



1926
Rolls-Royce
Phantom I
Shooting Brake
57NC



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MEET AWARD-WINNING VICTORIA



A STUNNER TO SEE AND Experience

If anything exemplifies the saying "they don't make them like they used to," we think it's this 1926 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Shooting Brake. Nicknamed "Victoria" by a previous owner, this lady is extremely solid, especially given her age and illustrious history of globe-trotting. Her wood body has benefitted from regular refinishing over the years, and though her chrome may show some wear in the form of scratches and pitting, we think it looks just right on her.

Victoria's livery is done in black and dark green to complement her warm-hued wood paneling. Inside, she's complete with soft, supple tan leather upholstery and matching tan carpets, plus enough dashboard gauges to rival the cockpit of an airplane. And, as is typical of traditional shooting brakes, she's outfitted for your next hunting trip with a rifle rack containing a pair of period shotguns, a rear-facing fold-down bench that can accommodate a few additional shooters (while also allowing room for a dog or two), and a tail gate that, when undone, provides both an awning and a table for picnic lunches.

In addition to all this, Victoria was recently treated to a significant mechanical servicing and major tune-up. She drives very well now and, in true Rolls-Royce fashion, ensures her passengers a safe, reliable ride no matter where the roads may take them.



WHAT'S A SHOOTING BRAKE?

The traditional British term for what Americans call an estate wagon, depot hack, station wagon, or "woodie," the Shooting Brake was initially developed in the 1890s as a horse-drawn utility vehicle to load up one's dogs, guns, and friends and travel through the estate to go hunting. Or more precisely, to take a "break" from the day and go "shooting."

IMPORTANT Years

1926

The 1926 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Shooting Brake, VIN No. 57NC, is purchased new by a Mrs. A.T. Ellis of Bexhill-on-Sea.

1932

57NC is acquired by Sir Fredrick Radcliffe of London.

1934

G.W. Gardner, Esq., from Chelmsford, Essex, is listed as the third owner.

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57NC changes ownership to Commander T. Wooley of Fairford, England. He's the car's last owner before it's shipped overseas to the United States.

Mid-
1950s

57NC is purchased by a Mr. Kenneth Godden, who exports it to San Francisco, California, and gives it the name "Victoria." The story goes that Godden, a member of the military, found the Shooting Brake while serving in the UK shortly after the Korean War.

2014

Mr. Godden sells the Rolls-Royce to its present owner.

2019

57NC earns a First in Class win at the 2019 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.



3-11-26 T. 14655
 2. Centre bolts & discs
 4-33x5 Double sp. disc studs - Good
 Battery wiring to inside frame position
 Changing springs
 W/ke wiring gutters
 18x52 Case
 Engine No. 1111
 Key No. 35476
 Forwarded Jan 6th 1927
 21327 1-12V 77 1/2 type For L.M.S. goods train
 Spare & tools with chassis
 21327 1-12V 77 1/2 type For L.M.S. goods train
 Spare & tools with chassis
 Finally center at Gills 2/12/27
 Coachbuilders Gills
 Guarantee No. 5549 issued with
 Guarantee No. 57 forwarded 4/6

RR 140 (59) (No. 303-50) C.R.144
 Mrs. A. T. Ellis
 10, Marina Ct.,
 Bexhill-on-Sea.
 S.E. 21/1/147. 27
 Mr. Frederick Ingham, K.C.V.V.U.
 33, Grosvenor Terrace,
 10, Bexhill-on-Sea,
 4-ways lane,
 G.W. Gardner, Esq.,
 Bexhill-on-Sea,
 South Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex.
 No. Order 11309 13.8.32.
 Wn/GRH4/EIT.28.5.34.

Distributor	L.O.P. D70793	No. 0725	Oil Pump Fittings	L.O.P. E71401
Drive	L.O.P. E74694	No. 0725	Filter	L.O.P. E71157
Disconnecting Box	L.O.P. D70855	No. 0725	Sump Indicator	L.O.P. E72843
Engine	No. E255	No. 0725	Relief Valve	L.O.P. E72843
Enot Lubricators	L.O.P. F10893	No. 0725	Pistons	L.O.P. E73500
Exhaust Fittings	L.O.P. E74697	No. 0725	Pedals	L.O.P. E71157
Engine Coupling	L.O.P. G73570	No. 0725	Petrol Tank and Indicator	L.O.P. E74672
Equalising Mechanism			Push Button Switch	L.O.P. D1916
Rear Brake	L.O.P. G73570	No. 0725	Radiator and Fittings	L.O.P. E73892
Front	L.O.P. G73570	No. 0725	Shutters & C'trols	L.O.P. E73893
Front Axle	L.O.P. G2991	No. 0725	Shutters	L.O.P. E73893
Rear Axle	L.O.P. G73570	No. 0725	Shock Absorbers, Front	L.O.P. E71157
Fan	L.O.P. E72832	No. 0725	Shock Absorbers, Rear	L.O.P. E71157
Frame and Fittings	L.O.P. F74669	No. 0725	Slipper Drive	L.O.P. E74485
Frame Drilling	Drawing No. F75530/6	No. 0725	Starting Carburettor	L.O.P. E71422
Gear-box and Act. Gear	L.O.P. G72552	No. 0725	Side Lever Mechanism	L.O.P. G3172
1st motion shaft	L.O.P. G73420	No. 0725	Switchboard	L.O.P. D70548
2nd	L.O.P. G6345	No. 0725	Side Steering Tube	L.O.P. F72514
3rd	L.O.P. G73420	No. 0725	Starting Handle	L.O.P. E72750
Reverse Gear	L.O.P. G6346	No. 0725	Self-starter Motor	No. 0785
Governor	L.O.P. E74694	No. 0725	Armature	L.O.P. G6548
Governor (Throttle)	L.O.P. E73569	No. 0725	Brg. Brkts., etc.	L.O.P. E13824
Horn and Fittings	L.O.P. F74669	No. 0725	Frame & Fld. W.	L.O.P. E13833
Instrument Board	L.O.P. F72903	No. 0725	Epicyclic Gear	L.O.P. E13791
Induction Pipe	L.O.P. E72039	No. 0725	Commutator	L.O.P. E13734/5
Junction Box	L.O.P. D50833	No. 0725		
Magneto	Type D50833	No. 0725		
Drive	L.O.P. E73297	No. 0725		
Main Switch	L.O.P. D1429	No. 0725		
Mascot and Cap.	L.O.P. E73892	No. 0725		
Oil Pump and Filter	L.O.P. E72859	No. 0725		
Drive	L.O.P. E71161	No. 0725		

Gills
 CHASSIS No. 57NC BODY. CHASSIS.
 Works No. H.P. 40750 Drawing No. Sale Price - £1850
 Engine No. E.L.55 Type. Less 10%
 Off Test No. 26 D.I. Issued. Date of Sale 21.10.26
 Axle Ratio 15.52. Despatched 1.2.27 Sold to J. B. Gills, Jan. 27
 23, Chelmsford St. N. 2

TYRES Dunlop 33x5 Colours. Coachbuilders Instructed
 Front 33x5 Upholstery. For delivery 12.12.26
 Back 33x5

CAR ORDER FORM No. 3/124 DRAWING BOOK No.
 DEPOSIT PAID £100 DATE 17.12.26
 BALANCE OF CHASSIS PRICE PAID £1850 6 8 DATE 29.1.27
 BALANCE OF CAR PRICE PAID £ DATE
 CHASSIS DELIVERED ON 29.1.27 TO Gills BY road ex L.H.
 CAR DELIVERED ON TO BY
 INVOICE No. 1390 DATE 3.1.27 TOTAL £ 1731 s. 16 d.
 111 1323 31 12 32 25 10

ERECTION PARTICULARS DATED 26.10.26 FROM Gills ERECTION SHEET
 COACHBUILDER'S DRAWING SENT ON
 INSTRUCTION BOOK SENT ON 16.2.27
 STEERING COLUMN. 6 LEVERS. 6 Handbrake FITTINGS. Nickel

WHEELBASE	Order No.	£	s.	d.	Invoice Folio
Long	884226	50			
RADIATOR SHUTTERS					
Springs for a Double. Balance weighing approx 11-12 cwt. seating 6 usually 4 Max. sagging 12 cwt. coverage 12 by extra spare wheel without exclude. 25% 884226		5	19		1390
Locks to bonnet	10% 52655	2	13	6	
R-R luggage	25%	9	9		
Spare wheel carrier, one to each side		10	10		
battery wiring to inside frame position					
R-R Mascot. (Gills 96900)	10% A.S. 3215	4			0552
F.W.B. stop lamp (Gills 96984)	25% A.S. 3229	3	10		36.5

HISTORICAL Documents

S.S. Motor Suspension L.O.P. F6532
 Gear L.O.P. G73417
 Servo Motor Drive L.O.P. G72548 No. D185
 Mechanism L.O.P. G72550 No. D185
 Steering Column L.O.P. F73619 Type C No. XC15
 Torque Reaction Dampers L.O.P. E71324 No. E255
 Thermometer No. 7193 Type Cambridge
 Tail Lamp Switch not fitted L.O.P. D50992
 Tie Rods L.O.P. F72396 No. G195
 Universal Joint L.O.P. G6833 No. 7155
 Undersheild (Gear-box) L.O.P. G73499 No. E255
 (Engine) L.O.P. E73769 No. E255
 Valves and Fittings L.O.P. E72113
 Wheelcase and Fittings L.O.P. E72662 No. E255
 Water Pump L.O.P. E70527 No. 4875
 Drive L.O.P. E73569
 Connections L.O.P. E72762
 Wiring (Ignition) L.O.P. E71200
 (Installation) L.O.P. F73411
 4 Wheels (Road) Type Develop Wire 56 Size, Front 3x5 Rear 3x5

REMARKS
 Luggage Grid L.O.P. F73445
 Battery wiring to frame L.O.P. F73273
 Spare wheel carrier to OS & NS to L.O.P. F73445 (F73270 Front Stop cross fitted to suit)
 Spare wheel carrier modified L.E. 1/11/27
 R. B. G. 5 1/2 type Dynamometer with balance weighing 1.6.27
 R. B. G. 5 1/2 type Dynamometer fitted to car
 Spare wheel carrier modified 29.1.27
 4/6/29 1 set rear Mascot 2 Rocker Drives

Chassis No. 57NC Series "B2" NICKEL Type LONG
 Ammeter No. 336297 Type Model 7
 Autovac Tank and Pipes L.O.P. F72353 No. 2475
 Actuating Box L.O.P. D70833 No. 0715
 Ballast Resistance L.O.P. D70843
 Battery and Fittings L.O.P. F10610
 Battery Type PIR
 Bonnet L.O.P. E74694 No. 2425
 Locks L.O.P. Key No. 35-V-76
 Cross Steering Tube L.O.P. E71255 No. 0725
 Crankcase L.O.P. E71255 No. 0725
 Camshaft L.O.P. E70893 No. 0725
 Crankshaft L.O.P. E70322 No. 0725
 Conn. rods L.O.P. E74490 No. 0725
 Cylinders L.O.P. E70903 No. 0725
 Cylinder Bores Standard
 Cut-out Mechanism L.O.P. F74085
 Controls L.O.P. E74621
 Carburettor L.O.P. E72226 No. 1586
 Coil (Ignition) L.O.P. D70346 No. 196X
 Condenser L.O.P. D70936 No. 0725
 Clutch and Flywheel L.O.P. No. 0725
 Dash. Brkts. & Footboards L.O.P. F74669 Type C No. 2415
 Dynamo No. 2415
 Armature L.O.P. D70449
 Bearing Brkts., etc. L.O.P. D70565
 Commutator L.O.P. D70445
 Field Winding L.O.P. D70191
 Drive L.O.P. E73297
 Suspension L.O.P. D70248
 Distribution Board L.O.P. D70880 No. 0785

57 NC Estate 1926 P-I EL 55
 ex Commander T. Woolley, Fairford, England
 Kenneth D. Godden, 1205 Westmoor Drive,
 Austin, Texas 78754 68N
 7 Hayes St.,
 Novato, CA 94947 (12/8/77)

57 N.C.
 TYPE Standard (B.2 Series)
 Body Double Cabriolet
 Springs-Front O.S. 1211 Rear O.S. 2025
 N.S. 1462 Rear N.S. 1911
 Steering C. Fittings Nickel
 On Test 18.10.26 Delivered 6.1.27 To Lillie Hall
 Customer Gills Lillie Complete Car delivered 29.1.27

3-11-26 14655 Tyres were position stamped
 Side lamp wiring to front wings
 Matt finish nickel radiators wheels
 7-10-26 14656 Long type chassis
 3-11-26 14655 Extra spare wheel 4 1/2 wire wheel (wicket & exclude) 10/97
 Locks to bonnet
 Spare wheel carrier to each side

R-R - DIRECTORY - 1978 - 2014
 34 CALIFORNIA
 GAY, Del M., P. O. Box 2335, El Cajon 92021 P-11 35 Woodall & Nicholson Saloon, 20UK, eng. UU75
 GEETING, Baxter M., Dr. 5813 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael 95608 Winch '38 Park Ward Sports Saloon, WXA10, eng. T3WK
 GELBER, C. J., 16319 Colinda Place, Encino 91316 P-11 38 Hooper Limousine de ville, 20152, eng. 228E
 GEMPLE, Herbert D., 1105 Broadfield Rd., Hillsborough 94010 Bentley 4 1/2 '39 Mulliner Sports Saloon, B116MR, eng. V485
 Bentley Mk VI '52 Park Ward Drophead Coupe, B135LVN, Bentley Mk-VI-'52-James-Young Coupe, B352N2, eng. B178N
 GEORGE, Gene M., 12137 Orizaba Ave., Downey 90242 GLASS, Gordon, 2011 Stockton Way, San Diego 92117
 GC-11 60 Saloon, LSWC170, eng. 85CS P-11 32 Continental Arthur Mulliner Sports Saloon, 34JS, eng. 1025
 GERAGHTY, William H., 2223 Shelter Bay, Mill Valley 94941 GW 58 Hooper Limousine, ELW66, eng. 165E
 GERARD, Keith C., 5175 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach 90804 Vintage Bentley 3 lit. 22 Vanden Plas Tourer, 102, eng. B14Y
 20 H.P. 27 Mulliner Weymann Saloon, GH39B, eng. 390 GLICKMAN, Albert B., 715 N. Linden Drive, Beverly Hills 90210
 Bentley 3 1/2 '36 Park Ward Saloon, B57C, eng. N38T P-11 26 Estate Wagon, 57NC, eng. EL55
 Bentley R 53 Saloon, B145TD, eng. B72T P-11 26 Estate Wagon, 57NC, eng. EL55
 GERBER, John A., 318 St. James Drive, Piedmont 94611 GOLDMAN, Ronald J., M.D., 460 Fourth Ave., Suite 201, Chula Vista 92010
 Bentley Mk VI '51 Saloon, B3KL, eng. B102K GERTNER, Michael J., P.O. Box 2207, Newport Beach 92663 Bentley S.3 '53 Saloon, B79CN, eng. BCN35

STORY TIME / Victoria's longtime owner, Kenneth Godden, once drove the car from Novato, CA to Austin, TX. While passing through the Mojave Desert, Godden said he and Victoria saved several cars from overheating. The Rolls, in stark contrast, never missed a beat!



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