



Newsletter

May 2009

It has been a very worrying month for the Lancia brand. With GM going into liquidation, FIAT had put in a bid to buy out the European division of Opel/Vauxhall. It was rumoured that FIAT would then have to drop at least one of its existing brands and that would most probably be Lancia. Fortunately the deal did not go through so Lancia is safe. At least for the near future. Some good news is that although plans to produce the new Delta in RHD have been dropped it is thought that there is a quantity of parts available that could be used to convert existing LHD cars. A Dutch dealer is looking into doing some conversions for the UK market. If this works out it is possible that some could also be imported into SA.

Jim

LAST EVENT

Breakfast – River Cafe, Constantia Uitsig – 3rd May



The group of the regular old fogies were joined by new member Nic and his family for breakfast at the River Cafe. The food was very good with the Eggs Benedict getting many special mentions. This was more than matched by the pleasant atmosphere that was assisted by the warm fire. Nic arrived in his newly acquired Series I Fulvia and is planning to restore. I just hope that he is aware of the amount of work and expense that he has before him.

Jim

Alfa Club Track Day – Sunday 10th May



A small group of us spent an interesting morning at Killarney admiring the varied makes and models of cars there and chatting with their owners. No one was brave enough to take there Lancia onto the track but it did motivate us into working on them to get them to a standard where we could enjoy them on the track. We also took the opportunity to call on the Van Rensbergs workshop there to check out what was happening. The racing Beta was not there but work was in progress on a V8 track racer and an Alfa for oval track racing. There was also a 1600 Beta motor that had just been rebuilt for another member.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Garage Meeting – The Lancia Stable – Saturday 6th June

It is not going to be any where near as boring as Phil has made out in his previous communication. There are some interesting new vehicles there that we can play with and they are not all Lancias. You will have to come along to find out what they are. The tune-up gear will be available if anyone wants to check their ignition timing and carb balance.

Garage Meeting – Dave Lyon Garage – Saturday 20th June

A meeting not to be missed. Dave has a collection that everyone drools over and is only out shone by his families hospitality. More details will be published closer to the date.



Social Meeting – Chairmans Braai – Sunday 5th July

The Social event of the Winter. We have an indoor Braai area so don't worry about the weather

Jim

LANCIAS ON THE BIG SCREEN



All reports on the the new action thriller Angels & Demons say that the real star of the film is the new Delta HPE that is featured through out. Based on the Dan Brown best selling book with Tom Hanks as the co-star. Lancia have timed the release of the 1.8 litre TurboJet engined version the produces 200hp to coincide with the release of the film. Lancia are using the line “One Angel, 200 Demons” to describe the car.

Jim

LANCIAS ON THE TRACK

The good news is that Reinette Van Rensberg with her Beta is leading her class in the Classic Car race series at Killarney. We all wish her continued success.

Jim

THE BALDWIN GARAGE

I am still spending time tweaking my bonnet as I am struggling with the aluminium welding to join the two panels together. I have started making steel strengtheners to reinforce the edges and am planning to rivet and bond these along the sides of the bonnet. I am now researching which will be the best adhesive to use. I had an interesting Saturday morning with Phil who had brought his 1600 Fulvia around to find the cause of it pulling in different directions during acceleration and braking. After jacking the car up and much pulling of the wheels and wiggling of the steering wheel, it was discovered that two of the ball joints that had been refurbished by injecting plastic in to them had developed quite a bit of play. Phil telephoned the supplier straight away who then came round the following day and re-did the procedure. Phil reports that this has made a big improvement in the handling.

Jim

QUOTE of the Month

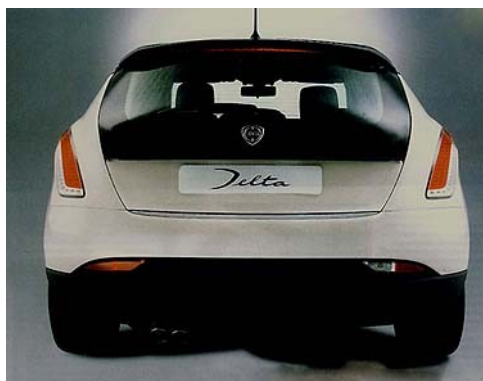
"It would be fine without the Americans " - Jim Clark on Indianapolis

Chris

FOR SALE

Check out website for the latest bargains. Many interesting Lancias for sale.

TAILPIECE



CAPE LANCIA CLUB

Club Website: www.lancia.za.org now regularly updated.

2009 Calendar (Provisional)

June 6th – Garage – Lancia Stable
June 20th – Garage – Dave Lyon Collection
July 5th – Social – Chairmans Braai
August 1st – Garage – Lancia Stable
September 6th – Social
October 3rd – Garage – Baldwin Garage
November 1st – Social – Presidents Braai
December 5th – Garage – Lancia Stable Braai

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