



# TORQUETUBE

**Newsletter of Riley Motor Club Qld Inc. March 2016**

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**A picture from the President's Run January 2016 (curtesy Wendy Lonie)**  
Ken's story about this event follows the minutes of the AGM

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**Next Meeting:**  
Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016.  
**Jack Warr Shed**  
**7.30 PM for an 8 PM start**

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## **Editorial**

If you received this month's Torque Tube, it was because all of the technical issues were sorted. Thank you, Bill Short for producing an excellent magazine over the past years. Thank you also for an excellent handover/takeover.

Next month hopefully some new things of a Riley kind will be included. In the meantime, happy reading!

Pictured adjacent is a version of patchwork quilting in metal. It is now painted and ready for Albert's new look.



## **Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Riley Motor Club, Qld., Inc., held at the Jack Warr Riley Shed, Samford, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

Meeting opened by President Ken Lonie at 1036hrs with 20 members and guests present.

**Apologies:** Mary & Dave Hudson, Alan & Sheila Hill, Delma Thomson, Dave Sawtell, Bev Burrows, Dorothy Cameron, Matthew French, Jack Warr, Di Phillips.

**Confirmation of previous minutes:** The minutes of the 2015 AGM were accepted, noting that 2014 was referenced in confirming Committee members, which should have been 2015.

Proposed: Robin Hull  
Seconded: Phil Wyllie

**Carried.**

**Business Arising from previous minutes:** The 2015 AGM was reconvened at the OGM on 11 June to table the Auditors Report.

**Carried**

**Auditors Report for the year 2015:** not yet prepared and will be presented at the next OGM when available. The AGM will be reconvened at the next OGM for acceptance of this Report.

**Appointment of Auditor:** It was moved that VHY Haines Norton be approached again for their auditing services and that they be thanked by the Secretary for their services to date.

Proposed: Linden Thomson  
Seconded: Wendy Lonie.

**Carried.**

**Office of Fair Trading:** The Treasurer Linden Thomson has Form 12, Return of Association for completion and return following election of Committee Members for 2016.

**Presidents Report:** Ken read his report to the meeting as follows:

*"The past year of 2015 has seen a number of significant changes for the club, particularly bringing all our spares, new and second hand, together in our clubrooms in Samford. The latter half of the year also saw progress being made on obtaining of a long term lease on a site at the Samford showgrounds and proceeding with approvals, funding and construction of a permanent clubhouse owned by the Riley Club of Queensland. As at the AGM, the slab has been poured and the shed ordered. Construction is expected in March 2016. The task of then relocating all our spares and other assets will then commence.*

*Two daytime meetings were held during the year, although only the AGM will be specifically held as a daytime meeting reflecting the wishes of the majority of members.*

*The committee for 2015 was once again, largely unchanged from the previous two years except that Di Phillips resumed the role of Club Registrar and Sheila Hill took on the role of Club Captain.*

*February saw a number of club members travel to New Zealand for their annual rally. Those attending had a great time and vowed to return.*

*In April, a contingent from Brisbane travelled to Cairns for the annual Hub rally. This is the second year we have included the hub rally on our program and is likely to continue to support our northern members.*

*Some members attended the QHMC rally at Pittsworth and a rally around the houses to see progress on Brian Jackson's RMF and Bill Short's RMC concluded with a BBQ at the Hills and viewing of other projects.*

*In June club members visited the Australian Teamsters Hall of Fame and in July, a most successful Gymkhana was held at the Hills residence at Samford. This event also generated some funds for our clubhouse.*

*In August, Alan Hill in his Riley Lynx, featured in the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Storey Bridge.*

*Members also rallied to the Caloundra Air museum, a run we must repeat.*

*The Annual Riley rally for 2015 was held in the Swan Valley in Perth with a number of members attending and the Lonies hauling their Monaco over for the event.*

*October saw members travelling to Murwillimbah to view the Margaret Olley exhibition. This two-day event was enjoyed by all.*

*A number of members attended the Gold Coast Autorama Rally in November, as well as a short run to Tinchy Tamba.*

*During the year, a number of outings were also held in conjunction with the MG car club, including very popular Sunday Breakfast at the Pitstop, Mt Mee.*

*The clubs annual Christmas Party was held at the Lonies in Maleny following a drive through Woodford and Peachester. The drive also included an inspection of the clubhouse recently erected by the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club under a similar arrangement to the Clubhouse soon to be erected by our own club.*

*The Presidents Run (or should I say Presidents Wife's Run) was held in January and involved morning tea at the Ettamoogah Pub, followed by a run through Glenview and Eudlo before visiting an excellent private museum followed by lunch on a strawberry farm at Chevallum.*

*During the year, we have continued to base our activities around our clubhouse at Samford and have continued the sorting and organising of the many second hand spare parts we have continued to accumulate and which have been a boon to those of us who are restoring cars. Ian Henderson and the Samford boys have done an excellent job in arranging our second hand spares so that all parts can now be readily located. All the club's new spares previously located at Jack Warr's house have now been relocated to the shed. Congratulations and many thanks to Ian Henderson and Bill White and the Tuesday club for their efforts in this area.*

*Our wives have continued to support us in many ways and I thank all the wives who have provided their help consistently throughout the year.*

*Although Jack Warr's health has improved remarkably in recent months, he is no longer able to continue with the manufacture of spare parts. and technical advice available to club members at a reasonable price. We again thank you, Jack, for all your efforts over the many years you have supported club members.*

*During the year, Bill Short, has continued to publish an informative Torque Tube on time. He has continued to produce a high quality and interesting publication each month. Bill has indicated he will be stepping down as Editor. I thank him for his efforts over a number of years.*

*I would also like to thank Sheila Hill for her efforts as Club Captain for the year in organising interesting and well attended monthly events.*

*Thank you also to Linden Thompson for yet again making the Books balance and to Mark Baldock for providing secretarial services to the club. This is one of the most time consuming roles on the committee and the minutes are always timely and accurate.*

*I would also like to thank my wife, Wendy for her continual efforts throughout the year and her ongoing prompts to me to organise things when I have been less than organised or overly focused on my Riley Special Project."*

Ken Lonie

President 2015

14th February 2016

**Conrod Trophy:** The trophy will be awarded and presented after the being suitably inscribed at the next OGM.

The Spare Parts Officer, Ian Henderson, presented his report for 2015 for inclusion in the AGM as follows:

*"Ladies and gentlemen, after twelve months in the Spare Parts Officers position I am happy to report on the changes and the progress made to the operation. Firstly I'd like to acknowledge the work of my predecessor in building up such a valuable stock of parts. This stock will be a continuing benefit to all of us and to all new members for years to come.*

The biggest change last year has been the relocation of all stock from private into club premises where it is on display and easily accessible to all members. After years of levying the general account at the rate of \$5 per member per annum to buy spare parts, last year we returned cash to the general account. This is being used to help fund the new building. The old levy is now finished and the parts operation in future will be self-supporting.

Last year we also had spare parts reports at every monthly meeting, reporting stock levels and financial position so all members know where we stand. After some criticism in the past from the auditors we now have the relevant financial statements for spare parts available before the AGM. These reports are with the treasurer for inclusion in his overall treasurer's report this year.

We now have a stock control system in place which can be readily managed to give reliable, up to date information on stock levels and individual location for quick retrieval of any parts by any (nominated) member at any time. The 2016 stock list is now available for information of all members. We are not an international on-line business however, so I would prefer this is not posted on our website unless access can be restricted to financial members of our club.

We have also enabled electronic banking. This has streamlined payment and therefore delivery of parts especially mail ordered parts for out of town or interstate members.

Our next major job this year will be moving all our facilities including the spares stock to our new home at the Samford Showgrounds. A huge thankyou to Bill White for pushing this project through and providing us with another first.... a permanent home, not only for our parts but also as a headquarters for all our future activities, paid for and owned by Riley Club members.

Please remember that my position and that of all your office bearers is on a purely voluntary and amateur basis. All the office bearers give up their time and efforts for free. Offer friendly advice by all means but please don't criticise. If you think you could do it better, please step up and take an official role. It was never my intention to hold this position long term so I would encourage anyone with experience or an interest in spare parts to become more involved this year with the hope of taking over in 2017.

I believe the Spare Parts Operation to be in an excellent position to continue providing a valuable service to all our members for many years to come.

Ian Henderson  
31/01/2016

#### **Election of Committee Members for 2015:**

President Ken Lonie declared all positions vacant and requested member Brian Jackson to take the chair for the election of the new committee.

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Nominated</u></b>	<b><u>Nominated by</u></b>	<b><u>Seconded by</u></b>	<b><u>Elected</u></b>
<b>President</b>	Ken Lonie	Ian Henderson	Linden Thomson	Ken Lonie
<b>Vice President</b>	Alan Hill	Ian Henderson	Linden Thomson	Alan Hill
<b>Secretary</b>	Mark Baldock	Ian Henderson	Linden Thomson	Mark Baldock
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linden Thomson	Ian Henderson	Rod Longden	Linden Thomson
<b>Club Captain</b>	Sheila Hill	Brian Jackson	Ken Lonie	Sheila Hill
<b>Editor</b>	Phil Wyllie	Ken Lonie	Ian Henderson	Phil Wyllie
<b>Spare Parts</b>	Ian Henderson	Rod Longden	Ken Lonie	Ian Henderson
<b>Ass Spare Parts</b>	Brian Jackson	Bill White	Robin Hull	Brian Jackson
<b>Registrar</b>	Di Phillips	Bill White	Matthew Schooneveldt	Di Phillips
<b>Web Coordinator</b>	Linden Thomson	Ken Lonie	Brian Jackson	Linden Thomson
<b>Shed</b>	Bill White	Simon Schooneveldt	Chris Reynolds	Bill White

Elected Officers took up their positions.

Meeting suspended at 1110 hrs. to be reconvened at the next suitable OGM for tabling of the Auditors Report.

Mark Baldock

*Mark C. Daddell*

Club Secretary

**Agenda/Minutes of Riley Club General Meeting**  
**Held on 14 February 2016**

**At the Jack Warr Riley Shed in Samford**

1. The President Ken Lonie declared the meeting open at 1110hrs and welcomed the incoming Committee.
2. **Attendance** – Members as per the attendance sheet.
3. **Apologies** – Mary & Dave Hudson, Alan & Sheila Hill, Delma Thomson, Dave Sawtell, Bev Burrows, Dorothy Cameron, Matthew French, Jack Warr, Di Phillips
4. **Minutes** of the General Meeting held on 10/12/15 were moved for adoption as a true and correct record by Bill White and seconded by Ian Henderson.

**Carried**

**Business Arising**

1. ATO change still to be done by Treasurer with advise of change of address to 38 Showgrounds Drive Highvale 4520

**Carried.**

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

**5. Secretary's Report and Correspondence**

**Inwards –**

Club Magazines from: - January Crankhandle,

Correspondence from: -

Starcars.

Annual Return of Association.

David Hack Classic.

Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club.

If available, relevant fliers for the above are attached.

New Membership Received From: Nil

**Outwards – Nil.**

Moved the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed.

Seconded by Mat Schooneveldt

**Carried.**

**6. Treasurer's Report for December 2015:**

Balance as per Bank Statement, 1 December 2015 **\$20901.63CR**

Income

2016-various Membership fees in advance ‡	680.00
2016-2018 Membership fees in advance	150.00
Join & Membership fees	50.00
Raffle proceeds	198.00
Grant – Moreton Bay Reg. Council ‡	15000.00
Interest	2.69
	\$ 16080.69

Expenditure

Xmas expenses – W. Lonie	76.36
Refund mistaken payment – M. Lorimer ‡	143.90
	\$ 220.26

Balance as per Bank Statement, 31 December 2015 **\$36762.06CR**

‡ EFT/BPay

(Presented at OGM 14 February 2016)

Note re Advance Memberships:

To 31 December, \$5360.00 has been advanced by Members.

**Treasurer's Report for January 2016:**

	BOQ	Bendigo
Balance as per Bank Statement, 1 January 2016	<b>\$36762.06CR</b>	<b>\$0.00CR</b>
Income		
2016-various Membership fees in advance ‡	370.00	
2016-2018 Membership fees in advance		650.00
Membership fees ‡	50.00	
Membership fees	50.00	65.00
Int. Free Loan – Moreton Bay Reg. Council ‡	15000.00	
Interest	2.12	
	\$ 15472.12	715.00
Expenditure		
Shed slab – Donbar Constructions ‡	11990.00	
Shed - Progress payment – Pumpa Consulting	8275.00	
Affiliation fee – QHMC	65.00	
	\$ 20330.00	
Balance as per Bank Statement, 31 January 2016	<b>\$31904.18CR</b>	<b>\$715.00CR</b>
Consolidated balance		<b><u>\$32619.18CR</u></b>

‡ EFT/BPay

(Presented at OGM 14 February 2016)

Note re Bendigo Community Bank Accounts:

Two accounts have been opened -

Riley Motor Club Qld Inc BSB 633000 A/c No. 156635229

Riley Motor Club Qld Inc. Council Loan Account BSB 633000 A/c No. 15635728

The latter account is for the shed project and servicing the IFL only.

Note re Advance Memberships:

To 31 January, \$6380.00 has been advanced by Members.

**7. Report from Club Captain – Nil as the Captain was an apology for the meeting.**

The following is a reminder for upcoming events:

20<sup>th</sup> March- Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Swap Meet.

25<sup>th</sup> March- Easter Hub Rally in Mackay.

10<sup>th</sup> April – Penrite Tour at Crestmead organised by Wolseley Club. No charge. Max 100 persons. Contact [billmartin11@bigpond.com](mailto:billmartin11@bigpond.com) if interested.

28<sup>th</sup> April – Run to Merimbula.

19<sup>th</sup> May-National Motoring Heritage Day queens park Ipswich.

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June- QHMC Rally Toowoomba- details on QHMC web site.

**8. Report from Torque Tube Editor – Nil, however as Phil Wyllie is the new editor we can expect forthcoming reports at future meetings**

Bill Short, the previous editor has offered to provide any “tuition“ needed by the new editor as he has procedures that may be of assistance.

**9. Report on Riley Car Club Shed –**

The concrete slab has been laid and the surrounding area tidied up. The shed components are expected on site next week followed by erection which is expected to be complete by the end of the month, all being well.

The trench for the electrical conduit is still to be completed, however the supply of 3 phase power from the Men’s Shed has been sorted out.

Trevor Taylor has prepared an Agreement with the Men’s Shed and has also set up the tank.

It was agreed that the contents of the current shed will be moved to the new shed over the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March commencing at the current location at 0800hrs, and any assistance will be welcome.

Opening of the Shed options were discussed and further thought will be given to this once the move is finalized. Thought also needs to be given to the name of the shed.

The Secretary is to prepare a letter of thanks to MBRC for their assistance throughout the process.

Moved: Ian Henderson

Seconded: Bill White

**Carried**

**10. Report from Registrar – 2015**

The Registrar, Di Phillips provided the following Report:

*“ Thank you to all those who have helped me in my role as Registrar.*

*I have enjoyed my time as Registrar again and if no one has the desire to take on the role I am happy to continue in the position although I will not attend night meetings.*

*There are many cars listed in the register folders which have not existed for a long time. Over the past year I have endeavoured to develop a register folder with up to date information on cars which we know exist. All other cars probably “dead” remain in other folders. I think it worthwhile to keep these folders in case a car resurfaces. This information in all the folders is also on a computerised spreadsheet. Eventually it would be ideal to separate current cars from obsolete cars.....a big task.*

*I have listed the cars owned by present members (where known) on the spreadsheet used by the treasurer. This is where I get my updated count from.*

*My endeavours to update the register has had limited success as many club members have not forwarded on current information. As well I do not always know of new members or of vehicles bought and sold. This relates to my non-attendance at meetings as well as the Registrar section on “new membership form” not working effectively.*

*Perhaps the Registrar section of the “application for membership” form could be sent directly to the Registrar from the Secretary. A question of: - from whom / where was your vehicle acquired would be appropriate information to be included on the form to enable the register to be updated.*

*There are also a number of engines only owned by club members. A register for these would be of interest to some members especially those seeking originality. Perhaps sometimes a car and original motor could be reunited.*

*As Registrar I have not been required to issue any members with a letter to Qld transport to enable vehicle registration. Evidence of date of manufacture or previous registration is accepted since July 2015.*

**Present Stats – vehicles are either drivable, waiting restoration, restoration in progress**

RMA 8 RMB 30 RMC 5 RMD 6 RME 3 RMF 1 RMH 3 Pre War 7 BMC 4  
Specials 5 = 72”

Di Phillips (Registrar)

11. **Report from Spare Parts** –Ian provided a report on activities for 2015 which is included in the AGM minutes as attached and is continuing with the stock take and reconciliation, and is selling more parts and anyone interested in further detail is welcome to contact him.
12. **Report from Website Coordinator** –Linden advised that he is considering the most appropriate method of including Spare Parts in Torque Tube and this may require further deliberation.

### 13. **General Business –.**

Following previous discussions on membership procedures, Ken provided a draft procedure for discussion and will review comments before finalisation of the procedure.

However, following comments from the Registrar this procedure will again be reconsidered and presented at the next meeting.

14. **Car Reports – Nil**, although Ray Burrows advised that he has two bottles of Nulon 75/80 gear oil which he no longer requires which is free to anyone needing it. It is held at the shed.

**Next Meeting** will be the March OGM at the Jack Warr Shed on **10/03/2016** at 2000hrs, preceded by a cuppa at 1930hrs

**Following this meeting the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month schedule will continue**

**Meeting Closed:** Attendees were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 1218hrs.

## **Club Captains Report**



March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Monthly meeting 7.30 for 8.00 pm
	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Breakfast Run sees details
	19 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> Sat Sun	Proposed Shed move details to follow
April	14 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Monthly meeting. Venue to be confirmed
	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Breakfast run Details to follow
	28 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	proposed departure to National Rally
May	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Monday to Friday	Sapphire Rileys 2016 Merimbula
	12 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Monthly meeting
June	9 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Monthly meeting
July	14 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Monthly meeting
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Monthly meeting
September	8 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Monthly meeting
October	13 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Monthly meeting
November	10 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Monthly meeting
	?	Gold Coast Autorama
December	8 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Monthly meeting
	?	Christmas Party

January 2017 Presidents Run

February ? AGM.

#### TUESDAY MAINTENANCE AND WORKING BEES !!!

( Playgroup) Held most Tuesdays commencing with morning tea, (provided) BYO lunch if you are staying. Usually at Alan Hills, but sometimes at Club Shed.

NOTE ALL CLUB MEMBERS VERY WELCOME.

It is best to ring Alan at 32891063 to confirm arrangements.

### The Presidents' run

Welcome to this edition of the Queensland Riley Magazine 'Torque Tube'. Our first function of 2016 was the Annual Presidents Run. This is always a challenge to choose a destination that suits the majority of people and to expect the weather to be favourable on the day!

So this year, we met up at the Glen View Ozzie Pub on the Bruce Highway for Morning Tea. 15 Rileys and 4 moderns turned up. Of the 15 Rileys, 10 were RMB's, 2 were Elfs, 1 x Pathfinder and 2 x RMD's. A very impressive collection of lovely cars. Directions were handed out for our destination, though a few folk opted to follow their own! All turned up at Koogie Downs Museum & Strawberry Farm in time for a super lunch. Koogie Downs is a privately owned extensive Museum housed on an island in numerous sheds in the middle of the strawberry farm. The 2016 strawberry season is not in full swing yet, but already acres had been laid out under black plastic in preparation for planting. The owners had tagged 6 items in the museum and the Rileyites had to identify them – the winner to be awarded a chocolate frog! The Museum houses everything from tiny to massive, rare to common and all in excellent condition – not a spider or a speck of dust to be seen. Whole collections of axes etc., milking machines, several different rope making machines, corn & coffee grinders, telephones, dolls, dozens of different ceramic electric jugs up to vintage cars, graders, bulldozers, steam engines, all in working order. You name it, this relatively unknown museum has it!

A most enjoyable day was had by all

Ken and Wendy Lonie

## The New Club House



Our official letter box at the entrance way to the shed



Slab down - we're on the way



Erection well on the way

### ALL HANDS ON DECK

We have tentatively set the date for the move for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. One thing we will need before then is boxes. Lots of boxes will be required to pack all the loose items like second hand engine/chassis/body components so they can be transported to the new building. At the moment lots of this is lying loose on benches, shelves and on the floor in the CSIRO building but we will not have all the shelving and storage benches available in the new building straight away. Carpet offcuts for the new epoxy floor would also be useful. The 19<sup>th</sup> is also council election day but if you think you can help - i.e. work not just look, then vote early and come straight over and lend a hand. And if you have any – bring lots of big boxes and carpet.

### Ian Henderson

## Riley RMF - Nearly as good as a Pathfinder!

Brian J says he's been repairing/restoring old cars continuously since the 1950's and the RMF is his latest project. Even at 82 years young he can still turn them out.



Brian with his 1954 Austin A30

Prior to the RMF there was quite a list of other full restorations along the way:

1. 1950-1951 - Austin 7, 1929
2. 1966-1968 - Austin A30, 1954 (pictured)
3. 1974-1977 - Riley RMB, 1949
4. 1978-1980 - Riley Nine, 1930
5. 1984-1985 - Riley RMA, 1950
6. 2001-2003 - Riley RMA (Woodie), 1949
7. 2007-2008 - Riley RMB, 1950
8. 2009-2014 - Riley One Point Five, 1959
9. 2014-2015 - Riley RMF, 1953

After 60 years of Pathfinder loyalty and continuous ownership, this is the latest replacement:



Will it be the last? How about a Pathfinder with power steering next? (Anything but a Hillman convertible!)



The RMF took a little over 12 months to complete in Brian's back yard shed.

Ian Henderson

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Ron Brownriggs TT Riley Sprite. This car lives in Victoria and is owned by a Victorian Club member. The pictures were sent as part of an advertisement for a local (Dandenong) combined cars club event.

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### For Sale

New Parts Stock:

1. RMB (etc.) Oil Filters - \$29
2. RMB (etc.) Generator Belt - \$26
3. Riley '9' Kingpins, bushes, etc. - \$550 complete set
4. Spare Electronic Distributor Modules are coming – about \$50 each

### Riley 9 Hudcaps

Matt S has two Riley Nines he is working on and with Matt F has identified quite a few other Nines with an immediate need for hub caps for the bolt on wire wheels. As we already had an enquiry from Mal King we have decided to commission a batch and these will be available next month for about \$50 each. Not bad considering the price of new RM hubcaps is \$125 each.



## Leading Albert

Lead wiping has been a useful skill for me to learn. It seals the steel skin and prevents moisture from penetrating from the timber frame through the metal joins to the paint. The biggest advantage in using lead is that lead joints tolerate the flexing of the body when the car is moving. The materials and equipment required includes 40/60 solder bars, flux, clean engine oil or bees wax, a small wooden trowel and a LPG torch, plenty of matches, a full water bucket and a wet cloth. Personal experience has demonstrated that oxy-acetylene is too dirty for lead wiping. There are three ratios of lead and tin solder available; 40/60, 50/50 and 60/40 and in my opinion the best one for the job is the 40/60 mixture as the lead remains plastic or workable over a wider range of temperatures. Bunnings warehouse sells all three and the ratio is marked on each stick (This is not the 'ABC' so I can say that Bunnings is my favourite shop). Recently, when visiting Chris Gilbert in Tasmania he showed me his preferred flux, a flux mixed with lead. It is available through Blackwoods and is called Kemtex B paste. It contains 10% zinc chloride and 80% tin/lead powder. If you choose to have a go at lead wiping you may consider using this compound. It is expensive and when you open the plastic jar you will be disappointed to find it only a third full or is that two thirds empty? But it is good stuff. Shoes and trousers instead of shorts and thongs are also worthy of consideration. This point is made because as a young man when living in Western Australia some lead wiping was done while wearing shorts. A little too much heat was applied whilst working the solder into the door post. At the time I was on my knees and a goodly amount of overheated lead fell onto my hairy legs. Molten lead sticks to hair and a clear remembrance of the event included rapid movement. The rest I will leave to your imagination.

### Materials for lead wiping

The preparation requirement is for a contamination free metal surface. So the first thing done was to paint strip the door post and outer sill cavity and areas nearby requiring solder. After that the whole area was cleaned with coarse wet and dry and the corners/edges were cleaned with a hardened tungsten carbide burr. You can get a burr attachment for a Dremil at a hardware store or an equivalent larger burr from a car shop. An absolutely clean surface has been found to be a prerequisite for a good job. Inadequate preparation on my first lead wiping attempt in 1983 resulted in the need to remove the splotchy lead, clean the surface and do it all again.



Initial leading of the window surround.

The method used to 'tin' the area to be leaded is quite easy even for novices like me. In my case the task was begun at the join between the tub section and the rear quarter panel. First the flux was wiped over the entire area to be leaded. Then the metal was heated. If you use the same flux that was used on Albert small beads of solder appear in the heated area and when this occurs a leather pad was used to smear the lead around the area to be leaded. The outcome is a tinned area all around the surface that is to be patched and covered with lead.



B post and outer sill leaded

This done, the area was reheated and when hot enough the lead stick was pushed into the area to be covered. This produced an uneven loading of lead over the entire area. This procedure was then repeated over other patched areas and along the entire door post seam along the steel edge, over the nail heads and then the area was again loaded with a little extra solder. From the picture, you can see that my workman ship is not very pretty but it does work.



Next, the leaded areas were heated again and the wooden trowel was used to make a 'smooth' surface. Other areas adjacent to the overlap of metal was also tinned and the heated metal was tinned, leaded and smoothed out with the wooden trowel just as you might with drying cement. With practice the lead can be kept in the range of temperature of plasticity without much difficulty and with the trowel the joints and nails were covered with a thin layer of lead. The heated area was cooled as the process proceeded with sufficient amounts of water applied with the cloth as the door surround was leaded. The end result is that as the body flexes the timber and nails can move under the surface with no cracking or splitting as you would get with plastic.

In my personal and sad experience if there are areas where the seams are not sealed with lead, moisture penetrates and attacks the paint so that it blisters. Likewise a wooden framed car flexes and the nail heads move ever so slightly in their place. If only plastic is used it will crack. After leading the joints and the area cleaned, the area was etch primed and a thin layer of plastic was used to even out the low points and after years of use in the case of Harold there has been no ill effect. This was done with Harold in 1983, George in 2005 and now Albert in 2015 and none have shown cracking and the plastic has not blistered. Another little thing about lead is that it can be reused. Any excess lead has been picked up, melted into a piece of angle and kept for future use. With the lead wiping completed all excess lead was removed with a body file and coarse wet and dry.

Tub section and rear quarter panel leaded

The next step was filling the valleys with poly filler (bog). Originally an attempt to avoid the use of plastic was attempted but because the tub section was sourced and constructed from three different cars it became impracticable. The top of the tub came from a car where the boot floor and base had rotted out and was unusable. The base and boot floor came from another car that had been utilised as a 'special' and came to me without its top. The parts were all welded together a year ago and filling all of the 'divets' with lead would have made the car weigh too much. The next pictures show the polly filler along the drip sill cavity and along the edges of the tub section.



Hopefully, weather permitting, in the next few weeks the car will be painted..... Nup. A few days after writing this the summer monsoon arrived and Albert has to wait until the rain stops and humidity drops.

Phil Wyllie waiting for drier weather.



### Your New Club Committee 2016

Front row from left to right:  
President – Ken Lonie  
Secretary – Mark Baldock  
Treasurer – Lindon Thomson

Back row from left to right:  
Shed- Bill White  
Spare Parts Officer- Ian Henderson  
Editor Torque Tube – Phil Wyllie  
Assistant Spare Parts Officer- Brian Jackson

Missing in Action:  
Vice President – Alan Hill  
Club Captain – Sheila Hill  
Registrar- Di Phillips

## Other Club and Car Event Advertisements

### 21<sup>st</sup> National Humber Rally 18-21 March 2016

Just like the postcard we're planning to fill Maryland Street with classics again the weekend before Easter in 2016. The Rootes Group Car Club of Queensland has put together a *Granite and Grape Escape* to host the NATIONAL HUMBER RALLY and ROOTES ROUND-UP! The four days will be packed with activities and will take in Queensland's Granite Belt and wine district, highlands, and the Great Dividing Range. All are welcome to attend, and of course owners of Humber and all other Rootes Group vehicles from around the country are *absolutely encouraged* to make the journey and event their highlight of 2016. Expressions of Interest and pre-registration fees are being taken right now. Don't waste a minute—get in touch with the club now and we'll rush you further details!

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### Bayside Vehicles Restorers Club Swap meet 6 AM to 2 PM Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March

The Swap meet is located at the Ormiston School, entry from Dundas Street or Wellington Road. Includes car parts, automobilia, memorabilia, model cars, books and collectables.

For further information: Steve 0411 516 122

### David Hack Classic Meet

TOOWOOMBA CITY AIRPORT (Spitfire Street)

SUNDAY 1st MAY 2016 8am – 2:30pm

Held at Aerotec Hangar, home of the famous Zuccoli Aircraft Collection

Featuring an exotic mix of classic – vintage and modern cars – historic trucks

military vehicles - racing cars - motor bikes visiting & resident

*Warbirds & Classic planes*

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Adventure Flights

- Exhibitors assemble between 8am and 9am

- Club bookings can be made on request

- Registration Forms available at the gate, Exhibitors can win a "Weekend at the Coast"

- Visitors Raffle, great prizes warbird flight, V8 Supercar laps at the Ipswich Raceway

- Admission Exhibitors - \$10 per person (max \$20 Exhibitor or Car)

- Admission Public - Adults \$15, note Children under 12 FREE

- Admission Public - Family capped at \$40 for 2 adults and TEENAGERS

- Trophies awarded in many different categories, presented at 1.30pm

- Hamburgers – Chips - Tea/Coffee – Sandwiches – Cakes – Cold Drinks

Available all day

Members of the Rotary Club of Toowoomba North Inc. look forward to your participation and invite you to stay until the conclusion of the event

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