



Newsletter

November 2006

Well we are very near to the end of a very busy Lancia year, our Centenary Year. We've had a varied program of events that have been very well attended considering the size of the club. The positive trends have been the increased involvement with other clubs and the growth of Classic Car Events. The committee will be soon meeting to draw up the calendar of next year's events. If you have any ideas for suitable topics or would like to invite us to your Garage please let me know so they can be fitted in. The present committee all have heavy commitments on their time so any volunteers who have time to assist in the organization of events or publishing of the newsletter would be very welcome. Whilst on the subject of volunteers a big thank you must go out to Phil Laing for offering to hold this months garage meeting at his new place so soon after moving in. See below for details.

Unfortunately this Newsletter is a bit shorter than normal as I have not received any articles lately and have been short on time to be able to do any research. So if you have any suitable articles or ideas let me know before the next edition.

Jim

LAST EVENT

Presidents Braai – Sunday 5th November



After bad weather forecast and storms on the Saturday we were fortunate enough for the usual Cape Lancia Club weather return for the Sunday. All the regular crowd were there a very varied selection of food was seen on the Braai. For a change there were no collapsing chair incidents this year which was surprising considering the amount of tasting of home brewed alcoholic beverages that went on and the amount of Jenny's Bread & Butter pudding that was consumed. We all than Peter, Chris & David for being such great hosts.

Jim



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Garage Meeting – 3.00pm Saturday 2nd December

This will be held at Phil Laing's at 22 Flamingo Crescent Zeekoevlei.

If all goes well we will have three Integrale's there of various ages so that we can demonstrate how the vehicle developed into what must have been the most successful rally car ever.

Directions:

From the M5 take the Grassy park turnoff into Victoria Rd
Travel down Victoria Rd, pass 2 sets of traffic lights, pass a 4 way stop (Rondevlei on RHS) to next stop street (wooden hut on RHS)
Turn right into Peninsula rd and follow the road all the way round.
Pass a stop street
Take first right (or second right) after stop street into Flamingo Crescent.

If you get lost, Phil contact details are Tel: 706 7663 Cell: 082 346 0127

Timor Hall Classic Car Show – Saturday & Sunday 27th/28th January

There has been another change of plans and rather than split the two days by year it has been decided split them by Marque. We have been asked which day we would prefer to be there. Let me know urgently if you are interested in attending and if so which date you would prefer. I can ensure we are allocated an area for us all.

Flaminia 50th Anniversary Tour – Monday 19th to Monday 26th March

Tuesday 20th March

Midday: Gauteng participants collect cars from Cape Town station

Evening: Welcome dinner at Constantia Uitsig restaurant. Official start of the Tour.

Wednesday 21st March (Human Rights Day)

09.30 Meet at Dave Lyons' home in Hout Bay to view his amazing car collection.

11.30 Leisurely (if you want!) drive along Chapman's Peak Drive, Noordhoek, and over Ou Kaapse Weg, to lunch under the oaks at Steenberg. The cars will be displayed on the lawns of this historic building.

Thursday 22nd March:

Drive to Hermanus along the coastal roads, stopping for coffee along the way. Lunch in Hermanus or at Moggs Country Cookhouse in the Hemel and Aarde Valley. Itinerary to be arranged.

Friday 23rd March

Visit to Signal Hill, Waterfront and Robben Island. Visit to the Viglietti workshop and Ferrari showroom. Dinner at Limoncello in Gardens (near the city centre)

Saturday 24th March

Visit to L'Ormarins Estate, in Franschoek for wine tasting (the Terra del Capo wines!) and to visit the newly finished Motor Museum. It is intended that all Italian car clubs in the Cape will be invited, to create an Italian Car Day, subject to further discussions with L'Ormarins. The more ambitious drivers may like to set off early and drive there via Sir Lowry's and the Franschoek passes.

Sunday 25th March

Lunch in Kalk Bay or Simonstown.

Nick Pryke

Lancia Wedding Cars

This month one of my best friends got married, as one of the best men I had certain responsibilities. The most important being to get him to the church on time and in style. Of course we decided that our fleet of Lancias would be ideal for this and get the Montecarlo and Fulvia clean and ready for the big day.

On the day we put all the ribbon on the cars, wrote all over the windows with shoe polish and with great fanfare picked up the rather nervous looking groom. As per tradition we stopped off at our local pub for the final beer with the single man. From there we headed off to the wedding at Bloemhof wine estate.

Just after the N7 heading towards the quarry we were caught up by the family and friends also on the way to the wedding. My Montecarlo with the groom sitting next to me decided this was now the ideal time to get some attention and with a huge backfire stopped dead. As you can imagine this was rather embarrassing, the other best man jumped out of the Fulvia with a video camera and preceded to film the groom pushing the car.

An officer from the metro police pulled up to see what the problem was, on seeing the two cars in wedding trim, he put on his siren and wished the groom best of luck over his loud speaker. By now my Montecarlo had got over itself, had started and was running fine again. So we had a police escort most of the way to the wine farm.

To top it off when we got to the wine farm, the priest's wife nearly burst into tears when she saw the white Fulvia. She used to own a Canary Yellow one when they were first married and she had never forgotten it. The Lancias also managed to make it into the service itself as the priest explain marriage was like driving a Land Rover or Lancia, to enjoy it fully you have to constantly be working on it.



The Baldwin Garage

From the Fulvia side.

No progress on the Series II this month as I've had to do a lot of work on my usually ultra reliable BMW but I will not pollute the pages of the Newsletter talking about that. Fortunately the Series I was still running well and was used to commute whilst the BMW was being fixed. However, when it came back from the wedding the generator light would not go out, so the next job is to rebuild the generator unless I fortunate enough to find a simple cause.

Jim

From the Beta side

During my exams I built up a list of things that needed doing on the Monte. First week after my exams I got stuck in and have done most of them. Including new rear wheel bearing, new polyurethane rear suspension bushes, rebuilt alternator, new core plugs and weld up cracks around the driver's door hinges.

The electrics in the car still are not perfect, my Gen light seems to glow on and off for no apparent reason and the occasional backfire at 3500rpms is still there.

I have had the Montecarlo for just over a year now and used it just about everyday as my primary mode of transport. Over the last year I have covered about 25000km, which is a lot to ask for 24-year-old car that gets driven pretty hard. I'm hoping with the continual improvements I make to the car it will become more reliable and fun to drive for the year ahead. Also maybe a little more free time to work on other projects.

Laurence

Lancia Club of SA

For Sale

For Sale: Flavia parts new and used. Distributor caps, handbrake cables, suspension bushes, master cylinder kits, booster kits, and many more too numerous to mention. Contact Johann on 011 849-4718 or 083 240 8377.

For Sale: As a unit or separate neg. **Beta Volumex engine block** - balanced crank f/wheel , rods , pistons , new belt. VX gearbox - 19/62 final drive , modified f/wheel to take slightly smaller clutch & p/plate Used VX pistons in good condition with new rings - Block needs re-sleeve back to std (I can have it done - extra) Recon. water pump, used oil pump, Baffled sump (a la Guy Croft) Cylinderhead - Complete with blower, manifold, carb, airbox (new tensioner), new guides (not fitted) - needs seats to be cut (can have guides fitted and seats cut to 3 angles @ extra cost) , s/steel water pipes (top and bottom), new t/stat,

cambelt. Complete gasket set. R4,250.00. Contact Deon.VonBenecke@sanlam.co.za or 082 469 3744.

For Sale: Beta Volumex parts: Steering Boss (imported from UK) to fit Momo steering wheel R400. Front Discs R400 per set. Volumex Front bumper (full bumper) R400. Volumex Rear Bumper with fog lamps R500. Contact Deon.VonBenecke@sanlam.co.za or 082 469 3744.

For Sale: 1988 Thema V6 2.8 litre, manual gearbox. Lancia Blu, new windscreen, Stilauto mag wheels. Regularly serviced. R12,000. Contact Roger on swanfoto@iafrica.com 083 226 1935 or 011 802 4887 h.

For Sale: Integrale Evo. Contact Shaheen Kalla on shaheenk@absamail.co.za or 011 486 2316 h.

Collectable Lancia models - ideal Christmas presents: Fulvias, Deltas, Aurelias. Tony 011 440 6851.

For Sale: Lancia Thema 16V Turbo. New gearbox. White with blue interior. R20 000 or nearest offer. Contact Tony 011 440 6851.

For Sale: Thema 8V Turbo engine and gearbox (ex smashed car). Contact Max 011 786 8544.

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Note: Peter submitted this, I suspect in an attempt to stop me putting in another picture of him. Jim

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