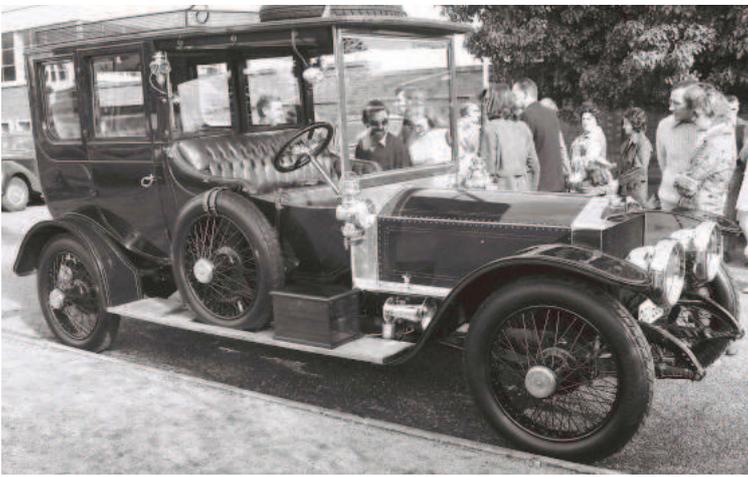


The Sir Henry Royce A Selection of Photos Fred English Gilbert M Ralph (Vic)

The RROCA Federal Rally in 1973 was held in Adelaide's picturesque Torrens Gorge to the Birdwood Mill Motel established in 1964, on the initiative of Adelaide motorist Vigar with the keen support of the motoring fraternity. The Australian Branch of RROCA had previously organised rallies to be held in the City of Adelaide. Fred English attended the rally and I have selected a few of Fred's photographs to illustrate. Tom Clarke and David Neely for information drawn from *the Sunbury*



left: Many readers will recognise this 1912 Silver Ghost 1997, a replica Barker Edwardian limousine which has an interesting history. It was imported into Melbourne by Kellow-Falkner for industrialist Sir John Swanston who was Lord Mayor of Melbourne from 1920 to 1923. He sold the car a year later to Harry Oakey of South Melbourne Motors and subsequently another body (possibly a Cheetham & Borwick six light saloon) was

fitted to the chassis. Another owner was C M Wall of Coburg. From 1947 to 1962 it was owned by Laurie C O'Neil of Sydney. It was bought and restored by Eric Rainsford in Adelaide in the 1960s using a derelict Barker body from a Daimler. Melbourne enthusiast David Jones bought it in 1994. Between Eric and David this car has won more awards at Federal Rallies than any other car. It is now in a museum in Spain.



left: The Overall Winner of the Concours d'Elegance and the Age and Authenticity Award at the Adelaide Rally was this 1920 Silver Ghost 15CW Barker tourer owned by David Jones from Melbourne. This remarkably original car had been imported into Melbourne in 1920 by sisters Alice and Gertrude Simmons of 'Nareeb' in Toorak. After they died in 1964 this low-mileage car was purchased at auction by Rolls-Royce enthusiast David Jones. David has rallied it in Australia and UK winning numerous awards. The boy in the picture is 12 year-old Peter Jones. This car is currently for sale.



above: Eric Rainsford owned this 1938 PIII 3CM157 fitted with a time of the 1973 Rally. The car spent its early life in UK before being sold to Flt Lt Charles Taplin in South Australia. Eric Rainsford owned it for many years. In the 1990s it was owned by Peter Tamblin of Hawthorn where it shares a garage with

right: Laurie Vinnall rescued this Silver Ghost 1388 in 1958 and restored it to its present condition. When it arrived in Adelaide in 1910 for delivery to Thomas Barr Smith it carried a Salmons landaulette body and the car remained in the family for many years. It was one of the old cars featured in the 1934 veteran car run from Adelaide to Glenelg. It was next owned by a Mr Eckermann, then W Harris in the Barossa Valley before being purchased by the Angas family in Angaston where it was later made into a buckboard for farm use. In 1946 it was sold to a farmer on Kangaroo Island from whence it was recovered by Laurie Vinnall. He undertook a total restoration of the car and it subsequently won numerous awards. It is now owned by Bill and Jacqui Hall of Sydney and it is currently in the UK.



below: Bentleys were well represented and here are four from Adelaide (l-r) Gavin Sandford Morgan's 3½ litre B35BN home built open sports, Ian Cocks's 1934 3½ litre B107BL Park Ward DHC, Deane Smoker's 1934 3½ litre B172HK Park Ward DHC and Eric Rainsford's 1938 4¼ litre B157LE Mulliner DHC. Ian Cocks was Secretary of the SA Branch at the time of the Rally and he won the Pre-War Bentley Award. B107BL is now owned by Wayne Fitzgerald in Victoria but the whereabouts of the others is a mystery.



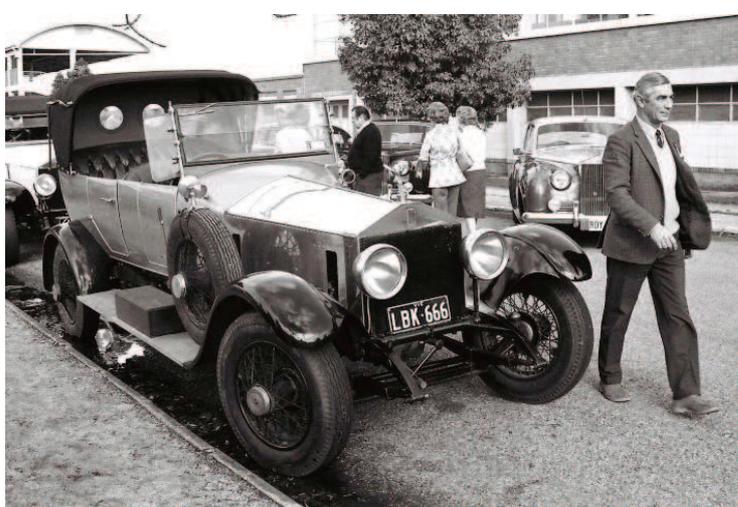
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side. A feature of the Rally was a drive through the
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a superb Hooper limousine which won the Phantom Class at the
eing imported into Melbourne in 1950 for E G Wilson who soon
nsford acquired it in the 1970s and rallied in it over a number of
n, SA. It is currently owned by Michael Henningsen in Adelaide
with his 1951 Silver Dawn.



above: Park Ward produced this striking style for Silver Wraiths in the 1950s. This particular car, a 1950 Silver Wraith WOF49, was at the time of the Rally owned by Alex Tolmer of Melbourne. It had been imported by Kellow-Falkiner for the 1952 Melbourne Motor Show and was bought by C J Denison of Melbourne. It then had a succession of owners, before being bought by Fred English in 1976. He sold it in 1984 to fellow member Roy McKenzie and three years later Dr Byron Dobson acquired it followed by Robert Blanch. It is currently owned by Charlie and Pam Frew in NSW. Can anyone recognise the bystanders?

above: This 1920 Silver Ghost 34FW belonged to Maurice Markoff of Melbourne and it is seen here with former Victoria Branch President, Patrick Kane-White striding purposefully by. 34FW was originally imported into Sydney where it was fitted with a California hard-top by Jackson, Jones & Collins for I Mitchell, a wholesale grocer in Sydney. In 1933 it was bought by P E Knight of Kogarah. Prominent old car dealer George Sevenoaks bought it in 1938 by which time it had a saloon body. Later in the 1940s it was sold to an owner in Goondiwindi where it was fitted with a gas producer. Later it became part of the Faris Palfreyman collection at Ingleside, Qld. In 1969 it was bought at the Palfreyman auction as a chassis by Maurice Markoff of Melbourne and he had it rebodied as this Fisher tourer. It was last listed in 1999. Where is it now?

left: These three Bentleys attended the Adelaide Rally but they are no longer listed in the RROCA Register. They were all registered in SA at the time of the Rally. They are (l-r) 1949 MKVI standard steel saloon B316EY then owned by David Vinall, 1949 Coachbuilt saloon B376EY owned by Peter Robertson and 1957 Bentley Continental H J Mulliner Flying Spur BC7DJ owned by Clem Ryan. The latter car was subsequently owned by the late Peter Cox in Adelaide but it is no longer in the RROCA Register. Does any reader know where these cars are now?

below: The 1973 Rally was notable for the number of Silver Ghosts attending. Here we see nine of them lined up in the grounds of the Museum at Birdwood with the restored flour mill in the background.

