



TORQUETUBE

Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc.

October 2007



Next Meeting: 7:30 pm Thursday, 11th October
Queensland Sporting Car Club
206 Montague Road
West End 4101

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Minutes of the OGM of the Riley Motor Club, Qld., Inc. held at the Brisbane Sporting Club, West End Thursday, 13 September 2007.

Meeting opened by Alan Hill at 8.10pm with 20 members and guests present.

Apologies: Pat & Betty Elliott, Trevor & Wendy Judd, Brian & Lyn Jackson, Ken & Wendy Lonie, Kiara Rizzo, Peter Willis, David Schoch, Dick & Earla Self.

Minutes from previous meeting:

Moved, Gary Britton, seconded by Bill Donovan that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from minutes:

1. Nil

Inwards correspondence:

1. Rally entry forms for RACQ Combined Council Rally 6-9 June 2008;
2. Invitation to Hot Rod, Car & Bike Show, Beenleigh Showgrounds, 23 September 2007;
3. Combined Council Management and OGM Minutes July;
4. Copies of Blue Diamond, Riley Gazette, Various Riley Cranks, Riley Newsletter WA, Riley Rattles and Riley NZ.

Outwards correspondence:

1. Nil.

Moved by Linden Thomson, seconded by Peter Young that the inwards be received and the outwards be endorsed. Carried.

Treasurer's Report August 2007:

Balance at	31/07/07		\$4,339.55
Incoming			
	Interest		0.46
		Total	<u>\$ 00.46CR</u>
Outgoing			
	Combined Council Membership Fees		\$100.00
	News Letter Costs, June, July & August		\$502.45
	Room Rental BSCC		<u>\$110.00</u>
		Total	<u>\$712.45DB</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement	31 st August 2007		\$3,627.56

Moved by Ross that his report be accepted, seconded Graham Ellwood. Carried

Club Captain's Report:

September run to Botanix at Wellington Point.

October Saturday 13th Maidenwell Astronomical Observatory. Details as per the Torque Tube.

Spare Parts Report:

Jack has made tie rod ends for 9 and 2½, speedo gears for pre-war Rileys, timing gears for 9 and 2½, master cylinder pistons and Riley rocker shafts for Riley 9.

Registrar's report:

Nil.

General business:

Graham Mackay gave a report on his day at Speed on Tweed. He ran his Imp on the circuit losing his mobile phone at the start line. He described the Brooklands that was there which was owned by Ron Brownrigg. The car won the 1936 Australian Grand Prix.

Jeff Jones described a new product put out by REPCO called Q Bond. Comes in two colours Grey and Black. Can be used to repair alloy parts such as carburettor flanges. Sets in around 15 seconds.

Ray Burrows described the Blind Driving Day to be run at Lakeside Raceway on Sunday 25th November. Requested some help from members to provide cars to run vision impaired people around the track from 12.30pm to 1.30pm giving dual control driving school instructors a break. A free sausage sizzle will be offered by the Capalaba Lions Club and the Brisbane Branch of the Ulysses Motorcycle Club will be offering rides for the vision impaired as well. Alan Hill, Ross Phillips, Bill White, Jeff Jones and Gary Britton have offered assistance.

Secretary's Email: Red_Path@bigpond.net.au

Meeting closed: 9.10pm.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, 11th October, 2007

Thursday, 8 November, 2007

BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB

Unit 1, 206 Montague Road

West End Q 4101 (UBD map 21 (P8) approximately opposite Donkin Street.)



The National Roundup of Rileys Easter 2008
Thursday 20th to Monday 24th March.

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WEEKS
TO GO

Booking forms are flowing in, have you sent yours? They need to be in by 19th November, but don't forget to book your accommodation as soon as possible to secure your preference.

Club Events Programme:

OCTOBER: Saturday & Sunday 13th-14th

A great run to **Maidenwell Astronomical Observatory**, staying overnight at Pub (3 double rooms – one available) or Bunyip Springs Farmstay (has Cottage - \$175 per night - with 3 rooms: 2 double, 1 twin - \$58 per room; and Lodge - \$220 per night - with 2 queen rooms, 3 singles in sleepout). Contact Sheila for further information.

NOVEMBER: Sunday 25th

Blind Citizens' Driving Experience Day at Lakeside. Volunteers are needed to ferry participants to & from Dakabin rail station, act as stewards, &c. There will also be a period over lunch when Rileys will circulate on the track with passengers. Contact Ray Burrows or Alan Hill for further information.

DECEMBER: Wednesday 5th

Annual / Xmas Dinner at Skyline Restaurant, Southbank Inst. of TAFE. Further information to follow.

Editor's Notes:

First some sad news. I received an email from Joan Bailey advising that her husband, Sunshine Coast member Barry Bailey, died after a massive heart attack on 19th August. I'm sure all members would wish to offer their condolences to Joan and family. Joan is selling the 1950 RMB as no one else in the family is interested. Members have the chance to buy the car, but if there is no interest, Joan will list it on eBay.

Paul Kennedy's car, advertised in the last TorqueTube, has been sold to a motor museum in northern N.S.W.

Some members have been sending material for possible inclusion in TT, and I thank them for their consideration and efforts. However, some of the material would be very hard to manipulate into publishable form. If you come across material you think is suitable, it would be best to send original material, eg magazine, if possible. All such items submitted will be returned.

Finally, congratulations to Ross Phillips for bringing his Racing Riley project to such impressive and successful fruition (see cover and pictures in this issue). I hope he doesn't mind my image manipulation suggesting part of his motivation.

September Run:

Linden Thomson

Another glorious spring day and a small group of Riley enthusiasts met at Mott Park – Hills, Whites, Burrows & Dorothy C. all in discussion with an RACQ patrolman when we arrived. Then up to the Mt Gravatt Lookout (all except the party in the red Pathfinder – Dorothy hasn't recovered from an unfortunate ascent of the lookout at Bingara (N.S.W) on the way to a National Rally some years ago) to view a rather hazy Brisbane laid out beneath us. I haven't been up there for years and had forgotten what a superlative view it is.

A quick run to Wellington Point found us at Botanix, where the Youngs were waiting for us. We all sat around a huge single plank table to have coffee and cakes, while a small jazz band played in the background. Neal Brandt, who lives nearby, dropped in to join us and talk about some bits for the Falcon.

The party dispersed after an hour or so of interesting conversation, while Delma and I stayed for lunch after a wander around the nursery. This was another very pleasant Sunday morning run. It would be great to see more members joining in.



All-British Day 2007**Ray Burrows**

We had nine cars there. The following attended: Jeff Harris and his son Jesse, Peter & Denise Willis, Mike & Lyn Thatcher, Keith & Philomena Brownjohn, Pat Elliott, David Garlick and Ray Burrows. Bernard Maudsley parked his roadster in our group. One of the photos shows David Garlick's Elf and his newly completed Kestrel. The last photo shows Mike Thatcher presenting the award for the best Riley present on the day, an award amongst those that attended.





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Queensland Transport Liaison Report:

No developments. QT is still working on the format of the document and making some changes to the content.

Australian Historic Motoring Federation:

From the report of the 2007 AGM -

Brett Holloway (FVV&CVC Vic) gave an update on the subject of taxation for motoring clubs. An approach was made to the Treasurer well in advance of the Federal budget. The President and Brett traveled to (Canberra/Melbourne) for a meeting with the Treasurer's advisors who seemed quite receptive to their case. It was hoped that there would be something in the budget but unfortunately it was not to be.

It would appear that the issue is going to be a more difficult one and it may be necessary to call on clubs to help fund a campaign. If you have not made a commitment to help fund a fight please consider it and let the QCCHVC know on the form sent out previously. No money is requested at this stage, it is purely a commitment to help.

No doubt there will be more information on this subject as the year wears on.

Financial Survey

A presentation was received on the results of the National financial survey from the results received during the last 12 months.

The survey results have not been broken down state by state so far but are a national amount. The results so far received indicate that members of clubs affiliated with the AHMF spend in the vicinity of \$700,000,000 on their hobby annually. The respondents own approximately 256,650 historic vehicles of which in excess of 60% are either concessionally or fully registered. The same respondents own in excess of 147,000 fully registered "modern" vehicles.

Hopefully, further data will be able to be extracted in due course.

Publicity : Leaded magazine has space in December issue for an article on QCC. Rod Graydon is preparing an article for submission. Leaded is also building a new website and has offered QCC space for information about QCC

PLEASE NOTE – *Next Bi - Monthly General Meeting Thursday 23rd November 2007*

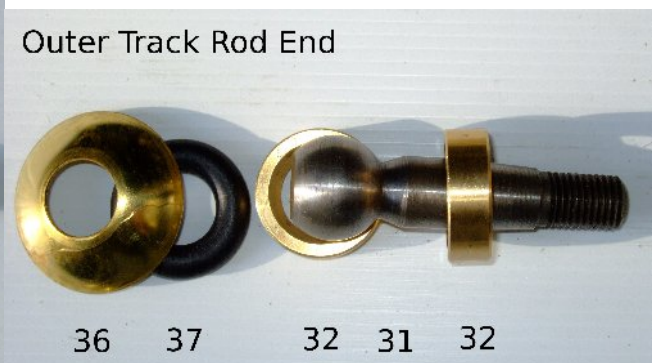
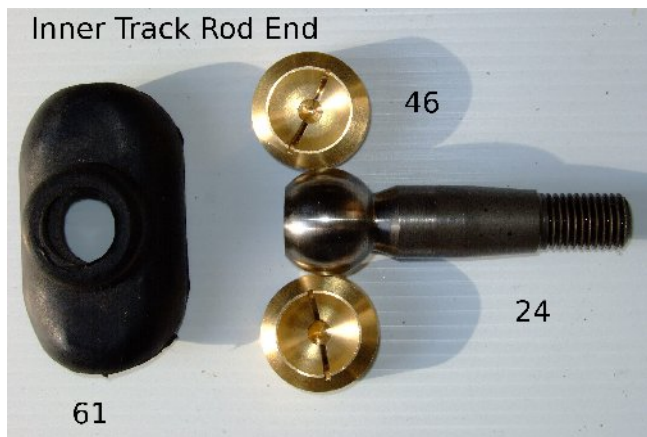
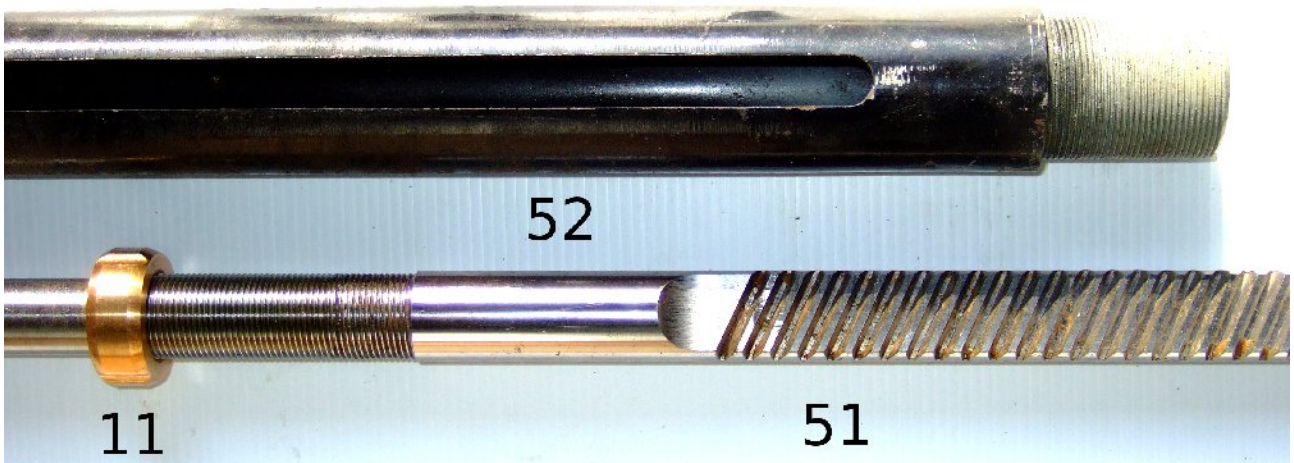
We are now holding Bi-monthly meetings with the Committee Meetings on the alternate month.(odd numbered month)



Be Spares Aware

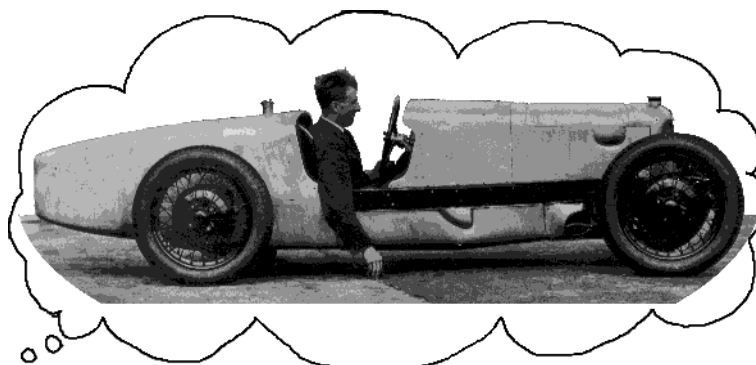
Our Spare Parts guru, Jack Warr, and his able assistant, Graham Mackay, are cocerned to make members aware of the range of parts available, particularly those parts that are manufactured here. So this is the first of a heads-up series, this one on RM steering parts. The key numbers shown correspond to the exploded drawing in Section K of the workshop manual.

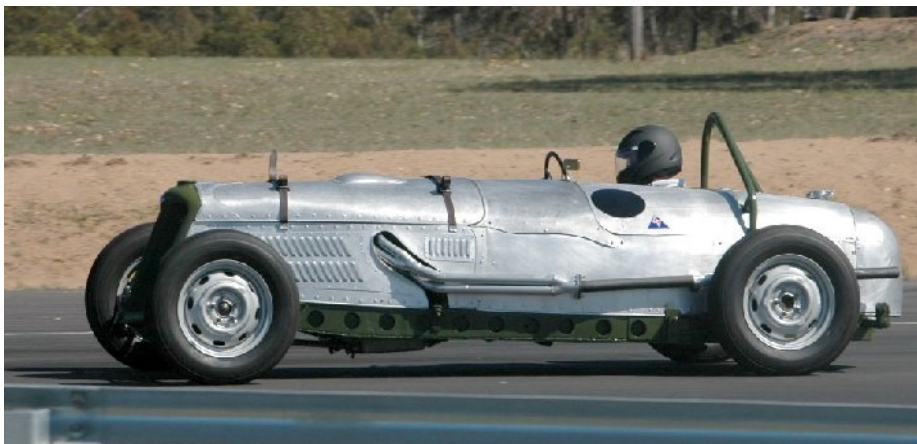




Victor's First Outing

Recently (before all the horses got the 'flu) the Morgan Park track at Warwick was the venue for the first outing of a new Riley racing special, Ross Phillips' beautifully executed RMB/Pathfinder Special, a.k.a. "Victor". As well as the cover picture, here are some more views of Ross and Victor:





A Member Writes:

email from Mike Bramwell

Subject: Speed on Tweed

Hi Linden,

Congratulations on another interesting newsletter. I don't know if you got to Speed on Tweed so I thought I would send you the attached pictures of a Riley 9 belonging to Ron Brownrigg. The cylinder head is especially interesting as they have had new casting made to a design used by some racing Rileys. Note that the plugs are inclined. Talking to Mark was interesting as it seems that they are able to build almost new Imps, Sprites, Brooklands et al. Mention was made of new parts in Magnesium. Chris Stafford spotted my roadster in the display area and caught up with me. He now has twenty-eight cars but surprisingly was there in a newish Honda four wheel drive. He has bought the genuine Sprite body that was for sale on Prewarcar.com in the US and is having a chassis built. He was delivering a cylinder head to the Brownriggs for them to rebuild.

Fabulous day and great to see Graham's Imp out on the track.
Bye for now, Mike



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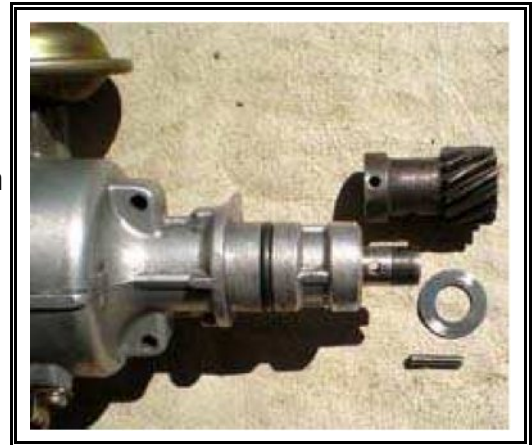
The following appeared in the ACT Riley Rattles, September 2007, and is reproduced here with acknowledgement.

How to fit a modern Electronic Ignition to your Pathfinder for \$100

I was having constant problems with the Lucas distributor ever since I got my Pathfinder about 3 years ago. Every time I went on a run or a dub event it played up or the plugs fouled up. After reading up some good Internet articles and talking with one of our Riley Gurus I took the plunge and decided to change the polarity, fit electronic ignition and will eventually fit an alternator.

Here's how you do it

1. Source an Hitachi electronic dizzy from one of the wreckers in Canberra (*or nearer home - TT Ed.*). The one you want is from an N12 Nissan Pulsar or Holden Astra (same car) or from a Honda Accord or Subaru from about mid 1986. Make sure it's electronic as some earlier models had the same dizzy with points. Expect to pay about \$85 although some wreckers will initially ask \$125 or more. Once you've decided to buy ask for the plug leads, coil & vacuum advance pipe to



be included. I think the Pulsar/Astra is the best as it has a nice 'O' ring seal where it fits into the block, which the others don't have (see photo). When you get home give the body & leads a good clean and check the cap and rotor for any cracks or excessive wear. Most of the ones I've seen have been in good condition – replacement parts are available. Also check by suction that the vacuum advance mechanism is working (suck it and see if you have to!)

2. Next job is to remove the pinion gear from the Lucas distributor shaft by tapping out the taper pin. Next tap out the roll pin on the dog drive on the Hitachi then mark the shaft for drilling and fitting the pinion gear (drill size a couple of thou smaller than the roll pin diameter). Allow for the spacer washer and a little clearance then fit the the gear to the shaft with the roll pin.



3. Next mark out on the triangular adjustment arm the inside diameter of the Lucas manual hand control adjustment plate. Cut off the portion that is not needed then file the curve to fit the plate (note: best to keep the manual dashboard advance mechanism for easier starting).
4. Now prepare the position of the engine for fitting the new distributor as per the Pathfinder Manual with the rotor blade lined up with the segment pointing to No. 1 plug lead and allowing for the helical gear to mesh (really it's easier than with points!). Then fit up the new plug leads and make sure the pin on the manual advance lever is engaged. Now fit the vacuum advance flexible hose. Final adjustment can be carried out on a road test.

Spark Plugs – because of the electronic spark, the plug gap should be opened up to 0.045 inches. I used some NGKBP7ES ones that I had on hand.

Coil – If you didn't get the coil with the distributor then get one that is suitable

for use with the electronic setup (second hand about \$10).

Wiring up – the two wires from the distributor go to the coil. BW to Positive, and Blue to Negative. (*Remember, you have changed the polarity of the electrics to negative earth – TT Ed.*).

Advance Curve – The curve on the Nissan Hitachi is 15 degrees according to the Nissan Manual and I believe the Honda and Subaru are similar. The Pathfinder should be almost the same and I have more detailed documents on the subject for those interested.

My Pathfinder goes extremely well with the Hitachi unit – starts easily, idles nicely, spark plugs don't foul up. Even my neighbours have asked me what I have done to make it sound so good!

I believe you can do a similar conversion with the RMB etc. using a Hitachi from a Mitsubishi L300.

Article by Barry Telfer – who thanks Jack Warr & various Internet articles for their advice.

For Sale

Riley RME – Professional ground-up restoration; needs some interior finishing. New maroon and black paintwork, rechromed brightwork.



Make me a sensible offer.

Bill Short 07 3886 7236 williamshort@aapt.net.au

1949 RMB, new battery, registered, runs well. Ex-Shellshear, ex-Phillips car, but don't have time anymore to treat it as it deserves. Asking \$11,500.

Mike Olive mobile 0412 766 199 home 07 5498 3303

1950 RMB, currently registered, RIL 50. Located on Sunshine Coast.

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