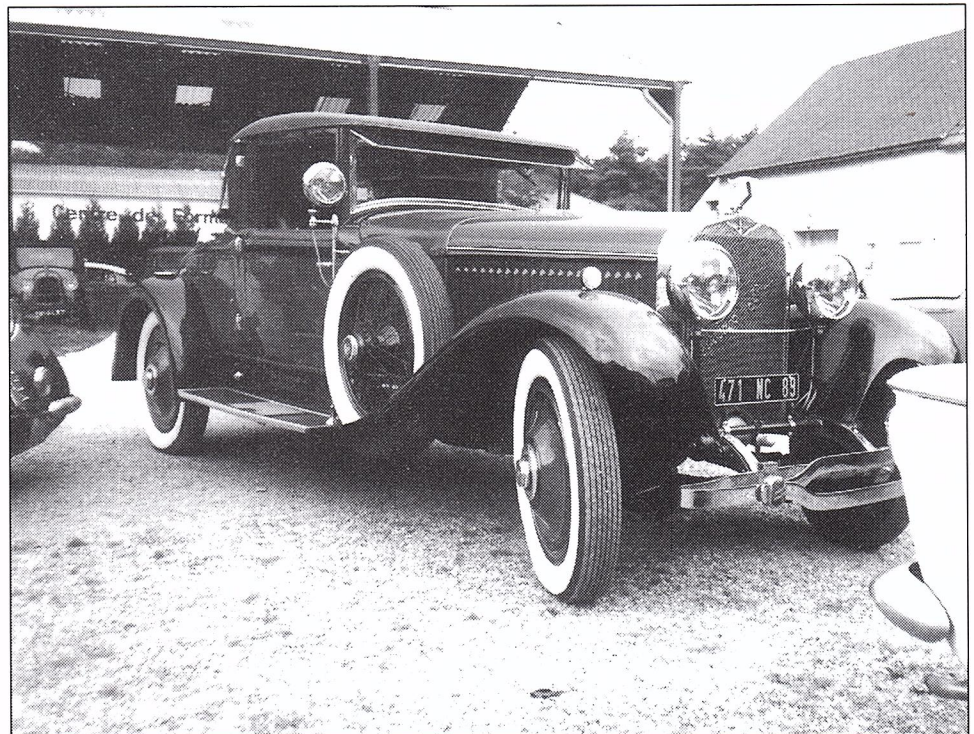


*Ferdinand Hediger and Coys of Kensington*

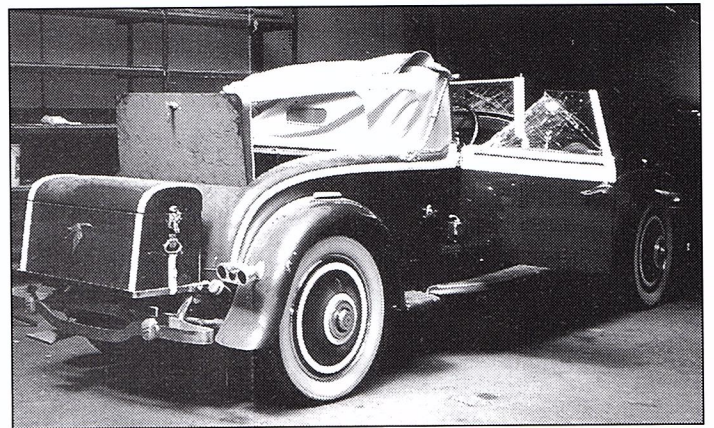
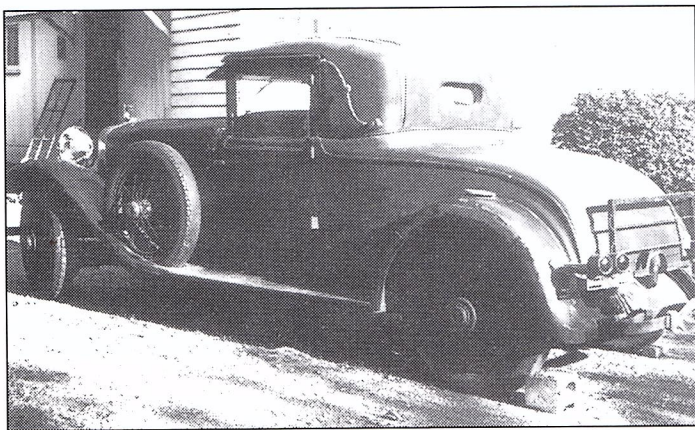
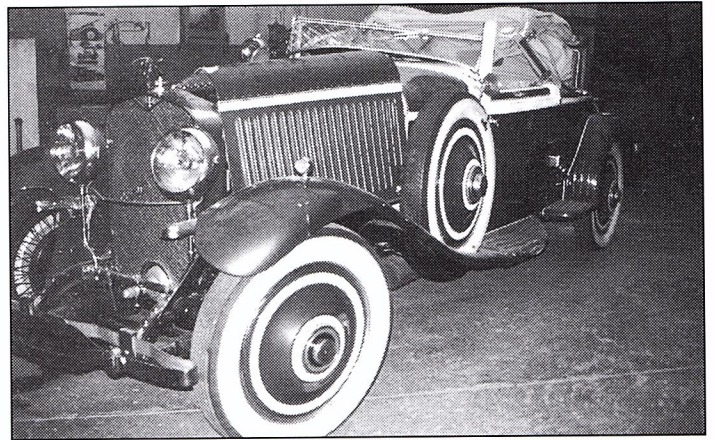
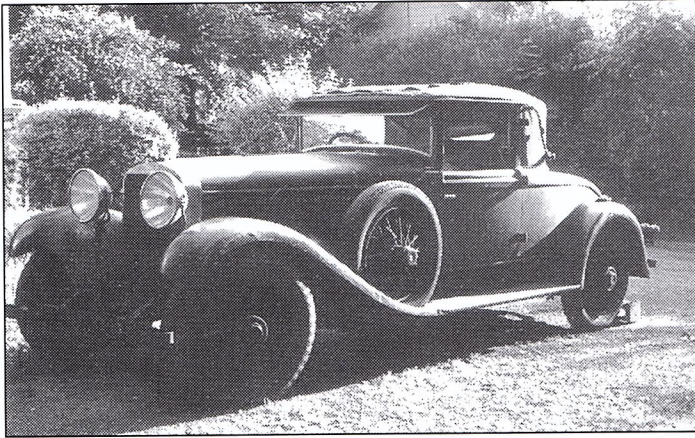
## H6B 12034

Readers of the Newsletter will remember photos in Newsletter 89 of the tragedy that hit H6B number 12034 in 1998 on the way to its new owner in Switzerland. The car was seriously damaged when it was trailed home and the Hispano ended in a ditch with the trailer on top of it. We can all feel relieved that this fine Hibbard & Darrin cabriolet has been fully repaired and has already been winning prizes again in Europe.

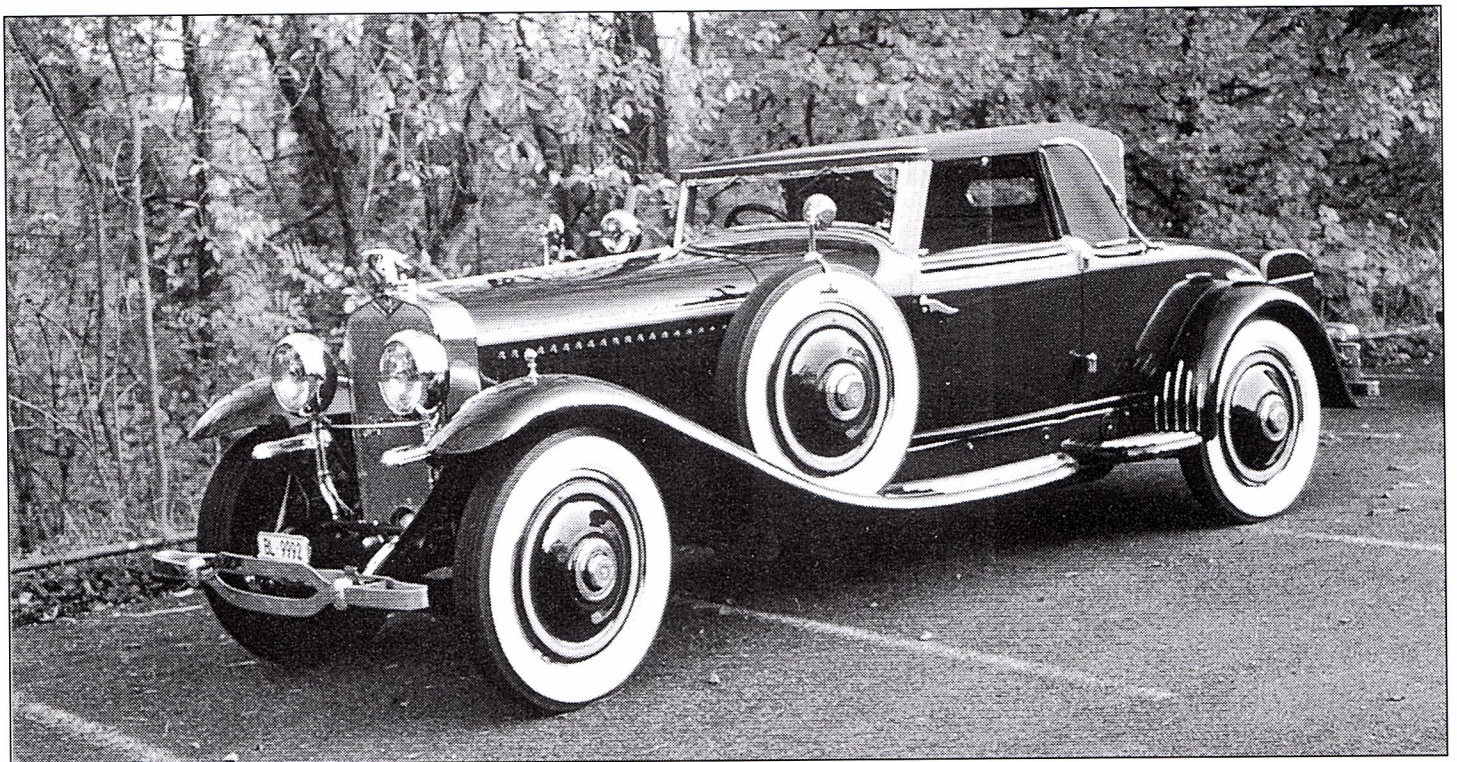
At some point in time, probably during the 1980's, the car was 'modernised', since a picture in Coys of Kensington's sales catalogue from the 1970's shows a very different, and indeed quite staid, fixed head coupé. Yet this is one and the same car. Beside the modification to cabriolet, the windscreen is now inclined, the front and rear wings made more 'flashy' and the running boards changed to step-plates. Grebel headlights and front bumper have remained. At the time Coys advertised the car it had done less than 50,000 miles and stood in dry storage for 30 years. It had been restored at great cost. Its price tag then was 28,000 Pounds! - HWV



*Before restyling: Picture appears to have been taken at the auction preview. Photo courtesy of J. Heumann.*



Above left: Two pictures of the car taken sometime in the 1960s or 1970s, as found after years in storage. Above right: The heart breaking scene of the car after the trailer accident. Note that the restyling had clearly been done prior to this accident, not afterwards. The car had a functional convertible top already, as well as the other changes mentioned earlier. Photos courtesy of J. Heumann



12034 Today. The added vertical chrome strips on the rear fender are reminiscent of many a Duesenberg J / L-29 Cord. Photo courtesy of Ferdinand Hediger.