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## **THOUGHTS FOR THURSDAY, TWO TOURS TO CONSIDER, WHAT'S A HUNTING CAR? AND AN INVITATION!**

Last week I was able to present you with, what to my mind was a happy problem. Which of the two National Tours that will be offered this September would you prefer to participate in? To be honest, this is a pretty tough choice to make on merit, as both events offer interesting geography, beautiful scenery, and great food! Aren't those the key components to a great Tour? This is truly an embarrassment of riches for the RROC and to not participate would be truly sad. I wanted to write you again this week in case you hadn't had a chance yet to explore either of the Tours. I would guess, for most people the choice will be as simple as, do you want to go East or West? Let me give you a very brief look at both of your choices:

## IF YOU CHOOSE TO GO WEST... THE ENCHANTING BC TOUR



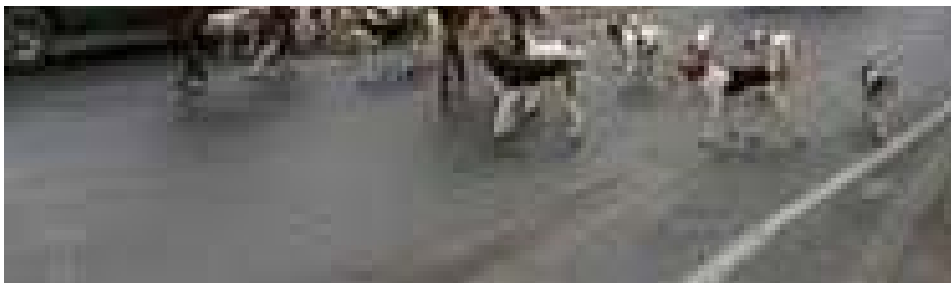


When you start off in Vancouver, BC, there is no mistaking that you are in Canada. The essence of the Canadian Northwest is everywhere. As an American, I really don't want to say that Canadians are nicer than we are, but they sure seem to be a lot more relaxed! This great Tour starts with check in on Saturday September 9th at the Pinnacle Hotel in North Vancouver. While the following day is devoted to visiting the local sites, starting Monday morning, it's on to the famous "Sea to Sky" Highway and some of the most beautiful roads on this continent. The Tour continues through Sunday September 17 with a great variety of local sites, great food, and good company. The organizers have suggested that since you will be making your own room reservations....you should really register for this Tour by July 31....which is just a few days away! So if you are thinking about it, please do not hesitate!

## BC Enchanting Tour Registration

**IF THE EAST IS YOUR CUP OF TEA, JOIN...  
THE BRANDYWINE FALL TOUR**





If you have never been to Longwood Gardens, you should be asking yourself, why not? Now over 100 years old with over 1000 acres of dazzling gardens, meadow, and fountains, this venue should be on everyone's must see list. Most guests will arrive on the afternoon of Sunday September 10th at the Homewood Suites. Monday morning will kick off with a visit to Longwood Gardens. A hub and spoke Tour, each night you will return to the Homewood Suites, so packing is kept to a minimum. From Gardens, to Roundhouses, flowers to fireboxes, and Sticky Toffee Pudding to Bangers and Mash...there is something on this Tour for every taste and interest. Touring the Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania area, is like visiting the grounds on which our great country was founded. The influences of England and France cannot be denied in the picturesque hamlets and historic buildings of the area. While not far from major population centers like New York, Washington, and

Philadelphia, the roads your hosts have chosen are predominantly secondary roads and relatively free from traffic. You will be amazed how rural you can feel just a few hours from a major city. September is a fabulous time of year here in the East and we would love to have you join us for this great event. Again, time is of the essence so please visit our website and sign up soon.

## Brandywine Tour Registration

**NOTE: BOTH TOURS HAVE ROOM FOR RIDERS, IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND AND DO NOT HAVE A ROLLS-ROYCE OR BENTLEY MOTORCAR....SOMEONE WILL BE MORE THAN PLEASED TO HAVE YOU AS A RIDER!**

## WHAT IS A HUNTING CAR?



I received a phone call last week from an old friend of mine named Bill Warner, the Founder of the world renowned Amelia Island Concours. Bill is a wonderful man and a real car guy. He and I met when I was a Volvo PR man and he was a photographer for Road & Track Magazine. Bill told me that this coming year he want to have some really

unusual cars at his event, by exposing people to things that they may never have seen yet at any of the world's finest automotive events.

Specifically, one of the "special" classes he wants to have will be for "Hunting Cars". What is a Hunting Car? Well, I am sure early on someone recognized that a car could make a good platform for going out and doing some hunting. By the late teens it appeared some people were actually building special bodies to make their cars even better suited for these adventures. Some of the most famous Hunting Cars ever, were Rolls-Royce based and featured extravagant bodies with gun cases and mounts to help their wealthy owners go hunting in the lap of luxury. Other Hunting Cars include "shooting brakes" which often look like wooden station wagons with places to store shotguns and carry bird dogs. The only limit was the imagination of the customer and the body builder.

The reason for Bill's call was to try and locate some cars that might never have been seen before. I guess he figured if they were Rolls or Bentley based, who better than the RROC to know where they might be located! I think it would be great to find something for him. Below is a link to the very latest email blast from the Amelia Island Concours....and a link to their Website. I hope you will take the time to explore both of them!

## **Amelia Concours 2018**

**FINALLY, TODAY, JULY 27TH WILL BE  
A BIG DAY IN ROLLS-ROYCE MOTORCAR HISTORY**





Our friends at Rolls-Royce Motor Cars have written to advise us that today will be the day that another new chapter opens in the history of a brand near and dear to our heart. We all know by now that the first car produced under the stewardship of BMW was the Phantom...then called the new Phantom...and while many of you were quick to point out to me, that it should be referred to as the Phantom VII...we were never allowed to call it that, nor was it ever referenced that way in any of our materials. Towards the end of last year, the Company announced that the run of that particular model would be coming to an end. For the very first time, the company itself, referred to the outgoing model, first introduced as a 2004 model year car, as the Phantom VII!

Well, today you will be able to see what will be taking its place at the very top of the Rolls-Royce Motor Cars model line. The company has authorized me to invite all of you to visit the website they have set up for a special live broadcast of the unveiling. You can see it live at 4:00 PM EST today, or visit it any time after that and see a short video. I am sure you will enjoy witnessing history being made!

## Great Phantoms

I hope your schedule will allow you to take advantage of some of the interesting opportunities we've presented today! If you know of, or better yet, if you have a "Hunting Car" please let me know and I will pass your information on to Bill Warner.

Drive safely and have fun!

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