



TORQUE TUBE

Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc December 2014

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Next Meeting: Will be the OGM at the Club Shed Ex CSRIO Grounds Samford on Thursday 11/12/14 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 13 November 2014

At the Jack Warr Riley Shed in Samford

1. The President Ken Lonie declared the meeting open at 2010hrs.
2. **Attendance** – as per the attendance sheet.
3. **Apologies** – Greg Mewha, Di Phillips, Jack Warr, Rod Longden, Lyn Jackson, Bill White.
4. **Minutes** of the General Meeting held on 9/10/14 were moved for adoption as a true and correct record by Alan Hill and seconded by Robin Hull. **Carried**

Business Arising – Bill Short advised that he believes the distributor gears have arrived and he will be checking their whereabouts. Distributor caps are still to be ordered.
Linden will submit Annual Return of Association and \$48.25 fee and also QHMC Annual Affiliation Form, with Ray Burrows as Delegate #1 and Linden Thomson as Delegate # 2, with validity period from 1/10/14 to 30/09/15. It had been decided at the August Meeting to hold completion of this Form until all committee members were present in order to determine delegates.
Carried.

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

5. Secretary's Report and Correspondence

Inwards –

Club Magazines from: - 1 X SA, 1 X Vic, 2 X Scotland, and Crankhandle from Gold Coast Antique Auto Club

Correspondence from: -

1. Email from Greg Snape of Classic Racing Developments confirming he wishes to become a member and will be forwarding subscription and fees in due course.
2. Samford District Historical Museum Society (Inc) advising of Australia Day activity next year (26 Jan'15) and seeking our Club support. Bill to include in next edition of Torque Tube.
3. Historic Dating Certificate received for use in concessional vehicle registration applications. Linden to insert Club Logo and forward to Matthew for his use.

Membership Received From: Nil
Ian Henderson is to follow up membership from Roger Bishop

Outwards –

1. Email to Greg Snape advising that his membership will be accepted, subject to receipt of his Application and fees.

Moved the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed.

Seconded by Bill Short

Carried.

6. Treasurers Report October 2014 –

Balance as per Bank Statement, 1 October 2014	\$5724.65CR
Income	
Joining & 2014, 2015 Membership Fees:(EFT/Bpay)	85.00
Joining & 2014, 2015 Membership Fees:	50.00
Secondhand Spare Parts per W. White	205.00
Secondhand Spare Parts (EFT/Bpay)	85.00
Interest	<u>0.72</u>
	\$ \$425.72

Expenditure

W Short – Stamps & Postage 90.35
\$ 90.35

Balance as per Bank Statement, 31 October 2014 **\$6060.02CR**

Term Deposit:

The Term Deposit was rolled over with interest capitalisation on 1 October 2014 for three months. Balance at rollover was \$5685.92. The current interest rate is 3.3%

(Presented at OGM 13 November 2014)

Carried

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

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 (3 April 2015). Details are now available which will be circulated in the next edition of Torque Tube.

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. Submission by mid 20th of the month would be appreciated.

Bill will also prepare and circulate a January Edition to ensure details of the AGM and the Presidents Run are available to members.

Please be mindful, as advised in last month edition that Bill will be standing down as Editor next year. Hopefully this advance warning will give any budding editors time to reflect upon their priorities and possibly offer their services for this crucial role.

As previously advised, 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** –

As Bill was not in attendance, no formal report was received, however it was noted that the shed and contents appeared neat and sorted and we will await advice from Bill on a further shed working bee.

Carried

10. **Report from Registrar** – Nil, however Matthew did advise that there have been some new members recently

11. **Report from Spare Parts** – There was general discussion about the future role of the Spare Parts Officer and a direction needs to be determined prior to the AGM.

Suspension rubbers and engine mounts are now available for RM's and Pathfinders.

Please again refer to Ian Henderson's Spare Parts Report in previous editions of Torque Tube and note particularly the ongoing assistance he is 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** – Linden advised that the Rules of Incorporation will be included on the Website and that Torque Tube editions are up to date.

13. General Business.

A reminder was provided that the Christmas Party will be at Ken and Wendy's on 30 November 2014 at 1200hrs, meeting at the BP, north direction at 1000hrs.

14. **Car Reports-** Mark Baldock confirmed that softer linings are providing better braking and he is now about to replace the rear linings.

Bill Short has now painted his RMC and both he and Robin are impressed with the finished job.

Next Meeting will be the OGM at the Jack Warr Shed on 11/12/14 at 2000hrs, preceded by a **“sausage sizzle” at 1900hrs**, maintaining the frequency of every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Meeting Closed: Attendees were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 2200hrs

EDITOR'S REPORT

Hi Readers,

Not a lot to report this month. I will be putting out a January edition to keep everybody in touch over the festive season, so if you have anything you would like to submit, please get it into me by about 20th of December as I will be away in early January and need to put it to bed early.

Cheers for the Festive Season.

Bill.

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The Gold Coast Autorama 2014.

Pictures following page.

9 Queensland Rileyites spent a most enjoyable weekend down at the Gold Coast in November, participating in the annual Gold Coast Autorama. Approximately 60 cars were registered with 8 cars of the 1920's era, the oldest being a 1923 Diato Tipo 20 tourer. The 3 Rileys which attended performed very well on the picturesque and sometimes very steep runs through the Gold Coast Hinterland. Ken's 1933 Riley Monaco was awarded the Best Post-Vintage (1931-1949) vehicle and also awarded the Presidents overall Best Car of the Rally. As usual, the Rally was a very friendly, well organised event and enjoyed by all.



Pictured above: Alan, Barbara & Robin, Ken & Wendy, Stewart, Sheila, Sue Paton.2. Ken Lonie receiving the best post vintage award. 3. Ken & Wendy with Presidents award for Best car of the Rally.

FOR SALE



1954 RME 1½ - Chassis No. RME 23354, Engine No. RMA13535

Black exterior with red upholstery.

This car has been used regularly in the North East with the longest trip to date a visit to Naracoorte SA for the 2007 National Rally, over 1200 miles. Cruises beautifully.

Mechanically reconditioned some 5500 miles ago and has been garaged continuously.

It is a case of either extend the shed or sell a Riley, a reluctant sale.

Price - \$16,000 or close offer. Contact Bruce Vine on 0409 468 230

RMB HUB CAPS

20 Riley RMB Hub Caps. Some in good condition, most are in fair condition and all could be restored. These are original hub caps not reproduction. Buy the lot for \$150 or pick the eyes out of them for 5 for \$100. Will ship at buyers cost.

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RARE RMC PARTS

I have a collection of rare Riley RMC Roadster part. These include a full set of roof bows. (very usable fair condition). Bumper Bars (Some original and some repo ones). Steel bonnet and molds to make fibreglass ones. Numerous other body brackets and minor panels. Fuel tank.

I want to see them go to a good home not the dump. If you are interest please get in touch. I am just finishing off a full restoration and the bits and pieces are not required. Make an offer.

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RMB GENERATOR AND REGULATOR

Generator from an RMB in very good condition. Regulator thrown in.
\$100

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NEED SOME RUBBER?

I am always on the look out for services and products that assist me in my restorations. The other day I was chasing some mudguard piping.

I finally found a company in Virginia (Brisbane) that supplied it at a very reasonable price and who would sell it by the metre rather than the roll. They also have a great array of other rubber sections and auto trim.

UES International
1-3/36 Pritchard Road
Virginia
QLD 4014
07 3623 5800
uesqld@uesint.com

Albert On The Move.

There could be more Dropheads in pieces on garage floors than there are complete ones on the road. At least that is my impression. I get that from the two RMD restorations that I have looked at, the two other restorations that I know about and the only complete car that I have seen. The complete car belongs to Graham McKay. It is complete, in amazingly original condition and roadworthy. And of all the RMD restoration projects that I have seen, perhaps the record for the longest restoration belongs to Neil Patrick who lives in Sydney. He acquired his car in 1974 and is being worked on even as I write this. Currently the car is living with Keith Phillips who has been making timber frames for Riley's for at least 30 years. I corresponded and purchased a rear window frame from him in 1984 at a time when I didn't know what a rear window frame looked like. But that is another story. Keith is currently making the timber frame for Neil's car. And because I don't know much about RMD's (or any other Riley for that matter) I took the opportunity to drive down to Sydney, catch up with Paul Bae, acquire some second hand RM bits, visit Neil and take a close look at Neil's car to see how the unique bits of a Drophead fit together. I can report to you that the hospitality from Paul and Neil was outstanding, the detailed description of RMD construction from Paul was amazing and the study of Neil's car was exceptionally helpful.



*Graham's car,
Neil's car and
Ross' car*



On one of the days that I was in Sydney Neil took me to Keith's house and on the way we stopped off at Bunnings to pick up a sheet of three ply timber. I also took some pencils and a marking pen. This was to trace out some of the timber shapes that I hoped to look at. All of this is really important as I can never remember all the details of a car that I might only get to visit once.



*Keith Phillip
holding a door
window in place.*



When we arrived we found that the car was resting under a car port in Keith's back yard. Happily, perhaps only from my point of view, the car was without its roof or seats and there was no inner skin on the doors. The dashboard was complete and the engine, gear box and other running gear was in place. The first thing I noticed was the angled track that the door window moves along. It is different from other RM's in that the door window moves in a track along a fixed quarter window. The door timbers however are similar to other RM's in that they run around the edges of the doors but are thicker to carry the extra weight of the longer doors. Another thing that is similar to other RM's is that the door is the fixed shape that may be used to fit the front and rear of the car to – that is if you are happy with me calling the quarter panels the front and the tub section the rear of the car.



Picture of a quarter window and winding window track.

The second thing that attracted my eye was the timbers and the extra steel that was used to stiffen the body behind the doors. The door pillars themselves are made from timber rather than steel but these are reinforced by angled steel at the top and the bottom. The top angle provides stiffening from the rear window sill to the door pillar and the bottom angle provides stiffening from the door pillar to the bottom rail and provides strengthening across the front of the rear seat from one side of the car to the

other. I don't really know why so much reinforcement is required but it is clear that the lack of a roof robs the car of the strength of a box structure that sedans have so that a lot of steel is required to stiffen the structure.

Rear quarter panel.

After that, a closer look at the top of the tub section revealed the box that the roof folds into when retracted from the up position. It reduces the size of a small boot (woops did I write that!) to a quarter less than its original size. The front of the box follows the original line that supports the back seat and the rear of the box reduces the tub section back three inches towards the boot opening. The box is made from steel but it is framed with timber behind the rear seat. There is also a lot of cloth lining around it but I have not yet seen an intact lining to copy.



The hood box.

A learning I confirmed from this visit is that although a picture is worth a thousand words notes are still very important. It is possible to take a lot of pictures but unless you have a few notes to go with them you can end up with inaccurate ideas about a car's dimensions. Pictures are helpful though, but they are much more useful when measuring tapes are set alongside the part pictured. And in the end written descriptions and notes on distances make the difference when attempting to produce exact replicas.

While at Keith's place, he showed me a side rail that he had made for Neil's car. The only difference from other RM's is that below the rail there is a three inch square block that runs most of the length of the rail to support the Drophead body. Apart from the door timbers, I think this is the most important timber shape. If it is not right then nothing else will work. His parting advice was that a would be restorer should never completely disassemble a project but should restore one part at a time so that the shape and form of the body is retained. I didn't tell him about the extent of Albert's demise. After taking several photos and measurements and tracing out the unique shape of the side rails we parted company. I am much indebted to your advice. Thank you, Keith.

Prior to departing Sydney, Neil was kind enough to lend the roof catches and roof springs so that I could copy them. The picture attached may give an idea of how well they have been reproduced.



The roof catches: can you pick the difference between the originals and the copies?

Thank you to Paul and Neil and the NSW Riley Club for the RM parts, advice and the items that you have loaned to me.

Phil Wyllie

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NOR'EASTER HUB MEET
Incorporating NQ QHMC Rally



CAIRNS --- 3rd April to 6th April 2015

Entrant: (Surname) _____ (First Name) _____

Passengers: (Surname) _____ (First Name) _____

Address: (Street) _____ (Suburb) _____ (City) _____

Post Code _____ Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Vehicle: (make) _____ (Style: eg Roadster) _____

Model: _____ year: _____ Rego No: _____

Club: _____

Meals & Fees

DAY	MEAL	PERSON	COST/PERSON	NUMBER	TOTAL
Friday	Finger Food		Free		
	Dress code – Tropical				
Saturday	Lunch		Own cost		
	Dinner	Adult	\$15.00		
		Child	\$7.50		
	Dress code – "It's A Mad World"				
Sunday	Lunch	Adult	\$10.00		
		Child	\$10.00		
	Dinner	Adult	\$25.00		
		Child	\$15.00		
	Dress code – Year of your car			Entry Fee	\$40
Monday	Breakfast at Gordonvale Macdonalds		Own cost		
				Total	\$

*Children over 12 years pay adult price.

*Any special dietary requirements: _____

*Friday, Saturday & Sunday night venues BYO alcohol due to licensing laws.

Indemnity (to be completed by all Entrants)

In consideration of the acceptance of this my/our entry, I/we agree that the promoting committee and it's associated organizations will be in no way responsible for loss or damage to a participating vehicle, its parts or accessories and personal effects, or for any damage caused by any such participating vehicle and any participant by entering or driving in this event or a passenger by taking part shall thereby waive the right of action at law against the committee, its organizations, their representatives or agents.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

All vehicles must meet statutory requirements with regard to registration and third party insurance.

The Hub Rally 2015

The Rally Headquarters will be the Cairns Showgrounds, Mulgrave Road Cairns. Some accommodation options near the Showgrounds

Cairns Showgrounds- Powered sites \$22 per night.

Cairns Coconut Holiday resort – Anderson Road, Phone 1800 63 6623

First City Caravilla Caravan Park, Kelly St Earlville – Phone 1800 22 4767

Cairns Gateway resort, Corner C (Secondary Road) and Anderson Road Phone 4044 4777

New Chalon Motel, 702 Bruce Highway (Secondary Road). Woree Phone 4054 4444

Cairns Reef Apartments & Motel, 670 Bruce Highway (Secondary Road). Woree Phone 4033 0522

Cairns Cannon Park Motel, 574 Bruce Highway, Cairns Phone 4033 5555

Cairns Tropical Gardens Motel, 314 Mulgrave Road Cairns Phone 4031 1777

City Sheridan Motel, 157 Sheridan Street, Cairns Phone 4051 3555

Cairns Queens Court Motel, 167 Sheridan Street, Cairns Phone 40517722

Rainbow Inn, 179 Sheridan Street, Cairns Phone 4051 1022

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Account Number :- 113310189
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For further information please contact
Dawn May hidvm@optusnet.com.au or Phone 07 4057 8100
Dian Hill dhill@bigpond.com or Phone 07 4055 4171

PROGRAM OF EVENTS		
Friday 2.00pm	Registration	Cairns Showgrounds
6.00pm	Meet & Greet	Cairns Showgrounds
Saturday 8.00-10am	Gymkhana	Cairns Showgrounds
10.00-1pm	Show n Shine	DFO Mulgrave Road
1pm-3pm	Gymkhana	Cairns Showground
3-3.30pm	High tea	Cairns Showgrounds
6.30pm	BBQ tea	Cairns Showgrounds
Sunday 9-10.30am	Observation Run	
10.30am	Morning tea	Mulgrave Settlers Museum
11-12.30	Observation	
12.30-2.00pm	Lunch	Greater Hill Park
2.00pm	Free time – optional run to Cairns Botanical Gardens	
6.30pm	Presentation Dinner	Cairns Showgrounds
Monday 8am	Breakfast	Macdonald Gordonvale

Dian & Henry Hill
 PO Box 49
 Edmonton, QLD
 Australia 4869

Coming Events.

December 14th

Sunday

Lunch run to Bribie Island, meeting at the McDonalds Car Park, Bribie Road for a 10.30am departure for a tour of Bribie.

2015

January 26th

Monday

The Samford District Historical Museum Society Australia Day Celebrations. Station Street Samford. John Scott Park. Display of vehicles from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Morning tea and sausage sizzle for driver and one passenger.
info@samfordmuseum.com.au Contact Secretary Lynette 07 3289 1809

April 3rd to 6th

Nor'easter HUB meet Cairns. See attached information

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Aussie World Australia Day Event Monday 26 January 2015

Aussie World are looking for antique, classic or vintage cars, utes, trucks and caravans who would like to be part of the Aussie World Australia Day event on Monday 26th January 2015.

Australia Day at Aussie World is considered a major event on the Sunshine Coast and attracts thousands of spectators watching the infamous Dunny Races and Tug of War contest. As an added attraction, Aussie World is looking for individual or groups to display their vehicle or caravan for people to admire.

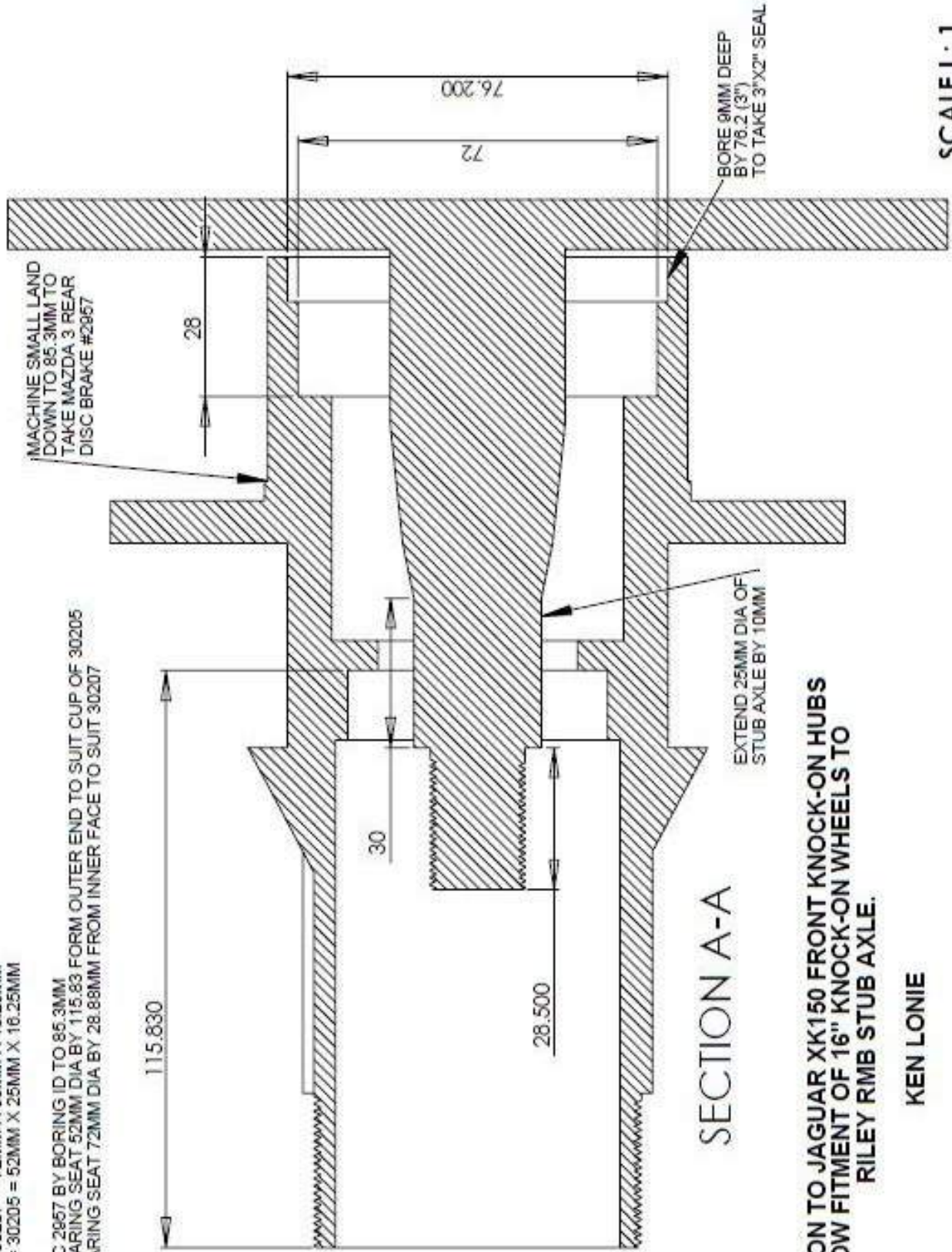
In return for displaying your vehicle or caravan at Aussie World on Australia Day from 8.30am to 1.30pm, each vehicle will receive a complimentary Aussie World Family Pass (2 adults and 2 children) valued at \$115. Depending on vehicle numbers, FJ's Café inside Aussie World may be able to open prior to 9am for breakfast. In addition, if you belong to a club you would be more than welcome to use the car park as a meeting place for any future day trip, car rally's etc.

To entice people to come along to this event, Australia Day at Aussie World will be widely publicised throughout the media. On the actual day all forms of media are in attendance. Last year we had the Sunshine Coast Daily, Courier Mail, Channel 7, Win Television, and Channel Ten cover the event.

Pre-registration to exhibit is compulsory and attached is the registration form that each participant will need to complete and return.

INNER BEARING = 30207 = 72MM X 35MM X 18.25MM
 OUTER BEARING = 30205 = 52MM X 25MM X 16.25MM

- * FIT MAZDA 3 DISC 2957 BY BORING ID TO 85.3MM
- * BORE OUTER BEARING SEAT 52MM DIA BY 115.83 FORM OUTER END TO SUIT CUP OF 30205
- * BORE INNER BEARING SEAT 72MM DIA BY 28.88MM FROM INNER FACE TO SUIT 30207



SECTION A-A

MODIFICATION TO JAGUAR XK150 FRONT KNOCK-ON HUBS
 TO ALLOW FITMENT OF 16" KNOCK-ON WHEELS TO
 RILEY RMB STUB AXLE.

KEN LONIE

SCALE 1 : 1