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The Birthday Boy Happy Ninetieth to Jack Warr

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Next Meeting: Will be the OGM at the Club Shed Ex CSRIO Grounds Samford on Thursday 11/9/14 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 14 August 2014

At the Jack Warr Riley Shed in Samford

- 1. The Acting President Ian Henderson declared the meeting open at 2000hrs.
- 2. Attendance as per the attendance sheet, and welcome to Trevor Taylor as a guest from the MG Club.
- **3. Apologies** Ken and Wendy Lonie, Di Phillips, Jack Warr, Graham Mackay, Ray and Bev Burrows, Dorothy Cameron, Greg Mewha, Linden and Del Thomson, Alan and Sheila Hill.
- 4. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10/7/14 were moved for adoption as a true and correct record by Matt Schooneveldt and seconded by Robin Hull. Carried

Business Arising – It was moved by Bill White and seconded by Rod Longden that 20 distributor gears are purchased with Bill Short to arrange. Bill advised that the gears are S40, hardened and blackened. **Carried.**

Ian Henderson confirmed that electrical spares have not gone to Graham Mackay.

The lockable cabinets have not yet been purchased for spares at Jacks as we are awaiting space to become available in Jacks carport

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

5. Secretary's Report and Correspondence

Inwards -

<u>Club Magazines from</u>: - 1 X Scotland. Note, All magazines are retained in the Club Library.

Correspondence from: -

- a. Jimboomba Anglican Church, re "Rockin Jimmy's" Car Show and Rock and Roll Event on 4 October 2014. Venue St James Anglican Church, 45-57 East St Jimboomba. 8am –2 pm. Contact 0459 382 483 for additional information.
- b. Email from Malcolm King acknowledging that the Riley Club would not be the Marque of the year and suggesting that a club presence would be desirable by incorporating a run to include the Noosa Beach Classic Car Show on 5th October 2014. Information to be forwarded to Greg Mewha for consideration.
- c. Communication via QHMC from Royal Automobile Club with details of Bonhams London to Brighton Veteran Car Run Weekend from 31 October to 3 November 2014.
- d. Survey from OAMPS re customer experience.
- e. QHMC Annual Affiliation Form, with validity period from 1/10/14 to 30/09/15. It was decided to hold completion of this Form until all committee members are present in order to determine delegates.

Membership Received From:

- 1. Ken Hooper of Marcoola: paid and accepted. Note, excess of \$15 paid to be used to offset payment for spare parts currently being negotiated.
- 2. Malcolm King has paid in advance for 2014/2015.

Outwards -

- 1. Email to Graeme & Lola Sargeant advising that unfortunately we cannot provide any information on their RMB.
- 2. Email to Rodger Skerlin from Ian Henderson detailing the benefits of Club membership, particularly with regard to RM spares.
- 3. Email from the Treasurer to OAMPS advising that payment has been made and the declaration completed and forwarded. \$20,000,000 Public Liability required.
- 4. Response to survey provided by Secretary to QAMPS

Moved the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed.

Seconded by Bill Short **Carried.**

- 6. Treasurers Report June 2014 As the Treasurer was not in attendance the report will be carried until next month.
- 7. **Report from Club Captain** As the Club Captain was not in attendance the previous events list has been reviewed and revised.

31 August. Breakfast combined with MG Club at Bullocky Rest at 0900hrs.Bill Short to send out advice as the event occurs before the next Torque Tube is due
Octoberfest reminder
8-9 November. Gold Coast Autorama.
30 November to viewing of Ken's and Bill's projects. Morning Tea at Bill's and Christmas Lunch at Ken and Wendy's
30 November Christmas Party at Ken and Wendy's in Maleny
Shed sorting day postponed until September or October. To be confirmed with Bill White.
14 December Sunday Meeting at 1300hrs, preceded by a sausage sizzle at 1200hrs.
February 2015 – New Zealand
Easter 2014, Hub Rally. Details yet to come.
September 2015. Keep in mind the Perth National Rally

8. Report from Torque Tube Editor -

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

9. Report on Jack Warr Riley Shed -

There was detailed discussion on sale of spare parts from the shed (i.e. used parts) and it was agreed that funds generated from such sales should be credited to the General Account. The Motion was put by Brian Jackson and Seconded by Matthew French **Carried**

- 10. Report from Registrar Matthew is currently updating the data and will provide an update at a future meeting.
- 11. **Report from Spare Parts** –. As neither Jack nor Graham were in attendance there was no formal report presented.

A reminder that Ian Henderson, who regularly visits Jack has offered to liaise in the purchase of spare parts available from Jack and can be contacted by club members should Jack not be available.

12. Report from Website Coordinator – As Linden was not in attendance there was no formal report presented.

13. General Business.

The Lonies have apologized for the September and October meetings and Alan Hill will assume the Presidents role for these meetings.

Mark Baldock has apologized for the September meeting.

Bill white has a sample distributor gear that he will provide to Bill Short as a sample.

14. Car Reports- Nil (presumably everyone is having a trouble free existence?!)

Next Meeting will be the OGM at the Jack Warr Shed on 11/8/14 at 2000hrs, preceded by a cuppa at 1930hrs, maintaining the frequency of every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Meeting Closed: Attendees were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 2125hrs

Jack's 90th Celebration Lunch

It was a pleasure to be involved in Jacks 90th Birthday Celebrations at our Riley Clubhouse in Samford on 27th July 2014. 36 Riley friends and family attended to congratulate Jack on achieving this significant age and extend good wishes for his future. The weather was perfect and we assembled outside the Clubhouse for a drink and a chat. As well as "locals", Bev Wilson and David from South Australia and Paul Baee from New South Wales made the trip especially for the occasion and Bill and Karin Riley from New Zealand included the celebration in their trip. Inside the Clubhouse, a photo board had been set up – photos of Jack's early years, his time in the Navy, many photos of him with motorbikes, some with his wife Lorna, young family and large dogs, his pathfinder and other Rileys and more recent photos of Jack.

The Club house was festooned with pale and dark blue balloons and streamers and Jack was installed at the head of the tables surrounded by family and friends. A 2 course lunch followed, interrupted by the M.C. for the day, Ken Lonie who welcomed everybody and introduced the visitors, listed the many apologies and messages of good will and invited those who wished to speak to do so. Jack's daughter, Lyn spoke on behalf of Jack's family and Jack's Grandson did an excellent "This is Your Life Grand Dad". It was fascinating to learn of Jack's varied past.

After sweets and a wonderful birthday cake complete with candles and a hearty vocal rendition of "Happy Birthday", Jack blew out his candles to an enthusiastic round of applause. Ken then presented Jack with a special bottle of Whiskey from the Riley Club Members before tea and coffee were served.

Jack thoroughly enjoyed his day with family and fellow Rileyites.



EDITOR'S REPORT

Hi Readers,

Keep up the good work and we will have a great magazine.

Cheers.

Bill.

THE 2013 RILEY MOTOR CLUB QLD ELECTED COMMITTEE				
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Shed Report

At the club recent club meeting a resolution was passed to the affect that monies received for parts stored at the shed should now be passed to Lyndon for depositing in the general fund. These funds are then used for rental, shed upkeep including painting and framing photos of members and their cars. All members present voted for the resolution. It should be understood that there is no position to manage and sell spare parts. My position is purely coordinator for the shed. I will help with these parts as required and pass the funds to Lyndon until the club wishes to change that system. I have always believed that at some future time, the new parts should also be kept at the shed. The belief that security is a problem is untrue and the examples of this are the electronic distributors and spare electronic units which are padlocked & chained out of sight in a steel cabinet. The magazines which were presented by Jack to the club and as promised are locked in a steel cabinet. Key access to these cabinets is limited to 2 members. I have no interest in ever being responsible for new or second hand parts.

With regard to the lease on the shed which is current for another 10 months, Rod Longden and myself have had discussions with the council and representatives of a group from Samford Commons. The feedback is positive but like all dealings with council will take time. It is not unreasonable to believe that with careful handling the club will end up with a result giving us tenancy well into the future.

It is very obvious that some club members are not happy with changes to the sale of used parts or the management of the shed in general. I would urge these members to attend a meeting and make their feelings known. No official of this club is irreplaceable and that certainly applies to me, as shed coordinator.

Best wishes.

Bill White.

Coming Events

September

13 th 14 th 16 th	Gympie Swap Showground Beaudesert Swap Showground VCCQ Annual Veteran/Vintage Club Rooms	54822303 0414066121
27 th 28 th	Historic Truck Gatton Showground Queensland Air Museum	<u>hcv@hcvag.com.au</u>

October

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November

8 th -9 th	Gold Coast Autorama
30th	Christmas Lunch at the Lonies

Queensland Air Museum

Pathfinder drive, Caloundra Airport, 28 th September, 10.00 am, UBD map 99, R13 Aero Engine Run Day

Lunch- Caloundra Power Boat Club -overlooking Pumistone Passage Woorim Park (off Churchill Street),The Esplanade, Golden Beach, QLD. 12.30 pm plenty of parking.UBD map 110, D8

Sunday, 30th November 2014

10am. Meet up at the BP Service Station on the Bruce Highway Burpengary, north bound for a tea/coffee then onto Maleny for lunch. Ken and Wendy will not meet at B.P. but will await your arrival.

Heading north, take the exit onto Steve Irwin Way, signposted Landsborough/Maleny. Continue to Landsborough, veer left towards Landsborough, left again, over the railway line and head 6 miles west towards Maleny. At the top of the Range, turn right into Montville Road, travel 2.7kms then turn left into Benecke Road. Antique/Tea Rooms & B&B at corner. Take the second of the 2 cement driveways on the right and drive down the easement through the metal gates or park on Benecke Road & walk down the easement.

Christmas lunch at Ken & Wendy's, followed by inspection of progress on Ken's Riley Special.

Ken Lonie's Mob: 0409 613231 44 Benecke Road, Maleny

Christmas Lunch - 1pm (30/11/2014)

The Riley Club will supply the ham and a request will be made in October/November for Members to supply salads and sweets. As usual, please BYO drinks.

An idea of numbers will also be necessary, so please RSVP by 20th November.

An option for Sunshine Coast Rileyites is to come directly to lunch in Maleny

Vale: Dennis McCarthy

Dennis and his wife Sue were regular sights in their immaculate red and black 1950 Drophead. Dennis restored the car with much care and attention to detail in 1992 and was very proud that the car had been awarded four best-in-show trophies at various car shows. Dennis passed away, aged 81, after a bout of emphysema. A private memorial service for close family was held on Friday 1 August at Lennox Head.

We first met Dennis and Sue at the National Riley Run to Hahndorf in South Australia about 15 years ago. We found Dennis to be a total gentleman with rather a gruff nature at first until you got to know him. We met up again with Dennis and Sue at their home at Lennox Head and got to know them both a bit better. Dennis was a Churchie Old Boy, and became the senior orthodontic surgeon in Lismore where he met his future wife Sue. He was very fond of his Jack Russell terrier, Vincent, who accompanied him on his fishing trips and on trips to Dennis's oyster leases on the river at Ballina. Vincent always insisted on having an oyster or two of his own to shuck – an operation which was very noisily carried out under the car.

Dennis had many interests other than his lovely wife, his car and his dog. He worked on his oyster leases in the river as needed to supplement his income. He was keen fisherman with many photos of himself and the first tailor of the season on his photo wall. He grew an amazing collection of orchids under cover beside their house and found time to construct intricate models of various types of ships. His sister died some years ago leaving her young family as orphans. Dennis and Sue didn't blink an eye and took over the responsibility of raising the children as their own. I think this last fact points to Dennis being a man of considerable generosity of spirit who lived a life based on consideration of others.

More Shots From The Lost Worlds



Of Interest To Restorers

RUBBER SUPPLIES

The contact is Garry at Industrial Rubber Supplies phone 0427 201 716 or 1300 767 567

Try having a look at their website www.indrub.com.au

They have a fantastic range of rubber sections and the prices are reasonable.

They are based in Brisbane and Perth.



Sighted In Big Fork Montana

(Note the metal roof?)

For Sale And Wanted

- **WANTED :** Pathfinder distributor complete. Please contact Jack Warr 3378 3541
- WANTED: RME Front bucket seats and rear cushion (seat) suitable for reupholstering. Contact Roger Bishop, Townsville, phone work 4728 9170



For Sale

Due to illness Harry Milne is selling his collection of Rileys.

We are looking for expressions of interest in the cars to help Harry with ongoing medical expenses.

The cars are located at Coorparoo (Brisbane south-side). Dad says there are three cars (all in varying states of disassembly) and extra parts. One of them has been in a prang from behind, which did significant damage to the rear. If interested please contact Rick Milne. <u>rickjom@gmail.com</u>

For Sale

Very Rare Triumph Spitfire MK1

This is a going registered car with huge restoration potential.

Our very special and unique, classic Triumph Spitfire Mk 1 Ashley GT4 vintage sports car is for sale. A rare example of this car, she drives very well and is mechanically in very good condition after restoration over the last 2 years. A hugely fun, energetic and gutsy drive, this little gem will temp you the minute you drive her.

\$9500

Contact Nicola

0413389355

nicolagga@hotmail.com





For Sale

Pathfinder

POA.

Graham Mc Pherson

email mcpgr99@gmail.com

Phone 07 33599904 A/H.



Gold Coast Antique Auto Club AUTORAMA

Location: Gold Coast Antique Auto Clubhouse MUDGEERABA and Don Paxton Park, Station St, TUGUN, QLD

8TH – 9TH November 2014 SAT 8TH 8:00am Registration and Morning tea at the Clubhouse. Rally to commence at 10:30.

Lunch will be at the Tumbulgum School. Dinner 6:00 for 6:30pm. at Tugun Bowls Club and Community Sunday 9^{TH} 8:30 Static Display and judging Morning tea from 9:00am at the Tugun Bowls and Community Club {adjacent to the Park}.

10:00am RALLY COMMENCES 12:00 Fabulous GOURMET Lunch at the Tugun Bowls and Community Club.

For further information phone John Talbot on 0755789972 or e-mail <u>autorama.gcaac@gmail.com</u> Website <u>www.gcaac.com.au</u>

Post codePhone		
Email		
Names of additional adults		
Any dietary needs	Se	afood OK?
Home club		
Vehicle make	.Model	Year
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ENTRY FEE PER CAR		\$30
SAT. Morn T and lunch, No of adults@	2 \$16	\$
No. of children (under 10) ½ price of at	ove	\$
SAT NIGHT Tropical Dinner No. of adu	ılts @ \$25	\$
No. of children @ \$10		\$
SUN Mom T adults @\$4 plus children	@\$2	\$
PRESENTATION LUNCH No of adults	s @ \$25	\$
No. of children @ \$15		\$
TOTAL		\$
I will not hold the GCAAC Inc. Members re damage or injury during AUTORAMA 2014		ny loss,

SIGNATURE..... In

In 2012 we had "Something in the Air".....

Last year there was "Go Troppo"

THIS YEAR WE'LL BE" SWINGING SIXTIES"

Well Swinging Sixties was a long time ago but we can still swing!

For more information - David Mitchell on 0755771787 OR www.gcaac.com.au Send completed entry form to:-

GCAAC PO Box 228 Mudgeeraba Qld 4213 before closing date Oct. 31st with <u>CHQ</u> or MONEY ORDER made out to " GCAAC AUTORAMA " or <u>Direct Debit</u> BSB 064486 A/c 10102026 Don't forget your NAME!

ACCOMMODATION

At the southern end of the Gold Coast you have many choices, most have undercover parking and are self-contained

Our Recommendation is The Golden Riviera Beach Resort right on the beach behind the Tugun Tavern. If you share a 2 bedroom 2 bathroom unit with another couple it works out as cheap as a motel and you can WALK to the Bowls Club. PLS Note Min 2 Night Stay-Contact <u>reservations@goldenriviera.com.au</u> or 07 55259 800

Others not far away : Gold Coast Airport Hotel 55 366244 Bilinga Beachfront Motel 55341241/ Pelican Sands55347744 HOW TO FIND DON PAXTON PARK/TUGUN BOWLS CLUB UBD-Map 71/F11 Corner Atkin&Station Streets

In the Footsteps of Peter Antill

Well, not quite. Wendy and I decided to travel across Australia via one of the less travelled routes, although even the route taken has been nowhere near as arduous as that travelled by the intrepid Peter Antill in his Riley nine about 82 years ago.



At The Rock.

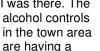
And neither were we travelling in a Riley nine, but rather an Isuzu dual cab 4WD with the camper we built some years back.

Wendy has attached several photos depicting our trip so far. We set off from Maleny on 2nd August and expect to be in Perth by about 30th August. Interestingly, Peter Antill also took 28 days to travel from Perth to Sydney, but we have had a few more stops and rest days along the way.

From Maleny, we drove to Birdsville via Roma, Charleville, Quilpie and Windorah. Our stopovers were mainly dictated by bush camping sites and availability of good coffee. We stayed in the caravan park at Birdsville and dined out at the Birdsville pub. Unfortunately the great working museum that was there last time we visited is now closed but we did get to drive out to big red and watched others powering their 4WD's to the top. It is truly unbelievable the amount of sand out there. We must rival the Sahara.

The road from Windorah to Birdsville was reasonable but probably the worst of the roads we travelled on. We then drove north to Bedourie and Boulia before heading west on the Plenty highway towards Alice Springs. Before reaching the Stuart Highway, we turned south to the old gold mining area of Arltunga, where we picked up nails in two of our tyres. We limped into Alice Springs after visiting Ross River station and Trephina Gorge. Fortunately, we were carrying an air compressor as well as two spares.

With one new tyre and one repaired, we travelled around Alice Springs seeing the sites. We hadn't realized there was so much of interest around Alice Springs and we even cycled 22klms out to Simpsons Gap and back. Alice Springs was neat and tidy and a pleasure to walk around, compared to the last time I was there. The





Artlunga Historical area. Where is the car trailer Wendy?

noticeable effect with police located outside each liquor outlet to ensure that no takeaway alcohol is being consumed in public places.

The Araluen cultural centre is spectacular, as was the Road Transport Hall of Fame. I didn't see any Rileys in the Hall of Fame, but there were all sorts of road trains and historic mail trucks, in particular the Tom Kruse mailman of the outback story. He featured in the film "Back of Beyond" which I must see when we return. There was a whole pavilion on the Kenworth truck story and about 30 odd restored Kenworth trucks of all ages.

While we were in Alice, a group of 40 pre 1913 cars came through Alice on the way to Darwin. I explained to them that the Riley club had already beaten them to it last year.

We then drove on to Standley Chasm and Kings Canyon with a diversion in to Hermannsberg Mission station. Visiting these places makes you realize just how tough those early settlers had it, without sufficient water and dust and sand. But nonetheless, Hermannsberg was obviously a thriving community. The walks around Standley Chasm and Kings Canyon were long and a bit tiring, but well worth the effort. Kings Canyon particularly was spectacular and the surrounding area is formed totally from compressed sand dunes.



Plenty Highway enroute to Alice.

While near Hermannsberg, we travelled into a lovely oasis called Palm Valley. Beautiful but very rough to get into and while rock hopping in the 4WD, we burst one of our airbags. Thankfully a call to Riley RMC owner Richard Clamp (also known as Airbag Man) and a new pair of airbags were on their way to be picked up on our arrival in Geraldton.

From Kings Canyon, it was on to Ayers Rock and the Olgas, where we also spent several nights.

Neither Wendy nor I climbed to the top of the Rock (I managed it last time I was there on a school trip 47 years ago) but I heard a rumor, that two Riley nines made it to the top several years ago!

From there we headed off due west from Ayers Rock across the Great Central Road, the first bit of which it shares with the Gunbarrell Highway.



Naked in the bush. That is the camels.

We travelled through Giles, Warburton and eventually arrived at Laverton. The dirt road was excellent and average speed was over 90 km/hour. I think we had it a bit better than Peter Antill.

Anyway, from Laverton to Menzies and Leonora, Sandstone and Mt Magnet before finally arriving in Geraldton.

We set off for Perth tomorrow after getting the ute serviced and will catch up with Jim and Glenys Runciman.

All is well and looking forward to catching up upon our return.

Ken and Wendy Lonie.

