



TORQUE TUBE

Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc June 2014

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RMB Special Mittagong 2014

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Next Meeting: Will be the OGM at the Club Shed Ex CSRIO Grounds Samford on Thursday 12/6/14 at 8 pm, resuming frequency of every second Thursday of the month.

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Agenda/Minutes of Riley Club General Meeting
Held on 8 May 2014

At the Jack Warr Riley Shed in Samford

1. The President Ken Lonie declared the meeting open at 2006hrs.
2. **Attendance** – as per the attendance sheet
3. **Apologies** – Jeff Jones, Brian & Lyn Jackson, Ross and Di Phillips,
4. **Minutes** of the General Meeting held on 10/4/13 were moved for adoption as a true and correct record by Sheila Hill and seconded by Greg Mehwa. **Carried**
5. **Business Arising** – The request from Natalie Ormiston for Riley wedding vehicles has been put to members without a positive response: Ken Lonie will prepare and forward a response to Natalie.
Rod Forrest's advice on personalised number plates and other items for sale has not yet received any interest and Ken Lonie will also respond to Rod

There was no business arising that was not dealt with in later business.

6. Secretary's Report and Correspondence

Inwards –

Club Magazines from: - 1 each from Vic. and SA.

Correspondence from: - QHMC received and it was decided that as Bill Short also receives this information he will decide upon its inclusion in Torque Tube, depending on the content and relevance to club members.

Membership Received From: Brian Sansom of Gympie who owns an RM.
Moved as accepted by Ian Henderson and **seconded** by Robin Hull

Outwards – Vehicle Identification for Keith Brownjohn of Stanthorpe who has purchased an RMD and consequently has an RMB for sale.

Membership Application Form to Kel O'Brien

Moved the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed.

Seconded by Bill Short
Carried.

7. Treasurers Report April 2014

Balance as per Bank Statement, 1 April 2014 **\$5977.82CR**

Income

Joining and 2014 Membership Fees (B Sansom).	50.00.
Electronic distributor and sundries	183.00
Interest	<u>0.71</u>
	\$233.71

Expenditure

Moreton Bay RC – Shed Rent (outgoings), May	15.00
Moreton Bay RC – Annual Shed Rent	185.00
M. White – Saus. Sizzle expenses (Chq #420)	25.18
W. Lonie – Electric urn purchase (Chq #421).	93.00

W. Short – Editor’s expenses (EFT/Bpay)	60.00
L.Thomson – Treasurer’s expenses (EFT/Bpay)	<u>71.00</u>

\$498.18

Balance as per Bank Statement, 30 April 2014 **\$5762.35.82CR**

Seconded: Wendy Lonie
Carried:

8. Report from Club Captain – Greg Mehwa

81 cars participated in the Hub Rally to Charters Towers, including the Lonies’ and Hulls’ and included a valiant attempt by the Burrows. Wendy Lonie will provide a report on the event to Bill Short.

At the Rally the possibility of a joint venture next year with clubs not currently involved was discussed. Currently the organising clubs are Cairns, Townsville and Mackay.

25th May – Samford Bowls/Craft Club is seeking cars for display from 0900-1500hrs. Any one interested can obtain details from Alan Hill.

7-9 June QHMC. More detail yet to come.

15 June. Reminder for Newfarm Park at 1000hrs.

23 July. Possible trip to Caloundra Aerodrome.

12th & 13th July – Samford Show and organisers are always keen for cars for static display, without entry fees.

13th July RACQ Motorfest

27th July – Jack Warr’s 90th Birthday celebration at the shed

8-9 November. Gold Coast Autorama

September 2015. Keep in mind the Perth National Rally

9. Report from Torque Tube Editor –

Bill Short advised that it is business as usual and more contributions are urgently required, including photos with descriptions.

Bill again reiterated that ideally he requires articles 2 weeks before the meeting.

10. Report on Jack Warr Riley Shed –

Bill White advised that as there is one year remaining on our existing lease it is prudent to remain on this lease as the \$180/yr will no longer be applicable and our only fee will be the \$15 for consumables.

1 June at 0930hrs was decided as the pick up day for the remainder of parts from 30 Ashton St Wynnum (David Schock 0428051914). An RMB and everything else on site is ours to take what we want. David will deal with the fence issue.

There is now a real need to tidy up the shed and Bill will suggest 22 June 2014 at 0900hrs.

11. Report from Registrar – Nil.

12. Report from Spare Parts –.

As neither Jack nor Graham was present there was no formal report, however it was reported that Jack is chasing up distributor gears in England for possible fitting to distributors before sale.

13. Report from Website Coordinator –Linden is still seeking recent photographs and is currently updating the site..

14. General Business.

It was noted that membership is dropping and current members need to put a concerted effort into encouraging new members.

Members were reminded of the drinks etc. available in the fridge and the honesty system of paying \$1.00.

The Clermont Rally to be run by the Capricorn Motor Club was discussed and it was noted that it was about 900Km each way.

15. Car Reports-

Bill Short is seeking any information from anyone who has experience with the Roll Tip method of painting as he is considering it for his RMC

Next Meeting will be the OGM at the Jack Warr Shed on 12/6/14 at 2000hrs, maintaining the frequency of every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Meeting Closed: Attendees were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 2145hrs

EDITOR'S REPORT

Hi Readers,

Nothing much to report this month. My 2 seater RMC Roadster is coming up for a paint job and hopefully will be on the road shortly. It has been a long haul and one has to wonder at the sanity of Riley owners.

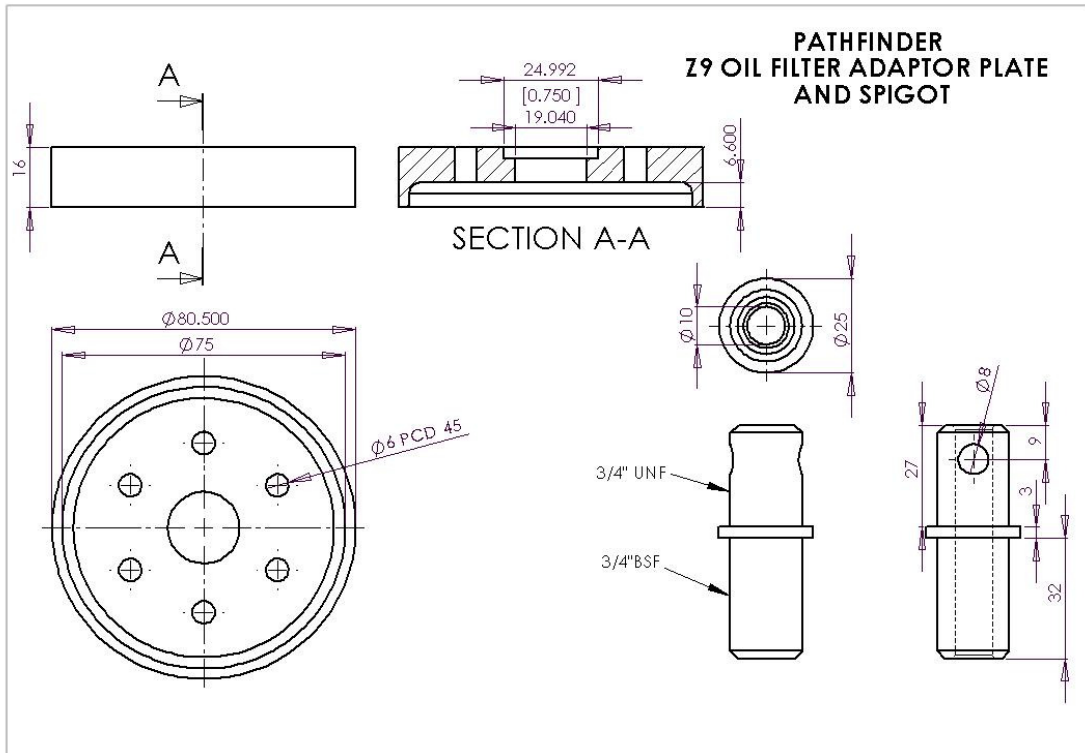
If possible, could members please help out by contributing articles or ads in 10 point Arial font, single line spacing. Photos should be in a format of not more than 600x800 pixels and at a resolution of about 300 DPI (This helps with transmission times and the email doesn't block up). This may seem a little pedantic but it make a big difference to my time spent setting up the magazine

Cheers.

Bill.

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For The Pathfinder Devotees



Of Interest

As mentioned at the last meeting, this site has some useful RM tips and also a comprehensive record of the restoration of an RMF.

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/john.joiner/cars/rmriley.htm>

Mark Baldock

FOR SALE

For sale: RMB49 personalised plates for \$400.00. Phone Keith 0746811083
Wanted: Personalized Plates either 50RMD or RMD50. Phone Keith 0746811083

Regards

Keith Brownjohn

Riley Used Spares

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| RMB | Sump, Rocker Cover, Horns, Fuel tank. |
| Pathfinder | Fuel Tank, Windscreens & Rear Windows. |
| RMA/RMB | Electronic Ignitions, including New Distributors. |

All parts as/where is. All serious offers considered.
Contact Bill 0732894282 or thewhitehouse7@bigpond.com.au

Window Winders

Courtesy Arthur Baynes

In the January Memo, Glenn Crawford wrote an article on fettling doors. Section Five rang a bell of previous problems, with the mention of window mechanism tilting.

This situation would be more common and RMAs and RMBs with plywood mounting for the window mechanism, compared with the late RMFs and RMEs, where steel was used.

Deterioration of the window winder mechanism will most probably be first evident with the window sticking whilst being raised, the glass often needing a lift by hand to help it on its way. This is more likely on the front windows, obviously due to more frequent use and consequent wear, also the rear window arrangement is more substantial with a double gear drive and better support.

The problem with the front windows stems from two factors:-

1 The weight of the glass (7lbs) is cantilevered some 15" from the gear drive.

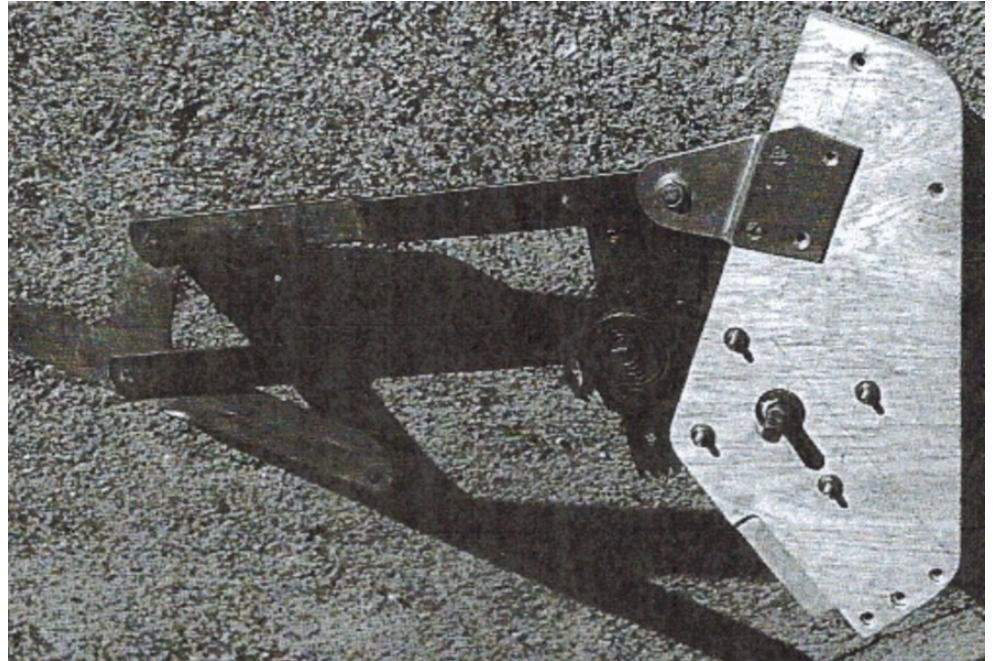
2 Inadequate support for the mechanism, the load being spread over a very small area near the pivot point, being retained by four 3/16" screws at 13/4" radius.

Applying extra effort with the glass stuck tends to tilt the glass, making the situation worse as extra load is applied to the mechanism mounting due to the mechanical forces involved

Remedy

The approach I took was to spread the mechanism mounting over a larger area and beef up the plywood mounting.

Removal of the unit is fairly straightforward and covered in



Section R of the Workshop Manual.

1 Replace plywood if starting to delaminate, marine ply is preferable. If intending to fit the bracket covered in this article, there is some advantage in making the plywood about 1/4" wider along the inside edge to accept the underside bracket.

2 The vertical piece of timber which holds the lower end the plywood is fairly light (1 1/2" x 3/4"), plus a section of this is cut away to clear the gear drive, this timber may be deformed as well. Replacement is no great drama; retaining screws will have to be cut through as they have been fitted from the outside of the frame. I have used heavier timber (1 1/2" x 1"). Make sure the extra width is accommodated toward the front of the door to keep the window opening the same width. If the timber is still sound but loose, a few metal brackets or timber blocks works wonders.

3 The biggest improvement is an additional support for the mechanism furthest from the spindle. This can be achieved at the pivot point for the lower parallel

arm; a suitable bracket at this point will do the job.

See photo showing a trial assembly. Existing pivot is riveted and can be drilled out using a 7/16" drill and replaced with a 5/16" bolt and spacer through the bracket as is shown. Bracket shown is fabricated from two pieces of 16 SWG steel. Alternative, a single offset piece could be used, if so I would suggest heavier steel 14 SWG or 12 SWG

Photo show bracket and method used to beef up plywood mounting:-

a. Three screws on top, straddling the two previous.

b. Three screws into the vertical timber, top two passing through the steel bracket, ignore additional hole at right angles to these three.

Member Profile

BILL WHITE: Manager of the Jack Warr Riley Shed, Queensland



Bill & Maria White – Samford

Bill was born in Wynnum. He attended Brisbane State High School then Gatton Agricultural College then worked for the CSIRO in Pasture Research.

Keen to pursue his passion for flying, Bill did private flying lessons and was lucky to be chosen by TAA to fill only 10 scholarships offered per year to promising pilots. His flying career has spanned 40 years, 20 on domestic routes and 20 years flying internationally into some of the most challenging airports in the world.

Bill and Maria who have 2 adult daughters moved to Samford Valley in 1974 where Bill built the family home and built up a macadamia farm. He has a passion for the environment and is actively involved in planting tree corridors for koalas.

Another passion of Bills was horses and he particularly enjoyed endurance riding and competed in many events over the years.

He enjoys family, especially his Grandchildren, barbeques (a steak and salad man).

Stars sign – Cancer

Bill and Maria own a crazy yellow crested cockatoo called Claude.

He cites Germany as his favourite country to visit and enjoys white beer, light musicals and orchestrals.

Riley History –

He bought his current black 2 ½ RMB in 1988 and has been a long time Member of Queensland Riley Club.

For the last 5 years Bill has meticulously been building up a drophead special on a RMB chassis

Why Rileys? - Bill inherited his Fathers love of Rileys.

Bill has been doing a magnificent job of managing the Jack Warr Riley Shed, liaising with local authorities and sourcing, sorting and organising spare Riley parts.

The Hub Rally – Charters Towers.

Easter Weekend, 2014

5 Rileys attended a fantastic weekend in Charters Towers in April. Robin & Barbara Hull in their 2½ RMB and Ken & Wendy Lonie in the Monaco drove up from Brisbane and Ron & Heather Anderson 2 ½ RMA, Mal Lorimer, 2½ RMB and Bill & Beverley Bunt, 2½ RMB from Townsville provided the 5 Rileys of the 80 cars at the rally. Unfortunately Ray & Bev Burrows set off in their Pathfinder but “did not proceed” due to mechanical failure. Florence the 1933 Monaco was trailered up and back due to her past history of demanding truck rides on long hauls! The Rileys all performed brilliantly at the Rally and made a good showing in the skillkhana. The Townsville Rileyites played a big part in the organisation of the Hub Rally which provided great drives, local attractions, great rally venue and entertainment and terrific camaraderie for the 3 day rally. There were 2 themed nights, a western night and a “couples” night. Nearly all rally participants rose to the occasion with an amazing array of creativity. Charters Towers turned on perfect weather though the intense cyclone the week before caused mega worries for the organising committee. The street parade with a police escort through the centre of town was well appreciated by a solid turnout of locals before the 80 cars were parked up in a cordoned off street. The public really enjoyed walking amidst the cars ranging from a 1908 Reo B and a 1909 Maxwell ID to more “modern” vehicles.

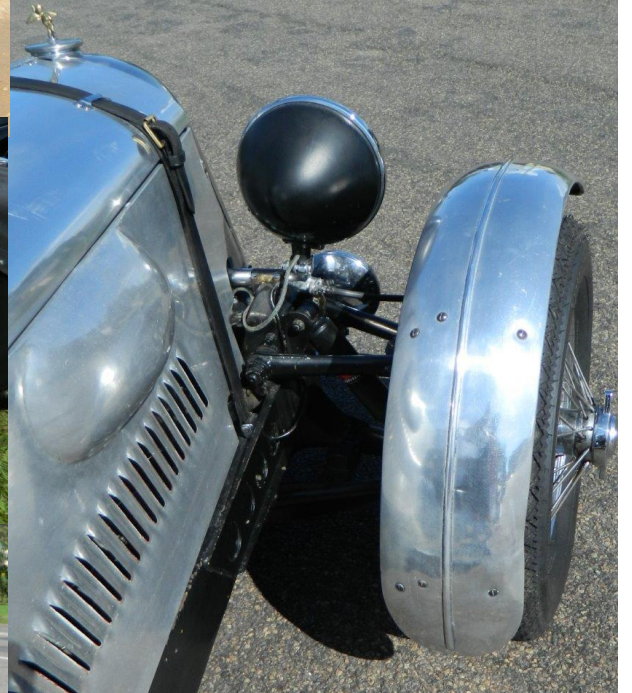
The Hub Rally is an annual event shared between the Townsville, Cairns and Mackay car clubs. This year Townsville was the host Club, Cairns will do the honours in 2015. The annual Hub Rally is a great rally, a good excuse to visit Far North Queensland and a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our FNQ Riley Friends.

Wendy Lonie



1. Back row L-R, Mal Lorimer, Heather Anderson, Ron Anderson.
Front row L-R, Bill Bunt, Ken Lonie, Beverley Bunt.
2. Ken & Bill in their western gear.
3. Andersons & Lonies Rileys.
4. The Couples: Fred & Wilma Flintstone, The Great Gatzbys & Mr & Mrs bacon & egg.
5. The Official photographer for the red carpet event "Dress as a Couple", Fred Flintstone AKA Ken Lonie, President of Queensland Rileys!
6. The "Gathering" at the Hub Rally.

From The Mittagong Rally 2014



Coming Events

May	<p>4th 3rd - 4th 18th 29th</p>	<p>David Hack Day Toowoomba Airport Tweed Valley Rally Murwillumbah Motoring Heritage Day GEAR day at Lakeside</p>		
June	<p>7th - 9th 7th - 9th 7th, 8th, 9th</p>	<p>B.V.A.C. RACQ Redcliffe Clermont Rally Brisbane Vintage Auto Club are hosting the QHMC Rally based at Redcliffe 2014sqhmc@bvac.com.au</p>		
	15th		<p>Run Take Two</p> <p>A recce has shown the closest parking for a group of cars to New Farm Park is in Newstead. Therefore the new meeting place for morning tea is the grounds of Newstead House, entry via Newstead Ave, off Breakfast Creek Road. You will need to bring a copy of this sheet on the run as it contains the route information. Lunch is at the Brighton Hotel. Should you want to join us please let me know numbers on 33530532 or via mgwfrench@bigpond.com by the 12th June.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">After Morning Tea</p> <p>Left out of Newstead Ave onto Breakfast Creek Road, right hand lane. Right at next lights, Edmund Street, left into Ross Street and left again into Edmondstone Road. Left onto Breakfast Creek Road and continue towards Hamilton across Breakfast Creek. Left into Nudgee Road. Left into Toombul Road. You will need the middle or right hand lane before reaching St Vincents Road. After passing St Vincents Road on the right, follow Toombul Road around to the right under Sandgate Road, heading north towards Boondall and Deagon. Once again you will need the right hand lane after crossing Cabbage Tree Creek, as Sandgate Road becomes Braun Street. Right into Board Street. 2nd exit at roundabout into Southerden Street. 2nd exit at roundabout into Brisbane Street. Right into Wakefield Street. 3rd left into Brighton Terrace. Left into the Brighton Hotel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matthew</p>	
	21st	<p>Caboolture Swap and Show</p>	<p>54955312</p>	
July	<p>20th 26th</p>	<p>Gold Coast Swap Mudgeraba Nambour Swap Showground</p>	<p>\$4.00 54768388</p>	
August	<p>15th - 17th 22nd - 24th</p>	<p>Lismore Rally NRVVCC Sunshine Coast Rally</p>		
September	13th	<p>Gympie Swap Showground</p>	<p>54822303</p>	

14th
27th

Beaudesert Swap Showground
Historic Truck Gatton Showground

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October

4th
19th

Maryborough Rally
Ebbw Vale Swap

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November

8th -9th

Gold Coast Autorama