

Last month I turned down the opportunity to own this unmolested and original 1930 Rolls-Royce Phantom II. You will all relate to my reasons for turning it down . . . I am out of garage bays and out of time.

The car is a 1930 Rolls-Royce Phantom II long wheel base limousine built for Turner Layton. He was a US born African-American composer, songwriter and singer who wrote the music for such well known tunes as "Way down Yonder in New Orleans" and "After you've gone." Layton moved from the US to London in the late 1920s and became very popular. Then, at the peak of his celebrity he commissioned the Carlton Carriage Company to build this limousine body and install it on a Rolls-Royce Chassis. Unusual for those times was the rear upholstery material which is ostrich and the running boards which are step plate. In the day, it must have attracted lots of attention.

My link to this car goes back to 1958 when my father imported it from England. I knew it very well as a kid and was there in Seattle when it came off the ship. I remember that it did not run very well and my mom had to tow the car part of the way to Corvallis, Oregon while my dad tried to get it running. With necessary repairs completed, in 1959 my dad sold it to a fellow in Portland, Oregon. It has been in that family's ownership since. Both the purchaser and his wife have passed away and it is now estate owned. They are anxious to sell it. At present it is offered by the estate at \$125,000, but will soon go to a dealer.



I was in Portland on September 25, 2018 to view the car. The car looks as you would expect for one that has been stored and driven little for the last 60 years. It runs well with good oil pressure when warm and the radiator cools well. When I was



there, the servo was out of adjustment making the brakes a bit funky, so I did not drive it. I did ride in it and everything happened as it should have. The car has new Michelin tires. The attached photos do not show the flying lady attached. There are two of them and it has a clean Oregon title. If anyone is interested I can introduce you to the seller and help you through the prewar RR experience. Give me a call 702-253-9663



