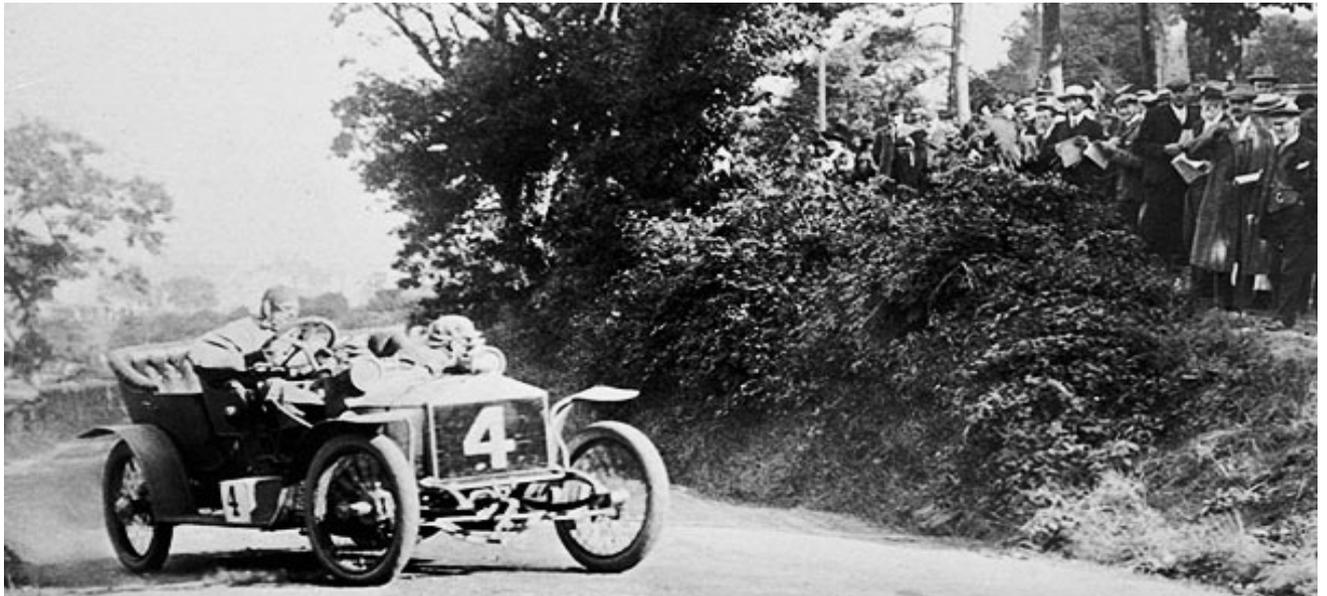


◦ PANTHER VISIT TO ROLL ROYCE
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◦ **FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2014**



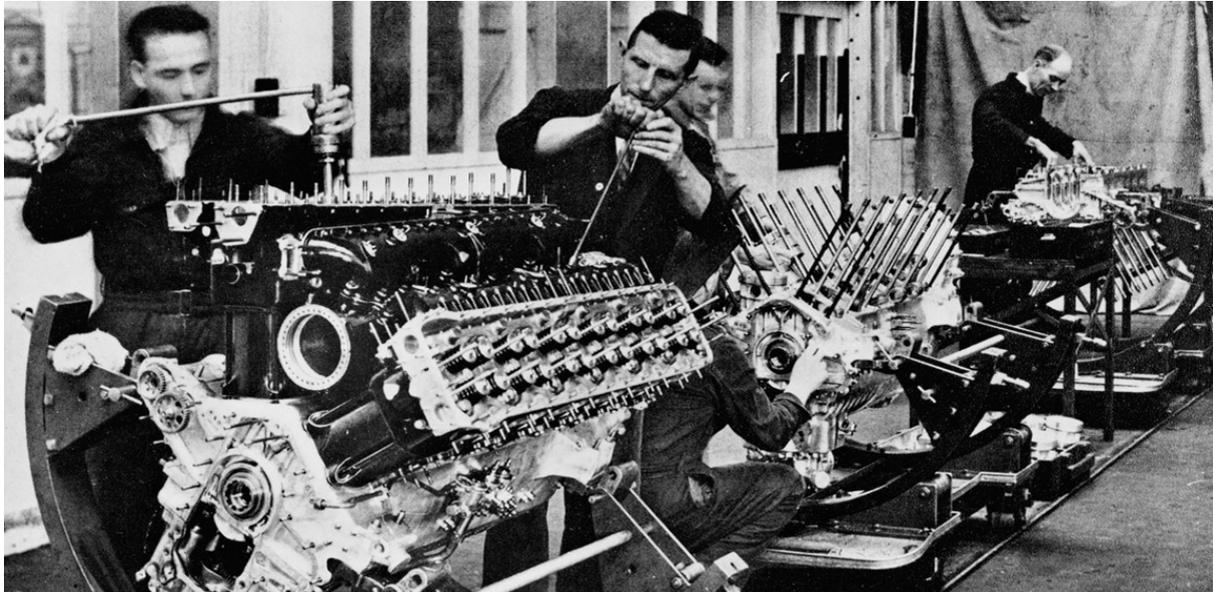
The Silver Ghost, launched in 1907, was a car of legendary smoothness that completed a 14,371 mile virtually non-stop run

The Rolls-Royce headquarters and assembly plant lies in the Sussex Downs at Goodwood, UK. Shaped by the vision of world-renowned architect, Sir Nicholas Grimshaw, the facility inspires everyone who works there and sits sympathetically within the natural beauty of its setting. We are lucky to have an invitation to a tour of the facility on Friday 23rd May 2013 courtesy of PCC member Andrew Martin.

British defence company Vickers bought Rolls-Royce Motors Limited in 1980 and continued producing Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars. Renamed Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Limited in 1985, it was floated on the stock exchange.

A Rolls-Royce powered car broke the land-speed record again in 1983. Thrust 2, driven by Richard Noble, was powered by a Rolls-Royce Avon 302 jet engine, achieving 633.468 mph. The 1990s saw the end of production at Crewe and the start of a new chapter in the history of Rolls-Royce when the BMW Group purchased the rights to produce Rolls-Royce motor cars.

The last Rolls-Royce model built at Crewe, the Silver Seraph was effectively the first all-new Rolls-Royce since the launch of the Silver Shadow more than 30 years earlier. Developed with help from BMW, it was powered by a 5.4-litre BMW V12 engine.



World War II shifted focus to aero engines at the Derby Works and a new factory in Crewe, commissioned by the Air Ministry, which became the home of Rolls-Royce in 1946



Rolls Royce Headquarters & assembly Goodwood.

Places for this interesting day out are limited so if you are able and would like to attend please let me know as soon as possible.

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