

# TORQUE TUBE

Newsletter of the RILEY MOTOR  
CLUB QLD INC.



**MAY 2011**



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**Some detail and stories from the Beechworth National Riley Roundup from  
Queensland Members are included here in, as our April's main activity/**

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Though started on page two, the important part about **Dick & Earla Self** follows on page 8.

#### **THE 2011 RILEY CLUB QLD ELECTED COMMITTEE**

PRESIDENT:	KEN LONIE	07 5494 3323
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SECRETARY:	MATTHEW FRENCH	07 3353 0532
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CLUB CAPTAIN:	BILL WHITE	07 3289 4282
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**Minutes of the OGM of the Riley Motor Club, Qld., Inc. held at the Brisbane Sporting Club, Ashtan Place, Banyo, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.**

Meeting opened by Vice President Alan Hill at 8.05pm with 20 members and guests present.

**Apologies:** Jeff Jones, Ken & Wendy Lonie, Pat and Betty Elliott, Delma Thomson, Dick & Earla Self, Matthew Schooneveldt, Graham McKay.

**Minutes from previous meeting:**

Moved, John Romer, seconded by Bill White, that minutes be accepted. Carried.

**Business arising from minutes:**

Nil.

**Inwards correspondence:**

1. Change of address for the Rubbershop from Everton Park to Coolumb Beach
2. Flier from the Caloundra Power Boat Club.
3. Renewal from Ray & Maureen Perryman
4. Newsletters from ?

**Outwards correspondence:**

Nil

Moved by Matthew French seconded by Eve Romer that the inwards correspondence be received. Carried.

**Treasurer's report February 2011**

Balance as per Bank Statement, February 2011

**\$7,562.53CR**

**Income**

Membership fees	\$ 565.00	
Interest	\$ 0.96	\$ 855.82
		\$8128.49

**Expenditure**

Brisbane Sporting Car Club Room Rental	\$ 55.00	
N/letter expenses Jan 2011	\$ 190.00	
Office of Fair Trading	\$ 42.20	
L. Thomson expenses	\$ 28.00	\$ 315.20

Balance as per Bank Statement, March 2011

**\$7,813.29CR**

Moved by Ross Phillips that his Report be accepted, seconded Simon Schooneveldt. Carried

**Club captain's report:**

April - run to Beechworth as per magazine.

May - Lakeside 15<sup>th</sup> The track will be available for driving upon after 2.00 pm. Bill proposed that members arrive at 7.30 am, and cost is \$20 per car with two people.

June - run to Toowoomba

July - run to Boonah

If members feel there is any doubt as events proceeding due to the weather, please contact Bill to enquire.

**Spare parts report:**

Recent acquisition of second-hand pathfinder spares.

**Registrar's report:**

Nil Report.

**2012 rally report:-** Progressing well. Promotional information packs for the 2012 rally are ready for transport to Beechworth.

**Editor's report:** Members please contact the editor to inform if you wish a paper or electronic copy of the magazine.

**Website co-ordinator's report:**

Very close to migrating to a new platform.

**General business:**

1. Stainless steel bends available from ATS Stainless, West St, Virginia, suitable for exhaust systems.
2. Robin Hull seeking universal joint from clutch operating system.



Next Meeting:  
Thursday, 12th May 2011.  
BRISBANE SPORTING CAR CLUB ROOMS  
UNIT 16 / NEXUS BUSINESS PARK  
23 ASHTAN PLACE  
BANYO  
LOCATED ALONG THE GATEWAY MOTORWAY.  
UBD Map 121 J/10-11



Letter to the Editor,  
Simon, a few details but mostly my ramblings.....

## RALLY 2011 - BEECHWORTH & BACK

with Dianne & me

The eager left on Sunday, the pack on Monday, and separate stragglers on Tuesday, all with the intention to be there Thursday afternoon. We met another Qld'er in Coonabarabran, bad news travels fast. First day problems – a "9" back home per tiltray and a 2 ½ overheating and fast deflating tyres. Why put ourselves through the worries?...we went in a modern!

We wandered around through historic towns etc. as we usually do. Popped into Albury, it has older areas to view, but we got lost and had to scurry back to the highway via the "sat. nav." Heard that day that another Qld. 2 ½ had buggered up. But lots of cars and people with most of the aristocracy making reception by Thursday afternoon. 100 entries! that's about 200 or so people, huge eh?!

It kicked off a day early with welcome dinner on Thursday night. Competitions started, haven't had this one before. Various and I mean various items sewn up in calico bags to be identified by feel with points going towards the Con rod trophy. Good night to catch up with others and hear tales of woe. Seems a number of cars had thrown in the towel – a few more feeling a little disappointed.

Friday to Yackandandah, morning tea. The ladies auxiliary in these country towns really know how to put on a real treat. Observation quiz during the day and off to Mount Beauty and back via Bright and Myrtleford. What a spectacle with the autumnal tones in the trees....colour, colour everywhere. Quiz that night.

Saturday off the Army museum...more of those trees. Museum has a big range of the instruments of war and well presented. The car park gives opportunity to see all the cars together. Quite a sight / site. Back via Rutherglen and Chiltern, a good tour, love all these older villages.

Sunday is the day of the running of the tests for the Con Rod trophy. Bit of cheating and bending of rules – good stuff and great fun. Rest of the day in Beechworth and left to our own devices. Provision was made for us to visit various historic sites with some very interesting sites to see. Lunch, or how to procure it proved a challenge. There are about 1,000 eateries in town (give or take a few hundred) and all full up! The richest person in Beechworth would have to be the owner of the Bakery!! Lines of customers from the footpath in through the doors and emerging with armfuls of pies/cakes etc. at the rate of 500 a minute...I counted them!! Farewell dinner that night. A good finish to a good weekend. Lots of people won lots of prizes....all truly deserved.





Queensland people presented and distributed information for the 2012 Rally to be held in Toowoomba.

Monday head for home. It's why people don't travel with us... off to tour the old towns again. Short day, we stayed in Yass. Look for Binalong motor museum is the plan, but can't find it. Into a little village off the highway. But not game to get out and ask....reminds me of "Royston Vasey" and I'm not a "local". (If you didn't watch this obscure comedy series, you'll have no idea what I'm talking about.) We'll go through Millthorpe again....love the little place....

We've been wanting to visit Nundle for a number of years but usually don't make it. Once you get a sniff of home, you're off. We had to delay a day to visit when this particular shop was open...only 3 days and weekends. An old, old shop. Full of goodies. There are the old gas light tubing and fittings hanging from the ceiling. Mostly new, old fashioned stock. Enamel bowls/basins/jugs, cast iron pots etc. etc., long, long brushes for cleaning your stove flue, the duckiest little kettles and tea pots you've ever seen. Brushes, brooms (no plastic here), the list goes on and on. I'll probably get commission. They also have those super expensive/trendy watering cans that you see on ABC Gardening Australia. Finished the visit with a good burger at the café down town. The original old pub had a special significance for us too. Then straight home after overnighthing in Glen Innes and was colder than Vic.!!

Overall, a good long/long weekend but was surprised to see the condition of the interstate roads. I think N.S.W. and Vic. are coming down to Qld. standards! And another whinge... Motels that advertise dining room facilities and/or meals to room.... But don't .... @X?<#!

Here endeth the ramble..

R.P.

Into your diary now!!! Toowoomba 2012....23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March. (Two weeks before Easter)

Ten Cars and crews set off by varying routes to Beechworth,

Beechworth Rally

Some cars (even Pathfinders) suffered minor problems. Ken & Wendy Lonie had a set back with their 9 but quickly recovered in the RMB.

My own RMB decided not to go past Molong and returned to Closeburn on a car carrier.

Engine investigations are now underway. Mal Lorimer won the trophy for traveling the greatest distance. He should have won another prize

For overcoming a series of difficulties on his way south. His Black RMB looked a picture.

william white <thewhitehouse7@bigpond.com>

The rally its self was very successful and the setting very picturesque. Tuesday, 3 May 2011 10:39 PM

Our congratulations go to the Victorian Club for an extremely well run and friendly rally.

#### Club Captains Report

May— The may run will be at Lakeside for Macleans Bridge at Lakeside on the 15<sup>th</sup> may.

Events will include a Concours d' Elegance, Auction, Best club display, workshop and access to the circuit after 2pm.

I suggest we meet at the gates at 7-30am.

A second run this month will be at Caboolture airfield to see a Beaufort Bomber which is being rebuilt. Gary Brittain has organized this outing.

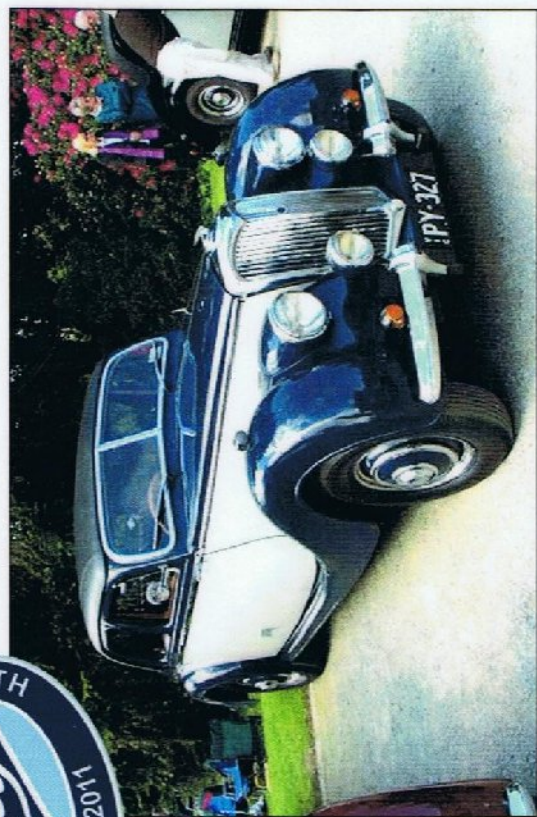
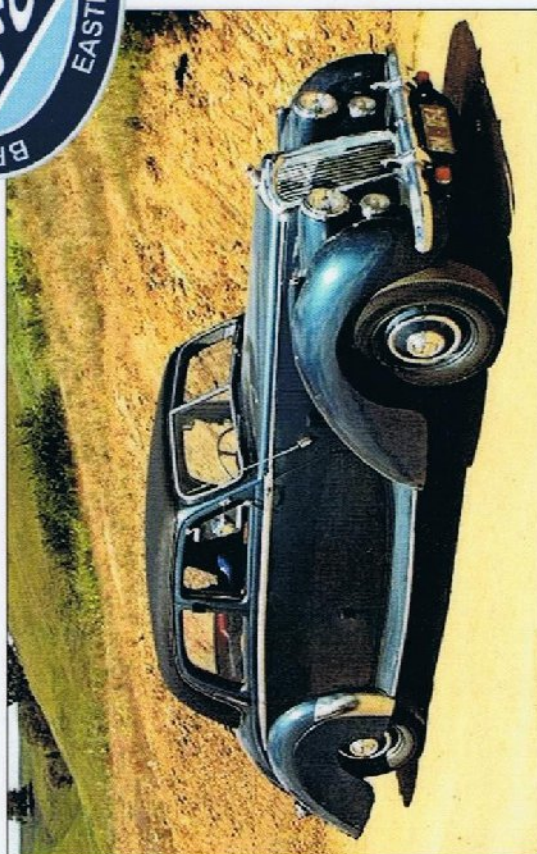
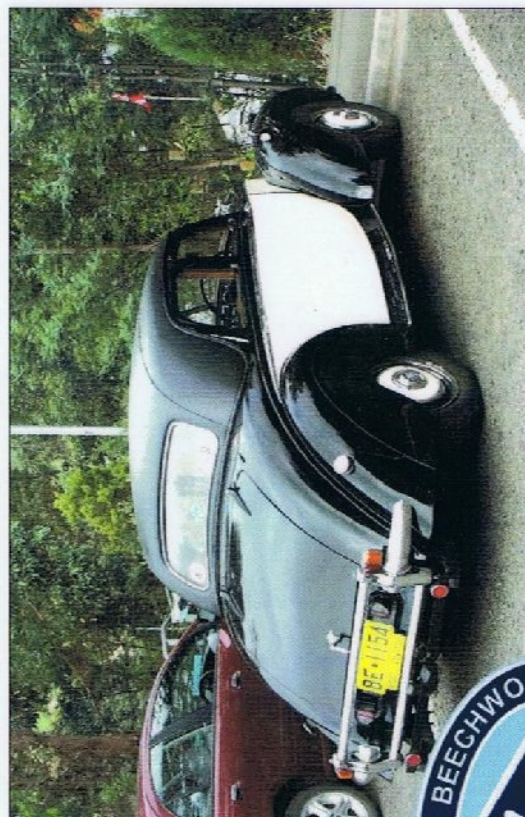
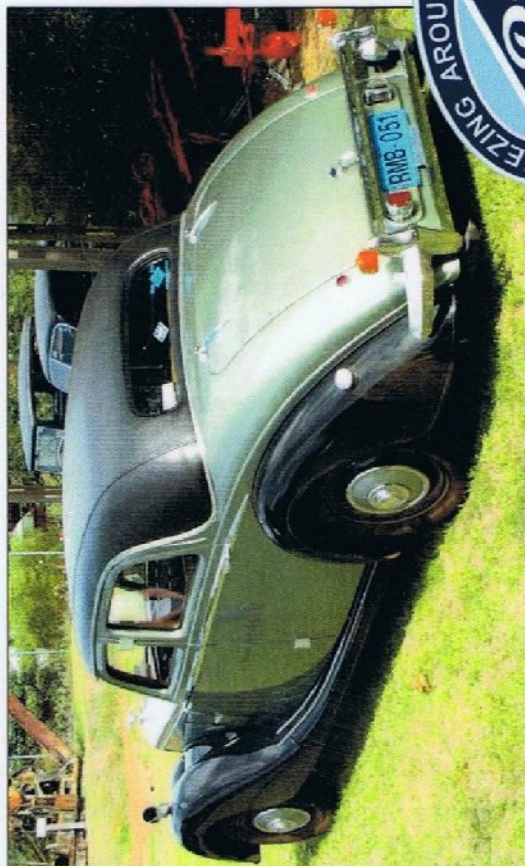
Meeting place is the car park at the Aeroclub at Caboolture Airfield

Time— 10-00 AM

Date — 29TH. MAY



## RILEY MOTOR CLUBS



## 2011 National Rally - Beechworth, Victoria



RILEY MOTOR CLUB QLD. INC. IS PROUD TO HOST -



## TOOWOOMBA 2012

Our rally will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March. This is two weeks prior to Easter.

Toowoomba is situated in the southern Darling Downs region easily accessible from the major highways. We are sure you will enjoy the pleasant weather being less humid than our coastal areas.

It is our intention to take you on leisurely tours of the city and its environs with some interesting stops along the way. A morning bus trip, to sit back and let someone else do the driving and then enjoy the opportunity to drive some quiet country roads.

Accommodation has been arranged close to our rally headquarters / meal venues.

The area boasts more attractions than we can fit into our itinerary, so you may choose to stay on a little longer.

If you wish to receive further information including Toowoomba 2012 entry forms in due course, please complete and return the "Expressions of Interest" form.

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**Riley Motor Club Qld Inc. May Torque Tube Report. Editor Simon Schooneveldt**

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So, once again as Editor for 2011, I find myself (and you dear readers) with 7 pages filled but the need to fill up/ set up page 8, which is sort of a freebie for our Club. I do not think it appropriate to reproduce in full a delightful response received from longstanding club members, Dick and Earla Self. I had sent Dick and Earla a copy of the April copy of our Torque Tube, which among other things showed a photo of their Camper Van and their 2 ½ RM saloon (now owned by Alan and Sheila Hill) at the Hill's Bribie Island holiday house in the 1980's.

Those photos appeared in the April 2011 Torque Tube Magazine. Dick, now well in to his ninety's wrote a firm written response to the Riley Club, albeit a little shaky, as would we all at that venerable age.

Dick has been following our Riley Club activities, after all Dick and Earla's RM 2 ½ was the Riley that introduced me and Riley's generally in an early 1980's Motor Show. I am forever grateful to Dick and Earla for that introduction. At that Motor Show, also exhibited, was a replica pre-war Brooklands nine and Peter Lee's Monaco. Both pre-war cars have kindled further interest from me and my son Matthew, as Matthew is now heavily involved in producing a Brooklands replica.

Dick and Earla will continue to receive our Torque Tube for the duration. Simon Schooneveldt,