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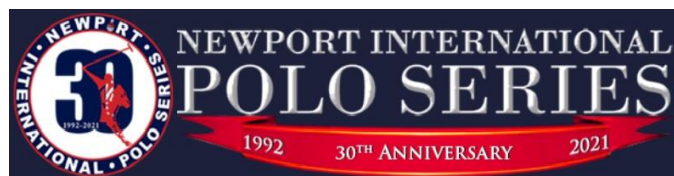
## Newport International Polo Series' 30th Anniversary Season

On September 4, 2021, members of the Yankee Region gathered at the Newport Polo grounds to watch a match between Team USA, America's oldest polo team, and England in a volley of unending exchanges. Each team held the lead at various points. The match was held at Glen Farm in Portsmouth, RI for Newport International Polo Series' 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season.

The grounds were still soft from the recent drenching rain left by Tropical Storm Ida and this resulted in the turf being damaged with every turn of a horse's hoof. During half-time, hundreds of spectators covered the field and stomped the indomitable piles of divots.



In Polo six "Chukkers" (periods) are played with three before and three after a 20-minute half-time break for an exchange of horses. An announcer for the Match stated that Polo is the most dangerous of all sports and even more dangerous than Formula One auto racing.



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Our seats were in midfield and the action was often close by, as illustrated in the photos. We heard the nearby sounds of the players whacking their mallets against the ball and the heavy breathing of running horses.

Team USA included the only woman, Zoleine “Minnie” Keaton. Her pink helmet covering made it easy to identify her. She currently coaches Brown University Polo and Newport’s Girls, Open, and Middle school teams

Christine Scott, Marketing Director of Rolls-Royce Motors Cars of New England, was present for the match. Herb Chambers Exotics was one of the sponsors and examples of the latest Rolls-Royce and Bentley models were on display and then took an encore round on the grounds when the match concluded.

As the Match neared its time-limited conclusion, the score was tied at 6 each. Team USA fouled the English team, which gave them an open and undefended shot at the goal. The final score was 7-6 with England winning the well-fought Match.

If you have never attended a match, try to join the Yankee Region next summer.



The action got close to our seats.



The final results of an exciting match.

A few examples of the beautiful automobiles that Yankee Region owners drove to the field.





# Chairman's Message

With a guarded optimism and on behalf of the Yankee Region and myself, it is a pleasure to greet each of you as we awake from the long pandemic slumber.

We had some great events this year, all of which actually happened!

Christine Scott, Marketing Director for Bentley Boston and Rolls-Royce New England and a Region Member, sponsored a reception with light refreshments on May 20 at the Sudbury dealership. Region members were given an advance look at a video unveiling the new Phantom. We look forward to her continued participation.

The Region was well-represented at the RROC Annual Meet at Lake George. A significant number of awards were won by our members.

Many members participated in British Car Day at Larz Anderson Auto Museum in July. We welcomed several first-time Region members to this great event. British car vendors were present along with the food concession. It is worth noting that at the modified 2020 British Car Day the Yankee Region had the most participation of any club!

Our annual England v. Newport Polo match on Labour Day weekend was well-attended by the Region. Newport International Polo was very accommodating and reserved center field spaces for us again this year. We had an excellent buffet catered by our old friends at Pranzi Catering. Though England won yet again, one seasoned guest remarked it was one of the best-played matches he had ever seen. Plans for next year are already in the works.

The second weekend of September produced a strong showing at the British Invasion. Members Ernie Boch, Jr. and John Robison sponsored a cocktail reception before the traditional Saturday night dinner.

We had a great visit to the Hallamore Clydesdales on October 16. (More on that in a separate article.)

The holiday party at the Harvard Faculty Club and a special museum tour is planned for December 10 and hosted by Bob Doyle.

With the darkness of the pandemic beginning to yield to the light of normalcy, your regional directors will be at work confirming plans for some great events for next year.

Some activities that were in the planning stages for the last two years will come to fruition in 2022. We have some other great activities in the works for next year's car season. Plenty of advance notice will be provided. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any ideas we should explore for the 2022 season. We look forward to seeing you and your Rolls-Royce or Bentley soon and often.

In closing, I want to thank our Regional Directors for their hard work in making our region so successful.

Very truly yours,  
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Christine Scott (center) of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, New England hosting Yankee Region Members.

We remind everyone that we continue to realize considerable savings by sending all information but the *Yankee Lady* electronically and redirecting the funds to programs and activities. We now have less than a handful who do not provide their email addresses to RROC Headquarters. It is also important that you provide all **changes** in contact information to RROC either online or by phone. We use an updated list for each and every email. The RROC and the Yankee Region never sell or give the contact lists to any entity. Several members' emails have "bounced back" recently, so take a moment to review all your details when you renew for 2022.

With that in mind, we need to remind everyone **again** to please **read and scroll through** the Yankee Region emails to get all the latest and complete information on all upcoming events.

# British Invasion



As they have for many years, a number of Yankee Region members attended this year's British Invasion in Stowe, VT, during the second weekend of September. They lined up their cars on the field and created a beautiful display of proper motorcars, attended as guests, entered the highly competitive Concours section, and/or served as Concours judges.



Another beautiful Bentley saloon being awarded on Sunday morning.



Charles Marshall also earned a 1<sup>st</sup> Place Concours Award in the Rolls-Royce & Bentley (Shadow & Later) Class with his 1957 Rolls-Royce, Silver Cloud II, HJ Mulliner Saloon.

As were most events in 2020, the British Invasion was cancelled last year. The celebration of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary was delayed until 2021, but the event was no less grand. Rolls-Royces and Bentleys were among this year's featured marques. An unusually large number--more than two dozen--of these vehicles were on the field and on display in the Concours section.

Moreover, Mark Liezewskie, Executive Director of the Rolls-Royce Owners Club was present to greet members and to explain club benefits to those interested in joining the club. He had a display under an open-sided tent (a good idea considering how hot the sun was on Saturday) in a prime location. Yankee Region members were pleased to meet him and appreciated the time he took to attend.

Events ran throughout the weekend. On Friday, there was registration and a cocktail hour on the field and then an evening Block Party on Main Street. The Stowe Police Department directed non-British cars away from Main Street, allowing the street to be filled exclusively with British cars. A rock band playing music from British groups performed throughout the evening.





The Best of Show in the Concours d'Elegance was award to Charles Marshall and his 1938 Bentley Derby, HJ Mulliner, 4 1/4 liter drophead.

This year's British Attire competition included more than the usual number of participants. Cars on the field represented the makes of nearly every British auto manufacturer during the post-war era and several made prior to WWII. Even a Triumph-based Rat Rod attended. For many years, owners of Singer cars created a large display featuring their cars, which were made from 1905 to 1970. One year, they built



One of the Invasion's most light-hearted events--winners of the British Attire competition.



a life-size imitation of a Matchbox toy carton and had one of their cars appear to be in it. This year, however, the aforementioned COVID-restrictions did not allow Canadian members to attend, so they had just a few cars on the field.

Yankee Region Chair Gus Niewenhous and Activities Chair Michelle Dickson with the open boot of Gus's Silver Shadow and their display during the Tailgate Picnic Competition on Sunday.

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Ned and Jan Niemiec's rare 1966 Rolls-Royce Phantom V.



Ernie Boch Jr's extremely rare Gordon Keeble GK1 coupe with a fiberglass body made by Williams and Pritchard of England.



R. Craig Dodson's 1997 Bentley Brooklands.

Ernie Boch, Jr. decorated the Invasion field with numerous cars from the Boch Collection. In addition to a 402-horsepower 1999 Bentley

Continental Sedan Coupe, one of only 73 produced; a 2003 Bentley Mulliner Final Series Azure; a 563-horsepower, all-wheel drive, and all-wheel steering 2021 Rolls-Royce Cullinan (the first viewing of the new SUV by many Region members); and a 1986

Rolls-Royce Corniche drophead; he brought a 1965 right-hand drive, Gordon Keeble GK1 coupe (see the photo on these pages) with a fiberglass body made by Williams and Pritchard of England. About 100 of these extraordinarily rare cars were produced. The body was designed by Giorgetto Giugaro and

displayed at the 1960 Geneva Motor Show. Gordon Keebles were assembled first in Slough, then Eastleigh, and finally in Southampton, England, in a building known for the production of the early Supermarine "Spitfire" aircraft. Although the vehicle's badge was a tortoise, the lightweight vehicle was equipped with a powerful Corvette engine and recognized for its rapid acceleration and high speed. After a test drive of the prototype, Motorcar magazine described the car as "...the most electrifying vehicle we have ever tested."

On Sunday, there were more activities. Vehicles were lined up on the field for the Competition of Colors, awards were given to winners in non-Concours competitions, and a tailgate competition completed the event. Early that morning, the Notch Run, a 75-minute driving tour through Smuggler's Notch, included a full range of British cars as they travelled by the beautiful scenery in the Stowe area. British Invasion organizer Michael Gaetano led the caravan in his well-known 1947 Bentley.

As has been the custom for several years, parking fees were collected to benefit the American Cancer Society.



The Brainerd Family's 1959 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud 1.



The long row of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys began next to the Rolls-Royce Owners Club and Rolls-Royce Foundation tent hosted by Mark Liezewskie, Executive Director of the RROC.



Ernie Boch Jr's 1986 Rolls-Royce Corniche Drophead.



## Region Visit to the Hallamore Clydesdale

More than 25 Yankee Region members and their guests visited the Hallamore Clydesdales at their wonderful stables in Lakeville, Massachusetts. These magnificent horses are owned by the Barry family, who also own and operate Hallamore Heavy Specialized Hauling. Our Yankee Region members Ned and Jan Niemiec have been entrusted with the care of these horses at the farm in Lakeville for many years.

Ned began our special event with a history of these Clydesdales, as well as the breed in general. He showed us the custom-made harness needed for such a huge horse. Impressively, Ned and his crew could ready a horse in harness in about five minutes. Their feeding habits are equally impressive.

Next, Ned showed us the beautifully restored 1900 Studebaker freight wagon that is used in parades and special events. The skill needed to drive the team and this impressive wagon was quite interesting.

Ned then brought out Commander, the tallest and largest horse at 2,300 pounds. The intricacies of how the goliath was shod was explained to us. There was an opportunity for photographs with him, which many took advantage of.

When the visit was over, we travelled the mile or so to the Fireside Restaurant where we all enjoyed a good lunch and a chance to catch up.

Again, thanks to Ned and Jan for a wonderful day!



The Yankee Region Holiday Party will be held on December 10 at the Harvard University Faculty Club in Cambridge, MA. Arrangements for a docent-led museum tour are also being arranged. More details to follow.



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