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Front cover:

Philip Allen's Dino Spider 2.4i, winner of the Graeme Shepherd Concorso Originale Trophy at Autobella.

Philip's car was the winner of its class in last year's Motorclassica. Phil was dressed to match his car in 1970s Safari Suit (which he told us he has actually worn on safari) complete with appropriate sunnies, hat and pipe.

Phil was also a winner in our Costumi d'epoca competition.

Photo by Peter Bartold.

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From the Editor...



I am sure that most of us are still trying to catch our breath after a jam packed couple of months of FCCV activity. We had an event on most weekend during February and March, including the Fiat Nationals which is the biggest event of the year for us when we are the organising club, as we were this year. The first weekend after Easter saw us at Como Park again for our other major event in the yearly calendar, Autobella.

What I think is very impressive is that we had excellent attendances at all of these events, with many club members attending everything or most events on offer. These numbers are strong over all categories of club events over this period- social, displays, meetings and competition. Caffè di sabato monthly gatherings always well attended, our Big Tomato and Pasta Day was again well attended, the club display at Italian Auto Icons was at capacity for the number of spaces we were offered, there were 20 members cars on display at the Grand Prix in the FCCV display, we had a large number of members who attended the Fiat Nationals at Shepparton, either of the whole event or for some part of it and Autobella had one of the biggest turn out of Fiats for some time. All of this demonstrates the strength of the club at present and also the great spirit of involvement that exists.

The other factor that points to the positive vibes in the club is the number of members willing to offer

their support as helpers, at all levels, at these events. The Fiat Nationals Committee put in many hours over the past year in organising and also in the execution of the event. The Autobella Committee also spends many months each year to bring up the wonderful event that we all enjoy so much. In addition to the organising committees, many willing helpers are required for events to run smoothly. I was struck by the number of helpers we had at Como Park at 7.00am on the morning of Autobella to set up the event, those who worked throughout the day and those who packed it up at the end of the day. The Nationals also had a big team of helpers over the 3 days of the event. All of this work is done willingly and with enthusiasm and your Committee does appreciate

you - this "army" of club members working hard behind the scenes

It has been our tradition, over the past 7 or 8 years to reward our helpers and sponsors with a mid-year function that is partly subsidized by the club, which has become known at Serata di festa. This year we are holding a dinner at Firenze Receptions in Fawkner on Saturday June 16th at a subsidized price of \$50 per head. See details on the back cover of this FIATmonth

Allora... (apparently I have been forgetting to use my favourite word) well done to everyone who puts so much effort into our club.

Editor's Pic of the Month
A hive of activity as club members pack up after Autobella





FCCV wins
Fiat of Italy Cup



Rapporto del presidente



Welcome to the May 2018 FIATmonth.

I'm sitting down writing this report after one of the busiest periods in our Club calendar with regard to organising, running, and competing in events. FCCV has just successfully organised and run the 2018 Nationals in Shepparton and Winton on the 15th to 18th March, then after Easter we changed gears and successfully ran Autobella on Sunday 8th April. I want to reinforce my thanks to all the members who helped in the organising and the running of each of these events, noting that the Nationals is more like organising a constant set of events, both social and competition, over a three day period. We also thank those who made the effort to enter, attend and compete in all, or part of the Nationals and Autobella.

Our Club can stand proud as we continue to demonstrate we have the teamwork and capability to organise and run large events for the FIAT fraternity nationally, and the Melbourne - Italian car lovers who regularly come along to Autobella and who congratulate us for the friendly, festive feeling we achieve.

I know that the magazine will be full of photos and words covering both the Nationals and

Autobella so I won't dwell on all the results, however I want to highlight and congratulate the Victorian motorkhana team for working hard to retain the FIAT of ITALY CUP for the second year in a row. It's the traditional interstate Motorkhana competition that has been the base of the interstate competition for 55 years now. I also congratulate the individual outright winner – Glenn Smith (NSW team) who won the outright for a record seventh year in a row to beat Dick Carlson's long standing record of six.

I also want to congratulate this year's winner of the Graeme Shephard Concorso Originale Trophy - Philip Allen in his fully restored 2.4 litre FIAT Dino Spyder. Phil is a dedicated car collector and restorer who prides himself in getting everything spot on. He calls himself a "completist" who makes sure he collects everything associated with his cars, such as brochures, manuals, tools etc. This year he also dressed himself "correctly" down to the hat and pipe and also won a trophy for the "Costumi d'epoca" section at Autobella as well.

Now that these big events are behind us the Club Committee and members can take a well-earned, but short, break whilst we raise our sights to the balance of the calendar year and also look to the future organising and running of the Club. We have our AGM coming up in June which means the selection of the new committee members who can carry on the development and organising of the Club after the AGM.

**Glenn Smith, NSW, receives
Motorkhana 1st Outright Trophy**





April General Meeting

We had a very busy April General Meeting with Paul Mathers, from Motorclassica as our guest speaker and the team from Targa Florio Australian Tribute to draw the raffle that was held at the Nationals and to present the prize to the winner

Paul, who is now a FCCV member and the owner of a new 124 Abarth Spider (which was parked under the portico at the Veneto Club), gave us the history of Motorclassica from the initial concept of the event to what it is today, the highly respected Australian International Concours d'Elegance. Paul has been there from the beginning and continues to be the Event Director. He also told us of his history with Classic Cars that began when his parents helped him to buy a 1960 Jaguar Mark 11 3.4L because they believed it was a much safer car than the modern cars of the time.

Paul told us of the plans for this year's Motorclassica and the future. He also acknowledged our club involvement from the first year, in 2010, in what has now become Club Sandwich and had even produced a video presentation showing our club and Fiat involvement in the event.

As the first Car Club to hear of the plans for this year's Motoclassica and the club section we certainly were excited to hear about what to expect in October.

We thank Paul for taking the time to speak at our meeting and we took the opportunity to present him with a club Abarth cap to wear when driving the Spider!

Targa Florio Australian Tribute 2018

The organisers of this year's Targa Florio Australian Tribute, John Caniglia, Nick Gulino and Peter

Camm, very generously gave us one full entry for driver and navigator into this year's event, worth \$6,500, to raffle at the Fiat Nationals. Only 100 raffle tickets were offered for this amazing prize and all sold out quickly to Fiat Club members from all states attending the Nationals. The Raffle Draw was held at our April General Meeting with John, Nick and Peter in attendance and the winner was Frank Marinelli, FCCV Vice President (we raffle ticket holders are extremely jealous!!) We thank the Targa organisers for their very generous donation and encourage anyone interested in the 5 day 2018 event, held in late November/ early December, to check their website and get your entries in. David Judd and the Bartolds did one day of the rally last year and can confirm that it is a fabulous event (see poster in Coming Events section).



There is a strong need to introduce younger members into the organising ranks, I am pleased this is starting to happen. A few on the committee including me are wanting to see a planned transition of roles to younger members. Are you willing to come on to the Main Committee or the Nationals Committee? Please see me, or any of the current committee, to discuss.

I'm very pleased to announce that Victoria will again be running the 2019 FIAT NATIONALS. This has been possible because Paul Scambler has volunteered to head up the Nationals Committee as our Event Director, and Victoria is willing to back his idea of the event going somewhere new and exciting – the new motorsport complex at Tailem Bend

in South Australia. The other State delegates supported the idea, South Australia will help us and be our eyes and ears locally. Each State believes that their members will jump at the chance to run at this new exciting track, all events will be located at the new complex. Dates and details will be confirmed shortly, but suffice to say it will be a totally new experience for all, and relatively convenient for Victorians.

See you at the May GM on the 10th, bistro at 6.30pm and meeting at 8.00pm.

Cheers,



CLUB CALENDAR

MAY-JULY 2018

MAY

Sat 5

Caffe di sabato
10am, Four Doors Café,
28 The Link, Mill Park. Contact
Mario Di Censo 0419 171 661, or
Paul Pozzobon, 0418 552 290

Sun 6

Peugot CCV Khanacross.
Metec, Bayswater

Thurs 10

FCCV General Meeting
Veneto Club, 8pm

Sun 13

MSCA Sprint Round 4
Winton

Sun 20

VMC Motorkhana Round 3
Mt Gambier, SA

Wed 23

Midweek Run to Gippsland/Warragul

Fri 25-Sun 27

Historic Winton

Sat 2

Caffe di sabato
10am, Dats Amore Cheese,
Thomastown. Contact Mario
Di Censo, 0419 171 661, or Paul
Pozzobon, 0418 552 290.

Thurs 14

FCCV Annual General Meeting
Election of committee members for 2018-2019
year. Veneto Club, 8pm.



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JUN

Sat 16

Serata di Festa
Firenze Receptions, 134 McBryde St,
Fawkner. Contact Mario Di Censo,
0419 171 661, or Paul Pozzobon,
0418 552 290.

Sun 17

VMC Round 4
METEC Bayswater Nth, FCCV Champ. FCCV
organising.

Sun 24

MSCA Sprint Round 5
Sandown. Contact Paul Freame, 0412968 451.

Sat 30

Group 5 Night Event.
Altona. Contact Paul Freame, 0412 968 451.

Sat 7

JUN

Caffe di sabato
10am, The Boulevard Café, 121
Studley Park Rd, Kew. Contact
Mario Di Censo, 0419 171 661, or
Paul Pozzobon, 0418 552 290.

Sun 8

MSCA Sprint, Winton
FCCV Champs. Contact Paul Freame, 0412 968 451.

Thurs 12

FCCV General Meeting
Veneto Club, 8pm

Sat 14

VMC Round 5 Bendigo CC.
Bendigo, Huntly Saleyards on bitumen.

Sun 15

Eco Drive
Meet Hungry Jacks Knox City. Lunch at La Porchetta,
Pakenham. Contact Paul Freame, 0412 968 451.

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, 10th May 2018
- Thursday, 14th June 2018 (AGM)
- Thursday, 12th July 2018

Compiled by
Roger Langdon

Membership News

Robert Judd, Membership and Club Permit Secretary

We continue to attract new members with the Nationals, Auto icons and Autobella showcasing our club.

Welcome to the following new members

Tony Bianco: Fiat 124 BC
David Pierorasio: Fiat X1/9
Allan Hunt: Fiat 501 Roadster and 503 Torpedo
Peter Westcott: son of John, Fiat X1/9
Michael Nielson: Fiat X1/9 and our C of C for the Nationals Sprint
Daniel & Antonella Baschera: Abarth 595
Charlie Salvatore: Fiat 850 Sport
Ernst Luthi & Sonja Fueter Luthi: Renault Alpine A110
Mick & Nicole Failli: Abarth 695
Franklin Sponda: Fiat 126
Dennis Spiller: MGB
Robert Di Giandomenico: Maserati Gran Sport
Bernhard Jacobson: Currently restoring 501
Brodie Miller: future Nuovo 500
Nazario Milong & Hilda Topaloggy: Modern 500s
Shannon & Mackensie Pincott: Lancia Integrale
Warren Elmslie: no info
Sebastian Zavattieri: Fiat 132 GLS
Frank Coletti: Fiat 124 BC

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

MEMBERSHIP & CLUB PERMIT UPDATE

As we enter May, we remind everyone that their memberships are due by the end of June, especially if you have a club permit car. Included with the hard copy of the magazine is a renewal form. If you access via email there will be an updated form on the club website you can download.

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Phil Buggee	Dandenong	03 9794 6692
Bill Freame	Glen Waverley	0412 814 855

FCCV Club Permit Scheme Scrutineers



Luigi (Gino) at his family celebration of his 90th Birthday.

Featured Member

Luigi Misuraca

Our featured member in this FIATmonth is not a new member as we usually feature on this page but a member of long standing who has celebrated a very special birthday. Luigi Misuraca has been a member of our club for more than 20 years and has had a very long association with Fiats. Luigi was the Fiat Dealer in Shepparton from 1966 to 1984 when the family returned to Melbourne. He continued to tinker with his Fiats, selling cars and parts and according to Peter Bartold he has the biggest collection of Fiat specialist tools ever! This year Luigi is celebrating his 90th Birthday and we were able to celebrate with him when he attended the April meeting where we had a birthday cake.



Competition Report

Paul Freame, Competition Secretary



Victoria wins the Fiat of Italy Cup

The Fiat Nationals 2018 edition has been run and won, and I hope that has got you enthused to compete throughout the rest of 2018. We have been invited to several khanacross events, which will be added to the competition calendar. Khanacross only requires a Level 2 Non Speed License or higher, and the car needs to carry a fire extinguisher which must be within reach of the driver. We can arrange custom brackets that bolt into the passenger front seat mounts, so no drilling holes in your floor!

Past events

Sunday 18th February VMC Round1 at Pakenham on grass saw 54 entries, unfortunately there were no FCCV competitors.

Sunday 18th February MSCA Sprint Round1 at Sandown. There was only one entry from FCCV, Lachlan Rae in his X19 Prototipo, getting a last shakedown prior to Nationals.

16–18 March The Fiat Nationals has a separate report, although I am proud to say that Team Victoria retained the Fiat of Italy Cup in the Motorkhana!

The MSCA Sprint at Philip Island on 25th March had no FCCV competitors. There was an Abarth 695 on track setting sub 2min lap times, I have encouraged him to join the club and future MSCA sprints.

Future Past events

16–21 April Targa Tasmania Phil Buggee and I will be again competing in the Fiat 131 Sedan in the classic competition, Car No 531. Jack Waldron and Vin Gregory will be in the GT Sports competition, Car No 163, with the Mitsubishi Sigma (Abarth 750 MkII is what I am calling it).

Saturday 28 April MSCA Sprint at Sandown with only two entries, at time of writing, a new Abarth 124 Spider sprinting (non member) and Stephen Stewarts Lancia Beta Coupe in regularity. Keep up to date with MSCA news and results via their website www.msca.net.au

Sunday 6th May Peugeot Car club khanacross at METEC Driver Training facility. Entries closed 22nd April, with at least 6 FCCV entries in and more on their way, from feedback at the March and April General Meetings. Khanacross is a bigger form of motorkhana where you will be into second gear and straights no longer than 90m. The proposed tests are whatever the event organiser can squeeze into the venue, so expect slaloms around curved bends and a side by side motorkhana on the skid pan.

Sunday 13 May (Mothers Day) MSCA Sprint at Winton with entries not open at time of writing and closed by the time printed and delivered. This is a joint round with the Victorian Super Sprint Series.

Upcoming events

26–27 May 42nd Historic Winton run by the Austin7 club always draws a crowd, check out their website for full details. <http://www.historicwinton.org/>

Saturday 26 May Gippsland Car Club are running a khanacross at Bryant Park Hillclimb with a motorkhana in the carpark. Supp regs will be available on <http://www.gippslandcarclub.com.au/suppregs.html>

Sunday 17 June VMC4 at METEC Driver Training facility to be run by your club. The key official roles are set and Supp Regs are in the process of being released. We will be needing assistants in time keeping, marshalling of vehicles and crowd control!

The Alfa 12hr is 12–14 October and with the number of members that participated at the Nationals Sprint, we are canvassing whether to look at running vehicle teams (X19, 500, 127/Punto, 124) instead of our traditional Vic and NSW teams. If you are interested then please let me know as we will also need to arrange a Team Manager and an official for each team, to help Alfa run the weekend.

Fiat Nationals delegates are looking at the possibility of the new Tailem Bend, SA, track as suitable for distance and cost for 2019. There is no doubt that the facilities will be top notch. The dates we are aiming for are April school holidays to make it easier on families. Paul Scambler has put his hand up to be Event Director, along with the Victorian Club organising the Sprint and Social activities, NSW club has offered to run the Motorkhana and SA to assist with the local leg work to find a suitable venue for the Show n Shine (winery).

Club Championship 2018

The 2018 Club Championship has had a slow start, with the majority of competitors starting their scoring of points at the Nationals. With several events in the coming months, there will no doubt be plenty of movement in the rankings. Below are the standings as of 31st March.

Marisa Gangemi is leading the Perc Delmenico Trophy and keen to compete more!

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

Rank	Competitor	Car	Points
1	Lachlan Rae	X19	51
2	Sam Russo	695 Biposto	34
3	Peter Bartold	X19, 500 Abarth	31
4	Phil Buggee	Punto/131	26
5	Rob Jorgensen	500	24
6	Paul Freame	Punto/Rail	23
7	Domenic Carosa*	695 Abarth	20
7	Frank Russo	595 Abarth	20
7	Julian DiBattista	Punto	20
10	Tony Romeo	850	19

Opening of the Fiat Nationals 2018 at Winton Raceway



FIAT NATIONALS 2018

*By Lyn Bartold, Peter Bartold, Rob and Deb Judd
Photos: Peter Bartold, Marisa Gangemi, Steve Schmidt*

AS THE organising state for this year's Nationals, FCCV chose to depart from the previous two Victorian organised events and based the weekend in Shepparton instead of Benalla. The Sprint event was still run at Winton Raceway but all other events were based in Shepparton. This proved to be very successful as there is a lot more accommodation available in Shepparton, and most attendees stayed at the same Motel or Caravan Park and all other events were within easy distance from the accommodation. The motorkhana was held at Shepparton Showgrounds which were ideal for our needs, the Show n Shine at the side of the lake in central Shepparton, and the Presentation Dinner at the Hotel. We were able to add another very successful

event, an evening at the Shepparton Motor Museum on the Saturday night with drinks and nibbles.

The weekend was capped off by FCCV winning the hotly contested Fiat of Italy Cup at the Motorkhana.

On the following pages you will read of the individual parts of the Nationals and enjoy the photos contributed by many club members. Go to the Nationals website for the full results of each section of the weekend and for photos. My thanks to club members who have written reports and provided photos for this article.



Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana

By Deb and Rob Judd
Photos: Peter Bartold, Marisa Gangemi

The Nationals, Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana was held right in the heart of Shepparton, only 5 minutes from the motel, at the Shepparton Showgrounds.

While not the scorching days of many years ago it was a very warm day and the adjacent grandstand was a welcome viewing location for spectators to keep out of the sun, and great for many to have their lunch. A few of our members arrived from Melbourne to see the event and more popped in before and after the Run that Roger Beattie organised on the Saturday

We had a field of 56 competitors, with good attendance from NSW and Queensland, but with just over half the field from Victoria. This big attendance from Victoria seems to have been boosted by the Come & Try Motorkhanas that we have been running over the last couple of years. We are keen to keep providing these opportunities.

The event was dominated, once again by Glenn Smith in his rail, who took out 1st Outright for the 7th time in a row, breaking the previous record held

by Richard Carlson. Whilst we were all trying our hardest to beat Glenn, this wasn't to be. It was fantastic to see Glenn and Richard having a lengthy conversation at the BBQ the night before the event as I know Glenn admires Richard very much.

Even with a delay due to an oil spill, the day finished around 3:00pm and this gave people time to relax before heading off to the evening event at the Car Museum.

Fiat of Italy Cup results: **1st Victoria, 2nd NSW, 3rd Queensland**

Class A Winner – RWD long wheel base: **Frank Caia (Vic)**

Class B Winner – RWD short wheel base: **Gary Spencer (Vic)**

Class C Winner – FWD long wheel base: **Mike Ruckert (QLD)**

Class D Winner – FWD short wheel base: **Sam Russo (Vic)**

Class E Winner – Specials: **Marty Gallard (NSW)**

Class F Winner – Rails: **Glenn Smith (NSW)**

1st Novice: **Rob Jorgensen (Vic)**

1st Junior: **Benjamin Jorgensen (NSW)**

1st Couple: **Mike and Alison Ruckert (QLD)**

For all other results refer to the Fiat Nationals website.





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By Peter Bartold

Photos: Marisa Gangemi, Steve Schmidt, Peter Bartold



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The club was fortunate in obtaining Winton Race Track on the Friday of the Nationals Competition which meant that the cost was very affordable for entrants. A field of 44 entrants enjoyed a day of competitive racing in ideal weather. X19's were prominent with 8 racing and 4 of them featuring in the top 6 placing. Richard Shrinkfield, QLD posted the fastest time of the day in his X19 with Lancia Integrale motor with a 01.32.1, Lachlan Rae, Vic, with his Uno Turbo powered X19 came in second, only 2 secs behind with 01.34.2. The very quick ex-Bathurst Abarth 500 of Ian Shannon posted a credible 01.39.1 to take third place. Peter Bartold finished 4th outright with his 1500cc X19 compared to the over 2000cc cars in the top 3 places

[He is too modest to include this result, so the Editor had to add it !! —Ed.]

The family battle between Frank and Sam Russo, Abarth Turbo versus

Abarth Biposto, saw Dad just beating Sam by 0.3 of a second.

There was a broad range of Fiats out on the track, both old and new and with 3 non Fiats (3 Fiat Club members competing by invitation and one of those was an Alfa) making up the field of 44 including 8 X19's, 7 (new) 500's, 7 124's and 6 Punto's It is not often that we see nearly all the cars on the track being of Italian origin and also some new comers to sprints giving it a go - well done everyone.

Thanks to the officials and organisers for making it such an enjoyable day. A special thank you to X19 owner and resident of Shepparton, Micheal Neilsen, who volunteered to be Clerk of Course for the day. After a great day of racing the cars were loaded onto their trailers or driven for the pleasant trip over to Shepparton to enjoy the rest of the Nationals Weekend.

Captions

1 Procession to the Showgrounds; 2 Marisa Gangemi — at her first Nationals motorkhana; 3 Paul and Bill Freame getting ready to go; 4 Lachlan Rae in the X19. 5 Glenn Smith (NSW) 1st outright; 6 The Judd rail; 7 Ralph Di Censo in Team Italia car. Photo: Marisa Gangemi; 8 Ready to race; 9 Frank Spinose, X19, Steve Schmidt 124 AC; 10 Peter Bartold X19. Photo: Steve Schmidt.

Captions

- 1 Sam Russo, Biposto.
Photo: Steve Schmidt;
2 Traffic. Photo: Steve Schmidt;
3 Paul Scambler 131 Abarth. Photo: Marisa Gangemi;
4 Lachlan Rae X19.
Photo: Steve Schmidt;
5 Phil Buggee, Punto.
Photo: Steve Schmidt;
6 Ian Shannon, Abarth 500. Photo: Steve Schmidt.



Fiat Nationals: Show n Shine

By Lyn Bartold

Photos: Paul Pozzobon, Marisa Gangemi, Peter Bartold

The extremely hot weather of the previous day had changed to much milder temperatures but we now had very strong gusts of wind to contend with. There were 43 entries in the Show n Shine competition with a wide variety of models and ages. There were also more Fiats on display that were not entered so an excellent display beside the lake in Shepparton that provided a picturesque backdrop for the day. The display was also adjacent to the main

road into town so we have many people who were driving past, stop for a look. Thanks to judges Jonathan Crellin and Phil Buggee for their work in making the difficult decisions in each class.

Congratulation to the Banko's, Lemms and Richard Unkles for driving their Vintage cars from Melbourne to Shepparton.

Results

Class	Car	Owner
P1 Historic pre '60	Fiat 501	Richard Unkles
P2 Modern	Fiat Abarth 695	Frank Russo
P3 Convertible	Fiat X19	Paul Pozzobon
P4 Coupe	Fiat 128 C	Lawrie Hocking
P5 Sedan	Fiat Punto	Barry Ellis
P6 Street Modified	Fiat 124 Abarth Spider	David Judd
P7 Competition	Fiat 131 Abarth	Paul Scambler



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Captions

1 Lakeside Concorso; 2,3 Frank Russo's 695 Abarth; 4 Roger Beattie's 850T Camper; 5 Paul Pozzobon's X19; 6 David Judd's Abarth 124 Spider; 7 Richard Unkles 501 Taxi; 8 The Banko Balilla and the Lemm Topolino.



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Fiat Nationals Social Events

By Lyn Bartold
Photos: Peter Bartold

The usual Meet and Greet BBQ was held on the Friday evening and was well attended. Those who had been at the Sprints at Winton had time to travel to Shepparton and meet up with those who had travelled their directly.

There were some additional social events in the Nationals this year that added to the interest and enjoyment of many of the participants.

The Social Run to Shepparton organised by Roger Beattie

The drive set off from the Calder Hwy, north of Melbourne and headed through some beautifully scenic parts of the state. It went to Lancefield for morning tea then north through Tooboorac, Graytown to arrive at Tahbilk Cafe and Winery for lunch. After lunch to route took the group through Murchison and Tatura then onto Shepparton for an early afternoon arrival. A number of FCCV members participated and joined the Nationals group for the Saturday evening Car Museum visit. Thanks to Roger for organising the run.

Saturday Evening at Shepparton Car Museum

This evening provided the chance for an exclusive viewing of the museum, with drinks and nibbles provided and chance to hear about the establishment of the museum and future plans which was well attended. We also had the opportunity to view and hear the history of a very special Fiat 1100 T van that had been in the same family from when it was purchased from the Shepparton Fiat dealer at the time, Luigi Misuraca, who is a member of our club. The Muto family was represented by Denis Muto who told us the story of how his father, Sisto, a bricklayer, bought the van (imported especially for him by Luigi) and it remained his work van until the late 70s. Denis now owns the van which has been beautifully restored and he still lives in Shepparton. The van came to Autobella a couple of years ago and it was interesting to hear its history and its connection to Shepparton.

The Museum is amazing with displays of vintage cars, bikes and trucks, plus lots of driving memorabilia

The evening added another activity to the whole Nationals package and was enjoyed by those who attended.

Captions:

1 Meet and Great BBQ; 2 Paul Scambler welcome at Shepparton Car Museum;
3 Cinquecento centre piece at Museum;
4 Magnificent collection of cars at the Shepparton Car Museum; 5 The Muto van.





Nationals Presentation Dinner

By Lyn Bartold

Photos: Peter Bartold, Marisa Gangemi

The culmination of our Fiat Nationals is always the Presentation Dinner. This year we had around 120 people attending the Dinner at the Parkview Motel, where many of the group were staying. Amongst the food and socialising with friends from other states there were many presentations to be made. Due to the absence of Tony Studans (NSW) Roger Beattie was co-opted to collect the "fines" (misdemeanours by participants, nominated by others) With his little band of junior money collectors Roger did an excellent job in naming and shaming and accumulating a bucket load of 20c pieces!

Trophies from all sections of the weekend's competitions were presented, including the prestigious Iron Man Trophy. This is presented to the driver who competes in the same car in the Sprint, Motorkhana and the Show n Shine and gains the most points. This year 1st, 3rd and 5th were all dead heats so

Ironman Results

Position	Drivers	
= 1st	Mike Ruckert, QLD	Sam Russo, Vic
= 3rd	John Ford, QLD	Steve Schmidt, Vic
= 5th	Ian Jorgensen, NSW	Stephen Voss, QLD

congratulations to Mike Ruckert from Queensland and Sam Russo from Victoria as joint winners

Results of each competition events appear in other sections of this report and the full results are on the Fiat Nationals website

Of course an event such as this could not operate without the dedicated team of enthusiastic and competent members of the Nationals Sub-Committee and other members, under the leadership of President, David Judd, who have worked for the past year to ensure the success of our major Australian Fiat Clubs event. Thanks to everyone involved in the organisation, not just the Sub-Committee but everyone who contributed to the success of this event. We thank all the officials who helped with the running of the competition events and to the volunteers who assisted with activities whenever requested and needed.

There are a number of people we need to single out for the work they did in putting this event together.

Thanks to Competition Secretary Paul Freame for his secretarial duties with all the entries and Supplementary Regulations as well as organizing on the weekend.

Tony Romeo for coordinating the finances of all entries and handling the Treasurer duties.

Ian Payne for his Secretarial role for the Nationals Sub Committee and Assistant Secretary for the Sprints

Mark Rae and Michael Neilson for agreeing to be our Clerks of Course at the Motokhana and Supersprint respectively.

Paul Scambler for his work approaching Sponsors and with other duties over the weekend. Paul was actively using this year's event as his training for next year as Event Director

Jono Crellin for organising the Show n Shine and event judging

Rob Judd and Peter Bartold for their trips and phone calls to Shepparton to



Captions: 1 Nationals participants enjoying the evening; 2 Roger Beattie collecting “fines”; 3 Paul Pozzobon at Welcome BBQ, Friday evening; 4 Paul Scambler presenting Sprint Trophy to Sam Russo; 5 An evening of fun and celebration.



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find venues and negotiate their use for our purposes and Rob as the organiser of the Motorkhana competition.

Also thanks Harvey Richards, Paul Pozzobon and who took on roles as required over the weekend with other duties over the weekend.

Matthew Judd must be thanked for developing the database of all entries that automatically calculated all the results across the weekend. Over the years we have talked about having such a system that relieves the organizing group of a lot of time pressure on the weekend to produce accurate results for the Presentation dinner. Matt also attended and entered the results as well as testing the system for the first year. This Database will prove to be of major value in future events.

To our trusty bus driver, Roger Beattie, who organised the winery visit, bus tour and ran the shuttle

to and from the Car Museum — a big thank you also.

Thanks to Mark Weinberger who developed and maintained the Nationals Website which was the reference point for anything related to this National event.

Thanks to all those who acted as officials at the competition events and to the volunteers who assisted with activities whenever needed.

We also thank all the Victorian members who, as per normal, jumped in and helped when needed, this includes spreading kitty litter and sweeping at the motorkhana. The list above is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of assistance given to get this huge event up and running and trouble free.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed.

The weekend was capped off by FCCV winning the hotly contested Fiat of Italy Cup!!



By Rob Jorgensen

“Family of Novices at The Nationals 2018”

AS A FAMILY, we didn’t exactly have much experience in motorsport and not much in the way of Fiat connection. But now we’ve competed at the Nationals and got the bug! Oh what fun we had, without spending big!

When my brother Ian, from far North Queensland, asked me if I’d be interested in procuring a car for him to compete in the Nationals and maybe entering myself I thought for about 20 milliseconds. I did what I often tell our kids and my Cub Scout pack: say “okay, I’ll have a go” if it’s neither dangerous nor illegal. How hard could it be?

So a few months later I became the proud owner of our 2009 500 Sport. They really aren’t very expensive, so \$6k was a good budget and not a lot of cash when shared. It’s certainly no rocket Abarth, but at least it has a little “cred”



and a bit of go with the 100hp twin cam engine. It’s got a “sport” button (why would you ever turn it off?), a sun roof, red brake calipers and a nice exhaust note, so it will do!

Our cute little “racing car” (so the joke goes in our family), completely stock, road registered and with Chinese tyres, was ready to go. At the practice motorkhana we were pleasantly surprised by the number of entrants and the friendly help offered to we novices.



Captions: 1 Team Jorgensen: Left side – Henry (Service Team), Alastair, Rob. Right side – Nadine, Ian, Ben; 2 Ian Jorgensen competing in the sprint; 3 Rob in Motorkhana; 4 The mighty Fiat 500 in Show n Shine; 5 Alastair in Motorkhana.

Ian managed to get down from Queensland only 2 days late despite the floods cutting all the roads around Ingham and threatening to derail our whole plan. Applying the traditional “run what you brung” philosophy we drove the 500 to Shepparton. We’d done very few miles in the car prior to doing the very overdue timing belt, so it was encouraging to see it perform faultlessly on the 3 hour trip.

Only Ian had entered the sprint. The car wasn’t all that fast, but he posted some decent times considering the degree of tyre squeal that could be heard from the far side of the track!

Saturday’s motorkhana was the real family scrap for placings. Ian and his teenage junior son Ben competing for the evil NSW (not Queensland) club, versus me and my teenage son Alastair competing for us good guys in Fiat Club Vic. All in the same car. Only sheer driving ability would determine the placings! Ian’s wife Nadine competed in a borrowed 500.

Just a little of the goodwill generated from a father-and-son weekend of bonding by motorsport was definitely evaporated by the sheer rivalry between Alastair and I! The smiles on our faces was evidence enough of the value we got from the event. It’s so hard to actually execute a driving plan during that frenetic 30–60 seconds of each test. Instinct takes over and as a novice that’s not exactly a good thing often. But it’s super fun! Alastair was consistently beating me by around 1 second and I just couldn’t keep up with him. Until the fateful last test, “Bulls

Eye”. Neither of us had hit a flag nor WD’d the whole day. Then Alastair clipped a flag on the second last left-hander of the day, got distracted and lost his way for a Wrong Direction penalty! Aaargh! I slowly clean-sheeted that test to pick up all that time I’d lost to him and more.

Meanwhile, similar father and son things and smiling was going between Ian and Ben, although the experience difference was a lot larger there. Ian actually knows what he’s doing! As the 5th Jorgensen, Nadine was just calmly executing some respectable times in the other car to keep us honest.

Of course we didn’t win the Show and Shine with our slightly rough stock 500 amongst the brilliant show of gorgeous Fiats, but it completed Ian’s trifecta of motorsport nicely and made him eligible for the Iron Man event. We managed to pick up 4 motorkhana trophies with our little car: class 2nd and 3rd, novice and junior. 2 for each state! Regardless, the whole weekend was a roaring success for us, from the competition to the social events to the family connections. What a brilliantly run set of events it was, that is such a credit to the Victorian team and the larger fraternity. Great cars, great competition, great people. We’ll be back, with 2 more family members keen to compete!

Thanks Rob for giving us a “newbie” view of motorkhanas and the Fiat Nationals and the family fun involved for Team Jorgensen. We look forward to seeing you at more events during the year.

—Ed



autobella

italian automobile festival

By Lyn Bartold
Photos: Peter Bartold, Marisa Gangemi



AFTER THE horrific weather of last year we were blest with a perfect day for our 21st year of Autobella. The range of cars on display, both Fiat and other marques, was outstanding. We had some unique vehicles, cars of Concorso standard, beautifully restored cars, some cars in magnificent original condition, those in the process of restoration, daily drives that had been lovingly polished and everything in between. In recent years the Autobella Committee has encouraged members to bring their cars along, no matter how patina, and they have the option of having them judged or not, and this has certainly broadened the range of interesting models on display.

We had an excellent range of other Italian marques on display also and our major sponsor, Zagame, brought along some beautiful exotic cars to add to the spectacle. The most unusual sights were the Ferrari towing a trailer with 2 Agusta motor bikes on board and club member, Ross King, also with a trailer, this time attached of his new Fiat 500 which he used to transport his 2 Topolinos (one at a time) to Autobella. It took 2 trips each way to get his newly restored Topolino and his work in progress Topolino



Captions

Top Autobella at Como **1** Sedans; **2** Race cars. *Photo by Marisa Gangemi.*; **3** 500s; **4** Lancia Aurelia B20; **5** Ross King — Abarth, Trailer: Topolino; **6** Ferrari towing Augusto motorbikes; **7** Integrale on display.



from home to Como and back again - now that is dedication! It was great to see a number of members cars that we have not seen before or recently and some new projects that were finished in time for this year's Autobella

The featured car for this year's Autobella was the Lancia Integrale. We had an amazing response with 10 Integrale and a Delta in our line up. It is thought that this might be a record for the most Integrale in the one place at one time in Victoria, maybe even Australia! The display certainly attracted the spectators and photographers.

There were 8 entries in this year's Concorso Originale competition for the Graeme Shephard Concorso Originale Trophy and all were of excellent standard, either restored or in original condition.. This year's winner, Philip Allen, brought along his magnificently restored Fiat Dino Spider, which also won its class in last year's Motorclassica.

In addition to the Concorso Originale section, cars that are entered are judged by popular choice by entrants in the same class- one vote per entrant in the class. The Presentation Ceremony has class winners driving in parade to the presentation area to receive their trophy. The final presentations are to our sponsors of the event who receive a framed certificate to acknowledge their support. It was a fitting conclusion to a wonderful day of Italian cars.





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A big crowd attended Autobella this year and the atmosphere was relaxed and very positive. With our wood-fired oven pizzas, coffee, gelato van and Italian sausages there was plenty of food to keep everyone happy. There are also a number of trade stands, our club merchandise tent and our costumi d'epoca display to provide interest to the day. Allora (!!) it was a year to remember in the clubs history of Autobella's and has set the bar high for next year's event. Thank you to everyone who attended for making it such a great day



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Of course an event such as this does not happen without a huge amount of work and planning. The Autobella Committee under the Directorship of Sebastian Bongiorno must be commended on their planning and execution of the wonderful event we have each year. Thanks too to all the club members who worked hard throughout the day to make it run smoothly. The venue was a hive of activity from 7.00am and remained so until 5.00pm when all was packed away. Congratulations and thank you to everyone, and this was a large number of club members, who contributed to this wonderful day — without this enthusiastic support Autobella would not happen!!



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Well done to everyone involved, both as displayers and helpers, on the day.

Event Director, Sebastian Bongiorno presents Philip Allen with his trophy.



Results

Category	Owner	Car
Graeme Shephard Concorso Originale Trophy — Philip Allen, Fiat Dino Spider 2.4		
Best Saloon	Ces Silveri	Fiat 1100
Best Coupe	Mike Whitford	Fiat Dino Coupe
Best Vintage	Rob Pointer	501 Tourer
Best Open Top	Frank Marinelli	Fiat Dino Spider
Best Competition	Phil Buggee	Fiat 131 Sedan
Best Modern— 2008 Onwards	Ed Kiernan	Abarth 500
Best Ferrari	Ken Phelps	Ferrari GT4 + Trailer
Best Lamborghini	John Baseggio	Lamborghini Urraca
Best Lancia	Marc Bondini	Lancia Aurelia B20
Best Alfa Romeo	David Wright	Alfa Romeo 2600 Sprint
Best Maserati	John Gove	Maserati Mistral Spider
President's Encouragement Award	Kevin Lemm	Fiat 500C Topolino



Captions

8 Kevin Lemm's and Ross King's Topolinos; 9 John Baseggio's Lamborghini; 10 David Wright's Alfa 2600 Sprint; 11 Concorso entrant, Rob Poynter's 501 Tourer, *photo by Marisa Gangemi*; 12 Concorso entrants: Peter Bartold's and Paul Pozzobon's X19s, Joe Cipolla's 600; 13 Parade of winners; 14 Competition/Motorkhana Cars; 15 Food stall; 16 Merchandise stall.





The organisers, Lyn & Peter Bartold, 1970 Fiat 500, and Deb Judd, Favourite era 1960s.

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Bumpin Costumes*

COSTUMI D'EPOCA was first included in Autobella 8 years ago to add another aspect to the Classic Cars on display and to make our Concorso a little different to other club's displays by encouraging members to dress in the era of their car or their favourite era.. This year we expanded our usual costumi d'epoca parade by having a marquee with a display of costumes that were genuine vintage and reproduction clothing covering the years from the 1920's - 80's and it generated a lot of interest.

In addition we set up a 1970's beach scene with a 1970 Fiat 500 with a 70's surfboard on top and other beach paraphernalia surrounding it. Roger Beattie set up his Fiat 850 Campervan to add to the holiday scene.

We had the largest number of contestants in our costumi d'epoca parade this year (16) and the theme was very much the 70's due to the fact that we have many 70's cars owned by club members. There were also some



(Left) Elle Smith from Zagame in genuine 80s vintage; (below) 1970s Beach Scene, complete with original 70's surfboard.





Captions

- 1 Costumi d'epoca Contestants;
- 2 Couples, Original Vintage: 1st — Brendan and Lynda Pitt (1978 X19), 2nd — Roger Beattie and Judith Odgers (1970 850T Fargo Camper);
- 3 Frank Marinelli does genuine double denim (1970 2.4 Dino Spider);
- 4 Best Male Outfit: 1st — Gary Spencer (1980 X19);
- 5 Maryssa and Rob Pointer in 20s outfits (1925 501 Tourer) and Joe Sammut (1979 124 Spider);
- 6 Most Dapper Gentleman: 1st — Philip Allen (1970 2.4 Dino Spider);
- 7 Best Original Female Outfit: 1st — Deb Judd (Favourite era 1960s);
- 8 Most Dapper Gentleman: 2nd — Rob Judd (Favourite era 1920s);
- 9 Jenny and Neil Williamson 70s outfit (1974 X19), photo: Marisa Gangemi.

other eras beautifully represented and many genuine outfits and accessories being worn.

We co-opted Elle Smith, from Zagame to assist with the judging and even dressed her in some vintage as well. She enjoyed her involvement and we look forward to Elle and Zagame being part of Costumi d'epoca next year. We added a few more judging categories due to the strength and quality of the costumes on display

The number of original vintage outfits and the effort put in by the entrants was impressive. Phil Allen, winner of our

Dapper Gentleman Award also won the Graeme Shephard Concorso Originale Trophy, making a perfect match with his 197. car and his outfit. This part of Autobella is becoming a real point of difference for FCCV with the other marque clubs concorso's running throughout the year.

Congratulations to all participants, we really appreciate your efforts and we look forward to another close competition next year.





BERNIE JACOBSON'S 501
WORK IN PROGRESS

A cheery welcome to new member Bernie Jacobson. Bernie has acquired a Fiat Tipo 501 project from Werribee and it has been delivered in the form of several trailer loads. He is well known in Vintage Sports Car Club circles for his delightful Lagonda Rapier sports car that he and Helen have campaigned both here and in Europe for several decades. A man of catholic tastes in pre 1939 cars, he is also known as a serial restorer of a wide variety restorations, the best known is of a super rare 1919 Dixi Flyer. A true orphan, Bernie found this at a clearing sale in the Yarra Valley in derelict condition and no other takers meant the initial price was fair. In line with his talent to find, search, scrounge the impossible, he needed to find an extremely rare carburettor for it and found a New Old Stock one that had been sitting on a shelf for over 50 years in the USA. The Dixi Flyer is now back in the USA with the family of the original producers.

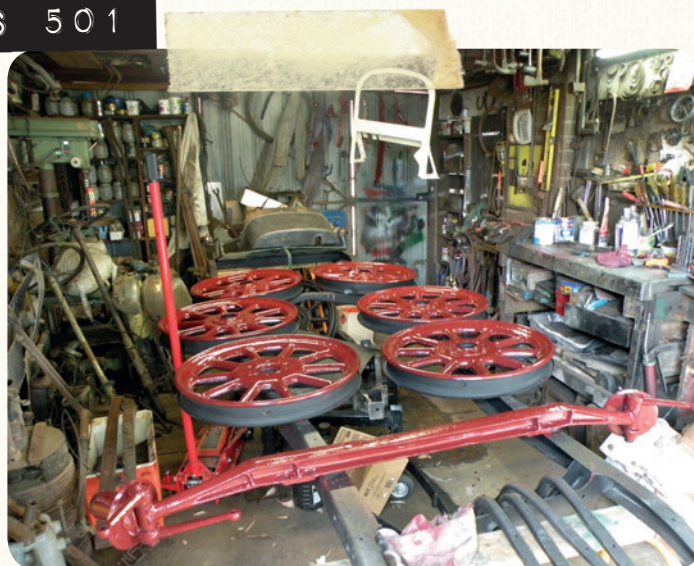
Bernie is making a reproduction of the Fiat 501 that was raced

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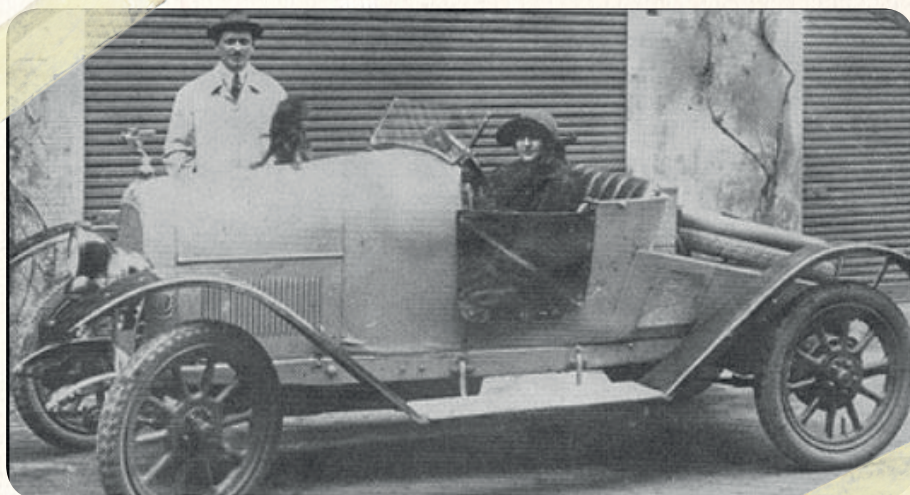
by Elizabeth Junek. Whilst similar to the car being restored by Min Innes-Irons, the Junek car had running boards, so the irons from the remains of the tourer body will be required. In keeping with his reputation, within a fortnight of receipt of the trailer loads Bernie has already sand blasted the main chassis components and started spray painting the running gear and requesting help from the V & V stalwarts.

This begs the question "Who was Elizabeth Junek?"

Eliška Junková, born in Czechoslovakia in 1900, latterly known as Elizabeth Junek, was also regarded as one of the greatest female drivers of the

decade. Her first car was the early Fiat Tipo 501 shown above. She and her husband, Vincenc Junek, bought a Bugatti Type 30 in 1922 and initially Eliška served as a riding mechanic for her husband, before he suffered a hand injury that gave her the opportunity to take to the wheel. Her first professional race, with her husband, was in 1923 but the following year she raced alone and, at Lachotin-Tremosna, won the touring car category. Eliška then won at Zbraslav-Jiloviste in 1925 and by the following year Elizabeth, as she was now known, had turned her attention to Europe, competing against the best male racing drivers. She was runner up in the 1926 Klausenpass hillclimb, and was on course for a top finish in the demanding Targa Florio in

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ELIZABETH JUNEK

Sicily before an accident put her on the sidelines. She nevertheless gained immense respect for her talent and diligent approach to preparation. She did however win the 2-litre sports car class at the Nürburgring.

With a new Bugatti Type 35B, Junek had her sights set on victory in the 1928 Targa Florio. She took the lead on the second lap but on the final lap then ran into trouble and dropped to fifth. Tragedy happened in 1928 at the Nürburgring, where she and her husband once again shared the driving at the German Grand Prix. Having just swapped driving duties, he went off the road and was instantly killed. Elizabeth gave up racing and sold her cars, but remained part of the Bugatti 'family' when, at the age of 89,

she was invited as guest of honour to attend a Bugatti reunion in the United States. She died in 1994. No doubt reported elsewhere in Fiat Month, the Unkles taxi ran sweetly (most of the way) to and super well back from the Fiat Nationals. Due to the short list of pre war entries for the Show and Shine the taxi carried off the first prize for the Historic Section despite there being no intention to polish it but leave it's patina intact. An unlikely winner, but of a one horse race. However it was certainly viewed seriously by many so it did add to the interest of the general public.

Movie News

Emirates have now got the film Agnelli on their recent releases list so it should come to Australia in

the near future. The film is about Gianni Agnelli, who inherited the management of the Fiat empire from his grandfather in 1946. Much of the footage is historic and so not up to modern standards but that is no reason not to see this film. It has many interviews with family and others of the business side of his interests. It also has a slightly different version of how his father met his untimely end when he was hit by the propeller of a sea plane. Well known as a playboy he was also much respected by the Fiat workers, partly evidenced by the parade of workers wanting to return to work during the serious industrial unrest of the 70's. An insightful manager and businessman he was often consulted by the political elite, though he and his wife were not suited to parenthood. Strongly suggest you see the movie when it becomes available.

Sandro's Mancave



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CAFFE DI SABATO

Captions

1 Sandro's amazing automotive collection; 2,3 Caffè e torta whilst exploring the collection; 4 Cars and bikes on display; 5 Sandro with brother, Lucio, explaining the Cesario family automotive history; 6 FCCV members enjoying the car collection; 7 Upstairs, chill area with more memorabilia.

By Ian Payne

Photos: Ian Payne, Peter Bartold

Having only been to Sandro Cesario's place once about 3 years ago and viewing the standard 2 car garage on the block I was intrigued as to how he had turned this into a space for all his cars and memorabilia!

On arrival I noticed the humble 2 car garage still as before but then an open gate led to a walkway which meandered down to the other end of the block where a completely new structure had been built! This addition was in keeping with the rest of the house with the same brickwork, roof and windows. At the end of the path was the entrance to Sandro's mancave and what a mancave! This inconspicuous building housed a car hoist, 6 classic cars and 2 motorcycles with all the walls adorned with automotive memorabilia; what a feast for the eyes! There was also a feast for the stomach as the Di Censo/Pozzobon team had done the catering!



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So, with caffè e torta in hand we wandered around the 'shed' looking at the wonders of this mans collection, then upstairs! Did I mention it was double storied! Upstairs had more memorabilia with race suits, crash helmets (both MotoGP & F1) books, car models, posters, automotive inspired games, DVD's , a big screen TV and some comfy chairs. Just the spot to kick back and relax.

While wandering around trying to take it all in, Sandro called us to attention initially to thank us for attending and then to explain where his passion for cars and all things automotive came from. His father had been a mechanic and privateer race car driver, starting off in a Fiat 124 Spider then a Fiat Abarth 1300 so every weekend the family would trek to race tracks near and far with most week night spent working on the race car in dad's workshop. Sandro and his brother Lucio revelled in this upbringing so it was no wonder they both took up car racing. By his own admission Sandro's career was brief and notable with some spectacular

crashes while his brothers took off and gained international recognition. But Sandro's talent lay in preparation and although not having the fastest car in the paddock it was always the best looking, also his involvement in car racing from an early age had allowed him to collect some amazing historical automotive memorabilia. With this vast assortment of paraphernalia now housed in the one place it is a real credit to Sandro and a real privilege for the FCCV to have been invited to view this magnificent collection!



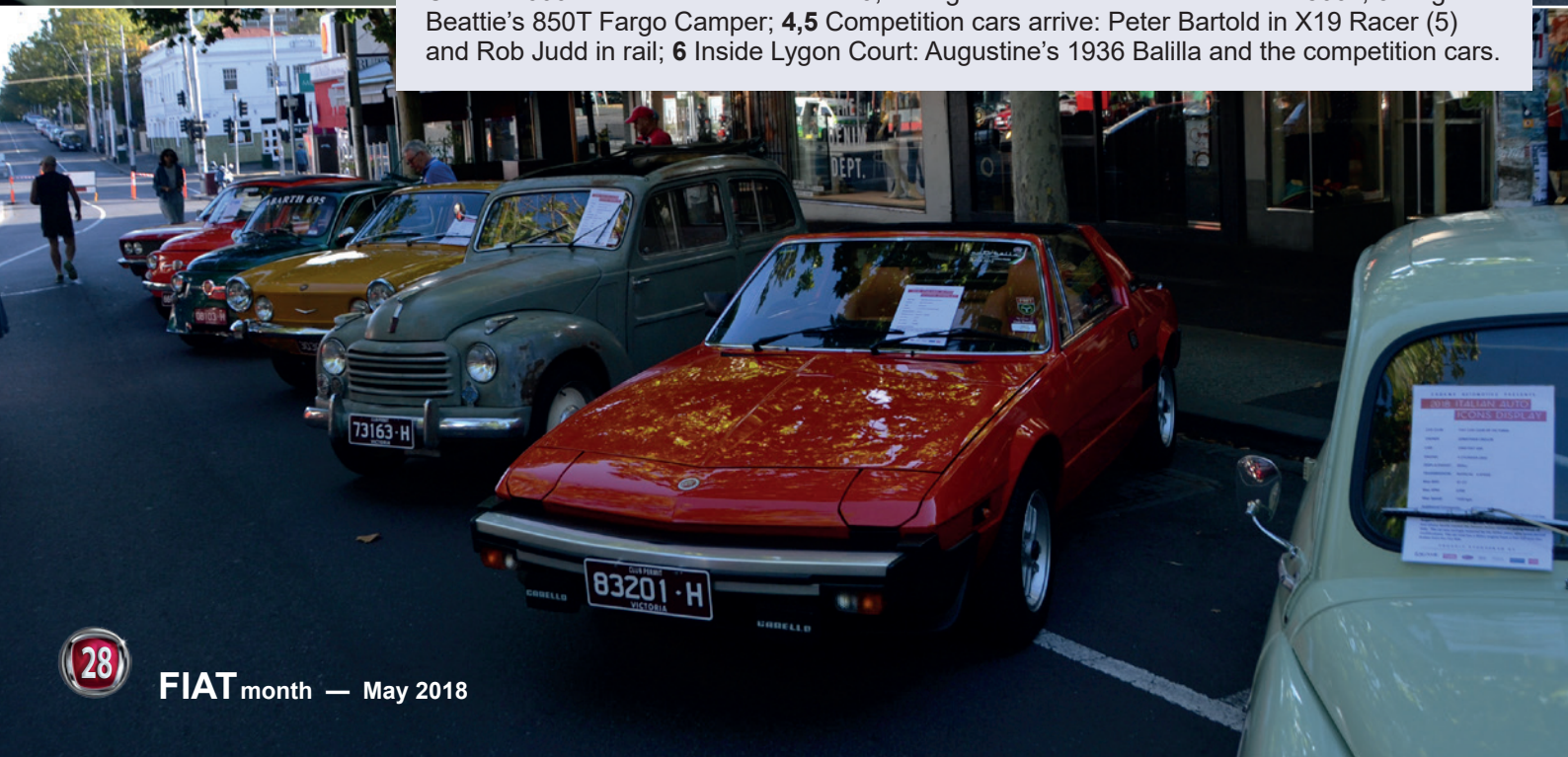


Italian Auto Icons

by Peter Bartold



Above Old and New Abarths: 500s and 124 Spiders; **Centre, Below** FCCV display; **1** Jono Crellin's 600 and Paul Pozzobon's X19; **2** Luigi Manzo and Robert Brunno's 500s; **3** Roger Beattie's 850T Fargo Camper; **4, 5** Competition cars arrive: Peter Bartold in X19 Racer (5) and Rob Judd in rail; **6** Inside Lygon Court: Augustine's 1936 Balilla and the competition cars.



THE ITALIAN Auto Icons display in Lygon St, Carlton which is sponsored by Zagame has become an important event on our Club Calendar since it started 6 years ago. The northern end of Lygon St is closed to traffic for most of the day to allow for a magnificent display of Italian automobiles. Anyone who has even visited Lygon St on a Sunday knows how packed with people it is. Add to this up to 100 Italian cars, both classic and modern and you can imagine the vibe there is. FCCV had 25 cars on display and we were again offered the opportunity to use the raised plantations in the centre of the street for our display.

Who can forget the sensational display of old 500's parked side by side across this raised area that we achieved last year (and anyone involved will not forget the logistics required to make this happen!!) This year that area was used to contrast old and new with an old and new Abarth 500 parked adjacent to each other with the wheels on one side of each car on the raised section. This was repeated using an original 124 Abarth Spider and a new one. This display also drew lots of fans. and plenty of snaps were taken

We were also offered the opportunity of displaying Augustine's always popular Balilla, and 2 competition cars inside Lygon Court, opposite Brunetti's. Rob Judd brought the Judd Motorkhana Rail and I took my X19 Race Car. It was a new sensation to be able to drive our un-registered cars along that section of Lygon St (closed to other traffic, of course) to get them into the display area - and no Rob did not motorkhana his car in and out of the middle plantations or me do a burn-out to get the cars there!!

Once again it was an excellent display with all Italian marque clubs in attendance. Zagame, as always, brought along a collection of magnificent new cars for us to drool over! The FCCV display was excellent as usual and many club members who did not have their cars on display also attended. It is always great fun to be part of "Little Italy" at prime time on Sunday afternoon.



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ECCV DISPLAY AT AUSTRALIAN F1 GRAND PRIX

By Anthony Cementon

Photos: Joe Sammut, Anthony Cementon

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The Melbourne Grand Prix seems to creep up so quickly every year, but thankfully we have Joe Sammut who, behind the scenes, always gets our club recognised and reserved with a display location somewhere in the park.

This year we were placed behind the main straight directly opposite the Asia Pacific – Ferrari Challenge GT Cars, so we were mixing it with the “BIG BOYS”. Although the viewing of the circuit wasn’t as good as last year the position of our display was fantastic as it exposed the club to a larger audience who would make their way down to view the Ferrari’s. Hundreds of Grand Prix and car enthusiasts walked past over the 4 days and took selfies in front of the cars with the two Abarth 500”s at CENTRE STAGE parked nose to nose.

I think the Ferrari guys were getting a little jealous that the 500 Abarth’s on

display were getting more attention than them !!!!

All in all we had a great variety of cars represented ranging from 500’s, 124 Coupes & Spiders, X19’s, Lancia’s and Vintage models.

Given it’s a major event in Melbourne it’s great that the club fly’s the flag for Fiat lovers world-wide.

Congratulations to Roberto Bruno whose 500F Abarth was awarded 3rd place in the popular vote competition

A big thank you to Joe Sammut who makes this event possible for club members to participate and enjoy.

Next year Joe we want to drive around the circuit – No Pressure !!!!!!!!!



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Owner	Car	Year
Anthony Cementon	Fiat 124CC	1975
Mario Di Censo	Fiat X19	1980
Paul Pozzobon	Fiat X19	1979
Ralph Di Censo	Fiat X19	1982
Joseph Sammut	Fiat 124 CC	1975
Tony Leo	Fiat X19	1980
Aldo Ciccone	Fiat 2300	1972
Roger Langdon	Fiat 124CC	1974
Sam Leo	Lancia Beta	1984
Andrew Leo	Lancia Beta	1984
Jonathan Crellin	Fiat 600	1960
Tony San Filippo	Fiat 124 Spider	
Robert Bruno	Abarth 500	1966
Salvatore Cullia	Abarth 500	1972
Robert Toti	Fiat X19	1978
David Bakes	Fiat Coupe 16V	1995
Peter Folan	Fiat 1100	1962
Rob Poynter	Fiat 501 Roadstr	1923
Sandro Cesario	Abarth 500	1970
Serafino Sacchetta	Alfa Romeo GT 1300J	1974

FCCV Participants

Captions

1,6 FCCV at Grand Prix Display; 1,2,9,10 FCCV cars on display;
 3 Rob Toti and Joe Sammut watch the race; 4 Anthony Cementon's 124CC; 5 Joe Sammut & grandson, Rob Poynter's and his 501; 6 Abarth 500s (right) Salvatore Cullia's (left) Rob Bruno's.





THE BIG TOMATO AND PASTA DAY

By Lyn Bartold



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1 Classic car display as backdrop; 2 Tomato bottling work centre; 3 Pasta makers; 4 Enjoying the fruits of our labour.

Sponsored by Toscano's Kew

Vita Sociale

The day of our annual tomato bottling and pasta making was fine and sunny and it attracted a crowd of over 40 people, including some new members. Although there was a shortage of tomatoes that week, we still managed to produce 110 bottles of sauce

and to cook up a large pot of delicious sauce to eat with our home-made pasta for lunch. Our back yard was a hive of activity with plenty of volunteers to produce and bottle the sauce, using the agreed upon recipe of just tomatoes and basil. In the kitchen another group was mixing flour and eggs then kneading it to put in the pasta machines (both electric and hand operated).

By lunchtime all the tomato bottles were in the giant pots bubbling away, the pasta was made and ready to cook and the pasta sauce that had been made earlier, was smelling delicious and ready to eat. We all sat down to a wonderful lunch, knowing that everything was hand-made with lots of love. The backdrop to our lunch was

an excellent collection of Fiats and Alfas in our car display.

Thanks to Robert Toti for again bringing all the equipment for the tomato bottling - the tomato crusher, the big boiling pots, the gas rings and everything else that made the job fun and not a huge chore. Rob's equipment and expertise make the day the success it is. Thanks also to all the ladies who brought their pasta machines and so expertly produced the beautiful fresh pasta.

A huge thank you to club member, Dominic Cafari, from Toscano's in Kew for again supplying the tomatoes, basil and fresh fruit for the day. Without all of this support our day would not be the success it is each year.



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Coming Events

Competition Events May–July

May

Sun 13	MSCA Sprint Round 4	Winton
Sun 20	VMC Motorkhana Round 3	Mt Gambier SA
Fri 25–Sun 27	Historic Winton	Winton

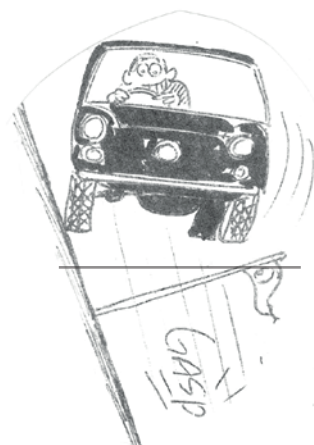
June

Sun 17	VMC Round 4 FCCV Officials Required	METEC Bayswater
Sun 24	MSCA Sprint Round 5	Sandown
Sat 30	Group 5 Night Event	Altona

July

Sun 8	MSCA Sprint	Winton
Sat 14	VMC Round 5	Bendigo CC
Sun 29	Group 5	Altona

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



Caffee di sabato

9–11am, Saturday 2 June

*Dats Amore Cheese, 66 Lattitude Blvd,
Thomastown*

(Note: different timing to usual)

10am, Saturday 7 July

The Boulevard Cafe, Studley Park Rd, Kew

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Sunday 15 July, 2018

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

*9pm, Thursday 14 June 2018
 (Following the June General Meeting)*

All Committee positions are open for nomination. Nomination forms are available at the May General meeting. Only financial members of the 2018–19 club year are eligible for vote.

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