



# TORQUETUBE

**Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc September 2011**

## A TRIO OF BEAUTIES



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**Next Meeting:**  
Thursday, 8th September 2011.  
**BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB ROOMS**  
**UNIT 16 / NEXUS BUSINESS PARK**  
**23 ASHTAN PLACE**

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### COVER

Ken & Wendy Lonie in their Monaco, Mathew & Gloria French in their Riley (1935 12/4 Falcon) and Allan & Shiela Hill in their Lynx enroute to the ACT rally at Queenbeyan.

# Minutes From Previous Meeting

**Minutes of the OGM of the Riley Motor Club, Qld., Inc. held at the Brisbane Sporting Club, Ashtan Place, Banyo, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2011.**

Meeting opened by President Ken Lonie at 7.57 pm with 15 members and guests present.

**Apologies:** Jeff Jones, Alan & Sheila Hill, Ross & Di Phillips, Ian Henderson, Brian & Lyn Jackson, Robin Hull, Dorothy Cameron, Del Thomson.

**Minutes from previous meeting:**

Moved, John Romer, seconded by Ray Burrows, that minutes be accepted. Carried.

**Business arising from minutes:**

Report on the health of Ross Phillips.

**Inwards correspondence:**

1. Invoice for public liability insurance from the Austnet Group.
2. Newsletters - Blue Diamond, Gazette, Riley Rattles, The Crank
3. Invitation to GCAAC Autorama 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> November.
4. Cams affiliation information and application form.
5. Advertisement from KB Classic Parts.
6. Caboolture Historic Village Motor Show 18<sup>th</sup> September.
7. ACT club has parts to dispose of.

**Outwards correspondence:**

Nil.

Moved by Matthew French seconded by Bill Short that the inwards correspondence be received . Carried.

**Treasurer's report July 2011**

Balance as per Bank Statement, April 2011			<b>\$7381.02CR</b>
Income			
Membership fees	\$ 95.00		
Interest	\$ 0.91	\$ 95.91	
Expenditure			
Brisbane Sporting Car Club Room Rental	\$ 55.00		
QMHE Affiliation fee	\$ 65.00		
TBA	\$ 15.00		
N/letter expenses Jan 2011	\$ 140.00	\$ 275.00	

Balance as per Bank Statement, May 2011 **\$7201.93CR**

Moved by Linden Thomson that his Report be accepted, seconded Bill White. Carried  
Linden reported that the account signatories are now Linden, Ken and Matthew.

**Club captain's report:**

July 17<sup>th</sup> run to Boonah airstrip, was a good day out.  
28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> August there is a fly-in at Caboolture.  
11<sup>th</sup> September – breakfast run to Wynnum, details to follow in mag.

**Spare parts report:**

Nil.

**Registrar's report;**

Drophead owner moved from Victoria to Cooroy.

**2012 rally report:** Ken and Wendy visited all venues recently and were well received. Deswick Mining providing sponsorship support for the rally. Eve Romer showed sample of the rally bags she has produced/manufactured.

**Editor's report:** Magazine will depend upon member contributions. Bill suggested a surcharge for members who have a printed copy of the magazine to help defray the significant cost of the magazine postage and printing. Ken moved that all magazines be sent electronically unless otherwise noted. Seconded Bill Short.

**Website co-ordinator's report:**

Nil.

**General business:**

1. Letter tabled by Bill White regarding seat belt legislation for children. The reply received from the Minister of Transport stated Queensland Government has no current plans to amend the legislation.
2. John Romer advised that Autorama has a revised format and will be interesting this year.
3. Queens Birthday weekend in Maryborough next is heavily booked and there may be a shortage of accommodation. It is advised that if you wish to attend that you book now.
4. Robin Hull has spoken to a local council member, regarding land for a club house, who was very encouraging.
5. Simon suggested a business card be produced to hand out to prospective members. Linden agreed to follow up.
6. Bill Short reported on steel out of RMC and differences in measurements from side to side, Bill White reported similar problems with his car's rear bumpers.
7. Simon has had an inner universal failure on his mini, however it had continued to drive the car.
8. Report on Mike Hawthorne's Nine restoration.
9. Complaints of vintage and quality of items available at local swapmeets.
10. Ken reported on his Nine engine rebuild.
11. Article about Riley's in regional newspapers.

Secretary's Email: [mgwfrench@bigpond.com](mailto:mgwfrench@bigpond.com)

**Meeting closed:** 9.20pm

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## **SPARE PARTS FROM JOHN PAYNE August issue had lists of parts**

HI RILEY CLUB MEMBERS,

THIS MESSAGE WAS SENT OUT BY EMAIL TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUPPLIED EMAIL ADDRESSES TO THE CLUB. BIDDING WILL CLOSE ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER. SUBMIT YOUR BIDS TO:-

Ken Lonie

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MESSAGE READ:-

KEN AND I HAVE DISCOVERED A PROBLEM IN OUR TENDERING PROCESS. WE NEED TO CONTACT AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO SET SOME RULES FOR THE BIDDING ON THE PARTS, FROM JOHN PAYNE'S COLLECTION. THE PROBLEM ARISES WHERE THERE ARE MULTIPLES OF THE SAME ITEM. WE HAVE DECIDED THAT THE HIGHEST BIDDER HAS THE CHOICE OF AS MANY OF THE ITEMS AT THAT PRICE THAT THEY DESIRE. IF THEY DON'T TAKE ALL OF THE ITEMS THEN THE NEXT HIGHEST BIDDER GETS TO PICK AND SO ON UNTIL THE ITEMS ARE EXHAUSTED.

BILL SHORT

## THE 2012 NATIONAL RALLY COUNTDOWN

September 2011	October 2011	November 2011	December 2011	January 2012	February 2012	23 rd March 2012
	HAVE I SIGNED UP YET	HAVE I BOOKED A BED	HAVE I ASKED SANTA FOR A NEW SET OF PISTONS	HAVE I PUT THE PISTON BACK IN THE BLOCK	HAVE I WRITTEN MY LIMERICK	NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIND THE KEYS

Greetings from Queensland Riley Club - with time disappearing at a great rate, it seems timely that we send you some information to include in your Magazines. The programme is still only an outline with costings to still be finalised and venues confirmed.

Date Friday 23rd March 2012 - Monday 26th March, 2012 in Toowoomba, Queensland Garden City.

As you know Toowoomba and nearby areas were the centre of devastating floods earlier this year with serious loss of life and property so it seems a great idea to support this beautiful area with our patronage.

At this stage we expect the invitations will be out mid to end October and we are thrilled to already have many expressions of interest.

We intend to ask each Club to present 2 -3 limericks or odes on the Saturday night, each of about 1½ - 2 minute duration, so maybe your Members may start to get their creative juices going and get prepared. This will be judged somehow. The content should probably be about Rileys/vehicles/rally adventure or misadventure etc etc. These can be serious or hilarious!

We are confident that the 2012 Rileys in Toowoomba will be a terrific rally, will keep up the great standard set by other States and we can assure you of a very warm welcome

Regards,

The Queensland National Riley Committee



**Downing Nine ('Imp') Special at Strathpine,**  
date unknown (late 1950s).  
The photo should be credited to Bill Miles (via John Holmes).

**Welcome to new club members R. Jennison and Ross Hillier.**

# Club Captains Report

## AUGUST RUN

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a fine & beautiful following a wet and dreary Saturday.

Two RM`S, a Pathfinder and a Riley 9 turned out for the Fly In at the Caboolture Airport.

The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tiger Moth was celebrated with the arrival of Warbirds and Classic aeroplanes.

## SEPTEMBER RUN

This will be a rerun of the run cancelled in March due to bad weather.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September we will meet at the Wynnum wading pool on the Esplanade for breakfast/brunch, where Florence St Meets the Esplanade.

The spot has excellent facilities with BBQ`s, tables and toilets beside the bay. Good walking paths follow the bay in both directions.

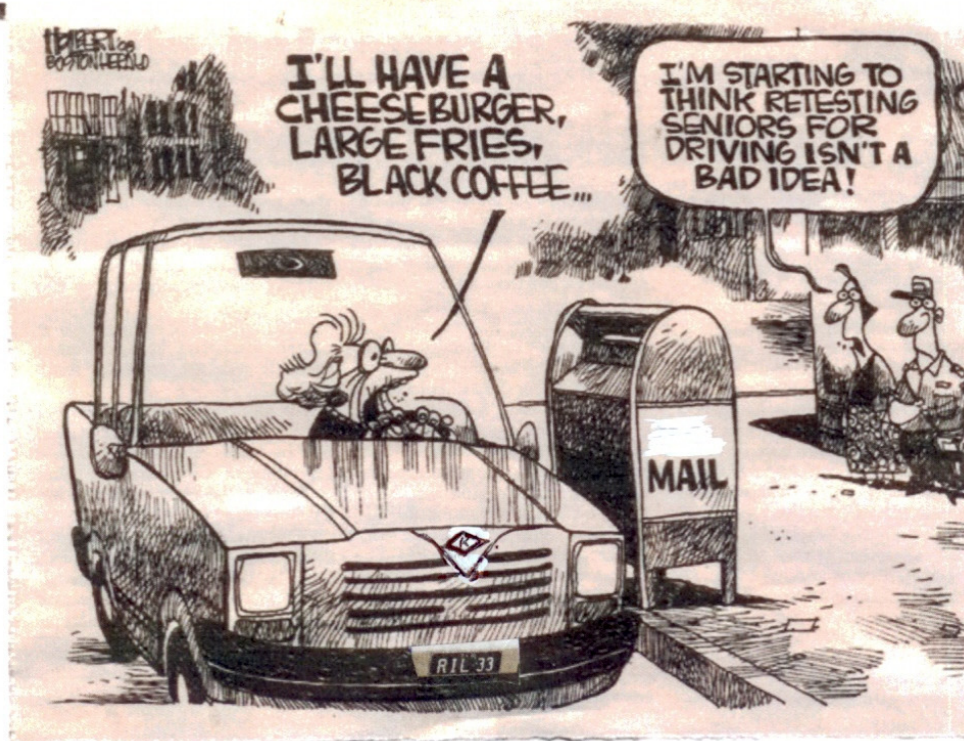
The easiest route is via Wynnum Road which can be accessed from the Gateway Motorway or the Story Bridge and Shafston Avenue. I suggest we meet between 9-00 and 9-30am, BYO.

Look forward to seeing everyone

Bill White ----- Club Captain.



## PUT A SMILE ON "YA DIAL"

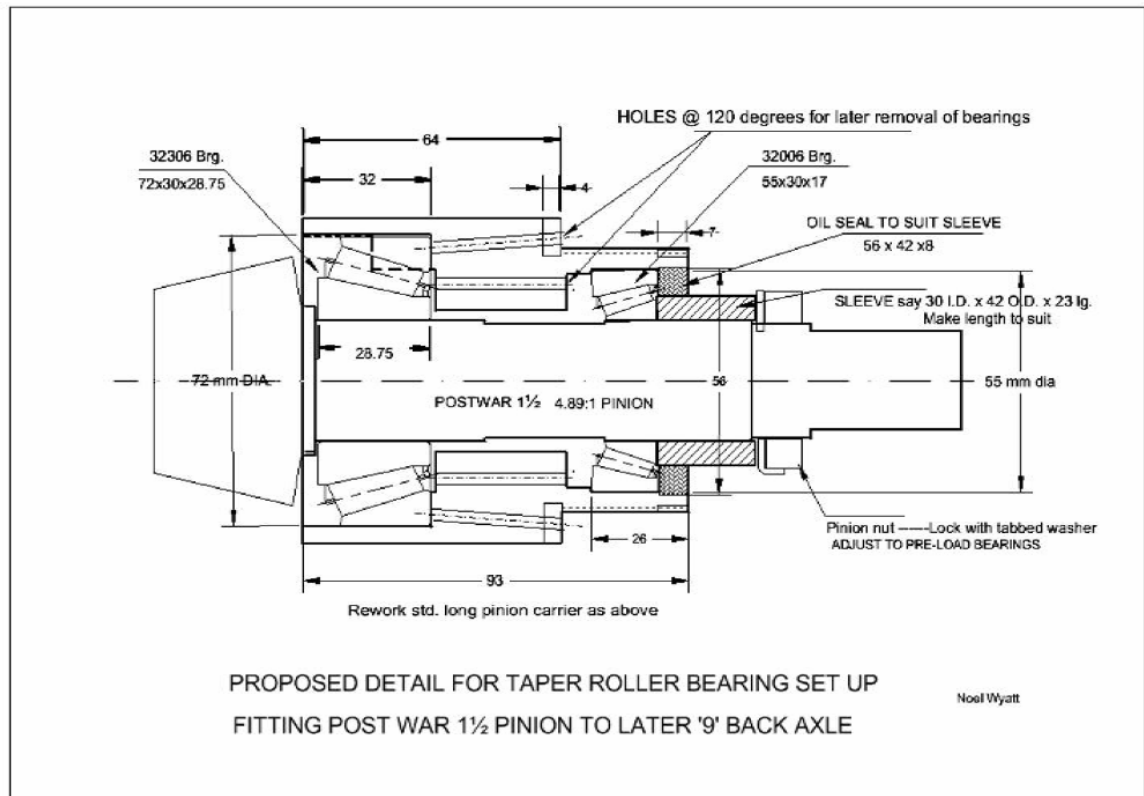


Acknowledgement to Holbert and Boston Herald

## GETTING THE JOB DONE

An interesting problem solver for 1 ½ owners.

Acknowledgement to Noel Wyatt (Blue Diamond)



# What makes a Riley Purrrrrrrrr?

Here is a chance to let us know about your Riley.

## THE EDITORS PROJECT

### MY SON'S 1951 2 SEATER RMC ROADSTER.

Body number 60 2S 6172.

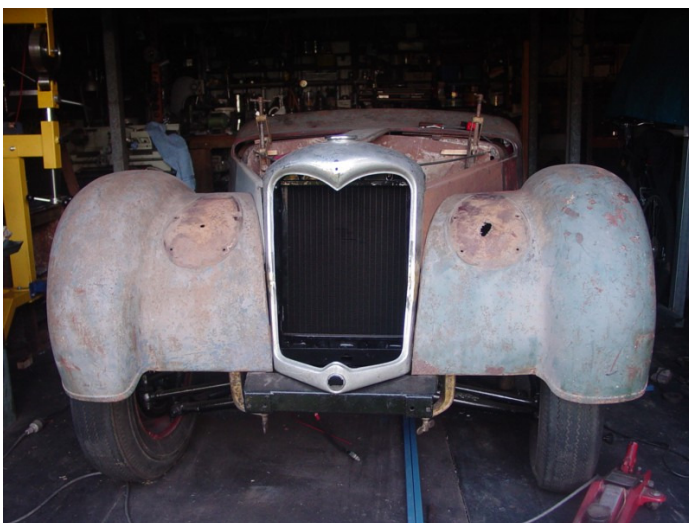
Having sworn off doing another riley, last year my son kindly dropped one off for dear old Dad to do up for him. It was supposed to have been mechanically restored but like most buys this proved to be a coat of paint thick. The various things mechanical had been stripped down and then reassembled with scant regard for the condition they were in.



The car as first seen by me.



Mechanicals fully reconditioned.



Fitting the front wings



Steeling out



Since then the mechanicals have been completely stripped down and rebuilt. Every last bearing , bush, stud has been done not to mention the re-sleeving of the bore, white-metaling, head modification for unleaded etc.

We decided to be radical and steel the body out. It appears that if the inner scuttle and inner rear tub are placed on the body first, then the steel frame can be positioned over them so it can be remove virtually in one large piece. This allows for the body section to be positioned on the frame and removed at any time, one at a time. Handy in case of a bingle.

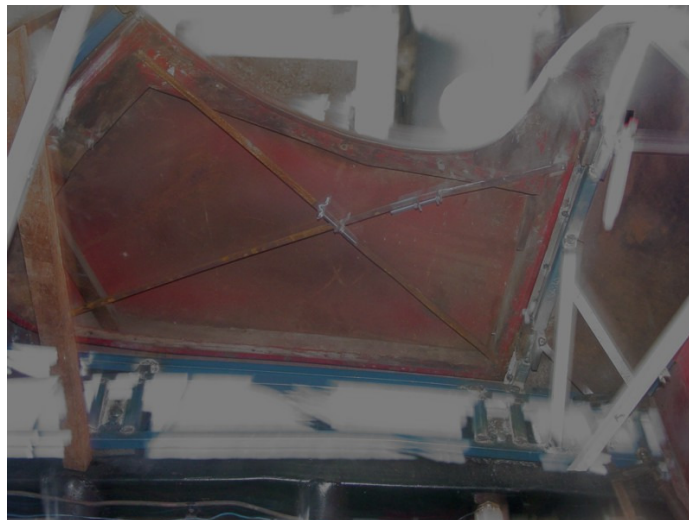
Steeling out allows us to fasten the body sections to the steel directly. We have chosen to do this with stainless pop rivets. They are far easier to put in then screws and don't interfere with the fit of panel like screw heads can. They are also easier to remove by simply drilling them out.



Note the oil filter adaptor.



Doors fitted with adjustable hinges.



Temporary door braces before steeling out doors.

To get the alignment of the body sections, all the sections were tacked together to form the complete car shape with the correct spacings between the body parts. Once the front and rear door pillars were fixed in place then the tacks were cut away and the doors fitted.

It is very fiddly and time consuming work. The panels will be off and on again numerous times before they are finally fixed.

Stay tuned. We hope to complete the project sometime next year, if I can survive that long without going more gar-gar than I am already.

## **Editors Note**

The month has flown by and it is time for another edition. Please note the item in the minutes of the last meeting. The magazine is a heavy cost burden on the club. Where an email address is available the Torque Tube will be sent electronically. I am sure there are many more of the members that either have an email address or have a family member or friend who could download it and print it for them. This would save the club substantially and you all could get the magazine in colour. So please send me your contact email address so that I can add you to the mailing list. It is also a big advantage to members that we can contact you easily to let you know of changes that might occur between meetings (e.g. club outings changes etc).

I have kicked off a new segment I would like to see run each month. What makes a Riley Purrrrrrrrr? Obviously this can only happen if all the members participate, so please send me your articles no matter how big or small.

Cheers.

Bill.

### **THE 2011 RILEY MOTOR CLUB QLD ELECTED COMMITTEE**

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