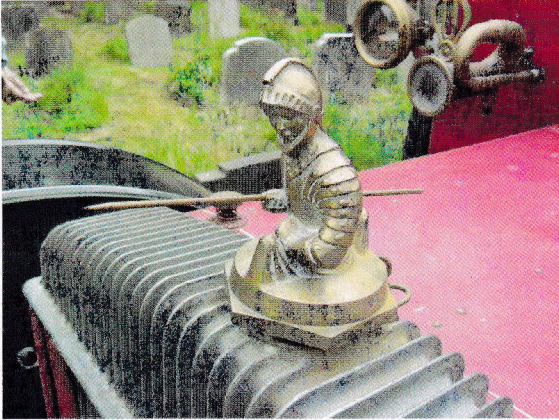


The Knight Radiator Mascot.



Photographed in the grounds of Stock village church.

The mascot on this car is a model of a Spanish Knight, which was used to suggest that the sleeve-valve engine would oust the poppet valve engine in a tournament. Many advertising cartoons of the time showed a cylindrical "Knight" with a lance ousting a poppet-valve shaped "Knight".

This 1909 Daimler is possibly the oldest surviving Sleeve-valve Daimler car in existence, as the first sleeve-valve car to be produced was the model TB22 and this one is the only known COMPLETE survivor. There are two very incomplete ones in Australia.

The Knight and saddle are in two separate portions and a mazac version of this mascot was used on the later Willys Knight sleeve valve cars that were manufactured in America. The Mascot on the Willys Knight cars was rather peculiar though, because, although the upper half was virtually the same and the lower half had a very similar Spanish saddle to this mascot, the American version placed the saddle on a castellated castle turret, instead of on the hexagonal nut. In my opinion, a castellated turret is completely out of place underneath a saddle and one wonders what the designers were thinking of, when they drew up this arrangement.