



# Newsletter

March 2008

After the very sad news of our Honorary Presidents passing and that all his Lancias and spares are going to be shipped out of the country it is great to hear some good news. There are some very strong rumors from well informed sources that FIAT SA are about to announce the re-launch of Lancia into SA. There are even some on test in the country now and member Gerrie Buys has spotted one. See "On the Road" below for details. Glad to say articles and news are still rolling in for the Newsletter so to make it easier for everyone to know the deadlines I have now added them to the calendar at the end. Our club Librarian Chris Pretorius has also promised to give us a motoring quotation each month. Keep them rolling in.

Jim

## LAST EVENTS

### **Breakfast at d'Aria**

Unfortunately this never happen as everyone was so busy with other things we couldn't get enough people together to make it worthwhile. Even an attempted change of dates made no improvement. We had the same problem in March last year so it looks like we will try and plan around it next year.

### **Autojumble - Timor Hall**



For a change there was perfect weather for this event run by the Crankhandle Club. I didn't have a stall this year but Dion was there selling his very practical and well made towing devices. I didn't find any Lancia bits for sale apart two very cheap models, one a Stratos and the other surprisingly an S4. I met two or three other members going round so I hope that they managed to snap up some bargains.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **Garage Meeting – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

At Warren & Chico's new ALF premises in Gordans Bay, They will be showing off their new premises and going over some of the projects that they have on the go.

### **Social Event – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

This will be an event to celebrate the life of Peter Immlen. If you have any ideas on the most suitable way of doing this, please contact a committee member.

## **ON THE WEB**

Isobel will have got the latest version of our website up and running by the time you receive this, so check it out on [www.lancia.za.org](http://www.lancia.za.org)

## **ON THE ROAD**

Sanet and myself had a meeting in Gordonsbay about a week or so ago and stumbled across a convoy of 4 heavily disguised cars on test; i.e. a Lancia Delta, Alfa Romeo Mi.To (Junior), Fiat 500 Abarth and new Ford Ka (built on the 500's platform).

As we were traveling in the Alfa GTA, the Italian test drivers were more than willing to let us "scrutinize" all the cars. My Italian is a bit better than their English (almost zero), which made the conversation very difficult but veery enthusiastic. (One of the guys even showed us his Alfa Romeo tattoo on his shoulder - a real enthusiast!) Although the cars were heavily disguised, they all felt just right. The Lancia Delta shares the Fiat Bravo's platform (as you guys already know). Great news indeed, that they will be produced in right hand drive form again.

**Gerrie**

## **FULVIAS ON THE MOVE**



My Series I had deteriorated badly over the winter, as I did not have sufficient time to give it the attention it deserved due to my house improvements. It was in major need of a major make over which would delay my Series II project even further. I have therefore passed it onto Dion Tromp who was looking for a Series I project. He is seen taking delivery above.

**Jim**

## THE BALDWIN GARAGE

A big milestone has been passed in the Garage with the house almost finished and Laurence plus a few Lancias gone I now get back working in there. I've started by moving everything out ready to repaint the floor. I will then decide on how everything will be laid out to give the most efficient working space. Hopefully next month I will be able to report back some real progress.

Jim

## FOR SALE

1959 Lancia Appia Series 3  
Colour: White  
Mileage: 65000 miles  
New Tyres & Battery  
Includes spare motor and box of spares

Contact: Mrs Schmidt  
021 558 8152 (Home)  
021 948 0252

## TAILPIECE



Chris

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

:" Cars are like girls. I get the same thrill from a beautiful car as I do from a beautiful girl , the thrill of getting them to respond. An ordinary family saloon is as different from a racing car as a girl guide is from a dolly. " -  
By Stirling Moss

Chris

## **CAPE LANCIA CLUB**

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

### **2007 Calendar (Provisional)**

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Garage Meeting  
April 29<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Newsletter articles  
May 4<sup>th</sup> – Social Meeting  
May 27<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Newsletter articles  
June 7<sup>th</sup> – Garage Meeting  
July 7<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Newsletter articles  
July 13<sup>th</sup> – Social Meeting  
July 29<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Newsletter articles  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Garage Meeting  
September 15<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Newsletter articles  
September 21<sup>st</sup> – Social Meeting  
September 29<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Newsletter articles  
October 4<sup>th</sup> – Garage Meeting  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Deadline for Newsletter articles  
November 9<sup>th</sup> – Social Meeting  
December 1<sup>st</sup> – Deadline for Newsletter articles  
December 6<sup>th</sup> – Garage Meeting

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