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Front Cover Picture

*Alderman John Stuttard,
Lord Mayor of London,
welcoming members and
friends to the Club Annual
dinner in the Egyptian
Room at his official home,
the Mansion House*



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EDITORIAL

Subscriptions and car data

Our thanks to all those who sent prompt responses to the Annual Subscription form circulated to non-Australian members with the last edition of *News and Record*. For those who have not yet responded, we would say that we do not want to lose you and would encourage you to send in your form.

There have been several changes in car ownership during the last year and these have now been recorded in our database. My thanks to all those who took time to correct and update the records. As noted in the last edition, I have not yet worked out how to make enough space on the form for all the details we hold on each car. Where you have added details, I have checked in the database that we do have the correct information, even if we only sent you an extract. My thanks to those who provided information on post-1944 cars and on Derby Bentleys they own. It is interesting to see, but such information is not included in the 20-Ghost Club database as it relates only to those cars which make their owners eligible for Club membership. Please do not be offended therefore if your Derby Bentley or post-war Rolls-Royce fails to appear on the car data form next year.

A plea from the Treasurer

Brian Fidler asks that all payments for subs, tour deposits or regalia are sent to himself and NOT direct to our Bankers (Abbey) especially in either Dollars or Euros, since we lose out on conversion plus fees plus lack of any information on what the payment is for. We have arrangements in place to accept both Dollar and Euro cheques (made payable to 20 Ghost Club) and these should be sent direct to him at his Oxford address.

(We could accept payment in gold Dubloons and silver ingots, but cannot accept part-exchanges !)

All payments for both the Scottish and Cornish Tours should be made and sent to ClassicTravelling Limited at Acorn Cottage, Goodworth Clatford, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 7QY.

Extra Silver Ghost Events in 2007

If you have a Silver Ghost There are several free events this year where we are trying to get as many Ghosts together as possible. These are all by invitation only, so if you want to come, contact Susie Forrest and she will arrange an invitation.

1. Celebration of the centenary of the Silver Ghost at P & A Wood on Sunday 6th May

2. Celebration Barbecue/buffet lunch at Rolls-Royce Motor Cars at the Goodwood factory, including a "free to roam" around the factory at your leisure. We have about 60 Ghosts at this event but we want 100 if we can! Date is Saturday 26th May

3. Parade of Silver Ghosts at Brooklands celebrating the centenary of the opening of Brooklands in 1907, Saturday 16 June

Any member with any pre-war Rolls-Royce would be very welcome to cheer us on or join us for lunch/dinner at any point on the route of the Scottish Tour.

Finally we would remind everyone that the Cornish Tour is filling up fast and that it is open to any pre-1940 Rolls-Royce. Also that there will be some pretty spectacular driving as well as some good food!

Scottish Tour

Those of you on the Scottish Tour should by now have received forms on which you can make your choice of extension tours to the North West or North East of Scotland and to the R-REC National Rally and the request for payment of charges. The organizers do advise the carrying of two high visibility jackets and a warning triangle, but I would just remind participants that a fire extinguisher is another absolute necessity. It will not put out a major fire, such as that caused when a faulty exhaust system sets fire to floorboards. For that, you generally need lots of water. However, it will help with an under-bonnet fire if you catch it quickly.

Tour Reporting

I will be on the Scottish Tour and, along with other committee members, am looking forward to meeting all participants. However, as a driver and maintainer, I will not have much time to make notes on the event. I would very much appreciate help in reporting the tour. Particularly if you are a passenger, you might have time to take a few notes. Please let me know if you can help. Knowledge of British English is not essential, as I can translate American and Australian!

NHH

HIGHGROVE HOUSE GARDEN

1 September 2006



The 20-Ghost Club party outside The Snooty Fox Hotel in Tetbury

standing l-r, Michael Joy, Susanna Joy Gilly Armitage, Tony Dyas, Viv Dyas, Bronwen Careless, Andrew Taylor, Veronica Shaw, Susan Wills, John Fasal, John Stuttard, Lesley Stuttard, Helen Banks, Clayton Banks, Anne Butcher, Graham Adams, Ashley Wills: sitting l-r, Val Butcher, Patricia Folkes, Kay Marsh, Gill Adams

Our first query about the possibility of a visit, courtesy of their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall, was met with the caution that it could be several years before our turn came around - in the event it was just two years. So, without our cars, twenty two Club members and three lucky guests boarded our coach at Moreton-in-Marsh or Cirencester, en route for the Highgrove House in the village of Doughton.

There were some amusing moments - starting with the young policemen at the security gate, who had clearly speculated about the name of our group long before we arrived, and were very relieved that we were a car club and not too ghoulish at all! And when Chips, our guide, discovered that we were a car club she said at once, " Ah, that's why there are so many men in the party!"

Without exception, we thought it a wonderful place and in so many ways more interesting than typical country house gardens - no doubt because it is so much the vision of one person. In fact the whole experience was truly excellent, the tour lasted over an hour and a half, the weather got warmer and sunnier, and was rounded off by tea and Duchy biscuits. We spent lots in the shop, before reboarding our bus for a pub lunch at the Snooty Fox in Tetbury. After a sandwich and a pint there was still time for a look around the town; some sat in pavement cafes, others visited the church, before we headed back up the Fosse Way. It made a change to have someone else do the driving - shame R-R never made coaches!

Andy Butcher

photo courtesy of Helen and Clayton Banks

AGM AND ANNUAL DINNER

23 FEBRUARY 2007



Susie Forrest, Nigel Hughes, Jimmmy Valentine, John Stuttard and Tim Forrest at the Top Table for the AGM
Photos by Colin Hughes

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the 20-Ghost Club Limited was held at 6.30 p.m. at the Mansion House, London on 23 February 2007, by kind permission of Alderman John Stuttard, Lord Mayor of London.

Chairman, Tim Forrest, opened the meeting with his report on the past year. Tim noted that he had served his time as Chairman and that this was to be his last report to an AGM. He reported on the full programme of events which had taken place during 2006 and identified the high spot as having been the Mozart Austrian Tour so ably organized by Michael and Angelika Elliott. Tim outlined the coming events for 2007, highlighting the major tours to Scotland and Cornwall planned as part of the celebration of the centenary of the original Silver Ghost.

Our new Treasurer, Brian Fidler, was unfortunately unable to be with us, but Tony Dyas, as retiring Treasurer, presented the formal accounts to the meeting. These were accepted unanimously. Tony stays on as Company Secretary for the time being.

As regards the Committee, the Chairman advised that Piers Ashley-Carter was standing down due to pressure of other work and that there was therefore a vacancy on the Committee. No other nomination being received, the balance of the Committee was unanimously re-elected en-bloc. A Chairman will be chosen by the Committee at its next meeting.

Annual Dinner

The response from members and friends to the opportunity of holding the Annual Dinner in the Mansion House was very gratifying and some 150 attended, roughly double the number we usually see. It was indeed a glittering occasion, the numbers being such that we were allowed to use the Egyptian Room, a room designed to impress VIP visitors to the City of London, and which continues to do extremely well.

Following the Loyal Toast and a Toast to the memory of Rolls and Royce, the Chairman invited John Stuttard to present those Club trophies which

had not already been presented at meetings earlier in the year.

The Alpine Trophy goes to the individual covering the highest mileage in a Large Horsepower (40-50HP) car and was awarded to John Kennedy who drove his 1913 SG 6500 miles in New Zealand before returning to Europe for 3500 miles on the Austrian tour and UK events. As John was in New Zealand, Mermie Karger accepted the trophy on John's behalf. *(below)*



The Woodmansee Trophy, for the highest mileage covered by a Silver Ghost went to Mermie Karger herself for also doing many miles in New Zealand before returning to the United States to cover some 8000 miles in total.

The Small Horsepower Trophy is awarded to the owner of the small horsepower (20, 20/25, 25/30 HP) car covering the highest mileage. Andrew Sington had covered 3740 miles in 17 days in a trip to Jerusalem with his 20 HP, but David Else covered



nearly 7000 miles in the year, visiting Lake Como and Norway, once again winning the prize. *(Above)*

The Most Notable Performance in 1006 was by Brian Tilbury in Australia. He covered the journey from Western Australia to the Snowy Mountains in the East, a total of 7000 Km. The longest days run was 751 Km of which 200Km was before breakfast. The journey involved several punctures and a fire under the rear seat caused by a very hot exhaust. PI owners to note, as this is not the first of such fires. Brian won the Harding Rolls trophy, received for him by Tony Dyas. *(Below)*



The Dymock-Maunsell Trophy (*below*) is normally awarded for the winner of a Driving Test. However, this year, none was held. Instead, some spirited driving was done at Lasham airfield, where David Robson won a race down the runway against Tim Forrest, reaching an indicated 78 mph with his London-Edinburgh Ghost.



provided excellent coverage of the Irish Georgian tours to historic houses and was the winner for 2006. (*Below*)



The Phoenix Trophy is awarded for the best reconstruction or restoration of a car and went to 1912 Silver Ghost 2038E. The car went to New Zealand in the 1920s and in the 40s was used as a breakdown truck. Just over 50 years ago, Roy Southward's father rescued the car and stored it for future restoration. Roy painstakingly restored the car and it was back on the road in 2005. Tony Dyas received the Phoenix Trophy on behalf of Roy, who plans to come, with the car, for the Scottish Tour in 2007.



The Stanley Sears Trophy was awarded to Angelika Elliott (*above*) for creating the wonderful trip to Austria for the Mozart 250th anniversary celebrations. Angelika excelled in organizing superb concerts, excellent food and wine, wonderful scenery and fabulous driving, day after day.

The Fergusson-Wood Photographic Trophy is awarded for the best photograph published in 'News & Record'. Jimmy Valentine has regularly



The Harry Watson award is a trophy for an achievement of engineering and design excellence. This year, the Club, with the agreement of Pat Watson, Harry's widow, decided to break with tradition and award the trophy to a non-member of the Club. The winner is Ian Cameron, head of design of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and the award is in recognition of the outstanding design and engineering embodied in the Rolls-Royce Phantom and, particularly, the new convertible launched recently and the coupe which we expect to see soon. The award was received by Kris Sukhu, seen with John and Leslie Stuttard. (below)



David Robson, left, with John Marsh and Michael Elliott, their doctor on the Austrian tour.

MORE OLD PICS.

Here is another page from Margaret Gillings collection of tiny photos, probably taken by Jeremy Bacon in the 1960s. The comments have been transcribed from the backs of the pictures, unedited and unverified.

- 1 I caught this one in Kensington some years ago.
- 2 1932 chassis. Body was completely restored about 5 years ago by Croall: I think it is a Barker but I've never been able to talk to the owner. Still in this condition
- 3 Mike Couper's Silver Wraith – was in the 1948 Moutt (?) ?
- 4 This, as far as I remember, is a '32 model but it could be a '33 no gen sorry.
- 5 One of the many twenties that were so common as taxis in Edinburgh until recently. This one, I think was 1926. Now broken up – alas! (This has been printed wrong way round)
(In his speech at the 2007 Annual Dinner, Tim Forrest commented on the indestructibility of 20HPs as evidenced by their use as taxis in Edinburgh)
- 6 Some of Edinburgh's RR taxis were well kept – as this one was but others were left, most criminally.
- 7 '35 PII 43TA
Coachwork by H.J. Mulliner
Owner: I.S. Hallows
- 8 Can't identify at all 20/25
- 9 '26 20hp I don't know chassis no. Coachwork by Barker
Owner: C. Meaden



LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA

By Diana Jones

I am pleased to advise at our AGM in December 2006 the members unanimously approved incorporation and the license agreement with England to ensure that one club covers members in both England and Australia. The office bearers were reelected unopposed for another year. The other good news is that the Harding Rolls Trophy for the Most Notable Performance has been awarded to Brian and Maria Tilbury of Western Australia for their epic journey of 7,000km across Australia and return in New Phantom 71UF to attend the national Alpine Tour in South Eastern New South Wales last October. This wonderful tour attracted 30 cars and over 60 members; 71UF coming the longest distance by

far. Brian and Maria and passenger Lynette Whyte will be on the Scottish tour in their 1922 Ghost 4PG – one of the 11 Australian cars taking part. We are looking forward to this very much. Eight members enjoyed the “marvelous Mornington meander” – a two day weekend on Victoria’s Mornington Peninsula in late March - so well organised by Nanette and Gilbert Ralph – GTK20. We have more “BYO everything” day runs planned and the 2007 national tour will be along the Great Ocean Road in Southern Victoria from 16th to the 21st October. Another date for the diary: 15th to the 25th February 2008 – The Tasmanian Heritage Tour. There is plenty of happy motoring to look forward to.

COOLANTS - WARNING

Problems have recently arisen with so-called ‘Advanced Coolant’ (anti-freeze) causing severe leaks when used in old engines. Steve Boddice of R-REC recently posted the following:

‘It turns out that the ‘Advanced’ coolant is manufactured using an Organic Acid Technology (OAT) corrosion inhibitor pack. The previous anti-freeze used an Inorganic Additive Technology (IAT). Evidence supplied to the retailer by the manufacturer admits that the OAT inhibited coolant is known to cause leak problems even in engines that do not use wet liners. The major fault with the inhibitor being that it attacks, amongst other things, silicon compounds. The most commonly used base compound for gasket sealants is silicon.

The immediate problem to the buying public is

that the manufacturers and retailers are failing to disclose which inhibitor technology is being incorporated in their coolants/anti-freezes. Anybody replacing their coolant MUST investigate with the manufacturer which system is employed. It appears that OAT, and even HOAT (Hybrid OAT), inhibited coolant can be supplied under the same national compliance standard codes as the earlier IAT technology.

I believe Bill Vatter, in RROC postings, has already coined the warning slogan:

If it is RED - STOP

If it is yellow - proceed at your own risk

If it is green (or blue) - it is OK to use FOR NOW.

Make sure you check.’

COMING EVENTS

2007 - UK

21 April

Spring Buffet Lunch at the Macpherson's

Strone and Alex once again welcome us to Armsworth Park House. Contact: Strone MacPherson 01962 735562

Sunday 6 May

Silver Ghost Centenary Celebration at P&A Wood

Invitation only. See Editorial.

Sunday 13 May

Turning and Spinning

A visit with the Turners Company to see their crafts at work in Melchbourne. Contact: Sue Taylor
smtaylor@btconnect.com

26 to 28 May

Irish Georgian Tour

The Irish Georgian tour will take place over the Spring Bank Holiday 26 to 28 May and will be based on West Dean College in Sussex.

25 May to 12 June

Silver Ghost Centenary Celebration

Scottish Reliability Trial Re-Run

This event is rapidly filling up and is now wait listed. If you plan to come, there may be cancellations and you may yet get a place. Please apply straight away as places are strictly limited by available accommodation in Scotland.

12 – 16 June Extension tour to attend RREC Annual

Rally

Contact: Tim Forrest: 01428 684208

Saturday 16 June

Parade of Silver Ghosts at Brooklands

See Editorial

22 June to 8 July

Western Alpine Tour

SGA members should book through SGA

Saturday 21 July

Annual Concours d'Etat

At Rotherfield Park, Hampshire

6 to 15 September. West Country Tour to Cornwall

A commemoration of Claude Johnson's holiday in AX201 after the Scottish Reliability Trials. Contact : Tim Forrest
01428 684208

Australia

16-21 October. National Tour

The 2007 National Tour will be along the Great Ocean Road in Southern Victoria. Contact: Diana Jones

15-25 February 2008 Tasmanian Heritage Tour

Welcome to New Members

Ian and Marcia Hayne, 40 Robinson Road, Eudlo, Queensland 4554 Australia. Tel: 07 54789125
1930 20/25 GWP36 Hooper Landaulet

Henry and Virginia Pang, 4 Lowana Avenue, Roseville, NSW 2069, Australia. Tel: 02 94169005
1934 PII 24SK Park Ward Continental Touring Saloon

Robert and Helen Rich, Babworth House, 4/1 Mt Adelaide Street, Darling Point NSW 2027, Australia. Tel: 02 9327 3644

1925 PI 89HC Martin and King Saloon

Andrew and Margaret Bayley, PO Box 382, Sorrell, Tasmania 7172, Australia. Tel: 362652363
1926 PI 96LC Martin and King Roadster

David and Katharine Lees-Jones, The Drey, Lockers Park School, Lockers Park Lane, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1TL
Tel: 01438 873688

1930 PII 150MS Thrupp and Maberly Continental Saloon

Lord Laidlaw of Rothiemay, 11, Avenue President Kennedy, Monaco, MC9800. Tel: 9216 7893

1913 SG 19MA Portholme style Torpedo Phaeton

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Ties £15.00

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Alpine '93 Videos £20.00 Back numbers of Record and News and Record £2.50 ea. Contact: Tim Forrest 01428 684208



Back Cover Picture

Jens Pilo's 1933 PII 8MY

James Young Continental Drophead Coupe

