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A club for Rolls-Royce and Bentley enthusiasts

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Our Website & Facebook Page

Some of our newer Management Committee members have been doing a lot of work behind the scenes to bring the club up to date in the modern technological world.

You may have noticed we are using **Trybooking** for bookings for our events - even those which have no cost to participate in. It gives us accurate details of who's attending an event and any special requests - and where relevant, which cars are coming. It's also useful for events where payments are made.

Our old **website** is no more and the new, easier to use website offers more functionality and presents the club well for prospective members. www.rrocwa.com

Additionally, we have a presence on **Facebook** with news, items of interest, events and more - where you can participate: **Rolls-Royce Owners' Club Western Australia**



Calendar 2025



Note not all of these are official club events, but we list all we can to enable members with concessionally licensed vehicles to participate in their cars. Official club events in **BOLD**. Some may need to change. Full details will be emailed to club members. Event announcements will appear on the club's Facebook page as well. Also check the website www.rrocwa.com

DECEMBER 31 Classic Cars & Coffee, University of WA. 8.30-10.30am

JANUARY 19 Picnic by the River. Meet at 5pm, Parliament Place, West Perth for a cruise to the Nedlands River Foreshore. BYO picnic and folding chairs. Aston Martin Owners Club will join us. \$10/car. Book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXXYZ>

Run - details to be advised

MARCH 16 Fish & Chips Run, West Perth to Cottesloe Beach

APRIL Club Display & Concours d'Elegance, Old Observatory, West Perth. Date to be confirmed.

MAY 18 British Car Day - Gingin. We'll have a club area.

JUNE 15 Visit to Shipwreck Museum Fremantle, or Art Workshop

JULY 5 President's Dinner. New venue, TBA

JULY 20 Annual General Meeting. Jaguar Car Club rooms

Classic Cars & Coffee is on the first Sunday of each month at the University of WA in Crawley (except January).



Picnic by the River - January 19



Club Display & Concours d'Elegance - April

Picnic by the River January 19 2025

Join us for a lovely, relaxing, easy late afternoon cruise to the Nedlands Forehsore where we have reserved an area to enjoy a picnic. Our first event for 2025.

The Aston Martin Owners Club will be joining us.

Bring all your own picnic gear. We've got lots of space.

Meet at 5.00pm in Parliament Place, West Perth.

This event was very successful when we ran it for the first time last year.

\$10 per car for our fund-raising towards the 2026 Federal Rally we're hosting. Route instruction will be provided. Free raffle prize draw on the day. Book on Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXXYZ>





From the President

Season's Greetings to you all. I'm very pleased to tell members that we have an excellent Committee guiding the club. The mix of people, with different experiences, ages and skill sets means we have a great variety of outlooks which allows us to be creative, efficient and importantly, productive.

I'm very pleased to be working with this group - men and women from their 40s to their 80s. It all bodes well for the levels of improvement we've been seeing and I'm keen to continue within the club.

I think it's important to remember that while the club's name refers to Rolls-Royce, we also cater for Bentley motorcars. Many of our members own both brands with equal enthusiasm. In a way it's a shame that when the original club was formed, that the name didn't incorporate both brands.

I was contacted recently by the daughter of one of the Western Australian club's founding members. Perhaps some of you will remember Bill Raad. He had a 25/30 which he got from the inaugural President Percy Markham. He shared the car with famous cartoonist Paul Rigby (who would also become President). The car is still in the club, in more recent times owned by Murray Davidson, Mathew Henderson and now Ruth and Kevin Bird. It's had a lot of attention recently and a new lease of life.

The reason I was contacted was that there was some silverware - three awards which Bill Raad had won from the club. His daughter was moving house and wondered whether the club would be interested in these items. I was pleased to say we certainly would be interested. I visited her home and was shown a silver plate platter, a jug and a cup. They were inscribed, headed with the club name and logo:

Presidents Trophy
Presented to
William G Raad
1966-67
Inaugural Presentation



Safety Bay Rally 1967
President's Trophy
Runner-Up
W. G. Raad

Mr. W. G. Raad
Winner
Garaging Event
1966-67

The last of these would have been for some kind of driving test event. I believe that up to the 1990s the club held the occasional driving test - perhaps it's time to consider re-introducing such an idea. I'd welcome your feedback.

I took these lovely items to the Christmas dinner to show members and will find a home in our club display cabinet at the Motor Museum of WA at Whiteman Park - and I sent the generous donor a letter of thanks.

Which brings me conveniently, to the visit our club made to the Motor Museum. We had a beautiful day and excellent turnout - a report and photos from the event appear in this magazine.

You'll also read about our Christmas function, which turned out extremely well - thanks to the McLean family and all the committee members who assisted - with special mention to Germaine Murphy, our Social Director.

OTHER ITEMS

In production now is our new **Membership Form** and a **flyer** promoting the club which will be available at events in case you know someone who should join...

I felt the club's promotion and sense of belonging for members would be enhanced by **club stickers**, to go onto the back windows of our cars. The Committee has approved a design and these too are now in production - and will be available shortly.

2025 CALENDAR

The Committee has planned a full calendar for 2025, though some items will need fine tuning and confirmation due to external influences.

We will keep members updated via this magazine, our website, Facebook group and by email as planning progresses.

We aim to hold a few events in co-operation with the Aston Martin Owners Club this year. I know several of their members and they are a great group, with similar interests to those of our own club. Let's welcome them.

Paul Blank - President
Rolls-Royce Owners' Club
Western Australia Branch

Events



Motor Museum of WA Club Visit

Sunday, November 10

Perfect weather greeted club members who went out to Whiteman Park in Perth's north for the club's first visit to the facility in many years.

A few years ago the museum building was expanded to double its original size, allowing a greatly increased variety of exhibits to be displayed.

We had a lovely line-up of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars on the grass area adjacent to the Museum - and in the shelter there, members enjoyed picnic lunch after viewing the museum's exhibits.

Inside, we were treated to a fascinating display of cars - plus the largest collection of model cars in the Southern Hemisphere.

Included in the full-scale cars were the Phantom V which was the Western Australian Governor's car, donated to the Museum a couple of years ago.

One of the highlight displays is a Red Bull Formula 1 car, lent to the museum by Daniel Ricciardo, which was the first car he won an F1 race in.

The current management of the museum has seen a lot of changes, modernization and improvement to the facility. It's very impressive, as club members found.

As an aside: December 2024 is the 30th anniversary of the museum. Paul Blank who was one of the founding board members from when the museum was a concept through to reality, is involved with the production of a commemorative book about the museum. Club member, the late Maurice Brockwell (a past club President) was Chairman of the board and another past President, Kelvin Ferris was also involved for many years. The 30th Anniversary celebrations will take place in April next year (some months late... for some reason).



Long-time club member Steve Henderson's Silver Shadow has recently been donated.







Club Christmas Lunch

Sunday, December 1

Following our new theory of moving the Christmas function to a different venue every year, we were hosted this year by Bev and Neil McLean at their property in Mundaring, surrounded by State Forest. Threat of unseasonal rain meant a few days prior the plan changed to move into the (very large) garage - which meant a lot of extra work for the McLeans...

The outcome was tremendous and all the work worthwhile. We were booked to capacity, including several people we hadn't seen for a while. As cars arrived, ladies were helped from their cars at the entrance between the Rolls-Royce and Bentley flags, before the cars were parked. And the cars looked resplendent parked around the venue.

The same caterers we'd used at the Concours earlier in the year produced excellent fare.

We ran an auction, entertainingly run by Neil McLean - and thanks to the donors of the auction items - our enthusiastic bidders helped us raise a decent amount which will help towards our 2026 hosting of the Federal Rally.

We had lots of door prizes which were gratefully won by several members.

There was a happy, friendly feeling all day. The feedback has been universally positive.

Thanks to the McLeans, the Committee members who arrived early to assist and especially our event co-ordinator Germaine Murphy. A very good function indeed.





Photos: Germaine Murphy and Paul Blank





Veteran & Classic Car Club Busselton Display October 2024



The Veteran & Classic Car Club of WA is the largest club in the state with over 2800 members, several country branches and marque groups within it. The Busselton section puts on an annual display, which included several RROCWA member's cars this year.

Photos: courtesy Shane Aherton





Elizabethan Village Lunch



In October our club run took members to the Elizabethan Village in Armadale for lunch. Photos: Germaine Murphy

BRITISH Cars & Coffee

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Sunday, September 29, Burswood

Held for the second year, British Cars & Coffee saw a slightly smaller turnout than last year, attributable to the fact that so many other events clashed on the same date.

This has been an ongoing problem this year. For example, on one day there was Classic Cars & Coffee, Custom Cars & Coffee, the Italian Car Day, French Car Festival, German Car Day the BMW Concours. Other weekends during Spring have had similar clashes, with all events suffering.

Nonetheless, we had a lovely array of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars at British Cars & Coffee as you'll see in the photos on this page.

And some very interesting cars (and a bus) among the other marques too.

The event was followed that afternoon by Japanese Car Day at the same venue, with the same charity beneficiary - and over 500 cars attended.





Bentley Americas inks collaboration with world-renowned tattoo artist, Bang Bang

- Groundbreaking, reactive UV technology brings inspirational design unveiled during Miami Art Week 2024

- Bentley collaborates with Bang Bang, world-renowned tattooist and extraordinary artist

- Bentley artwork pattern changes in white and ultraviolet wavelengths of light, mirroring the capabilities of Bang Bang's Magic Ink

- Bespoke, collaboratively designed one-off Bentley to debut in 2025

- Revolutionizing luxury automotive design through artistry and self-expression in the third edition of Art in Motion

- A celebration of personalization: redefining craftsmanship and individuality through two masters of their crafts

Miami, Fla. (9 December 2024) Bentley Americas proudly announces an extraordinary collaboration with Keith "Bang Bang" McCurdy, the globally celebrated tattoo artist, responsible for the most famous designs on the most iconic people in the world. His company, Bang Bang Tattoo in New York City, recently debuted the revolutionary and groundbreaking tattoo ink technology called Magic Ink. This technology allows the user to "turn on" and "turn off" their tattoos using specific wavelengths of light, allowing clients the ability to change the image in their skin.

The collaboration launches with a one-off art car debuted during Miami Art Week, with a unique UV-activated design that unites two pioneers of artistry, both renowned for transforming their clients' visions into highly personal projects through the co-creation process.

Bang Bang, together with his 35+ artists from 15 countries, immortalizes each client's stories through tattoos. The process is akin to that of Mulliner, Bentley's in-house bespoke division, which crafts one-of-a-kind vehicles that embody the individuality of their owners.

"This is an exciting exploration of the realm of artistic customization in an entirely new medium," said Bang Bang. "Bentley offers a canvas as luxurious and transformative as my tattoo art."

Mike Rocco, President and CEO of Bentley Americas, remarks:

"Bentley has always pushed the boundaries to deliver the ultimate in craftsmanship, personalization and performance. This introduction with Bang Bang showcases our commitment to blending artistry and ingenuity to redefine what's possible in bespoke luxury."



New Continental GT

Bentley Perth recently had the privilege of testing the new Continental GT Speed on the track at the facility in the grounds of Perth Airport. (left)

The new series of Continental GT is set to become a popular model, building on the strengths of previous models and bringing a new modernity. Thanks to its Hybrid V8 powertrain, the new Continental GT Speed can generate 771 bhp and an unprecedented 1000 Nm of torque. That's enough power – almost 20% more than even the previous Continental GT Speed – to take you from 0-100km/h in an incredible 3.2 seconds...in absolute luxury.





From
Rolls-Royce Motor Cars

GHOST SERIES II: THE MOST ADVANCED, DRIVER-FOCUSED V12 ROLLS-ROYCE EVER CREATED

The most technologically advanced and driver-focused V12 Rolls-Royce yet. New exterior styling is an impactful evolution of Ghost's foundational design. Built with driving at its heart: includes uncompromising twin-turbocharged engine.

- Incorporates Planar Suspension, Flagbearer, and Satellite Aided Transmission systems that underpin the driver-oriented chassis

- Integrates advanced digital interface, SPIRIT, and private members app, Whispers

- Enhanced audio system, internet connectivity, and video streaming functions

- Ghost Extended Series II represents an even greater canvas for creativity

- Black Badge Ghost Series II available to commission from launch

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars presents Ghost Series II, a powerful, driver-orientated and elegant rendition of the most popular Rolls-Royce nameplate in history. In line with client requests, the subtle evolution of Ghost's monolithic and self-assured external appearance serves as a potent stage for Bespoke commissions.

"Ghost is renowned as a uniquely expressive, agile, and self-assured representation of the Rolls-Royce brand. At our clients' request, this new Series II iteration remains faithful to these principles, incorporating a potent and uncompromising engine and the essential potential for Bespoke. Meaningful exterior and material updates make an even more expressive and impactful statement. This new generation of Ghost also has extraordinary handling capabilities based on a number of advanced chassis innovations. This secures Ghost Series II's status as the most technologically advanced and driver-focused V12 Rolls-Royce ever created — a side of Ghost's character that our clients increasingly and enthusiastically embrace."

Chris Brownridge, Chief Executive,
Rolls-Royce Motor Cars



Ghost Series II is more closely aligned to Rolls-Royce's sheer, monolithic design approach than ever. The front end has been distilled into a clean and contemporary showcase for the illuminated Rolls-Royce Pantheon grille – an element of Rolls-Royce's design iconography that continues to be celebrated by clients worldwide. Ghost Series II's modern presence is captured in its updated headlight and daytime running light graphics, which flow from the lower section of the grille to the edge of the front wings, dropping down to emphasise the motor car's generous 2148mm width. The lower portion of the front end provides a foundation for the grille, augmented by new chrome embellishments that form a 'floating' visual plinth for the Spirit of Ecstasy mascot.

In rear view, Ghost Series II benefits from a new tail lamp configuration, harmonising the side and rear surfaces. This treatment was inspired by Spectre, each featuring two expressive, vertical light panels flanked by a curved chrome element, discreetly inscribed with the double 'R' monogram.

Clients can choose from two new 22-inch, 9-spoke wheel designs, one fully- and one part-polished. Both are an elegant and modern complement to Ghost Series II's contemporary yet timeless design, and subtly reflect its underlying potency.

Items of Interest



Above: Some signs seen at recent club events referring to our cars.



Above: This 1924 Silver Ghost, with coachwork by our club member Roger Fry was bid up to \$267,500 at online auction by Collecting Cars in Melbourne on December 17, but was passed-in.



Left: Interesting artwork from one of our Committee members spied on Facebook recently...



Above: Bought this lovely 1:43 scale model Bentley at a model shop in Liege, Belgium when I was visiting in October. Beautiful detail for a model small enough to fit in your hand. - Paul Blank



In early December, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal (Princess Anne) made her first official visit to the Home of Rolls-Royce at Goodwood

European Trip

by Paul Blank



In London I visited the showroom of DD Classics - full of wonderful collectors' cars - including a trio of beautiful classic Bentley Continental coupes.



Maharajah's Rolls-Royce at the Louwman Museum in The Hague, Holland.



This ghastly 1954 Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith LWB was specially coachbuilt by Italian company Vignale (which was capable of attractive designs), to the specifications of its owner. It features a gold plated toilet (!). One of many unique and very special cars the Louwman Museum has. I rate this the world's best car museum. The collection began in the 1930s and includes a spectacular array of important cars as well as 3000 items of automotive art.



In October, Natalie and I, with our daughter Lily, took a trip to Europe. Part of this was to run an automotive-themed tour, which took us from France to Germany, Holland and Belgium, then back to France. Best described as a self-drive guided tour, we had a small group with us this time. Among the participants were an owner of a Bentley Arnage and an owner of a new Rolls-Royce Dawn Convertible.

We visited several car museums, there was an option to drive the famous Nurburgring racetrack and a visit to the 90th Paris Motor Show. We had some wonderful drives, great experiences and made good friends - which is what a successful tour should encompass.

After the tour our family had a holiday in England, mostly visiting friends and family, which was lovely to do. Natalie and I hadn't been there for years and young Lily had not set foot in the UK before.

Along the way there were several Rolls-Royces and Bentleys spotted both on the road and in museums.



A Wraith Limousine in the curious museum in Reims, France.



The Louwmans' 1953 Pegaso - a Spanish supercar with a quad-cam V8 engine and one-off styling. My favourite car on the trip.

Left: The Louwman museum includes many dawn-of-motoring cars in unrestored condition, including this wonderful Phonomobil with tiller steering-mounted engine.



Dutch classic car dealer Joop Stolze has 450 cars and a similar number of motorcycles in stock! Over 100 of the cars are projects. Fascinating variety including several Rolls-Royce and Bentley models, mostly from the 1980s.



Top left: A nice Shadow 2 at Stolze two storey showroom.
Left: A red, with cream roof and chrome wheels Silver Spirit... not to my taste - fortunately in Stolze's project section.



Above: Pretty Bentley in Seychelles Blue at the Sinsheim Technik Museum in Germany. This place houses thousands of items of machinery from militaria to a Concorde and its Russian Tupolev copy as well as machinery, racing cars, vintage cars, musical instruments and so much more - it's sensory overload. Fascinating though. Fabulous boat-tailed Rolls-Royce below is one of their exhibits.



An early Silver Shadow seen in London.



Subtle white Ghost cruising the cobblestone streets of Paris.



Classic Cars & Coffee



Several Rolls-Royce and Bentley owners participate in Classic Cars & Coffee. Held (mostly) on the first Sunday of each month in the lovely environs of the University of WVA, the two-hour timespan has great appeal to many.

It brings out an incredible variety of cars every month and has become the most successful event of its kind in Australia, with many hundreds of cars on show every month.



In the warmer months it runs from 8.30-10.30am, however don't aim to arrive at 8.30am or you'll battle a traffic jam and perhaps the venue will be full by then... In wintery months the schedule moves up half an hour.

In the first three years when I ran the event, it had raised over \$100,000 for charity - the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.



The biggest attended Classic Cars & Coffee is the December 31st date.

Here are some photos from the last couple of months.

- Paul Blank

Below: This Aston Martin Valkyrie attended November's event. Valued at over \$5million, it belongs to a local collector who has several Rolls-Royces and Bentleys in his stable. Hoping to get some to our Concours next year.





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