

TORQUE TUBE

NEWSLETTER OF THE RILEY MOTOR CLUB QUEENSLAND INC.

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NEXT MEETING

12 August | 38 Showgrounds Drive, Highvale

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FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to all those who've sent ideas and articles in this month, and those who've responded when I've asked for help! It all goes a long way to keeping the Torque Tube interesting!

One club run this month – Lunch at the Dag Pub, D'Aguilar – meet at 12:00pm there, or for those who live in the Samford area, meet at the Tennis Club at 10:45am for a run via Dayboro and over Mount Mee. Invitations have also been received for events at Laidley and Miles, so if you're feeling like a drive, check them out later in the newsletter.

As always, if you'd like to contribute, please send your content and ideas to email TorqueTube@outlook.com by the last weekend of the month!

Ange Henderson
Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 5 August

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

Tuesday 12 August

Ordinary General Meeting 11:00am
Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

Sunday 17 August

12:00pm The Dag Pub
2040 Wood Street, D'Aguilar
RSVP by Friday 15 August to Club Captain

Tuesday 19 August

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

Tuesday 26 August

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

Tuesday 2 September

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

Tuesday 9 September

Ordinary General Meeting 11:00am
Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

Tuesday 16 September

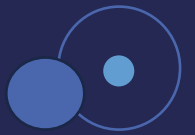
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Tuesday 23 September

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

Tuesday 30 September

Enthusiasts at Samford Clubhouse. BYO Lunch & Drinks. Tea and coffee provided.



AROUND THE TRAPS

Dave M has been getting about in the last month, attending the Willowbank Historic Meet with Mike B and the Noosa Concours.



He wrote "Lots rare & historic cars to see at Willowbank & Noosa Concours recently.

Never thought I would see and hear the 6-wheel Tyrrell (Cosworth DFV powered) on the track here in QLD.

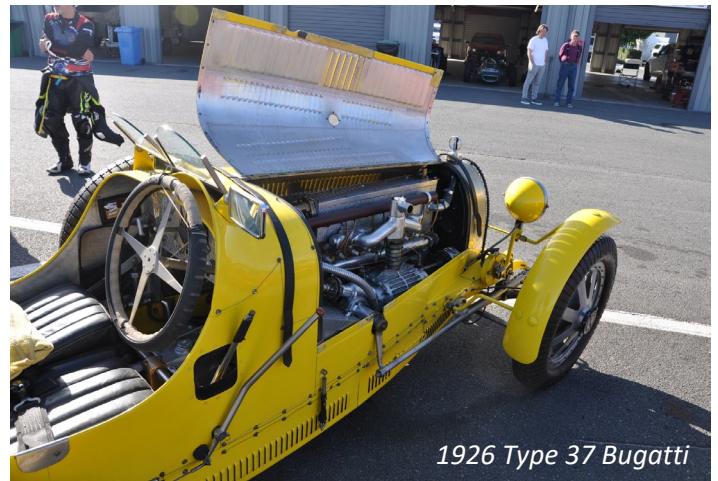


6-wheel Tyrrell

Also lots of different classes racing including Formula 5000.



Supercharged MG



1926 Type 37 Bugatti

Willowbank track facilities have improved with new grandstand.



View from the grandstand



Noosa Concours put on a good display with 50 high quality cars (about 10 were pre-war) parked in Hasting Street.



Clive Palmer's 1935 Bugatti Atalante



1937 Wanderer W25



1960 Ausrar



Jack Brabham's 1968 BT23E

Also some interesting trade displays including Aston Martin DB5 body shell under restoration, a replica late 1950 Maserati V8 road racer under construction with modern ZF trans axle. A MGA with modern Mazda 2.5 engine/box price at over \$200,000 etc. This event has become very popular and crowds are getting bigger."

CLUB APPAREL

Don't forget club polo shirts are now available - \$50 each! Order via the Store page on the website. Men's and women's sizes available.



A small number of Riley Rally Team caps and Riley beanies are also available, \$20 each, which are not on the website, enquire at the club if interested.

LAIDLEY SPRING FESTIVAL

Once again this year, the Lockyer Valley Council will be hosting the Laidley Spring Festival and Show 'n' Shine on **Saturday 13 September** 9:00am – 1:00pm with members of the RMCQ invited to attend. The Show 'n' Shine will again be raising money for local charities with all entrants asked to provide a donation of their choice (gold coin or higher) as an entry fee. If several members are interested in attending, this can be organised as a club, otherwise you can register independently. More details can be found on their website here:

<https://www.laidleyspringfestival.com/register-for-the-show-n-shine>

MOTORS AT MILES

RMCQ has also been invited to attend the Motors at Miles Show and Shine event **Sunday 14 September** from 9:00am.



DMAG PRESENTS - MOTORS AT MILES
SHOW AND SHINE
SUNDAY 14th OF SEPTEMBER AT THE
MILES FOOTBALL GROUNDS

- \$10 PER VEHICLE ENTERED
- TOP 15 CARS JUDGED SHOW AND SHINE
- TOP 5 OTHER JUDGED SHOW AND SHINE
- CARS, 4X4'S, BIKES, TRUCKS
- ALL VEHICLE TYPES WELCOME
- VEHICLE REGISTRATION ON THE DAY FROM 9AM TO 10:30AM
- CONTACT NATHAN - 0427 272 129

ASSOCIATED BACK TO THE BUSH ACTIVITIES

- MUSIC @ MILES FOOTBALL GROUNDS
- VINTAGE AIRCRAFT DISPLAY @ MILES AIRPORT
- BUSH POETRY @ MILES RACECOURSE

DMAG
who cares, got spares

MILES BACK TO THE BUSH Festival

SAMFORD SHOW

The Samford Show was held on Sat the 12th and Sun the 13th July 2025.

I introduced Classic Cars to the Show in 2010 and it has built up over the years. Only 1 cancelled Show due to Covid and this year was our 15th event featuring a vast range of local Classics. We had 95 cars over the 2 days of the show. That is our best yet.

Although only 3 Riley's were on display there were 18 club members who brought 29 different classics to the Show.

Michael Ferguson brought 5 of his own fleet plus he organised for the Veteran Car Club to join us on the Sunday with an amazing selection of cars from the early 1900s to the 1960s.

The car of the show award went to club member Wayne Dougan with his immaculate 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne.

The Samford Show has become the best country show in Queensland and I hope you enjoy the attached pics.

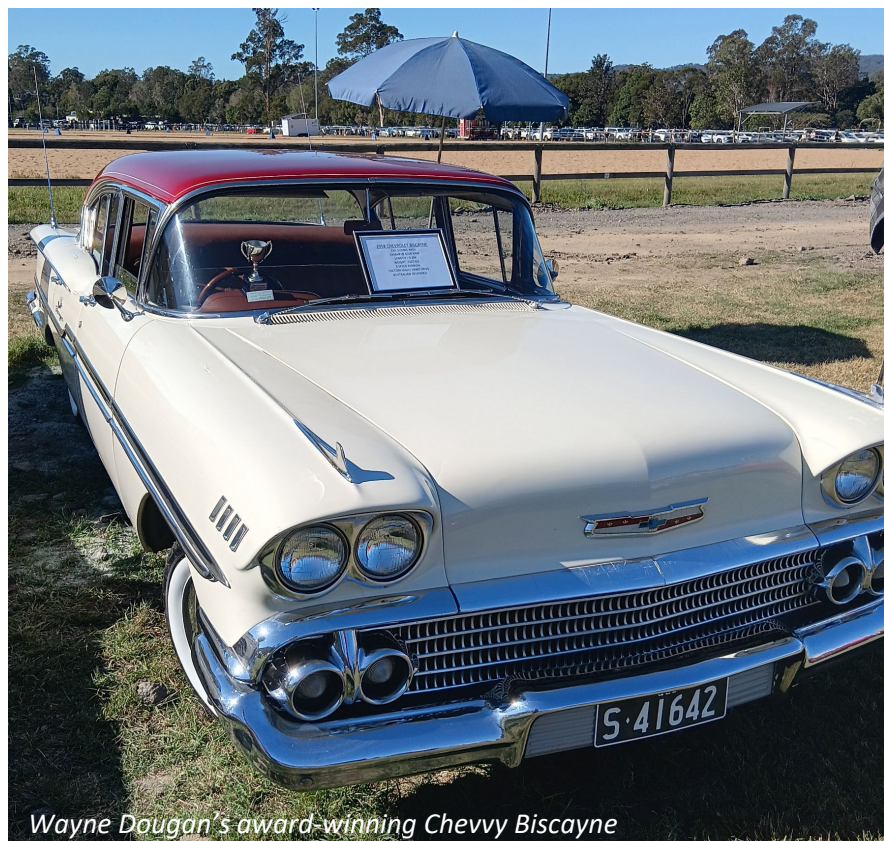
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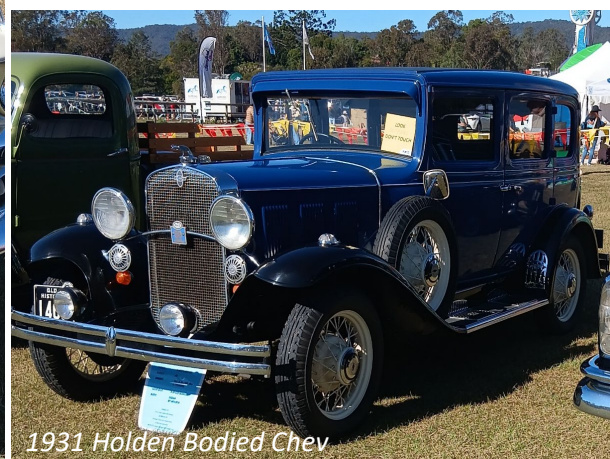
Above: Rileys represent at the Samford Show



Wayne Dougan's award-winning Chevvy Biscayne



Land Rovers including Denis Brown's Series 3



1931 Holden Bodied Chev

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1910 Armstrong Whitworth, Model A Ford Tudor with a young admirer, 1932 Chevrolet Speedster, 1938 Chevrolet Coupe Utility, Valient SV1, 1933 Chevrolet Pickup



Mercedeses between Chev, and 3 Fords



Early Holdens always popular



MGs

LEATHER STEERING WHEEL FOR A RILEY

By Chris R

I had intended providing an article on fixing brakes on a Riley special, but after about 6 months of trying (and failing) to fix them I've decided to put together this short item describing how I changed the steering wheel on my drophead to a leather bound one!!! Brakes can wait until I eventually solve the problem.

In this exercise I "cheated" by buying a leather steering wheel cover from eBay. I say 'cheated' because I'd earlier bought kangaroo leather, intending to make a cover similar to the one I'd seen the late Alan Hill make for his Riley some years ago. After a few years of the leather sitting in the cupboard I thought I'd just take the easy way out and buy a ready-made cover.

The covers available on eBay come in a wide variety of sizes and you need to pick one the right diameter to suit the large Riley wheel. In my case this was 45cm (just under 18 inches) which I think is standard on RMs except for the RMC.

The covers are made for the current standard steering wheels, not the skinny steering wheels that Riley supplied and which were the norm in the 50's. Current wheels are thicker and padded, and I padded out the original wheel to suit the eBay cover using hot water pipe insulation from Bunnings. You just need to choose insulation which has an internal diameter similar to the Riley steering wheel, and the cut the insulation and slip it over the wheel. You'll need two lengths to fit the wheel, cut to length. Next task is to bind the insulation so it fits tightly onto the wheel. To do this I used insulation tape.



Left: Hot water pipe insulation for padding Right: Binding the insulation with insulation tape

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Above: Steering wheel fully wrapped with insulation and tape

Once this is done the wheel cover can be slipped onto the wheel and you can commence fitting it in accordance with instructions which are supplied with the cover.



Left: Slipping the steering wheel cover over the wheel



Right: Be sure to pull the cord tight

You need to ensure a tight fit otherwise the cover will gap at the seams. This means that the cord needs to be pulled very tight; sounds easy but to do so, and avoid damaging the cover, it's best to squeeze the cover on the wheel in the area that you are stitching as you go. Even so you may have to go back on your work every so often and retention the thread.



Above: Finished product!

Good luck!



BUY, SWAP OR SELL

Got something you think others will be interested in? Or have you been searching for something hard to find?

Try listing it here! Email the Editor at TorqueTube@outlook.com.

MEMBER CARS FOR SALE



1951 Riley RMA Saloon | \$21,000

Very good condition and with full history back to the original owner in 1951.

Restored in 1997 by a Queensland Riley Club member and has done very few miles by subsequent owners. Believed to be very low original mileage on speedo.

It has been professionally detailed recently to bring its external appearance up to equal that of the very sound wood coachwork. Very sporty and well balanced car to drive.

Currently fully registered in Queensland on personalised plates 'RLY 51'

Please contact Raneet on 0406 900 665.



1951 Riley RMA 1½ litre | \$24,750

This lovely car, "Beatrice" has benefitted from a complete body - off restoration, finished a few years ago by the previous owner. The extensive work included: Complete engine rebuild, new clutch and pressure plate, fully rewired, bare metal respray in ivory, new upholstery including hood lining and carpets, new radial tyres. Since owning the car, we have overhauled the brakes including relining the shoes and machining the drums, installed seat belts and refurbished the starter motor. We have done many club runs with her, including the Riley National Rally to Bundaberg in 2024, weddings and formals. Beatrice will come with her personalised plates if sold in QLD. Presently on club registration, and with a current RWC. In excellent condition throughout, fresh as a daisy - nothing to do but enjoy. Contact Karen on 0407 127 997.



RMB Project | \$5,000 ONO

Please call Richard on 0407 565 844

Vehicle located in Pearamon Qld (near Atherton)

SEEN ONLINE

Note: Cars and items available at the time of publishing – vehicles and items listed here may be sold or delisted at any time



1950 Riley RMC Roadster Special

↓\$45,000

📍 VIC



1951 Riley RMB Saloon

\$27,500

📍 VIC



1950 Riley RMA Saloon

↓\$19,000

📍 NSW



1956 Riley Pathfinder Project

\$11,000

📍 TAS



1950 Riley RMA Saloon

\$18,600

📍 WA



JUST CARS

1959 Riley 4/68 Series Nine

\$16,000

📍 NSW



JUST CARS

1949 Riley RMA Saloon

\$19,900

📍 NSW



JUST CARS

1951 Riley RMA Saloon

\$24,750

📍 QLD



JUST CARS

1952 Riley RMB Saloon

\$12,500

📍 VIC



JUST CARS

1950 Riley RMB Saloon

\$19,500

📍 SA



JUST CARS

1950 Riley RMA Saloon

Project

\$7,000

📍 VIC



JUST CARS

1967 Riley Elf Project

↓\$4,500

📍 TAS



JUST CARS

2 x 1950 Riley RMB Saloon

Project

\$5,000

📍 QLD



Facebook Marketplace

1951 Riley RMA Saloon

\$21,000

📍 QLD



Facebook Marketplace

1951 Riley RMA Saloon

\$17,500

📍 QLD



Facebook Marketplace

1950 Riley RMA Saloon







Project

↓\$5,000

















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