

# TORQUE TUBE

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Newsletter of the RILEY MOTOR CLUB QLD INC.

**March 2011.**



*Member and Club Captain Bill White preparing his much admired RM for our next Club Run. See details inside.*

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## Committee elected at February's OGM for 2011.

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| VICE PRESIDENT:                | ALAN HILL          | 07 3289 1063 |
| SECRETARY:                     | MATTHEW FRENCH     | 07 3353 0532 |
| TREASURER:                     | ROSS PHILLIPS      | 07 3281 3807 |
| CLUB CAPTAIN:                  | BILL WHITE         | 07 3289 4282 |
| SPARE PARTS OFFICER:           | JACK WARR          | 07 3378 3541 |
| ASSISTANT SPARE PARTS OFFICER: | GRAHAM MACKAY      | 018 719 039  |
| REGISTRAR:                     | MATT SCHOONEVELDT  | 07 3263 1986 |
| EDITOR:                        | SIMON SCHOONEVELDT | 07 3366 6573 |



*Some Riley boys hard at work making a Riley 1 ½ litre Special at Samford, circa 2011. Some of these guys have the Riley 'disease' so badly that they are actually building several special cars. There are photos of some other projects featured below.*

**Reminder:** Members annual Membership **fees are now** due to the Treasurer, Ross Phillips for the upcoming year so you remain financial and can access spare parts, and all other Club benefits, Torque Tube and so forth.

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*Of course we don't just build and restore old Rileys; we use them for socialising and marrying off family members as well. But do be careful to follow the strict Queensland Transport Special Interest Vehicle Registration Use regulations.*

## **Minutes of the OGM held at Banyo on Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

**Secretary: Matthew French.**

**Minutes of the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of The Riley Motor Club, Qld., Inc. held at the**

**Brisbane Sporting Car Club Rooms, Ashtan Place, Banyo, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.**

Meeting opened by new President Ken Lonie at 8.27 pm with 27 members present.

### **Apologies:**

Jack Warr, Graham McKay, Gary Britton, Graham Ellwood, Del Thomson, David Schoch, Dick & Earla Self.

### **Election of Committee Members for 2011**

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, (Minutes of which will be published prior to 2012 AGM) outgoing President Simon Schooneveldt declared all positions vacant and

requested member and past President **Brian Jackson** to take the Chair for the election of the new committee.

Prior to this past February OGM, the following positions were finalised by election as follows:

| <b>Position</b><br><b>Elected</b> | <b>Nominated</b>                     | <b>Nominated by</b> | <b>Seconded by</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>President</b><br>Elected       | <b>Ken Lonie</b>                     | John Romer          | Ross Phillips        |
| <b>Vice President</b><br>Declined | Ian Henderson                        | Dianne Phillips     |                      |
| Elected                           | <b>Alan Hill</b>                     | Ross Phillips       | Linden Thomson       |
| <b>Secretary</b><br>Declined      | Linden Thomson                       | Alan Hill           |                      |
| Elected                           | <b>Matthew French</b>                | Robin Hull          | Jeff Jones           |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Schooneveldt  | <b>Ross Phillips</b><br>Elected      | Brian Jackson       | Matthew              |
| <b>Club Captain</b><br>Elected    | <b>Bill White</b>                    | Simon Schooneveldt  | Sheila Hill          |
| <b>Editor</b><br>Phillips         | <b>Simon Schooneveldt</b><br>Elected | Ian Henderson       | Ross                 |
| <b>Spare Parts</b><br>Elected     | <b>Jack Warr</b>                     | Bill White          | Matthew Schooneveldt |
| <b>Ass Spare Parts</b><br>Elected | <b>Graham Mackay</b>                 | Bill White          | Linden Thomson       |
| <b>Registrar</b><br>Elected       | <b>Matthew Schooneveldt</b>          | Ross Phillips       | Ken Lonie            |
| <b>Webmaster</b><br>Elected       | <b>Linden Thomson</b>                | Ken Lonie           | John Romer           |

Elected Officers present took up their positions.'... (Literally, if you look below!)

President Simon thanked outgoing committee members for their assistance during the 2010 year.



### **Minutes from the previous OGM meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011.**

Minutes moved by John Romer and seconded by Bill White that the minutes be accepted. CARRIED.

### **Business arising from the minutes:**

Alan Hill advised that the reported change of his RMB engine was incorrect.

### **Inwards Correspondence:**

1. Annual Return of Association
2. Membership Application and fees from Chris Stafford, Cooroy.
3. Email from Hilary Warnett re: Wedding Cars
4. Invitation to Country Comfort, Wagga Wagga.
5. Invitation to Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club May Canefields Classic Rally.
6. Invitation to 28<sup>th</sup> Summerland Sports and Classic Car Club Static Display. Lismore 6<sup>th</sup> August.
7. Copies of Blue Diamond, Riley Gazette, Riley Crank, Riley Newsletter WA, Riley Rattles.

**Outwards Correspondence:** 1: Email to Hilary Warnett re: Wedding Cars.

2: Letter to auditors by Ross Phillips as Treasurer. Moved by Matthew French, seconded by Alan Hill that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards be endorsed; CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report for the start of 2011:** In February Ross Phillips assured members that we were running at a profit. Dates and Dollar balances are very confusing when taking the Torque Tube Reports, but at the February meet, **Dorothy Cameron** seconded Ross's report, so all is well. In fact Ross had reported to our new Secretary Matthew French that at December we had a credit balance of \$7698.49. January saw a credit balance of \$7161.90, the reduction being due to settlement of our annual Christmas Dinner in the sum of \$987.50 which Linden Thomson had paid for us himself. Future Treasurer's reports will be published in full in TT (Ed.)

**Club Captain's Report:** Incoming Captain Bill White is putting together a schedule of appropriate Riley Runs, with special emphasis on covering both Northern, Western and Southern members so that everyone gets an opportunity to participate. An initial few months outings will appear in the March Torque Tube (See Below). Outgoing Club Captain Alan Hill was delighted to present the Qld Annual Broken Conrod Trophy to Robin and Barbara Hull for their involvement in Club activities in the year past. Alan also thanked all Members for their support during his period as Club Captain.

**Spare Parts:** We did not have a report in February, but both Jack Warr and Graham Mackay are soldiering on for Club Members who maintain current membership, thus giving you access to our spare parts and the excellent spare parts service.

**Registrar's Report:** Our re-elected Registrar Matt Schooneveldt reported that he has created 2 files. The first is for Riley Cars currently in the State. The second is for Rileys that were registered with the Queensland Club, but may no longer be here. Indeed, the cars could be overseas now!

**General business:** Signatories to the club accounts will change to the current secretary and president.

Ross & Di Phillips report that the 2012 Qld National Rally venues are booked. Ross & Di may require assistance with transportation of promotional information packs for the 2012 rally to the 2011 rally at Beechworth, Victoria.

It was moved that the Club give approval and authority for John Romer to approach businesses on behalf of the club for corporate sponsorship for the 2012 rally.

Moved by John Romer, seconded by Ross Phillips. CARRIED. It was agreed that John Romer would have the title of Rally Sponsorship Coordinator for this event and would use our Club's letterhead to approach potential Corporate and Government organisations for sponsorship, in any useful form, for our 2012 National Rally.

Secretary's Email: [mgwfrench@bigpond.com](mailto:mgwfrench@bigpond.com)

#### **Other Business:**

A new Position of **Webmaster** was created, with Linden Thomson voted in as inaugural Webmaster.

Meeting closed at 9.26PM.

Below, yet another Qld Riley Special on the way: Ross Phillips Pre War Kestrel. Looking Very Good, despite some beheaded members!





## **NEW EDITOR'S INAUGURAL REPORT:**

For the first Torque Tube under my second round of Editorship from February 2011, I thought a little revisit going back over 27 years of Torque Tube and my Queensland Riley Club involvement since 1982 could be enlightening for our newer members. After all, Riley history is what we are all about.

I could never hope to emulate the incredible informative effort that our immediate past Editor, Linden Thomson achieved throughout his editorship of TT, from 1985 through to 1993, and again from 2007 through to 2011. When not the incumbent Editor, Linden served as Club President, and he has always held some contributory position for our Riley Club since its inception.

Back in February 1985, when I received my first Torque Tube, it was entitled "Newsletter of the Riley Motor Club of Australia (Queensland Area) Publication # QBH 3666" before the Qld Club achieved its own independence and rights. Our first independent TT consisted of 8 pages, listing committee contacts, coming meetings, Club Captain's report, Spare Parts information (Jack Warr) together with information on the upcoming Margaret River West Australia Riley Rally across Australia.

In 1988 our indefatigable members Alan and Sheila Hill joined the Club. Going back a little, the November 1986 TT advertised a 7.00 AM breakfast start outing at the Phillip's, Ipswich, with the heading "Booze till you drop"!! How we have all changed over the years!

A thumbnail sketch follows for the next few years. In 1991 Simon Schooneveldt was elected Club Captain. In 1992 Dick Self was elected President. In 1993 and 1994 Linden Thompson continued as Editor. (The 1994 AGM showed 30 in attendance)

In 1995 (March) Alan and Sheila Hill were Naturalised as Australians... quite appropriate really, as Alan was Club President and Sheila was Treasurer that year. Back slightly again, Ross Phillips was elected Editor in 1993 and held that position through to 1999 when the Late Peter Young took over to give Ross a rest. In 1998 Simon Schooneveldt was elected Secretary.

June 2000 saw the first ever colour front page, produced by David Schoch as "Relieving Newsletter Editor" advertising our National Riley Rally details for 2001. The TT Editor was now Peter Young, who continued to 2002 and Ross Phillips began racing his Riley Elf at the Gatton Sprints with gusto. In 2003 we conducted our AGM at Lyn & Brian Jackson's joint at Narangba. Ross Phillips was elected Editor, again, and Simon Schooneveldt was re-elected as Club Captain. December 2004 saw Ken and Wendy Lonie welcomed as new members of our Club. Our President was Linden Thomson, Editor Ross Phillips, Treasurer Alan Hill and Sandra Reskove was Registrar.

In the ever changing structure of our Queensland Riley Motor Car Club, by 2006 Linden Thomson was again President, Ray Burrows was Secretary, Treasurer was Alan Hill and Editor was Peter Young. In 2007 Alan Hill was voted in as President, Linden Thomson repeated his earlier Editor role. These folk continued through 2008, President Alan Hill, again with Ray Burrows as Secretary, Ross Phillips as Treasurer and Wendy Judd as Club Captain.

The Qld Club conducted a survey of Member's feelings about our Riley Club activities about 10 years ago. Responses, which I have just reviewed, ranged through emotive anger, one resignation and very high praise indeed from the majority, which largely outweighed the sour grapes. One common complaint was that the Committee "did everything". Well, not a Torque Tube was published over the past 27 years without **heartfelt requests** for contributions and suggestions from members.



Linden Thomson took this stunning photo of some of our Australian Rileys at Tumut Round-up 2008

2009 saw Alan Hill elected as President, Simon Schooneveldt as Vice President, Wendy Judd as Club Captain and inevitably, Linden Thompson as Editor with Ray Burrows as Secretary.

2010 had some changes. Simon Schooneveldt served as President, Bill White was Vice President, Ray Burrows continued as Secretary and Linden Thomson continued on as Editor.

September's 2010 Torque Tube featured Ross Phillip's on its front cover "At Speed" in his own creation of a Riley racing special "Victor", a most impressive piece of work (and love, enthusiasm and passion). I witnessed this racer at Stanthorpe; it made the hair on the back of my neck stand up! The Lord only knows what it was doing for Ross, but I could only see one of his hands!

So we come to 2011. Our Committee, quite deliberately, moved around again, to provide for change, new member opportunities and of course the new Meeting Room at Banyo. This is the Brisbane Sporting Car Club Room, Unit 16 NEXUS Business Park, 23 ASHTAN PL., BANYO. UBD 121 J/10-11



*Supporting these little critters in my garden shed has given me great pleasure! Bugger the Greens! Simon S.*

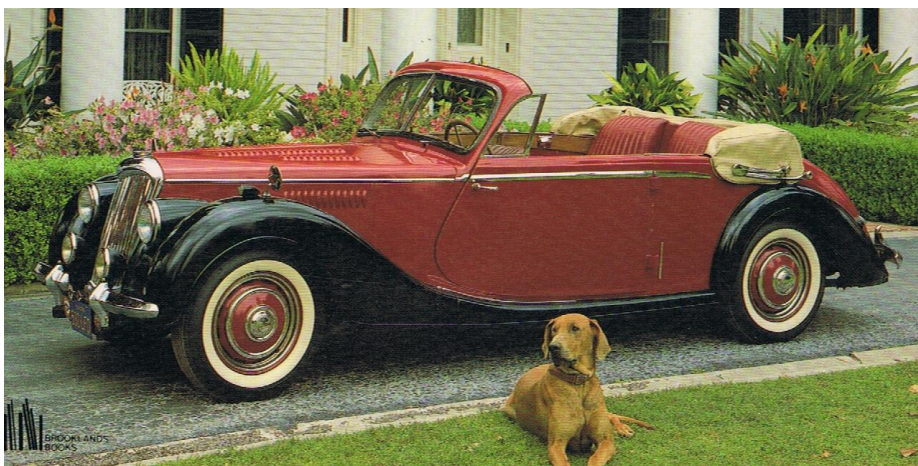


Sadly, our club can no longer give pleasure to elderly and senior citizens who are resident in Nursing Homes. New idiot laws require drivers and visitors to obtain Police Reports at \$ 45.00 each, every 3 months, effectively for every visit. No food is to be brought in or exchanged within the nursing home.

Our Australian society, especially in Queensland, is becoming self-destructing because protection for the few is being applied to the many.

It is all so sad. Simon Schooneveldt. Editor.

DipAppSc(Counselling), BSocSc (Hum Serv), GradDipSoc Sc, MSoc Sc, PhD, pending.



Above is a photo of an American Left Hand Drive Drophead, courtesy of Vince Manocchi of Special Interest Autos for R.M.Clarke's compilation of Riley Gold Portfolio, Brooklands Books Circa 1980's.

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT and UPCOMING EVENTS:

A warm day and good weather ensured a good turn up consisting of 6 RM's, 2 pathfinders, 1 nine plus two modern vehicles on our run via the Jackson's at Marcoola and on to Eumundi. We were so comfortable that we never did move on to Noosa!

Stuart & Miriam Paton arrived in their lovely Lancia. After a short rendezvous at the Ettamoogah Pub on the way north, we moved on for morning tea and cold refreshments at the home of Brian & Lynn Jackson. Mathew Schooneveldt in the Riley Nine, suffered a puncture but was quickly on his way with the help of other club members. After morning tea the group continued on to Eumundi, where all enjoyed a meal at the local watering hole.

**BILL WHITE** (Club Captain)

**Club Captain's Report cont'd.....**

The **MARCH RUN** will be a brunch on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. The place is the Wading pool on the Esplanade at Wynnum, where Florence Street meets the Esplanade. This is a shady spot beside the pool with B.B. Q's, Tables, Toilets and bay breezes.

For those wanting to walk off some calories, there is an interesting board walk nearby, which we will visit.

The easiest route is via Wynnum Rd, either via the Gateway Motorway or via the Story Bridge and Shafston Avenue. We should aim to meet at the Wading Pool, Wynnum at 9-30am. I will arrive earlier to claim two tables for us.

**APRIL RUN:** Many Club Members will be at the National Rally at Beechworth. If any members not going to Beechworth would like to have a local run, please contact me on 07 3289 4282 or email: [thewhitehouse7@bigpond.com](mailto:thewhitehouse7@bigpond.com) and we will organize a run to suit.

**BILL WHITE** (Club Captain)

**PS:** Always one to seek the last word, it would be great if Members could comment and critique this format for our Qld Riley Club Torque Tube to me as the new Editor. All advice will be treated with good will and really valued.

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# RACQ

## RACQ HMC Rally

Toowoomba.

11, 12 & 13 June 2011.



### ENTRY & Meal Requirements

|   | Cost         | No. Req. | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|----------|-------|
| Rally Entry Fee (2 adults)  | \$45         | 1        | \$45  |
| Additional Passengers   | \$10 ea      |          |       |
| <b><u>Saturday</u></b> Morning Tea  | No Charge    |          |       |
| Lunch   | No Charge    |          |       |
| Empire Theatre Tour & A/ tea.   | \$7.50 Adult |          |       |
| (under 12)  | \$4.00 Child |          |       |
| Social Dinner (Adult)   | \$26         |          |       |
| (under 12)  | \$13         |          |       |
| <b><u>Sunday</u></b>  |              |          |       |
| Pittsworth Pioneer Village Entry, Morning Tea & Lunch   | \$20 Adult   |          |       |
| (Under 12 )   | \$10         |          |       |
| Presentation Dinner (Adult)   | \$40         |          |       |
| (under 12)  | \$20         |          |       |
| <b><u>Monday</u></b>  |              |          |       |
| Breakfast   | \$5 ea.      |          |       |
| Cobb & Co (N/C to TWB Residents)  | \$10 ea      |          |       |
| Lunch, (Pizza in the Park)  | \$7 ea.      |          |       |
| Total   |              |          |       |
| Please make cheques/money orders payable to : DDVVMC.<br>Please forward entry form and payment to<br>The Secretary DDVVMC,<br>PO Box 486, Toowoomba, QLD, 4350. |              |          |       |

**Lots of Qld Riley Folk are attending this... do join in! It was always great.**