

The HRH News

February 2000, Vol-XIV



HRH Group of Hotels - Udaipur

The Vintage & Classic Car Collection of The Palace-Udaipur

Garden Hotel, former Mewar State Motor Garage
Inaugurated on Wednesday, February 16th, 2000



Drive from the airport of Her Majesty the Queen of England's visit to Udaipur
30th Jan., 1960 with His late Highness Maharana Bhagwat Singhji Mewar of Udaipur
in a 1939 Convertible Cadillac



The Vintage & Classic Car Collection of The Palace-Udaipur is housed at the former Mewar State Motor Garage within the grounds of the Garden Hotel & Restaurant, a property of HRH Group of Hotels, Udaipur. The semi circular garage where several cars are housed is in the heart of the city but is beautifully hidden from the hustle bustle of the crowded streets outside. The uniqueness of the collection is that the cars have been in the Mewar family and is still owned by them.

Among the most remarkable vehicles in the collection are four magnificent Rolls Royce, each one very different from the other and a pair of 1938 Cadillac which are still in use. These cars are perfect examples of the golden age of motoring. With the opening of the collection to the public, this is sure to encourage people with such cars to restore and take pride in their assets. This opening will add another facility for people to view in Udaipur. Soft Drink with a Vintage touch will be served to the visitors for Rs. 100/-, commissionable to the travel agent at 10%.



We welcome the **Rally of the Raj** to this City of Lakes. The Rally of the Raj, organised by the Vintage and Classic Car Club of India was flagged off at New Delhi on February 11th, 2000. After driving through Agra, the city of the Taj, then to the Pink City and through Jodhpur the Rallyist have reached Udaipur. The Rally of the Raj takes off from Udaipur on February 17th, 2000 and through Baroda, Rajpipla and Ahmedabad, it reaches Mumbai on February 20th, 2000 covering a distance of 2,300 kilometers. Lord Montagu of Beaulieu's 1909 model Silver Ghost is one of the star attractions of the Rally. He is also known for his finest collection in the world of the fine craftsmanship of the bygone era and is known as the Father of Vintage Automobile movement. Some of the stars are Nishant Dossa's 190 SL Mercedes, which was previously with Jawaharlal Nehru and Fali Dhondy's 1929 Rolls Royce.



Vintage & Classic Car Club of India (VCCCI) is a premier body of Vintage & Classic Cars in India. With Mr. Pranlal Bhogilal as the President and Mr. Nitin Dossa as the Hon. Secretary of VCCCI, the Club attracts eminent persons of the society who own such cars. Among other facilities provided to the members, the VCCCI also helps them in sourcing spares that are required for maintaining their cars.



Shriji Arvind Singhji Mewar with Phantom II
Rolls Royce & Ruston



Some of the cars participated in "Rally of The Raj"



Welcome of The Rally of The Raj at Vintage & Classic Car Collection of the Palace - Udaipur



Shri Arvind Singh Mewar, Mr. K. S. Money & Lord Montagu at the inauguration function of Vintage & Classic Car Collection of the Palace - Udaipur



The Vintage & Classic Car Collection of the Palace - Udaipur



Flagging of the Rally of the Raj
Feb 17th 2000

List of entries-Rally of the Raj

NAME	MAKE	TYPE	YEAR	ORIGIN
Lord Montagu of Beaulieu	Rolls Royce	Silver Ghost	1909	England
Arturo Keller	Rolls Royce	Silver Ghost	1913	Mexico
Paul Wood	Rolls Royce	Silver Ghost	1914	England
Edwin Richard Gibbard	Bentley	3 open tourer	1924	UK
Philip Strickland	Bentley	3 ½ Ltr	1925	England
Colin Crabbe	Vauxhall	30-98	1925	England
Trevor Ingrey	Bentley	3 ¼ ½	1926	England
Claude Teisen	Bugatti	Type 37	1927	UK
Charles Howard	Rolls Royce	Phantom - 1	1929	UK
Fali Dhondy	Rolls Royce	20 HP Tourer	1929	India
Alan Thompson	Bentley	3 ½ Ltrs	1935	England
Air India	Dodge Bros.	Du DLX 6 Limousine	1935	India
Lorenzo Soler	Bentley	3 ½ Ltrs	1936	Mexico
Anju Dossa	Oldsmobile	Series 66 Sp	1947	India
Nitin Dossa	Cadillac	Series 62 Convertible	1947	India
A.R. Dadachanji	Morris - 8	Series E	1948	India
Jab Taylor	Austin Healey	100-Six	1956	UK
Edwin J Hammond	Bentley	Continental	1960	England
Nishant N.Dossa	Mercedes	190 SL Cabriolet	1960	India
Rasna Dhondy	Mercedes	230 SL Cabriolet	1960	India





His Majesty Shah of Iran with His Late Highness Maharana Bhagwat Singh Mewar of Udaipur, official visit to Udaipur (1961) Convertible Cadillac (1939)



Maharaj Kumar Shriya Raj Singh Mewar of Udaipur (age 4) on the Wheel of Phantom-II



Welcome reception to His Late Highness Maharana Bhagwat Singh Mewar on his return to Udaipur (1969) Convertible Cadillac (1939)



Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy with His Late Highness Maharana Bhagwat Singhji of Udaipur, official visit to Udaipur in 1963, Convertible Cadillac (1939)



Her Majesty The Queen of England with Her Late Highness Maharani Sushila Kumariji of Udaipur, official visit to Udaipur in 1960, Convertible Cadillac (1939)

The Vintage & Classic Car Collection of The Palace-Udaipur

Shriji Secretariate

The Palace, Udaipur-313001, Rajasthan, India

Phone: (91 294) 528001-05, 528016-19, Fax: (91 294) 528007

e-mail: psasm@udaipur.hrindia.com

Visit us at: <http://www.hrindia.com>