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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](https://www.facebook.com/Rolls-Royce-Owners-Club-Western-Australia)



Calendar 2026



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

2026

JANUARY 18 Picnic by the River, with invitation to Aston Martin Owners Club - Nedlands foreshore. 4.00pm

MARCH 29 CMC Classic Car Show - new venue, Robertson Reserve, Tuart Hill. We will have a club display, all members welcome.

APRIL 19 Display Day & Concours - Old Observatory, West Perth

More club events for the balance of 2026 will be announced shortly. Stay tuned!

Classic Cars & Coffee is on the first Sunday of each month at the University of WA in Crawley (except January). Final event 2025 on December 31st.



Picnic by the River - January 18



- INVITATION -

For the past two years we've enjoyed a combined Picnic by the River with our friends in the Aston Martin Owners Club. And we're doing it again on Saturday, January 18th, meeting at Parliament Place in West Perth at 4.00pm for an easy drive to the Nedlands foreshore. There's a lovely shady spot. Bring picnic, chairs and anything else you need.





From the President

SIXTY YEARS

As our club's 60th Anniversary year draws to a close, I'm pleased to report the health of the club remains strong.

At the club's recent Christmas Lunch my speech reflected on the dozens of individuals, who over six decades had put tremendous amounts of time and effort - much of it behind the scenes - to ensure our club has interesting activities, the members remain engaged, that help is available, that publications (such as the *Winged Messenger*) are created regularly and that a strong social element remains. To our past and present Committee members - a hearty **THANKYOU!**

DI MAGRATHAWARD

At our Christmas Lunch, a surprise award was presented to Stan Stroud. Here's how I announced it:

"It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to make the club run - and a lot of teamwork.

Occasionally there's one person whose commitment and tremendous effort needs to be recognized.

*And we have one such person to present an award to today - please come up here, **Stan Stroud.***

Most of you will know that Stan was President of the club for several years. In addition, he's been a Federal representative during a challenging period where the club Federally went through some major changes. Stan still serves as one of our representatives.

Stan worked on developing the current constitution, developed our OH&S standards and is our Safety Officer. He also looks after our Assets Register. Stan also shares the role of Trophy Master, so it took some clever work on the part of our other Trophy Master Jules Zerko to get this trophy away for presentation today.

A more committed club member than Stan Stroud you could not find.

So its with great pleasure that I award the Diane Magrath Recognition Trophy to Stan."

Stan was quite speechless and very pleasantly surprised.

A THIRTY YEAR HISTORY OF THE



MOTOR MUSEUM OF WA 1994 - 2024



Collated and written by Peter Taylor. Edited and designed by Paul Blank

MOTOR MUSEUM OF WA 30th ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Since the inception of the Motor Museum of WA, at Whiteman Park, our club has supported it. The Museum has now celebrated 30 years.

To commemorate this, one of the long-term Volunteers and ex-Board member Peter Taylor and I have been working on a book detailing the 30 years of the Museum's history.

From when it was just a concept - at which time I was involved - through to today, the 260 page book has a wealth of fascinating history, photos, facts and anecdotes.

The Museum has a connection with one of our club founders, Percy Markham. Markham had a car museum in Wembley and in 1967 he 'sold' the collection to the WA Museum, at a very favourable price of \$180,000, with long payment terms, plus donation of \$100,000 and some motorcycles, to assist. The cars were displayed in a new building in Francis St, Northbridge.

However, during the 1980s Labor Government's disgraceful "WA Inc" period, the decision was made to sell the cars. In spite of a huge effort from many people in the classic car movement (ex-Club President the late Maurice Brockwell and myself among them), there was no persuading those in power and in 1990 an auction was held to sell all the complete cars.

Run by Christies the high-profile auction ended with all the cars sold to overseas buyers and leaving WA (except one where the buyer failed to pay). So upset were Perth's enthusiasts, that something had to change...

The outcome, through the Combined Car Clubs, was what eventually became the Motor Museum of WA, built at Whiteman Park, housing the balance of the WA Museum's collection - and more.

Maurice chaired the committee, which became the Board, on which I also served for several years, as did club member Kelvin Ferris, who became Chairman after Maurice. With expansions and creative planning, the Museum has become something of which the classic car fraternity in Western Australia can be immensely proud.

Some of our club members have been among the Volunteers over the years and some are today.

We have a club display cabinet there, with club memorabilia and promotional material about the RROC.

There are several Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars displayed at the Museum, including the Vice Regal Phantom which featured at our most recent Concours.

Long may the Museum prosper. Copies of the book are available from the Museum Shop.

Best for the Festive Season to all!

Paul Blank - President

Rolls-Royce Owners' Club, Western Australia



Christmas Lunch

Swan River Rowing Club
Sunday, November 30

Story Patrica Turner Photos Paul Blank



The Christmas Lunch was held at a new venue this year. The Swan River Rowing Club on the Esplanade in Mount Pleasant was chosen for its convenience to north and south of Perth, its uninterrupted view of the river at Canning Bridge, catering facilities and onsite tables and chairs. There was also a small lift to serve the caterers as well as any guests who did not wish to use the stairs.

Parking was secured on a shady lawn adjacent to the Rowing Club, also on a sunlit lawn directly overlooking the river and on the forecourt.

With great enthusiasm and in less than one hour the Committee had set up the furniture, laid the hired tablecloths, decorated the function room, and set up the 'Bar'. There was ice in several eskies and crates of bubbly, beer, wines, soft drinks and water in bottles, to which all could help themselves throughout the afternoon.

Guests arrived at 11.30am in order to gain easy access to the designated RR/Bentley Parking. Several passers-by admired the 'proper' cars while discussing their features with the owners.

President Paul Blank welcomed us all and introduced Club Vice-President and MC Barry Fehlberg. While this might have been Barry's inaugural appearance as MC for our Club, he had clearly had prior experience in the art of managing events.



To set the mood and keep us all 'on our toes' Barry had organised a Quiz for each table for all to pit their knowledge (or lack thereof!) against other tables. This proved to be a great icebreaker, keeping the mood in the room lively and interesting.

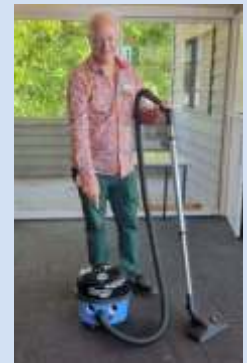
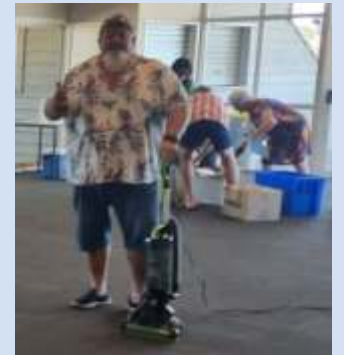
After a fabulous 'carvery' feast with choice of vegetables, pasta and salads it was time to mark the quizzes. Tables swapped their answer sheets, the results were tallied and the winning table announced and awarded a prize.

Soon it was time to announce the recipient of the Di McGrath Trophy. This is awarded to a member of the Club who has contributed in an outstanding manner over a period of years, often in many ways.

This year the recipient was past-President Stan Stroud, who richly deserved the accolade. Stan continues to be very active in the Club and his contribution is invaluable.

Neil McLean was a brilliant auctioneer for our fund raising auction, though there were few bidders. Thanks to Paul Blank for donating a large framed Bentley poster.

Conversation and laughter continued throughout the afternoon and slowly guests took their leave, wishing each other Compliments of the Season and making their way to the cars. Some Committee members stayed back to tidy, pack away and vacuum... A wonderfully Merry pre-Christmas afternoon!



Events



Lunch Run to Brookton

Sunday, October 19

Our run with The Aston Martin Owners Club to lunch in Brookton began on a slightly wet day, meeting up at the Pioneer Village, in Armadale, south of Perth.

Our club members outnumbered those of the host club, which was a little embarrassing for them, however, everyone enjoyed the run and lunch. Everyone except one of our club members, whose car misbehaved all the way there and back... But with some assistance from Neil McLean, the car made it.

A couple of cars attended the start and not the run, but all enjoyed themselves. We look forward to hosting our January Picnic on the River with our friends from the AMOC.



Photos: Paul Blank

Events



Photos: Natalie Blank



CRASH MARKET

Sunday 9 November 9.30am-2.30pm
Tom Perrot reserve, McCabe St, Mosman Park

Mosman Park Men's Shed Craft Markets

Sunday, November 9

Peter Mack arranged for special parking and a display of club members' cars at the Mosman Park Craft Markets. We had a decent turnout on a day when there were several other events on. Enjoyed by all who attended, with lots to see.



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Celebration of the Motorcar



Perth's premier motoring event, the Celebration of the Motorcar has been held since 1993. This year, the event moved to a new riverside venue at JH Abrahams Reserve in Crawley.

Among the invited creme de la creme of cars, Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars have always featured and 2025 was no exception.

The two oldest were Jeremy Greene's stately Silver Ghost and Tony Packer's lovely Bentley 3-litre - both cars celebrating their 100th birthdays in 2025.

Richard Joyce's 2006 Rolls-Royce Phantom won the Modern Luxury Class award this year - congratulations.

Thank you to the club members who exhibited. The day brought a stifling 40-degree temperature, and at the end of the day, a thunderstorm. Fortunately almost all cars had left and the deluge came after the event.

Shane Atherton brought along a huge, very smart Spirit of Ecstasy statue which was displayed alongside the Rolls-Royces.

The Celebration of the Motorcar is organized by our club President Paul Blank and is a charity fund raising activity for Wheels for Hope.





Celebration of the Motorcar



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Photos: Paul Blank

Spectre Black Badge Driven



Article & photos Paul Blank



I get to test drive and review many new cars in my capacity as a motoring writer. Occasionally a quite outstanding car comes my way... Recently I was invited to try out the latest Rolls-Royce Spectre Black Badge.

The Black Badge is a special version of the big electric coupe launched not long ago, of which a small number have been delivered around Australia. The differentiations of the Black Badge version include its higher performance and some visual features.

With 485kW of power (that's 650 horsepower) it's the most powerful Rolls-Royce ever offered. The torque figure of 1075Nm is even more impressive. The company and salespeople are keen to link inspiration from Rolls-Royce's World War 2 aircraft engines, but really, that's not necessary.

To unlock the strong performance, a steering-wheel mounted button for Infinity Mode needs to be operated, bringing on the car's highest performance attributes. Along with gargantuan performance and

acceleration is a subtle in-car noise as if an engine is smoothly thrumming away. Many people find this comforting and well in keeping with big performance (a few other electric cars have it too). The Spectre's 0-100km/h sprint can be achieved in just 4.2 seconds.

There's also a launch control mode, mainly for the sons of owners to use at make-shift drag strips.

There are special 23-inch alloy wheels and updated suspension for a slightly sportier feel.

Being a new Rolls-Royce, it's beautifully built and appointed. The sky's the limit for customisation at the factory. Speaking of the sky - there are over 5500 'stars' in the roof lining and side trims...

The Spectre Black Badge is quite rewarding to drive, with good on-road feel and unrivalled ride. The huge power helps diminish the car's considerable size on the road, but whichever way you measure the 2.9 tonne car, it has tremendous presence on the road.

Controls are all easy to use and there are more electronic aids than any previous Rolls-Royce.

The down-sides are the very small boot, with no spare wheel and the price - one and a quarter million dollars, before any personalisation...

The Spectre has been a success for Rolls-Royce, becoming the company's second best selling model, behind the Cullinan. At the time of my drive, nobody in Western Australia had ordered a Spectre Black Badge yet.





Rolls-Royce Spectre Black Badge

BLACK  BADGE
SPECTRE



Options include a lit-up Spirit of Ecstasy on the bonnet - \$10,000 - and the illuminated grille is an extra \$5500. Colour-coded leather seat piping (\$8500) and stitching (\$4500), Sindora timber veneer dashboard inlays (\$6000), lambswool foot mats (\$3200) and special Commission Collection umbrellas add \$3000.

Warranty is for four years with complimentary servicing during the warranty, with intervals set at 12 months or 15,000km, whichever occurs first.



A Wonderful Birthday Gift



A remarkable 100th birthday gift: Chauffeur Reunited with the Bentley he drove 60 years ago.

For his 100th birthday, retired chauffeur Eddie Hughes received the surprise of a lifetime: the luxury Bentley he had driven more than 60 years ago was returned to him after his family spent decades searching for it.

Eddie originally drove the brown-over-champagne Bentley in the early 1960s while working for his employer, a Mr. Bell. In 1964, his boss at the time had him pick up a brand new Bentley S3 from the Rolls-Royce factory in Crewe. A year later he left for a new job. The car then disappeared from his life, but it never left his memories. Eddie often told people that it was the best car he had ever driven.

That one sentence became his son Ron's mission.

For 20 years, Ron searched globally, contacting Rolls-Royce, Bentley clubs, and collectors around the world, but without success. Then, by pure chance, Eddie's grandson James typed the old registration number into Google. To their shock, the exact car appeared for sale in Beverly Hills, California.

The family contacted the dealership immediately and purchased the Bentley for £32,000, including shipping back to the UK. James, who owns a performance garage, restored the vehicle's brakes, suspension, and carburetor to bring it back to top condition.

The family kept the car as a surprise until Eddie's 100th birthday. When Eddie saw the car, he was overwhelmed.

"I just could not believe it," he said. "It was wonderful to see it again. I was very emotional. It still drives beautifully."



Although the car is now jointly registered to Ron and Eddie's son-in-law, Paul, Eddie says he will soon give up his driving license after 83 years on the road, leaving the Bentley in the care of his family.

A powerful 6.25-liter V8, with its original beige interior, air conditioning, and elegant British craftsmanship, the car stands just as he remembered it.

What began as a chauffeur's treasured memory became a century-celebration gift that reunited a man with the finest car he ever drove.



An invitation from NSW



Come Celebrate 70 Years of our Club 1956 to 2026

Yes! Our Club's Constitution was signed
20th June 1956.

We will celebrate our Platinum Anniversary
with a wonderful luncheon
20th June 2026.

Whilst the luncheon is on Saturday 20th June 2026 at
The 19th, Wollongong Golf Club
we hope you will make a weekend of it and catch up with friends.
Sunday will see a Club Run from the Golf Club
to Kangaroo Valley where we will meet
for a picnic and a Car Gymkhana.

Do join us to celebrate

Finer Details

Tickets for the lunch will go on sale 1st February via Trybooking.
Kangaroo Valley Run - BYO picnic
An in-situ Photographer will take car photos on the road.

Accommodation

Onsite accommodation [Best Western City Sands](#) - (02) 4222 3111
Within one block: [The Sage Hotel](#) - (02) 4201 2111
or the [Astra Apartments](#) - +61 480 053 951

The Jonckheere Phantom 1



Established in Belgium in 1881 as a carriage-builder, Henri Jonckheere built his first car body in 1902. Henri's son and successor Joseph, built his first bus body (and the company's fortunes) in 1922 although car bodies were still a large part of production into the early 1930s. The fashionably aerodynamic fastback body they fitted to this PI was undoubtedly inspired by the French luxury chassis of the day sporting coachwork from French coachbuilders like Saoutchik, Figoni et Falaschi and Letourneur et Marchand in the Art Deco era.

In the early 1930s very few designers modified the traditional Rolls-Royce grille but that alteration became essential to Jonckheere achieving a more streamlined profile for the Phantom's new body. Bullet-shaped headlights, flowing fenders, and a long vertical tailfin down the boot lid finish off the sleek contours. Jonckheere went with unique, large circular doors which operate flawlessly and allow passengers excellent access to the seating.

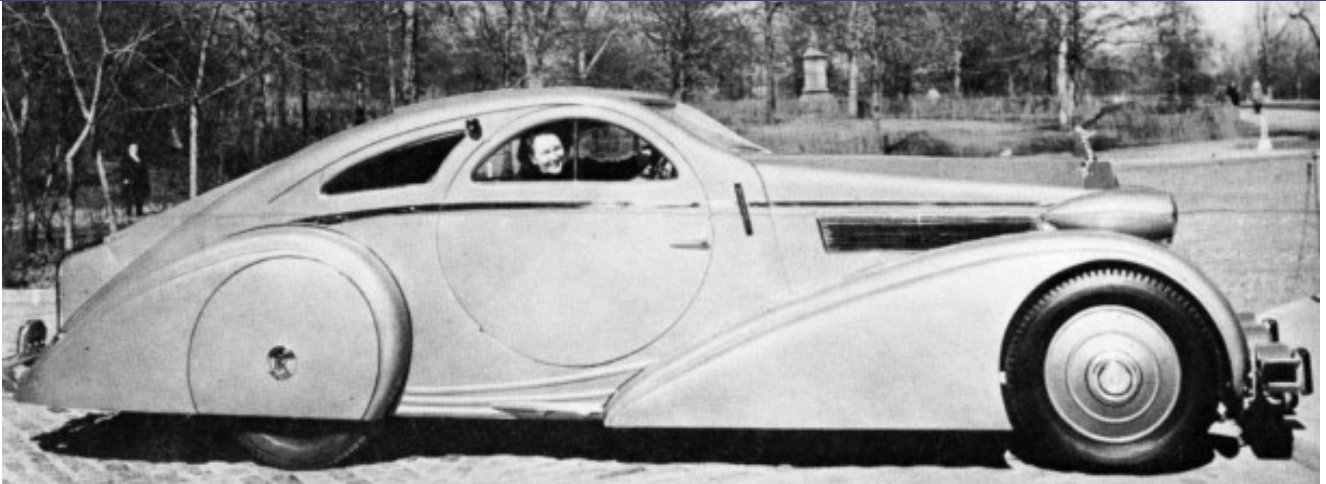
In 1936 the car received the Prix d'Honneur at the Cannes Concours d'Elegance. It then passed through several other owners before making its way to the United States just before WWII. Over the years the car fell into disrepair. It was discovered once again in the 1950s in near derelict condition and eventually acquired by entrepreneur Max Obie, who began refurbishing it.

Los Angeles' Peterson Automotive Museum obtained it in the spring of 2001. As with all of the Peterson's prized exhibits, this new acquisition deserved attention and underwent an extensive ground-up restoration.

Today it stands as one of the most dramatic Rolls-Royces of all time.

The Jonckheere company makes bus bodies today.





Left: This photo shows the Phantom 1 'as found' in a New Jersey junk yard in the 1950s. It's remarkable that such a special car could be allowed to become derelict.







Flying Spur sets new 'Winter Lap Record' at most northerly active racetrack in the world

The Bentley Flying Spur Speed has again demonstrated its exceptional performance in all conditions by setting a new 'winter lap record' at the world's most northerly active race circuit.

The record was set at the Drivecenter Arena circuit in Fällfors, northern Sweden – just 100 miles from the Arctic Circle, and a former military airbase. Despite the entirety of the 2.05-mile track being covered in 12" of ice and snow, the Flying Spur Speed was able to complete laps in under three minutes, with the best time standing at 2:58 – the quickest any vehicle has lapped the facility in winter conditions, ever.

The Flying Spur's variable four-wheel drive system and rear-wheel steering combined to give the car outstanding agility in the conditions, and peak speed was 120 mph during the record run despite the longest straight being only 450 metres long and covered in sheet ice.

The record was inspired by a combination of previous events from Bentley's history – the two Ice Speed Records captured by Bentley in 2007 and 2011, and the one-hour endurance record set by a Turbo R at Millbrook Proving Ground in the UK in 1986 where 140 mph was averaged around the banked bowl. While the conditions mirrored those of the Ice Speed Records, the car that was used – registration Y15 BML – has a specification matched to the Turbo R in Bentley's Heritage Collection. Identical Brooklands Green paintwork, yellow fine lines, and an interior in Linen, Cumbrian Green and Open Pore Walnut were specified to mark the Turbo R's 40th birthday this year.

Flying Spur Speed – Performance in All Conditions

The Flying Spur Speed is a car designed to deliver exceptional driving performance in all conditions, thanks to its Ultra Performance Hybrid powertrain and advanced chassis systems. An advanced 600 PS 4.0-litre twin-turbo V8 is combined with a 190 PS electric motor that is neatly integrated within the 8-speed dual clutch transmission. In Sport Mode this powertrain deploys a full 782 PS and 1,000 Nm, with the instant torque of the E-motor complementing the charismatic cross-plane beat of the V8.

In pure EV mode, the E-motor provides 190 PS and 450 Nm of torque, more than enough to keep up with the traffic in most situations, while the 25.9 kWh battery offers up to 47 miles (76 km) of usable electric-only range (on the EU drive cycle). Together, the V8 and E-motor provide the new Flying Spur with a total range of 515 miles (829 km). Full electric mode can be deployed at speeds of up to 87 mph / 140 km/h, with throttle applications of up to 75 per cent.

The Bentley Performance Active Chassis comes as standard with the Flying Spur Speed.

Features of the sophisticated new setup include Bentley Dynamic Ride and All-Wheel Steering, along with an electronically controlled Limited Slip Differential, while a new generation of ESC software permits a range of driving styles to be accessed and provides reliable traction in all conditions – though the record was set with the system completely switched off.

With the new car's rear-biased weight distribution of 48.3 : 51.7, the chassis systems and ESC have a mechanically-optimised platform in which to provide the final refinement.

The system uses active torque vectoring front to rear through a centre differential, and precision vectoring across each axle using the brakes, to provide exceptional traction in all conditions – vital for a fast lap on snow-covered sheet ice.





Dutch Masters collection: Mulliner's tribute to three great artists - December 2025

Three one-off Bentleys, inspired by the masterpieces of Rembrandt, Van Gogh, and Vermeer, were the centrepiece of a unique event at the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam. Mulliner's Dutch Masters Collection, is a tribute to craftsmanship, timeless elegance, and the rich heritage of Dutch art.

Over 200 guests from Bentley Leusden, Bentley Rotterdam, and Bentley Maastricht enjoyed a virtual preview of the three Mulliner Bentleys, followed by a magical dinner in the museum's Gallery of Honour. Mulliner's 'Rembrandt' Continental GT Convertible, 'Vermeer' Continental GT and 'Van Gogh' Continental GT each capture the colour palettes and motifs of their respective Dutch master, translating their artistic vision into the world of Bentley.

Each of the Mulliner Bentleys in the Dutch Masters Collection comes with a bespoke presentation key box, crafted in the hide colours of their corresponding vehicle. In each case, the box's laser-etched inner lid displays the individual artist motifs – feather, clouds or night sky. All three models feature Blackline specification, Touring specification and body coloured styling kit, giving their exteriors an air of understated elegance. Wellness seating, mood lighting, diamond knurling, the Bentley rotating display and a Naim for Bentley sound system complete their specification.

Dutch Masters Collection Car 01: Inspired by Rembrandt

Rembrandt's 1642 masterpiece known as The Night Watch was the inspiration for the first of Mulliner's Dutch Masters commissions, a Continental GT Convertible in Midnight Emerald. The red sash of Captain Frans Banninck Cocq, the painting's central figure, is echoed in the interior's flashes of Hotspur red accent hide, while the colour of his lieutenant's coat inspired Mulliner's choice of Magnolia for the main hide, which contrasts beautifully with a secondary hide of Cumbrian green. The Piano finish fascia and waistrails are matched to Cumbrian green, punctuated with a flash of opulent gold for the air vent organ stops.

Upon opening the door at night, the illuminated welcome lamp projects an animation of a feather, a playful reference to the plume on the lieutenant's hat in the centre of the canvas. The front and rear door card panels carry the feather motif, while the treadplate and front fenders both carry the Dutch Masters Collection nameplate.



Dutch Masters Collection Car 02: inspired by Vermeer

Johannes Vermeer is considered one of the greatest painters of the Dutch Golden Age. His interiors are suffused with the cold, clear daylight of his home city of Delft, and Mulliner's design team used the brilliance of his blues and yellows as the foundation for their Continental GT in Sapphire satin finish. Fittingly for an artist who created such light-filled interiors, Mulliner specified a panoramic sunroof.

The interior's colour palette of Beluga and Ocean blue hide is lifted by the presence of Citric yellow as an accent colour, and by contrast seat piping in vivid Klein blue. For the door cards and welcome lamp animation, Mulliner's design team chose the billowing cloud formation from Vermeer's 1658 masterpiece The Little Street.

The fascia and waistrails are executed in Piano Black finish, while the many unique highlights of this co-creation include the painted inner accent ring and knurled bezel of the Bentley Rotating Display in Klein blue.

Dutch Masters Collection Car 03: inspired by Van Gogh

Vincent van Gogh's art was shunned during his lifetime, but his Post-Impressionist canvasses – many of them inspired by the relentless heat of Provence – are now among the most valuable in the world. Mulliner's third Dutch Masters edition, a Continental GT in Dark Sapphire with Khamun yellow pinstriping, takes a palette of Imperial blue, Dark Sapphire, Linen and Khamun to evoke the artist's unique vision.

One of his best-known works, The Starry Night, inspired both the colours and the visual motif of Mulliner's Continental GT, with the swirling pattern of the night sky and yellow moon reproduced in the welcome lamp animation and bespoke etched door card panels. The dual finish Piano Linen veneer of the fascia and waistrails is bisected by a painted pinstripe matched to the exterior's Dark Sapphire. Van Gogh's use of Indian yellow for the stars in the night sky finds its counterpart in the Bentley's Khamun accent hide, embroidered Bentley emblems, and contrast stitching. Other bespoke highlights include a centre console in open pore chiselled Walnut and knurled air vent organ stops in gold.

Rolls-Royce News



100 YEARS OF PHANTOM



From
Rolls-Royce Motor Cars

ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR CARS PRESENTS THE PHANTOM CENTENARY PRIVATE COLLECTION: A DEFINING STATEMENT, 100 YEARS IN THE MAKING

For 100 years, Phantom has been recognised as the ultimate symbol of success and discernment, chosen by the world's most influential figures. As this legendary nameplate celebrates its 100th anniversary, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars pays tribute with the Phantom Centenary Private Collection, limited to 25 examples.

Highlights:

- Landmark Private Collection of 25 motor cars honours Phantom's centenary
- The most complex and technologically ambitious Private Collection to date
- A century of stories: interior celebrates pivotal figures, notable clients, significant models, journeys, places and moments that defined Phantom's first 100 years
- Rear seats in high-resolution printed fabric, developed with a fashion atelier, completed with 160,000 stitches
- Laser-etched front seats depict hand-sketched linework inspired by Phantom's heritage
- Most intricate Rolls-Royce woodwork ever introduces three Rolls-Royce firsts: 3D marquetry, 3D ink layering, and 24-carat gold leafing
- Spirit of Ecstasy in solid gold, hallmarked and enamelled, based on 1925 casting
- Bespoke Gallery recalls pages of a book with abstracted text formed in aluminium



Items of Interest



FREE:

Ex-Club Secretary Alan Dickson has some Rolls-Royce publications to give away: 25+ years of Winged Messenger, Praeclarvm and The Bulletin (later called Spirit and Speed) from the RREC UK. Good condition. Free to good home. Contact Alan on 9246 3295, or email alan@dickson.com.au



Above and right: Mr Swift with his 1928 Rolls-Royce

A remarkable man and car

Courtesy Colin Burton

This person had a great start in life. Mr. Allen Swift: 1908 - 2010. This man owned and drove the same car for 82 years.

Can you imagine even having the same car for 82 years? Mr Swift of Springfield, Massachusetts, USA received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly PI Roadster from his father, brand new - as a graduation gift in 1928.

He drove it up until his death in 2010. At the age of 102... He was the oldest living owner of a car that was purchased new.

It was donated to a Springfield museum after his death. The car has 1,070,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch.

82 years - That's approximately 13,048 miles per year (1087 per month). 1,070,000 - that's miles, not kilometres! That's British engineering of a bygone era.



If you have anything which might be of interest to fellow club members for this page - or the magazine - please let the Editor know. We're always keen for input from members to keep this publication interesting.



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N G E W U C R O Y C E S R Z O
A V H Y D I A F K C F P N P K
N W S O U B J M P A Z I I R E
R O L L S V E M A X U R C E M
R J X O D T Z N E R Y I H S U
A R N A G E B I T R G T E T K
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