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Jack Warr Receiving His Life Membership Certificate

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Next Meeting:

Thursday, 11th April 2013.

Club Shed

Ex CSIRO grounds Samford

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

held at the Girl Guide Hut, Corner Pullen & Osborne Roads, Everton Park, Thursday 14th March, 2013.

Meeting opened by President Ken Lonie at 8.05 pm with 18 members and guests present.

Apologies: Ross & Dianne Phillips, Del Thomson, Mal & Sue King, Jack Warr.

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

Business arising from minutes: Nil.

Inwards correspondence:

1. Membership renewal from Bill Donovan.
2. Letter from Lois Archer.
3. Invitation to Summerlands, again.

Outwards correspondence:

1. Nil.

Moved by Matthew French seconded by Alan Hill that the inwards correspondence be received. Carried.

Treasurer's report for February 2013:

Balance as per Bank Statement, 1 February 2013

\$ 5001.03CR

Income

Membership & joining fees	\$ 535.00
Shed sales	50.00
Distributor sales	90.00
Interest	<u>\$ 0.57</u>
	\$ 1380.46

Expenditure

Room rent	40.00
Expenses Bill Short	362.70
Expenses Linden Thomson	112.07
Shed expenses	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
	\$ 529.77

Balance as per Bank Statement, 28th February 2013

\$ 5146.83CR

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

Club captain's report:

April 18-23 Rally to Rockhampton.
May 11/12 Dalby rally

Spare parts report: Nil.

Registrar's report: Nil.

Editor's report: Bill is concerned about members currently receiving an electronic magazine copy and wanting to change to a paper copy without a valid reason. Alan Hill moved that the club continue with electronic magazines, with a surcharge of \$2 plus postage per copy if a printed magazine is required. Seconded Rod Longden. Carried.

Website co-ordinator's report: Could be updated by the next meeting.

Shed Coordinator: Parts still being donated and sold. A cabinet was sourced through a contact of Bill's to display Riley parts of historical interest that have been donated to the club. Bill reported that Sunday went well and everybody appeared to be enjoying themselves. Photos of Rileys welcome to display on the walls.

General business:

1. Ross is currently at home. Contact Di if you wish to visit.

2. Proposal from Wendy Lonie that 30 folding chairs be purchased at \$8 each for use at the club shed. Seconded Bill White. Carried.
3. Shannon's Melbourne auction has a Riley Nine Brooklands Special.

Meeting closed: 9.20pm

Secretary's Email: mgwfrench@bigpond.com

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Club Captain's Report

The breakfast at the Bullocky Rest on the banks of Lake Samsonvale went off very well, it had been raining all of the way from home but stopped in time. It is a lovely spot with plenty of shelters and gas barbecues. The repasts varied from muesli to bacon and eggs. Afterwards we had a leisurely run to the club shed where we were joined by many more persons (over forty) for the main business of the day the presentation to Mr Jack Warr of his life membership of the Riley club.

Coming events

April

The Rockhampton Rally

- Thursday 18th** Meet at Woodford for departure at 9.30 am smoko at Yowie park Kilcoy. To Nanango, Goomeri, and overnight at Gayandah.
- Friday 19th** Depart Gayandah, to Mundubbera, Eidsvold, Monto, Biloela, Dululu, Westwood, Gracemere, to Rockhampton.
- Saturday 20th** Mount Morgan possibly a bus tour etc.
- Sunday 21st** Discover Rockhampton
- Monday 22nd** Depart Rockhampton, the Bruce highway as far as Miriam Vale, then via Rosedale, Bundaberg, to Childers.
- Tuesday 23rd** Depart Childers to Biggenden, Woolooga, Gympie, Kandanga, Woodford, to Brisbane.

May

- Sunday 5th** David Hack Day at Toowoomba airport, Exhibitors \$5 /person max. \$10 per car.
- Saturday 11th Sunday 12th**
 The Dalby rally by the Restored Vehicle Association of Dalby enquiries to Keith or Anne Bartley 0438 104 483.
- Saturday 18th Sunday 19th**
 Maclean's bridge at Lakeside.

June

- Sunday 2nd to Sunday 9th**
 The Nambour rally incorporating the QHMC rally enquiries 54761334 or secretary@scacc.org.au

July

- Sunday 14th** RACQ Motorfest

August

The rattle of Rileys, details as per January's Torque Tube, would intending participants please contact Robin Hull 5496 4953.

September

Sunday 22nd The All British Day

October

19th 20th Centenary of Canberra rally

Swap Meets and Show Events

March

10th Inverell 0427 708 730
17th Redcliffe 0423 031 630
24th Ormiston State School 0408 031 221
29th Easter Van Nationals Caboolture Showgrounds 0438 123 322

April

14th Qld Autospectacular Willowbank raceway \$10 0403 960 584
28th EJ/EH swap Earnshaw College Banyo 0409 671 248

May

1st Truck Show Beenleigh \$5 0417 002 386
2nd Gold Coast Street Dodders 0438 890 929
2nd Old Vintage Swap School road Calabash 0412 076 84

June

9th Swap Binda Ave, Kirsova 0418 885 582
All Japanese Day Earnshaw College Banyo 0416 312 189
16th Mt Cotton Gramzow Rd from 7.30 0438 763 985
Caboolture Show & swap 5495 3312

July

14th Mudgeeraba Showgrounds 0412 958 839
14th RACQ Motorfest
27th Nambour Showgrounds 0412 958 839

August

3rd Rockhampton Showgrounds 0400 781 626
11th Rocklea Showgrounds \$5 0412 183 804
25th Maclean's Bridge 3341 9618

September

14th Gympie Showgrounds 5482 2303
16th Beaudesert Showgrounds 5544 8174
22nd Beenleigh Showground 0411 477 020
29th Rocklea Showground 0418 763 886

Shed Report

Following a club decision to hold the monthly meetings at the club shed, Thursday 11th April will see our first meeting there.

So please make a special effort to attend. Many thanks for members who have given a photo of their Riley to be hung in the meeting room.

This adds to a "Riley good atmosphere". Our elderly refrigerator has expired and we are in need of a replacement.

Bill White.

I Have A Question. Could Somebody Please Answer It?

If you have a question please let the editor know so that we can publish it and get an answer for you. If you have the answer then let us know so we can help our fellow club members.

This Months Question

Telescopic Shockabsorbers

My RMB has had telescopic shockers front and rear for at least 30yrs. Perhaps it is time to renew these venerable shockies to provide the venerable Crew with a more comfortable ride. I am hoping to hear from members who have carried out this exercise.

I suggest we continue this discussion via the Torque Tube so that all venerable members can take part in the discussion.

Bill White.

Editors Note

Hi,

I am sure there must be exiting things happening in the "World of Riley". Please share them with us.

Cheers.

Bill.

Electronic Distributors

1. The electronic distributors supplied by the Riley Club of Queensland are designed to be used only on negative earthed systems. Although the RMA and RMB series Rileys were originally supplied with positive earth systems, most owners have now converted to negative earth. Changing over is quite simple and covered in detail elsewhere.
2. The units are only compatible with a points type coil. Four cylinder engines require the coil to have a minimum resistance of 1.5 ohms.
3. A HE1 or electronic type coil should never be used with this electronic distributor. This type of coil will damage the electronic module in the distributor and will need to be replaced. The Riley Club of Queensland does hold spare electronic modules for these units.
4. The unit is similar to the original points type distributor, in that it is connected to the earth or negative side of the coil and earths the coil to the chassis via the body of the distributor, whenever the electronic module (or points) is closed, to create a spike in the coil and thereby a spark. The only difference is that the electronic module that replaces the points, requires a positive power supply to power up the module. This is obtained from the power supply to the positive side of the coil.
5. In summary, the coil should be installed with the positive wire from the ignition switch connected to the positive side of the coil and the original distributor connected to the negative side of the coil. The red wire from the new distributor should be connected to the positive side of the coil, with the positive wire from the ignition switch.



Ken and Wendy Lonie were the proud recipients of the Queensland Rileys Club Conrod Trophy. This Trophy is presented annually to a person or persons deemed by the Club Captain to have significantly contributed to the health of the Club. Robin Hull presented the trophy to Ken and Wendy for their enthusiasm within the Club, Kens Presidency and the huge workload necessary to stage the National Riley Rally in Toowoomba in 2012. The Trophy has been awarded annually since 1981, a 32 year old history.

COUNCIL NEWS

(from QHMC Special General Meeting February 28, 2013)



2013 QHMC Rally: Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club 50th anniversary week-long celebration in conjunction with the 2013 QHMC Rally in June 2013. Entries are now being taken and enquiries can be directed to SCACC PO Box 362 Nambour 4560. Or the web site- <http://www.scacc.org.au/50thanniversary.html>

Canberra 100 Rally: The Canberra 100 Rally, organised by the National Trust with all profits going to the National Trust, is 19th & 20th October 2013, commencing at Jervis Bay and driving to Canberra. Rally fee – \$125 per vehicle + charge for meals.

Each state and territory council has been encouraged to conduct rallies arriving in Canberra on 18th October 2013 for the national rally. The overall event will be similar to the Shannon's Rally in 2001. http://www.qhmc.org.au/Event_Flyers/Canberra%20100%20Rally.pdf The BaysideVRC is organising a 6 day run from Brisbane to Canberra, joining the rally at Tarago (near Goulburn), and the run will be suitable for most vehicles. See - http://www.baysideclub.org.au/canberra__run.htm -for run information plus you can fill in a web based nomination form.

North Qld. QHMC Rally 2014. Townsville Vintage and Veteran Historical Motor Club will be holding the first North Queensland QHMC rally in conjunction with its Hub Rally over Easter 2014.

Southern Qld, QHMC Rally 2014. As a matter of urgency we need a club to nominate for the 2014 QHMC Rally. This Rally traditionally has been run on the June Long Weekend and we would like this to continue for 2014. Any club wishing to run this event please contact the secretary ASAP.

Additionally, any club wishing to run either the North or South QHMC rally for 2015 could you also contact the Secretary.

DTMR: The problem with the registration of vehicles built prior to 1988 is still on the agenda. The issue is that early vehicles lack the current acceptable VIN number format and the use of original, short number engine and chassis numbers can cause problems and DTMR wish to use surrogate numbers in the current VIN format. Our delegates explained that having the original number is important to the history of the vehicle. Rod will contact agencies in the other states to see if there is a way around the current system which is hampered by NEVDIS, the central stolen motor vehicle recording system.

Rod also suggested that QHMC could do more in the way of information re stolen vehicles. The proposal is for a web based form to be set up with relevant information recorded to identify the vehicle. This information would then be distributed to QHMC clubs via our email network. Rod Graydon is to design the form and set up contacts network.

If you are having difficulties with registrations email Rod Graydon at automarineconsulting@hotmail.com

National Motoring Heritage Day: Clubs are encouraged to conduct events, tours, runs, displays etc on the day (Sunday 19 May 2013) and to notify QHMC so that all clubs are informed.

Seat Belts: QHMC has been informed by the Minister that DTMR is processing an amendment to QRR to reflect national model legislation. The change relates to children from age seven being permitted to travel in vehicles where no seatbelts are fitted and there is no requirement to do so (QRR section 267(1B) applies). The change is expected to occur in 2013. When it becomes law, it will bring Queensland back into line with ARR and the other states and should result in more families participating in the historic vehicle movement.

“Umbrella Councils”, The ACMC and QMSC were discussed at length and from this an information sheet will be sent to all clubs requesting a response. Please spread the information to all your members so that a good understanding of the implications can be achieved. Each club will be asked to indicate their preferred options and the answer can be returned by email or snail mail.

In the interim please view and evaluate the web sites for these 2 organisations.

ACMC NSW is- <http://www.confederationofmotorclubs.org.au/>,

Qld branch meeting report- <http://www.gruntfiles.com.au/index.php/discussions/first-meeting-acmc-qld>

QMSC - <http://qmsc.org.au/index.html>

Committee. The current committee would like people to step forward as committee members to experience how the QHMC runs with the view to having members ‘trained’ for committee positions, including AHMF delegates, well before the AGM. The idea is to have continuity when the main committee positions are changed. “Please Consider.”

QHMC Secretary: Trevor Shields. secretary@qhmc.org.au

THE 2013 RILEY MOTOR CLUB QLD ELECTED COMMITTEE		
PRESIDENT:	Ken Lonie	07 5494 3323
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Jack Warr presentation Day Pictures

New Member

Pictured above is Queensland Rileys newest Member, Lyn Guthrie. Lyn has lived in Nambour for several years and had her feelers out for her "dream car". She saw this lovely 1951 drophead advertised in Western Australia, flew over to see it and has bought it back to Queensland. It is a straight, solid car and only requires some cosmetic work. Soon after Lyn got the car, she had put up the boot which in turn came crashing down onto her head resulting in a trip to the hospital and 4 sutures. She now refers to it as her "Drop-on-Head Riley". The Club welcomes Lyn and hopes she enjoys the Riley Club and her stunning drophead.



RECENT RILEYING in NZ

The NZ Riley Club held its National Rally by having a Tour around the Coromandel Peninsula covering 9 days in all. Registrations were held at the first town to visit, Thames, and later a tour of the Toyota "Signature Class" factory was organised for those interested. This factory refurbishes low mileage vehicles back to 'new' mainly for company fleet cars or rental companies. The next day our Concours was held in a local park and it attracted a lot of locals to walk around and view the line-up. Not only were the cars on view but everyone was asked to get dressed in the period of their car as well.

Another tour was organised through a steel Foundry that has been in business for almost 150 years making a variety of castings for heavy machinery and general engineering. During our tour there were some 'free' days to visit local tourist



spots within each region, and also within that time we had one meal together in each town and one organised Riley event.

The next town to visit was Coromandel for another 3 days, and from where the Road Trial was held to Colville. I consider the Thames to Colville has the most picturesque coastline in the North with its huge Pohutukawa trees and abundant bird life everywhere.

Moving on to Whitianga for another 3 days we had the Gymkhana on a beach reserve and this attracted a lot of attention from the public. About 28 cars attended and as you can see in the photo below the North Island is in drought conditions but for the Riley holiday makers the weather couldn't have been better—horizon to horizon sunshine! Everyday!

Prize giving was held on the Saturday night before reluctantly departing to all parts of the country. Come and join us for the next exciting Tour.



Courtesy NZ Riley Club

For Sale

Ken Hodge 1932 Riley '9' Monaco

Due to the recent unexpected death of Ken Hodge, his pretty little 1932 Riley '9' Monaco saloon 'Gracie', chassis N° 60 19559, engine N° 40588 is to be sold. Ken painstakingly and thoroughly rebuilt the bodywork and mechanicals over many years after purchasing the car from the estate of Frank Mills, brother of Les, who had had some woodwork fitted by the renowned Ozzie Taylor. Ken completed replacement of all body timber work and made and fitted the interior headlining as well as the roof covering. As well as rebuilding the engine and gearbox, Ken fitted a higher ratio postwar 1 ½ litre crown wheel and pinion to give the car longer legs enabling it to cruise at higher road speeds. He replaced the generator with an alternator and the cooling system incorporates a thermostatically controlled electric fan. Ken painted it, with amazing finish results, in a very attractive two tone green and black. The original brown leather seats have excellent patina and are in great condition. Modern bucket front seats are currently fitted to allow long distance travel in comfort. These are easily replaced with the original bench seat (that comes with the car) as no securing modifications have been made. The tyres are new and all work carried out by Ken - a qualified motor mechanic before joining the police force - has been to the highest possible standard with his attention to detail beyond reproach. After rebuilding the car Ken obtained a club permit and used it regularly, recently completing a trip from Melbourne to Perth, stopping only to repair several punctures. This little car will be an asset to be appreciated by anyone wanting a reliable prewar Riley requiring absolutely no additional work. Club permits are not transferable but should be obtainable by the new owner with ease.



For enquiries or to arrange inspection, please telephone John Mole on (03) 9876 2056 or 0438 644 834. Offers in writing addressed to John Mole, PO Box 2191, Ringwood North, 3134, will be considered.

This vehicle will also be offered for sale in other media and the closing date for receipt of offers is 30 April 2013.

Ken Hodge 1950 Riley 2 ½ Litre PY 327 is for sale.

Ken Hodge 1950 - 2 ½ litre Riley Saloon

Due to the recent unexpected death of Ken Hodge, his magnificent Concours winning, and highly desirable 1950 - 2 ½ litre Riley saloon, chassis N° 60 S 6414, engine N° 6414, body N° A 55068 is for sale. Ken kept the bodywork and mechanicals in pristine condition - any minor defect was rectified immediately and the motor, which he rebuilt and fitted with slipper bearings, runs more quietly than any other 2 ½ litre I have heard. The clutch, gear box, and rear axle are in perfect condition and the brake system has been rebuilt. Unless it was perfect it wasn't good enough for Ken. The car is fitted with a heater; the generator has been upgraded to an alternator; the



ignition is electronic as is the fuel pump; the motor has a modern spin on oil filter conversion and the cooling system is fitted with a thermostatically operated electric fan. It is fitted with seat belts, a radio/tape player and the rare optional hinged draught deflectors. Ken replaced all body timber work and the interior headlining as well as the roof covering before painting it in its attractive two tone blue and grey livery. The seats were recovered in red Connolly leather and are in perfect condition with the front two having sheepskin covers protecting them. All work carried out by Ken - a qualified motor mechanic before joining the police force - has been to the highest possible standard and his attention to detail is beyond reproach. He recently replaced the exhaust system with one in stainless steel built to original specifications, and the tyres are new. This car has been garaged for the forty years Ken owned it and was driven by him during that time with unflinching reliability. It is a joy to drive - smooth and quiet with no vibrations or rattles - and the fortunate purchaser will continue to be amazed by unseen modifications that upgrade original weak points to improve reliability and assist with servicing of the car without changing its original appearance. Only on rare occasions does a vehicle of this standard appear for sale. The car is fitted with its original Victorian number plate PY 327 and comes with history of ownership from its date of purchase from Kellow Falkiner in Melbourne.

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For Sale

Briggs bodied Falcon for sale. Ex-French, ex-McKay now Brandt.
Asking \$30 000. Contact me if you want to know more and I can provide more details.

Matthew

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Rod Longden's recently acquire special.