



Newsletter

July/August 2008

There are three exiting bits of news this month. The first is that the committee have met as requested and are making plans to try and expand the club and arrange more exciting events. The second is that Peter's spares have been saved by Julian and Phil joining with Christine to actively marketing them. Perhaps the most exciting news is that the press launch of the right hand drive Delta has taken place and it will be available in the UK next year. Read on for more details.

The very sad news is that Chris Williams Chairman of the Lancia Club of South Africa passed away last month in very similar ways to Peter Immelman. Our condolences go to his family and the Club.

Jim

LAST EVENTS

Chairmans Braai – Sunday 13th June



Yet another beautiful Cape winters day made the precaution of having an all weather venue unnecessary. We were rewarded by a good turn out of people but unfortunately only one Lancia. In fact Pierre drove past the house the thinking it was the wrong place as no Lancias were parked outside. Special thanks goes to all those who brought tasty treats to share with everyone and to Adrian for acting as Braai Master.

Garage Meeting – Sunday 7th June

An interesting meeting with both new members and new cars with some non Lancias to add some interest. The white Fulvia S1 belongs to new member Alain Uitenbroek and the green 1927 Talbot belongs to Feliciano Martin who bought Tony White's 1937 Aprilia and is having it restored by Johan Marais.

The burgundy BMW belongs to Deon Tromp who now wants to sell his Fulvia as he has bought a Fiat 850 Sport and an NSU Prince.

Salie was also there in a rather sad Citroen Club estate, but his presence and classic knowledge is always very welcome. John Ryall was also there as well as Peter Bradley (Ex owner of Bradleys In Paarden Eiland)



Phil

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Social Meeting – 10.30am Sunday 21st September

A Special Breakfast and social get together at the SS Racing Boma at Killarney. Breakfast will be supplied, Fruit, Yoghurt, Bacon and Egg roll, Tea or coffee creatively cooked and served by our own culinary master Julian Schut. Cost for breakfast will be R40.00 per head. We are currently finalising details to have access to the race track, either for a gentle drive and maybe even for a little bit of speed. Please watch this space or contact Phil (082 346 0127) Julian (082 339 1988) for more information.

Please RSVP Phil before 12 Sept"

THE WAY FORWARD

Feedback from members is that they would like the committee to look at exciting ways to move the forward and to build upon the substantial foundation built by Peter Immelman and the founder members. The revitalization of the Club website a few months ago has increased interest in the club quite substantially and also resulted in luring some new members to it's fold. It has spurred some of us to take advantage of this new interest in the club in order to expand on Peter's dream.

The committee have been extremely busy investigating the prospects of growing the club and have come to the conclusion that the time is right to actively promote the Club and it's love for the Lancia Marke and the camaraderie that exists amongst it's current members.

A group of members have formed an exciting "Spares Consortium" which whilst of major benefit to the club, is a separate initiative. More about this in Part 2 below.

The committee have come up with the following proposal for at two tier membership system as detailed below with the option of a purely Social Membership or a Spares membership with full access to Spares and the Clubhouse Workshop Facilities plus some competitive events.

If you are interested in this proposal or have added and different ideas please make them known on the Club Forum or contact Jim Baldwin jimb@ananzi.co.za 082 622 8677 and Phil Laing lanciagarage@telkomsa.net 082 346 0127

Note that to make this work not only will the membership base have to be increased considerably but also the size of the committee. We therefore must all work hard at enrolling new members and those that are pushing hard to have these changes must be prepared to come and work equally hard on the committee.

We request that you respond before the 15thSeptember with your comments or suggestions. A non-response will be taken as an assumption that you are content with the way the club is at the moment.

Part 1

Basic/Social membership R250.00 pa (per family)

Joining Fee R100.00 (Existing members do not have to pay a joining fee and members older than 75 are also excluded from joining fees and will have a reduced membership subscription)

This includes:

- Membership to SAVVA/SAMCA (Whichever is applicable under the new laws) to cover indemnities on outings or rally's (Courtesy of Lancia Club South Africa at a small fee included in this membership) (This will only take effect from 2009 after LCSA has had their AGM)
- Bi monthly social events
 - Whilst there may be some charge for some of these events to cover costs incurred by the club, the club will strive to reduce the costs by means of negotiation with venues or vendors and or subsidising the expense.
 - Prizes! Fun Lancia related events will be planned and the club will use fee's to acquire small prizes, Trivia events, Wine route treasure hunts, breakfasts dinners, etc etc
- Monthly news letter (by mail where the member does not have access to email)
- Regularly updated website and individual member pages available www.lancia.za.org
- Password protected link to the Forum on the Cape Lancia Club website
- Discounts to vendors/suppliers as arranged by the "spares consortium" on behalf of all members
- Invitation to and access to the "Spares Consortium" Clubhouse in the Tokai Plantation when it has open days, (which will be very often) braais, horse riding, mountain walks, artists in the sun, reading and just fun times

Part 2

Spares Consortium: (separate to the club)

The spares consortium will be run by Chris Immelman, Julian Schut and Phil Laing as trustees.

The new club house will be located in an old barn on the beautiful Porter Estate in Tokai, surrounded by hundreds of acres of rolling hills, magnificent tree's and pristine mountainside.



Membership: R450.00pa (Over and above Basic Membership)

This includes:

- 20% discount off published spares prices
- Full access to facilities at new clubhouse in Porter Estate
 - Sandblasting facilities
 - Metal polishing faculties
 - Rental of special Lancia tools as and when they become available. (We will use some of our funds to purchase or manufacture as many common tools as possible)
 - Usage of all normal tools at the clubhouse
 - Faculty to work on their own cars
 - Future mechanical facilities are planned, car lift, welding facilities, spray booth etc
 - Space to store cars (monthly fee will be charged)
 - Access to Lounge/Pub and all Lancia manuals, books and magazines
 - Braai Facilities on the beautiful 500 acre Estate
- Spares consortium will subscribe to newsletters/magazines from the UK Lancia club and this will be available in the clubhouse for reading
- Spares consortium will liaise/communicate with other clubs around the world via the Cape Lancia Club website which it (The spares consortium) will administer
- Spares consortium will strive to build a database of suppliers/vendors beneficial to Lancia members and negotiate discounts on the members behalf
- Possible future events:
 - Track Days
 - Gymkhana's
 - Rally's (In conjunction with other clubs)
 - Concour de Elegance
 - Invitation to other clubs to join us for events at the clubhouse

UK LAUNCH OF DELTA HPE

There have been many articles in the English press since the launch. All have been positive but I have unfortunately not yet seen a real rave review. Personally I am very glad that FIAT have decided to reposition the Lancia brand yet again by going back to being promoted as a real Grand Touring car rather than a pure Luxury vehicle. Also innovation is going to be part of the plan and something Lancia have also been renowned for. Even by its size it is creating a new class of vehicle and it is bristling with all types of electronic aids, be it to control the high tech. Turbocharged engines (both petrol and diesel), the drive system or the suspension. There is even an option that will enable the car to park itself. Integrale fans will be pleased to know that even the smallest engined version is fast than the original version. Such is the pace of technology. They will go on sale in the UK in the middle of next year. So the questions are who will be the first member to bring one in as a special import and will FIAT SA make them available for sale here.

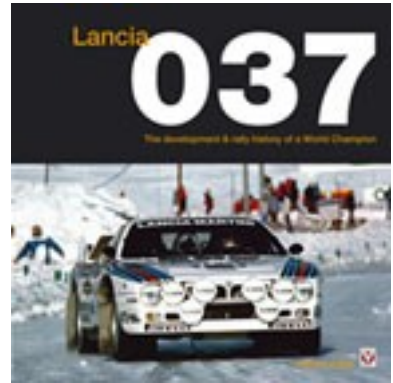


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IN THE WEB

We have been very disappointed with the response to the club forum. There have been very few posts. The committee were hoping that there would be a lot of discussion and ideas the future of the club. As there hasn't it must be assumed that everyone is happy with the club as it is now. If you have strong ideas on ways of improving the club please let it be known either on the forum or directly to one of the committee.

Jim

THE SEILER GARAGE

Phil was fortunate enough to be able to visit Tony Seiler in his garage whilst he was up in J'burg recently. Attached are some pictures he took that will give you some idea of the cars and spares that Tony has available. Hopefully Phil will have time to give us a write up on the visit once he has sorted out his own spares.

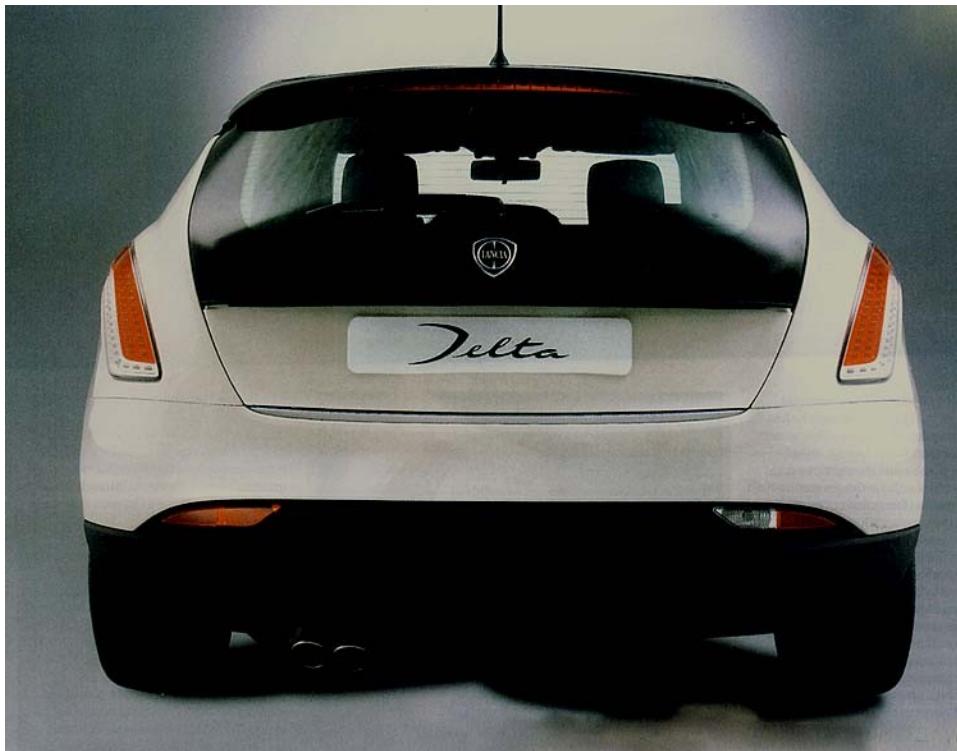


Phil

FOR SALE

Check out website for the latest bargains.

TAILPIECE



CAPE LANCIA CLUB

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

2008 Calendar (Provisional)

September 21st – Social Meeting
September 29th – Deadline for Newsletter articles
October 4th – Garage Meeting
November 3rd – Deadline for Newsletter articles
November 9th – Social Meeting
December 1st – Deadline for Newsletter articles
December 6th – Garage Meeting

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