



# TORQUE TUBE

**Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc December 2013**

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**Rob and Beth Carter with their lovely RMC at Boreen Point.**

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**Next Meeting:** Will commence at 8pm on **15th December 2013.**

**Club Shed**

**Ex CSIRO Grounds Samford**

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*Merry*   
*Christmas* 

**Agenda/Minutes of Riley Club General Meeting**  
**Held on 14 November 2013**

**At the Jack Warr Riley Shed in Samford**

1. The Vice President Alan Hill declared the meeting open at 8:10 pm.
2. **Attendance** – as per the attendance sheet
3. **Apologies** – Ray and Bev Burrows, Dorothy Cameron, Matthew French, Brian and Lyn Jackson, Ian Henderson, Pat and Betty Elliott, Del Thomson
4. **Minutes** of the General Meeting held on 10/10/13 were circulated and moved for adoption as a true and correct record by Rod Longden and seconded by Bill Short Carried
5. **Business Arising** – There was no business arising that was not dealt with in later business.
6. **Secretary's Report and Correspondence**

**Inwards** – Club Magazines from Victoria X2, and 1X SA

Correspondence from: Paul Martin re accessibility of parts and membership requirements. As he is currently a member of a number of WA clubs he has declined the offer to join.

Email received from DRIVn re club web page and details. As this service is directed to clubs without a website it was decided not to follow this up, however Linden may review the matter and get back to us at a later date.

Joe Cumbo from the Riley Club of Victoria queried the purchase of an electronic distributor from the Queensland Club. Joe does have this option, however these units can also be purchased through the Spare Parts Manager of the Victorian Club.

Joe also provided the details of an ex Qld RMB that he is restoring for which he is chasing any available history. Matt Schooneveldt, our Registrar will chase up any available information. The body number is 59 S 8609, with engine number 8609.

Email from Pat and Betty Elliott supporting consideration of day- time meetings as previously raised by Philip Wyllie of Maleny.

The Office of Fair Trading has advised Linden that we have until 20/12/13 to submit our club return and Linden will follow this up.

Completed Membership Forms received from: Alexander Cook of Victoria, the owner of a 1950 RMB, Greg May of Eagleby, the owner of a 1955 Pathfinder, and Chris Reynolds of Morayfield, the owner of an RMD. All were accepted as members

**Outwards- Nil**, however it was agreed that all email responses will be considered as outwards correspondence and kept in a hard copy file.

Moved the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed

Seconded by Ken Lonie

**Carried.**

7. **Treasurers Report** – Linden Thomson

Balance as at Bank Statement, 1 October 2013

**\$3992.20CR**

**Income**

Joining and Membership Fees 2013/14 by Cash/Cheque 150.00

StJ Herbert, A, Cooke, G. May

Shed Donations	Nil
Interest	<u>0.45</u>
	<b>\$ 150.45</b>

**Expenditure**

Capitation Fee transferred to Spare Parts Fund	<u>\$ 380.00</u>
	<b>\$ 380.00</b>

Balance as per BankStatement, 31 October 2013 **\$3692.65CR**

(Presented at OGM 14 November 2013)

**Carried: Bill Short**

**8. Report from Club Captain**

Robin Hull reported on 2 good recent runs, one to Woodenbong, a good drive attended by 5 cars, and the other to Boreen Point, attended by about 12 cars, which was the biggest turn up for some time.

This coming weekend (6 and 17 November) is the Gold Coast Autorama Rally.

Don't forget the Christmas party at the club shed at approximately midday on 15 December, which will be preceded by the December OGM at 10:00 am.

Please advise Wendy Lonie if you intend attending the Party to discuss "what to bring", prior to 8 December.

It is intended to arrange a Presidents run in January 2014 and the details will be discussed at the December meeting.

**9. Report from Torque Tube Editor –**

Bill Short reiterated that he tries to publish everything submitted to him with the possible exception of copyright material. He is still seeking information and articles for publication and requests that any photo's submitted are identified.

It was noted that the comment in red on the front cover of the Torque Tube regarding meeting dates is now superseded and requires removing.

**10. Report on Jack Warr Riley Shed –**

Bill White confirmed that the painting of the meeting room within the shed has been completed and all items reinstated. We still require more photo's of members vehicle to adorn the walls.

**11. Report from Registrar –**

Matt Schooneveldt advised that there are four new members to be included in the Register and he will check for any history available on Joe Cumbo's RMB.

**12. Report from Spare Parts –.**

As neither Jack Warr nor Graham Mackay were present there was no formal report, although it was reconfirmed by Bill White that monies from the sale of second hand spares is being forwarded to Jack.

**13. Report from Website Coordinator –**

Linden Thomson advised that the website is up to date with the current newsletter and that some 54 photo's of the national rally have been added.

#### 14. **General Business.**

All Club Members, and in particular the older members, were saddened in the knowledge of the death of Esmail Brandt following the recent death of her husband Neal. All members send their sincere condolences to Esmail's family.

Another reminder to contact Wendy Lonie by 8 December regarding attendance at the Christmas Party, and what to bring.

Bill Short has details on available tyres for RM's and can provide same if interested.

*It was moved by Alan Hill that the issue of daytime meetings be discussed and resolved at the combined Christmas Party/ December Meeting on 15 December. It is hoped that many members will be present at this meeting and avail themselves of this opportunity for this discussion.*

*Seconded: Ken Lonie*

*Carried:*

#### 15. **Car Reports-**

Graham Bourne circulated several photos of his RMA, which he is currently restoring and it left all those in attendance in awe. It appears that "everything" is being done and we are all very much looking forward to viewing the finished car. A very comprehensive restoration!

**Next Meeting** will commence at 10am on Sunday 15 December, followed by the Christmas Party.

**Meeting Closed:** Attendees were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9:40pm

## **SHED REPORT**

All the best for the Christmas period and hope to catch up with you at our Christmas get-together at the Shed.

Bill White  
Shed Coordinator.

## **EDITOR'S REPORT**

Hi Readers,

Hope to see you all at the Christmas party.

Keep up the good work in getting all your photos and articles in. For those I don't see before Christmas, Season Greetings.

Cheers.  
Bill.

## CLUD CAPTAIN'S REPORT

For the lunch run on the 10<sup>th</sup> three cars started from the B.P. Service centre, the Hulls, Matthew Schoonveldt driving his Dad's 2 ½ and Mark Baldock. Mark had polished his car and it looked like new. After Beerwah Mark took the lead (being a local and working in the area he knew the roads rather well). He led us a lively and thoroughly enjoyable chase up through Landsborough, Palmwoods, and Woombye etc to the smoko stop South of Yandina.

We were joined by seven cars at smoko including Rob and Beth Carter from near Dalby and new members Ken and Helen Porter in modern (their 2 ½ is having some interior trim attended to).

Mark continued at the helm and we travelled virtually all on back roads through Eumundi, Cooroy, and Pomona on to our destination, the pub at Boreen Point. Along the way we were joined by Mick and Lyn Thatcher from up near Gympie along with their friends who were driving a Bentley, Ralph Richardson and Rod and Sue Langdon. The final number for lunch was twenty six. It was a refreshing change to see some of our out of town members joins us.

There were a very surprising number of people present for lunch their Sunday meals are very popular. As well as their standard menu there was a pig on a spit and roast beef. If you joined on the end of the line you had quite a wait for lunch. A good lunch run.

The "Autorama" the rally hosted by the Gold Coast Antique Auto Club was held over the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November at Tugun. There were four Rileys in attendance. Five were entered but our President Ken Lonie was indisposed and could not attend. The rally was up to expectations and we travelled over some splendid roads. On the Sunday we went over a hill that required first gear on the Riley (we were warned about the hill and there was an alternative route). An enjoyable rally.

## COMING EVENTS

### December

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** Christmas party at the shed

There will be a short general meeting commencing at 10.00am prior to the party.

### January

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** Presidents run starting at 9.45 am at Wylie Park, Petrie (ubd map 98 m 4) bring your own beverage and the President will bring the goodies. The run will explore the Redcliffe Peninsular then to Shorncliffe for lunch at a pub.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Australia Day Rally at Ormiston State School 7.30 am

### April

**18,19,20**, Townsville Veteran Vintage & Historic Motor Club inc. will be holding a rally in Charters Towers expressions of interest are invited  
hubrally2014@iinet.net.au

### February 2015

**The Riley Car Club of New Zealand National Rally**

Bill Riley b.riley@xtra.co.nz

## BOREEN POINT RALLY - 10th November, 2013

An excellent Rally was organised by Barbara and Robin Hull and was well attended. Some Members met at Burpengary, then onto Yandina for morning tea where others joined in before a most scenic drive through the countryside, avoiding the highways. We drove through Cooroy and Pomona before assembling at the Boreen Point Pub/Tavern.



This is a magic destination where we are always made to feel welcome. We were invited to park our gorgeous Rileys on the lawns in front of the pub, separate to the public car parking. The historic pub

has tremendous character and the outdoor seating under enormous shady fig trees was perfect on this hot November day.

It was great to meet up with Ralph and Lynne and Mick Thatcher down from the Gympie region. Rob and Beth Carter from Bowenville (past Toowoomba) were holidaying on the Sunshine Coast and came on the Rally in their gorgeous cream RMC. 26 Members enjoyed a splendid lunch, lots of laughs and good camaraderie. As usual, most of the vehicles were RMB's, but there was also an Elf, an RMC, a Pathfinder and a 1 1/2 - I believe all cars made the day without any mechanical hiccoughs! The general consensus was it was a great Rally, good to catch up with Rileyites, fantastic weather and terrific destination.

Ralph Richardson made the trip to Boreen Point - it is always a pleasure to catch up with Members who don't participate regularly because of distance. Ralph and Joan have been Members of Queensland Rileys for 12 years and own a 1949 red 2 1/2 RMB.



### **1951 Riley RMB Saloon Long Wheel Base.**

Collector owned rust free restored example. The original power train has been up dated with a 4.3 L Chevy V6 with HEI Ignition, and a 700R4 automatic transmission, A Mustang II Front suspension gives the car a modern ride with excellent control, Chevy rear end with leaf springs, power front disc brakes, Vintage heat and air conditioning. All restoration receipts and books are included with the sale. All Dolphin gauges including tach. Custom sound system CD and I Pod. The Riley Motor company produced cars form 1945 to 1955, dubbed as the Baby Bentley, produced in England, this car is easy to drive dependable and supper RARE. In 1951 only 1,345 RMB'S were built of these only 145 were left hand drive, current estimate is that there are fewer than 100 Rileys of all years in the US. #61S8314. Now on display at the home of " over the top cars" CHECKERED FLAG CLASSICS 7743 MONTEREY ST GILROY 408-847-8788 sold as-is, California buyers are responsible for sales tax and license fees. On the web: [checkeredflagclassics.com](http://checkeredflagclassics.com)

Courtesy Mark Baldock

## **New Members**

Members of Queensland Rileys warmly welcomed Helen and Ken Porter when they came to the Riley November rally to Boreen Point. Helen and Ken moved to Buderim from Rathmines (near Newcastle), N.S.W. nearly 18 months ago for family reasons. They have owned a 1949 2 1/2 RMB (red with black guards) only since May. Ken is originally from New Zealand and fell in love with Rileys when he was a high school student and saw Rileys in British car magazines and dreamt of owning a Riley one day. Both Helen and Ken are retired teachers and are very enthusiastic about their move to Queensland. The Riley still has a little work to be done on it but should be on the road before too long. Prior to their Riley, they owned a 1951 Austin A40. Ken owns 2 old velocette motor bikes, loves all things mechanical (Helen says he is an old rev head!) and is in the Sunshine Coast University choir. Helens' focus is on family, painting and is involved in the Mapleton choir as their piano accompanist.



Another new member is Chris Reynolds. He has just acquired this nice looking RMD. We also extend the warmest of welcomes to Chris.

**THE 2013 RILEY MOTOR CLUB QLD ELECTED COMMITTEE**

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**RILEY CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

*15th December 2013 at 12.30pm  
At the Shed, Samford.*

*The Club will supply the ham and turkey.  
Members will be asked to bring a salad and/or sweets  
and BYO drinks*

*Please ring Wendy Lonie 0417 857075 re attendance  
and "what to bring" prior to  
December 8th.*

*The Meeting room has been repainted and  
we would love to see a good roll up of Queensland  
Riley Members.*





**The Riley Car Club of New Zealand (Inc)**

## **NATIONAL RALLY 2015.**

This is advanced notice to all Riley Club members in Australia so that you can start planning your next overseas adventure.

The National rally proper is usually a three day event. In 2015 this will be extended to 9 days. The plan is to arrive in Gisborne on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February and take part in the local Vintage Car Club's annual Three Rivers Rally and associated activities. The Riley Club Rally would follow on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> through to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> we would travel south about 200 kms and join in the Art Deco Weekend in Napier until Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Napier and Gisborne are seaside cities half way up the east coast of the North Island of NZ.

The Art Deco Weekend is a very popular event with accommodation at a premium and the popular pay events booked out very soon after tickets are available in the October prior. Those wishing to attend Art Deco would need to confirm their attendance, book accommodation and pay event tickets early in October 2014. ( there are lots of free events and our Club has its own display and Gatsby Picnic as part of the weekend).

Many of our members have two or more Rileys and are willing to loan them to visitors. I could facilitate this. If you are interested in joining us in 2015 please email me, Bill Riley, [b.riley@xtra.co.nz](mailto:b.riley@xtra.co.nz) so the we can gauge the level of interest from overseas members.



**Bill and Karen Riley's 1948 RM**

## **A picture is worth a Thousand Words Riley.**

Well here are the words to go with the picture. Every now and again I get a bee in my bonnet and do something quite radical. You may remember that I wrote an article about discovering that, at the age of 63 years, I could actually paint pictures that didn't look too bad. This foray into painting has been one of my less expensive dalliances into the unknown.

Other odd experiments have been:-

- 1) Writing books, How to- "Instructional books," A Novel which is 95% complete and many short stories and Magazine articles.
- 2) Building and flying model helicopters. At one stage I had 5 of these dollar (\$) eating monsters.
- 3) Learning to and teaching ballroom dancing.
- 4) Building a large scale full steam powered remote controlled Tug boat - "The Forceful"
- 5) Buying and restoring antique machinery.
- 6) And of course restoring and fiddling with a collection of vintage and classic cars, one of which is the 1930 9 Hp Riley Roadster.

It is this car and my new found ability to paint that started me on my way to paint a series of detailed portraits of each of my old cars. I have therefore included a selection of these car paintings which have materialised over the last 18 months.

Over a one month period each painting takes about 10 to 12 hours to complete. I normally only paint for about 3 hours on a Friday morning at art class. My retirement has become so hectic that if I don't block out this window of time and make it untouchable then no painting would occur. Even so, unplanned and planned events such as holidays take away these precious hours. The joy and therapy that it provides is so much cheaper than seeing a shrink. So, if you have any yearning to sketch, paint or draw, take my advice and scratch that itch. "Just do it." You will never be disappointed and you will never have any regrets. My fellow struggling artists are true gems and the source of great inspiration.

Before you get a rush of blood and ask. No, I don't do commissions for anyone, as I only paint for my pleasure and not for money or kudos. But if you do want a painting of your car my Art Teacher Philip Farley can help you out with a much better result than mine.

As my tag I have hidden in each painting a fish hook . I hope this doesn't drive you all insane looking for them. There is a prize of a print of the Riley for the one who can locate all of the hooks.

Owen Williamson (Nov 2013)

**Portraits of My Cars and one of my good Mates - The late John Hoggood**



My "E" Type Jaguar - 1967



My BJ8 Mark 111 Austin Healey - 1964



My Mates 1958 100/6 Austin Healey



My 9Hp Riley Roadster - 1930

**Classic Metaphors and Analogies.**

Her hair glistened in the misty moonlight like nose hair after a sneeze.

Shots rang out, as shots are wont to do.

The Ballerina rose gracefully en Pointe and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a fire hydrant. Her eyes were like limpid pools, only they had forgotten to put the anti algae agent in.