

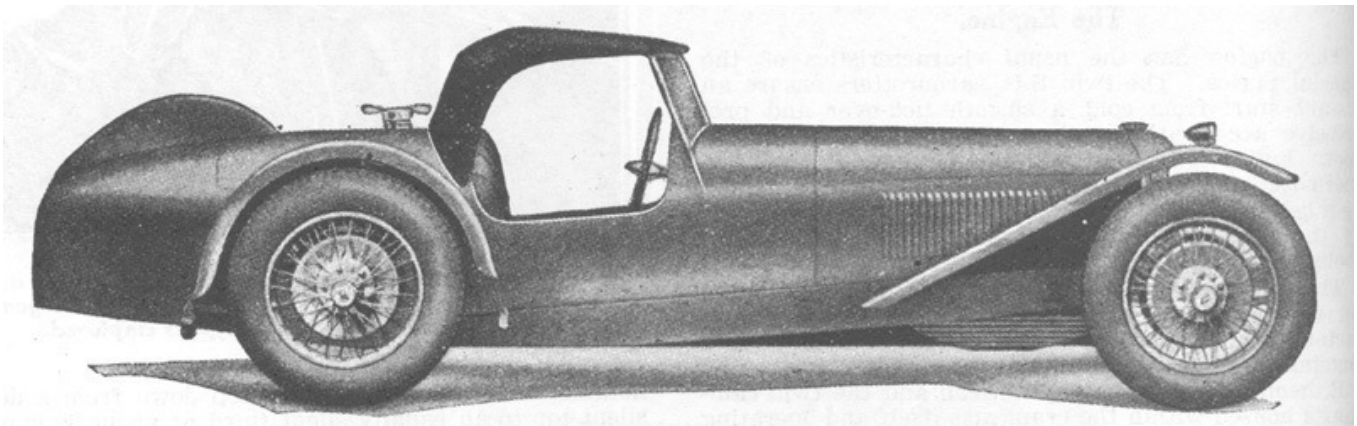


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Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc February 2013

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What a Beast

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Next Meeting:
Thursday, 14th February 2013.
Girl Guide Hut
Corner Pullen & Osborne Roads
Everton Park

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Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Riley Motor Club, Qld. Inc. held at the

Girl Guide Hut, Corner Pullen & Osborne Roads, Everton Park, Thursday 9th February, 2012.
Meeting opened by President Ken Lonie at 8.02 pm with 21 members present.

Apologies:

Ross & Dianne Phillips, Pat & Betty Elliott, Jack Warr, Graham Mackay, Simon & Helga Schooneveldt.

Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting:

Moved: Bill White, Seconded Sheila Hill that the Annual General Meeting Minutes be accepted.
Carried.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Nil.

Auditor's Report for the year 2011:

To be advised in the next Newsletter.

Office of Fair Trading:

No request received from the Office of Fair Trading.

President's Report:

Ken briefly outlined his report to the meeting. Copy will be found in the March Newsletter.

Conrod Trophy:

Bill White presented the Conrod Trophy to Bill Short for his club activities during the year, including editorship of the Torque Tube.

Election of Committee Members for 2012:

Bill White has been negotiating use of a building at the previous CSIRO site at Samford. Ken proposed the position of shed co-coordinator. Carried.

Ken declared all positions vacant and requested member Brian Jackson to take the chair for the election of the new committee.

Position	Nominated	Nominated	By Seconded	Elected
President	Ken Lonie	Alan Hill	Lyn Jackson	Elected
Vice President	Alan Hill	Ken Lonie	Ian Henderson	Elected
Secretary	Matthew French	Bill White	Alan Hill	Elected
Treasurer	Linden Thomson	Ken Lonie	Matthew S.	Elected
Club Captain	Robin Hull	Ken Lonie	Sheila Hill	Elected
Editor	Bill Short	Bill White	Gary Britton	Elected
Spare Parts	Jack Warr	Matthew S.	Ken Lonie	Elected
Ass Spare Parts	Graham Mackay	Bill White	Linden Thomson	Elected
Registrar	Matthew Schooneveldt	Wendy Lonie	Lyn Jackson	Elected
Web Coordinator	Linden Thomson	Alan Hill	Ken Lonie	Elected
Shed	Bill White	Gary Britton	Trevor Judd	Elected

Elected Officers present took up their positions.

Other Business: Robin Hull moved Jack Warr be awarded life membership. Seconded Bill Short.
Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Minutes of the OGM of the Riley Motor Club, Qld., Inc. held at the

Girl Guide Hut, Corner Pullen & Osborne Roads, Everton Park, Thursday 13th December, 2012.

Meeting opened by President Ken Lonie at 8.01 pm with 15 members and guests present.

Apologies: Ross & Dianne Phillips, Jeff Jones, Jack Warr, John Romer.

Minutes from previous meeting: Moved Sheila Hill, seconded by Bill White, that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from minutes: Apology from Ray & Bev Burrows and Dorothy Cameron omitted.

Inwards correspondence:

1. Flyer for BVRC Australia Day rally, 26th January, addressed to the Classic Jap Car Club.
2. Flyer for Ormiston Swap, 24th March.
3. Application for membership from Stephen Marsh, Upper Caboolture with a pathfinder.
4. Flyer for Oceanview Estates Winery.
5. Invitation for Australia Day rally, 26th January at the Samford District Historical Museum.
6. QHMC minutes.
7. Magazines SRE newsletters, Blue Diamond, Riley Rattles, Crank, Gazette.

Outwards correspondence:

1. Membership acceptance to Stephen Marsh.

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

Treasurer's report for November 2012:

Balance as per Bank Statement, 1 November 2012		\$ 3593.30CR
Income		
Shed donations	\$ 300.00	
Interest	\$ 0.41	\$ 300.41
Expenditure		
Shed expenses	\$ 30.00	
Rental – Room November EPGG	\$ 40.00	\$ 70.00
Balance as per Bank Statement, 30 th November 2012		\$ 3658.49CR

Moved by Linden Thomson that his report be accepted, seconded Bill Short. Carried.

Club captain's report: As per magazine due to the C.C. being on holiday.

- December- Christmas party at the club shed was a very good day.
January - 20th President's Rally with morning tea at Redbank , lunch at Ipswich
 26th Australia Day Rally at the Samford District Historical Museum.
February - Perhaps to Coominya for lunch.
April 18-23 Rally to Rockhampton.

Spare parts report: Distributors left China 8 days ago.

If any person wants alloy wheels for a RM, talk to Bill Short as his research has found a set of 5 of 16" x 7" wheels and tyres for \$1600.

Registrar's report: Work in progress.

Editor's report: Bill has been contacted by Leigh Johnson who wants an article about Jack Warr for the SA National Rally magazine. Does any person have problems or articles for the magazine? Any feedback to others problems?

Website co-ordinator's report: 2nd hand and new parts list proposed improvements over the next few months. Linden is actively working on a new more functional version that will have more information.

Shed Coordinator: Was a good venue for the party. Perhaps repaint the kitchen next year. All donations will be accepted while there is space to store them.

General business:

1. The National Rally entry forms are expected to be sent out from S.A. February.
2. Seatbelt laws will change in 2013 to allow 7-16 y.o. children to ride in pre-1969 cars without wearing a seat belt.

Meeting closed: 9.20pm

Secretary's Email: mgwfrench@bigpond.com

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Nominations For Committee Positions

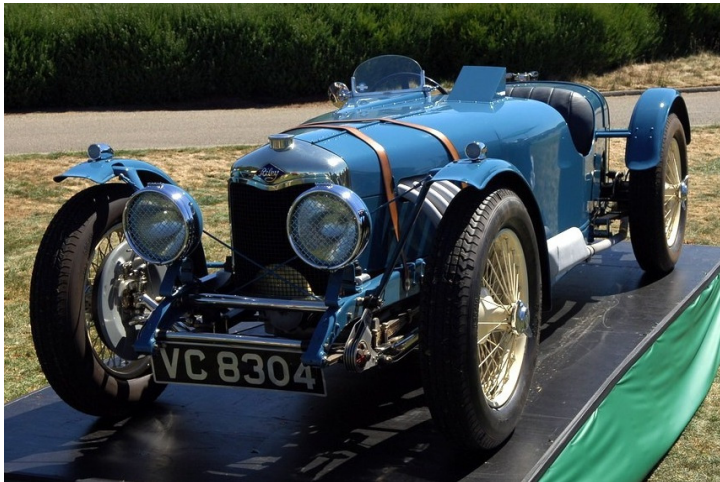
Our AGM for 2013 will be held at 8 pm on 14th February, 2013 immediately prior to our next Ordinary monthly meeting. Our Constitution requires that the AGM is held within three months of the close of the financial year and the financial year ends on 31st December.

The Management Committee hereby calls for nominations for the positions of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Club Captain
- Torque Tube Editor
- Spare Parts Manager
- Assistant Spare Parts Manager
- Registrar
- Web Master
- Club Shed Coordinator

Please forward any nominations, duly seconded by a club member, to the secretary, prior to the annual general meeting. For any positions without prior seconded nominations, nominations will be called from the floor at the meeting.

Ken Lonie
President



Riley Brooklands

2013 National Rattle of Rileys

Entry forms for the 2013 National Rattle of Rileys, together with those for the pre-event activities and Rileys through the Red Centre are being finalised right now. I am not sure what the cut-off deadlines are for your newsletters but we hoped that these entry forms could be included in your next issues. The problem is that I doubt that the paperwork will reduce very much beyond an A3 double-sided sheet or equivalent. Emailing the information would be the best way to get it out but I realise many members may not use internet. As this is the annual national Riley event and it is in the interest of all Australian Riley owners I expect that you will be happy to distribute the information, but I did think that you should know in advance and be able to plan for it. If there is a cost we need to pay, please let us know.

South Australia looks forward to catching up with our interstate friends once again and making new acquaintances. I expect that the weather will be very cold here in August, but at least the hospitality will be warm.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards,

Beverley Wilson

President of Riley Motor Club of SA Inc.

Club Captain's Report

The President's run was well patronized with more than ten cars attending .The day was very warm and if your car did not overheat (and to my knowledge none did) then that was a fairly good test .Most of us had a little difficulty in finding our way to the Pan Pacific Peace Gardens but eventually all prevailed. Dianne Phillips was able to join us but unfortunately Ross did not, apparently Ross is putting on weight and that surely is a good thing. We all wish him well and hope to see both Ross and Di join us on a run shortly .After a lovely morning tea we proceeded to Queens park for lunch and a good natter. The people at the information center were most helpful and provided us with a verbal history of the park and some literature about Ipswich.

The Australia day's events would seem to have all been washed out.

Coming Events

February

Sunday 17th Lunch run to Bribie, depart from the BP service center on the West side of the highway South of Caboolture. Departure time is 11.00am (time for a coffee beforehand).

March

Sunday 13th A breakfast run and then lunch at the shed, where Jack Warr will be presented with his life membership of the Club.

April

Thursday 18th to Tuesday 23rd the Rockhampton Rally, details as per the January Torque Tube.

May

Saturday 18th Sunday 19th MacLean's bridge at Lakeside.

June

Sunday 2nd to Sunday 9th The Nambour rally incorporating the QHMC rally enquiries 5476 1334 or email secretary@scacc.org.au

July

Sunday 14th RACQ Motorfest.

August

The Rattle of Rileys, details as per January's Torque Tube.

October

19th 20th Centenary of Canberra rally.

Shed Report

It was raised at a previous meeting, that the Riley Club could be used as a venue for meetings. It was decided that any decision be deferred to The Annual General Meeting. If you could please consider your views on such a move and bring them along to the meeting.

Bill White

Editors Note

You will notice that in this month edition that the meeting minutes have been repeated. This is simply to get everybody aware of the Annual General Meeting being held this month. Please attend as your views are vital to the running of your club. We need as big a cross-section of our members to attend so decisions made reflect your views.

Hope to see you there.

Cheers.

Bill.

(My) Life with an RMB

In 1966, while working as a vacation student in the local Post Office sorting Christmas Mail, I meet a slightly older person who drove a red 1948 RMB. It was fairly tatty as I recall, however it looked and sounded nice and I thought that I would like one some day.

The following Christmas while working at a local timber yard, assisting with rebuilding a brick lined timber drying kiln I got to know the owner of an immaculate black RMA, who as it turned out had just purchased a Brooklands from someone living on the Mornington Peninsula. During this period we got talking and he revealed that his father had a one owner 1948 RMB which I could purchase. Apparently it had a few minor dents and a run big end bearing and had covered 248,000 miles.

After inspecting the car and handing over \$200 the car turned up at my house where it resided for the next 3-4 years. During this period the following works were undertaken:-

1. Engine rebuild including new pistons, valves, and white metal bearings.
2. New clutch and pressure plate
3. Master cylinder, wheel cylinder and flexible hose replacement
4. Rear springs reset (which looked really awful)
5. Repaint from Green to Maroon (unfortunately not a really good job)
6. Replacement door linings, and
7. Tidy up of interior.

After all this the car finally beat me, and as I was still a student with competing priorities I decided it was time for a sale. The engine ran well and I managed a couple of sneaky drives before it went to another home. I think I got about \$300 for it which I could use for other purposes (building VW's).

During my ownership I was a member of the Victorian Riley Club and I still have many old foolscap size Blue Diamond's tucked away.

Incidentally all the mechanical refurbishment was undertaken by Repco, who at the time seemed very knowledgeable on the subject – probably not the case now. I did all the assembly myself much to the amusement of all.

I always regretted selling the car as I felt I had not quite finished before it beat me and I resolved to get another at some time.

Some 40yrs later the urge finally got the better of me as circumstances changed, and I looked up the Riley Qld site and subsequently contacted Alan Hill in about June 2009 to ask if he knew of any RMB's for sale. Alan put me onto Pat and Betty Elliott whom he advised had just decided to part with their 1950 RMB.

I was looking for a basically sound car that was presentable and could be slowly upgraded if necessary over time. The Elliott's car was exactly what I was looking for, so after a couple of trips to Coominya the car and a trailer load of stuff was mine.

The trip from Coominya to the Sunshine Coast was uneventful, other than running out of petrol and having to hang my hat over the oil pressure gauge to prevent becoming too paranoid when the engine was idling.

I decided to fully register the vehicle and managed to find a very sympathetic safety certificate issuer who provided the certificate on the proviso that certain things were undertaken in the not too distant future. As result I had a fully registered RMB which I could work on as the urge took me.

Since that time I have undertaken the following:-

1. Re-bushing wishbones, left side only at this stage (Safety Cert requirement)
2. Replaced front brake linings and drums machined
3. Rear drums machined
4. Master cylinder kit fitted
5. Flexible brake lines replaced
6. Adjusted brake linkages
7. Water pump bearings and seal replaced (the downside to this is that I can now hear other noises that could not be heard over the water pump)
8. Replace steering rack boots with wraps of vinyl and cable ties which has now worked Ok for 3 years
9. Fitted two Lukey mufflers

10. Fitted 4 new radial tyres and wheel balance.
11. Partial refurbishment of interior woodwork
12. Strengthened rotten lower windscreen timber.
13. Replaced windscreen rubbers (cracked the left windscreen in the process)
14. Replaced clutch activating rod with a cable
15. Replaced accelerator linkages with cable
16. Fitted foam filter into the original air filter body
17. Replaced headlight switch after a small fire under the dash
18. Fitted replacement front seats
19. Adjusted valve clearances
20. Adjusted ignition timing and replaced points and coil
21. Removed sump and found internals of the engine to be spotless
22. Servicing and replacement of gearbox and diff oils with Lucas Oil, seeking a quieter life.
23. Compression test @ about 115-117psi
24. Replaced boot lid seal rubber
25. Repaired boot lock
26. Upgraded indicator lights.
27. Rebuilt generator from parts after deliberating the merits of fitting an alternator
28. Replaced leaking welsh plug in cylinder head.
29. Purchase of spare diff and torque tube and refurbishment before fitting including:
 - new diff bearings,
 - RH wheel bearing,
 - rear pinion sealed bearing,
 - trunnion sealed bearing
 - trunnion rubbers.

The replacement of the trunnion rubbers was not an exact science, as I needed to source various rubbers which required modification before fitting, however all now seems well. Since replacing the trunnion rubbers, the rear brakes are now far more effective with less pedal travel as excess movement has now been removed from the mechanical linkages.

Throughout all this fiddling I have tried different engine oils and have found that Penrite HPR 30 seems to offer the best pressure when the engine is really hot and it also allows pressure to build up fairly quickly on cold starts. At this stage the lowish oil pressure has not manifested itself in any problems, so hopefully all is Ok. I do however have another engine which could be a possible candidate for an overhaul in the not too distant future.

At the moment everything seems to be ok. Will see what happens when the sun gets up tomorrow but so far so good!

Regards

Mark Baldock



Presidents Rally

The 2013 Presidents Run was held in Ipswich this year, hoping a rally close to home may be suitable for Ross Philips to attend. Unfortunately Ross was unable to join us as he continues to battle serious health issues but Di came which was a bonus.

11 Rileys, 4 of which were pre-war, 1 modern, 22 riley folk and 2 dogs met at the Redbank Pan Peace Park. Most of us found "innovative" ways of getting to the destination with Brian J and his girls, Lyn and Anne going via the Wacol mental asylum!! However tricky it was to locate the Park, it was perfect for our morning tea. It was a scorching hot day, but we set up in a large Park shelter with cool breezes wafting through over a lake. As Riley folk do, we were pleased to meet up again after the Christmas break with everyone indulging in a talk fest! Interestingly the common theme of "chat" seemed to be Rileys or parts thereof!! It was especially nice to see Trevor and Wendy Judd back into the fold.

After morning tea we meandered back to our cars and agreed to follow Di (who is a local) in her red Mazda sports car. Well we all know that red cars go very fast and combined with many red lights between our morning tea park and Queens Park where we were expected for lunch, the majority of us got lost and after a phone call, Di had to come to where we were and lead us to the "proper" spot. The picnic lunch was enjoyed by all before we set off to Di's home for more conversation, afternoon tea and airconditioning!!

Thanks to all who attended, a most enjoyable day with Riley Friends.

See 8 pictures below.





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:	Robin Hull	07 54964953
SPARE PARTS OFFICER:	Jack Warr	07 3378 3541
ASSISTANT SPARE PARTS OFFICER:	Graham Mackay	0418 719 039
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EVENT 1

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EVENT 2

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- **Restoration Aid Centre** ... where enthusiasts working on a restoration can talk to experts for helpful hints.
- **Stalls and Displays** ... the leading parts and service providers to the classic car community, and local sports car manufacturers.
- **Award Presentations** ... all winners from the two days will be the stars of an award ceremony on the track.
- **'Happy Laps'** ... available only to cars in the Club/ Marque displays, an opportunity to use the track with normal safety considerations and no additional charge.

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Spectators for the InterClub Regularity Championship (18/5/13) . . . \$10. (Free parking)

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For Sale And Wanted

Wanted:-

2 off 4 1/2 " x 16" rims to suit a 2 1/2 Riley .
Malcolm Bailey
8 Danalene Parade
Corlette 2315
N.S.W.
0418462005

For Sale

Electronic Distributors

The long awaited electronic distributors for the RMB are now ready. The price is \$70 each (plus delivery costs). The distributor is ready for fitting fit but without the drive cog, which you will need to supply. A suitable roll pin and o-ring will also be supplied.

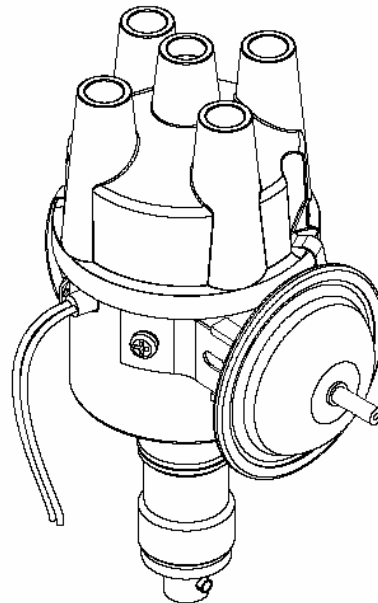
When I asked the manufacturers what coil we should use, this was their reply:-

"The coil needs to have a resistance of above 1.5 ohms so a standard points coil (blue Bosch) or Sports coil is fine, we can also supply these for you if you want us to match one for you."

Ken Lonie has been running a Bosch GT40 with the test unit and has had no problems, so that is probably the way to go.

If you would like to purchase one then get in while they are still available. 50 were purchased and at this early stage, 8 have definitely gone.

Bill Short.



Drawings by Bill Short