, and other companies.

I guess the number of companies he was involved in has confused us all. It certainly has me. My connection of the sauce to Brown Brothers was incorrect. The statement that he ran the company that made the sauce, Lea & Perrins, was correct, just different companies.

Bernard King doesn't mention the carpet manufacturing at all, but King has limited space when adding details on each car.

Certainly there appears to have been a fire in the family mansion in the late 30's and a number of auctions to sell of various parts of the estate. One auction appears to have sold about 7 different residences or buildings as separate lots in the late 30's.

I suspect that both David and Guy are correct but, like me, only commented on part of the story.

Smith owned various other company cars including Phantoms, so there is probably an article on him alone. He certainly held a Baronetcy. I am happy to see what arises from the ongoing discussions, if there are any. **Mal**

Hi Margaret,

I noticed a picture of a Propert folding caravan in last month's magazine. You can guess what I have resting happily in my shed.

Back in the days when Vaucluse housed some light industry, long before it became whatever it is now. One of the local enterprises was the Propert caravan factory. It was from this factory that my parents purchased a Propert folding caravan in 1971. It wasn't a new caravan but rather



one built in the 1950's which had been re-furbished. My parents used it for holiday accommodation for themselves and my much younger sister for a number of years on a block of land they had purchased on the shores of Jarvis

Bay. They enhanced the limited space the van offered by making an annex using an old Singer sewing machine. I still have the annex which is still quite serviceable.

After some years, my parents were able to afford to have a weekender built on the land, so the caravan fell into disuse. Fortunately, even though it was not used again for nearly three decades, it was always kept in a shed and the registration was always renewed each year.

As a part time single parent with two young daughters, I was always looking out for exciting new adventures to add to the store of happy childhood memories my daughters would one day be able to look back on. Thus the Propert caravan had another lease of life. We had some wonderful times away in the caravan, both by ourselves or on other occasions with a group of people who also had vintage caravans.

Usually, I towed the caravan with my trusty 1971 model Ford Falcon, coincidentally made the year my parents bought the caravan. The wide bench seat in front had room for two booster seats in the front so all three of us could be front seat passengers. With this arrangement, as was usual, we set off on our biggest adventure, caravan in tow, on one of the last ferries to Tasmania direct from Sydney for some touring on the island. Much fun was had by all, both on the ship and on our travels.



On occasions, the Bentley was also pressed into service to tow the caravan. It was quite a good combination as the Bentley offered a complementary luxury lounge room to supplement the rather spartan caravan.

Sleeping arrangements were rather tight. The two girls

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slept in the double bed and I slept as best I could on the narrow fold out bed on the side. Cooking was done outside, usually on the large flat bonnet of the Ford or, on occasions, in the boot of the Bentley.

Little girls become teenage girls in next to no time and, as they should, go about their own lives. Once again the caravan has slid into disuse. I would be lucky to find a reason to take it out more than once a year now. Still, for the moment, I continue to regard my caravanning days with the trusty Propert as in a lull rather than at an end. Time will tell.

Kind regards, Roger Taylor.

*We'd love to see it at a Display day sometime Roger! MG(Ed)*



How's this for a beautiful picture of a beautiful car? Anderson Leong took this on the High Country Overlander in 2017. It is Mike Mulvihill's 1961 Silver Cloud SZD313.

Anderson has entered this into the Sir Henry Royce Foundation F.E.English Photographic Award for Club Photography for 2017



David Glasheen sent us this photo of his newly acquired 2016 Bentley Continental GT V8 Chassis No: BEH60498 Regn: DJG. His stable just gets more and more impressive, doesn't it?

## Photos etc. to the editor

Dear MG,

*Looks like Bruce may have had a mirror added to his MKVI so people driving behind him can enjoy their own images. Regards, BC*

Bruce's story: "A friend of mine has returned from a work assignment in the UK. He was there for a few years so decided to buy something decent to drive and then bring it home.

On Saturday he called in to make me jealous but to also let me take his car for a drive. Needless to say it was a fabulous thing to drive.

The reflection of his car in the boot of our slower elegant Bentley was noticed (but we didn't think about the leaves that had blown underneath).

A very different picture. Shows how well the black Bentley is polished! Brag, brag! Bruce"

Hi John,

I have just read your article in 'London & Derby'. You certainly had 'fun'.

I got my first R-R in 1995, a nice old 1975 Shadow which I still have (but really need to pass-on, as it doesn't get much use now). Having had it shipped to Hobart from Melbourne, I proudly took a couple of vintage car owners on a 'run'. It made about 10 miles or less before FtP. Embarrassing.

That's when I started my education on Lucas double-ended fuel pumps. The local workshop replaced it with a midget plastic Subaru pump which is still there 23 years later and hasn't missed a beat. I had the Lucas pump serviced and it still sits unused in my work-shop.

Then I got a 1958 ex. Commonwealth Government Silver Wraith. It had several FtP's, which initially I fixed with a 'hammer', usually a screwdriver handle.

But then I used my own curiosity to pull the plastic covers off of each end and found that the contact points fixing screws on each end were loose, and the contact points didn't line up the points. I tightened the screws and bingo; simple! Why didn't they tell me??

Regards, **Ivan Pearson**, Tasmania



Maligned by the editor in the last L&D as a MkVI, B142WH is actually a 1953 R type. Sorry Jim. At least this way we get to hear some of its interesting history! MG(Ed)



### *One of the editor's wild guesses finally goes astray!*

Hi Margaret

Delighted with the magazine which has just dropped into my post box. (Vol.62 No.1 Feb/March). Nice to see my car on Page 6 (top left) Terribly British Day 2017 but unfortunately the information is wrong. It is owned by me, Jim Heaton from Gerringong NSW. The car is a 1953 R Type B142WH.

Had a good chat to Ian Oliver though and we found that both of our cars had been previously owned by a gent call John Taylor in Sydney. He ran a wedding car business called Brides in Mind. Both of our cars had had the same sort of after market air conditioner fitted though Ian had subsequently removed his. His car was owned at some time in its life by John Law of radio fame. The rego number on my car are the originals from when it left the Bentley factory. It was first owned by Major Sir Egbert Cadbury DSO DFC a World War one fighter pilot and the grandson of the founder of the chocolate company John Cadbury.

Kind regards, Jim Heaton



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