

**The Riley Motor Club of  
South Australia**  
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**September  
October  
2024**

**Bay to Birdwood  
Breakfast on  
Sunday.**

# President's Update



As we head to the end of 2024, we all wonder "where did that year ago". And ask the question "what happened to this year, where did it go?" (Ponder this phenomenon more on page 17 Ed)

It only seems like yesterday that we were all concerned about what 2000 would be like. 25 years ago!! Where did they all go? What were you then? Has the past 25 years panned out like you thought or hoped it would? For most of us we had a Riley (or 2).

Still have 1 and more importantly what we have is a love of Rileys. Do your children or grandchildren have that same love for them? Could you encourage an interest in this fantastic car with them to keep them going?

We have some great events coming up. First is the Bay to Birdwood on Sunday 20th October. For those have entered, have an enjoyable & safe drive. For those that want to watch the passing parade, we will be at our usual viewing spot at the roundabout end of Dequetteville Tce. As the entrants start leaving the Bay at 8.15, we will be setting up from 8.00.

Then we are off the Horsham to meet up with the Victorian club on the weekend of November 2nd – 4th. (Page 12) followed by the Yankalilla Classic Motor Show on November 10th. (Page 6) Sunday December 1st we will be attending the Jim Barry Clare Valley Cup. (Page 3)

If you have a vehicle on conditional registration, there will be 2 logbook signing days. Sunday December 8th & Saturday 14th. 10.00 – 2.30 at Chris Kinney's home 66 Ferguson Ave, Myrtle Bank. Membership renewals have been sent out & payment will have to be made before your logbook can be endorsed for 2025. If you haven't received your membership renewal, please let me know & I will forward it on to you.

There we go another year finished. 2025 starts off with our post-Christmas/ New Year picnic lunch at Mike & Rosalie's home on Sunday January 12th.

March 2nd is the All British Day at Echunga. Entries close on December 1st so get in early. And then we off to Busselton WA for the National Rally at the end of March. (Page 13) There goes the first 3 months of the year.

**GTROTR, TWTWMF**

**Mark**

## LEFT OUT IN THE COLD!

My apologies to all members who attended the Club's September meeting. I misplaced/lost/had a senior's moment and could not find the access card for our monthly meeting to be held inside Shannons last month.

Club President Mark took this all his usual casual stride and conducted the meeting under torch light outside Shannons on the footpath. It wasn't raining BUT it was certainly COLD.

Needless to say the meeting was wrapped up in record time – 24 minutes and the thoughtful members who brought supper were passing around food but the coffee was missing.

A few members who I hadn't seen for a while attended that night. It was good to see them but I wished that the circumstances had been different.

I have taken steps to obtain replacement access cards and I will take some freshly home-cooked sausage rolls to the October meeting in order to make amends.

Yours sincerely,  
Bev Thomson

# The EVENTS Calendar

(Links are clickable)

Date	Event	More Details
Oct 14-25	Motorfest	Details <a href="#">here</a>
Oct 20	Bay to Birdwood	If you're not participating, gather from 8.00am at the smaller roundabout on Dequetteville Tce for breakfast etc. And if you are, don't forget to stop and chat. 7.30pm Shannons Insurance Offices, 863-865 South Rd, Clarence Gardens
Oct 24	Club Meeting	See the top of this page on our website <a href="https://rileysa.org.au/events/">https://rileysa.org.au/events/</a>
Oct 26-28	Loxton Historical Run	See page 12.
Nov 2-4	2024 Border Bash Horsham	See page 6.
Nov 10	Yankalilla Classic Motor Show	See page 3.
Dec 2	Clare Cup	Details will follow.
2025		
Jan 12	The post-Christmas Start New Year Picnic Lunch.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Mar 2	All British Day.	See page 13.
Mar 30	National Rally WA	

## On the Cover

*Rileys in Belair.*

Photo by Leigh Johnson

## A Few Words from The Editor

*New month; old words.  
Things to do:*

*Check out the multitude  
of upcoming events.*

*Attend some.*

*And have a good Riley read.*



# The Clare Cup Weekend

30 Nov. and Sunday, 1 December.

Numbers are building for Bev n David's Jim Barry Clare Valley Cup Day. Some will make 2 days of it by going up on the Saturday. The seven races, starting at 12.45pm and the last at 4.30pm, are on the Sunday.

As guests of the Clare Valley Racing Club we already feature in their advertising plans and entry will be free for Rileys. It would be great if we could all "dress up" for the day!

Lunch will be bring your own if you wish or from the food vans or the indoor sit-down menu. About \$35. No BYO alcohol.

We'll meet up on Saturday to travel to Auburn. Rooms have been reserved at the Auburn Motel and rooms are still available. Locals Liz and John say it's a suitable spot to stay for the two nights. It's just 24k to Clare.

Dinner has been booked for both nights at the Rising Sun Hotel at Auburn.

## REMEMBER WHEN!

Sunday 16 March, 2025

The date has been set for a "reunion" afternoon tea of past and present Riley Club members, their families and friends. Our Club currently has members who joined well over 40 years ago. Over the years it has continuously gained new members but also lost many for a variety of reasons including Rileys being sold, ill-health, the loss of a partner. Members develop friendships. Holding a reunion is a way of renewing those friendships.

The day may commence with a run and picnic lunch. The venue for afternoon tea will be the Mount Compass War Memorial Hall, 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

It is proposed to have a shared afternoon tea and the Club will provide tea, coffee and light refreshments.

Members are invited to bring along photos taken at past Riley events.

We hope this event will provide a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances as well as introducing younger and new people to the "Riley passion" of past and present members.

Undoubtedly anyone passing by will also be tempted to view and ask about our cars.

The job ahead for us all now is to re-locate past members and get in touch as many have changed address. Please pass any contact details on to me on 0401 122 739.

Bev Thomson

"Horse-Drawn Wagon in Main Street - Clare", taken by the State Government Photographer in 1932. From the History Trust of South Australia. Edited and colourised by Kelly Bonato - a colourful history.



Auburn 1932...and now.



A Day at the Beach, March 2002.

# A Picnic at Belair

## 21 September

by Rob Rivett

The usual crew met at the Belair Railway station for the short drive to the Belair National Park for the Sunbeam Club's invitational day.

Mark was in "Ruby", Christine had "Herb", Helen and Leigh brought "Regina". (Not the right weather for the Roadster.) And I took "Belle".

The day was a little cool but was lovely when the sun came out from behind the clouds. And the rain stayed away.

There were cars there from the Sunbeam, Armstrong Siddeley, Humber and Hillman clubs and there were quite a few members from the other clubs that came in with moderns.

The Riley Club was congratulated for having the best display for the day and Christine with "Herb" picked up the People's Choice Award.



# A Picnic at Belair

continued



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or email us [yankalillaclassic@gmail.com](mailto:yankalillaclassic@gmail.com)

Please spread the word amongst Motoring Clubs' members and car enthusiasts alike.

Check out the Fleurieu Coast Visitors Information Centre if you want to find out more about our beautiful District, view the attractions in the area and work out where to eat and stay.

We are pleased to welcome back our major sponsors - Shannons, Quality Motor Trimming and Upholstery Services, Forktree Brewing, Fleurieu Accommodation and the District Council of Yankalilla plus sincere thanks to our new major sponsors for 2024, The Fleurieu Sun and The Times.

Contact Fleurieu Accommodation if you would like to view and book a holiday rental for the weekend.

As with all events we need to have rules and regulations to make the event run smoothly and to keep everyone safe so as we can all have an enjoyable time.

There will be lots to do on the day. Check out the cars on display and our restoration garage; visit the trade display area; listen to music; plenty of activities for the kids; have a beer or wine at the bar; grab a snack from the Lions' BBQ or one of the food vans.

You can view our regulations by following the link [here](#). When you register your vehicle you will need to acknowledge that you have read the Regulations.

Peter Filsell

If you have issues making a booking ring us on 0414 995 669

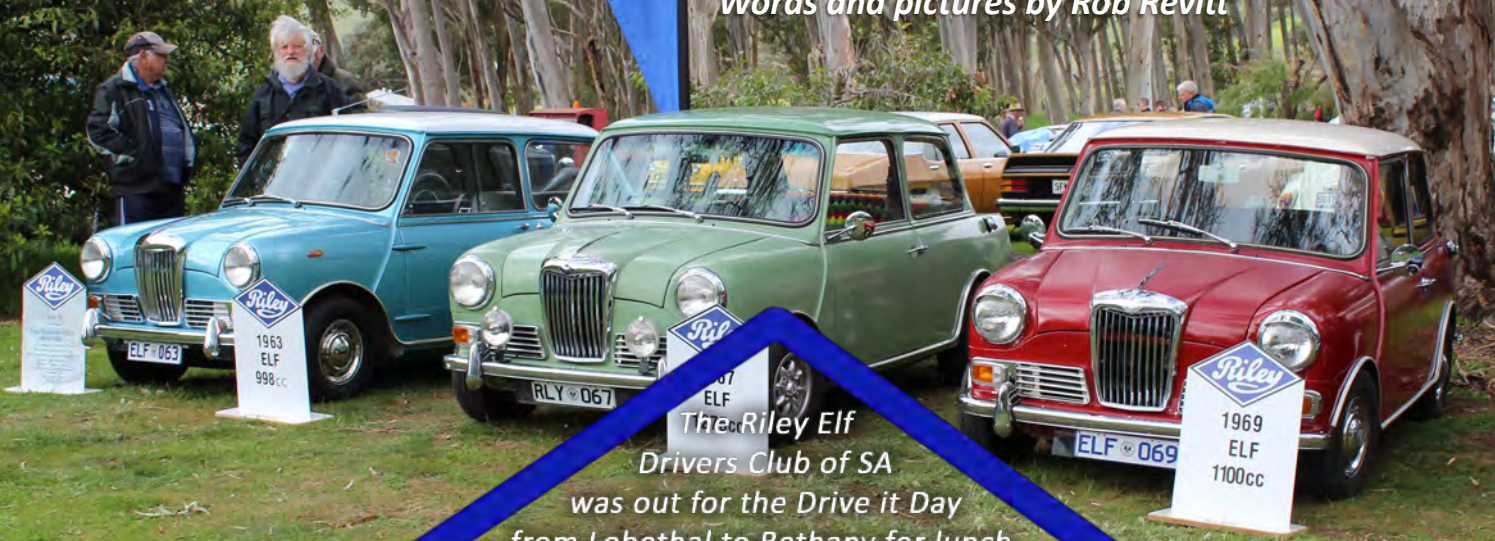
*Yankalilla Road Myponga 1930s*



# Drive it Day

1 September

Words and pictures by Rob Revitt



The Riley Elf Drivers Club of SA was out for the Drive it Day from Lobethal to Bethany for lunch. It's an annual event.

There was just Christine and Mark Hayes in "Herb" and me with new Club Member "Buddy". The drive was slightly modified so we could drive via my house at Tanunda where Mark could pick up "Bud" and arrive at Bethany with a convoy of 3 Elves. Mark became an honorary member for the day. From the moment we drove through the gate we were greeted by lots of people wanting to take pictures of the 3 Elves together. We had a good position and lots of people were very interested in them. It is an unusual sight to have 3 Elves together at the same time.

Wouldn't it be nice to have 5 Elves in a row? We may need to get together as a club and help Rosalie Haese and Chris and Annette Kinney get theirs on the road for such a gathering.



Three Elves in a Row....plus a ring-in.

# The Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic 22 September

by Rob Rivett

It was another cool day for the third event for the month; the Arthur Clisby day at Macclesfield.

I had a rough start getting a blowout in my rear tyre on the way to the meeting point but with that behind me I finally made it.

There were only two cars waiting for me, Mark Hayes in Ruby, his RMB and Helen and Trevor and Helen Praite in their MGB. We got on the road and made our way out to Macclesfield.

Just after we parked Phil Evans arrived in his Imp. Even though we didn't have a lot of cars there we had a lot of positive comments and I had people saying that the Riley Club always put on a good display which is nice to hear.





# You can find Inspiration anywhere, if you know where to look.

by Eamon Forthesky

So said someone famous whose name I don't recall. We know the Riley RM Roadster was aimed at the American market and was a miserable failure. And there's been interminable discussion on the origins of its design.

James Taylor in his "Riley-RM Series" even posits that the design might have been inspired by wartime fighter aircraft like the Spitfire or Mustang.

Club member Graeme Pinkney sent us these photos. They'd caused him to muse whether the vehicles might have provided some inspiration for the RMC design.



*Riley RMC Roadster 1949*



*1935 Citroën Traction Avant 11 AL Vilette Cabriolet*



*Bugatti Type 57*



# Jo Baée @ the August Meeting

by Leigh Johnson

Jo Baée is not your average harpist. She's a qualified Harp Mechanic. There's not many of them around so her work schedule is pretty hectic.

She visited Adelaide in August for work and made time to give us a presentation on harps at our August meeting.

At age 27, Joe's attended more Riley National Rallies than most of us in the club.

And not only is she a qualified harp mechanic but she's a bona fide Riley Nine driver and owner of a 1929 Mk 4 Tourer.

She got the bug young. It was in her DNA. Her Mum and Dad were part of the New South Wales Riley community.

Dad Paul's name comes up regularly because he's the person who supplies parts out of New South Wales for Riley clubs all around Australia.

The photos show some of the members at the August meeting. The middle one shows Rob Revitt presenting Jo with her souvenir Riley plaque watched on by Treasurer Bev Thomson.

Jo told us that, despite having attending numerous Riley events, she'd never attended a Riley meeting.

Some members will note in the bottom left of the photo on the right Helen Miller also attending her first club meeting. She's been a member for only 29 years. Such was Jo's pulling power.

**When our Rileys were young, Auntie Kath lived on**

## Irish Harp Road.

It's now Regency Road. When we visited we'd watch the trams go past from the huge front verandah that overlooked the road. They'd stop at the terminus just around the corner on Prospect Road where this photo was taken in 1954.

There was Riley in the shed next door. A story for another day.



Photos by Leigh Johnson



# Precision Driving at The Royal Adelaide Show

by Matt Foryoga

The 1966 program boasts "Precision Driving displays". It's likely that I witnessed such a display but, clearly, it wasn't all that memorable because I can't describe it.

Earlier in the 60s the Canadian Hell Drivers (below) did the show circuit in their borrowed Holdens.

In the 70's the car of choice for the Dare Devils was the Chrysler Charger.

Meanwhile, outside the arena in side show alley or in Centennial Hall, crowds thronged and the fashions changed.

Compare 1939 with 59 below.

**1966**  
*royal adelaide*  
**show**

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- SHEEP SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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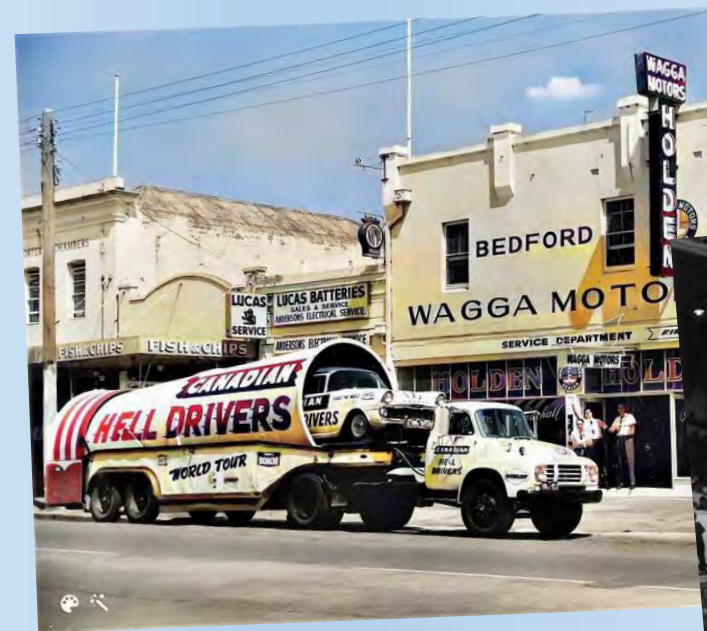
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# The Next Border Bash at Horsham

# 18 from SA are going!

We'll leave at a very respectable hour (say 11am) on Friday November 1 from a meeting point probably at Crafers. Lunch could be in the park opposite the Bakery at Taillem Bend. We should arrive at Keith at about check in time. Dinner can be at the pub or "at home".

On Saturday we'll rise late for another late-ish start. Christine and Mark will be coming through Keith somewhere about late morning so we'll wait for them and have lunch in Keith or perhaps at Nhill and then drive on to Horsham.

Our base will be the Bestwestlander Motel. Saturday and Monday evening meals will be at the Motel Restaurant. The restaurant is only available to motel guests and the cost of the meals is included in the motel tariff. Breakfast will be self-catering. Dinner on Sunday will be at the Horsham Sports & Community Club in an area set aside for us.

## Accommodation

Bestwestlander Motel 100 Stawell Road, Horsham  
03 5382 0191

## The Program

### Saturday

Opening Dinner at Bestwestlander. 6:00 for a 6:30 start.  
Included in tariff.

### Sunday

Lunch. BYO or forage at the Natimuk Farmers Market or Natimuk eateries. Afternoon tea at Halls Gap.  
Dinner at the Horsham Sports and Community Club.  
Pay at the venue.

### Monday

AM 10:30 **Murtoa** Stick Shed Tour. Check it out [here](#).  
\$10 ea. Pay at the venue.

Lunch BYO lunch or forage at the **Murtoa** Eateries.  
PM Woods Museum at Rupanyup at 1:30pm  
includes coffee/tea & biscuit. \$15 ea. Pay at the door.  
FAREWELL DINNER at Bestwestlander  
Included in tariff.

**Tuesday** 5th November 2024 Melbourne Cup Day  
Say farewells and safe Travels home.

Some will go straight home on the highway. Some of us will take the leisurely route and accompany Helen and Ian Klose to Naracoorte and stay at Keith overnight.

## Ever wondered how to pronounce Rupanyup?

If you want to blend in like someone in the know then follow this easy guide. Just three syllables. R PAN YUP. The emphasis is on the second. The pan. Yes I know it's weird but you're in Western Victoria you know. So it's R (as in the letter r but not as in are. More like how you'd say it back when you were pre-school like Ruh and very short) followed by pan (as in the name Anne) followed by yup (as in cup and again very short). It's often shortened to just Rup. Practise before you arrive. You could win a prize. Ed

SA and WA Rileys at Murtoa, near Horsham, in 2011 on their way to the National Rally in Beechworth.



# W.A. Rally News

Busselton  
Margaret River  
Ramble  
Western Australia  
30 March – 4 April 2025



Accommodation Bookings are now open. Rally Headquarters will be at the Broadwater Resort in Busselton. Secure gated parking is provided at the Resort and all daily drives will start from this point. Most evening meals will also be taken at the Resort.

**Entries can be completed** on the Club Website [here](#). Select Events then WA Rally 2025 from the drop down menus and just fill in the required detail. The sheet is self-calculating and we hope you will find it very straight forward.

If you encounter any issues with the online registration process please phone Jim Runciman at 0419 847 888 or Alan Blackburn at 0448 568 395 or print and complete your form and mail it as directed in the booking form. Instructions for making payment are also included.

Once your booking has been received you will receive an email confirming your booking and this will detail what you have selected.

**Accommodation bookings** can be completed by going to the Broadwater Resort Busselton website [here](#). Select the Accommodation tab then Make a Booking, enter the dates i.e., 30th March to 4th April and the Promo Code which is Rally2025 and the room options (Studio, Resort Room, one bedroom apartment or two bedroom apartment if you are sharing) and pricing will come up.

Just proceed to make your selection and remember the full cost will be charged to your credit card 7 days prior to the Rally. Please indicate if you need more than one parking space ie with a 2 bedroom unit.

It would be very much appreciated if you entered and booked your accommodation as soon as possible because we don't have the whole resort available.

**Other nearby accommodation** options are:-

Sandy Bay Holiday Park (one street away) Website [here](#)  
RAC Holiday Park – Caravan site and Chalets about 3km away Website [here](#)

Big 4 Breeze Holiday Park Website [here](#)

Amalfi Resort Website [here](#)

Lazy Days Caravan Park Website [here](#)

**Post Rally Tour**

Plans are well advanced for this extension of the Rally and we expect to have further details to those interested in an extended visit during September. There will be no entry free for this additional event and costings are being prepared for your consideration.

**Other Information**

Jetstar fly directly from Sydney and Melbourne to Busselton at very attractive rates and both Airport Rentals and Avis have cars available at the airport.

We plan on distributing a monthly newsletter to keep you informed of the planning for the Rally and Post Rally Tour, the first of which will be issued at the end of September.

We look forward to welcoming you

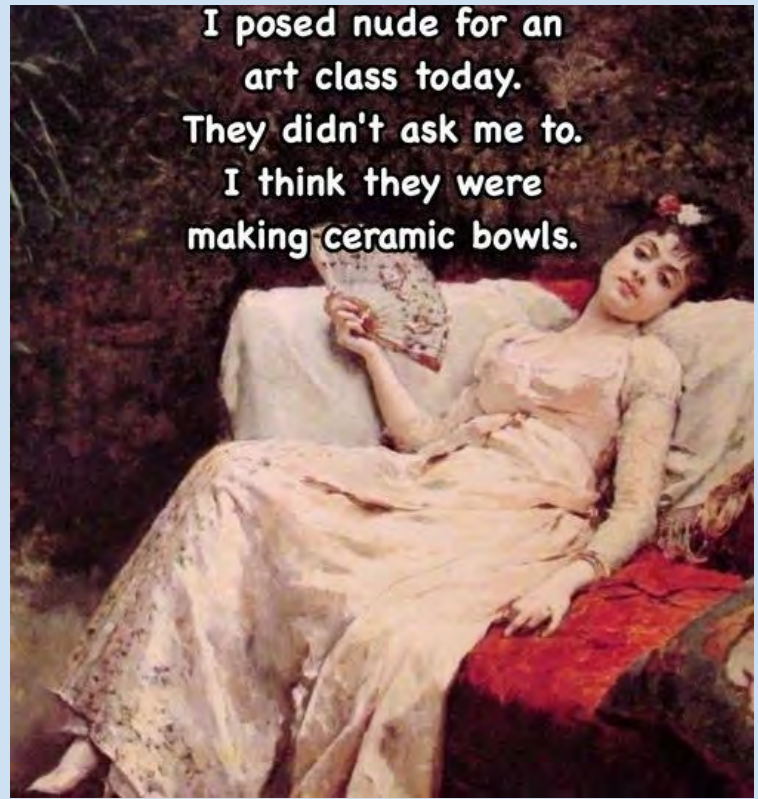
**The WA Rally Committee**

# Things I've Seen

Compiled by Duxina Rowe

**HOW TO COOK CRACK AND  
CLEAN A CRAB**

**STEP ONE: USE COMMAS**



**Schindler's Lifts!**

# There are Imps.



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And then there's the

# Riley Imp!



Phil Evans took his Imp to the Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic at Macclesfield.

# ***Out and About in our One Point Fives***

*Compiled by Ewan Meebro*



*No smiles here...this is serious.*



*No smiles here either...this is fun.*



# As Time Goes By

compiled by Rhonda Civic


## One Of A Kind

Parked in the same spot since 1972.



Someone said "It was 30 years ago."  
My mind went straight back to the  
70s... all yellow, orange and mission  
brown. What they meant was 1994.  
I need a Bex and good lie down.

This lovely young child asked  
me in what year I was born.  
I said 1951. He said "That's  
not a real year...years start  
with 20."



when you realise that 1971  
and 2024 are as far apart as  
1971 and 1918

.....I'm just going to need a  
minute



# Rileys in Their Time

compiled by Neerin Farr



**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE RILEY MOTOR CLUB OF SA INCORPORATED HELD SHANNONS' CLUB ROOMS 863 SOUTH ROAD CLARENCE GARDENS ON THE 22nd August 2024.**

**Commencement**

The Secretary Ross McOmish opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Present and Apologies**

There were 26 members present. Jo Bae as visitor. One Riley. Apologies received and accepted from Mark Hayes, Mike Quinn and Paul Stark.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the Meetings held 27th June and 25th July Received and Adopted. Moved Rob Revitt. Seconded Bev Wilson. Carried.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Yankalilla Classic Motor Show on November 10. Bookings are open in the eCrank. Clare Cup on 30 November and 1

December. Clare Racing Club the host. David Thomson co-ordinating. David explained that 10 cars would make a great promotion for the Club. David asked people to consider attending and advise him. David to pen an email for Mark to send Members. Discussion ensued over accommodation options. David to investigate.

Remember When Catch Up on 16th March 2025. Bev explained it will be held at the Mt Compass Hall. Family & friends of Members and Former Members all welcome. Bev to pen an article for the Crank. General discussion about how to track down former Members. Peter Leppard advised that he has a once current membership list he will supply to Bev. Leigh suggested an Electoral Roll search. Ross offered his assistance to Bev.

**President's Report**

Mark needs to know names of members attending events on 1st September (Drive Your Old Car Day), 21st September (Sunbeam Owners 50th Anniversary Day) and 22nd September (Arthur Clisby Picnic). Mark also needs to know who is doing the Border 2nd-5th November. Please advise Mark. General consensus to do the trip in one day.

**Secretary's Report**

No report.

**Correspondence Received.**

Letter from Rotary Car Club of Mawson Lakes Car Show on 3 November received.

Letter from Sporting Car Club on the Climb to the Eagle.

Letter from Street Machine Association of SA for event 25 October.

Letter from Vintage Sports Car Down Under London to Brighton on 27 October.

Letter from Adelaide Hills Power of the Past Event on 9-10 November.

Letter sent to Brad from Brads Expo thanking him for the Christmas Lunch signs (Rob Revitt).

**Treasurer's Report**

Bev delivered a report prepared to the end of July. Cheque account balance \$15,685.46. Term Deposit \$10,561.19. Spares account \$1,839.23. Account totals \$28,085.88. Report received and approved. Proposed Bev. Seconded Ross. Carried.

**Events Report**

September 1 Drive Your Old Car Day.

September 21 Sunbeam Owners Club 50 Year Anniversary at Belair National Park.

September 22nd the Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic.

September 26 Club Meeting.

October 12 Strathalbyn Swap Meeting.

October 14-25 Motorfest.

October 20 Bay to Birdwood.

October 24 Club Meeting.

October 26-28 Loxton Art Run (see Liz Pike for details).

November 2-5 Border Run to Horsham.

November 10 Yankalilla Classic Car Show.

November 30-December 1 Clare Cup.

January 8 or 15 Post Christmas Start New Year Picnic Lunch.

Details to be confirmed.

March 16. All British Day.

March 31-April 5 National Rally in WA.

**Federation Report.**

Chris reported on the AGM last Saturday. Motorfest has 51 car sand 250 entrants. Still space for pre 1950 cars. Federation still looking at insurance options for Clubs. Federation to run a seminar on Insurance and Tax issues for member clubs in the New Year. Shannons now nominates preferred insurers for repairs. No subs for member clubs this year as Logbook sales are brisk. Still grants available for restorations and National Rallies.

**New Parts Report**

Leigh not much happening.

**Used Parts Report**

No report.

**Technical Questions or Tips**

Nil.

**Other Business**

Leigh has a wheel brace for free.

Graeme Pinkney asked why the Bay to Birdwood is not run from Birdwood to Glenelg.

**Guest Speaker Jo Bae**

Jo gave a very informative presentation of the workings & servicing of Harps & her journey on how & why she got to where she is in the Harp world.

The Meeting Closed at 8.40pm for Coffee. Next meeting to be held on the 26th September at 7.30pm at Shannons.

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE RILEY MOTOR CLUB OF SA INCORPORATED HELD SHANNONS' CLUB ROOMS 863 SOUTH ROAD CLARENCE GARDENS ON THE 26th September 2024.**

**Commencement**

The President Mark Hayes opened the meeting at 7.35pm on the footpath and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Present and Apologies**

There were 20 members present. One Riley.

Apologies received and accepted from Mike Quinn

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the Meetings held 22nd August held over until published in the next eCrank.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Nil.

**President's Report**

Mark reported on last Saturday's Sunbeam Owners Club event.

Mark, Christine, Leigh, Helen and Rob in attendance. Christine's car "Herb" won the most popular car competition.

On Sunday Mark, Trevor and Helen Pirate, Rob Revitt and Phil Evans attended the Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic at Macclesfield.

Mark reported that 2025 membership renewals are being sent out in October.

Logbook signing days are 8th and 14th December at Chris Kinney's home.

Christmas/New Year function to be held at Rosalie and Michael's home on January 12 next year.

#### Secretary's Report

Ross reported that he had last week spoken to Lincoln Nitschke at the Greenock Aviation Museum. He is prepared to host a Club run at the museum. For \$10.00 per head, he starts up the Modified Merlin and seven-cylinder radial engines. He recommends lunch in Tanunda afterwards. His phone is 8562 8226. Matter held over to next meeting for discussion.

Correspondence Received.

Federation re insurances.

Federation Minutes.

Sporting Car Club Climb to the Eagle. Entries close on Sunday next.

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#### Federation Report.

Chris reported that committee members had spent much time arranging new insurance with AON for member Clubs.

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#### Technical Questions or Tips

Nil.

#### Other Business

Rob Revitt informed all that entries for the All British Day would open on Oct 1 & close on Oct 31.

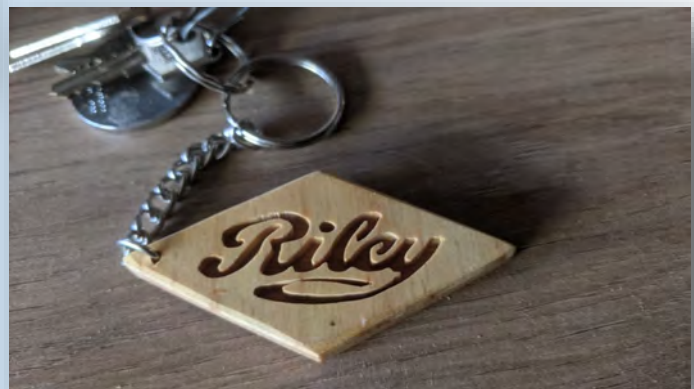
The Meeting Closed at 7.55pm for Coffee at John and Liz's home.

Next meeting to be held on the 24th of October at 7.30pm at Shannons.

## SA Riley Club Specialty Items For Sale



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# Most Rileys don't have seat belts.

by Phat Yun Lam

Most Rileys don't have seat belts. Some do. Some even have lap sash versions with the sash element suspended from the top of the b pillar. You know, that one from which the doors swing that's attached to the roof with a couple of rusty wood screws.

The consensus is that, while they might offer a false sense of security, and increase the number of persons who might choose to accompany you in your Riley, they offer little help in a crash and in some cases could do more harm than good.

And then there's the technical aspects of their being fitted in accordance with the legislation in various jurisdictions. I'm a features writer not a technical one so that research is well above my pay grade.

"In 1966, Holden was among the first car makers to fit seat belts as standard (at least for the driver and front passenger). Holden decided to prove the strength of the belts, so the PR-people arranged to suspend an HR Holden by one belt with a smaller Viva suspended by a second belt below the HR. In front of TV cameras, the crane driver holding both cars jerked a movement

which split the top-belt plate. The HR dropped onto the Viva, flattening it.

The story made the TV news and front pages of the papers across the country. The following day Holden repeated the exercise without a hitch, though nobody took much notice." \*\*

\*\* from "Not every press launch goes to plan" on the Australian Motor Heritage Foundation website [here](#).

Check the grin on the guy at bottom right with the pipe...probably from the Ford Motor Co! And there must be other photos of the event somewhere. See someone snapping the scene in front of the crane.





A De Dion Bouton at Solly's Port Lincoln Hotel at the start of the first car trip from Port Lincoln to Streaky Bay. The original image, sourced from the State Library of South Australia, Port Lincoln Collection was taken on May 26th, 1905. (B9855). See [here](#). Colourised by Kelly Bonato - a colourful history.

The Riley Motor Club of South Australia is one of seven Riley clubs in Australia. There are other Riley clubs in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, the ACT and Western Australia. We have around 100 members across South Australia with Rileys spanning the 1920s to the 1960s. We meet monthly (but not in January) on the Fourth Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at Shannons 863-865 South Road, Clarence Gardens. And every month we take our Rileys out for a run somewhere. Classic cars were made for cruising.

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