



# Newsletter

February 2009

As you will see below it has a busy month for the Club with two successful club events plus more outside ones. Check out the calendar at the end of the Newsletter and you will see that it is already full and Riaan has just two Social events left to finalize the details on. This Sunday we are having Brunch with the Alfa Romeo Club to get to know them before we go to join them on their track day which will be held in the near future. It was extremely encouraging to see how many new Lancias we were able to display at Timour Hall only two had been shown before. It highlights how strong the club is becoming and that interest in Lancias is definitely not dying in the Cape which is very exciting. See the website for more and larger pictures of all events.

Jim

## LAST EVENTS

### **Timor Hall Classic Car Show – Sunday 25th January**

A wonderful turnout in general and especially from the Lancia Club. we were oversubscribed based on the fact that we were only allowed to exhibit 10 cars, which was difficult enough with the limited space.



We exhibited cars through the ages starting with an Astura, and ending with a Kappa. We also managed to get Reinette and her racing Beta to join us. It was great to get together with the group and also to have so many old faces drop by to visit us. Owners of Lancia's who hadn't been to a social for a long time came up and chatted, many new members still preparing their cars also came along for a chat. I'm certain that our meetings are going to grow substantially this year and that we will very shortly have a large contingent of reliable cars ready to go on exciting outings to explore our beautiful city

Phil

### Lancia Stable – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February



A proper garage meeting. Phil's car needed some final touches to get it going after the timing chain tensioner saga. Plenty of experience in the form of Gabby van Oudtshoorn, quickly determining that the timing was out 180 degrees got the HF up and firing. Then some help with a homemade mercury gauge, saw Chris Pretorius balancing the two carbs to hear the lively crackle from a very willing 1600 motor. Next step will be to replace the steering idle arm, but I'm not sure whether that can wait until the next meeting. Phil was up at the barn bright and early, as the original plan was that John Ryall was going to bring his Astura up really early in the hope of getting assistance from the Lancisti in removing the engine and gearbox. Well, the Astura had refused to start and by the time John arrived at the barn, everyone was heading of home to ensure that they hadn't completely ignored Valentine's Day. Anyway the Astura is parked in its new temporary home awaiting an engine and gearbox rebuild.



Phil

### George Classic Car Show – Weekend 1st February

We made the annual pilgrimage to George in convoy with the Mercedes crowd....once again in our Lancia Kappa. What follows is meant to encourage the Cape Lancia Club to break loose from the confines of the Peninsula!

We left Friday at 10:00 and the customary lunch stop was made at Swellendam, which is always very pleasant and relaxing. It also happens to be halfway to George. There's plenty of B&B accommodation in George and surrounds, and the Friday evening is another opportunity to socialize. Saturday early the cars have to be on the field. This year the Kappa was not displayed and only collected layers of dust in the carpark area. The show appeared to be bigger than in the previous years we've attended, and you definitely need both Saturday and Sunday for an in depth examination of all the displays. Shade is at a premium, so the Club Gazebo is essential, as are folding chairs. There were "braai" facilities provided on Saturday night, which is something new. We did not attend however because the M-B crowd had made reservations at a very nice

venue in Blanco, near Fancourt. Lancias once again lacked representation except for two exhibits..... one of which was a remarkable 1926 Lambda belonging to Kobus van Jaarsveld, all the way from GP. The other was a nice Monte, also from GP. So, come on! If the GP's come all the way down, how about the short "walk in the park" from Cape Town to George? People have actually driven Model T Fords all the way from C.T.! We also bumped into Brian Harris who drove his Fulvia down from East London last year.... this time he came in a Peugeot 203. After the George weekend, we drove up the coast to Jeffreys Bay to visit friends. We were a bit worried taking the Kappa that far from home because in it's 13 years it's never had any hose or belt replacements (other than the cambelt)...even the wiper blades are the factory originals. Real quality in my book...We brought a friend back from Jeffreys Bay with LOTS of baggage... I reckon we must have had 100kg in the boot, 3 up and the total consumption over more than 1700km worked out at 8,45l/100. Not bad for a large heavy car with aircon working flatout all the way. OK, I only broke the speed limit once...and I can prove it.



**Johann**

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **Brunch with the Alfa Romeo Club – 10am Sunday 1st March**

We will be having Brunch at the Winelands One-Stop on the N1 to give you an easy drive in your Lancia and a chance to meet some new like minded friends. Contact Riaan (083 474 1808 [Riaan\\_Visser@bat.com](mailto:Riaan_Visser@bat.com)) for more information and to confirm numbers.

### **Autojumble – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

The Crankhandle Club is holding their annual Autojumble and we are planning to have a stall there to both advertise the Club & Stable and to sell parts & automobilia. If you would like to come along and help or have some thing's that you would like to sell please contact me or Phil.

### **Baldwin Garage – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Lancia & other Motoring DVD's

**Jim**

## **THE BALDWIN GARAGE**

At long last I have some action to report in the Baldwin Garage as my house renovations have been completed. I decided to start on the aluminium bonnet acquired quite a while back for a bargain price, as I had got fed up with seeing the horrible yellow thing hanging on the wall and was intrigued to see if it was in fact a bargain or expensive scrap.

I found the top coats of paint and filler came off very easily with a heat gun and scraper but the primer was much more stubborn and needed a wire brush on the angle grinder to finish it off. Many minor dents and distortion was found along with fatigue cracks around the spot welds and hinge points. This at least made it easy to detach the skin from the frame so that the dents could be knocked out relatively easily. I now have to sort out all the distortion and decide how to join the two parts together again before I find out if it is an expensive piece of scrap that I have wasted a lot of time on. Hopefully I will be able to tell you in the next Newsletter.



Jim

### Quote of the Month

"When you start of as a driver, it is a sport; but when you get into Formula One , it suddenly becomes a job "

Alain Prost talking about Formula One.

Chris

### Tailpiece



Villoresi's and Ascari's Lancia D50s at the 1954 Spanish GP  
– a bit different to the way present F1 teams work

## **FOR SALE**

Check out website for the latest bargains.

## **CAPE LANCIA CLUB**

Club Website: [www.lancia.za.org](http://www.lancia.za.org) now regularly updated.

## **2008 Calendar (Provisional)**

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Social with Alfa Romeo Club  
March 29<sup>th</sup> - Autojumble  
April 4<sup>th</sup> – Garage – Lancia & Motoring DVD's at Baldwin Garage  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Social  
June 6<sup>th</sup> – Garage – Dave Lyon Collection  
July – Social – Chairmans Braai  
August – Garage – Lancia Stable  
September – Social  
October – Garage – Baldwin Garage  
November – Social – Presidents Braai  
December – Garage – Lancia Stable Braai

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