

Lately, the Rolls-Royce Foundation has been taking "its show on the road." Thanks to Friends of the Foundation and member Lloyd Hart, our cars have been quite literally on the move. In the previous issue of *TFL* we told you about the RRF's Phantom V 5BX38 and its road trip north to the RROC Annual Meet in Toronto. Driver Lloyd Hart noted that the car did not use any oil and ran smoothly for its 988-mile round trip. Quipped Hart, "At least 300 of those miles were in pouring rain. Torrential water, jersey barriers, semi-trucks, rutted roads under endless construction, bias-ply tires, no windscreen demister, only raining slightly inside the car . . . it was a beautiful day!" While the P V didn't receive any awards, it was a big hit. Hart tells of a potentially frightening moment at the US border in Niagara Falls on the return trip. "An agent dressed in black and clearly armed headed towards me at the immigration booth, causing me to break out in a sweat. Turned out he just wanted to say, 'Nice car!'"

The P V also participated in the "Building Our Pride" car show in Chambersburg, PA. This time, Hart was joined by RRF Secretary Dick Jones. With upwards of 140 cars attending, the P V managed to be the only car photographed and subsequently featured in an article about the show in the local Sunday paper. Next, the car went to the Louisville Concours d'Elegance at Churchill Downs. The RRF was honored to participate in this invitation-only event. A full report will follow in the next edition of *TFL*.

Hart notes that he will have personally driven the P V about 3,000 miles in the last 2½ years. He credits the Friends of the Foundation for maintaining the car in top condition. In the four years since the RRF has had 5BX38, it has had new plugs and plug wires, new water pump and thermostat, the carburetor cleaned and adjusted, transmission repairs, and a replaced wide-diameter air cleaner hose. A local British car technician, Kelby Steele, even donated a day of his time to help replace the leaking brake master cylinder!

The RRF's 1947 Silver Wraith WQY16 has returned home after a 6-month loan to the AACA Museum. In its place the RRF's 1959 SC I LSNH20 will go to the AACA Museum for 6 months. This is one of the final Silver Cloud I's produced and features the most desirable



LSNH20 takes its place at the AACA museum.

Which would you rather have, CRH14833 or the Kissmobile?



The Friends at work.

larger 6-cylinder engine, factory a/c, and a very unique left-side closed glove box which matches the right-hand side. This car was donated by Donald H. Kirk, Jr. of Ellicott City, MD in November 2008 in honor of his mother Marjorie Kirk upon her passing. Check out the Cloud on the Museum's website at www.aacamuseum.org. The museum is open 7 days a week from 10 AM to 5 PM.

None of this would be possible if it were not for the Friends of the Foundation who keep our fleet of cars in top condition. For those interested in joining, the Friends meet the 3rd Saturday of the month at RRF headquarters to do routine maintenance and repair, and to exercise the cars. Special thanks to FOF Tony Wilner who does jewelry work as a hobby and has done wonderful work reconditioning gauges on various museum cars.

RRF Librarians/Curators Charlotte Infantino and Patty Williams continue

to handle the day-to-day activities of the Foundation along with increased requests for information and ownership/car history. YTD the RRF has received 154 requests for information. The RRF has been busy with visitors, too; a total of 63 in September, representing a significant increase over the previous month. Charlotte and Patty are most pleased to report that cash donations have also increased.

While this issue of *TFL* is going to print, volunteers will be busy working the RRF's booth at the Hershey Fall Meet. On-line auctions continue as well. RRF headquarters is open for extended hours to accommodate additional visitors during Meet Week. A full report will be included in an upcoming issue.

The RRF is offering a "mystery sale" of three books for the price of one: the two Neville Minchin mysteries along with the booklet by Tom Clarke that once sold for \$40 are now only \$18.50 for the set (review on *FL* p. 6737).

Owners of Silver Shadows I & II and Silver Spirits/Spurs will want to be sure to register for the Open Forum Seminar to be hosted by John Palma on November 20/21. Please email John at corniche@msn.com in advance of the seminar with any questions you wish to have addressed. Cost: \$130 for members (\$70/day)/\$160 non-members (\$100/day). Rooms are available at a special rate at the Harrisburg West Holiday Inn in Mechanicsburg. Call the RRF to register at 877-795-4050.

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