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FROM THE EDITOR

Busy month this month with two big events, the All British Day, and our own Open Day. Both well run, well attended events with lots of interesting cars to look at and stories to hear. As the Open Day was only just Sunday, it's a 'light touch' story from me this month, with the hope to do something more in November.

Don't forget about the Christmas Lunch on Sunday 30th November at Sonya's Greek Café. It's a set menu for \$20/head for those interested. RSVP's should have been to Trevor by 1st October, so if you haven't yet responded, please do so quickly!

If you'd like to contribute I'd love to hear from you, please send your content and ideas to email TorqueTube@outlook.com by the last weekend of the month!

All the best!

Ange H
Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 7 October

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

Tuesday 14 October

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

Tuesday 21 October

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

Tuesday 28 October

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

Tuesday 4 November

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

Tuesday 11 November

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

Tuesday 18 November

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

Tuesday 25 November

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

Sunday 30 November

Christmas Lunch. Sonya's Greek Café, Samford.

Sunday 14 December

Proposed run to Pitstop Café. More details to come.



PRESCOTT LONG COURSE



An international flavour to start our newsletter this month, with a quick check in on the Vintage Sports Car Club (VSCC) Long Course event held in the UK on Sunday 21st September. As one keen observer noted "Class 9 Rileys back on top again, where they belong"!

The Fastest Car of the Day and Fastest Time of the Day went to a Riley 12/4 engined Morgan. In Class 2 a Riley Brooklands was nearly two seconds quicker than the nearest challenger in an HRG. With another Riley Brooklands in third.

In Class 8 (Specials) a Nine Special was pipped by a Riley Brooklands Replica.

Lots of Riley representation at this great event with mixed weather conditions across the weekend.

More details in the [Riley Cars 1925 – 1955](#) Facebook Group for those interested!



MEMBER NEWS

Paul W from Greenbank has three (or is it four?) Pathfinders to be restored and has also been kept busy with family matters. His son (who just happens to be named Riley) is fighting in the Australian Nationals for Taekwondo in Adelaide so he couldn't make it to the Show last Sunday...

Christian L came along to the All British Day recently and was suitably impressed. Christian has the big four, blue streak, Kestrel Special, which is now enjoying the Queensland sunshine. It's slowly building up the miles by running up and down the driveway at Jacobs Well. He should be at the next meeting.



Chris K has bought a very nice maroon RMB saloon from WA and brought it home to Cairns. It's already registered in Qld and becomes our most northerly Riley. Welcome to the club Chris! (**Thomas F** is really our most northern, I suppose, since he and his RMC are in Texas USA, but Chris is definitely our most northerly Australian!)

Both **Rob and Beth C** and **Ken L and Rosie** have been living the grey nomad life with extensive around Australia holidays for the last many months, but are believed to be back to home life again and renewing their acquaintance with their respective Rileys.

Doug B lives in Sydney but leaves his RMA on his sons (also named Ryley) property at Nambour and gives it a good drive every few weeks when he visits. It's the ex-Matthew French, ex-Hillsdon family, 1½.

Darryn A keeps his RMB registered and running on the Gold Coast and will soon be visiting the club shed one Tuesday to give it a lift on the club's hoist for an underside checkup.



Mary H still has the cream Roadster under wraps at Maroochydore. It seldom goes out now but is still registered and MAY, just MAY be looking for a new owner soon to give it the love it deserves!

Brian and Lyn J are living the quiet life at Marcoola but need twin wheelchairs for an outing now. Brian is very forgetful these days but picks up amazingly when you talk Rileys. Brian and Lyn are founding members and Lyn talks often of the enjoyment she had and the memories she keeps of the many interstate National Rallies we attended from as far back as fifty years ago. They are currently our only life members.

2025 OPEN DAY

Fantastic turnout for the Open Day Sunday under a beautiful bright blue sky! Massive shout out to the organising committee spearheaded by Michael and Jodi Ferguson who worked tirelessly to make the day a success! Fantastic turnout with over 200 vehicles through the gate and proudly displayed at Samford Showgrounds.



Steve Krakka Horne



Ian H

Colin Galley, former club member and founder and owner of the Brisbane Motor Museum), contributed a number of

cars to the day including a lovely black 2½ and white Roadster.



Steve Krakka Horne

He also assisted with some judging on the day and managed to pick Club Captain Karen's Alvis as the car he'd "Like To Take Home"! This came with a \$300 Repco voucher! How good?!



Karen H

One of the remarkable stories of the day was the 1914 Fiat Lorry driven from Sunnybank for the event! Taking over 2 hours each way with a top speed of just under 60km/h we thank Ian Fordyce for his unique contribution!



Michael F

ALL BRITISH DAY

This year there was a great turnout at the All British Day held at the St Josephs Gregory Terrace sports fields at Tennyson. In total 14 club members were in attendance, with nine Riley's on display by either Club Members or others. In attendance were:

- David M (Rover)
- Trevor T (RMB)
- Bill W (RMD)
- Karen H (Alvis)
- Marc A (MG)
- Wayne & Lynette S (RMB)
- Brian M
- Christian L
- John & Lyn D (Vauxhall)
- John H (MGB)
- Greg M (RMB)
- Chris R (Riley Special)
- Ange H (RMC)

Amongst the assembled groups, the eagle-eyed amongst us could also spy a couple of Riley Elf's tucked in with the minis!



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There was a fantastic array of other British vehicles on display – old to new – throughout the day, with organisers managing to attract over 600 vehicles! Some of the vehicles catching your editor's eye on the day included:



Above: The De Groot Vauxhall



Above: Austin A40 and matching pedal car



Above left: Jean Claude Dam Van

Above Right: Sunbeam Tiger in Agent 86 red

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CARS FOR SALE VIA RMCQ WEBSITE



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 900 664.



RMB Project | \$5,000 ONO

Please call Richard on 0407 565 844

Vehicle located in Pearamon Qld (near Atherton)

For more photos, visit the 'Qld Cars for Sale' page of the website: www.rileymotorclubqld.org.au.

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



carsales
1956 Riley Pathfinder
↓\$28,000
VIC



carsales
1951 Riley RMB Saloon
↓\$24,500
VIC



carsales
1950 Riley RMA Saloon
\$18,600
WA



carsales
1956 Riley Pathfinder Project
\$11,000
TAS



JUST CARS
1952 Riley RMB Saloon
\$12,500
VIC



JUST CARS
1950 Riley RMB Saloon
\$19,500
SA



JUST CARS
1949 Riley RMA Saloon
\$19,900
NSW



JUST CARS
1959 Riley 4/68 Series Nine
\$16,000
NSW



JUST CARS
1951 Riley RMA Saloon
↓\$14,500
QLD



JUST CARS
1956 Riley Pathfinder
↓\$28,000
VIC



JUST CARS
1950 Riley RMA Saloon
Project
\$7,000
VIC



JUST CARS
1930 Riley Monaco Project
\$6,000
WA



JUST CARS
2 x 1950 Riley RMB Saloon
Project
\$5,000
QLD



JUST CARS
1967 Riley Elf Project
\$4,500
TAS



Facebook Marketplace
1951 Riley RMA Saloon
\$21,000
QLD



Facebook Marketplace
1951 Riley RMA Saloon
↓\$14,500
QLD



Facebook Marketplace

1950 Riley RMA Saloon

Project

↓\$5,000

QLD



Burns & Co

1950 Riley RMC Special

UNRESERVED AUCTION

VIC



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.

INTERPRET ANTIQUE CAR ADS LIKE A PRO – OFFICIAL GUIDE!

IT SAYS...	IT REALLY MEANS...!
Rare Model	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work	It's been frozen for 30 years
No rust	Body and fenders missing
Rough	It's too bad to lie about
One owner	Never been able to sell
No time to complete	Can't find parts anywhere
Many new parts	Keeps breaking down
Needs interior	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine	Has new spark plugs
Low mileage	Third time around
Easy restoration	Parts will come off in your hands
Good investment	Can't depreciate any further



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