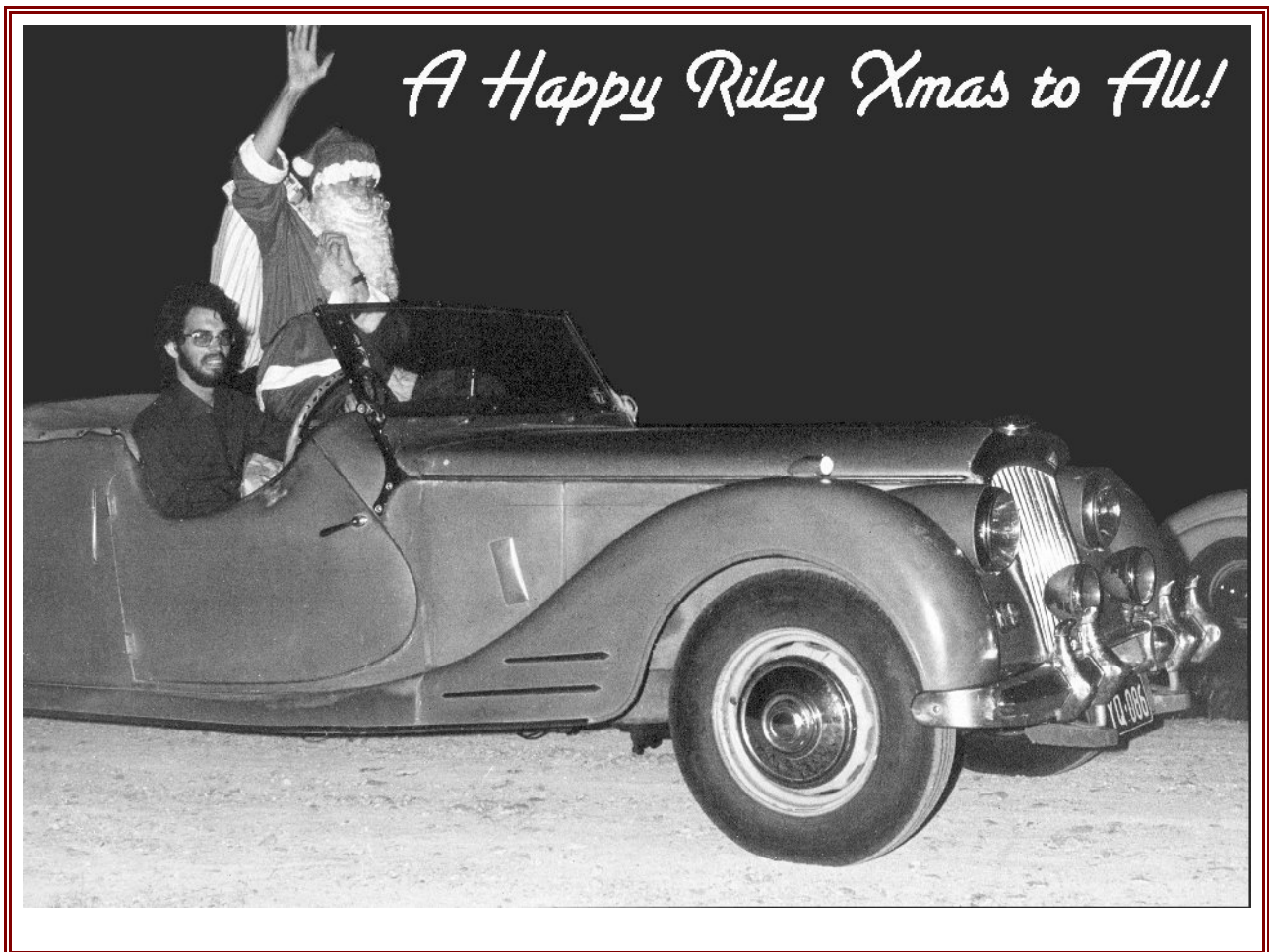




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Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc.

December 2010



Next Meeting: 8:00 pm Thursday, 9th December
Brisbane Sporting Car Club
206 Montague Road
WEST END 4101

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Minutes of the OGM of the Riley Motor Club, Qld., Inc. held at the Brisbane Sporting Club, West End Thursday, 11 November 2010

Meeting opened by President Simon Schooneveldt at 8.10pm with 14 members and guests present.

Apologies: Lyn & Brian Jackson, Linden & Del Thomson, John & Eve Romer, Jack Warr, Graham Mackay, Dorothy Cameron, Beverley Burrows, Ken Lonie, Wendy & Trevor Judd, Pat & Betty Elliott, David Schoch, Dick & Earla Self.

Minutes from previous meeting:

Moved, Alan Hill, seconded by Ross Phillips, that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from minutes:

Nil.

Inwards correspondence:

1. QHMC October Management Committee Meeting Minutes;
2. Email from Gold Coast Antique Auto Club RE: Change of event date from 5th to 6th November;
3. Shannon's Sydney Classic Auction 15th November;
4. True Brit Magazine;
5. Copies of Riley Newsletters WA, Riley Rattles.

Outwards correspondence:

1. Letter to Mr Graham Proctor, Gympie.
2. Membership Application to Mr Gary Bourne, Taringa.

Moved by Dianne Phillips seconded by Ian Henderson that the inwards be received and the outwards be endorsed. Carried.

Treasurer's Report October 2010:

Balance as per Bank Statement, 30 th September 2010			\$7,241.00CR
Income			
Membership Fees	\$ 180.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 0.89</u>		
	<u>\$ 180.89</u>	\$7,421.89	
Expenditure			
S. Hill refund for Club Member B'day Cake	\$ 28.00		
R. Burrows refund for Display Day Trophy	\$ 22.00		
L.Thomson N/Letter Expenses October 2010	\$ 253.70		
Brisbane Sporting Car Club Room Rental October 2010	<u>\$ 55.00</u>		
	<u>\$ 358.70</u>	\$7,063.19	
Balance as per Bank Statement, 31 st October 2010			\$7, 241.00CR

Moved by Ross Phillips behalf that his Report be accepted, seconded Sheila Hill. Carried

Club Captain's Report:

Good run to Redland Bay, well attended. Good meal at the hotel.

Club run 21st November will be BYO breakfast at Bullocky Rest, Lake Samsonvale, 9.00am.

December Run, Sunday 12th to Maleny for a Ham Lunch. Meeting at Woodford. Further details in

December Newsletter.

Annual/Xmas Dinner, Thursday 16th December at Southbank COTAH.

Presidents Run Sunday January 23rd will be to the Stinson wreck area. (O'Reillys)

Spare Parts Report:

Nil Report. Jack has plenty of Spare Parts. Spare Parts Books are available from Jack.

Registrar's report 2010

Matthew advised that the George Bezant Drophead was up for Sale. Car originally owned by Len Stead and was a chicken shed wreck .from Victoria. Car is in a magnificent condition.

General business:

Ross P spoke on the work currently being carried out on the Kestrel special. Progress is being made at an alarming rate; the coachbuilder is working five days a week on site.

The "tub" is almost complete and bonnet work will start soon. He pointed out that "life in the fast lane" even though it will result in a quick result is a bit harrowing.... car renovation is said to be a leisurely past time. Thought that with a bit of luck, the car may be ready for Easter run.

Bill Short showed a gear from his son's Roadster's gearbox which had supposedly been overhauled. Teeth were not too bad on one side though Bill!! Engine is in for overhaul, pistons were pretty bad. Some discussion on the Beechworth National Riley Rally.

Ray & Bev Burrows and Robin and Barbara Hull attended the Maryborough Custodian Rally in Maryborough 29th to 31st October. The rally was attended by a number of clubs with a total of 45 cars. Stuart Paton and his wife was there as well. Had a BBQ dinner on the Friday night and a dinner at a local tavern on Saturday night. Visited Bauple and Tiaro and finished the run on Sunday at the Hideaway Hotel on the Western side of Tiaro. Great Lunch.

Meeting advised that Bob Wilson was back in business at Ningi if you want white metal bearings done.

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

Meeting closed: 9.05pm.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, 9 December, 2010

Thursday, 10 February 2011.

BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB

Unit 1, 206 Montague Road

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

Annual Membership Fees Due !

Please remember that annual fees (still only \$35.00) are due and payable on 1st January 2011.

Make life easier for the Treasurer by paying promptly.

Note if you first joined after 1st October 2010, you are financial until 31st December 2011.

Club Captain's Report:**Alan Hill**

The November run to Lake Samsonvale saw a cloudy day, but at least the rain held off and we had a good roll-up of eight Rileys and three moderns. John Holmes made the longest trip driving Kiara Rizzo's RMA, 'Sally', from Toowoomba and Ken and Wendy Lonie came down from Maleny. The free BBQs worked well, and everyone ate a hearty breakfast, finally breaking up around 11:00am for a gentle run home.

Next month is the final run for the year on Sunday 12th, with the Xmas lunch at the home of Ken and Wendy Lonie at 44 Benecke Road, Maleny, 4552 (phone 07 54943323). We will leave Samford at 9:00am to drive via Mt Mee to Woodford for BYO morning tea in the little park on the main street at 10:00am. Ken will meet us there and guide us up the lovely back road to Maleny. We will leave Woodford at 11:00am. A Xmas ham will be provided by the Club—just bring something to drink and a bit of something to share.

Please let me know if you will be attending, and if you plan to meet at other than Samford and/or Woodford.

In the afternoon, we are invited to visit Stuart and Miriam Paton to view their car collection. Their place is on the way back down the mountain.

This will bring our Club runs to a close until February, apart from the President's Run in January, and there only remains the Annual/Xmas Dinner on 16th December to finish the year.

Club Events Program—2010

December	Thursday 9th Sunday 12 th Thursday 16th	Club Meeting Run—Day run to Maleny for Ham Lunch— see Captain's Report for details Annual/Xmas Dinner—6:00pm at COTAH Southbank. Please RSVP to Linden Thomson before Thursday 9th
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January	Sunday 23rd	President's Run—see separate notice
February	Thursday 10th	Annual General Meeting
May	Sunday 15th	Macleans Bridge at Lakeside

President's Riley Run Sunday 23rd January 2011**THE 1937 STINSON AIRLINER CRASH
WRECK SITE MEMORIAL ON
LAMINGTON PLATEAU, QLD.**

“For 10 days this wreckage went undetected, during which time the 3 survivors struggled against the elements”. But for the insight of Alfonso Bernard O’Reilly, of O’Reilly’s fame, the survivors would have perished.

As we do not have a meeting or a magazine in January, please insert this date **ASAP** in your shiny new 2011 diaries for January 23rd 2011.

I will produce a short, detailed travel map and history of this major historical Queensland event in pamphlet form for attendees as a handout on the day.

The wreck lies roughly 50 miles south of Brisbane and is a very manageable full day’s run for our Rileys.

Meet at Simon and Helga’s place, 5 Bridge Street, Ashgrove (33666573) at 8.45 AM or further south around 10.00 AM at Jimboomba Park, South Street, (302-h17) where we will have a BYO morning tea.

From there it’s a scenic run south to the memorial picnic site where we will have a BYO everything lunch at around 12.30PM, heading for home by around 2.30 PM.

This should get Brisbane folks back by around 4.30PM and give out-of-town folks a reference to their necessary timetables. It is a full-on but very interesting scenic and Queensland historical site visit.

Simon Schooneveldt (3366 6573). spschoon@iprimus.com.au.

On the Cover:

Santa (Arthur Seddon) arriving by Bruce McMahon's Roadster at the Club Xmas Party at the Cameron's Springwood home in the 70s. We don't do it like that anymore!

And here is Santa handing out the presents. Children everywhere! Even one of the 'White-shoe brigade' in the crowd.



Editor's Notes:

My apologies for the strange format and blank pages in the last issue—it was meant to be a simple 12-page issue, but somehow in saving the file, something moved onto the next page causing it to be a 16-page issue! I thought I'd checked it before sending, too.

Thanks to daughter Sheona and grand-daughter Poppy who copied, stapled, folded and posted the last *TorqueTube* while Delma and I enjoyed two weeks of house- and aged dog-sitting in Sydney's Dulwich Hill. They have even offered to do it again! That will of course depend on my getting things ready in sufficient time, which is not a regular occurrence.

Best wishes to all for the coming festive season.



Assemble an Imp:

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For some weeks now, Foxtel's Turbo Max channel has been showing an American series *Chasing Classic Cars* produced by the HD Theater arm of The Discovery Channel. It features Wayne Carini, owner of F40 Motorsports, Continental Auto Ltd. and Carini Carozzeria in Connecticut, as he seeks out classic cars for restoration, resale and preservation. His personal preference is for the last, *i.e.*, unrestored original cars, so the show is not too "Pebble Beach"y though the money side is sometimes mind-blowing.

Anyway, I'd noticed in a number of episodes that a black Riley Imp was to be seen around the premises (see screen grab below), so bethought myself to check for the inevitable website to see if it would be featured in a future episode.



None of the episode synopses for the Series 1 and 2 of the show mention the Riley, but it does feature on the website which is <http://dhd.discovery.com/tv/chasing-classic-cars/chasing-classic-cars.html> though not in an obvious way. Wayne doesn't list it in his Top Ten, but the site has Classic Car Super Puzzles which are 10 interactive jigsaw puzzles, the last being a photo of the Imp.

When you click on the Super Puzzle selection and then scroll to the Imp and click on its thumbnail, you see this screen:



Click "Begin", and the pieces move to the sides ready for you to click and drag them to their correct position (they lock in when you do).

When you correctly locate all the pieces, the jigsaw pattern disappears and you have a nice picture of a very nice Imp, so you have "assembled" an Imp. Incidentally, the U.K. registration number it wears—DGF987—is not recorded in John Gathercole's *The Riley Imp* (Riley Register Series, Vol. 4).

An episode in the series is titled "Finding the Davis" and that's one in the background of the Imp picture—it's the strange-looking (purple) car, one of only 18 made in California by a company set up by one Gary Davis in 1946. The car is a three-wheeler, powered by a Ford flathead V8 and is now in the Carini collection. Amazingly, for such a low production vehicle, there is a Davis Register and they have their own website <http://www.suarezweb.com/davis/> with probably all there is to know about the car available there.

Chasing Classic Cars: Super Puzzles: Discovery HD Theater

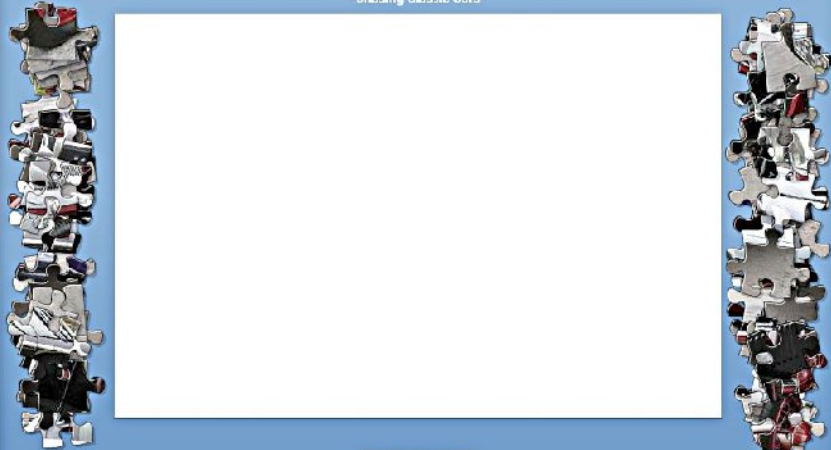
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Chasing Classic Cars



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Rileys in Miniature:

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The few decent scale models of Rileys in the usual 1:43 and 1:32 sizes are quite expensive these days (\$200 plus), apart from the Elf produced by Vitesse, and many of us probably have one of those. Models to these scales are produced to be 'stand-alone' objects, but there is an increasingly wide range of models to a smaller scale which are intended to be viewed as part of a landscape, the model railway layout. The popular OO scale (1:76) is well served in this respect.

On our recent visit to Sydney, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to visit Hobbyco (<http://www.hobbyco.com.au>) in the Queen Victoria Building and found a very nicely made six-light Kestrel in OO scale, made by Oxford Automobile Company (<http://www.oxforddiecast.co.uk>), for \$6.95:



Oxford make the Kestrel in three colour schemes—black, green/black and maroon/ivory. Oxford make a large range of models in OO and other scales, many of 30s-60s vehicles, but the Kestrel is the only Riley included.

Coincidentally, middle daughter Kirsteen and husband Geoffrey visited Hobbyrama (<http://hobbyrama.com.au>) at Stafford (Matthew French's place of work) and were directed by Matthew to two 1:76 Riley models they have in stock—the Oxford Kestrel (\$7.95) and a Bachmann/Scenecraft (<http://www.bachmann.co.uk>) Pathfinder at \$9.95:



So thanks to the very active model railway industry, we have the choice of more model Rileys that won't take up much space or cost much money, but which are sufficiently well made to be quite acceptable. Give Matthew a call.

A message from the Spare Parts Team—

If you are looking for used spares such as body panels &c, always contact the Spare Parts Team (Jack or Graham) first. They may have what you need at a good price.

From *The Riley Register Bulletin*, Issue 25, December 1960:

A new use for Araldite Epoxy Resin

There is no need to have a naked diamond on your radiator badge anymore, since it is easy to re-enamel it with a professional finish using Araldite.

Mix up the resin and catalyst in equal parts as usual, but add a small amount of artist's oil colour (cobalt blue is best). I found that a lump the size of a match head was enough for one badge. Failing this, use a little engineer's blue marking compound. Mix really thoroughly and spread on the well-cleaned badge, pressing it well into the corners.

Try to wipe most of it off the letters and level up as well as you can. Heat the badge from below (you can warm it over a fire), and the resin sinks down conveniently to give an even surface.

When the resin is dry to touch, sand it down off the letters and edging, taking care of the plating. This is not difficult if it is done before the gum is properly hardened. The gloss can be restored by polishing, first with a scouring powder and then with Silvo. The nickelling on my badges (pre-1933) was very thick and stood up well to the treatment, but later chromed badges are not so robust.

I have also used Araldite for glueing a loose axle shaft on to the hub, and it has survived several months so far without loosening.

V. F. FORDER.

Noel Wyatt (Victoria) reported in the *Blue Diamond* of February 2007 that he wasn't happy with the above technique and had developed a more time-consuming process using acrylic lacquer, so the above is provided for reference and interest. Your mileage may vary (or YMMV).

For Sale:

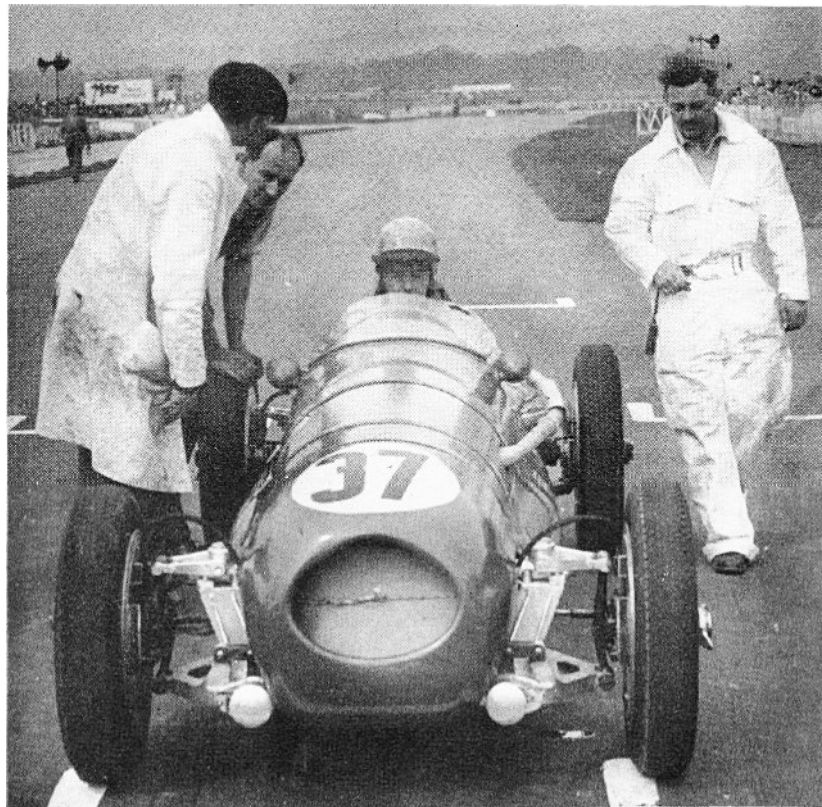
Veteran and Vintage Magazine dated 1964–1969 and 1974-1979.

Contact Gloria French by email mgwfrench@bigpond.com or by phone 07 33530532.

Coming Up:

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Here is a picture of a 1950s Riley special as a teaser for a planned future article. The car is an H.A.R., and the picture is included in the book *Formula 2* by Gregor Grant (Foulis, 1953), but, as far as I can find, there is no mention of it in the text:



H.A.R.: Horace Roberts in his Riley-engined H.A.R.

Riley Parts For Sale – Post War

2½ L	Short engine, standard bore and big ends, crankshaft and camshafts and all timing gear still in block and untouched	\$100
2½ L	Crankshaft – standard journals	\$40
1½ L	Early finned brake drums. Last four available	\$10ea
2½ L	Steering wheel – later type	\$30
2½ L	Flywheel	\$30
2½L	Short engine	\$100
2½ L	Front wheel hubs	\$40pr
1½ L	Front wheel hubs	\$40pr
1½ L	Rear springs	\$40pr
1½, 2½ L	Grille and surround assembly in excellent condition	\$180
2½ L	Radiator original brass core. These last forever	\$30
Roadster	Steering reduction box. Possibly only spare one in existence. Extremely rare item	\$400
Roadster Model	Very rare model of the 2 ½ L Roadster. One of 150 commissioned by the English RM Club ca1990. Still in original box with numbered certificate. Blue colour	\$250

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