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Front cover:

Lawrie Hocking's 128 Coupe towing his newly restored 500 Abarth Replica. Lawrie towed the car on the trailer with the 128 to the Fiat Club Festa in December.

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From the Editor...



What I think is remarkable is that with this group of 'oldies' still being prominent in the club is that we can never be accused of living in the past and becoming "stoggy". Our Committee and the rest of the club is always looking for new ways to engage our members and to introduce new activities without forgetting the past. I was reading through the history of FCCV that I compiled for the 50th Anniversary and looking at what were the notable happenings in the 90's. It is interesting that in 1993, an extraordinary General Meeting was held to reduce the size of the Committee and to ensure some continuity with not all positions up for election each year. This is in contrast to our present Committee which is probably the biggest we have ever had with 15 members, all actively engaged in running some aspect of our extremely busy club calendar - I

Researching articles for our 60th Anniversary year has given me the opportunity to reflect on how far we have come in those sixty years but also to realise how many of our current members have long histories in the Fiat Club. We have current members who joined in the 60's and 70's, some of whom are on the Committee at present. Some of our long standing members have been active in the club continuously while others have had periods of inactivity (usually due to the demands of young families) but have remained members and others who have realised how much they miss their beloved Fiats (often the un-family friendly X19's!) and have bought a Fiat classic and are back.

can't image how we could operate with fewer members now.

1993 was also the 30th Anniversary of the Interstate Motorkhana (the Fiat Nationals) where Life Member, Barry Ellis, who had competed in the first Wagga and was there competing in the 30th, even gaining a place in his class. Barry is one of our members who joined in the 60's and is still an active member.

Also in the 90's we saw the introduction of "CH Plates" the forerunner of the Club Permit Scheme which has returned many Classic Cars to the road and members to our club. The Concourse event had long been a fixture of the club but in 1997 it was upgraded to the Concors d'Elegance under the enthusiastic and well planned guidance of Sebastian Bongiorno, which was renamed

Autobella, a couple of years later. This is now one of our major events of the club year and is a testament to what the club has achieved over the years and we are thankful that we still have Sebastian's expertise at the helm of this event.

With a current membership of 485 (see Membership News, page 7) our club has gone from strength to strength, which I believe can be attributed to the combination of a core of members who have been there for the long haul as well as the influx of newer, extremely enthusiastic Fiatisti who work together to make our club such a vibrant entity.

Allora.....Congratulation FCCV on reaching our 60th year and wishing us all many more to come.

My Pic of the Month

Imagine my delight when I arrived at Geelong Revival to find this photo in the 2017 Official Program. The photo is of the winners of the 2016 Vintage Fashion Awards and includes me as well as my daughter and my 2 grandsons whom I persuaded to enter as a family sporting group of the 1920s (costumes provided by me!!). I won the best Vintage outfit and they won the Popular Choice Award — a great day for 3 generations of Bartold/Lanes!!





Rapporto del presidente



(see more below).

What a great day we had at this year's Club FIAT Festa in December, again held at La Barraca at the rear of the Veneto Club near the river. The weather did its best to dampen things down but we were able to fill the undercover area with tables, people, food, music and Santa Claus. I had the entire Judd clan on my side there including our six grandchildren. Many thanks to the organisers and helpers, this is becoming another traditional event for FCCV with more than 160 attending.

Welcome to the January 2018 FIATmonth.

As I am writing this article we are two days before the December GM and two weeks before Christmas, however there is no point in wishing you a Merry Christmas as the Magazine won't be out till January... I can however wish all our members and their families a happy and prosperous New Year for 2018.

What is on your New Year resolution list? I hope a chance to try new things, or get time to enjoy your passion for Italian cars in some way. FCCV is here to help in that regard, all you need to do is make the decision to get involved. How about starting with our "Beach Run" to Mario and Maria's beach house at Rye on Sunday 7th January. This year it will be followed by a short treasure hunt style rally around parts of the Peninsula area followed by an afternoon get together in Sorrento (our only event in January).

In February we get going properly with three events planned including a display at Mirboo North and the traditional Big Tomato bottling day (see the calendar). In March and high on the Committee's priority list for organising, is the 2018 Nationals which Victoria is running

Late last year there was a new event to hit Victoria, the Targa Florio Australian Tribute. It was a four day event for Italian and classic cars stretching across the bay and around Victoria on some wonderful roads. The first Targa Florio outside of Italy, it was the forerunner of a series planned for the next decade in Victoria, I believe. This should develop into a great event.

Most unfortunately - due to the wet weather experienced in late November in Melbourne, the groundkeepers at Wesley College made a call that led to the cancelling of the ALFA Club Spettacolo. We understand that a

Four of my grandchildren with Santa





PICTURE OF THE MONTH

Fiat Vignale 125 Samantha — sold at auction in Melbourne for \$64,625



replacement event is being planned for early in 2018, as soon as we know details we will forward them to members.

The 2018 Nationals planning is now well underway, the three day event will commence on Friday 16th March with the Sprint being held at Winton and we will have scrutineering late on the Thursday at the track. Some competitors will get to Winton the day before for a private sprint practice on Thursday 15th. The focus moves to venues in Shepparton on the Friday late afternoon for the welcome activities leading to the very important Motorkhana held on Saturday 17th at the

Shepparton showgrounds. I note for family members and guests we have arranged social and family events in the region over the weekend between official events. The Show and Shine and Presentation Dinner will also be held in Shepparton on Sunday 18th March. For the Victorians, we expect and need your involvement to help make this a National success, so we need you to plan to bring a classic car to Shepparton for the Sunda. You can come early for the casual Saturday night function or stay on Sunday night and attend the Presentation dinner, your choice.

Please start to plan to attend all or part of the 2018 Nationals, it will be a fantastic Fiat get together with new locations around Shepparton for the majority of the event.

As we will keep stating we need many Victorians to attend, to help organise, to compete, to do your part in ensuring the 2018 Nationals is a success and maybe help us retain the Fiat of Italy Cup!

See you at the relaxed January GM on the 11th, bistro at 6.30pm and meeting at 8pm.

Cheers

FIAT month — January 2018



The Abarth 124 Spider at the start of Targa Florio Australian Tribute





CLUB CALENDAR

JANUARY–MARCH 2018

JAN

Sun 7

Beach Run/Progressive Picnic
Mario's Beach House, Sorrento
Contact Mario Di Censo, 0419 171 661, Paul Pozzobon, 0418 552 290.

Sun 21

X19 Raduno
All Fiats welcome. Warburton Area.
Contact Peter Bartold, 0414 867 280.

Sun 28

Alfa Club Spettacolo
(Replacement for postponed event of Dec 3).
Xavier College. 10am–3pm.

Sat 3

Caffe di sabato
10am, Bosses Boots Cafe,
Chirside. Contact Mario Di Censo,
0419 171 661 or Paul Pozzobon,
0418 552 290.

Sun 11

Practice Motorkhana
Metec Bayswater North. Contact Paul Freame,
0412 968 451.

Sun 11

Mirboo North Italian Festa
Mirboo North

Wed 14–Sun 18

Napier Art Deco Festival, New Zealand
FCCV in attendance.

Sun 18

MSCA Sprint at Sandown
VMC Round 1 at Pakenham.

FEB

Sun 25

Big Tomato Day
Casa di Bartold, Wonga Park.
Contact Lyn Bartold, 0433 034 721.

Sun 25

RACV/AOMC Classic Showcase
Yarra Glen Racecourse.

MAR

Sat 3

Caffe di sabato
10am, Sandro Cesario's Man
Cave. Contact Mario Di Censo,
0419 171 661 or Paul Pozzobon,
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Sun 4

Italian Auto Icons
Lygon St, Carlton. Contact David Judd, 0418 341 895.

Fri 9–Sun 11

Phillip Island Festival of Classic Motor Sport
Contact Joe Sammut, 0412 211 581.

Thur 15–Sun 18

Fiat Nationals
Winton and Shepparton. Thurs 15 — Practice
and scrutineering at Winton. Fri 16 — Sprint at
Winton. Sat 17 — Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana
at Shepparton Showgrounds. Sun 18 — Show n
Shine, Shepparton Lake.

Tues 20–Mon 26

Maserati Global Gathering

Fri 23–Sun 25

Formula 1 GP at Albert Park.
FCCV Display. Contact Joe Sammut, 0412 211 581.

Sun 25

MSCA Sprint at Phillip Island.

General Meetings



Club Meetings are held at 8pm
on the second Thursday of each
month at:

The Veneto Club
191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen VIC 3105

Future meetings:

- Thursday, 11th January 2018
- Thursday, 8th February 2018
- Thursday, 8th March 2018
- Thursday, 12th April 2018



Membership News

Robert Judd, Membership and Club Permit Secretary

Our membership group continues to grow as we finalise renewals and have gained the 14 new members below. At the time of writing we are 486 members.

Welcome to the following new members

Dario Ferella: car?

Vincent Juliano: car?

Michael La Rosa: Fiat 500F

Luigi Giacomantonio: Fiat Dino Coupe

Edy Carlig and family: 124 Abarth

Wendy Richards (partner of Harvey)

Vito Di Pasquale: Holden Kingswood

Tony Russell: Fiat 850 Sedan

Rob Jorgensen and family: Fiat 500 Sport

We look forward to seeing you all and your cars at future events.

Featured New Member

Tony Russell

We welcome Tony Russell back to the Fiat Club, after a 20 year absence.

Tony tells us he "moved to Castlemaine with the intention of doing gardening and living off the land, using bikes etc.



But the back yard engineer in me, kept me in the shed building more and more stuff. Pedal power juice machines, gas powered coffee machines, wash against waste trailers, straw bale house, 2 x big sheds, heaps of bicycle projects, then Rocket Roast wood fired coffee.

My 1100t fiat truck has become the chicken house.

I have a 850 sedan in the shed on a rotisserie. I hope to get it on the road next year. If I am going to be a taxi driver for my kids, I'm going to have some fun doing it."

We look forward to catching up with Tony again, hopefully at an event in 2018.

CLUB PERMIT UPDATE

In the last 2 months I haven't had any replies from members about the club permit status, so I assume they have corrected the situation with Vicroads, but I haven't sent a consolidated message to Vicroads.

As a matter of interest, we have over 250 members with club cars and in excess of 300 cars on the permit system.

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Bill Freame	Glen Waverley	0412 814 855

FCCV Club Permit Scheme Scrutineers





Lyn Bartold

The Boulevard Restaurant

Studley Park, November

This coffee spot has become a regular favourite and once again, we had a good crowd with some interesting cars on Display. Mario Di Censo brought along his latest acquisition, an Alfa 105GTV which is a beautiful original car, to add to his extensive range of cars. Two members brought along their new cars to show off - Frank Russo with his Biposto and Frank and Cathy Marinelli in their 500X. We had 2 members who were celebrating their birthday, Robyn Judd and Cathy Marinelli so we were all treated to some very special cake to have with our coffee.

This was a fitting end to our Caffè di sabato for the year as the December one is swallowed up in the Fiat Club Festa and the January Caffè di sabato becomes part of the Beach Run.

Congratulations to Mario and Paul for their organisation of this event throughout the year.

1 Fiats on display; 2 Robyn Judd and Cathy Marinelli blowing out the birthday candles; 3 Frank Russo's Biposto; 4 Frank and Cathy Marinelli's 500X.

Vita
Sociale



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Left Quiz Master, Jono has full concentration from the room;
Below The Fiat “bully” ad for the Observed Section Trial



December General Meeting

Nuts and Bolts Quiz and Pizza Supper

Around 70 club members were present at our last event of the year to enjoy a pizza supper and a great Nuts and Bolts Quiz, under the guidance of Quiz Master, Jono Crellin. As usual the quiz was very challenging and there was strong competition between the tables. There was much quibbling over some questions and a number of 1/2 points were allowed to keep everyone happy. As always, the Observed Section Trial, ie... an appropriate Fiat ad, was the most popular question with most of us missing more than what we spotted but we all had a good laugh at the clever ad.

The triumphant team shared the Chocoholic box that was their prize and now have bragging rights to being the smartest Fiatisti for 2017.



Competition Report

Paul Freame, Competition Secretary

Happy New Year to all, I hope that you have used/are using the holidays wisely by progressing your preparations for competing and/or officiating in 2018. The FCCV are organising the Fiat Nationals 16–18 March, as part of that event we will be attempting to defend the Fiat of Italy Cup.

Past events

It was a busy end to the year with many large events, although only two counted towards the Club Championship.

Sunday 5th November, Melbourne Cup long weekend, the final competitive MSCA Sprint was held at Winton, saw Ken Gorman compete in his BMW 135i.

The Victorian Motorkhana Panel held a forum early November to discuss the fall in entries and plan for 2018. About 20 motorkhana event organisers, competitors and VMP members attended. Discussions at the meeting were: scheduling 2018 to minimise clashes, reduce number of rounds, venues close to Melbourne getting rarer, junior free with paying adult, dirt/grass v bitumen/concrete venues. We hope that the changes agreed on, for 2018, will make it easier on event organisers and result in an increase in the participation rate.

The Huntingdale Auto Club Interclub motorkhana on 19th November had no FCCV competitors and a small field entered.

Phil Buggee and I competed at Targa High Country, **10–12 November**, with the Fiat 131, where we placed 8th in the classic competition, with Colin Byrne winning in his Alfa 1971 Alfa Romeo GTV 2000. Jack Waldron and Vin Gregory had their first rally with the Sigma, in the GT Sports competition. After getting their head around the 130km/hr speed limit, they started to set competitive times, as the Sigma is vastly different to the Abarth 750.

Thank you to the Service Crew, Bill Freame, Naum Johns, Foster and Peter Kerr, for refuelling both cars, each time we stopped. Thanks to my mum Alana, Ruth, Erin and Mark for waving the flags and cheering on every car as they sped past.

On **November 19th**, John Black and Frank Spinosa, both in X19's, had a run a Rob Roy HillClimb with excellent results. Frank won his class and John was 3rd fastest overall.

On 25th November Geelong Revival Motoring Festival had Peter Bartold competing in the Hillclimb in his race X19, in not so nice weather, which was the first round of the Victorian Hillclimb Championship. He was up against an Alfa 1750 GTV and a MGB. Unfortunately, Peter had an issue on his fourth run, where the wall was too close, so no doubt he will have been busy touching up the panels.

The Targa Florio Australian Tribute was held in late November/early December which had David, in his Abarth Spider and Peter and Lyn in their X19 attend the first day. Adrian Huntley was part of the scrutineering team, able to look over some very valuable and rare machinery and John Flemming acted as an official for the 4 days. There was lots of pomp and ceremony, with Frank Marinelli flagging everyone off over the start ramp!

The MSCA held their traditional Philip Island "Come and Try" sprint in early December. Frank Spinosa saw that the weather was good and decided to learn more

1 Frank Spinosa, 1st in Class Rob Roy HillClimb; **2** John Black, 3rd fastest overall at Rob Roy; **3** Buggee/Freame team and Waldon/Gregory team at Targa High Country; **4** Peter Bartold at Geelong Revival HillClimb — Day 1 when it was dry!



about his Cobra, which is more suited to Philip Island than the X19. His instructor had such a great time, he was willing to passenger for a third session. Frank (and I) highly recommend the invaluable information and guidance the instructors provide in each lesson and session on track.

Club Championship 2017

The 2017 Club Championship has completed with only one event splitting the top three. Only 6 members competed or officiated in 5 or more events. Thank you to all those that have gained your officials license this past year, your help to run events is greatly appreciated by all competitors.

Standings

Rank	Competitor	Car	Points
1	Paul Freame	Punto, Rail	94
2	Peter Bartold	X19, 500 Abarth	85
3	Frank Spinosa	Punto/X19/Cobra	81
4	Lachlan Rae	X19	71
5	Phil Buggee	Punto /131	60
6	Ray Osterberg	Lancia Beta Coupe	57
7	Bill Freame	Punto, Rail	55
8	Ian Maud	X19, Toyota MR2	49
9	Steve Schmidt	124 AC	48
10	Ruth Freame	Punto	45
11	Stuart Hocking	124 BC	43
12	Gary Spencer	X19	36

The 2018 Club Championship Calendar will be comprised of the Fiat Nationals, any VMC round, any MSCA round, any VHC and select interclub challenges; check in FIATmonth and on the FCCV website for events

Upcoming events

February

Sunday 11 — FCCV Motorkhana Practice at Metec Driver Training facility, North Bayswater. Supp Regs and Entry details will be available late January, with a gentle reminder at the February General Meeting. The club has purchased two sets of the motorkhana electronic timing equipment, identical to what we used in June last year for the state round (which we are running again this year).

Sunday 18th — VMC Round 1 at Pakenham on grass, is always a hotly contested event and well run by the Pakenham Auto Club. Supp Regs and Entries will be available from their Facebook page or www.motorkhanavic.com.au.

Sunday 18th — MSCA Sprint Round 1 at Sandown. Entry via the CAMS online event entry system should be available by late January. Keep up to date with MSCA news via their website www.msca.net.au



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5 Targa High Country; 6 Alfa wins the Targa High Country Classic; 7 Erin and Mark Freame - next generation THC drivers?

I have recently been made aware of a groundswell of local motorsport enthusiasts raising awareness of their campaign to make the Fiskville the new home of motorsport. Moorabool Mayor sees the benefits that a motorsport facility can bring to their region. FCCV member Stuart Hocking is one of the central figures behind this campaign. I see that in the near future, we will be losing Sandown and Calder is already at very limited use. Temporary facilities of Albert Park, do nothing for the grass roots motorsport community or improve the general driving skills with defensive driving courses. Ballan area is about 90km from Melbourne CBD. Continued

I hope you can get behind their efforts. Keep up to date via their Facebook site #make Fiskville @ Ballan the home of Victoria's new motorsport circuit.

Hope to see you out there in 2018 representing the FCCV in the motorsport community.

2017 Historic Sandown



*By Ian Payne, 124 Spider
Photos: Ian Payne, Paul Pozzobon*

THIS MEETING IS one not to be missed with its unbelievable variety of historic racing machinery and with a discounted admission and glossy program it would be an event that gives excellent value. The Fiat Car Club had again been invited to this event and so to attract a good turnout of members the Committee offered both the Saturday and Sunday to members: they could then choose which day suited them best! I attended on the Sunday and with Sandown racetrack only being a stone's throw from my home, I thought it would be a good opportunity to drive my 124 Spider to the event. I had not used the car much as the clutch action had become very heavy, so being close to home I felt safe driving it to the event!

Most car clubs had a display at the 'Red Hill' area which is towards the

Dandenong Road end of the circuit and due to its elevated position offers a good view of the track. Also, with a courtesy bus running between here and the grandstand/pits it was an ideal spot.

On display we had:

- Paul Pozzobon — X1/9
- Colin McLeod — Abarth 124 Spider
- Ian Payne — 124 Spider
- Sam Mazzio — 124 Pininfarina Spider
- Luigi Caia — X1/9
- Alan Collins — Alfa Romeo GTV.

It was quite an impressive display and the organisers must have thought so too as they offered us a spot in the grandstand area where usually the 'more fancied' cars are displayed! After some discussion amongst

ourselves we declined the offer only on the basis that it would mean staying till the very end of the day which didn't suit everyone.

After watching some race events we boarded the courtesy bus for the trip down to the grandstand area for a look at the display cars, the pits, race cars, merchandise, food and eventually the grandstand which is a great vantage point to watch all the action.

With 26 races scheduled for Sunday and over 330 cars representing most historic categories there was plenty to keep you interested but out of all those race cars Italian makes were in a minority with only a solitary Lancia and De Tomaso Pantera plus several Alfa's out on the track! Still there was plenty to keep you interested and with this event billed as "26 Years of Thunder"



“ With 26 races scheduled for Sunday and over 330 cars representing most historic categories there was plenty to keep you interested ”

in recognition of the Formula 5000's it was a ground shaking experience when these monsters hit the track.

After having lunch and looking at all the displays we slowly made our way to the courtesy bus which took us back to our cars. Although a great viewing area this spot has little protection from the sun, so our area was now noticeable hot and a bit uncomfortable if sitting in your car trying to avoid sunburn! By mid-afternoon a few members decided it was time to head home, for me living quite close by I would stay a little longer to enjoy more of this Classic Sandown racing.





Geelong Revival Motoring Festival

Lyn Bartold

The Geelong Revival Motoring Festival features a weekend of classic racing and displays of cars and bikes, vintage fashion, vintage boats and caravans, markets and a motoring expo. The event began as a revival of the famous Geelong Quarter Mile Sprints which dated back to 1956 but was stopped after concerns about safety.

The Revival returned in 2012 with the main event being the National Classic Sprints. Last year a Hillclimb at the far end of Eastern Beach was added so there is non-stop action right along the waterfront.

The Shannon's Classic Motorshow allows car clubs to display their vehicles and to be part of the



weekend and around 500 vehicles are displayed over the 2 days. Our FCCV official display day was on the Saturday and we had 9 cars in our display, with an excellent range of models. Although rain had been forecast the Saturday was mostly dry and our display attracted many enthusiastic spectators. Some of us made a weekend of it and we had 2 cars on display on the Sunday. It was a Fiat Abarth display with Mike Whitford's Abarth 124 Spider and

our Abarth 500 essence. Although we had rain in the morning, the crowds returned in the afternoon and we had lots of interest in our cars.

We had a 1 FCCV member competing in the Sprint event with Steve Schmidt in the Mini Marcos GT racing on Sunday. Steve posted a 16.567 to finish 2nd in class. This year Peter Bartold entered the Hillclimb and posted some good times on the Saturday but came to grief in the wet



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Captions

1 FCCV display; 2 Harvey Richard's 124 AC, James Woodburn's 124Spider, Bartold's 500, Ian Payne's Regatta; 3 Richard Brewster's 124CC, Steve Griffin's X19; 4 Roger Langdon's 124 Spider; 5 Joe Sammut's 124 Spider, Mike Whitford's Abarth 124 Spider; 6 Pete and Mike with Abarths on Sunday; 7 Peter Bartold at Hill Climb with Kerrie Gooding and Ian Payne; 8 Lyn Bartold in Vintage Fashion Competition.

on Sunday, hitting the barrier and having to retire but still managed a 49.96 to finish 3rd in his class.

As usual the great attraction for me was the National Vintage Fashion Awards where I paraded in a vintage outfit each day. I was not a winner this year but enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and be part of the parade of wonderful outfits.

It was a wonderful surprise to meet up with a long time member and President of the club from the 70's in Trevor Nuttall. Trevor now lives in Leopold and the small group of us who stayed over on Saturday night

had dinner with him and shared great memories of those times.

Once again this was a fantastic weekend, with plenty to do and see and the only things that have a cost to enter are the Sprint and Hillclimb events and entry to the pits. We would love to see more club members at Geelong next year.



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My Side of the Divide

By Roger Beattie

Welcome to a new, if irregular addition to the club magazine.

Many members, potential members and Fiats exist far outside the confines of metropolitan Melbourne and they are often involved with other clubs and their events. The Federation (of Vintage, Veteran and Classic Car Clubs) and the AOMC (Association of Motoring Clubs) both hold events throughout Victoria. I have been attending a few of these of late and have been amazed by how few Italian cars in general and Fiats in particular have been at them.

Being based in Laanecoorie, just outside Bendigo, gives me plenty of opportunity to attend Central Victorian events along with the broad and varied events of our club. I always enjoy meeting up with members of

other clubs and while a fairly loyal Fiat owner (47 to date) sharing a joy of motoring and mechanical things adds to any weekend. Over the past couple of months some of the highlights are as follows:

Marong Picnic

The Federation run a number of these through the year at various locations. There are between 800–1000 cars, bikes and trucks on display including large contingents from many Melbourne based clubs. It was a little disappointing this year that there were only 2 Italian cars on display. 160km is a good day run away.

Maryborough Wings and Wheels

Another annual weekend event, combining a display day with a run

through the countryside on Saturday and a motorkhana and sprint on the Sunday.

National Show and Shine, Euroa

The AOMC have been running this event for 18 years and it's growth has been quite amazing. This year there were over 650 cars and 450 motorbikes on display in the picturesque Seven Creeks park. I was a little miffed that Fiats were outnumbered by Bolwells 4 to 1 and that apart from my 850 van the only other Italian car was an Innocenti Spyder (Sprite in disguise). Maybe next year?

Club Member David Stott is a regular entrant and often class winner in this event but his car was in for repairs this year. —Ed





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Lancia Nationals

The annual Lancia event in Castlemaine was worth a look too. I ran into a few club members there and wandered among some delightful Torinese vehicles for the morning. I didn't join their run as I would have felt bad showing them up in the van.

BHMCC Invitational run

This was an interesting day run organized by the Bendigo Historic Motor Cycle Club for a number of car clubs from Bendigo, Maryborough and surrounding areas. A short but pleasant run up to Melville Caves on Mt Kooyoora and then back to the clubs own rooms in Llanelly for a good meal and lots of conversations. About 70 people had lunch and a grand day was had by all.

Captions

1 Marong Oldies; **2** Marong Lines; **3** Euroa Crowd; **4** Euroa Innocenti; **5, 6** Lancia Nationals; **7** BHMCC Kooyoora; **8** Lake Goldsmith.

Lake Goldsmith Rally

Twice a year the Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally fires up about 35km west of Ballarat for the weekend. Anyone who likes a nice drive topped off with all sorts of mechanical bits and pieces has to get out to this event. The original steam remit has been relaxed and now there are a wide range of cars, trucks, tractors, stationery engines and memorabilia on display and for sale.

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As you can see there are all sorts of things on out in the hinterland on 'my side of the divide'. The next big day out that I think we should be involved in is the AOMC Picnic at Hanging Rock on February 11. These are great days just to head out to on your own, you will meet interesting people (and some others), see nice machinery and breathe some fresh air.

If you know of something a few kilometres from the world's most liveable city and want it mentioned, visited, spruiked or discussed. Get in touch. It would be particularly good to hear from Gippsland too despite it not being on 'my side'.

We look forward to Roger letting us know of what is happening outside the "burbs and to including some on the Club Calendar next year. —Ed

Fiat Club Festa

Lyn Bartold

Even the prediction of heavy rain did not deter the 160 or so members who attended our 2nd Annual Fiat Festa at La Barraca at the Veneto Club. Fortunately there is a large roofed area that could accommodate enough tables and chairs for our group to be comfortably seated and dry. There was certainly lots of puddles and mud and the numbers of cars on display was down on last year but it was still a fantastic day with plenty of food (both breakfast and lunch was served) live music from the Long Gone Daddies and the chance to catch up with fellow Fiatisti.

Santas visited again, much to the delight of the 18 children who were presented with a gift. This year Santa's sleigh was an Abarth 500 instead of the intended Nuovo 500 because what 500 owner is prepared to bring their treasures out in the rain!! It did not matter, in fact Santa appeared a lot more than happy to arrive in a vehicle with some creature comforts and one he did not have to be assisted out of. The Christmas Elf and Fairy assisted Santa in making sure none of the youngsters missed out. Il Presidente, David was very proud of the fact that he had managed

to entice all of his 6 grandchildren to come along and be part of the fun.

Everyone present agreed that it was another great event, the second in what will hopefully become a long tradition. Of course an event like this does not exist without a huge amount of work by lots of people. Mario Di Censo and Paul Pozzobon were the driving force for the Festa and Ralph Di Censo was also a big part of the





prior organisation and work. Thanks to Frank Russo at Rainbow Meats for again supplying the wonderful meat, and Toni Romeo who brought her delicious gelati from her Yumbo's shop and to husband Tony, who assisted her in serving it to us. We also thank John Westcott for making his guest appearance, to our chefs who cooked most of the day and the ladies in the kitchen who prepared the salads, cakes etc and then cleaned up after everyone. We also thank Joe Sammut , Bruce McCann and others who ably directed traffic and made sure that non Fiats did not make it down to the Fiat Display Area, and to the band who entertained us throughout the day. I am sure there are many others who also contributed to make our Festa a special day so a collective THANK YOU to everyone.

...and who would have thought we could get all of this for a tiny \$20 per person

Molto bene a tutti !!!

Captions

1 Car display; 2 Santa at work; 3 Sandro Cesario and Paul Pozzobon feeding the crowd; 4 Maria Di Censo and Sabrina Pozzobon busy in the kitchen; 5 Frank Russo who supplied the beautiful meat; 6 Santa with workers who mad the fantastic day possible; 7 The Band who provide fantastic music all day; 8 A happy crowd at the festa; 9 Fabulous Fiats on display; 10 Mario Di Censo, one of the driving forces in organising this event, relaxes with the boys.



TARGA FLORIO AUSTRALIAN TRIBUTE

— NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 3RD, 2017

by Lyn Bartold
Photos Dishan Marikar

Captions

Cover The Great Ocean Road; **1** John Lawson's Alfa Romeo Supercharged 6C 1750 SS 1929; **2** Fiat 501 at start; **3** Arturo Merzario in Alfa; **4** Even the Carabinieri were entered!; **5** Tucker 48 **6,7** Cars en route; **8** Finish at Docklands; **9** Finish at Docklands.



THE TARGA FLORIO which is held in Sicily was begun by in 1906 by Vincenzo Florio and is the world's longest running road racing event. The course is run over mountain and coastal roads and is considered to be a very challenging event and many famous sports/ racing cars and drivers have competed in it over its history.

For the first time it was decided that the event would be licenced to an overseas organisation as a tribute event and a Victorian based- group of Italian motoring and business interests, ISTEEM, won the bid to stage the event against strong competition from the US. The Victorian Government and the locally based Italian Consulate General have backed the bid, realising the potential of the event.

Officials and volunteers from the CAMS have also been part of the planning to ensure that national competition and safety rules were in place and it is the official sanctioning body They have provided key officials to make sure everything runs smoothly. It has been an enormous task to get everything into place for this year's event

The event is held over 4 days, using some of Victoria's most challenging roads. There is a mix of coastal, mountain and valley roads as the map above shows. The parts of Victoria through which the Targa Florio passed were, the Otways, Great Ocean Rd, Southern Peninsula, West Gippsland, the Yarra Valley, Marysville and Healesville. Photos of the event show the magnificent scenery that formed the backdrop for this amazing event. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to the entrants but most were able to survive what was, at times, extreme weather.

Eligible vehicles were as follows:-

A. Classic Vehicles Competition

Group 1 FIA recognised Classic vehicles — manufactured between 1906 and 1976.

Group 2 CAMS Recognised Classic Vehicles — up to 1976

B. Ferrari Vehicles Trophy Category

Vehicles manufactured post-1976.

The Competition

These are similar to test in events such as Mille Miglia

Time Trials

Areas of the route where drivers must keep to a series of ideal times between a series of closely spaced timing lines and they cannot stop between start and finish

Regularity tests

Drivers are required to keep to maintained average speeds as stated in the road book.

OR

Drivers are required to drive to achieve a specified average speed between start and finish markers

Results are calculated on the total of points are lost on each test.



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Participants and their cars

There were around 70 entrants but many of the entries only did sections of the event.

Most of the entries drove Italian cars of the 60s and 70s — Alfas, Lancias, Ferraris (there were 2 Fiats Driving in Day 1) there were also Porsches, Jaguars, MGs, a Healey, a Bentley and even a very rare Tucker (American) and a Mustang. There were a number of Italian entrants who were supported by the Sicilian Targa Florio organisation or were sponsored by motoring related firms like Zagato who sponsored Giordano Mozzi and Stefania Biacca who were the overall winners.

Results

Place	Car No.	Drivers	Type	Points Lost
1st	10	G. Mozzi/S. Biacca	1954 Porsche 356	2,708
2nd	18	B. Morrison/K. Kerr	1958 Porsche 356B	2,910
3rd	11	P Williams/AWilliams	1959 Austin Healey 3000	3,335

One extremely interesting car was the Tucker 48. Preston Tucker's Car Company in Chicago made only 51 of these cars between 1947–48. The cars cost \$4,000 (when most cars were about \$500) and ceased production in 1949 after negative publicity initiated by the news media. It is alleged that the Big 3 automakers played a part in the Tucker demise. In 2016, a restored one sold for US \$2.9million.

Presentation

The announcement of results presentation of awards was held at the Etihad Function Room at Docklands with representatives of the Victorian and Italian Governments, Sicilian and Targa Florio organisers present. Luca Bottallo, John Caniglia and John Westover of the ISTEEM group justly deserved the praise they were given to get this event off the ground. The dates for the event next year are the same weekend and there was a great deal of enthusiasm from this year's competitors to be back again next year.





FCCV PARTICIPATION IN TARGA FLORIO— AUSTRALIAN TRIBUTE

By Lyn Bartold

*Photos Peter Bartold, Lyn Bartold,
Adrian Huntley*

In the months before this event we had some communication with the organisers and John Caniglia from ISTEEM (the organisers) and Peter Camm, from Italian Auto Icons who was assisting with the organisation and promotion of the event, attended our November General Meeting to present the event and to offer us some special Italian Car Club Deals. Our club was invited to the Launch Cocktail Party that was held at Lorbek Prestige Cars Showroom and a number of our members attending this night. The timing of the event was difficult for our club as we had our Fiat Club Festa right in the middle of the event but David Judd and Peter and I decided that we could fit in the one day offer of competing in the first day and attending the dinner at the end of that day. David entered in his Abarth 124 Spider so he qualified for the age category but our X19 was made in 1978. When we applied for permission to be considered, we argued that that model X19 was released in Italy in 1972 and first arrived in Australia in 1978 and in fact Fiat chose the 45 mile Little Madonie section of the Targa Florio race course for the launch so we were accepted!

We had to have our cars at scrutineering at Docklands on the Wednesday where club member Adrian Huntley was officiating, attend the Drivers Briefing at 5.00pm and then on to the Cocktail Party that evening.





Day 1 Eastern Beach, Geelong (where Geelong Revival had been held on the weekend before). A group of club members made the trip down to Geelong to cheer us on and Frank Marinelli even managed to wave each car from the start Podium with the Australian flag! Adrian Huntley was an official at scrutineering and John Flemming lined us up in the correct order when we arrived at Geelong. He continued as an official for the full 4 days.

Our cars were numbered 49 and 50 so we were flagged off later in the field and headed off for the drive around the Bellarine Peninsula. We had decided not to do the competitive elements, 2 timed sections, and just followed the tulip charts to keep on the route. As David did not have a navigator he followed us and had to depend on my navigating! Happily I surpassed Peter's expectations and we stayed on route all the way back to Geelong. We were most surprised to see small groups of spectators sitting in picnic cars scattered along the route, waving us on and taking photos, making us feel very important.

On our return to Geelong we parked our cars on Cunningham's Pier and returned, suitably dressed, for the Dinner that evening. The restaurant is on the end of the pier and offers panoramic views of Corio Bay and the food and entertainment was excellent. Savina Confaloni, the Italian journalist and driver in the event, interviewed Arturo Merzario and Giordano Mozzi which was very entertaining. We had seen Arturo at the Cocktail Party and recognised him in his trademark white cowboy hat from seeing him at the Silver Flag Hill Climb we attended in Piacenza on our Italian trip. He is a veteran of race driving in F1 as well as winning Targa Florio twice and being successful many other events. Giordano Mozzi is a recent Mille Miglia winner as well many other events and was the overall winner of the inaugural Targa Florio Australian Tribute

Day 2 started at Geelong Pier in very bleak conditions with heavy rain forecast and was to take the entrants through the Otways so our thoughts were with them as we negotiated the deluge on the Geelong road on our return to Melbourne.

It was great to be part of the first running of this event, even if for only a small part of it. We were treated as well as the full event entrants with lots of sponsors give-aways, the Official Catalogue and inclusion in all that was happening on Day 1.

Day 4 Finish at Docklands We had a FCCV display as part of the finish of TFAT at Docklands. There were 9 Fiats in attendance including David Judd's Day 1 entry, the Abarth 124 Spider (unfortunately our X19 did not make it due to a mechanical problem as we left home and we took the Abarth instead!!). Docklands provided a wonderful setting for the magnificent cars both from the rally and on display, so a fitting finish to an excellent event

We would highly recommend the experience to any members who would like to enter all or part of it next year. It will be on for at least the next 4 years, with the option of further 5, so it will definitely be part of Victoria's Motoring Calendar for some time to come.

1 David Judd's Abarth 124 Spider and Lyn and Peter Bartold's X19 ready for Day 1; **2** Peter meets Arturo at Launch Cocktail Party; **3** Adrian Huntley at Scrutineering; **4** John Flemming officiating at TFAT; **5** David's Abarth on start podium; **6** Finish of Day 1 at Cunningham Pier; **7** Dinner, end of Day 1; **8** Docklands — finish of the event; **9** FCCV display at Docklands Roger Beattie, 850 Camper, Roger Langdon, 124CC Paul Pozzobon, X19, Ralph Di Censo, Abarth 124 Spider, Tony Romeo, Abarth 500, Bartold's Abarth 500; **10** FCCV display at Docklands — Roberto Bruno, Abarth 500 Replica.

FIAT TIPO TORQUE

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As Richard Unkles has been away in Namibia on an exciting car related holiday which we will be hearing about in our next FIATmonth, Tipo Torque is reduced for this month. Richard has supplied us with an interesting car price list from 1964.

Price List for Overseas Purchase of Fiat Models Circa 1964 (Italian)

Model	Type	Aust \$	USA \$
500	Sun Roof	691	767
600D	Saloon	931	1033
600D	Convertible	952	1057
850	Saloon	1053	1169
850	Special Saloon	1126	1250
850	Coupe	1424	1581
850	Spider	1569	1742
850	Station Wagon	1417	1573
1100R	Saloon	1287	1428
1100R	Station Wagon	1337	1484
124	Saloon	1505	1670
124	Station Wagon	1584	1758
124	Coupe	2166	2404
124	Spider	2252	2500
125	Saloon	1889	2097
1500/L	Saloon	1976	2194
1800B	Saloon	22202	2444
1800B	Station Wagon	2347	2605
2300	Saloon	2602	2888
2300	Station Wagon	2695	2992
2300	Coupe	4193	4654
Dino	Spider	5064	5621
Dino	Coupe	5304	5887

Prices and conditions subject to change at any moment without notice.



It was wonderful to see the photo of Richard and his taxi used in the advertising for Club Sandwich at Motorclassica 2017. The photo featured on the website and in brochures as it well deserved to because the taxi is a crowd pleasure where ever it goes.

—Ed

FCCV Photographic Competition

By Peter Bartold, Photo by Bruno Tonizzo



WHILST WE WERE looking back over the past decades of the club we came across mention of a photographic competition that was held in the 80s. I suggested that we should resurrect it and the Committee agreed. It sparked some interest from some members and Bruno Tonizzo even remembered entering it and has given me his certificate for 3rd place with this photo entitled “Old Fiats never die — they pray alot.”

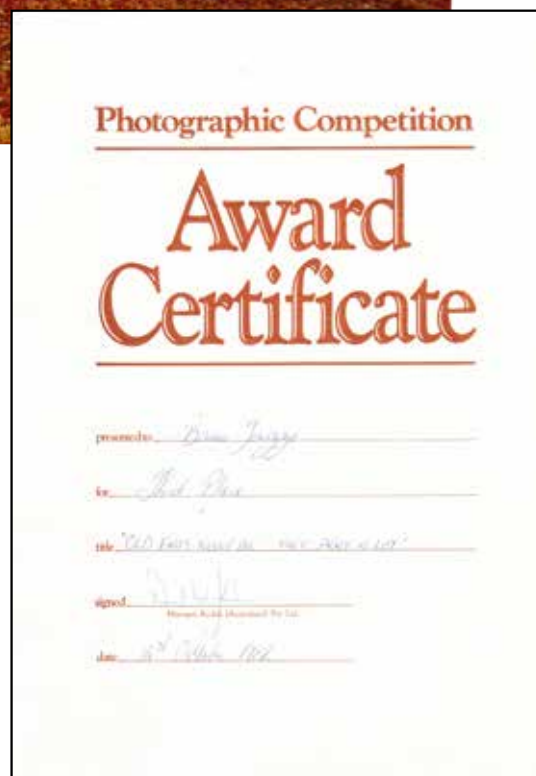
We have decided to introduce a Photographic Competition for 2018 which will be judged by Marisa Gangemi in all categories. Prizes will be given in the following categories:—

- 1 Fiat — the car
- 2 Fiat — as art
- 3 Fiat in Motorsport

This category is sponsored by Marisa Gangemi Photography

In addition to the prizes, photos will be selected for the front cover of FIATmonth for a number of issues during 2018. Photos will also be selected for use in our 2019 Desk Calendar. The first issue of what will become an annual calendar was distributed to members at the Fiat Club Festa. Calendars will only be distributed to members at an event so if you have not received yours yet, make sure you attend a club event.

We will also use photos in the Mailchimp emails we regularly send out so there is plenty of opportunities for



you photos to be seen by a wide audience. You can enter as many times as you wish.

The competition will run from January 8th (from General meeting onwards) until April 30th so start thinking of ideas and snapping.

Entries need to be emailed to me, stating the category you are entering, at vignale124@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to seeing some very creative shots in all categories.

—Peter



IL Corrispondente e Torinese

by Carlo Agnelli

Apparently Sergio Marchionne is not satisfied with having only Ferrari and Alfa Romeo in F1, he is now talking about Maserati becoming the name for the American Haas team. The deal would give Haas, the sports only US team, its first major sponsor after two self-funded years in the sport, with Maserati paying a rumoured €20m a season to paint its trident badge on the cars. Effectively the deal pays Haas's Ferrari V6 power train costs. Like Alfa Romeo's sponsorship of Sauber, it effectively sees Maserati paying Ferrari 20 Million Euro a season via Haas.



The earliest surviving Alfa Romeo sports car is set to sell for more than US\$1 million. The 1921 Alfa G1 is still capable of an impressive 140kph. It was designed to compete with luxury models, but due to high fuel costs and

road taxes, just 50 production models and 2 prototypes were built. The model known as chassis number 6018 and is the earliest known example and was delivered new to Australia. It was discovered on a farm in the late 1940's before being hidden, once again till 1965 when it was bought by an Alfa enthusiast. The now US based G1 has participated in numerous events around the world, including Mille Miglia and Goodwood



Alfa Romeo G1

The life of Gianni Agnelli, grandson of Giovanni Agnelli, the Founder of

FIAT, will be the subject of an HBO documentary. Gianni Agnelli was President of FIAT from 1966 until 2003 and was considered defacto royalty in Italy. There are many stories about his life and his dangerous devil-may-care lifestyle make interesting stories. Agnelli's driving habits were infamous and the film recounts that he would rip through Torino in his one of his Ferraris or Fiats in a frenzy. Even after a crash shattered his leg, Agnelli kept up appearances by skiing in an oversize brace, sometimes commandeering a company helicopter to the Matterhorn at a moments notice. He kept 2 helicopters fuelled up on the lawn for his estate in Torino - one for skiing and the other to go to the Mediterranean to go sailing. He would arrive in port by jumping from the helicopter, 10m into the water and swimming to his yacht. He also did the same trick when visiting friends by jumping into their swimming pool at their villa. I am looking forward to seeing this documentary!!



Mercedes driver, Lewis Hamilton, may be receiving some phone calls from his Mercedes chiefs as he has just taken delivery of his personalised La Ferrari!



Lewis and his La Ferrari

NATIONAL FIAT REGISTERS

Australian X19 Register

Mark Weinberger operates the Australian X19 website and is on a mission to identify the VIN of as many X19s as possible. If you are an X19 owner and haven't checked out the website or Facebook page make sure you do as there are many like-minded passionate X19 drivers out there to connect with. You will also be able to see when an event is coming up in each state.



124 Spider Register

A National Fiat 124 Spider register is currently being organised by the Scuderia Italian Car Club inc in SA. If you are a 124 Spider owner and are interested go to: <http://scuderiaitaliancarclub.asn.au>



My Car(s) — Lawrie Hocking

Lawrie joined the club about a year ago when he purchased a new Abarth 124 Spider and the dealer passed on our offer of free first year membership to Abarth 124 Spider purchasers. When asked about Fiats he has owned, he proved to have along history with the marque and some interesting stories to tell. When he arrived at the Fiat Club Festa in his 128 Coupe towing his 500 Abarth replica I thought we should pursue this, thus the following article provided by Lawrie.

500 Abarth Replica

I purchased the original car in 1997 after it had been sitting under a pile of rubbish in a bus yard for 12 years. It started life as a 1960 500 Nuova

It was a complete car but had had a very hard life with the complete floor pan and rear suspension mounts totally rusted and cracked out.

I had a 1989 Niki sitting at home and a friend also had one which was written off. He bought my good one and I took his wreck.

After a bit of work with a tape measure and some cardboard templates I worked out that the floor pan was the same shape from the front of the footwell up to the front of the back seat and widened out about 1 ½ inches from there back.

A trim in a straight line and some careful overlapping in the sills saw it all fit together.

Next came the wheel arch flares which were a mammoth task in themselves.

Disc brakes from a 124 Sports Coupe were fitted up to the front along with a sports coupe dual master cylinder and braided brake hoses.

The transverse leaf front spring was replaced with a rose jointed wishbone setup and height adjustable coil over shock absorbers all round.

The Niki rack and pinion replaced the old steering box setup and the collapsible steering column was also used.

An Abarth instrument binnacle was re-profiled to fit on the right hand side and decked out with 124 Sport Coupe gauges.



Engine wise it has Abarth pistons, cam, exhaust and intake manifold with a 32/32 downdraft Weber Carburettor.

Lots of Abarth aluminium engine covers are fitted but I found that they come poorly finished and need lots of work with a die grinder or milling cutter before they are much use.

A word of warning to anyone who is going to use the fan housing cover - it is necessary to cut the original steel cover with its air ducting to fit under the aluminium cover otherwise you will find you may get detonation and poor running after the engine gets hot.

This had me puzzled for a while but after doing this, the problem ceased.

There are no instructions supplied with the cover.

All in all the project took 20 years to complete having finally been registered the week before the Festa.

The only non Fiat parts that are in the car are the Toyota MR2 seats which fit nicely and are trimmed with an Abarth logo.

With the exception of the seat upholstery all work including panels and painting was done by yours truly.

Phase 2 will commence shortly with the fitting of a supercharger and oil cooler.



1972 Fiat 128SL Coupe

My 128 SL Coupe has been known to me since it was 1 year old.

It was not sold at the dealership where I worked at the time but was owned by a neighbour of mine who used to bring it in for a tune up about every 6 months.

Because its lady owner only potted it around town it would get very carboned up and see only about 60 MPH flat out.

Its 6 monthly tune up consisted of a quick dash from Sebastopol to Ross Creek with the return journey finishing with 100MPH on the clock, then it was back to the owner with a "see you in 6 months Peggy"

The car then passed to a friend of mine who played around with a few bits and pieces that changed it from original.

About 5 years ago he offered me the car after he was diagnosed with cancer and I grabbed it quickly.

I have returned the car to as close to factory specification as possible with only a few original radiator hose clamps to find.

The car has always been garaged and was proof coated underneath from new. Unlike most of its type there is no rust in it to be found.

It has only been repaired rather than restored and is an extremely original car with only 68,000 miles on the clock.

I have always admired this particular car and was extremely pleased to finally get my hands on it.





Lyn Bartold

The Topolino Award

Our Read All Abarth It page has not been included in the last few magazines because we have had too many events to report on and too many articles about the 60th Anniversary and the Italian Trip (not that I am Complaining about that) ... but we are back! I love to hear interesting stories about what our members are up to so please keep sending short snippets for this page.

I received an email from a lady at an advertising agency who was looking for a Fiat 500, preferably red, to be photographed in a Hush Puppies Shoes advertisement. Luigi Manzo agreed to offer his car, but only if his mate Pete went with him. The 2 of them drove to Spotswood for the photo shoot and to spend a very long day making sure the car was treated with kid gloves and to move it when required. And yes there was a Hush Puppie who featured in many of the squillions of photos that were taken!! The resulting photos are fabulous and we look forward to seeing them in the shoe shops. The three of us will be receiving a pair of Hush Puppies each for our efforts!! Yeah

This month's Topolino Award goes to Frank Marinelli for taking on the job as official starter at the Targa Florio Australian Tribute event. Frank and Mario Di Censo decided to make the drive to Geelong to watch the start and to cheer on the FCCV competitors. Frank just happened to be sitting near the start Podium when the Aussie flag to placed in his hands and he was told to wave off each car. Was this because Frank has that air of authority about him or was it the organisers last minute panic ..oh no, we haven't organised a starter.. looking around .. OK he will do, grab him



It is great to see our Fiat owners getting into the swing of the Festive season. Mike Whitford went over the top to make his Abarth 124 Spider look as much like Santa's sleigh as possible and was "dressed to impress" when performing Santa duties in the Warragul CBD just before Christmas. Families could have free photos with Mr and Mrs Claus and we are told there was a long queue - who wouldn't want to have a photo with an Abarth Spider!. We will know where to come next year if we have a vacancy in the Claus department for next year's Festa

Lots of work goes on behind the scenes in the maintenance of the Club Spares for the Vintage and Veteran owners in the Club. Richard Unkles co-ordinates the spares collection and they are house in a shed at club member Frank Fazio's property. A working bee took place a couple of months ago to build a staircase to the mezzanine floor and all is progressing well. A big thank you to everyone who has assisted with this on-going project - I am sure they would like to hear from anyone else who can spare some time to help in the future.



PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION — YEAR 67

By Lyn and Peter Bartold

At Autobella this year Peter was approached by a photographer, Polo Jimenez, who was taking photos of cars made in 1967. This was significant to him because not only was it the 50th Anniversary of these cars but it was also the year of his birth. His aim was to take photos of 67 cars to make up an exhibition. He took many photos of our Fiat Vignale 124 Eveline even though it was a terrible wet day and the car was constantly covered in raindrops. Polo later sent us photos of the car and instead of being a handicap the rain drops actually produced a magical effect.

Polo notified us recently that the photos would be exhibited at the Triple R Luxury Car Hire premises in Brunswick and could we bring the car along to be displayed outside the showroom. The exhibition was held just before Christmas, on a very stormy night, so perhaps fittingly, the Vignale was again covered in raindrops. The exhibition was amazing, not only because of the photographs and the method of displaying them but also because of the garage behind the showroom with around 40 magnificent vintage hire cars, Rolls Royces, Bentley's, Jaguars, Mercedes etc,etc,etc and even a body of a 500 Giardiniera that was being restored. The photographs also included a Fiat 500 and FCCV member Steve Schmidt's Mini Marcos so we were well represented.

Polo was not able to prepare all 67 photos for the exhibition but had 50 on show. It is his intention to produce a book with the whole 67 photos of cars made in 1967. As you can see from the photos the way the photos were displayed is very unique.



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- 1 The Bartold Fiat Vignale 124 Eveline;
- 2 Photos displayed in backlit wooden boxes;
- 3 Prestige hire cars in garage;
- 4 The Vignale at the exhibition.

Coming Events

Competition Events January–March

February

Sun 11 Practice Motorkhana METEC Bayswater

Sun 18 MSCA Sprint
VMC Round 1 Sandown
Pakenham

March

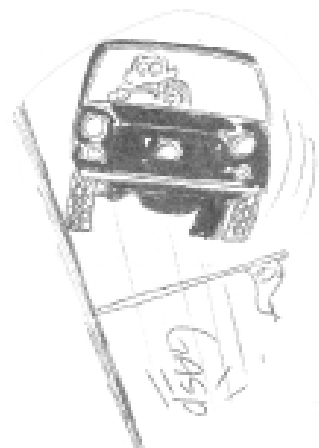
Thurs 15–18 Fiat Nationals Winton and Shepparton

Fri 16 Sprint at Winton

Sat 17 Fiat of Italy Cup Motokhana Shepparton Showgrounds

Sun 18 Show n Shine Shepparton

Sun 25 MSCA Sprint Phillip Island



Contact Paul Freame for details of any of these events, 0412 968 451.



Beach Run/Progressive Picnic

Sunday January 7

Start BP Service Centre Eastlink (near Ferntree Gully Rd)

Drive to the Di Censo Holiday House in Rye
Coffee, morning tea and water provided
BYO picnic lunch and drinks.

There will be a short Treasure Hunt to get to a secret location in Sorrento
Coffee and afternoon tea provided

Contact Mario Di Censo, 0419 171 661
Paul Pozzobon, 0418 552 290
for details and to confirm you are coming.



Raduno di X19

Sunday 21st January

Meet in Lilydale. 8.30am for coffee then a run finishing with lunch in the Warburton area. We want to make this the biggest gathering of X's we have had so far.

This run is not just for X19's — all Club members welcome

Contact Peter Bartold for details 0414 867 280 and to confirm you are coming.



Alfa Club Spettacolo

Sunday 28 January

Xavier College, Barkers Rd, Kew.
10am–3pm

Replacement for the Dec 3rd 2017 that was postponed due to extreme weather.



Caffe di sabato

10am, February 3

Bosses Boots Cafe, Maroondah Hwy, Chirnside Park

10am, March 3

Sandro Cesario's Man Cave, Rosanna.

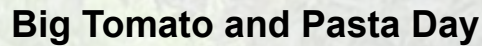
Coffee and cake provided and a chance to view Sandro's collection of cars, models and everything Fiat

Contact: Mario Di Censo, 0419 171 661
Paul Pozzobon, 0418 552 290



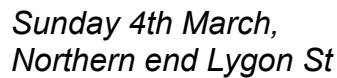
Sunday 11th February

If you are interested in attending this Festa, contact Lyn Bartold, 0433 034 721.



Come along and help make the 2018 Vintage FCCV Tomato and help to make the pasta for lunch. We will also have a display of cars, so bring your classics or your modern Fiats.

Contact Lyn Bartold for details 0433 034 721



We will have limited spaces, so get in early.

Even if you do not have a car on display, come along and join the fun.

Philip Island Classic

Festival of Motorsport
9–11 March, 2018

See inside Back cover for Information.



FCCV Display, 22–25th March

If you would like to be part of this display you must leave your Fiat at the venue from Wednesday–Sunday.

Contact Joe Sammut for details, 0412 221 581.





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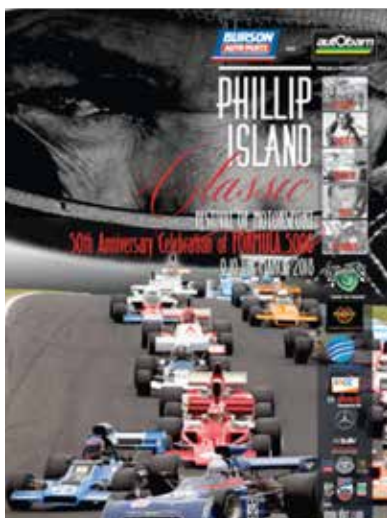


FIAT month — January 2018

Phillip Island Classic

Festival of Motorsport

9–11 March 2018



FCCV Display in Shannons Walk,
Sunday 11th March

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Phillip Island

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Date 16-18 March 2018



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The Program

Date	Event	Location
Friday 16th March	The Sprint	Winton Raceway
Saturday 17th March	Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana	Shepparton Showgrounds
Sunday 18th March	Show and Shine Presentation Dinner	Shepparton Park Lake Hotel, Shepparton

Additional Social Events will be held on the Friday and Saturday evenings and some non-car events. eg, a winery tour, will be included throughout the weekend.

This is always a fantastic weekend and this year it is in our state so

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

To attend, compete, help organise and help us retain the Fiat of Italy Cup

For entries, go to the Fiat Nationals Website: fiatnationals.com

For accommodation bookings, ring Park Lake Motel Shepparton (03 5821 5822) and say you are part of the Fiat Car Club for a discounted price.

Contact: David Judd, 0418 341 895, Rob Judd 0438 871 044.