

The Spirit of Ecstasy

*A Society Dedicated to the Preservation and Enjoyment of
Rolls-Royce and Bentley Motor Cars*

Diane and Gary Cerveny are the owners of this beautiful and unusual 1920 Silver Ghost Barker Boat Tail Tourer (102EE). It is an early Art Deco one-off design that boasts a clam shell back that opens to reveal the top and rumble seat. It was originally restored by Mike Fennel's shop in Santa Clarita for the Blackhawk Collection in Northern California and underwent a complete ground up restoration. It has been shown on the lawn at Pebble Beach, won Best of Show Pre-War at our SoCal concours at Santa Anita in past years and was displayed as the centerpiece car in the lobby of the Petersen Automotive Museum for their 100th anniversary of Rolls-Royce. This beauty was purchased by Gary at a U.S. Government Auction in New Jersey where it had been seized from the owner who had been arrested for stock manipulation. Five other Rolls-Royces from the same owner were sold at the auction.



Ghost Seminar and Tour



David Morrison, a twenty-one year member of the club, has graciously invited us to visit on May 5th his private collection of Silver Ghosts and other rare Rolls-Royce motorcars and historic race cars. David will guide us through his garage and give us the background history on each car, many of which have a great story behind them. He will also share his extensive knowledge of Silver Ghosts.

As background, in 1907 a Silver Ghost took part in a reliability trial, a solo effort crewed by a relay of drivers who covered a total of 15,000 trouble-free miles. In 1907 this was an extraordinary achievement and it electrified the motoring scene. Soon thereafter Rolls-Royce was known for producing "the best car in the world". This in turn led to the development of other fine Rolls-Royce vehicles and galvanized a cadre of Rolls-Royce enthusiasts around the world. Ultimately, many Rolls-Royce enthusiasts joined together and formed the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club.

If you have always dreamed of owning a Silver Ghost or just want to see these beautiful cars, this tech seminar is for you. See you May 5th!

Host: David Morrison

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2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Chairman's Corner By: Willy Hugron

Dear Members,

The March judging seminar was good preparation for this year's Santa Anita Concours. If you have never attended a judging seminar or judged before, you may want to have this experience next year. It is a great way to get to know your fellow club members and gain a greater appreciation of our fine automobiles. The Concours was a great success, thanks to our hosts Diane and Gary Cerveny and our Chief Judge Tom Mercurio. We also want to thank Mothers® Car Care Products for their generous contribution of buckets filled with their fine products. The success of the Concours is the result of the efforts of many people and many companies who made contributions. We want to thank everyone who made this a fabulous event.

We have many more interesting events planned for the rest of the

May

- 5 Ghost Seminar and Garage Tour
Host: David Morrison
- 19 Board Meeting
Hosts: Benoit and Susana Gateau-Cumin

June

- 2 Restoration Seminar "How Did You Do It?"
– Santos Guerra's Award Winning Bentley
Host: Ronny Shaver
- 10 San Marino Classic Concours
Non-RROC Sponsored Event
Contact: Bill Cronkhite
- 17-24 RROC National Meet in Louisville, KY

July

- 14 The Nethercutt Collection Tour

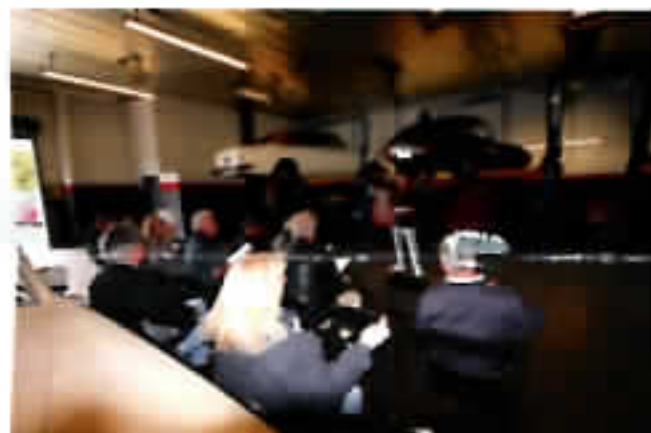
year including the Ghost seminar and garage tour on May 5th and a restoration seminar led by Ronny Shaver and Santos Guerra, featuring Santos' stunning Bentley on June 2nd. Other June events include the annual National RROC meet in Kentucky and the San Marino Concours. Mark your calendars for the Nethercutt Collection in July, the Temecula Wine Tour in September, and the Santa Barbara weekend in October. The not-to-be-missed Fox Hunt in November and the annual Holiday Party in December complete the year in rousing style. You won't want to miss any of these events so place them on your calendar now. More information will be in future newsletters so be sure to watch for additional details on upcoming events.

Your Chairman

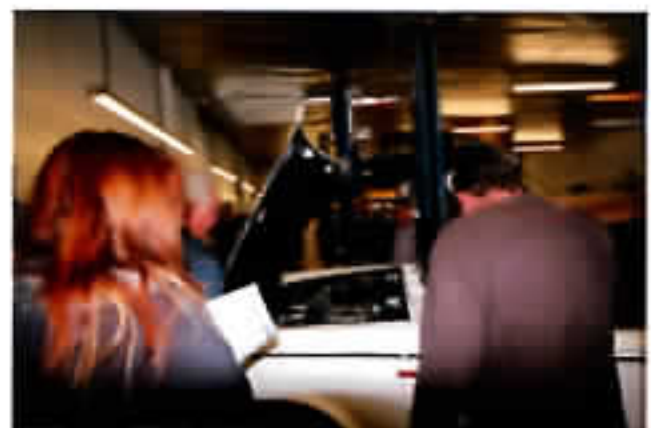
-Willy



Ronny explains correct clamps and bolts.



Ronny discusses the Pre-Event Checklist.



Ronny points out what to look for.

Judging Seminar

Fourteen members joined Chief Judge Tom Mercurio and Technical Chairman Ronny Shaver on March 24th at Ronny's Garage for the judging seminar. This was a technical meet designed to help prepare judges for the Concours d'Elegance April 21st at Santa Anita Racetrack.

Ronny distributed a Pre-Event Checklist that is an invaluable guide for preparing and safety-checking your PMC prior to taking it on the road to Santa Anita or any other event. Ronny discussed the checklist in detail and added information that there are generally date codes on the tires. Ronny cautioned that any tire older than seven years old should be replaced, regardless of apparent condition.

Ronny had several cars available for review so that we could perform some practice hands-on judging. One car was a 1980 Silver Wraith II that has only 5800 miles on it. The car is all original and the leather has "blackwash", a process that is no longer used, that adds depth and luster to the leather. We reviewed another car that was outside whose condition was much different. Ronny showed us rust on the car, incorrect carpeting, the rocker panel was missing, the door was out of alignment and hanging low, and incorrect clamps were used on the hoses. Actually seeing the incorrect items was a huge help for this less experienced judge. To quote Ronny, "At a Concours, originality outweighs modernizing."

Tom Mercurio distributed copies of the judges' worksheet and a guide to concours judging. He discussed judging etiquette and safety issues and affirmed that judging will be on a 100 point scale. A working fire extinguisher is required for a car to be judged. Only the captain of each judging group will communicate with the owner of the car being judged and all conversation within the judging group will be out of earshot of the owner. The captain of each group will be a very experienced judge, assisted by other judges with varying degrees of experience and will

make the final decision on points deducted after consultation with the other team judges. The Chief Judge should be consulted if there are points of contention.

This was an excellent presentation and a huge help in understanding the components of judging. Many thanks to Chief Judge Tom Mercurio and Technical Chairman Ronny Shaver for this valuable presentation.

The Nethercutt Collection

Please plan on joining us on July 14th for a fabulous visit to the Nethercutt Collection in Sylmar.

While the Nethercutt Museum showcases more than 130 of the world's greatest antique, vintage, classic and special interest automobiles, we will be going on a docent-led tour of the Nethercutt Collection. The lower and grand salon settings display about 50 of the finest examples of cars of their day. Our tour continues with the Nethercutt's extensive collection of hood ornaments and antique furniture. The last floor of the collection houses mechanical musical instruments ranging from nickelodeons to music boxes and a Wurlitzer organ.

Just outside are a perfectly restored 1937 Canadian Pacific Royal Hudson steam locomotive and a 1912 Pullman Private Car which was owned by the eldest daughter of Santa Anita Race Track Founder E.J. "Lucky" Baldwin. For more extensive information on the Collection, please see their website at nethercuttcollection.org.

Following the tour, we will lunch at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills, just a few miles from the Nethercutt Collection, where we will enjoy an amazing panoramic view of the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles.

Please mark your calendars for this wonderful event. See you in Sylmar.



Seeing actual examples for judging.



Judging seminar attendees.

The Fox has been spotted in Seal Beach recently as he prepares to outfox his hunters on November 18th. The lunch location has been arranged and we will be breaking bread at a very enjoyable location that shall remain secret.



RROC National Meet in Louisville, Kentucky

The RROC National Meet is being held June 17th through 24th in Louisville, Kentucky. The Mid-America Region is sponsoring the Meet and has many exciting activities and tours planned including a riverboat cruise, a visit to Fort Knox, racing at Churchill Downs and Southern home cooking and bourbon tastings. Judging day will be inside the air-conditioned arena at the Kentucky State Exposition Center.

Last year the Southern California region had an exceptionally large presence at the meet in Lake Tahoe and we encourage all of you to attend this year's meet, if possible. If you do attend, please take pictures and send them to the newsletter editor at dorianolsen@earthlink.net so that we may share your photos with all of the region members.

San Marino Motor Classic

by Bill Cronkhite

If you are not attending the RROC National Meet on June 17th through the 23rd and are planning to stay closer to home in June, mark your calendar for the 2nd annual San Marino Motor Classic on June 10th at Lacy Park in San Marino.

Last year, almost 200 cars graced the field and this is your opportunity to see a wide range of beautiful cars. Proceeds from the SMMC benefit the Pasadena Humane Society and the San Marino Rotary. Member Aaron Weiss, who co-founded the SMMC, is also hosting a dinner party at his Flying A Garage in Pasadena to benefit the Petersen Automotive Museum. If you haven't seen this fabulous collection, don't miss out.

For complete information and advance ticket sales, please go to www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com. Parking is free on the beautiful tree-lined streets of San Marino and shuttle

service is available that will drop you at the entrance to the park.

This is a non-RROC sponsored event.

Tech **NEWS**

Restoration Technical Seminar

Have you ever thought about or are you in the process of restoring your Rolls-Royce or Bentley? Want to get some important tips and procedures? Be sure to attend the June 2nd technical seminar at Tony Handler's.

Santos Guerra will be covering the restoration of his 1960 Bentley H.J. Mulliner Continental Coupe. This car won 1st in class, the H.J. Mulliner Park Ward Award (best post-war custom coach built car), and the Guerrero Award (best personally restored car) at last year's RROC National meet. It also won Best Restored Bentley 2011 RROC So Cal Region, 1st in class 2011 Del Mar Concours d'Elegance and 1st in class 2011 Santa Barbara Concours d'Elegance.

Santos will be sharing step-by-step processes that led to great success with his car. Make sure to bring a notepad so you don't forget important details. The restoration process is complex and needs to be handled with care and planning, not to mention an immense amount of patience and attention to detail.

Join us June 2nd at Tony Handler's, 2028 Cotner Ave, Los Angeles, 90025. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until approximately 12:00 p.m. Donuts, coffee and beverages will be provided. There is no cost for this event.

Please RSVP to Santos Guerra (rolls Bentley parts@verizon.net, 310-473-7773) or Ronny Shaver (ronnysgarage@gmail.com, 714-953-0896) to reserve a seat at this great informational seminar.

Where can I find the vent window seals for my Silver Cloud/Bentley S?

After last month's article, I was asked about replacing the rubber seals around the front door vent windows on a Bentley S2. When these seals get old and dried out, they will whistle while cruising at speed. The seals are available in an aftermarket form from Flying Spares in the U.K. The website is www.flyingspares.com and the part numbers are UB2224P (right side) and UB2223P (left side). Last time I checked they were about \$170 each.

To install these seals, one must first remove the door panel and wood trim. Lift the armrest locking tab at the bottom of the armrest and slide it upwards to remove. Then remove the two screws holding the armrest mount to the door. Be careful not to lose the spacers behind the plate. The window crank (if fitted) and door handle have large rings right up against the panel with two small holes 180 degrees apart on the outer edge. Use an awl and hammer to carefully unscrew the ring to the left. Be careful not to slip and damage the leather. Once the handles are off, gently pry between the door panel and door with a sturdy putty knife to remove the panel. It is held on by a number of spring clips pressed into small holes in the door. If your car has electric windows, I recommend that you remove all the window fuses first (the window fuse box is located on the left side of the firewall in the engine compartment), then gently let the panel hang. If you prefer, mark and remove all the wires to the switches and remove the panel completely. The wiring screws are very small and have a very hard-to-find thread pitch, so don't lose any!!

The wood trim comes off next. The driver's side is easy; simply remove the three screws immediately below the wood and it lifts right off. The passenger side is more difficult if it has the large chrome grab handle. The handle is held on by some "captive nuts" from behind. Use a thin 1/4" BS or a worn out 7/16" open ended wrench and slip it between the wood and the door and loosen the nuts to the right until the handle comes off. There should be some spacers behind the handle so don't lose them. Then remove the screws along the bottom of the wood to remove it. Next remove the black metal panel along the top edge to gain access the vent window friction mechanism.

Note that the spring loaded friction mecha-

nism has an adjusting and locking nut. Remove the nuts, washer and spring noting their respective positions. Now remove the two small bolts holding the lower pivot mount and slide these parts off. Once this is off then the vent window can be removed. Note the outside upper pivot for the vent window, between the two halves is a ball bearing or pivot pin that must not be lost. Gently push the window downward towards the lower pivot and remove the ball bearing. Tilt the top of the window out for clearance and pull the window up and out. Now the seal can be replaced. Pull the seal out (it may be stuck and petrified causing it to come out in pieces) and clean the channel. Install the new seal and reverse the disassembly process. When re-fitting the friction washer assembly, use the nuts to adjust the window to open without too much difficulty, but to stay in place when open while cruising down the highway.

Have fun!!

- Ronny

Note from the Editor: We Really Want to Know!

The questions came up "Why are Rolls-Royce vehicles named for spirits or ghosts? And why is the color Silver so prevalent in the naming?" Think about it – Silver Dawn, Silver Wraith, Silver Cloud, Silver Ghost, Silver Shadow, Silver Spirit. And the answers are – I don't know. And I haven't been able to find out.

Do you know the answers? If so, please email me at dorianolsen@earthlink.net or call me at (310) 542-9345 so that the answers can be shared with all of the members.

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