



TORQUE TUBE

Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc November 2014

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**Perhaps Your Next Riley Paint Job?
From Ken And Wendy's Wanderings**

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Next Meeting: Will be the OGM at the Club Shed Ex CSRIO Grounds Samford on Thursday 13/11/14 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 9 October 2014

At the Jack Warr Riley Shed in Samford

1. The Acting President Alan Hill declared the meeting open at 2008hrs.
2. **Attendance** – as per the attendance sheet, and welcome to Robert McNeill as a **NEW** member.
3. **Apologies** – Greg Mehwa, Ken and Wendy Lonie, Di Phillips, Jack Warr, Dorothy Cameron, Linden and Del Thomson, Rod Longden, Lyn Jackson.
4. **Minutes** of the General Meeting held on 11/9/14 were moved for adoption as a true and correct record by Bill White and seconded by Bill Short. **Carried**

Business Arising – It was moved by Bill White and seconded by Rod Longden at the meeting on 14 August that 20 distributor gears be purchased. Bill Short advised that the price has been confirmed at \$10 ea delivered and it was unanimously agreed that 50 be purchased.

QHMC Annual Affiliation Form, with validity period from 1/10/14 to 30/09/15. It was decided at the August Meeting to hold completion of this Form until all committee members are present in order to determine delegates. Still to be done.

Carried.

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

5. Secretary's Report and Correspondence

Inwards –

Club Magazines from: - Nil

Correspondence from: -

1. QVVA 50th Anniversary Invitation. Received a little too late for consideration by the Club as entries close 20 October.
2. Email from Greg Snape of Classic Racing Developments querying potential membership
3. Invitation from Clontarf Beach Scout Group for "Wheels of the century automotive show 2014", to be held on 9 November 2014. Refer attached Invitation for completion by those interested.
4. Information on "Festival of Elegance", to be held on 15-19 October 2014.
5. Invitation from Australia Zoo was received just prior to the event for a Fathers Day Weekend from 6-7 September 2014. The Secretary responded by phone and advised that Club members would not be attending.
6. Email from Max Johnson of the MG Car Club querying our attendance at the upcoming All British Day

Membership Received From:

1. Robert McNeill, which was moved as accepted by Alan Hill and Seconded by Robin Hull. Secretary to deposit membership fee.
2. The membership query from Greg Snape was moved to be accepted by Bill White, and seconded by Brian Jackson. Secretary to advise Greg.

Carried.

Outwards –

1. Email to Greg Snape advising that the matter of membership would be raised at the next meeting and advice forwarded.

2. Email to Max Johnson advising that about 6 Riley's were likely to attend.
3. Emails to and from Kathy Kerlin regarding purchase of parts and membership payment. Ian Henderson has the parts enquiry in hand.

Moved the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed.

Seconded by Matthew Schooneveldt

Carried.

6. **Treasurers Report September 2014** –The Treasurer was not in attendance however the following report was presented by Alan Hill.

Balance as per Bank Statement, 1 September 2014	\$5714.45CR
Income	
Joining & 2014, 2015 Membership Fees:	85.00
Roger Bishop Townsville (EFT/Bpay)	
Interest	<u>0.70</u>
	\$85.70
Expenditure	
Moreton Bay RC – Shed Rent (Outgoings)	45.00
W White- Pack & Post expenses,	<u>30.00</u>
\$75.50	
Balance as per Bank Statement, 31 September 2014	\$5724.65CR

(Presented at OGM 9 October 2014)

Carried.

7. **Report from Club Captain** – As the Club Captain was not in attendance the previous events list has been reviewed and revised.

Seven cars attended the All British Day

19 October run leaving from John Scott Park, Samford at 0830 and Bill White has confirmed the suitability of the condition of the "goat track"

Octoberfest reminder.

8-9 November. Gold Coast Autorama.

30 November Christmas Party at Ken and Wendy's in Maleny

Shed sorting day has been postponed and is to be confirmed with Bill White.

December 14th agreed as the December lunch run to Bribie Island, meeting at the McDonalds Car Park, Bribie Road for a 1030 departure for a tour of Bribie.

February 2015 – New Zealand

Easter 2015, 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.

However Bill advised that he will be standing down as Editor next year and in fact will only be providing two more Torque Tube editions. This advance warning provides club members with time to reflect upon their priorities and possibly offer their services for this crucial role.

Nominations for this and all other Committee roles will be sought prior to the AGM in February 2015 at which all positions will be declared vacant and nominations sought: please give it your consideration.

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

It was noted that spares are continuing to be sold from the shed and the area is being progressively tidied up as we go.

It was also agreed that spare caps for electronic distributors be sourced.

Carried

10. **Report from Registrar** – Nil

11. **Report from Spare Parts** – As neither Jack nor Graham were in attendance there was no formal report presented.

Please refer to Ian Henderson's Spare Parts Report in the last edition of Torque Tube and note particularly the assistance he is currently providing to Jack and the Club and his timely reminder for consideration of the role of Spare Parts Officer at our upcoming AGM.

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

13. **General Business.**

There was general discussion regarding the Cairns Trip and Robin has entry forms for inclusion in the next Torque Tube as necessary.

Robin advised that he will be leaving on Sunday 29 March then after:

500km.	Sun Valley Motel Biloela, 49921281
414km.	Clermont Caravan Park, 49831927
376km.	Darympole Caravan Park Charters Towers,
454km.	Tall Timbers Motel, Ravenshoe, 40976325, and finally
79kms.	New Chalon Motel, Cairns, 40544444.

14. **Car Reports-** Mark Baldock advised that he has sourced softer bonded brake linings for his RMB which seem to have significantly better friction characteristics and will hopefully provide a marked improvement in braking efficiency.

At this stage the results are largely unproven, as there have been some difficulties with bleeding the brakes however Mark is remaining optimistic.

Quik Speed Brake & Mechanical of Nambour provided the linings, same day service, at a cost of approx \$123 plus GST for the front linings, including drum machining.

The Brake Lining Quality Control Test Procedure provided by Quik Speed describes the material as LM/836, SAE J 661a – NBR 5541, SG 2.10 g/m³

Next Meeting will be the OGM at the Jack Warr Shed on 13/11/14 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 2145hrs

EDITOR'S REPORT

Hi Readers,

I tend my apologies for the incorrect month on the last edition. Seniors moment!

As stated in the minutes, I will no longer doing the Editors job next year, so if you would like to serve the Club in some way, this may be your niche

Bill.

Coming Events

November

8th - 9th
30th

Gold Coast Autorama
Christmas Lunch at the Lonies

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A Request From Our Kiwi Cousins. Can Anyone Assist?

Hi Bill,

Have just read your newsletter about the Riley with the fibreglass mudguards. You have probably already been told that Chris Stafford at Cooroy owns the car concerned. We stayed with them last year when we were over for a holiday. We are hoping to come over again next September to travel to WA from Adelaide, **Is anyone willing to loan a car?** We have just completed a conducted trip thru the Kimberleys and then motored down to Perth from Broome in a motorhome.

Regards
Barbara (Riley NewZ)



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

Albert Gets New Legs

Just to bring you back into the picture, an RMD was offered to me through Paul Bae, spare parts officer for the NSW club. It was currently owned by Ross McOmish in South Australia. I have since learned that Ross purchased it from David Shock who lives in Wynnum. Prior to that the car may have lived on Coronation Drive and been under the 1974 flood. I get this from various people who have talked about seeing an RMD in this location prior to the flood. At some time after the flood I believe that David Shock took possession of the car and it lived with him at Wynnum for several years until being sold to Ross. To the best of my knowledge, the above is part of the history of the car and it was through Ross that the car came back to Queensland and arrived at my homed in Maleny in September 2014. Prior to the car's arrival I knew nothing about the car or its history. The only thing that I knew was that Ross believed that the front and rear wheel bearings were seized and that is how I came to know Albert, the legless Albatross.

After taking possession of Albert, the car was dismantled into its component parts. The first picture shows the tub section (boot) sitting on the driveway, the engine and gear box sitting on an engine stand and the scuttle leaning against a sandpaper fig tree. As you can see the scuttle was so rusted



that it was unusable and so the electrical components were removed and the scuttle went onto the ute for disposal. The tub section was in similar condition so it was cut through along the sides of the boot leaving the mudguards and sides of the car for later use and the centre of the tub also went onto the ute. The reader may lament the careless discarding of Riley parts but in my defence, I have not yet met a person who could restore humpty dumpty after this kind of fall.

Cutting the tub section through was not difficult as what was left of the boot floor and wheel well was either paper thin or non-

existent. After that all of the other parts including bits of timber, floor remains, rear seat base remains and lots of rust went onto the ute and this was taken to the tip.

Next, a close inspection of the chassis revealed that everywhere where timber was in contact with metal, the steel had returned to its original state; a heavy red dust and in places heavily rust indented paper thin steel. These were cut out and replaced with 3mm steel. Next, the chassis was



wire brushed and sandblasted and this revealed several other rust holes which were patched and then the entire chassis was tested for hidden corrosion and soundness. The result was painted in a black two pack chassis paint. Sounds easy doesn't it? The truth is that some of the bolts were too rusted to remove intact. The torsion bars required several swings of a sledge hammer to remove. After much thoughtful persuasion and a lot of lubrication the engine cradle bolts were removed and the engine cradle taken off for sandblasting. Then there were parts that had almost completely rusted away and were unusable.



The next thing to be looked at was the rear axle. First the bung in the diff housing was removed after a bucket was placed under it to catch the contents. I can report that the contents were almost free of oil contamination. The two litres of water however was in a dubious condition after travelling from the Brisbane river into the diff and then to Wynnum and then alongside the Murray River system to Adelaide and back again. It may be the first time flood water has ever returned to Queensland after travelling down to South Australia. Fortunately I had another diff and this was emptied of oil, this time hardly

contaminated by water. The diff was cleaned inside and out and the wheel bearings were replaced with sealed bearings. The diff was then painted along with the engine cradle, torsion bars and brake back plates.



The rest of the chassis rebuild was fairly ordinary so I won't bother you with the details except to say that the advice provided by Jack Warr on the steering gear was outstanding and the results have come up amazingly well. There is no detectable slop in the steering and the gear rolls smoothly over the rack. The steering system is now installed, suspension set

up and the rear springs cleaned, rebuilt, re-bushed and reattached to the chassis. The one outstanding issue was the torsion bar adjusting bolts. From three front ends only one adjusting bolt could be salvaged. The rest were sheered off or bent to the point of un-usability. That just



goes to show you Rileys should never be used as cross country vehicles.



If Bill can cope with a third article about Albert, the next story will be about re-bodying the car, but I think that this will take more than a month to do. Phil Wyllie.



Wire Labelling

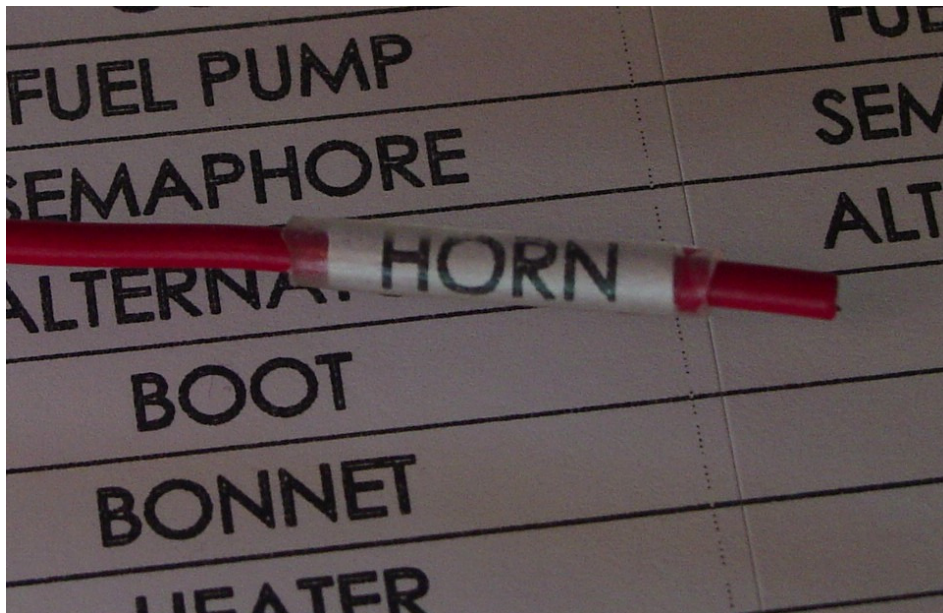
I have recently been wiring my son's RMC. I am not sure if it is an age thing, or not, but it seems to be a lot harder to remember which wire went where these days. This started me pondering on ways to tag the wires for easy recognition. I started out printing sticky labels which were alright until I had mauled them numerous times and pulled them in and out of many holes. They were eventually unrecognisable or simply fell off.

This got me to look at various commercial systems that are available at quite a cost. Most were fairly bulky and would not have allowed for extract the wire through the ever tightening grommets.

I hit upon using the sticky labels but shielding them with clear heat shrink. The cost of the labels is negligible and the heat shrink was \$ 3.50 for 9 metres of 4mm and \$5 for 9 metres of the 6mm which will cover most sizes of wire encountered in wiring a car. The longest label is about 30mm, which means you would get more than 300 labels per length of heat shrink

Shown in the picture is 2mm diameter wire and 10 point labels laser printed on sticky tag material. Horn tag has heat shrink applied.

Cheers.
Bill Short.



Ken and Wendy's Oz Odyssey

Our 3 month Across Oz Odyssey is almost over - it has been amazing & we were blessed with fine weather (freezing in the Centre at night), no mechanical problems, meeting wonderful people enroute & catching up with long time friends in each State. We are currently in Yarrawonga, Melbourne next week for a Melbourne Uni Reunion then home to Maleny. We were at Birdwood for the last day when 1000 cars rolled in after the Bay to Birdwood. Pleased to see 5 Rileys and caught up with some S.Aust. Rileyites. We really enjoyed visiting Broken Hill & Silverton and thought the paintjob on the VW was special and might appeal to the arty side in all of us! We can supply details if there is any interest!! Ken was intrigued with this wonderful "elevated" vehicle used for towing out this fisherman's boat and trailer on the York Peninsula- it actually worked!



FOR SALE

Riley RMB head that is in good condition. Make me a reasonable offer.

Bill Short.

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EXHIBIT NO. _____
(Admin use only)

ENTRY FORM

Name:-

Address:-

..... Postcode

Phone No:-

Email :

Please tick box if you have exhibited a vehicle in one of our previous shows

Vehicle Details

(1) Year / Make / Model :- _____

Reg. No:- _____

Club Name (if applicable) _____

Signed:-

Date:-:

IN SIGNING & DATING THIS ENTRY FORM, YOU AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND THE INDEMNITY DECLARATION ON THE *REVERSE SIDE*

Please return the completed and signed entry form to:

**Wheels of the Century Automotive Show 2014
P.O. Box 3163
CLONTARF MDC QLD 4019**

by **2nd November, 2014** with the entry fee or bring along on the day. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Brian Stow - 0412 744 354 OR Cheryl Linsdell - 0427 313 458



Wheels of the Century Automotive Show 2014

Sunday 9th November, 2014
Redcliffe Showgrounds,
Scarborough Road, Redcliffe.



Gates Open - 7.30a.m.
For all Exhibitors and Trade Stalls setup

General public admission from 9am-2pm
Entry Fee - \$10.00 (incl.driver)
Trade Stalls - \$50 per site
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MtNebo / Mt Glorious Breakfast Run.

Seven cars turned out for the run to Jollys Lookout via the newly reconstructed Goat Track. Great spot for breakfast except that Brisbane Parkland did not fill the gas on the beautiful new bbq,s. So off we went to Miallala at Mt Glorious, where Di Phillips saved the day by producing a lighter to start the wood bbq. Good to see Di & good to welcome new member Robert & his wife in their newly acquired 1.5. Robin Hull assures me that his MX5 is really a Riley in disguise.

Bill W.





The editor's RMC getting some "make-up" applied



 *Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club*
Redland City Australia Day Rally
Monday 26 / 1 / 2015 

Free **Free Breakfast for all rally entrants from 7.30am** *Free*
Ormiston State School,
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Vehicle Display, Quizzes, Free Breakfast & Tea and Coffee
From 7.30 am to 9.00am

BYO morning tea and enjoy morning tea and the vehicle display until 10.30am
At 10.30am start one of the navigational runs through the Redlands
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Contact: Steve 0411 516 122 or John 0407 140 446

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