



TORQUE TUBE

Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc May 2013

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What A Motely Riley Crew! Inaugural Central Queensland Rally

Absent from the group photo are Sue and Rod Longden and Stuart and Miriam Paton

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Next Meeting:

Thursday 6 pm for a sausage sizzle. 8pm for the meeting on 9th May, 2013

Club Shed

Ex CSIRO grounds Samford

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Minutes of Riley Club of Qld General Meeting, Held on 11th April , 2013

At the Jack Warr Riley Shed in Samford

1. The President declared the Meeting open at 8.15.
2. **Attendance** –As per attendance sheet. A total of 13 members were in attendance.
3. **Apologies** were received from Ian Henderson, Del Thomson, Ray and Bev Burrows, Lyn and Brian Jackson, Dorothy Cameron, Ross and Di Phillips, Jack Warr and Matthew French.
4. **Minutes** of the General Meeting held on Thursday 14th March, 2013 were circulated. The minutes were moved for adoption as a true and correct record of the meeting by Alan Hill and seconded by Rod Longden, Carried.
5. **Business Arising:** Although it was agreed that the minutes of the previous general meeting reflected what was actually said, it was also agreed that the motion related to sending out electronic copies of the Torque Tube was not what was intended.
To rectify this situation, Alan Hill moved “That upon reflection, collection of a fee for printed copies of magazines is impractical. The Club will continue to distribute electronic copies of magazines, and will send printed copies only to those members who do not have access to electronic media. Seconded Rod Longden. Carried unanimously.

It was also agreed that in future, motions should be read to the meeting prior to them being voted on.

6. **Secretary's Report & Correspondence:**
Outwards: Matthew French had previously extended his apologies for the meeting and advised that the only outwards correspondence was a letter of thanks to C Botting.
Inwards: An application for membership and cheque were received from Lyn Guthrie with her RMD and Matthew will forward her cheque to Linden. Members approved her membership application.
Club Gazettes were received from the Riley clubs in NSW and Victoria.

Ken Lonie moved that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed.
Seconded by Bill White, Carried.

7. **Treasurers Report:** Linden Thomson

Balance as per Bank Statement, 1 March 2013		\$5,146.83 CR
Income		
Joining and membership fees	\$	275.00
Sale of distributors		420.00
Interest		<u>0.55</u>
	\$	695.55
Expenditure		
Shed expenses Moreton Bay RC	\$	30.00
Room Rent March Everton Park Guides		40.00
Presentation to J Warr:		
Frame - Ian Henderson	203.43	
Sundry expenses – W Lonie		93.41
Distributor electronic modules	587.15	
International payment fee		38.97
Sundry exp. Sausage sizzle Sheila Hill	<u>25.00</u>	
		\$ 1,017.96
Balance as per Bank Statement, 31 March 2013		\$4,824.42 CR

Accounts for payment

Linden Thomson moved the adoption of the financial report and payment of accounts. Seconded by Sheila Hill. Carried.

Linden advised that he had now calculated the cost to the club of the 40 new distributors transferred to Spare Parts (Jack Warr) and that \$1,977.49 would now be transferred from the spare parts account to the club account. When the 20 spare electronic modules for the distributors arrive, they will be transferred to the spare parts and the club will be reimbursed for the cost from spare parts.

8. **Report from Club Captain:** Robin Hull reported that the run to Bullockys Rest and the function at the club house had been well attended and a success.
The run for April is the North Queensland Rally to Rockhampton which is outlined in the Torque Tube. Members will depart at 9.30 am from Woodford on Thursday 18th April. Visits have been arranged at Mt Morgan.

Runs for May are The David Hack day on 5th May and Dalby rally on 11th and 12th May. These are detailed in the Torque Tube.
10. **Report from Torque Tube Editor:** Bill Short encouraged members to submit articles on any topic for the Gazette. Another Torque Tube edition was successfully distributed prior to the meeting.
11. **Report on Jack Warr Riley Shed:** Bill White reported that The Samford Tuesday Group have continued to sort out second hand spares and a quantity of surplus bits and pieces have been taken to the tip. Lights have also been repaired in the main meeting area.
Bill will arrange a working bee in future months to paint and spruce up the main meeting area. The fridge is no longer working and a donation of a surplus fridge is being sought.
12. **Report from Registrar:** Mathew Schooneveldt advised that there was nothing new to report, but will update the register to reflect the purchase of an RMD by Lyn Guthrie. The Falcon previously advertised in South Australia has been sold to Queensland.
13. **Report from Spare Parts:** Neither Jack Warr or Graham Mackay were in attendance. Alan Hill reported that he and Ken Lonie have met with Jack Warr to discuss how some spare parts might be taken over by other members to lighten the load on Jack.
14. **Report from Website Coordinator:** Linden Thompson reported that the website is almost operational again and is expected to be up and running with all past Torque Tubes etc by Friday 12th April.
15. **General Business:** Alan Hill advised that long term Victorian Club member, Bruce Sharman, recently passed away. The club extends its condolences to Bruce's wife, Nella. Bruce will be remembered from the many national rallies he attended.

It has been brought to the committee's attention, that there has never been a formal motion put to name the Clubhouse at Samford as the "Jack Warr Shed".

Bill White moved that the Riley Clubhouse at Samford be named the Jack Warr Shed. Seconded by Matthew Schoonveldt. Carried unanimously.

16. **Car reports:** Members are preparing their cars for the North Queensland rally commencing next week. Bill Short is mastering TIG welding while working on the Riley RMC.

Next Meeting will commence at 8 pm on 9th May, 2013 at the Jack Warr Riley Shed at Samford. A BBQ will precede the meeting, commencing at 7pm. Members should bring their own drinks.

Meeting Closed: Attendees were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Don't forget Maclean's Bridge at Lakeside 18th/19th May

Club Captain's Report

The Run To Rockhampton

The run commenced from Woodford with five starters and with the Jacksons joining us for smoko at Kilcoy. Lunch at Goomeri before an easy run through to Gayndah our overnight stop. We found the Patons and the Thatchers waiting for us at our motel. Before dinner we were fortunate enough to be able to have a good look at a magnificent collection of Citroen cars dating from the 1920s on, all extremely desirable but my favourite would have to be the 1938 convertible. Friday, an uneventful run to Eidsvold for smoko and then on to Biloela for lunch and then on to Rockhampton. Our quarters were easy to find and we were all quartered at the Southside Holiday Village where they have in excess of 250 cabins. Bill and Beverly Bunt and Ron and Heather Anderson checked in before we went to dinner and Mal Lorimer joined us during our meal. Mal had a late start from Townsville and did well to get there by that time. Dinner was at the Leagues club and transport to and from by courtesy bus.

Saturday, the Langdons left us early on Saturday as they were off to a wedding. For the rest of us a quick run to Mount Morgan. At the old railway station smoko was laid out waiting for us, hot scones jam and cream plus tea and coffee. Half the crew then went on a bus tour of the town and mine site while the rest of us looked at the rail museum. A barbecue lunch was provided before the second shift left on their bus tour. The tour had only just recommenced after the wet weather but we had to miss out on seeing a site where dinosaur footprints were to be found. Back to the camp for a barbecue dinner at the village with all getting together for throat lubrication and a natter.

On Sunday morning the Hills left for home as Sheila had to be back for a medical appointment. A choice of activities but we opted for a visit to the Rockhampton Botanical gardens which were established in 1869, are truly magnificent and are well worth a visit, even having a zoo attached. After lunch the Hulls and the Patons did the trip to Yeppoon and Emu Park. Another dinner at the village where we farewelled the Townsville crew who were off to an early start in the morning. It was very pleasing to be joined by the Townsville contingent with their magnificent cars and we look forward to more joint activities in future. Before dinner Ian Ripley a Rockhampton resident came to the village in his immaculate 1936 Riley Kestrel for us to look at and joined us for a yarn later with his mate.

Monday morning and there were six starters for the trip home. Straight down the Bruce highway as far as Miriam Vale. The worst driving conditions of the whole trip as considerable road works were in progress and of course quite a bit of traffic. After smoko / lunch at Miriam Vale we turned off the Bruce and had a magnificent run with scarcely any other traffic via Rosedale to Bundaberg and then on to Childers our overnight stop.

Tuesday morning out to Biggenden then to Woolooga and towards Gympie. We were treated to smoko at the Thatcher residence and there said farewell to the Patons and Jacksons as well. The Whites Lonies and Hulls went to Gympie turned off towards Kandanga and stopped at Kenilworth for lunch at the cheese factory before the final run home. Altogether, quite a very good trip away, with congenial company and only minor car trouble.

Coming events

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

June

9th Swap Binda Ave, Kirsova 0418 885 582
All Japanese Day Earns haw 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 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

The Wonderful Inaugural Central Queensland Rally

What started off from a little gem of an idea for the Southern Rileyites to meet the Northern Rileyites came to fruition in a week long Rally in April. Robin and Barbara Hull put in a huge effort to make this a memorable occasion. 5 x RMB's, a 1.5 and 2 x moderns set off to meet up with 3 x RMB's from Townsville. We travelled on the inland roads north through Kilcoy with our first overnight stop at Gayndah. We visited a Citroen aficionado in the town and after initially being rendered speechless at the number and quality of his collection enjoyed some serious car inspections. This gentleman had at least 30 Citroens, mostly different models, some extremely rare in





immaculate condition and ranging in value from \$18,000 to \$330,000!

Everywhere, the countryside was at its utmost best after the rains and floods with sleek cattle grazing on shoulder high grasses. Evidence of the recent floods and hardships for the locals was evident with debris half way up tall trees, fences pushed over and damage to roads and bridges. For the second day of driving, we morning tea'd at Eidsvold where the locals admired the Rileys and the local newspaper lady photographed the cars and some Riley Members for publication in "The Eidsvold News"! – we have really made the big time! After lunch in Biloela, we arrived and settled into cabins in Rockhampton and met up with our Townsville Rileyites. After dining at the local Services Club, some of us were caught in a huge cloud burst returning to our base in a mini bus.

Next day, our third, Robin cracked the whip and had us all driving out to Mount Morgan for the day. Mount Morgan is an historic town, founded on rich gold deposits – we were welcomed at the old historic railway station by volunteers who freely shared information on the railway and the town. We had the opportunity to head off on a mine and town tour with an excellent commentary after seeing the old infrastructure of the railway station, the yards, tracks and wagons. That evening back in Rockhampton, we self catered which gave us all an excellent opportunity for camaraderie and Riley-talk! The fellows did an excellent job of barbecuing and certainly there were no complaints from the women!

During our last day in Rockhampton, we had been contacted by Ian Ripley who had bought the 1936 Riley Falcon from South Australia recently advertised in the Torque Tube and he drove it around – his first drive since it had arrived in Queensland and became registered. Ian owns a 1967 Kestrel and a white RMB, ex Caboolture. The Falcon is immaculate, inside and out and was hugely admired by Members. The general consensus was that our Rileys could do with a lot of housekeeping to lift the standard! We farewelled our Northern Riley friends on Monday morning, they to return to Townsville and we to return to the south.



Definitely a convoy of the best looking cars on the road. All arrived home safely with just a few mechanical problems on the way to keep our blokes happy. ie Bill and Maria– starter motor problems and push starts required Ken & Wendy – fan belt came adrift which allowed the fan to move forward to munch into the radiator. Fortunately picked up before too much damage Bill & Beverley – Stone chip & cooling fan failure therefore over heating and oil leak through the front seal Ron & Heather – Starter motor solenoid overheating (too close to the exhaust) Mal – fuel pump problems, also ran out of fuel!

Robin & Barbara – No problems
 Stuart & Miriam – No problems
 Mick & Lyn – No problems
 Alan & Sheila – ran out of fuel!

It was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants and many thanks to Robyn and Barbara for organising it. "Gotta do it again" was the unanimous decision!!

Tyre Replacement With Radials

Since the post war Riley steering geometry usually takes the car in the direction steering points it. Changing wheel and tyre size may alter the wheel offset and change this capability.

The 195/80 R 16 may be a perfect replacement type. A ready supply of this tyre could be a good prospect.

Cheers

Stuart Paton



600R16 Replacement Size **195/80R16**

Same dimensions of the 600X16 making this the perfect replacement size.

- Diameter: 28"
- Section Width: 7.7"
- Tread Width: 5"

2 w" or 3"

Whitewalls: \$259

Blackwall Smoothy: \$209

www.dbtires.com

Maryborough Craftsman

I recently attended the Australian Street Rod Nationals on the Gold Coast and came across this interesting 32 Ford Roadster owned by Tony Carter of Maryborough. He is a coach builder and has a business at Maryborough where he works on a variety of interesting cars. He formerly had a workshop in Melbourne and his album includes pictures of bodies for historic racing cars, Aston Martins and Rileys to name a few. He even had pictures of a Riley Roadster that he had done the body work on. Prior to that he had worked for Tomasini, probably one the most notable quality vintage car restorers in the country.

Tony had built the windscreen, roof and bonnet for this car from scratch. The roof was made from nine separate panels all beautifully welded together so that it appears to be a single sheet. There is not a single fault in the curvature. He has several projects on the go but has the capacity for more. There are very few people in Queensland that can do this standard of work and those that do have long waiting lists. I thought it may be worthwhile bringing this to the attention of club members who may be needing some quality work done or perhaps building a special. His hourly rate is a reasonable \$70/hour. His contact details are:

Tony Carter M:0413847920 E: cartercomponents@msn.com

Regards,

Mike Bramwell.



Shed Report

The Riley shed hosted the monthly club meeting for April.

We now have sufficient seating for the usual members. Next meeting will be at the shed on 9th May and will be preceded by a sausage sizzle.

The club is still receiving many used parts. These will be sorted and stored. These parts are available to current members and can viewed at the shed.

As the club is keen to build up a library, we would like to hear from anyone who would like to donate Riley books, CD's or items of interest. These include workshop and parts manuals.

Bill White.

Editors Note

Hi,

I am very disappointed with the readerships response to the question and answer section and for that matter the lack of contributions to the magazine. The idea of a club is to lend a hand to the fellow membership, disseminate information and ideas and to contribute to the running and maintaining of the club and the various sections within the club.

If there isn't a better response I feel that there is very little use in continuing having a magazine. Please prove this grumpy old man wrong.

Cheers.

Bill.



Lovely Drophead

My apologies to the owner I have lost any details that I may have had on the car. Please contact me and I will rectify this blip in the next edition.

THE 2013 RILEY MOTOR CLUB QLD ELECTED COMMITTEE		
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COUNCIL NEWS

(from QHMC Special General Meeting March 28, 2013)



2013 QHMC Rally: Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club 50th anniversary week-long celebration is in conjunction with the 2013 QHMC Rally in June 2013. The Rally was running from the 2nd to 9th of June but with Monday being the June long weekend holiday SCACC has extended the rally activities to Monday as well. Entries are now being taken and enquiries can be directed to SCACC PO Box 362 Nambour 4560. An entry form can be downloaded from the web site- <http://www.scacc.org.au/50thanniversary.html>. The nomination closing date has been extended but SCACC would like your entry as soon as possible for catering purposes.

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 Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club is organising a run from Brisbane to Canberra. The run is planned to leave Brisbane on the 13th October and arrive at Tarago (mid way between Jervis Bay and Canberra) on the 19th Of October at morning tea time to join the Canberra 100 Rally for the run in to Canberra. 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. The Brisbane Vintage Auto Club has nominated to run the 2014 SQHMC rally. BVAC has run many excellent rallies and the 2014 event will be no exception.

Any club wishing to run either the North or South QHMC rally for 2015 please contact the QHMC Secretary.

DTMR: Our delegates have a meeting with DTMR on April 22.

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

National Motoring Heritage Day: Roma Historical Motor club have organised a display and open day in conjunction with the Roma History Lodge, 17 McDowall Street, Roma, to celebrate this day. It will be from 11am to 2pm. The club will have a meeting and run at the conclusion of the display. The History Lodge will prepare photos etc of motoring for the display on the day. Other chapters of the Roma club will also be holding events, (Chinchilla and St George and working on Charleville, Mitchell, Injune and Taroom) <http://romahistoricalmotorclub.weebly.com/>

The big event in Brisbane will be Macleans Bridge at Lakeside. The Triumph Sports Owners Association of Qld is holding a 2 day event with all categories of Historic vehicles invited. <http://www.macleansbridge.com/> Flyers attached.

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 is still waiting to hear from the minister regarding the progress of this through the committee system.

“**Umbrella Councils**”, The QHMC summary of this issue will be out for club evaluation shortly.

Club Websites: Jason Dodge from the Beaudesert & District Restored Auto Club has written in offering clubs assistance in setting up their own site.

Jason mentioned that they had an increase in Swap attendance and an increase in new members since the web site was established. He is willing to assist clubs to do the same.

You can contact Jason at beaudesertswap@yahoo.com.au

The Beaudesert Club's site is very good & you can check it out here;- <http://www.beaudesertswap.weebly.com>

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



BVRC's
Australia's

Biggest Morning Tea.

The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club is hosting an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Phil, the Yorkshire tea man (Harrogate Teas) is sponsoring our club's contribution to the Cancer Councils fund raiser

The Morning Tea will form part of our normal May mid-week run, but you don't have to come on the mid week run.

The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Australia's Biggest Morning tea will start at 10.00am on Thursday the 16th May **at Borabbin Picnic grounds** Wishart down Stackpole Street off Mt Gravatt Capalaba Rd (U.B.D page201- R-8). BVRC Club members will bring a plate of goodies to share at morning tea and Phil Hayes will be there in his Austin 7 providing cups of Yorkshire tea and coffee. The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club will be asking for a donation to raise money for the Cancer Council we will also be selling raffle tickets to raise further funds.

The Morning Tea will be a typical success and a chance for members of the historic vehicle movement to help raise some money for the Cancer Council. Do the whole run from Norm Price Park (Cleveland Showgrounds Long St) leaving at 9:30am and going directly to Borabbin Picnic grounds Wishart. After our fundraising Morning Tea you will be welcome to join club members on the run to our Lunch stop at Brisbane Koala Bushland Centre Burbank (U.B.D.203 E16). If you don't want to do the run just show up at Borabbin Picnic grounds for a fantastic morning tea.

Come along and help the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club and Yorkshire - Harrogate Teas support the Cancer Council and be part of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.