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Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc.

July 2010



97 on the clock!

Next Meeting: 8:00 pm Thursday, 8th July
Brisbane Sporting Car Club
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Minutes of the OGM of the Riley Motor Club, Qld., Inc. held at the Brisbane Sporting Club, West End Thursday, 11th June 2010

Meeting opened by President Simon Schooneveldt at 8.05pm with 20 members and guests present.

Apologies: Lyn & Brian Jackson, Del Thomson, Jack Warr, Wendy Judd, Ken & Wendy Lonie, Helga Schooneveldt, Pat & Betty Elliott, Bonnie Young, Dick & Earla Self.

Minutes from previous meeting:

Moved, Trevor Judd, seconded by Bill White that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from minutes:

Steel Cupboard for storage at the Brisbane Sporting Car Club Rooms. Discussed in General Business.

Inwards correspondence:

1. Invitation to Beaudesert & District Restored Auto Club Run, Sunday 15 August;
2. Bay to Birdwood Run, Sunday 26 September;
3. Summerland Sports & Classic Car Club's 27th Static Car Show, 1 August;
4. Invitation to Industrial Desire Detroit Concept Cars, Thursday 10 June;
5. QHMC General Meeting Minutes for May;
6. Tru' Brit Magazine;
7. Copies of Riley Blue Diamond, Riley Gazette, Riley Rattles, Riley Crank, Riley Newsletter WA.

Outwards correspondence:

Nil.

Moved by Alan Hill seconded by Dorothy Cameron that the inwards be received and the outwards be endorsed. Carried.

Treasurer's Report May, 2010

Balance as per Bank Statement, 30 th April 2010		\$4,624.25CR
Income		
Membership Fees	\$50.00	
Interest	<u>\$ 0.55</u>	
	<u>\$50.55</u>	\$4,674.80
Expenditure		
L.Thomson N/Letter May	\$245.57	
Brisbane Sporting Club Room Rental May	<u>\$ 55.00</u>	
	<u>\$300.57</u>	\$4,374.23
Balance as per Bank Statement, 31 st May 2010		\$4,374.23CR

Moved by Ross Phillips that his Report be accepted, seconded Ian Henderson. Carried
 Ross advised the meeting that he was looking at moving \$1,500.00 out of the general account when the investment matured in June. Will be looking at the best time periods and interest rates then. Carried.

Club Captain's Report:

Bundaberg Rally over Queens Birthday weekend. Members going are the Hills, Schooneveldts, Thomsons, Burrows, Lonies and the Hulls.

Saturday 19th visit to Dick and Earla Self at Southport for a morning tea.

July Run details will be announced at the July meeting.

21/22 August Run to Leyburn for the Rizzo Event (yet to be announced) overnight in Toowoomba.

Spare Parts Report:

Graham Mackay advised the meeting that another lot of axles will be available shortly. Spare parts list will be out in the near future.

Registrar's report 2010

Matthew was congratulated for his analysis of membership numbers. He had no report at this time.

General business:

Simon Schooneveldt put forward a motion that "The committee for the 2011 National Riley Rally should consist of Simon Schooneveldt, Ken Lonie, John Romer, Bill White, Ross & Dianne Phillips." Seconded by Alan Hill. Carried.

Bill White and Trevor Judd raised the issue of one of the Objects in the Constitution that covers the preservation of Rileys. It was suggested that a think tank should look at ways to encourage membership and interest of younger people to become members. It was suggested that Matthew Schooneveldt, Trevor Judd and Bill White, with Linden Thomson responsible for the Club Website, to look at possibilities.

The issue of the steel cupboard was discussed and it was decided to purchase a second hand cupboard. Alan Hill and Linden Thomson to attend to the matter.

Reminder to the QHMC Representatives Simon Schooneveldt and Ian Henderson that the next QHMC meeting is on 22nd July at Belmont Vintage Car Club Rooms.

Secretary's Email: Redpath@aanet.com.au

Meeting closed: 9.15pm.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, 8 July, 2010.

Thursday, 12 August 2010.

BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB

Unit 1, 206 Montague Road

West End Q 4101 (UBD map 21 (P8) approximately opposite Donkin Street.

Club Captains Report:

Alan Hill



The Queen's Birthday long weekend rally in Bundaberg was a success with everything going to plan. It is interesting to go on rallies organized by other clubs, and note the varying organizational efforts, especially with ourselves to run our National Rally in 2012. Route instructions were very good, with Marshalls at all major intersections, and no problems getting to the various locations. With around 100 vehicles on the runs, there was not too much congestion, the Model T Fords setting a reasonable pace. Meals were great, all at the one venue, and the Maxi Taxi worked well again getting to and from.

The prize giving dinner threw up some surprises; the top car in our category was a Purple Austin A30, and the people's choice the biggest Buick Riviera that I have ever seen. (Just proves that one man's meat is another man's poison!!)

The only problems on the weekend were a non-starting starter motor, and a non-charging generator, both fixed with the expert assistance of Ray Burrows. The Lynx ran really well until we got nearly home, and then ran out of water. Investigations found it was just a loose hose connection!!

The following Saturday, June 19th, the Hills, Judds, Thomsons, Burrows and Dorothy Cameron went on a run to the Masonic Care Centre at Arundel to visit Dick and Earla Self to help celebrate Dick's 97th Birthday. We (the Hills) went in RMB50 so Dick could be reacquainted with the car he restored.

Dick is well, though his wheels are now attached to a chair rather than a Riley, and Earla is as sparky as ever. She says they are very happy where they are. They are very comfortable, have everything they need and are well cared for. We took them across the road to the very pleasant park for a little celebration with tea and birthday cake.

Turning to this month's events, we have the RACQ Motorfest on Sunday July 11th; you should already be entered for this if you are going. Next year we will try to organize this one earlier, and get the discount for group entry. We should also do some Riley Club promotion as this is probably the biggest display in Queensland.

We also have an invitation from Trevor Judd to join the SWBM Club for a visit to the Pimpama Heritage Park Open Day on Sunday July 25th. Rendezvous is the Strawberry Farm at Exit 49 on the Pacific Motorway at 8.00am, leaving by 8.30am. The early start is because the area for the car display is limited and they don't want to miss out. If you come later you may have park outside.

There will be all sorts of displays from quilting to radio collection, old telephones, stationary engines, steam engines, tractors, buses, etc. There is plenty of food, drink, ice cream and country music. Sounds like a great day out for us Rileys!

Full details of Leyburn weekend 21st/22nd next month, but we will meet on the

Saturday morning, drive up to Leyburn via Clifton, stay in Toowoomba that night at Paragon Alan Cunningham Motel, 808 Ruthven St, with dinner at a local restaurant, and back to Leyburn on Sunday morning. Make your own reservations at the motel.

The following weekend is the IGA Sunshine Coast Rally for Leukemia, so it could be a busy Riley month !!

Club Events Program—2010

July	Thursday 8th. Sunday 11th Sunday 25th	Club Meeting RACQ Motorfest, Eagle Farm. Pimpama Heritage Day—meet Strawberry Farm 8.00 am.
August	Thursday 12th. Sat 21st/Sun 22nd Sunday 29th	Club Meeting Leyburn Sprints, overnight Toowoomba. IGA Sunshine Coast Rally for Leukaemia
September	Thursday 9th. Sunday 19th	Club Meeting All British Car Day, Tennyson.
October	Thursday 14th. Sunday 17th.	Club Meeting Run
November	Thursday 11th. Sunday 21st.	Club Meeting Run
December	Thursday 9th. ???? Sunday 12th	Club Meeting Xmas Dinner Run—maybe Xmas Picnic ?
January 2011	President's Run.	

President's report on Queen's Birthday QHMC Rally, Bundaberg: Simon Schooneveldt

This rally was sponsored by RACQ and the QHMC (henceforth to be known as Historic Motor Council [HMC]) and very well organized and brilliantly hosted by the Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club whose members manned every 'turn in the road' to save their visitors confusion and wrong directions.

Rileys were well represented amongst the 120 cars entered from 35 different clubs. A fantastic variety of vehicles, something of interest for everyone. Three Whippets, 1928 and 1929 attracted my attention because such a Whippet was the very first "old bomb" my father could afford on arriving in Australia in 1950, to cart his large family around. (He never mastered gear changing though!)

Our club members admired three Hupmobiles ('28, '29, '34) amongst many other cars. Attendees were Ray & Bev Burrows in their Pathfinder with Dorothy Cameron as an honoured guest, Robin & Barbara Hull, 2 ½, Linden and Delma Thomson, 2 ½, Alan & Sheila Hill, 1937 Lynx, Ken & Wendy Lonie, 1933 Monaco, Simon & Helga Schooneveldt, 2 ½.

The main meeting venue was at the attractive Shalom Private College's facilities, where we also partook of really excellent meals. We had runs to Bundy Rum (naturally), Bundaberg Brewed Softdrinks and Schmeider's Cooperage and Sunday visits to two scenic coastal villages. The theme of the Rally was "The Magic of 2010" and Saturday night's dinner included a forgettable one and a half hour Magician show that failed to hold the audience's attention for that length of time. Still, flops can often be more memorable, just because of that!

The Rileys performed well. Ken & Wendy's Monaco needed a spanner or two at the motor end, minor and under Ken's capable hands, no problem. My 2 ½ lost generating power due to jammed brushes. (This is the very first problem the Riley Manual advises how to avoid in its generator chapter!) Ray Burrows ripped the generator out in minutes, but we found the commutator segments had loosened, rendering the armature unserviceable.

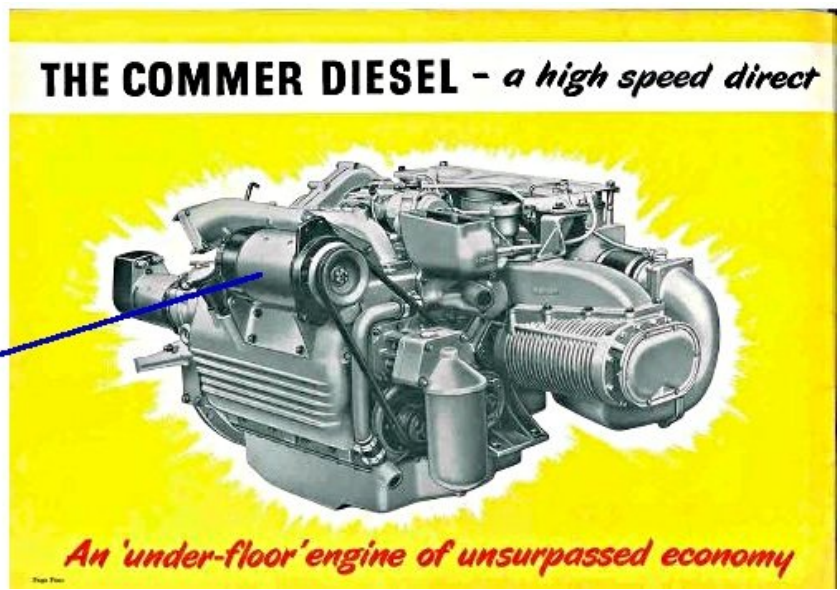
Ray phoned the Bundy Rally boys, and unbelievably the Rally film recordist, a Bundy member, remembered he had a suitable armature from an old "double knocker" ??? engine* and he delivered it within minutes. Ray reassembled it, I bolted it all back in the car. It worked like a charm. The rest is history. All home safe.

** Actually, a Commer 'knocker' ('double-knocker' usually refers to a double-overhead-cam motorcycle engine). Commer trucks with this engine (TS3) were used by transport companies like Cobb & Co. to greatly expand road transport in Australia in the 1950s. Anyone who heard one of these trucks at speed on a country highway at night understands why they got their nickname. Very few survive.—LT*

A very interesting engine from 1954.

The Commer 'Knocker', a 3-cylinder, 6 piston, horizontally-opposed two-stroke.

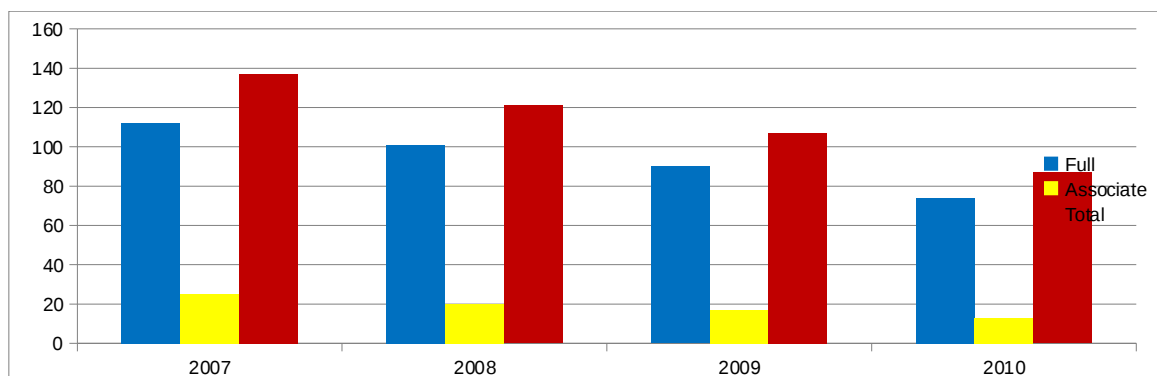
Here's the generator



The Membership Dilemma:

Registrar Matt Schooneveldt has provided this chart of member numbers in recent years that shows a concerning trend—

QUEENSLAND RILEY CLUB MEMBERSHIP



	2007	2008	2009	2010
Full	112	101	90	74
Associate	25	20	17	13
Total	137	121	107	87

There has been some discussion amongst members and at recent Club meetings about possible causes of this decline in membership and of possible ways of combating it. If you have any suggestions as to either cause or cure please provide them to someone on the Committee.

Vice-President Bill White has been giving some thought to the issue and has penned the following—

Membership Recruitment

At the June meeting, I highlighted figures produced by Matthew Schooneveldt and the Profit and Loss statement from Treasurer Ross Phillips. These figures showed that membership had dropped by 40% over the last four years. With the loss of membership comes drop in income from membership fees and sale of spare parts. The Club is of course functioning very well, but if the loss of membership were to continue we could face a difficulty keeping up the happy and efficient Club we all want.

With this in mind, I would like to suggest that we make some efforts to replace some of the lost membership. The first plan is to call on members and non-members who either have Rileys for sale or will consider selling cars they are not using. The Club will keep a list of these cars so that when there are enquiries we can indicate to potential new members that these cars are available. The prices will, of course, be set by the owners.

Ross Phillips is making a Riley sign which can be taken to rallies and runs. It will give contact details for anyone interested in a Riley.

I hope all members will help to encourage new membership by promoting the Riley badge.

Please forward to me any information on cars that we can list.

My phone numbers are 07 3287 4282 and 0404 604 459, and email address thewhitehouse7@bigpond.com.au

With thanks,

Bill White

RACQ-HMC Rally:



Lunch at Gympie en route



Fine profile



Ladies lizarding



One of the groups lined up pre-start at Shalom College.



Rotax not rotating



A Wizard night



Interesting trailer



Saturday night was cold!



Three Hupmobiles



Two Model-Ts



At Elliot Heads, day 2. Note rare Wolseley 6-cylinder east-west FWD between Lynx and Morgan.



'29 Hupmobile



Red & black popular colour scheme



Hupmobile and winning A30 (three-piece windscreen and outboard wipers on Hupmobile)

Happy Birthday, Dick!



For Sale:

1949 Green 1½-litre Ute Special, restored, currently registered, but sold as is, unregistered \$7,500

Contact John Tysoe 0403 585 288

1951 Yellow 2½-litre Sedan, unrestored, currently registered, but sold as is, unregistered \$4,500

Contact Gary Tysoe 0408 198 537

1955 Pathfinder complete, car needs restoration (some restoration started, suspension, hubs, steering box and components, diff and more)

PLUS majority of parts and panels of a second car—

block, crank, head, sump, gearbox, diff

2 x steering wheel, shafts and boxes

another set of front and rear drums, brakes, suspension, springs, torsion bars and wheels, etc

1 x chassis

5 x rear windscreens

set of doors

pair of front mudguards and rear quarter panels

roof, fire wall, radiator surround

3 x bonnets and boot lids

set of front and rear seats

most interior parts

and much, much more—all must go for Riley pre-war special project

\$1500.00 ono

Call Matt 0432997564

And from interstate (Victoria)—

1951 2½-litre SALOON – BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

1951 2½, blue, on full registration TOH327. Super reliable and used as a daily driver. Previous owner spent over \$20,000 on mechanicals, electricals, brakes etc, so drives really well. On \$1200 worth of Michelin X tyres. Heater / demister. Radio with iPod input.

That's the good bit. Body can only be described as pretty awful—has to be the worst looking Riley in regular use. So it comes with a straight second car. You can restore this body while you keep the car in use then swap.

Price is \$7,500 with a year's registration or \$7,000 unregistered.

Contact Brian Glass on 0411 146 147 (Victoria)

CLEARANCE SALE OF RILEY PARTS – Post War

These parts provide cheap insurance against future problems and may not be available when you really need them.

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| 1. RMABCDEF | wheel perfect condition..... | \$15 |
| 2. RMBDF | bonnet side trims brand new from England, chrome
on brass as original, perfect condition..... | \$80 |
| 3. RMBF | running board..... | \$25 |
| 4. RMBCDF | flywheel..... | \$40 |
| 5. RMBCD | exhaust manifold early style perfect condition..... | \$50 |
| - RMA | 1 ½ litre brake drums finned and later non finned,,,... | \$10ea |
| - RMABEF | roof gutter kit aluminium 3 pieces as original from
England. | \$100 |
| - RMBCD | 2 ½ litre cylinder head no corrosion | \$50 |
| - RMBCD | 2 ½ litre brake drums finned early type excellent..... | \$10ea |
| - RMBCD | 2 ½ litre front brake backplates with wheel cylinders,
shoes etc 1949 2 ls very hard to find..... | \$50pair |
| - RMABCD | front bumper blade straight and solid..... | \$20 |

Other parts available include body panels such as scuttle sides, windscreen surround panel, rear mudguards and grille for 1 ½ litre and 2 ½ litre sedan, roadster doors, 2 ½ litre front mudguards and 17" alloy rim steering wheel.

Contact Mike Bramwell on **0437189538**

Council News



RACQ HMC Rally

The RACQ HMC Rally attracted 120 entries this year. Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club organised and hosted a very enjoyable long weekend consisting of visits, an evening dinner show, a long run, and a shorter run. The rally entrants were treated to visits to Bundaberg Rum Bond Store with a couple of

samples of the various products included and the opportunity to purchase the rum liqueur available only from the store. Next came the Bundaberg Brewed Soft Drink factory and historical display along with take away samples of product. Finally there was a visit to The Cooperage where barrel craftsmen could be seen at work and an exhibition of glass blowing. After dinner on the Saturday night a magician show was presented, in keeping with the theme of the weekend, "It's Magic". Sunday morning we embarked on a 180 km round trip to various locations of interest to the north and south of Bundaberg. The presentation dinner on Sunday night brought another fine feast enjoyed by all. Car of the weekend was a Bundaberg-based 1958 Buick Riviera coupe, the trophy for which was well deserved. Monday morning offering was a visit to a local Alpaca farm. This was a great weekend with 36 clubs represented and BVVC is to be congratulated for running another successful RACQ HMC Rally. Many friendships were renewed and more new friendships made. Next year's event goes to Toowoomba.

Vehicle Security

The QHMC has developed and published a paper describing what you as a historic owner can do to help prevent the theft of your historic vehicle. The newly published paper is available for download from the QHMC website at www.qhmc.org.au/vehicle_security.htm . Following is a list of headings which will give you some indication of what the paper covers.

Visual Deterrent Security Stickers; Flashing Lights; Steering Wheel Locks; Handbrake Locks; Quarter Glass Locks; Door Buttons / Door Locks Door Buttons Door Locks; Wheel Clamps; Lock Nuts For Wheels; Bonnet Locks; Fuel Caps

Non Visual Deterrents alarms Vehicle alarms offer a choice of activation sensors to trigger the alarms. Voltage drop, Voltage on, Movement Sensor, Motion Sensor , Pressure Switch – Activates when the pressure switch is released by the door opening. Pressure switches can also be fitted to the boot lid, bonnet etc so that when these are opened the alarm is activated.

Alert Device Siren: A Mini Piezo –Horn-

Engine Immobilisers

Parts Identification: The main two unique identification numbers on a vehicle are engine number & chassis number (post 1989 vehicles use a 17 digit VIN number) Window Etching. Data Dot also known as Micro Dots. Note- Re Numbers Applied To Vehicles.

Security Of Vehicles When Stored: Lock your vehicle even if stored in a garage Secure your keys away from the vehicle, preferably in a home safe. Activate the alarm/immobiliser or fit a steering wheel lock. If no alarm etc remove the distributor rotor button.

Securing The Garage tilta-doors; older style doors; security lights

Security Of Property In Vehicles Hide the items Lock the glove box Lock property in boot Fit a Safe or Security drawer in the boot.

Security of Trailers Trailer Locks

When it comes to security anything is better than nothing, but it is wise to think clearly about where your vehicle will be parked at home or during events. If you are intending to travel and stay overnight at motels/caravan parks etc. then you need to seriously consider the security of your vehicle and what contents may be inside at all times.

Taking photographs of your vehicle can be a pleasurable reminder of your pride and joy but a detailed photographic history of your vehicle can also assist if the vehicle is damaged or stolen at a later date. It is wise to photograph your vehicle from all angles, exterior and interior as well as specific identification points

Never assume, " It won't happen to me " An insurance payout for a stolen vehicle will never cover the time of searching for or restoring your dream vehicle whereas for a few dollars and a bit of thought the security of your vehicle can be increased greatly, giving you piece of mind to enjoy your pride and joy. Take the time and effort to look at the security paper on the QHMC website. If you haven't got access to the Web get someone else in your club to download the article for you. Ask you magazine editor to print the article in your club magazine.

Changed Pre 1989 Vehicle Importation Rules.

The Department of Infrastructure has recently changed the application of the rules governing the importation of pre 1989 vehicles.

The change in approach relates to vehicles that have been modified. The department now assumes that if the pre 1989 vehicle has been modified then it can't be imported under the pre 1989 rules unless the importer can prove that any modifications to the vehicle were done prior to 1989.

The policy that the Department has now commenced implementing can be summarised as follows:

Original and unmodified (factory specification) vehicles manufactured prior to 1 January 1989 can be imported without restriction. Import approvals will be granted as per previous policy.

Restored (factory specification) vehicles manufactured prior to 1 January 1989 can be imported without restriction. Import approvals will be granted as per previous policy.

Modified vehicles originally manufactured prior to 1 January 1989 can ONLY be imported if the owner can demonstrate that the modifications were completed prior to 1 January 1989. Import approvals will only be granted after the Department is satisfied that the modifications are pre-1989.

Modified vehicles originally manufactured prior to 1 January 1989 can NOT be imported if the modifications were completed after 1 January 1989, or if the owner can't demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that the modifications were completed prior to 1 January 1989. The date of manufacture will be reset as the date the modifications were completed, and if that date is post 1989 the application will be rejected

While the aim of the change in application of the rules was not meant to stop the importation of genuine restored historic vehicle the department's definition of modification says anything that is not as per the manufacturers original specifications is modified.

Check the new rules before you consider importing a vehicle under the pre 1989 rules.

The Department placed an Alert notice on their website, and have issued a new version of the Vehicle Standards Bulletin (VSB) that relates to importation. The Import Alert can be viewed at:

http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle_regulation/bulletin/importing_vehicles/general/pre1989scheme.aspx

The revised Information Brochure referring to pre 1989 imports (VSB10) can be downloaded from:

http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle_regulation/bulletin/importing_vehicles/general/pdf/VSB10_11.pdf

The QHMC is trying, through the AHMF, to get the department to define what constitutes a modification, eg. Do different wheels or tyres constitute a modification?

Seat Belts for under 16's

The QHMC will at the AHMF AGM, try to get the AHMF to nationally approach government for a relaxation of the national road rules requiring under 16's to use seat belts and under 7s to be in child restraints when one of our cars is being used in an approved procession such as ANZAC Day parades and other similar parade events.

Publicity for QHMC.

You will soon start seeing low level advertising of the QHMC to the wider community. The object of the advertising campaign is to attract more clubs to affiliate with the QHMC to increase the effectiveness our voice with authorities.

AHMF Survey

The AHMF Survey is now well underway with over 200 survey forms returned, however with over 8000 SIVS users in the state there are still lots of us who have not got round to completing and submitting the survey forms. Your club has paper copies available or you can complete the survey electronically on your PC by just logging on the QHMC website www.qhmc.org.au and following the prompts. Try to get your survey

form submitted by the end of August.

Web Update

The QHMC website has been updated and news articles changed to keep up-to-date with the latest news affecting our hobby. Regularly check the www.qhmc.org.au/news page. Old news articles can be found on the Achieve page.

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