



Newsletter

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I do not know whether I am more excited about hearing that Lancia have started selling RHD cars in the UK or the number of people who have contacted me to tell me about. Its great to see how well you are all following the situation. Lets hope that FIAT SA are just as attentive and start importing Lancias again.

It has been a better month for Fulvia owners as Chris has sold his to a true enthusiast and we have a new member who has bagged a real bargain. See below for full details.

It is very pleasing to see the amount of information being submitted for the Newsletter. It makes life much easier for me and gives you a much more interesting read. Keep it up.

Jim

LAST EVENTS

Timor Hall

Another great event despite, a drama at the start when we found the Citroen Club had stolen our stand. This was soon solved by parking in front of them in a much more prominent position. It was very interesting to see how well organized the Crankhandle Club were. They had marked out and allocated the bays in their area the evening before. We must consider doing the same next year to avoid this year's problem, especially as the number of cars at the show is increasing so rapidly.





Garage Meeting



Another meeting with just the few regulars as this appears to be a very busy time of year for everyone. Sadly it was Laurence's last meeting before moving to his new career in Ireland. We still had a busy time checking the timing on Phil's Fulvia, and fitting a new number plate to Chris's HPE. Phil also resurrected Peter's old A Frame so that we could tow Gabbie's Fulvia from its store to his new home. This was of course accompanied by the usual yarns with tea and cookies.

George Motor Show



Well, I took the plunge and exhibited the Kappa at the George Show..... thinking I'd be the sole representative of the marque! Surprise, surprise, in rolled the Series II Fulvia of fellow Club member Brian Harris, all the way

from East London (600km).

So how about that as encouragement for members of the Cape Lancia Club? The show was terrific, as ever...this time the weather too. I cannot emphasize strongly enough the pleasure of attending... the ambience, meeting other enthusiasts, seeing weird & wonderful vehicles, enjoying the food, and last but not least, taking a break in the wonderful Garden Route area!

There were vehicles from ancient Crankhandle Club types, through to a Mercedes hearse/stretch limo running on 4 rear wheels because of it's length (the limo section even had champagne glasses?!). Hotrods & motorcycles, over 100 Mercedes Benz's and around 1000 vehicles in total.

One of the weirdest was an early '50's FIAT Topolino, widened drastically and fitted with a Ford V6 motor 8-) . Most of these vehicles are never seen in the Cape... another reason for attending. So.... how about it next year?

Johann

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Breakfast – Sunday 9th March

“The” show of the year. We will be having a stand and Picnic as usual. Seven cars are confirmed but there is room for more if you have a last minute change of heart. If you can't make the whole day, join us for a picnic lunch or just pop in for a chat during the day. We will have a large Gazebo so there will be plenty of shade. The official times are from 10am to 4pm but lot of cars stat leaving at about 3pm.

Autojumble - Timor Hall – Sunday 30th March



This is a growing event organized by the Crankhandle Club. Laurence & I have had a stand there for the last two years and managed to move on most of our excess stock of spares, tools, books & magazines. This liberated cash that was of course invested back into spares, tools, books & magazines.

I haven't got sufficient stock to justify having a stand this year but a couple of us could club together to have one together. Otherwise it's just a good morning to poke around looking for bargains and socializing.

Contact me if you are interested in sharing a stand or if you want a stand of your own contact David C on 021 685 2259 or 083 272 4340.

Garage Meeting – Saturday 5th April

At Warren & Chico's new ALF premises in Somerset West, full details will be given in the next Newsletter.

ON THE WEB

The highlight must be our revised website. Our new Webmaster Isabel Laing is doing a fantastic job of revamping the site and really bringing it up to world-class standards. It is still under construction so there is still more to come. If you have any ideas or material for the site let either Isobel or me know and we will see what can be done. There is a very rough draft of the site posted at the moment but please check it out and give us your comments. And yes we are going to change the Logo to the Club one.

Johann has sent in this link to a site that has details of all cars used in movies. He found it when doing research after seeing a Kappa in "Oceans Twelve" on TV a few weeks ago. I've checked it out and there are an amazing number of Lancias that have been used. See if you can find your favorite.

<http://www.imcdb.org/vehicles.php?resultsStyle=asImages&makeMatch=2&make=lanCIA&modelMatch=1&model=&page=14>

FULVIAS ON THE MOVE



It makes a change for someone to come down from Jo'berg to buy a rust free car but that is exactly what that well known Lancia enthusiastic Nick Pryke has done and has taken Chris Pretorius's beautiful Fulvia back with him. It's a shame that such a good car should leave the Cape but wonderful to see it in such good hands. Nick is pictured above taking delivery.

To balance this loss out, we have a new member, Riaan Visser, who has purchased the metallic brown one pictured above. It looks in extremely good condition and in need of very little work. Does anyone recognize it and know of its history? Riaan has promised to bring it along to our next meeting.

TAILPIECE

An interesting story.... on Sunday my daughter and her husband were also coming up the coast to see a piece of farmland they own just before Sedgefield. Andy, my son-in-law has a Subaru Forester which is still very new...had a service a week before. He was towing a very large "farm" trailer he had built to use on the farm.

About 20km from where we were staying, he lost all his engine oil!! Fortunately when he discovered the problem, he stopped immediately... there was still a pool of oil under the car where he stopped, meaning that the engine did not run completely dry (the garage had not tightened the sump plug properly!).

My daughter phoned us (because we were going to meet them anyway, and it was not far from our holiday spot). So, off we go, and find them parked on the N2 roadside in a pool of oil! The car was fully loaded (fortunately not the trailer!). Now what? Sunday afternoon the workshops are closed.

He has a strong towrope, so we towed the heavily laden Subaru with the trailer behind, like a train :-P , for nearly 50km behind the Lancia.....100 km/h up the hills, and 80 down! Fortunately the car was fine after the garage in George removed the sump guard and recovered the plug.

Andy was seriously impressed with the power of the Kappa... he was rather "big-eyed" at the end because the Subaru plus trailer was so heavy he could not stop it with the unboosted brakes alone, he had to use the handbrake as well.

What I'm very pleased with is that my average fuel consumption over the 1530 km trip was 8,99 l/100km, and it would have been less, but for the towing escapade!

(OK OK, I know I'm an old fogey that does not break the speed limit anymore, but it was worth it!)

Johann

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Club Website: www.lancia.za.org

2007 Calendar (Provisional)

March 9nd – Social Meeting
April 5th – Garage Meeting
May 4th – Social Meeting
June 7th – Garage Meeting
July 13th – Social Meeting
August 2nd – Garage Meeting
September 21st – Social Meeting
October 4th – Garage Meeting
November 9th – Social Meeting
December 6th – Garage Meeting

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