

From the Sir Henry Royce Foundation

Award of The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Trophy for 2019:

As announced at the recent Federal Rally in Toowoomba, the winner of The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Trophy for 2019 is David Davis.

This Trophy is awarded to a person who, in the opinion of the Trustees, has made a significant, long-term contribution to the ideals of Sir Henry Royce – the pursuit of excellence.

David, a long-standing Member of the NSW Branch, has been a 20HP owner (42G1) since 1959. He has been assiduous in maintaining and driving 42G1 for the past 60 years.

Through his association with successive Sydney Rolls-Royce and Bentley Dealers, with the late Bert Ward and with three generations of the Appleby family, David has amassed a wealth of experience in the ownership, maintenance and driving of Derby-built cars.

Importantly, he has devoted considerable time and effort in sharing his encyclopaedic knowledge with the wider Rolls-Royce community. David's book "50 Years with a Twenty" is an internationally recognised guide to the ownership of a 20HP. Also, David's contribution as the 20HP/Small Horsepower Registrar and his regular "20 Topics" column in "Præclarvm" has been of significant benefit to all RROCA Members.

David has certainly made a contribution to the pursuit of excellence – one of the core objectives of The Foundation.

As David was unable to attend the Federal Rally, the trophy presentation was made by NSW Branch President Jeanne Eve.

The FJ English Award for Club Photography 2018:

During the Welcome Cocktail Reception at Toowoomba I was pleased to announce that NSW Branch Member Michael Matheson was the winner of the Club Photography Award for 2018. Michael was presented with the Award, a cheque for \$500.

Michael's photograph shows his 1924 Silver Ghost (64EU) standing before endless rows of cotton, a common feature on the NSW Hay Plains. The photograph was taken on the return trip from the 2018 Federal Rally in Clare SA. The judges felt that Michael had captured the essence of Silver Ghost touring in Australia – the long drives through a typical rural landscape.

Congratulation to Michael for an evocative photograph highlighting an iconic Silver Ghost against the receding rows of cotton.

This annual Award, generously supported by long-standing Victoria Branch and NSW Branch Member Fred English, encourages Members to record Club outings or Club cars. The Award will be presented again



at next year's Federal Rally at Leura – keep your camera ready to capture interesting or unusual Club activities. Full details of the Award can be found on page 7619.

Donations of Material for the Foundation's "Archive":

Recently, the following have made donations to The Foundation's principal archive at Bill Allsep House of a wide variety of interesting documentation and artefacts: Margaret Gillings, Peter Falkiner, David Jones and the RROCA (Queensland Branch).

If you have spare material relating to Australia's automotive history or are 'downsizing' please remember that The Foundation "Archive" is the logical repository for this valuable documentation and artefacts.

The Foundation and eBay:

The Trustees believe that eBay provides a useful platform for the sale of Foundation Merchandise. We are looking for a volunteer with eBay selling skills to mastermind this activity. We have in mind that the volunteer would list the items, follow-up with queries from potential bidders and finalise the payment for the purchase. The actual despatch of the merchandise would not be the responsibility of the volunteer. Despatch would be effected through the central store at Bill Allsep House. If you have these skills and would be able to assist The Foundation in this regard, please give me a call: 0418 325 086.

The Sir Henry Royce Foundation Research Award

This Award, to encourage the use of The Foundation "Archive" for research, will be available again for 2020. Full details of the Award can be found on page 7619.

Russell Rolls Chairman of Trustees



above top: David Davis standing with the 2019 Foundation Trophy in front of his 20 HP Diskon & Molyneux Tourer (42G1).

above: The SHRF Foundation Trophy.

left bottom: The 2018 Fred English Club Photography Award winning photograph: Mick Matheson's (NSW) 1924, Silver Ghost (64EU) stands before endless rows of cotton, a common feature on the Hay Plains on their return trip from the 2018 Federal Rally to NSW. Photo: Mick Matheson (NSW)

