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**Congratulations to the
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2016 Federal Concours Major
Award Winners**



1928 New Phantom 96AL.
Class 2 & Age and Authenticity
Owner: Malcolm Johns



1951 Mark VI
B255LH
Class 7 &
Bentley Shield
Owner: Bruce
Duncan

1965 S3 Continental H.J. Mulliner Flying
Spur BC96XE
Class 8 & Post-War original Coachwork
Owner: Graham Lawrence



COMING MAJOR EVENTS:

Sunday July 10 – Drive and be Driven Day Peats Ridge. Wednesday July 20 – AGM

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Editor's Comments

After more years than I care to remember, our loyal advertiser, Malcolm Yell is calling it quits. So this is your last chance to get a 10% discount at The Countryman in Bowral! Thanks Malcolm for all your support.

Because Praeclarum covers the annual Federal Rally so well, it seems overkill to do it all over again in L&D. However, once again we have an embarrassment of riches in terms of photos from Bendigo! Our conscientious NSW members have submitted so many great photos it has been very hard to choose between them. If I have left out pictures of you and/or your car, I apologise and can only plead overwhelm (is that a word?). Maybe I can show them all at some future general meeting along with some equally great ones from the Anniversary Cocktail Party.

In this issue, I am delighted to include articles from David Neely and Ken Swinbourne that I have been sitting on for a while. This is because I usually give preference to current items that go a bit stale if they are deferred for too long. These, however, are timeless.

Margaret Gillings, Editor

A REMINDER

The Fred English Photographic Prize is awarded for The Best Photograph published in L&D in any one year. It has been won by Patty Aiosa (2011), Chris Gillings (2012), Jeanne Eve (2013) Nancy Axe (2014) and John Hiscox (2015).

Each year the photo is chosen by last year's winner. The very worth-while prize is the next year's subscription to the Club and a handsome trophy. L&D is always happy to publish your photos so send them in and, who knows, you may just win the prize!



President's Report

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve the RROCA – NSW as president for the past five years and it's time now to make way for a new person to take the wheel. I thank both the Committee and the members for their support and initiatives during that time and I am mindful

that, for most of us, the RROCA is far more than a car club; in reality it is a fine collection of friends and a support network that extends far beyond our ownership of excellent motor cars.

At a time when many car clubs are experiencing a decline in membership, the RROCA across Australia is enjoying growth. Partly this can be explained by the fact that our cars are somewhat aspirational but, more relevantly, I believe our stability and growth are natural products of the warm and long-lasting friendships that develop within the Rolls-Royce and Bentley movement. Frequently new members comment to me that they find our Club one of the most welcoming of all motoring clubs; that it does not matter what model they drive, if any at all, as they are instantly welcomed as full members of the extended family. As long as that feeling remains our Club is bound to succeed.

In particular, I would like to thank the Diamond Anniversary Committee who have helped us signify and celebrate the work of the Founding Members back in 1956 - and all of the members over the past 60 years who have supported the Club and given it every chance to grow into that which we enjoy today.

I applaud our new Committee and wish them every success in the coming year. It is not always easy to step forward to take on a voluntary job and those who do so, deserve our support and gratitude.

Just a note now about 2 luminaries of the Club; Judith will have completed 30 consecutive years as Secretary and Margaret will have completed 15 years as Editor as of the 2016 AGM. Please join me in thanking them for their generosity and fortitude.

Brian Crump

PV Report.

Although we have endeavoured to supply receipts to all who have donated to the Phantom V Conservation Project, I fear we might have missed several people who may be still awaiting a receipt for their tax-deductible donation. If you have not received a receipt, please contact me so one may be issued immediately. You may contact me on 0419 417 813 or spitz@bigpond.net.au

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SHRF ARCHIVE MADE AT THE BENDIGO RALLY

The Federal Rally in Bendigo was not only a success for the Victorian Branch but for the Sir Henry Royce Foundation Archive as well. Eleven members from four Branches of the Club took the opportunity to deliver 15 large boxes of a diverse range of interesting material to add to the Foundation's Archive. This will keep volunteers busy over the next few weeks sorting and cataloguing the items.

Wallace Moorhouse from Queensland donated copies of programmes and related material for 36 Federal Rallies he attended.

David Axe from NSW gave two archive boxes full of books, magazines, journals, technical reports, newspaper cuttings and coloured slides.

Rex Vincent from Sydney passed on a copy of a 30 minute 16mm Rolls-Royce movie 'The Magic of a Name' which we have now digitised and is for sale to members.

Ross Meakins from NSW donated an Energol four gallon oil drum bearing the words 'Recommended by Rolls-Royce'.

Ken Swinbourne from NSW presented us with a large parcel of newspaper cuttings.

David Marshall-Martin passed on his collection of Federal and NSW Branch event programs covering decades of activities in NSW.

Honorary Life member Jim Kelso from Sydney brought along two large photographs.

Steve McDonald also from Sydney donated a box full of RREC *Bulletin* and early *Praeclarum* magazines to add to our stock of back issues.

Martin Bennett, a former Editor of *Praeclarum*, from ACT Branch brought hundreds of surplus *Praeclarum* magazines to replenish our stock of back issues.

David Heuzenrouder from Tanunda in SA sent over two large boxes of material collected by Charles Wright over many years including dozens of catalogues, brochures, reports, drawings, manuals, Bert Ward's Bible and quality photographs.

The SA Branch members brought six large boxes of records from SA Branch, Federal records, correspondence, rally programs, micro-films of parts catalogues, hundreds of photographs of cars, people and events and valuable research material collected by David Forward for his monumental book, *The Origins and Development of the Silver Ghost*.

Many of these items are unique and in some cases in danger of being negligently discarded, destroyed in a bush fire or for some other reason lost to the Club. Whilst we may not need these items immediately, future researchers and enthusiasts will no doubt find a wealth of material within the Archive to aid in writing and illustrating articles of historic significance to the RROCA. The Foundation appreciates these generous donations.

Gilbert M Ralph, Hon Archivist,
Sir Henry Royce Foundation



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From The Membership Registrar

Hello everyone,

My report is very short this month. Now that the Federal Rally is over we can get down to the preparation of invoices for the new membership year. These will go out towards the end of

June so we would appreciate your attention to this. I haven't chosen the awful colour of the invoice yet but I'm sure I can come up with something interesting. Most renewals are done by direct debit now but you still have a choice.

New Members: We would like to warmly welcome **Dave and Julie Keith** from Baerami NSW who join with 1951 Silver Dawn SDB96.

Departures: Norm Robinson has sold his Silver Shadow SRH35716 so has decided to resign. We all wish Norm a fond farewell.

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

Steve McDonald, Membership Registrar.

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Round-The-Bend-I-Go Overlander



Bathurst always has a lot to offer and that's where the tour started. Of course, even if you had been around Mt. Panorama before, this day gave you the opportunity to try it in the rain!

Then on to Young where it was suggested that you visit the Bluestill Distillery to sample their James Bentley Whisky, the Black Widow Bourbon or their Red Kelpie Rum among others.



Supercheap Auto? That's not a very nice thing to say about the Aiosa's lovely Spirit!

"With an increasing number of modern versions of our marque appearing on Club 'Overlanders' it was a plus to see Mick Matheson join the run from Bathurst to Bendigo in the 1924 Yellow Ghost 64EU, and more so, to observe Mick attending to the numerous oiling points at the end of each day's run. Top marks Mick!"

Photo and comment ; Lloyd Missen



Rolls-Royces and Bentleys as far as the eye can see!



No visitor to this part of the world should miss the Lambing Flat Chinese Tribute Garden in Young.

It is getting difficult for organisers of Overlanders to find routes that offer new driving experiences and new venues. Seasoned Overlanders seem to have visited every historic house, every winery and motor museum at least in NSW!

This year's organisers, Robyn Henderson and Patty Aiosa still managed to choose a five day route of interest to fifty four members who brought twenty four club cars. Bob Roberts drove his newly acquired A Model Ford with which he towed a trailer full of goodies for the Swap Table.



One of the joys of being on an Overlander is driving through small typical country towns such as Carcoar and...



... Ardlethan where the Aiosas stopped outside the London Hotel, went inside and found another eight Overlanders lunching there; Fiona & Tom Clarke, Anne & Mick Matheson, John Matheson & Jeanne Eve and Linda & David Neely.



The suggested stop at the Griffith War Memorial Museum and Art Gallery attracted a large crowd.



What two more representative cars could have been parked outside the Shepparton Motor Museum? 1924 Silver Ghost 64EU and 1936 Bentley 4 1/4 Coupé 3282OH ? And that looks like a Phantom II in the foreground.



Photos: Patty Aiosa, Mick Matheson Lloyd Missen



Federal Rally Bendigo 2016

You will have read a full account of the Golden Heritage Federal Rally in Bendigo in the June Praeclarum. So, here are a few more photos that apply mainly to our NSW members.

If you have not done so already, have a look at the great video of the event produced by Anne Baker and Mick Matheson:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcULiT-DBk8>.



ABOVE: It was even quite comfortable to wait for the judges to get around to your car, a fact Brian Crump can attest to.

While the Concours judging was in progress a number of the ladies went to the Bendigo Art Gallery to see the Marilyn exhibition. Can you pick which one is Marilyn?

The Register Dinners on Thursday night are often the first opportunity members have to catch up with like-minded friends. The Derby Bentley and Early Post-War Registers Dinner shown below is always one of the most well attended.



Bendigo was a great choice for this rally, if for no other reason than the ability to use this incredible space in the Bendigo Exhibition Centre. It allowed members to watch the Concours judging process without getting in the way of the judges.



Some of Our Members



Above: Steve McDonald tried out the bathing facilities at Fortuna Villa.



Above: Shay Gillings and Robyn Henderson at the Presentation Dinner



Above: D2M2 shows Florida State University alumni flag.



Above: Rex Vincent handed over a Rolls-Royce Company film of the manufacture of Rolls-Royce diesel engines to the SHRF Archivist, Gilbert Ralph.



Above: Henry Pang posed as a Mexican for the day.



Above: Bruce Duncan and Martin Cherry in good humour at the Presentation Dinner.

Photos: Patty Aiosa, Brian Crump, Mike Eames, Barrie Gillings, Shay Gillings, David Marshall-Martin & Allan Simpson



Above: Brian Crump's nephew Paul, his wife Emma and great nephew Arthur try the PV for size.

Pity there's no Child Restraint Fitting!

More of the Display Day at the Bendigo Jockey Club



Most of those who attended had been through a number of miserable days of rain on the way to Bendigo but, the Sunday lived up to its name and turned on the sunshine! The Bendigo Jockey Club was a splendid venue for both display and luncheon.

There were something like 150 cars on the field with the Concours cars in a display of their own. As well as the winners on this front cover, our members Barrie Childs and Allan Simpson each won their Class.



Nancy and David Axe, Carol and Les Hearne and Bob Roberts have been running the Members Swap Table for many years. As well as providing a valuable resource for members, they have raised a lot of money for the Sir Henry Royce Foundation in the last decade. They have now decided to hand the job over to someone else. At the time of writing, your editor has not heard of any volunteers as yet.



Above: Once again the ladies rallied around the flag.



...and finally, what you all wanted to see:
The Overall Winner 1957 Silver Cloud SFG121
Owners: George & Fiona Forbes

A Visit to the Gosford Classic Car Museum

Sixty members and friends met at 'Pie in the Sky', amongst the bikers, to form a convoy to drive to Gosford. The parking lot could have been mistaken for a Museum in its own right



1985 S.Spirit ASF13836, 1972 S.S. SRH12255
& 1987 S.Spirit ASH20455



1989 S.Spirit ASK26816



1951 Mark VI B2KM



1938 25/20 H.P. GGR45



1984 S.Spirit ASE10043



1974 Bentley Corniche CBH16177

Photos:
David
Neely



1977 S.Shadow II SRN30408 and 1974 S.S. SRH17499



1969 S.Shadow CRH5064

Some Selected Quick Facts from the Gosford Classic Car

- Museum owner, Tony Denny views cars as works of art and says he can find something beautiful in just about every car ever made.
- As of May 2016, approximately 450 cars have been purchased at a total cost of \$70 million. 95% of the collection has been purchased from within Australia. The only vehicles imported were the Soviet and Eastern European vehicles as well as some Ferraris.

Photos:
Nancy Axe
Bruce Duncan
David Neely



Maybe this one should be in an aircraft museum.

- The Gosford Classic Car Museum will be within the top five largest car museums in the world and the largest in Australia.
- The Museum is home to a collection of the full range of Holdens from 1948 to approximately 1978.
- Car clubs are welcome to visit the museum as a group. There is a designated area where they can display their cars when booked prior to visiting. Bookings are almost full for the remainder of this year.



There are rows and rows of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys



Apparently, all but a few of the cars are for sale.
So some of our members went window shopping ...



Graham Soderlund had his eyes on the big black Phantom VI



But Linda Neely was saying, "David, please buy me this lovely silver one"



Judith Merlin and John Hiscox were both looking for something in red.



Mark and Barbara Glanville fancied this Invicta but mostly for its great mascot



Well, there's no accounting for taste! Leanne and Patrick Ryan admired this elderly Land Rover



Ross Edwards has always wanted to be a racing driver so maybe now he has found his car!



A more unlikely-looking bunch of car salesmen we have yet to see!

Dineamics at The Burnt Orange



Ladies Lunching:

Patty Aiosa	Virginia Pang
Michele Bussel	Sheila Peel
Dianne Chambers	Pamela Rose
Mary Findell	Merinda Rose
Margaret Gillings	Luisa Rose
Shay Gillings	Angela Somerville
Meryl Godfrey	Juanita Turnell
Eve Hiscox	Marianne Vawser
Naelo Jenkins	Norah Vincent
Coralie Ogle	



After the weather of the weekend before, we were luckily to have a lovely day for our return visit to The Burnt Orange at Mosman.

Sometimes returning to a place leads to disappointment but that didn't happen in this case. The food, the service, the view and certainly the company were as good as ever! Thank you Mary for organising it.

If you have never joined us for one of these lunches please give it your earnest consideration. The next one is at Church Point as listed in 'Coming Events'.

French Coachwork

Attending Rolls-Royce and Bentley rallies overseas always holds the promise of seeing something unusual or rare. This was the case with 1925 Twenty, GPK17, with its original French coachwork by Gallé. It was displayed at the UK Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club's International Weekend in Kent.

It is the work of Louis Gallé, based in Boulogne sur Seine and the firm's badge, CALLÉ CARROSSIER BOULOGNE. SEINE is attached on both sides of the body between and below the doors. Two characteristics of this coachbuilder, elegant curved sides and the rounded bottoms to the doors are in evidence on GPK17.



An advertisement from the 1920s indicates the firm was established in 1840. Another promotes the elegance of their coachwork and indeed Gallé won a first, "grand prix d'honneur au concours d'élégance de Paris, en juin 1926" for one of their cabriolet designs.

David Neely



COMING EVENTS for the next 6 months or so

Our Club's Own Events

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 from about 6.30pm onwards.

BREAKFAST WAS ON AGAIN... but the selected restaurant does not have a large undercover area so we are having second thoughts. As soon as a better arrangement is in place we will let members know. The Breakfast Organisers

OUR OWN EVENTS &

THOSE WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO:

Sunday July 10 – Drive and be Driven Day, Peats Ridge.

At last it's on! Come and take the opportunity to compare your car with others of the same model. Or you might like to try a totally different model and either ride or have a drive with the owner's permission. No need to book. Just turn up on the day. **Contact:**

Bruce Duncan snr-vp@nsw.rroc.org.au



WEDNESDAY JULY 20 – AGM Be sure not to miss this important meeting at Barnwell Golf Club Canada Bay.

Saturday July 30 – An invitation to The RACA Annual Motoring Dinner. "A Tribute to Pedr Davis Motoring Journalist, Historian" \$128 per head.

7.00pm for a 7.30pm in the Victoria Room for Pre-Dinner Drinks and the Macquarie Room for Dinner The Royal Automobile Club of Australia, 89 Macquarie Street Sydney. Please let Brian Crump know if you are joining the RROCA table and send your \$128 to Bob Doyle please. See: <http://raca.com.au/our-events/the-raca-annual-motoring-dinner/>

Saturday July 30 Hunter Region All British Day Foreshore Park Newcastle. 10.00 to 16.00. An 'Invited' event. **Contact:** marshall@jaguarhunter.org.au



Sunday August 14 – Shannons Classic at Eastern Creek. Tickets will be available from Bob Adby at the next meeting or on the form enclosed.

Sunday August 28 - All British Day at the Kings School, Parramatta.

ENTRY will be by MASONS DRIVE.

Tickets available from David Hughes at the next meeting or technical@nsw.rroc.org.au



Sunday September 4 – A Silver Ghost Register event: A



visit to Young Henrys Beer Brewery 76 Wilford St, Newtown 2042. All members are welcome to come and discover how to make delicious boutique craft beer and enjoy a few fresh froths in the process. Bookings essential. **Contact:** Jeremy Inder. 0406 119 143 jeremyinder@gmail.com

September 10-11 – A visit to Bill Allsep House by invitation of the Victorian Branch. The dates for their concourse are: Saturday 10th: Judging at BAH. Sunday 11th

Concours Show at *Wesley College High St Rd Mt Waverley Campus* — You are most welcome on both days and they would be delighted to arrange transport & suggest accommodation. RACV City Club in Bourke St or the Rendezvous Hotel in Flinders St.



September 16-19 – Dawn Patrol XV

– In and around the Wagga area. A Federal Register event. **Contact:** Bruce Duncan snr-vp@nsw.rroc.org.au

Sunday September 25 – Picnic Day at Linnwood House,

Guildford. Not our Concours Day but similar to last year's Concours Day. A number of tables and chairs will be provided, and several other British car clubs will be there. Linnwood House will be open for inspection and a number of crafts will be for sale on the day. Food can be purchased or you can bring your picnic. Guaranteed to be a great day spent with like-minded British car enthusiasts.



Wednesday October 12 -Dineamics Lunch

3 - Quays Marina café, 1856 Pittwater Road, Church Pt. Ladies, watch your emails for how to get there. **Contact:** Merryl Godfrey - mmgodfrey@bigpond.com



Sunday October 30 – Concours at Yaralla, Concord. See page 12.

November 4-10 - Wild Rivers Run, Mid North Coast See opposite and on the double-sided booking form enclosed. See pages 12-13 Contact Bob Adby

Wednesday November 30 - Presentation Dinner RACA See Page 13

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

To Celebrate our Diamond Anniversary:

Your Committee has planned a year of activities and events. These have been planned north and south of Sydney to give everyone around NSW a better opportunity to participate. We look forward to seeing as many of our country members as possible. So keep these dates free, plan your 2016 diary now and join your fellow enthusiasts in celebrating this milestone for our Club.

30 October 2016 - The Concours d'Elegance and Display Day in our Diamond Anniversary year

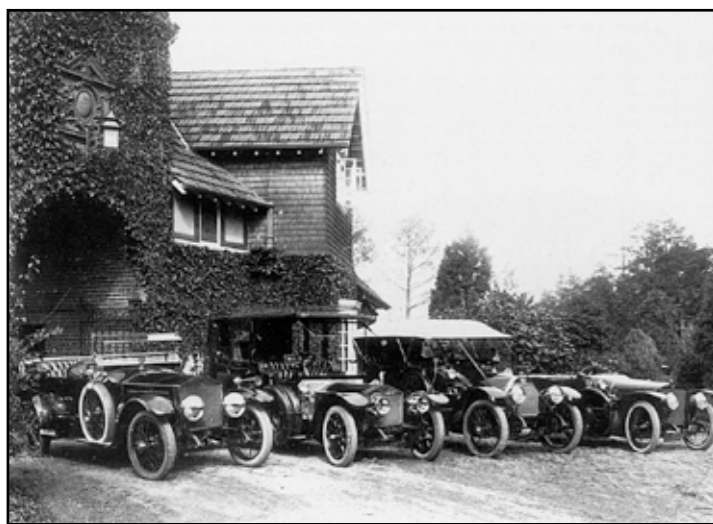
will be held in the grounds of historic 'Yaralla', former home of Dame Eadith Walker at Concord. This will be a fundraising event for both our host the City of Canada Bay Heritage Society and the charity we are supporting in our Diamond anniversary year the Royal Life Saving Society, Australia.



'Yaralla', built in the 1860s, was the homestead of Thomas Walker and passed to his daughter Eadith. Both were great philanthropists.

Eadith Walker took an interest in motor cars as early as 1901. In 1906 she arranged a motor car trip through Italy during her visit abroad. In 1907 she imported an Iris, an English make manufactured from 1905 to 1915. Her chauffeur, Alexander Bearpark, was charged in 1908 with driving at a "furious" speed, to quote the Traffic Act.. The case was dismissed as the magistrate relied on the witness's statement about the speedo reading,

which indicated 11 mph, rather than the policeman's stopwatch, which calculated 20 mph!



Above: The stables at 'Yaralla': 1913 Silver Ghost 45NA; 1911 Silver Ghost 1749, Fiat and Hispano-Suiza. [Photo: Courtesy John Milverton via 'Rolls-Royce and Bentley in the Sunburnt Country']

Throughout the year we will be fund-raising for the **Royal Life Saving Society Australia**. We have already made a significant arrangement with the Rolls-Royce and Bentley dealer in Sydney to support this Charity.

All the events planned for our Anniversary year will be partially sponsored by the NSW Branch to reduce the costs for all our members.



Donations can be made directly to our chosen charity for 2016:

Royal Life Saving Society Australia. Go to:

<https://heroix.everydayhero.com.au/event/swimandsurvivefund/donate>



Above: The stables at 'Yaralla'. [Photo: Courtesy of the City of Canada Bay]

In a 1910 list of registrations Eadith Walker had three motor vehicles, the same number as the Fire Brigade and one more than the NSW Police Department, which only had two. Eadith Walker presented the Military Authorities with a Hispano-Suiza in 1916. 'Yaralla' was frequently used for charitable events and in 1932 the garage was open for inspection where visitors could view her Rolls-Royces and Cadillac.

Eadith Walker's Rolls-Royces were: 1911, Silver Ghost, 1749, with a Thrupp & Maberly landaulette body; 1913 Silver Ghost, 45NA, with H J Mulliner torpedo tourer coachwork; 1915 Silver Ghost, 20AD, a Barker London-to-Edinburgh tourer and 1925 Phantom I, 30LC, a Thrupp & Maberly tourer.

Friday 4 November to Thursday 10 November, 2016.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY, OXLEY WILD RIVERS TOUR

You need to book and choose your own accommodation at the various motels listed on the booking form enclosed. It will also be available in our July Bulletin, our NSW website and on our Facebook page.

NB: All bookings MUST be made prior to or on 23 September 2016.

Advise that you are with the Rolls-Royce Owners Club to receive special rates negotiated.

TOUR OUTLINE: As part of the 2016 Diamond Anniversary celebrations of the RROC, a 6 day driving tour from Port Macquarie, through some of the most beautiful scenery and stunning natural sights in NSW has been organised for the above dates. The tour will incorporate wonderful driving roads and many stops of interest for all. We will visit gorges and waterfalls in the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park, the stunning Dorriggo Rain Forest National Park, beautiful coastal scenery, museums, convict ruins, wineries and many interesting villages. The Tour will suit all members with few sites posing any problems for those who may be mobility impaired.

A number of lunches and dinners are provided as part of the Tour costs as are admissions and entry costs to many of the sites of interest. Participants will need to book their accommodation directly with the motels listed and must quote they are part of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club. Booking details are provided on the booking form. There are limited rooms at a number of towns and accommodation must be booked by Friday 23 September.

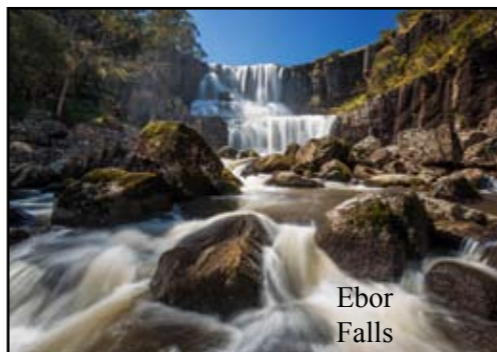
Breakfasts and drinks are at participants own expense as are lunches and dinners not included in the activities below.

Generally, we will stop at catered sites for morning tea but it is strongly recommended that participants do bring along a basic picnic set, including thermos, for those occasions where this will not be possible and for afternoon tea if that is your habit. Details of the Tour schedule are all but finalised but may be subject to alteration if even better options become available prior to the event.

Activities

Welcome Cocktail party
– Waters Edge Restaurant
Mt Seaview Resort – morning tea
Langford House -Lunch
Ashby House Motel - Dinner
Capital Theatre - "Wicked"
McCrossins Mill - Tour & morning tea
Peterson's Winery - Lunch
Fusspots Cafe - Lunch
Trial Bay Cafe - Lunch
Trial Bay Gaol Tour
Slim Dusty Museum – entry & tour
Innes Lake Vineyards
– Little Fish Cafe Lunch
Departing Dinner
– Waters Edge Restaurant

**Total Cost
of activities above
\$425.00 Per Person**



Wednesday 30 November 2016

Presentation Dinner - To close out the year we will hold our Presentation Dinner at the Royal Automobile Club of Australia in Macquarie Street, Sydney. A formal evening is planned and we



will be offering an accommodation package for a limited number who would prefer to stop overnight. There will be a booking form in the September/October L&D.

60th Anniversary Cocktail Party



Fred English took the opportunity to launch his latest Sub-Index of Praeclarum; "Presidentials", being admired here by Judith Merlin



Chairman of the Diamond Committee, David Marshall-Martin organised this splendid evening.



NSW President, Brian Crump presented Max Roberts with his 50 year badge. Unfortunately, two others, Leon de Bord and David Holyoake were unable to be there.



Three NSW Presidents received copies of Fred's Index



Margaret and Barrie Gillings were delighted to receive the No.1 autographed copy of Fred's Index



Margaret and Barrie Gillings were just as delighted to receive their 60 year badges. (Just call us persistent!)



On the stroke of 8.30pm, the time when the very first meeting started across the road David Marshall-Martin and Kim Stapleton led the toast to Sir Henry Royce and Charles Rolls, the founding members and the Club.



Beverley Simpson



Robyn Henderson and Patty Aiosa



Bob Doyle



Norah Vincent



Allan Simpson



Coralie Ogle

No cars but over 100 members!



Just part of the crowd watching the proceedings



John Elmes and Bruce Duncan; "How's this for a great night?"



Photos:
Fred English
Chris Gillings

The three Roses signed Fred's No.1 Sub-Index.

...and there's more!



Anderson Leong, Leroy Jones and Mike Mulvihill



Steve McDonald and Marianne Vawser



Jenny Dempsey, Peter Moran and Bryan Inder



Sally and Abraham Wahab



Keith Wherry, Jane Price (all the way from New Zealand) and Rex Vincent



Peter Macnamara, son of founding member John Macnamara, Andrew Gibson and Jo Frew



Michael Jeanes and Mark Glanville
L&D July/August 2016



Barrie Gillings and Keith Wherry

The Rolls-Royce Treasure Trove No. 9 - 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.

PRESIDENT'S CAR IN CRASH



"President in crash" was front page news in 'The Canberra Times' on 1 June 1974. The article went on, "MELBOURNE, Friday, - President Ne Win of Burma had a poor round of golf today — but he almost did not get one at all.

He had a bump on the head when his Commonwealth Rolls-Royce was involved in a pile-up with two other cars and three Victoria Police motor-cyclists at an intersection in East Brighton.

President Ne Win was on his way to play golf at the Royal Melbourne with Australian professional Peter Thomson.

The Rolls-Royce was badly damaged about the right wheel and one motor-cyclist was taken to hospital for treatment before being allowed home.

President Ne Win was taken to the golf course in another car. He and Thomson, playing the Chief Secretary, Mr Rossiter, and the President's doctor, Lieutenant-Colonel Kyaw Nyunt, lost when the President missed an 8ft putt at the last.

"He did not play his normal game", a Burmese aide said afterwards. "Everyone was upset about the crash".

The car is none other than the Sir Henry Royce Foundation's 1967 Phantom V, chassis 5VF159, H. J. Mulliner, Park Ward limousine, now looked after by the NSW Branch. While this reproduction of the photograph is not very clear, the crucial part of the image is the number plate, which identifies it as 5VF159. The Commonwealth registration, ZSF-571, replaced the Crown when the car was not on regal or vice-regal duty, as was the case on this occasion.

The newspaper caption for the photograph is, "A police motor-cyclist and a chauffeur try to prise the crumpled mudguard of a Rolls-Royce off the wheel after the Rolls carrying President Ne Win of Burma and a police-escort motor cycle collided in Melbourne yesterday."



Current photos of the Phantom V show no sign of the damage. It has obviously been expertly repaired.

HERBY'S HINTS

to keep your car in top condition.

HOWEVER! No responsibility can be accepted should any unfortunate outcome arise from following these hints.

- Is **COLD** air **chilling your feet** in your Shadow/Bentley T?

This is possibly/probably due to the **small (baby) bushes** in the vent **having failed** & the **VENT HAS FALLEN APART!**

Thus, such is NOT a problem with the air conditioning.

- OLD** petrol lying in the tank of any car can be a source of trouble when the car is **little used**.

Modern, more volatile petrol **DETERIORATES** much sooner than the (now unavailable) leaded-type did!

- Again, **AGE** is the **ENEMY!**



Rolls-Royce and Railways

by Ken Swinbourne

It seems that the sort of people who like old cars, and especially old Rolls-Royces, also find steam engines fascinating. Many find that the smooth operation of well-engineered mechanical parts to achieve a quiet and powerful effort is enthralling.



For those who don't know it, the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway on the south coast of Kent is worth investigating. It was built by Captain J. Howey and Count Zborowski (of Chitty Bang Bang fame) who were both keen to build a 15" gauge railway. Two locomotives were ordered, but Count Zborowski was killed in a motor-racing accident before they were delivered. Capt Howey continued with building the railway on the Romney Marsh. The railway was opened in July, 1927 and ran eight miles from Hythe to New Romney. Within a year double tracks had been laid to Dungeness, a total distance of over thirteen miles.

During the Second World War the railway was taken over by the War Department and a miniature armoured train was run. It was operated by the Home Guard, and equipped with Lewis and Bren guns and anti-tank rifles. Although it didn't see action, it could have been on the front line in the event of a German landing. It was also used in building the pipe-line which carried fuel for the D-Day invasion. Since the war the railway has been revitalised with renewed bridges and replaced rolling stock, and the whole system is well-maintained.



The railway runs a regular time-tabled public passenger service, which included a school train for about eighteen years ending in July, 2015, and freight services. It still is licensed for postal services and has a parcel delivery service. The original locomotives are still in use, and the fleet now comprises fourteen locomotives, including two diesels.



*The armoured train on the RH&DR
The Rolls-Royce locomotive. The radiator looks as if it comes from a 20/25 or a P II, so perhaps this is the replacement engine, and not the one from the Silver Ghost.*

A trip on the railway is quite an experience. The are four stations, with "RH&DR" cast into the seats and the brackets supporting the roof. The line runs parallel with the coast and the tracks cross several roads where there are gates at level crossings stopping the traffic for the one-third size trains to pass.



*"Typhoon" delivered
in 1927 and still in use.*

The RH&DR is a delight, but what has this to do with Rolls-Royce? First, both Henry Royce and Walter Bentley served apprenticeships on railways in their youths. More relevantly, though, the Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway once had a locomotive powered by a Rolls-Royce engine which was from Captain Howey's 1914 Silver Ghost. During its trials, it was reported to have reached a speed of 45 m.p.h. pulling two coaches. In 1934 a train hauled by the Rolls-Royce locomotive collided with a car at one of the level crossings. It was derailed and fell on its side, suffering considerable damage and narrowly missing a fall into the dyke at the side of the track. The locomotive was repaired and was back in service later in the year. Sadly the Silver Ghost engine broke a connecting rod at speed with "dramatic results". It was replaced with another Rolls-Royce engine which was used until 1948 when it was replaced by an engine from a Fordson tractor, although it retained the Rolls-Royce radiator. The radiator was sold in the 1970s when the locomotive was broken up.

If you are in England and in the area a visit to this railway is worthwhile, or you can look it up on the internet without leaving home.

(For another Silver Ghost powered railway engine see L&D Vol. 57, No.1 of Jan./Feb. 2013, page 4.)

Information from M. Ware, Automobiles Lost & Found

RH&DR website M. Crofts, Miniature Railways

Picture of Rolls-Royce locomotive on the RH&D Railway reproduced with kind permission of Haynes Publishing, and Michael Ware

Letters/Emails/Photos etc.



Ken Swinbourne's suggestion: What to buy when you trade in your elephant!

Stewart Begg sent us this one:

Parking a 1951 Cadillac

A real car commercial "from back in the day." Parking a 1951 Cadillac. Going back in time, I bet you haven't seen this one before. That is probably due to the small number of people owning TV's at that time. Now, 65 years later, it still isn't an available feature on new cars.

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