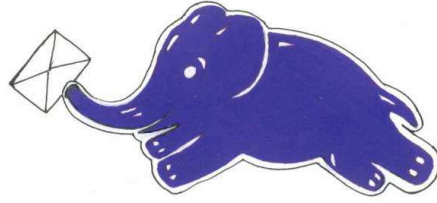


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"To promote and preserve Lancia cars - assisting our members with services by way of insurance, advice, and spare parts in a socially enjoyable environment."

Angela's Picnic – Report Back

Angela's Picnic organized by SAMCA (South African Marque Clubs Association) is an exceptional event in our local classic car calendar, with 40 or so one-marque cars participating on the day. As always, Lancia had an early start, with Guillaume and David arriving from Pretoria at 6.30am to claim our usual spot under the trees. Once the banners were raised, we could sit back and enjoy the wonderful Autumn weather in the park. This year, Lancia, as arranged by Guy, helped the Volvo Club with the collection of donations at the gate. Guy's enthusiasm certainly ensured that many people gave generously, the donations going to the Hospice Association, in memory of Angela Heinz, who first initiated and arranged the picnic.

We had quite a spread of cars this year including Flaminias, a Flavia Coupe, Fulvias, Monte Carlos, Deltas, a Prisma, Themas and a Kappa. Tony brought along his Lancia Delta 1600, since 2009 marks the 30th anniversary of this successful car, having been produced from 1979 to 1993. Angela's Picnic is most certainly an event well worth attending and the Lancia Club will without a doubt be there next year!

Clem Penny

February Noggin – Report back

The noggin was held at the VVC along with their weekly get together. It was an enjoyable evening for those who came.

“The Effects of Grey Hair”

On the Coaldust Rally in February the Fulvia's gearbox started to scream in 3rd gear.

A call to Tony to ask if I should trailer it home and I was told that as it is screaming in 3rd gear, drive it home without using that gear. Life is simple isn't it

This I did and Tony said I might now need a “new” gearbox, which he had sourced along with a lot of other Fulvia spares in Ixopo.

A trip for the 2 of us was planned for the weekend of 20th March using my Kia Sorento and trailer.

Prior to leaving Sir Seiler said he would like to check the Fulvia's gearbox.

Off to Wynburg, again not using 3rd gear - which is quite difficult when going from 2nd to 4th on an uphill.

Tony's test drive with me in the car – Tony changing rapidly between all 5 gears at low speed and revs

Tony: “This gearbox feels and sounds okay to me!”

Pat: “Yes – Push the revs and then it will scream.”

Tony pushed the revs and it screamed.

T: “This is a dry scream. When last did you put oil in the gearbox?”

P: “Me? Put oil in the gearbox? No! No! That is your job.”

Back to the workshop to fill up with oil - which ran straight out the hole where a stud was missing, lost no doubt on the Coaldust Rally.

Stud and oil replaced and gearbox was perfect with no apparent side effects.

So I don't need a “new” gearbox but I'm still going to Ixopo.

Friday, out of bed at 5am, pick up Tony and gone by 6, to have breakfast in Villiers at 7.

Maritzburg at 11:30, which was too early for lunch, so just had coffee.

Ixopo at 1pm and took 2 hours to load all the spares etc. which were on a farm that is a clinic for Alzheimer patients – maybe my future home!

No decent place to have lunch in Ixopo so back to Maritzburg by 4:15 to be told that restaurant kitchens only open at 6.

Has my throat been cut? Eat a pie!

Off to Nottingham Road Hotel to over-night and have a super meal plus plenty local beer at The Bier-Fassel.

Saturday breakfast and depart for Jhb by 8:30, drop Tony and spares, and be home by 2pm.

And now you may ask what has this to do with “The Effects Of Grey Hair”

When I had dark hair I could work all day, party all night and then go back to work the next day.

A trip to Ixopo and back in one day would have been a walk in the park and only woosies would have to sleep over.

Sunday, I competed in a SARRA Rally with normal Lotus Elan driver Steve Crook, and due to tiredness and total lack of concentration achieved our worst result ever.

I claim it was “The Effects Of Grey Hair” and am off to Dis-chem to buy a dark hair dye.

Pat Whelan

EVENTS STOP PRESS

**Noggin – Friday 8th of May 2009 from 18h30 @ The Old Johannian's Club – St. John's School
34 St. Andrews Road, Houghton, Jo'burg.** Tel. Mandy or Sue on 011 487-1971 or 082 453 9090.

Directions: From the N1 travelling South take the Harrow Road off ramp, proceed along Houghton Drive following the Harrow Road signs. Turn LEFT into St. Andrews Road, and LEFT again into St. John's Road JUST AFTER St. Andrews curves to the right, and passes under the Louis Botha Bridge, and becomes Harrow Road.

Durban Dash – 15th to 18th May

The Durban Dash is to be held this year on the weekend commencing Friday 15th May. Because it is such an enjoyable weekend, this year the Lancia Club will be including it in their calendar as an official Club event.

The word "Dash" might be a little misleading as the Durban Dash is anything but a high speed dash to Durban – perhaps the word "Dawdle", or "Dilly-Dally" would be more appropriate!

Whatever the name, the reality is a pleasant drive with other car enthusiasts, and a nostalgic celebration of the motor car at a time when any trip undertaken was an event - a time when a trip to Durban would need lots of planning, including where and when to stop for teas and lunch, as well as where to stay overnight along the way.

The Durban Dash will not disappoint, and is highly recommended for anyone who enjoys driving his or her classic Lancia!

Friday 15th:

The Dash normally starts with breakfast on Friday morning at the Grasmere Engen 1-Stop where we all meet and receive our route guides.

We then proceed to the Vanderbijlpark airfield, where those who wish can do a timed standing quarter mile. This is the only competitive and high speed section of the whole event.

From there you proceed at your own speed, and in any order, via Heilbron and Bethlehem to our lunch break (and "tea") at Clarens.

From here it is on to Ladysmith via Golden Gate, the Sterkfontein Dam, and Little Switzerland (with a possible tea break en route), to overnight at either The Royal Hotel or the Ladysmith Motel, with dinner at the Royal.

Saturday 16th:

The next day, after breakfast, we stop for about an hour outside the Ladysmith City Hall where the roads will be closed and the Ladysmith public can ogle some of the fantastic machinery that invariably enters the event. We are then escorted out of town by the traffic police (in the nicest possible way!)

From Ladysmith we take the back roads via Newcastle and Mooi River to Nottingham Road for lunch and more "tea". Then past Midmar Dam to Pietermaritzburg, from where we take The Comrades road to Durban, through the magnificent Valley of 1000 Hills.

The finish is at the Blue Waters Hotel in Durban, where that evening the “prize giving” dinner is held. We stay overnight at the hotel, if you wish to.

Sunday 17th:

After breakfast on Sunday we depart in convoy for Cars in the Park in Pietermaritzburg where we will be given special parking and meet up with the KZN Lancia members

Cars in the Park is the premier classic car event in Kwa-Zulu Natal, and last year saw over 1000 cars and in excess of 7000 visitors – everything from pristine vintage and veterans, to outlandish hot rods. For a glimpse of the atmosphere have a look at <http://www.myvideo.co.za/video/motoring-cars-in-the-park-2008>.

About lunch time you can either leave Maritzburg for Jo’burg, or better still stay over and drive back on Monday morning. This is generally the more pleasant option.

The Lancia entrants can, if they wish, stay at the Fernhill Hotel just outside Howick, where Nick has organized a special rate. Details below.

The Lancia Club is promoting The Dash as an official club outing and event, and would like this year’s Dash to have more Lancias on it than any other make! So put the dates in your diary, and make your bookings.

Details of The Durban Dash are on the website www.oldenglishcarclub.co.za and the main organizers are Gayle (076 734 8705) and Hugh (076 400 2394). Pat Whelan and Tony Seiler did last year’s event in a Fulvia (and loved it!) and can both be contacted for more details.

Details of the hotels:

Ladysmith – Friday 15th May:

Royal Hotel (tel. 036 637 2176) or Ladysmith Motel (036 637 6908). The Royal is the preferred place, as this is where dinner will be served, but it is a little more expensive. Price for the Royal Hotel is R550 b&b for two people sharing.

Durban – Saturday 16th May:

Blue Waters Hotel (tel 086 031 2044). Price is R800.14 b&b for two people sharing.

Howick – Sunday 17th May

Fern Hill Hotel, Tweedie (tel 033 330 5071) www.fernhillhotel.co.za

2 options: if you want to leave early and get breakfast in Harrismith, or have breakfast at the hotel and leave immediately afterwards.

B&B – R800 per room, two people sharing. Bed only: R640, two people sharing.

Be sure to mention that you are on The Durban Dash as all the hotels are offering special lower rates.

Don’t miss the 2009 Durban Dash!

Entry form on page 9 and 10

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Lancia Baseball-style Caps – R75 each

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FOR SALE / WANTED

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For sale: **1981 Lancia Beta Coupe** - excellent condition, must be seen, asking R25 000.00.

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NEW MEMBERS

"...So welcome to the Club, its functions & The Member's Park – For never will you know again the feeling of a lark – You will just keep searching on..." - "The Lancia Owner's Song" by Nic Rautenbach c 1985.

There were no new members recruited in January.

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