



TORQUETUBE

Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc December 2011



The Perfect Gentleman

The Donnybrook Run

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



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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 10th November, 2011.

Meeting opened by President Ken Lonie at 8.10 pm with 20 members and guests present.

Apologies: Ross & Di Phillips, Bill Short, Brian & Lyn Jackson.

Minutes from previous meeting:

Moved, Alan Hill, seconded by Matt Schooneveldt, that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from minutes:

Nil.

Inwards correspondence:

1. Fliers for the BVRC Australia day rally.
2. Newsletters – Rattles.

Outwards correspondence:

1. Concessional registration letters to Tamara Playne and Warwick Woinarski.
2. Letter to Victorian club re- pricing of spares.

Moved by Matthew French seconded by John Romer that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed. Carried.

Treasurer's report August 2011

Balance as per Bank Statement, 1 October 2011 **\$7177.78CR**

Income

Membership fees	\$ 100.00	
Interest	\$ 0.90	\$ 100.90

Expenditure

Brisbane Sporting Car Club Room Rental	\$ 55.00	
Newsletter printing	\$ 104.00	\$ 159.00

Balance as per Bank Statement, 30 October 2011 **\$7179.68CR**

Linden suggested transferring \$5000 to term deposit for three months. This was approved by the meeting.

Moved by Linden Thomson that his Report be accepted, seconded Wendy Lonie. Carried

Club captain's report:

16th October – 10am morning tea at Donnybrook/Toorbul with lunch at the Beerwah Hotel.

Spare parts report:

Nil.

Registrar's report;

Nil.

2012 rally report: Proceeding to plan. Donations received from RACQ and Shannons.

Editor's report: Nil.

Website co-ordinator's report:

Nil.

General business:

1. Waiting to hear from the local councillor re – clubhouse at Samford.
2. Possible meeting venue at the Girl Guide hut at Everton Park. Sheila Hill to follow up on the clubs behalf.
3. Tuesday 20th December for the club dinner at 66th on Earnest, Southbank. \$40 pp.
4. Riley Nine hood for sale. Richard Colclough, Maryborough, 46886654.
5. Ross Phillips has suffered setbacks to his recovery recently, and will be moving to rehab at Corinda in the near future.
6. Bill Short is investigating distributors in China, and enquires whether any member has contacts able to assist with import.
7. Bill White's RMB back on the road
8. Ian Henderson is using and improving Jack's mini.
9. Dick Self passed away 7th October.
10. Ray intends rebuilding his Pathfinder's suspension over Christmas.
11. Wendy's Nine engine assembly is progressing.

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Secretary's Email: mgwfrench@bigpond.com

Know your Executive Committee



Editor of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc – Bill Short
Background – Raised in NSW
Trained as - Shipwright – Naval Architect – Industrial arts Teacher
Career – Teaching – Horticulture - Drafting
Star sign – Gemini
Married to Kay with 3 tall kids, now adults
New Grandfather x 4
Interests and Passions – Vintage cars, family, travel, turning and machining & golf
Dream Car – Morgan 3 wheeler
Currently Working on – My son's 1950 Riley 2½ Litre 2S Roadster.
Future projects – A quiet life
Favourite cuisine – Food
Travel – Seen most of Australia. Some of Hawaii, New Zealand and Malaysia.
Favourite boys' toys – Lathe, mill
Most used words – “Where did I leave that X@1X@!X!!! spanner”.

From Your Committee Members

If members have any soaps, shampoos etc. of the type normally found in motels as we are putting together some small toilet bags to be inserted into the rally bags for next year we have scrounged a fair few but still need more if they could bring them to next meeting would be much appreciated.

Thanks.

Cheers John & Eve Romer

Annual Membership Fees Due !

Please remember that annual fees are due and payable
on **1st January 2012.**

Make life easier for the Treasurer by paying promptly.

Annual membership is still only **\$35.00.**

Note if you first joined after 1st October 2011, you are financial
until 31st December 2012

You may pay by cash or cheque in person to Treasurer,
cheque by mail to Treasurer at 39 Third Avenue, Sandgate, 4017,
or by direct deposit to. Riley Motor Club Qld Inc,
BSB 124001, Account 10010987

(please email lindenthomson@optusnet.com.au to advise, and
include your name and 'membership' in deposit details.)

Dick Self

1913—2011



Members of the Queensland Riley Club were saddened to hear of the death in October of long time member Dick Self at the grand age of 98.

Dick restored his much loved RMB in 1982, and he and his wife Earla were regular starters in all our events for many years. A keen motorcyclist and racer in his early years he was an inspiration to all the younger members with his boundless energy and seemingly never aged. Dick sold his car to a fellow club member in 1994, when the steering got a little heavy, but still drove his little Honda to club meetings for many years after.

He was a past President, a regular contributor to the Newsletter (*'Rileytively Speaking by Dick's Elf'*) and when he and Earla retired to an aged-care home on the Gold Coast some years ago they still kept their ties with the club. We have a fond memory of Dick sitting in RMB 50 on his 97th birthday saying, "I made that wood rimmed steering wheel."

Dick will be sadly missed by the club and his family, but will remain a shining example of how to enjoy life.



Here is the last column Dick penned for the TorqueTube of August, 2001:

Rileytively Speaking. by Dick's elf.

I don't do much talking these days, but indulge in a bit of reminiscing instead. Trying to understand what makes people like myself become involved in old cars and other machinery, one word stood out – FASCINATION. I can remember as a toddler, anything that functioned at all demanded investigation. In my outer (then) London suburban street of some 200 families there was only one car - a Studebaker hardtop. Everybody walked or rode a bike, like my father. A ride in a solid-tyred open top deck bus was an adventure in spite of the 12 mph maximum speed, but I knew just what the driver was doing and what the few controls were for.

Arriving in Brisbane in 1926 aged 12, I had my first ride in a motor car - an Oldsmobile tourer. From then on wheels were my life. Push bikes, motor bikes, cars, trucks, buses, I rode, rebuilt, repaired, designed and raced them, and ended up with a RILEY.

The common factor among the early vehicles was that they were often designed by enthusiasts and built by dedicated craftsmen who took pride in their work. The number of people involved with early vehicles is evidence of the continuation of the fascination with the results of human creativity and the urge to have a go themselves. Modern products designed by computers, built by robots, are super efficient, durable and satisfying to use, but nothing can compare with the pleasure derived from driving an old banger you have brought back to life yourself.

In the 10 years or so we owned RMB 50, Earla and I had some memorable experiences, not the least of which was displaying at Expo 88, along with Norm Evans and his immaculate RMA 50, and other top British cars

We still have a Riley in the family - a great grand nephew, and we gave him a couple of Riley mugs. He lives on a farm among trucks, tractors, cane harvesters and a big workshop, and RMB 50 was a popular visitor there, so he may catch the bug one day. I just hope I live to see that day.

In the meantime we will (hopefully) continue to enjoy the companionship of the Riley Club members, and being able to be associated with the wonderful Riley cars.

Up And Coming Events.

The 2011 National Rally Countdown

September 2011	October 2011	November 2011	December 2011	January 2012	February 2012	23 rd March 2012
✓	✓	✓	✓	HAVE I PUT THE PISTON BACK IN THE BLOCK	HAVE I WRITTEN MY LIMERICK	NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIND THE KEYS

Rileys in Toowoomba, 2012

Plans are well under way for a fantastic National Riley event in Toowoomba, March 23rd – 26th 2012. Entries are coming in and the organising team thank you for your early responses. We expect upwards of 60 cars from all over Australia. If you have not been to a National Rally before, either in Queensland or the other States, I urge you to consider attending. The event is extremely welcoming and a lot of fun with the topic of conversation – you guessed it – Rileys! Several our Queensland Riley Members will be coming down from Townsville and there are other folk braving the Nullarbor to travel from Perth and surrounds. So distance is no obstacle to Riley owners! If your Riley is not up to the trip for one reason or another (under restoration etc) or if you yearn to own a Riley one day, you are most welcome to attend in your modern vehicle.

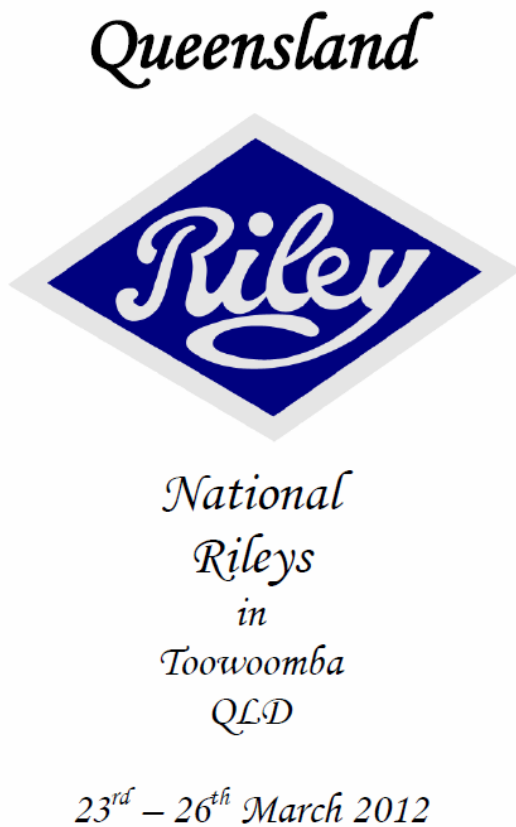
Please put your mind to composing an ode/limerick to present in Toowoomba – maybe whilst you are fortified with Christmas “cheer”! We are hopeful that each State/Territory will have at least 2 masterpieces to offer. These can be either amusing (hilarious) or tragic and probably car/Riley related. We all have stories to tell of our Rileys and associated adventures.

We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas season and that 2012 will be all that you hope it will be. I wonder if Santas elves make riley conrods in Santas workshop?

If you need clarification of the Toowoomba program or require an entry form, please contact kenlonie@bigpond.com.

Ken and Wendy Lonie 44 Benecke Road. Maleny, Qld 4552 07 5494 3323 0409 613 231 0417 857 07

Toowoomba Program



PROGRAM

DATE	TIME	WHAT	WHERE
Fri, 23 rd	2pm onwards	Arrival & Registration	City Golf Club 254 South Street Toowoomba 4350
Fri, 23 rd	6.30pm for 7pm	Welcome Dinner	City Golf Club
Sat, 24 th	TBA	Guided Coach Tour around Toowoomba including M- tea at Picnic Point	Leaves from City Golf Club - Riley carpark
Sat, 24 th	Midday	Rally out to Rudds Pub at Nobby for lunch	Leaves from City Golf Club - Riley carpark
Sat, 24 th	2pm onwards	Free time to see attractions	Nobby
Sat, 24 th	3pm	Drive to Glengallan Homestead for self- guided tour	Glengallan Homestead
Sat, 24 th	6.30pm for 7pm	Dinner	City Golf Club
Sun, 25 th	9am	Scenic drive to Jondaryan Woolshed for M- tea, Lunch, shearing demo and autokhana	Leaves from City Golf Club - Riley carpark
Sun, 25 th	4pm	Return to Toowoomba via scenic route	
Sun, 25 th	6.30pm for 7pm	Presentation Dinner	City Golf Club
Mon, 26 th	8.30-10.30am	Farewell Breakfast	Toowoomba Historic Car Clubhouse

Times are subject to change

From The Captain

November Run

Warm, dry conditions ushered in a run beginning with a brunch at the famous Yatala Pie Shop.

Then onward and upward for a group including a Riley Nine, Lynx, RME and four RMB's, climbing Mt Tamborine to a boutique brewery in Eagle Heights. All cars made the steep, windy climb comfortably. After checking out the interesting Eagle Heights shopping, we retreated back to the Mount Tamborine boutique brewery to test the local brew and lunch.

We welcomed new members Jeff, Tamara and Zane in their lovely RME.

Riley Club Christmas Party

December Christmas Run

Again this year we will be guests of Wendy and Ken Lonie at their home at:- 44 Benecke Rd, Maleny 4552. Please help Wendy & Ken plan by phoning them on 075 494 3323 if you intend to attend.

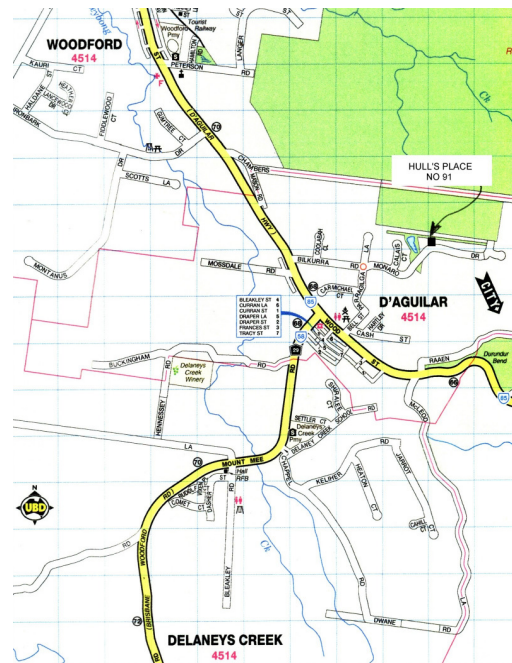
Wendy would appreciate if members could bring a salad or sweet, or both.

Meeting place for a morning cuppa is the home of Robin & Barbara Hull :- 91 Monaco Place, D'Aguliar. Phone 075 496 4953

Please Note this is a Saturday, 10th December. (NOT OUR USUAL SUNDAY RUN)

Meet at Barbara & Robins home 10am, arrive at Wendy & Ken's home 12-00.

Hope to see you all.



The Trip To Tambourine

The monthly Riley Rally for November attracted 7 Rileys and their owners for a great day out. The weather was perfect and the famous Yatala Pie shop was the meeting place where we assembled and enjoyed morning tea. We were joined by new Members, Geoff, Tamara and Zane in their newly acquired 1955 RME.

This resulted in a fair bit of excitement as the RME was an import from Victoria and a welcome addition to our Queensland fleet. After Yatala, we drove up to Tambourine Mountain which is quite a challenge for our vehicles – all passed with flying colours. Some of us wandered through Tambourine Village and enjoyed the many shops and galleries and then met for lunch at the new and grand Tambourine Beer & Cheese facility. The boutique beers and cheeses were sampled and given the tick of approval. Thanks to Bill and Maria for a great Rally

Editors Note

I have just spent two weeks in Auckland babysitting my two grandchildren. Had a great time but need a holiday to get over it. There is a reason for having children before you reach your sixties.

It is quite an eye-opener to see the variety of different car models that we just don't see in Australia. There are a lot more compact and small runabouts in New Zealand. I guess that the petrol price of upwards \$2.40 / litre may have a lot to do with it.

We still need many more contributions to the magazine. I can't do all myself and without your help the magazine will become stale and very predictable. So get your fingers writing, typing and clicking the camera buttons so that a lively and interesting magazine will result.

We still have people signing up for the emailing of the Torque Tube which is great but we still need to get more to cut our running costs. If you haven't yet signed up, please do so if you can be reached by email.

The best for the Festive Season to all Club Members and their families.

Bill.

For Sale



1954 RILEY PATHFINDER.

Car has been completely restored and is in excellent condition.

Detailed History of Restoration of Car available on request.

The car comes with plenty of spares.

Currently on Club Concessional Registration for the ACT.

Price: \$12,000.00 ono

Contact: Martin Cave

0400 710 930 (Mobile)

1927 Riley Hood.

Very good , as new condition.

Contact – Richard Colclough

Ph 46 886654 (Maryborough)

Conrods

I have three remaining sets of RMB 2.5 litre conrods complete with shell bearings available for sale. These sets were manufactured from modern steel specs, are stronger and lighter than the originals and the big ends are angled as in the Pathfinder conrods to enable withdrawal through the bore. They have been manufactured to suit the readily available 4B1535 shells which are used on Mitsubishi diesels. The Pathfinder shells are now no longer readily available. The 4B1535 shells are to suit a 60 mm shaft and are available in 10, 20, 30,40 and 50 thou oversize. These rods and shells are available at cost of \$1,760 a set, including GST. Contact Ken Lonie on 07 5494 3323 or 0409 613 231.

1968 Riley Kestrel 1300.

Received a bare metal
2 pack re-spray in 2004.
Fitted with Cooper gearbox.
Hardened seat valves.
Leather Seats. Lambswool seat covers to front.
Too many spares to list, - which were dismantled
from rusty Kestrel bound for the tip!
Currently on ACT Historic plates.
\$9500 ono.
Contact Frank Airey.

Ph 02 6292 6205. Email franka@pcug.org.au

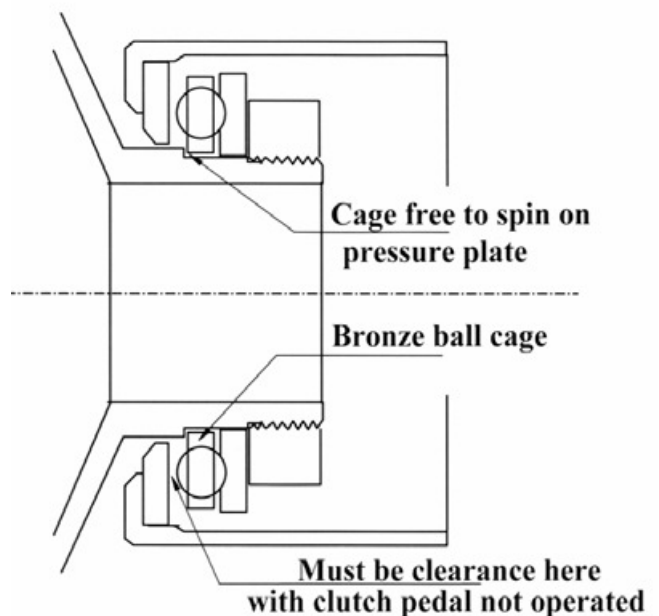


Helpful Tips For The Pre-War Owner

'9' CLUTCH WITHDRAWAL BEARING

A detail which isn't published in any of the literature is how to assemble the above mentioned item. The special bearings are available from our club's spares to order and its important that they are set up correctly. The flat surfaced half is a tight press fit in the withdrawal housing and the idea is that with the clutch engaged the balls are not in contact with it. Tighten the nut to the point that the cage is free to rotate with a small clearance on the step in the pressure plate extension. Don't forget to fit the locking screw. Adjust the clutch linkage to give the necessary clearance as shown. RM owners should note that these clutches are released by directly pulling the pressure plate back against the clutch springs and are not similar to their modern cars.

Courtesy Noel Wyatt (Blue Diamond)



THE 2011 RILEY MOTOR CLUB QLD ELECTED COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	Ken Lonie	07 5494 3323
VICE PRESIDENT:	Alan Hill	07 3289 1063
SECRETARY:	Matthew French	07 3353 0532
TREASURER:	Linden Thomson	07 3139 1524
CLUB CAPTAIN:	Bill White	07 3289 4282
SPARE PARTS OFFICER:	Jack Warr	07 3378 3541
ASSISTANT SPARE PARTS OFFICER:	Graham Mackay	0418 719 039
REGISTRAR:	Matthew Schooneveldt	07 3263 1986
EDITOR:	Bill Short	07 3886 7236

What Model is this? Know your Riley.



Your Answer To What Model ? Know your Riley.



Riley 2½ Continental. (1937-39)

Chassis Types 38BX, 38CX

ENGINE

4cyl ohv
 RAC rating 16.07hp
 Bore 80.5 Stroke 120
 Compression Ratio 6.1:1
 Capacity 2443 cc
 82bhp at 4300rpm
 Carburation SU / Zenith

TRANSMISSION

3-speed dual overdrive gearbox.
 3rd o/d Gear ratio 3.97:1
 3rd g/r 5.5:1
 2nd o/d g/r 6.15:1
 2nd g/r 8.25:1
 1st g/r 14.3:1
 Reverse 17.87:1
 SUSPENSION
 Semi-Elliptical

BRAKES

Girling mechanical rod with wedge operated shoes
 16" Drums.

PERFORMANCE

0-50mph 14.9secs
 Max speed 87mph
 Fuel Consumption
 25/34mpg

DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase 9'8.5" (aprx 2930mm)
 Track 4'3" (aprx 1290mm)
 Length 14'11" (aprx 4510mm)
 Width 5'3" (aprx 1580mm)
 Fuel Tank 11½ galls
 Wheels Magna wire
 3.25x18"
 Tyres 5.25x18
 Weight 29cwt

PRICE

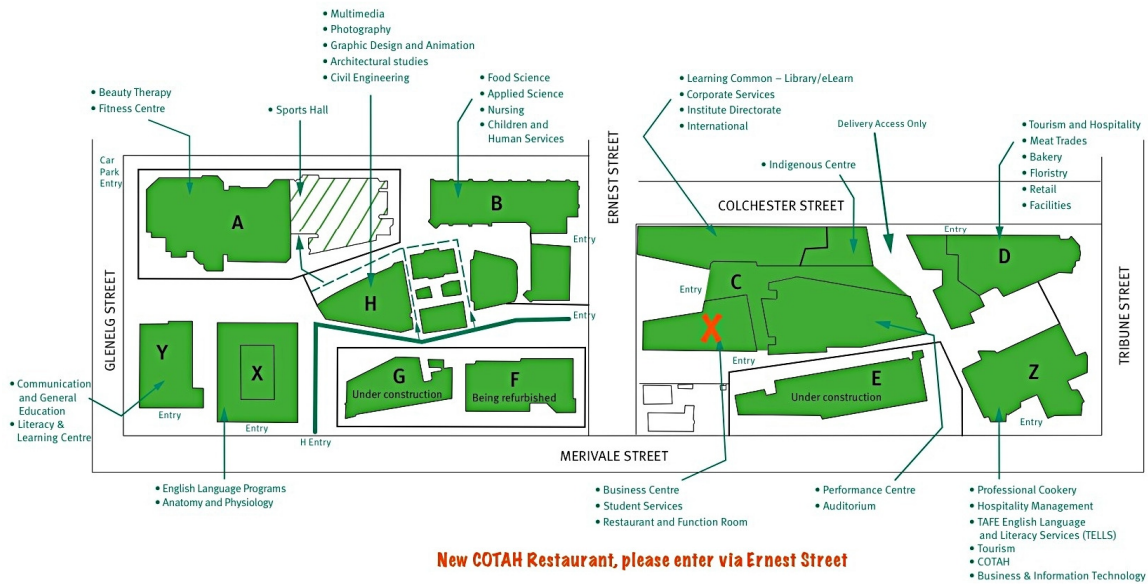
£415

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED ON THE BACK YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER INVITATION.

Please return the tear off slip by Tuesday 10th December.

Southbank Institute of Technology

Southbank Campus



Christmas Dinner



Members of the Riley Motor Club Qld., their families and friends, and all interested in the Riley marque, are invited to attend the 2011 Annual Dinner and Club Xmas Dinner on Tuesday 20th December.

Where: 66 on Ernest
Level 2, Block C
Southbank Institute of Technology – COTAH
cnr Ernest and Colchester Streets
South Brisbane

Time: 6:00 pm for pre-dinner drinks;
6:30 pm seated for Dinner (depart by 9:30 pm.)
drinks with dinner one bill per table.

Cost: \$40.00 per person, to be paid in full by 10th December
R.S.V.P. by 10th December by mail to
Linden Thomson
39 Third Avenue
Sandgate 4017
Or by phone to 07 3139 1524 or 0419 175 083
Or by email to lindenthomson@optusnet.com.au



To: Riley Motor Club Qld Inc
c/- Linden Thomson
39 Third Avenue
Sandgate 4017

I/we wish to attend the 2010 Annual/Xmas Dinner.
There will be person(s) in the party.
Special dietary requirements are

Payment of \$..... (\$40.00 per person) is enclosed.

Name(s)

Address

Contact details

