

Things continue to be busy at Rolls-Royce Foundation headquarters in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The RRF continues its ongoing arrangement with the AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) Museum in nearby Hershey, Pennsylvania. This June, the RRF's 1959 Silver Cloud 4-door Saloon LSNH20 was swapped out for the RRF's 1973 Rolls-Royce Corniche fixed head coupe CRH14833 **1**; just over 500 of these were built making this a rare and unusual modern-day Rolls-Royce. Only seven are known to have the contrasting Everflex roof as shown on CRH14833. Originally delivered to an owner in the Canary Islands, this car was later gifted to Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Benedetti of St. Petersburg, Florida by their children as a 25th wedding present. Margaret Benedetti donated CRH14833 to the RRF in April 2010. Thanks to Mrs. Benedetti for such a wonderful gift and to the AACA Museum for the exposure it gives the RRF both locally and nationally. In addition to active online exposure, the AACA Museum receives over 50,000 visitors annually. Check it out at www.aacamuseum.org.



CRH14833 on display at the AACA Museum.

The RRF hosted a Silver Cloud Brake Seminar June 4/5. Sponsored in cooperation with both the Silver Cloud Society and the Friends of the Foundation, the two-day meeting was conducted by Palma Automotive **2, 3, 4**. Those present explored the inner workings and hidden mechanisms of the first modern braking system used on Rolls-Royce and Bentley motorcars. John Palma, his brother Joe, and technical staff members Tom Brancato and John LaFlam delved into the braking system of the RRF's 1961 James Young Phantom V, 5BX38. In addition to using the RRF's board-mounted working model of the



(l-r) Lloyd Hart, Simon White, Denny Dilger, Gordon Borkat, Peter Shay, and John Palma.



(l-r) Denny Dilger, John Palma, Peter Shay, Gordon Borkat, and Simon White with our cutaway display.

Cloud braking system, Palma Automotive brought along a plethora of training aids as well as a laptop computer so that everyone could both see and touch components of the system.

Brakes were removed from the Phantom V so that the system could be properly overhauled **4**. Wheel cylinders and hoses had been removed at the last Friend's workday with the cylinders refurbished by White Post Restorations in Virginia. Using parts from Palma's shop and the RRF,



One of Palma's techs, John LeFlam, installing the right front brake cylinders.

original items were used to complete the repair. Once the car was reassembled with all new brake hoses and resleeved cylinders, it was discovered that the rebuilt master cylinders installed a year previous were in bad shape and needed to be rebuilt yet again. In addition, the entire assembly of arms and shafts had been previously assembled incorrectly. With all this work done properly and in the hands of experts, the Phantom V is once again ready to promote the RRF on the concours and car show circuit.

The RRF was in attendance at The Elegance at Hershey, an inaugural invitation-only concours held June 12. Taking place in the sumptuous gardens of the nearby Hershey Hotel, the RRF was invited to exhibit its 1935 Bentley 3½L Hooper sedan coupe, B140FB. See page [xxxxx](#) for more.

On Sunday, June 26, the RRF was again a flurry of activity . . . though not with things Rolls-Royce and Bentley. Over 110 members of the National Cosworth Vega Owners Association held their annual dinner meeting at RRF headquarters **5**. Earlier that day the Main Salon of the RRF was transformed with tables and chairs (and caterers) and all the accoutrements fit for a celebration. Members traveled from nearby Carlisle, Pennsylvania and the Carlisle Fairgrounds which served as the showfield that day. Bill Miller of Carlisle Events was on hand to present

A few of the over 110 people who attended the Cosworth Vega Owners dinner.



Bill Miller (l) of Carlisle Productions presents an award to the RRF which is accepted by Adelle and Jim Facinelli.

the RRF with an award of appreciation for serving as dinner hosts. Past-Chairman Jim Facinelli accepted the award on behalf of the RRF **6**.

Consider the Rolls-Royce Foundation in your tax and estate planning. A bequest in your last will and testament to the RRF will help provide the support necessary for the continuing preservation of vehicles, artefacts and the history and technical records of Rolls-Royce and Bentley motorcars. A bequest may be used as a memorial for a family member or friend, or as a tribute to your own generosity. You may decide to restrict the use of your gift to a specific purpose or leave it unrestricted to allow the Foundation to use it where necessary. Unrestricted gifts are often the most helpful for funding projects of great importance and unforeseen circumstances at the time the gift is given. It is recommended you consult with a qualified financial advisor, estate attorney, or tax professional to ascertain the full benefits of a planned gift. For additional information, please contact

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The RRF would like to thank member Bill Wolf for his most recent donation of archives concerning modern Hooper Rolls-Royces and Bentleys. His extensive files include publications, discs of photos, an unedited manuscript of the *FL* story written by Wolf and published in 2010, and background materials and communications with Perry Hirsch, Hooper's attorney here in the United States. The RRF expresses its sincere appreciation to Mr. Wolf for his generosity. The information will become part of the Foundation's extensive research library.

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