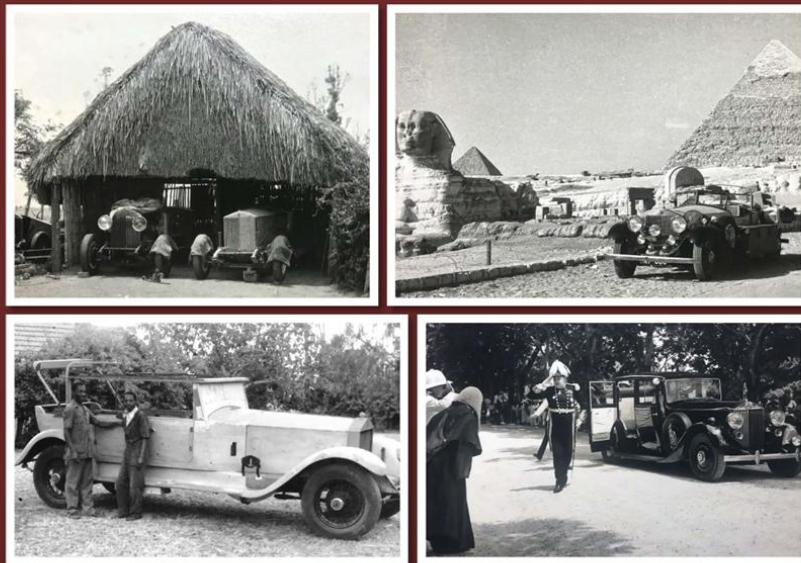


# Rolls-Royce in East Africa

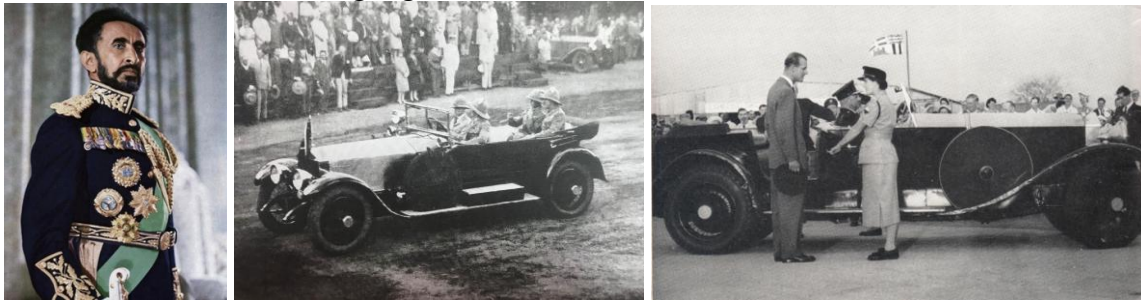


John Stuttard and Roger Tanner

Before the advent of the Series 1 Land Rover in 1948, the perfect motor car for daily use in British East Africa was the Rolls-Royce. With its robust chassis, strong springs and shock absorbers, and with a high lift off the ground, a Rolls-Royce was at ease on farm tracks and dusty metalled roads as it was on one of the few highways and on the streets of Nairobi, Dar es Salaam or Kampala. Whether acting as transport for a visiting British Prince, or taking the children to school, or milk to market, or acting as a safari wagon, the Rolls-Royce was reliable, easy to maintain and never (or rarely ever) lets you down. This book, a monumental work of 300 pages with almost 600 illustrations, describes the 77 pre-WWII Rolls-Royce cars which spent time in East Africa. It is a collector's item which will be acquired by those interested in the marque and in the history of East Africa – from the 19<sup>th</sup> century explorers and missionaries to the heady life of the 'Happy Valley' set of the Kenyan Highlands and colonial life in British East Africa. The book was published by The 20-Ghost Club in May 2025. Copies can be ordered through the club, with net sales proceeds accruing to The Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation, custodian of the original Rolls-Royce records. The book will be priced at £70 per copy + postage. Postage rates will vary depending on destination, as described at the end of this flyer



Prompted by the well-known author, Tom Clarke, and working with Wayne Kennerley, who had catalogued Rolls-Royce motor cars in Africa, Sir John Stuttard and Roger Tanner have produced an illustrated record of 77 Rolls-Royce motor cars in East Africa. A staggering 75% are still with us, an extraordinary survival rate considering the conditions. Some were used for ceremonies and for visiting dignitaries.



Other Rolls-Royce motor cars led a more adventurous life on farms and on safaris and as armoured or military vehicles in WWI, fighting the Germans in Africa.



Roger Tanner has lived and worked in Kenya for over 55 years and started a company, Vintage Restorations, which breathed new life into Rolls-Royce cars. The collection of illustrations in the book forms an extraordinary record of these cars and of the people who owned them. Starting with the 19<sup>th</sup> century exploration for the source of the River Nile, the book charts the early history of colonial life and the advent of motor cars in East Africa. It explains why so many Rolls-Royce motor cars went to East Africa and how they survived, were maintained and restored, and are enjoyed today by members of The 20-Ghost Club, RREC, RROC, RROCA and the SGA – giving much pleasure, after their time in East Africa.

Copies of *Rolls-Royce in East Africa* can be ordered by emailing [johnstuttard@btinternet.com](mailto:johnstuttard@btinternet.com) – giving your name and postal address - with funds simultaneously paid to the club. If you're paying in dollars, please use PayPal (for friends and family): [20ghostpay@gmail.com](mailto:20ghostpay@gmail.com). Other currencies as shown below:

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