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CLUB PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

The last three months have been very busy and there has been a lot going on in the club. As you will all be aware, we held the Annual General Meeting in October. I would firstly like to thank the members for voting me as president again. I am honoured to fill this position and I hope I can continue to serve the club to everyone's satisfaction. I would also like to thank the outgoing committee members, who have given me a lot of support over the year and without them we would not have been able to arrange so many club events.

While I am thanking people, I would also like to express my appreciation for the new committee members, most of whom have stayed on in their previous positions. I am sure we can look forward to another exiting year, with a great calendar of events. The committee are currently working on the 2020 social calendar, so if members have any ideas for the calendar, please pass them on to the committee.

We have enjoyed a number of club runs over the last few months, and each time the weather has been kind to us. The Bay to Birdwood was also run in September, and for anyone who feels they missed out, please make sure you check out the exciting news about next year's Bay to Birdwood in this edition of Scuderia Classica.

Well done to the organising committee on another successful Auto Italia. As usual we had a stand at the grounds, and it was great to see such a strong representation from the club. It is always great to see the variety of cars and bikes from the very old, to the very fast.

As I mentioned in the last magazine, Sandy and Bill have 'retired' as editors of the magazine. Sam Mancarella and I have taken on the mantel and we are both nervous as they are big shoes to fill. We are keen to keep the magazine going so as usual, we welcome any input from members. If you have any ideas for the magazine, and in particular any feedback on this edition, please pass them on to the committee.

I trust you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Stay safe, and we look forward to another great year.

Regards,

Renzo Bonini

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MONTHLY RUNS

On the first Sunday of each month, unless otherwise advised and weather permitting, turn up at the Tower Hotel car park situated on the corner of Magill and St. Bernards Roads at 08.30 for a 09.00 departure. Email/s are sent to Members advising of the destination and any details prior to the run.

We usually go for a drive through the Adelaide Hills to a convenient breakfast location where we enjoy fine food and interesting conversation. Whether there are two or twenty of us, we will go for a run. While this is primarily for our Members, we encourage anyone who owns or has an interest in Italian cars to join us and enjoy the leisurely safe run.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

General Meetings are held at the Maid Hotel, 1 Magill Road, Stepney and commence at 7.30pm.

Committee Meetings, as required, take place at the same dates and location as the General Meetings and commence at 7.00pm.

Please ensure we have your correct email address.

The next meetings are on:

- 4th February 2020 at the Maid Hotel
- 3rd March 2020 at the Maid Hotel
- 7th April 2020 at the Maid Hotel

Please note there is no club meeting in January.

UPCOMING EVENTS

18th Jan Pizza Day
North Haven
Further events to be advised

NEW MEMBERS

SICC welcomes the following new members:

- Rob DeAngelis
- Sam Raciti
- Giacomo Scarfo
- John Keeves
- Francesco Cecere
- Joe Rechichi
- Anthony Esposito
- Frank Siciliano
- Athanasios Kasdalis
- Ferdinand Cetta
- Angelo Minucci

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Monthly Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the Month at 7.30pm

Venue: To be advised prior to each meeting until a permanent location is found.

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SICC Social Club Calendar 2020

January - Saturday 18th - Twilight Run & pizza

February - Sunday 9th - TBA

March - Sunday 8th - BBQ Breakfast

April - Sunday 5th - McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic Day

May - Sunday 3rd - Chris & Maureen Highet's property—Harrogate

June - Sunday 28th - Club Rego Day

July - TBA

August - TBA

September - Sunday 6th - Show 'n' Shine—Location TBA

September - Sunday 27th - Bay to Birdwood 40th Anniversary

October - TBA

November - TBA

December - TBA

If you have any suggestions for Club activities, please email Renzo:
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MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION

All owners and enthusiasts of Italian cars are welcome to become a member of the Scuderia Italian Car Club Inc. Initial Member / Associate Subscription cost is currently \$105.00. This includes the cost of a Club Shirt, Club Key Ring [membership number], and name badge. In subsequent years, membership/associate fee is currently \$60.00. Family Membership is \$25.00. There is no additional joining fee.

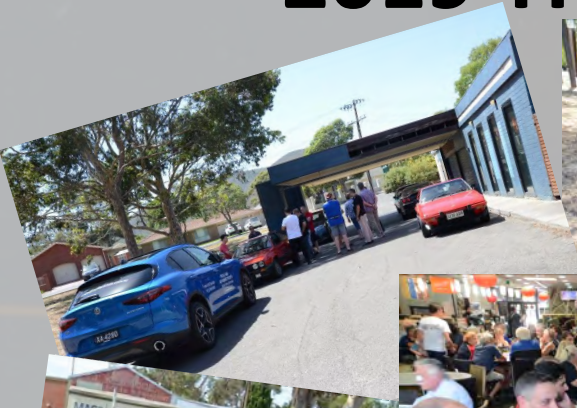
Club membership commences 1st July and ends 30th June. **If your car/s are on Conditional Registration and you have not paid your Club Membership fee [due date 30th June each year], you are driving an unregistered and uninsured car.** Please ensure your membership fee is paid up and your log book is current and stamped with the correct year.

Once your car has been granted Conditional Registration, the onus is on the owner of the vehicle to maintain their vehicle in original order and to keep the log book/s up to date.

An annual log book validation [the club organises a day and venue for this] is required. All Members are entitled to register their car/s on Conditional Registration if their pride and joy meets all requirements.



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DOVE SIAMO ANDATI

Dove siamo andati? Where did we go? This is a new exposé which chronicles our adventures as a club over the last couple months, ranging from regular (and impromptu) breakfast runs, club meetings and other visits. In short – if we've travelled somewhere to eat as a club – you'll see it here!

Our journey this issue starts with the October breakfast run to Strathalbyn with Tedde (Glenn) and Pam & Ken representing "Squadra 500" amongst a sea of 124 arachnids. Our run was capped off with a fantastic breakfast where the popular dish was the deliciously satisfying breakfast roll.

Next stop takes us to The Haus in Hahndorf for November's breakfast run. This time, courtesy of a trifecta of Spider marques (Alfa, Fiat and Abarth) departing from our usual starting point, meeting with fellow members at our destination.



In November we had our club lunch at the end of a lovely windy drive towards Kanmantoo. Thomas' Lancia suffered an unfortunate power loss up the hill on the freeway heading out of the city. We look forward to seeing Tom's Lancia back in action for another hill-climb!

Our journey ends at Willshire Motor Trimmers in Richmond for a workshop tour and pizza. Daryl Bowler – owner and managing director – gave us an extensive tour of Willshire's facilities and valuable insight on the solutions offer. In addition to seating, upholstery, soft tops and interiors, Willshire provides solutions for work van/truck interiors and mobility solutions, providing wheelchair access, drive assists, restraints, ramps and lifts which provide independence to the disabled and mobility markets.

Sam Mancarella



MOTORCLAS



Motorclassica is the annual Australian International Concours d'Elegance & Classic Motor Show held at the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne over the October 11th to 13th weekend. Since 2010 the event has welcomed over 20,000 visitors each year to enjoy a display of over 500 vehicles, fine food and wine, cinema, educational displays and more than 100 trade exhibitors.

Club stalwarts, Maria and Dom Lepro, make the annual pilgrimage across the A8 (Dukes and Western Highways) to attend this amazing event. Since I was scheduled to be 'back home' that weekend we decided to make an event of it – Friday afternoon I picked the kids up from school, Ariana from work and met up with Dom and Maria for my first Motorclassica.

Boy did I pick a good year to start this new pilgrimage! Each year celebrates one or more marques to commemorate a common milestone. This year paid tributes to Bentley, Alvis, Citroen, Mini, Japanese Sports Cars and – of course – Abarth.

"The Iron Ladies" celebrated 100 years of Bentley – specifically those built by Walter Owen Bentley over twelve-year period before the brand merged. These 'WO Bentleys' were driven to victory at Le Mans 24 hours in 1928 by Woolf Barnato and Bernard Rubin – who was born in Carlton, not too far from the Exhibition Buildings.

"Joyeux Anniversaire Mon Ami" celebrated 100 years of Citroën. Founded by French industrialist Andre-Gustave Citroën in 1919, this iconic brand became the first European mass-produced car producing at a rate of 100 cars/day within its first year.



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“The Giant Slayers” celebrated the 60th anniversary of Mini. The Morris Mini-Minor debuted on August 29th 1959. The economical two door cars were targeted towards a family of four and became an instant hit through their innovative packaging and entertaining go-kart like driving dynamics (sound familiar?). In 1961, John Cooper spearheaded the release of 1000 units featuring an enlarged engine, taking displacement right up to a full 1.0 litre pumping out 55hp. Undoubtedly this was a car inspired by other, similar such vehicles such as the iconic FIAT 500, launched as ‘The Cinquecento’ back in July 1957.

“A Sting in the Tail” was Motorclassica’s celebration of Abarth’s 70th anniversary. Starting as an apprentice in a motorcycle factory, Carlo Abarth (Karl at the time) had a penchant for motor racing until an accident in 1939 ended his racing career. Post-war Abarth saw him settle in Merano and eventually became the Italian distributor of cars produced by his German friend – Ferdinand Porsche.

The Porsche-designed Cistalia 360 drove that company to bankruptcy in 1949. Carlo promptly bought up the assets to launch Abarth and Co. in Bologna as a modification and tuning business for many Italian vehicles. The iconic logo originated from the colours of the Merano Coat of Arms combined with his astrological birth sign. The rest is history which we Scuderisti love to celebrate.

Our time at Motorclassica was capped off with lovely, authentic Italian pizza at A25 at the top end of Hardware Lane. All in all, a lovely weekend I look forward to next year!

Sam Mancarella



CHRISTMAS BARBEQUE

Sunday, 1st December was our club's annual Christmas barbeque at Thorngate Park was paired with a calm, sunny and temperate summer's day...for precisely 30 seconds!

With my Spider safely (and cleanly) tucked away in the garage, I set off to meet Dom and others to help setup and get the barbeque going for breakfast. I arrived to see Thomas holding his umbrella next to Dom in a futile attempt to fight 40km/h winds to avoid the sideways rain drenching them both over the barbeque. Great! I'll fire up the other one with the Moka pot to get some coffee going! Ninety very wet and windy minutes later we enjoyed our first coffee and promptly decided to relocate our base to a less swampy area.

Soon it was midday and many fellow Scuderisti began arriving with salads and desserts – we very quickly filled one half of the main pavilion with food, smiles and laughs, delicious rocky road and the Tarantella courtesy of DJ Zollo. The barbeque area, which I like to call the 'engine room', was awash with Scuderisti helping Dom and I cook delicious Italian Pork sausages, chicken sausages, scotch fillets and chicken burger patties.

Despite having to cook with one hand and hold down the marque with the other, the cooking team did a stellar job feeding the troops with plenty leftovers. The best part is we all enjoyed each other's company and take home a nice Italian Panettone for the festive season.

Sam Mancarella



BAY TO BIRDWOOD 2019

The 2019 Bay to Birdwood Classic was run on Sunday 29th September. While it was decided that the Club was not doing anything as a Club, I decided to enter the X1/9 as I had done two years earlier, as I was hoping to enjoy an incident free run.

Two years ago, I started to experience over-heating problems (as everyone warned me I would) as soon as we hit West Terrace, and it got worse from there with all the stop and start traffic through the city. I made it to Birdwood, but with a lot of stopping to wait for the car to cool off and many stress-free moments. I have done a lot on the car to fix the overheating problems, so I was keen to see if it all worked and to enjoy the run this time.

I registered the car early (I was No. 56) and was pleased to see that the route had been changed this year so that it would not go through the city, but rather along Greenhill Road before turning left at Fullarton Road to make its way to Northeast Road.

The morning was cool and partly cloudy, with no rain forecast and an estimated maximum of around 20 degrees – perfect! I brought a friend with me (Lennie), as Anna had decided it was too stressful last time. We arrived at Barratt Reserve in West Beach at 7:00 a.m., and the grounds were already about half full. We did the usual admiring of the incredible assortment of cars for a couple of hours. Vehicles began departing at 8:30, and we finally got away at about 9:30 a.m. We heard later that there were cars leaving West Beach as late as 12:30 so we did well to get off that early.

The drive was very good through Greenhill Road and the Eastern suburbs, with only traffic light stops and some minor builds up along the way. We even saw Dom and Maria waving to us on the median strip on Anzac Highway. The first real traffic jam we hit was on Northeast Road just before the alternate start point at Civic Park Modbury. I'm not sure if that jam was caused by the cars entering onto Northeast Road from the start point, or local traffic, but it was a significant hold up. The next jam was a few kilometres before Gumeracha, however it seemed to free up between Gumeracha and Birdwood.

We arrived at the finish at about 12:30. I am happy to say that the car performed perfectly, with no overheating whatsoever, and therefore no stress for the driver. The weather was pleasant, and there were lots of spectators lining the roads, and the drive was very enjoyable, if somewhat slower than I would have liked.

We enjoyed a lunch from one of the vans set up near the Motor Museum, and then went into the museum mainly to drool over the Bugatti Veyron. We then enjoyed some olive music that was being played on the forecourt of the Museum, before slowly making our way back to the car while checking out many of the other entrants. We left Birdwood at about 3:30 p.m. and had another pleasant drive home. I can confirm that this time, I did enjoy the experience.

Renzo Bonini



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AUTO ITALIA 2019

After a year of preparation it was here again Auto Italia 2019. The weather was not as perfect as we had expected but we had to make do.

It may have scared of a few entrants and some public as it was a cool and overcast day with a light sprinkling of rain.

All in all it was an enjoyable and successful day with a good turnout of cars minus the Ducati Club do to the Philip Island motorcycle racing on the same weekend.

We had Pizzateca making Pizza's and the Family and Friends of the school supplying pasta and all other types of Italian food on the day.

There were quite a few new cars also on display by Solitaire Alfa, Fiat and Abarth to keep a lot of people interested in what is available in new Italian cars.

All the entrants cars that turned up on the day were all very well prepared which is a credit to their owners.

Hopefully next year we can book some extraordinary weather for the event.

Dom Lepro





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SICC MEMBER PROFILE

Name	Cesare Aloï
Club position	Committee Member
When you joined SICC	April 2019
Your Italian car(s)	I have a 2017 Abarth 124 Spider and a 2018 Abarth 695 Rivale.
Details about your car, i.e. where did you find it, how long have you had it, what work have you done on it	I bought the Abarth 124 Spider through Raphael, and earlier this year he told me about the Rivale, which was a limited edition 695. The only thing I have done to my cars is added the Record Monza exhaust to the 124. I really love the little car (the Rivale), it is so much fun to drive.
Anything you're looking for to complete your car	No, I like to keep my cars as original as possible. Apart from the exhaust on the 124, I don't intend to make any changes. I did replace the antenna on the 124 with a smaller stubby antenna, but I have changed it back because I want to keep it original.
Favourite drive in your car	Every time we go up into the hills as a club. I love the fact that we get 6 or 7 Italian cars together driving through the hills. I really enjoy it!
Your dream car	The 695 Giannini. It is based on an Abarth 695 and it is a beautiful car. The engine puts out 350 horsepower! It is worth over \$100,000, there were only a few made and there are none in Australia. I would love to buy one of those cars.
Favourite food	Meat—I eat much more meat than anything else. My favourite is T Bone steak. I have pasta maybe once a week, but meat I have all the time!
Favourite TV show	Two and a Half Men. I used to laugh a lot when that show was on, and I still like to watch the repeats. It wasn't as good when Charlies Sheen left though.
Favourite movie	This wasn't a movie, but an Italian mini series about the Mafia. It was called 'La Piovra' which translate to 'The Octopus' and it was a very good series.
Most memorable moment	The day I got married.
Greatest likes	Growing fruit trees. I have a small block but I have put fruit trees everywhere. I am good at grafting, and I have put four or 5 varieties on one tree. I have many different varieties of fruit at my place.
Greatest dislikes	Drugs. I have never touched them and I think they are bad for our society.







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RAPH AND JESS'S WEDDING

I got to use my Valliants again as wedding cars - this time I had the privilege of driving Jess to the church for her wedding to Raphael.

It was raining on and off on the day of the wedding which was annoying as I spent a week detailing both cars ready for the event.

As I turned up at Jess's home to pick her up it was still raining, but they were taking photos so it did not matter. Once they came out to get into the cars it actually stopped raining and held out till we got to the church.

The ceremony was very enjoyable, especially seeing Raf wearing a cravat which made me think he looked a little like Mike Preston from MasterChef. Jess looked amazing in her wedding dress.

Except she had to squeeze herself with the dress into Raf's Alfa GTV for the drive to the reception center in the city. There was a slight detour with all the wedding cars, groomsmen and bridesmaids going through the McDonalds drive through on Tapley's Hill Rd. They ordered nuggets and drinks while the photographer took photos of the cars going through!

I dropped the bridesmaids off at the reception centre and made my way to the top floor of the Topham Carpark for photos of the groomsmen next to the cars.

From there I made my way home as I had an engagement party to attend.

Dom Lepro



THE THIN SCRAWNY MAN *By Thomas Zollo*

The thin scrawny man staggers with cigarette in mouth
The cigarette delicately perched on his lips smouldering white smoke across the air
The thin scrawny man wearing his trusty old clothes tattered through years of toil
A flannelette purple shirt, blue patchy overalls and worn out brown leather boots
The thin scrawny man wears a battered straw hat giving some respite against the searing heat
The straw hat complements his bushy grey beard to hide his weathered face
The thin scrawny man plays the Soprani accordion of his favourite song The flight of the bumble bee
The stubby fingers furiously prancing up and down the white keys in triple time
The musical notes jumping out from the keys in unison like a marching band
The black bellows pumping air like a steam engine racing through the night
The thin scrawny man smiles and sways to the melody and then collapses at the finale in joyous jubilation.



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