

# Aussie Grand Champion

July 2022

Our very own Bob Roberts from the Hunter Valley took his 20hp Chassis Number GUK76 overseas to compete in this year's RREC Rally, held at Stamford in Leicestershire, UK.

He won first class in the Touring Car Class - Class 5!

Bob said.... 'I know I am mad .... But it is something I wanted to do'. After winning the RROCA Concours in Geelong in 2021, it drove Bob to compete in this year's Centenary Rally in the UK. He wanted to show what Australian craftsmanship was like - and is still on his car 100 years later. It has taken Bob a long time, money, and several different Rolls-Royce cars till he came across the Rolls-Royce 20hp. 'They are magic' Bob said. To give you an idea of what a 20hp is like..... last November, Bob drove "Old Marjorie" for some 2,500 miles through outback Australia. It did not fail once, and he only had 2 x flat tyres on the trip (he did this trip to see if the car was fit to travel). Then put it in a shipping container, along with its luggage trailer. After almost 3 x months in the container..... all was unloaded at Felixstowe. The battery was connected, petrol run through from the autovac and on the first tug of the crank handle, she fired up first go. Bob said a little prayer. 'Thank you, Henry Royce,'.

Well done Bob Roberts & 'Old Marjorie'.



*"Old Marjorie"*

***Rolls-Royce 20hp Chassis Number GUK76***

***Owner: Bob Roberts***

***Winner RROCA Concourse 2021***

***Winner Class 5 RREC 2022***

***Grand Champion Touring Class 5 - UK***

***Bob goes on to add after this wonderful win.....***

Yesterday, I made a special visit to Derby, where my car was manufactured all those many years ago. As I was taking a few photos. One of the local ladies crossed over the road to ask some questions, about '***Old Marjorie***'. After answering all these I offered her a ride to where she was going. 'Up to do the shopping" she replied. She sat in the old car, purring like a kitten, and waving to all her friends. It made her day!

I have had relatively trouble-free motoring since I have arrived in the UK apart from 5 x flat tyres on one day when returning from down in Cork from my rally down in Southern Ireland.

I am now travelling up towards the north of England for a 4-5 day rally with other '20 hp nutters like myself..... then on up into Scotland to see some relatives of mine.

A few snaps from my visit to Derby on the next pages.





