

ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

B U L L E T I N

RALLY AT CLAYDON HOUSE.

The Club held its Spring Rally at Claydon House, Bucks., on April 29th. We were lucky enough to have chosen the first day of Spring for this rally, and in the sheltered yard at Claydon we were very pleasantly warm. It was altogether a very enjoyable meeting, and it was a great pity more members could not work up the enthusiasm to attend. The prizes for the Engine Room went to A.W. Walker and N.H. Hughes.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RALLY AT BLENHEIM.

Most of our members will have seen reports of this meeting in the press, so we won't waste space repeating what has been said better elsewhere.

Firstly we must thank all those who helped the meeting to run so smoothly. A large portion of the credit for the immense success of the meeting must go to the organisers and marshals who did such a superb job. The fact that the much larger number of cars than had, been anticipated did not cause havoc is a tribute to the soundness of the planning and the very high level of co-operation achieved between the clubs. Well done.

The final figure for the number of R-R. and Bentley cars present was 1,030. It was a thoroughly fantastic sight, and one can only regret that there was not more time in which to appreciate the cars to the full. That so many of these cars should have survived, and remain in excellent condition, is a monument to the men who created them.

A JUDGES-EYE VIEW OF BLENHEIM.

The Judges were faced with the problem of judging about 30 cars in a little over an hour, and under these conditions it was impossible to give all the cars the attention they deserved. I personally would like to apologise to those whose cars were only glanced at by the judges. We just did not have time to do any more.

Several points came to light during the judging which may help members who are keen on scoring highly at concours.

Several extremely elegant cars, which scored highly under this heading were ultimately displaced, by cars which were better presented. It was surprising how many owners were satisfied with giving the large expanses of surface a very high shine, while leaving such parts as petrol tanks, spring gaiters and shackles, wheels and axles and chassis parts, filthy. Generally, attention to detail was very poor. Some of the engines had literally not been touched. Very few of the early cars were well cleaned inside. The close plated parts such as gear lever, hand brake and steering column were frequently neglected, and often the carpets were dirty.

The moral to be drawn from this depends on how the marks are allocated by the judges, but it is fair to say that neither a really clean car nor a supremely elegant car is in itself a guarantee of a prize. In one of the smaller concours, where every car has its fair share of judging time, there is a chance that a well prepared car will win from more elegant opposition. It still looks as if there is a chance for those of us who have neither the luck nor the money to get the exotic bodywork. It is hard work though.

20-GHOST CLUB RALLY AT MONTE CARLO AND IVth COPPA MONZA, MILAN.

The Chairman, and Mr. Ian Hallows in his PIII attended both these events, and were successful in winning a prize at Monte Carlo, presented by Princess Grace. We then proceeded to Monza where we were fortunate enough to carry off the Monza Cup from 115 International entries. The car behaved magnificently on its 2,500 mile journey, and same over the Simplon pass without ever dropping below 3rd gear. Our only misfortune happened when a large Citroen drove into the side of us and left part of his front entangled in our rear wing. Fortunately the car was drivable after this accident.

ANNUAL CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE. SUNDAY. JULY 15th. MIDDLETON STONEY HOUSE.

The Club's Annual Concours d'Elegance will be held at Middleton Stoney House, Oxfordshire, on Sunday, July 15th. The gates will open at noon for those who wish to picnic, there are no restaurant facilities. The house is situated just off the Oxford/Bicester Road, at the Weston Manor turn, and is not open to the public. Judging will commence at 2.30. All British R-R Clubs are invited to compete for the Visitors Cup. Mr. Michael Vivian, Chairman of 20-Ghost Club, and Mr. Haines of London R-R Depot will judge. Entries should be received by the Secretary not later than Saturday, July 7th. We should have ample room in these grounds, and hope to park the cars obliquely, and at much wider intervals, to allow judges and photographers a better view. This has not been possible before owing to restriction of space.

RALLY AT ALCESTER.

The Midland R.-R. Club have invited us to their Rally at Ragley Hall, Alcester, on Sunday, July 8th. Entries to the Concours d'Elegance must be received by H. Spencer, Esq., 11 Quarry Lane, Birmingham 31, by June 29th.

30 HP VALVE GEAR.

When cleaning 30 h.p. valve gear a point invariably overlooked is the flange thimble which slides over the cylinder head stud at the oil point of entry. The flange on top of the cylinder head must be gently levered up as it is a very tight fit in the head. There is a wide annular groove around which the oil should circulate, which is usually full of hard sludge. At the same time the drillings in the head should be rodded and blown through.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

There has been some confusion in the past over where members should write for the various club services. Service sheets are now held by the Technical Secretary, to whom you should write for all technical information, and advice as to sources of spares not listed in the Bulletin. The Technical Secretary is:- Nigel H. Hughes, The Vicarage, Milton Ernest, Bedford.

Club stocks of spares which are listed from time to time in the Bulletin, are available from the Chairman, R. Symmons, 78, Banbury Road, Oxford.

It will save a great deal of time and trouble if members will write to the correct person.

FOR SALE.

1939 (March) WRAITH 4-Door H.J. Mulliner Limousine with boot, Metallic brown with red leather, excellent condition, see Page 30 of "Blenheim" programme. £950 o.n.o. Full details from: C. Richards, 'Abergwynant', Nr. Dolgelly, Merioneth.

PIII Hooper Landaulette, 1937. Recently fitted new pistons and rings. In

excellent condition throughout. Apply:- Harris, Paternoster Farm,
Yarnton, Oxon.

1935 20/25 Saloon. Chassis G0H 63, Engine L 6 H, Price £300. Write;- S.
Karpeles-Schenker, 28, Victoria Street, S.W.I., Tel: ABBey 3029.

WANTED.

Fritz Spiegl, 4, Windemere Terrace, Liverpool 8, is looking for a
radiator cap for a Twenty, drilled to take a mascot. Can anyone help?

P. Burton, 18 Chandos Avenue, Southgate N.14, ORIGINAL edition 1938
Handbook for 25/30 Rolls-Royce. Would consider 1936, 1937 or 1939 if
original edition.

Telephone: Palmers Green 6173.