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SCUDERIA CLASSICA

❖ Our new Venue

Members enjoy their first meeting at their new venue!

❖ Dove Siamo Andati

2021 makes up for 2020 with lots of sanctioned and unsanctioned events!

❖ Life with a Stelvio

The Mancarellas welcome their newest family member to their garage





CLUB PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of March! Let's hope that things shape up a little better than last year, and we can look forward to things getting back to something resembling normal. While there have been a few outbreaks in different states over the last few months, we have been comparatively lucky in Australia. We should spare a thought for people in countries like Italy, England, America and Canada, where it will be a long time before they can experience the freedoms we are enjoying in this country. As an example, I have a cousin in Italy who recently was diagnosed with COVID, as was her husband. They got through it (though she ended up in hospital on a respirator), they were isolated a further two weeks until their results came back negative, and after about two days of freedom they have gone back into lockdown!

One of the things that is looking brighter for the club is that we believe we have found a home for our club meetings. In February the committee held a meeting at the King's Head Hotel to try it out. The first concern we had was parking – we thought a venue in the city would present all manner of parking problems. We found that parking after 6:00 p.m. in that area is not a problem. It is free and there are plenty of spots available close to the hotel. Our hosts, licensees Virginia Phillips and Patrick Marcucci provided the committee with its own room in which to dine, and then continue on with the meeting. The food was great and the staff were very friendly and attentive. The venue was comfortable, quiet and worked well for us. We have since held a monthly meeting at the venue, and all attendees agreed that the hotel is a great 'home' for the club.

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Carman and Lilly for allowing us to hold our meetings at San Marco Pizzeria for quite some time now. We appreciate their hospitality and will really miss their great pizzas!

We are continuing with our regular social events and club runs, the social events for the coming year are outlined in this magazine, and as usual members will receive emails with details of the events as they approach. We have quite a full calendar planned, but all events are subject to change. If you have any social events you would like to see on the calendar please let anyone in the committee know.

Overall, despite the circumstances, the club still enjoyed an event filled year in 2020, particularly in the last quarter. Let's hope that that this year things start to turn around and we can look forward to another year of Italian car motoring, great food and even better company.

Regards,

Renzo Bonini



THE EDITOR

Cari Scuderisti,

It's great to be back!

Despite the recent outbreaks and yet another state-wide lockdown in Victoria, I think it's safe to say that Australia is starting to understand what a COVID-normal looks like where we can work and live again within sensible and practical boundaries designed to contain the risk of viral spread.

That said, it is also worth recognising how fortunate we are to live in a country like Australia. Our geographical isolation is instrumental in containing any influx of infection. As Renzo said our hearts go to those living in countries still struggling to contain COVID at this time. Vaccine rollouts will help, just as it did with polio in the 1950s.

The good thing about 2021 is that we've packed it with a swag of exciting club events and activities throughout the year. As I write this I reminisce about the fantastic turnout we enjoyed so far with our events these last couple months, and look forward to our Easter BBQ breakfast at the Dopietta premises on the 21st of March. I also look forward to our upcoming meetings at The King's Head who have generously accommodated us every first Wednesday of the month. I encourage you all to check it out for yourselves and take advantage of their club-exclusive specials at your leisure.

I am also looking forward to what lies ahead for our much beloved Abarth, Alfa Romeo, FIAT, Lancia and Maserati marques. Stellantis is the new parent company after FCA and Groupe PSA merged officially earlier this year. Now with a recent penchant for Alfa Romeo, I also look forward to what the brand makes of its new crossover SUV – the Tonale—due out later this year. I'm curious to also see what comes of the Lancia brand as well.

Did you know, that despite the Lancia Ypsilon being sold only in Italy, it was the second-best selling model in the region in 2019 selling 58000 units? To put that in context the highest selling model in Australia for the same year was the Toyota Hilux at 48000 units. So it's good to see that the 115 year old brand is still very strong.

Anyway, that is all from me. I look forward to seeing you all again soon at a club event near you!

Tanti Baci,

Sam Mancarella



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MONTHLY RUNS

SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

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

SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

Monthly General Meetings are held at the King's Head Hotel, 357 King William Street, Adelaide, on the first Wednesday of the month.

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

Notice of upcoming Monthly Meetings and Committee Meetings is sent via email. **Please ensure we have your correct email address.**

The next meetings are on:

- 7th April - King's Head Hotel
- 5th May - King's Head Hotel
- 2nd June - King's Head Hotel
- 7th July - King's Head Hotel

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

- 21st March Breakfast BBQ
- 28th March Classics on the Park
- 28th April McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic
- 2nd May BBQ at Harrogate
- Further events to be advised

NEW MEMBERS

SICC welcomes the following new members:

- Ben Joyce
- Danny Iandiorio
- Ariana Mancarella
- Lachlan Hodgson
- Donato Russo

SCUDERIA ITALIAN CAR CLUB INC.

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Venue: The King's Head Hotel, 357 King William Street, Adelaide.

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SICC Social Club Calendar 2021

March - Sunday 21st - Breakfast barbeque at Doppietta

April - Sunday 28th - McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic

May - Sunday 2nd - BBQ at Harrogate

June - Friday 4th - Campania Club

June - Sunday 27th - Club Registration Day

July - Friday 30th - Marche Club

August - Sunday 15th - Oakbank

September - Sunday 19th - Wallaroo

October - Sunday 10th - Winery Lunch

November - Date TBA - Auto Italia

December - Date TBA - Christmas Function

If you have any suggestions for social events please email: editor@scuderia.asn.au

NOTE: All Social Events are subject to government guidelines related to social distancing and isolation requirements.

Events are subject to change and members will be notified by email





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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.



DOVE SIAMO ANDATI?

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

As the Twilight Run didn't go ahead in January due to extreme heat, an alternative run was organized for Sunday 17th January. We met at the usual meeting place then headed off to McLaren Vale, ending our run at Pizzateca for lunch.

The food was great, the company fantastic, and all in all we had a great day. It was also great to see Sam and the family over from Melbourne—the first club event they have been able to attend in a long time!



On the 7th February a club run was organised for breakfast at the Windy Point Café.

It was almost an all Alfa day at the usual meeting place, from where we left for a pleasant drive in the Adelaide hills under overcast and slightly wet conditions. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed a delicious breakfast with stunning views over beautiful Adelaide!



After being postponed in January due to extreme heat the Twilight Run to Osborne was re-scheduled to February.

On a very pleasant afternoon on Saturday 13th February we met at the Target Newton car park and placed our pizza orders with Maria. We had a very relaxed drive along Grand Junction Road to the Esplanade where we headed north to the usual park in Osborne.

The pizzas from Pizzas 4 U arrived soon after we did and by then everyone was hungry. The pizzas were great, as usual and it was a fun evening.



On the Sunday of the March long weekend we met at the usual spot for the Sunday morning run. Our Club Captains were not able to make it on the day, but Legri had booked the Pomegranate Café in Birdwood for the group. It was an overcast day but did not look like it would rain, and it was warm enough to have the tops down on the convertibles. We left at about 9:00 a.m. but soon after we set off the group was split in two. Both groups managed to find their way via the Gorge Road to Birdwood, and we enjoyed a great breakfast sitting outside on a lovely morning.



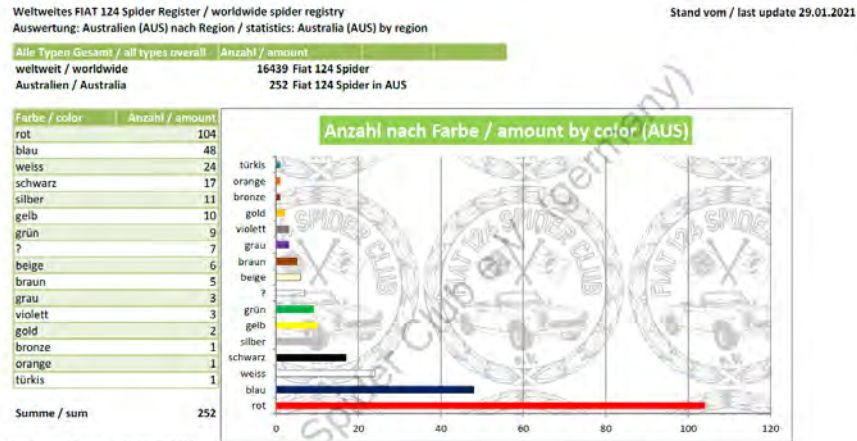
DO YOU OWN A CLASSIC 124 SPIDER?

Do you want to be part of a world wide data base?

The 124 Spider Club of Germany is putting together a database of Fiat 124 spiders around the world. Unfortunately for owners of 2017 on Fiat and Abarth Spiders, they are not included as they are seeking details of classic spiders only.

The database has been growing since 1997 and currently contains details of over 160,00 cars. Australia is rated 9th in the world with 252 cars.

If you have a classic 124 Spider and are interested in having it registered on the database, please complete the entry form which Renzo has sent to all members in a recent email, or contact Renzo to request a copy.



124 Spiders in Australia by colour

Weltweites FIAT 124 Spider Register / worldwide spider registry
Auswertung: Australien (AUS) nach Region / statistics: Australia (AUS) by region
Stand vom / last update 29.01.2021

Alle Typen Gesamt / all types overall Anzahl / amount
weltweit / worldwide 16439 Fiat 124 Spider
Australien / Australia 252 Fiat 124 Spider in AUS



124 Spiders in Australia by state

NOTE:

The database contains details form 98 countries. You will note that the total number of cars recorded for Australia in the world ranking table below is 248, while in the charts above it is recorded as 252. This is because the documents represent numbers at different dates.

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Nr.	Flagge / flag	Staat / nation	Kfz-Kz	Nr.	Flagge / flag	Staat / nation	Kfz-Kz	Nr.	Flagge / flag	Staat / nation	Kfz-Kz
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(13)		6.803 Spider	12/2020	(2)		2.991 Spider	12/2020	(3)		1.849 Spider	12/2020
4		Niederlande / the netherlands	NL	5		Frankreich / france	F	6		Grossbritannien / great britain	GB
(4)		1.382 Spider	12/2020	(5)		464 Spider	12/2020	(6)		450 Spider	12/2020
7		Schweiz / switzerland / suisse	CH	8		Belgien / belgium / belgique	B	9		Australien / australia	AUS
(7)		435 Spider	12/2020	(8)		283 Spider	11/2020	(9)		248 Spider	12/2020
10		Kanada / canada	CDN	11		Dänemark / denmark	DK	12		Spanien / spain / espana	E
(10)		236 Spider	12/2020	(11)		175 Spider	12/2020	(12)		173 Spider	12/2020
13		Norwegen / norway / Norge	N	14		Portugal / portugal	P	15		Schweden / sweden / Sverige	S
(14)		155 Spider	12/2020	(14)		136 Spider	01/2019	(15)		124 Spider	12/2020
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22		Finnland / Finland / Suomi	SF	23		Mexiko / mexico	MEX	24		Luxemburg / Groussherzogtum Lëtzebuerg	L
(22)		39 Spider	10/2020	(24)		37 Spider	12/2020	(22)		35 Spider	07/2020
25		Tschechische Republik / Czech Republic	CZ	26		Ungarn / hungary	H	27		Brasilien / brazil	BR
(25)		32 Spider	09/2020	(26)		25 Spider	05/2020	(27)		24 Spider	11/2020
28		Rumänien / romania	RO	29		Südafrika / South Africa / Unie van Zuid-Afrika	ZA	30		Chile / chile	RCH
(28)		17 Spider	08/2020	(29)		17 Spider	12/2020	(30)		16 Spider	12/2020
31		Malta / malta	M	32		Israel / israel	IL	33		Kolumbien / columbia	CO
(31)		15 Spider	12/2020	(32)		14 Spider	12/2020	(33)		14 Spider	12/2020
34		Peru / República del Perú	PE	35		Russland / Russia	RUS	36		Slovakei / slovakia	SK
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KINGS HEAD—OUR NEW VENUE

Over the last two years the Scuderia Italian Car Club has been looking for a home. We have been seeking a permanent venue in which to hold our monthly club meetings as well as committee meetings. For a number of reasons beyond our control, we have not been able to find somewhere suitable. The reasons include things like one hotel shutting down, and another one undergoing extensive renovations. The situation with COVID hasn't helped either.

However, we have now found a home. The King's Head Hotel at 357 King William Street Adelaide is where the club will be holding its monthly meetings as well as committee meetings.

Parking close to the hotel is not a problem, as after 6:00 p.m. the parking on the street is free, and there are plenty of available car parks very close to the venue.

They have a great pub menu, and in addition, as they have a wood fired pizza oven, they have a mouth-watering pizza menu as well.

Virginia Phillips and Patrick Marcucci have welcomed the club and made us feel at home. If you get a chance, come along to a club meeting and check out the venue and try out some of their great food before the meeting.



CRAZY PHOTOGRAPHER OR CREATIVE GENIUS?

Club member Glenn Bottomly is known for his snappy dressing style, his taste in music (more on the alternative side that mainstream) and his good taste in cars (well he likes Italian cars, enough said!).

As you will also know Glenn likes to take photos at our club events. Photography is one of his passions. His photos, however, are not your standard snap shots, or repetitive car shots taken at the same angle. A debate has started amongst other members as to whether Glenn is a crazy photographer or a creative genius.

Glenn's photos are a mixture of extreme close-ups of a small portion of a car, distorted wide angle shots, montages and manipulated colours. We have included some of his more 'way out' photos here for you to make a judgement. His photos are not all of cars though, Glenn and Fiona have recently returned from a trip to Tasmania and we have included some of his more artistic shots from that trip.

So we will leave it up to you to decide—is he crazy or creative? Whatever you decide, we have to agree on one thing—Glenn's photos are fun!





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THE CYBERSAFE SCUDERISTA

At the March general meeting I gave a presentation on cybersafety. This is an important topic to discuss because personal computing is now very mainstream and ubiquitous. The information superhighway of 1996 was limited to a desktop PC connected to the dial-up modem. PC sales grew to 1.1m in Australia just in the second quarter of last year. In 2017, 95% of Australian households with children under 15 were internet-connected. And that's not counting the number of smartphones and tablets in circulation!

So computing is everywhere, its mainstream and it is very VERY easy to use. Just like our 240v power outlets there is a safe and unsafe way to use the internet, so it is important that our members are aware of the threats and how to protect against them.

The table below summarizes the key cyber threats and ways you can protect yourself against these.

For further information please refer to the Australian Cyber Security Centre – cyber.gov.au - or feel free to contact me directly.

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Cyber Threat	How to protect yourself
Data Spills (Unauthorised disclosure of sensitive information)	Be aware of who you're sending information to. Check (and recheck) to:, cc:, bcc:fields Split up your messages to send sensitive information Use a backchannel (i.e. another way to send partial information)
Denial of Service (DoS) (Website attacks that make them unavailable to customers)	Keep your business technology up to date Formulate an Incident Response Plan and a Disaster Recovery Plan Don't respond to extortion emails- even to refuse cooperation Contact your ISP ASAP (you can also contact me for assistance)
Identity Theft (Criminal access to personal information to steal and gain by impersonation)	Be careful what you share on social media and who you share to Photos may contain personal information used in security questions Consider birthdays, photos of houses, cars, schools and uniforms Use your social media privacy settings, use story features Don't accept friend requests from strangers, even honeypots
Malware (Malicious software that cause harm to computer systems when installed)	Keep your computing systems up to date with software Use antivirus & anti-malware software (Windows 10 built-in is OK) Use a password manager to store strong passwords & passphrases Beware of using hand-me-down devices that are out of date
Phishing (Attempt to steal sensitive information by sending fraudulent messages to lure a victim)	Be wary of impersonators! Phone calls from unknown numbers Do not click on email/SMS links without checking the senders info Login to services directly using their website addresses, not links Think twice before entering personal details into unfamiliar sites Know your seller, pay securely, contact your bank in case of fraud

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LIFE WITH A STELVIO



“That’s it! The next car we buy after this one is mine!”

She declared to me as we were driving home that night after looking at a pair of Abarth 124s at a showroom to decide on which colour I would order mine in. A couple weeks prior we were invited to the local unveiling of the same car. That evening a new shiny red Giulietta was also on display. The girls were infatuated by its cute shape and bold red duco.

“I’ve always wanted an Alfa, ever since my uncle had his!”

So the challenge was set – even before taking delivery of my Spider – my sights were set on the next vehicle that would exclusively be Ari’s and not just another hand-me-down. The Giulietta Veloce made for the obvious choice. It was compact and zippy, but would it be up to the task with daily school runs and the drive between Melbourne and Adelaide? After all, in a few years’ time the kids would be in high school!



“OMG! An SUV, from Italy? 500HP!”

In March 2017 Alfa Romeo revealed their first production SUV to the masses. Using a modified version of the platform shared with the Giulietta, it shares its name with Italy’s highest mountain pass that is renowned for its 48 switchbacks – the Stelvio Pass.

“Hmm, it does look alright, but is it too much car for us? I’m not sold.”

After spending quality time to take a close look at the Alfa line-up – Giulietta, Giulia, Stelvio – at Auto Italia one year, the decision was still hard to make without actually driving one. On display at the time was one with red interior and another in tan/chocolate. I loved the latter!



“Gee! I like the look of the Stelvio in white – especially with tinted windows!”

Ari saw one roar past her one morning on the way to school. She recently got to try out an X3 for a couple days, do the school run and grocery shopping as well. The base model 2.0l S-drive (2 wheel drive) with the ‘M’ pack looked and felt OK, but I felt the Stelvio did a much better job using the same sized petrol engine to deliver power and torque when you needed it – you just had to crank all the settings up to eleven!

“Its time we put the ‘G6 away for a while, it’s becoming a collectible”.

That’s it! Time to go shopping! A few quick searches later revealed a lovely Stelvio, in white, with the Veloce pack, 2.2L diesel engine and the chocolate interior with 1000 private ks. Perfect!

“The X3 was alright, but the Stelvio makes you feel like you’re actually driving it.”

Ever since I drove the Giulietta, the Giulia and Stelvio, I felt a very familiar connection between myself, the car and the road only shared with my Abarth and coupe – a very characteristically Italian driving dynamic that’s the perfect blend of power, balance, road handling around curves and symphony of engine (by the way, the 500x does not have that characteristic, give it a miss!).

Now we have the perfect Alfa to play a key role in family’s everyday life – going to work and school, ballet, swimming, soccer, drama (stage, not minghiate) and the occasional interstate trip. Add to that with its normal driving mode the Stelvio moves along nicely among the Melbourne traffic, consuming around 8L/100km in the city (6L/100km in highway). In the red Dynamic mode the Stelvio roars to life, hauling its 1.6T mass with great gusto up the hills, whilst keeping the entire vehicle snugly on the road thanks to its deliberately low centre of gravity for an SUV.

“I love my car!”

Do we like it? We sure do! The Stelvio makes for a great all-round Italian car that has the capacity and agility around town while driving to the shops, la nonna, la scuola and other everyday adventures; but it also has the coglioni where needed to enjoy a spirited drive in the hills with fellow Scuderisti, or cruising along the highway with plenty of reserve power to overtake when needed.

For a growing family with teenagers in school, the Stelvio is a bold, stylish and cost-effective entry into the Alfa Romeo brand!

Sam Mancarella



WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MY CAR!

1978 FIAT X1/9

The Fiat X1/9 is a two seater mid-engine car designed by Bertone and based on the Autobianchi A112 Bertone Runabout concept car. The Autobianchi took its design cues from power boats at the time, resulting in the wedge shape, the C pillar rollover hoop and the plimsoll-line which runs the length of the car – all of which were carried over onto the X1/9.

Clever and innovative design by Nuccio Bertone for the X1/9 resulted in front and rear boot spaces, room for a spare wheel, and a targa roof which can be stored in the front boot. The car also has an integrated front spoiler and retractable headlights.

The engine was originally, in the Series 1, a 1.3 litre single overhead cam taken from the Fiat 128 and matched with a 4 speed gear box. However from the Series 2 onwards this was upgraded to a 1.5 litre with a 5 speed gear box.

While the series 1 was available in left hand drive versions from 1972, right hand drive versions were not produced until 1976, and were not delivered to Australia until May 1978, and these were only available in three colours – metallic blue, metallic green and metallic orange.

A series 1.5 was released in Australia only which had the large aluminium bumpers and updated interior, but still had the 1.3 litre engine and 4 speed gear box. Series 2 came out with the bigger engine and 5 speed gear box and production continued until Fiat decided to cease in 1987. However Bertone wanted to continue marketing the car, and sold it under the Bertone badge from 1987 to 1989.

My car is a 1978 Series 1 which was originally metallic orange in colour. I also found out after I bought it that the original 1.3 litre engine has been replaced with a 1.5 litre. Unfortunately, the gearbox is still the four speed. I have also been advised that the car was once painted a bronze colour (see inset photo), before finally being re-painted in the current red.

The interior colour has been changed to tan. The seats were originally in a striped fabric colour to match the body colour and the dash and door cards were black.

Ultimately, some time in the future, I would like to do a full restoration of the car and bring it back to as original as possible. Until then I will keep working on the things that I can improve or need repair, and just enjoy driving it when I can.

The reason I love this car not only its stylish looksg, advanced engineering and clever use of space, but simply the fact that it is fun to drive. At 75HP for the 1.3 litre version and 85 HP for the 1.5 litre version it will never break any land speed records, but it handles like a go-kart and is zippy enough to make any drive in the hills something to smile about.

Renzo Bonini

Please tell us what you love about your car. What makes it special to you, what is unique about it. Send articles with photos to: editor@scuderia.asn.au



My Fiat X1/9 as it is now and (inset) as it was painted bronze in the past!

NOTE: Inset photo provided by Mark Weinberger, Australian X1/9s



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SICC MEMBER PROFILE

Name	John Simonetti
Club position	Committee Member
When you joined SICC	2008
Your Italian car(s)	2006 Alfa Romeo 166 ti
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 it locally in 2011 from a person who had purchased it from a car dealer in Melbourne. It had done 65K and it has full service history.
Anything you're looking for to complete your car	No—Keeping it original
Favourite drive in your car	Adelaide Hills
Your dream car	1962 Ferrari 250 GTO or a Lamborghini Miura
Favourite food	Pasta Marinara
Favourite TV show	Wheeler Dealers
Favourite movie	Caddyshack—Green Mile—Apollo 13
Most memorable moment	Driving around Maui Hawaii in a Mustang Convertible
Greatest likes	Travelling and being with friends and family
Greatest dislikes	Traffic



RECIPES

Spaghetti Carbonara

Almost as controversial as pineapple on a pizza, is the discussion about whether there should be cream in a Spaghetti Carbonara. This is traditionally a Roman dish, and the Romans insist there is NO cream required to make the perfect Carbonara.

The recipe below by Antonio Carluccio is a simple, straight forward recipe. We have tried it and we agree—it is delicious and doesn't need cream!

The Romans traditionally make it with guanciale (cured pork cheeks) and pecorino cheese, but it is quite acceptable to make it with pancetta and parmesan.

Give it a go and let me know what you think.

Ingredients

250g Spaghetti
25 g guanciale or pancetta
2 tbsp olive oil
2 eggs
50g Parmesan Cheese or aged pecorino
Freshly ground black pepper

Method

1. Cook the pasta in a large pan of boiling salted water until al dente.
2. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a pan and fry the guanciale or pancetta until crisp.
3. Lightly beat the eggs in a large bowl with the grated cheese and pepper to taste.
4. When the pasta is ready, Turn off the heat to the pan with the guanciale, remove the pasta from the water and add to the pan. Ensure you retain some of the pasta water for later.
5. Mix well to coat everything.
6. Allow it to cool slightly, ensure there is no sizzle happening in the pan. This is an important point—you don't want to end up with scrambled eggs!
7. Add the egg and cheese mixture to the pan, stir to coat the pasta, add some of the pasta water retained earlier to give the sauce some silkiness and ensure it is not too dry. Serve and top with grated parmesan or pecorino and ground black pepper.



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When Will WE Have Factory Service Centers Like These?

Repairs Italian style, at Fiat's company-run service centers, are quick, efficient and assuring—sure to be an envy of American car owners

By BILL HARTFORD, Technical Auto Editor

OFF THE BEATEN PATH for most tourists is Turin, or Torino, Italy. It's not Florence and it's not Rome, but it's got some of the most fascinating Roman ruins; superb Piedmontese cuisine; great skiing in the surrounding Alps; the exquisite Sabauda Gallery; the fabulous Museo dell'Automobile; and lost somewhere among the old, historic *corso*, *via* and *strada*, the little leather shop of Vittorio Marangoni where handbags feel like butter, the atmosphere is strictly *simpatico* and you'll never find yourself unless you've got the navigational sense of a Vespucci.

Impossible to miss, because it is everywhere in Torino, is Fiat, the *Fabbrica Italiana Automobili Torino*. This industrial giant, founded in 1899, is now so big and brash that it could well kick Chrysler out of the No. 3 spot for world automobile production.

They must be doing something right. And that something is simply putting the right cars in the right places at the right time, selling at the right prices . . . and selling and selling. They're professional salesmen, yes, but they're also professional craftsmen and they know what all professionals

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In this article from the September 1969 edition of *Popular Mechanics*, the author—Technical Auto Editor Bill Hartford—wonders why Americans can't have a service centre like the one he visited in Turin in Italy.

These service centres were state of the art workshops in Italy at the time. One day service was standard practice and at the facility visited by the author they would have 150 to 200 cars go through per day.

The work areas were spotless—they had 10 cleaners working full time to keep it that way. This facility employed 200 people on the floor and a further 40 administrative staff. Cars were moved through the service centre in a process similar to manufacturing assembly lines.

While this facility represented the shape of things to come, the author didn't believe the transformation would happen immediately in America, and it probably took even longer to filter down to us here in Australia.



SERVICE STARTS HERE. Check-in counters at Turin servizio receive customers' cars, record work to be done

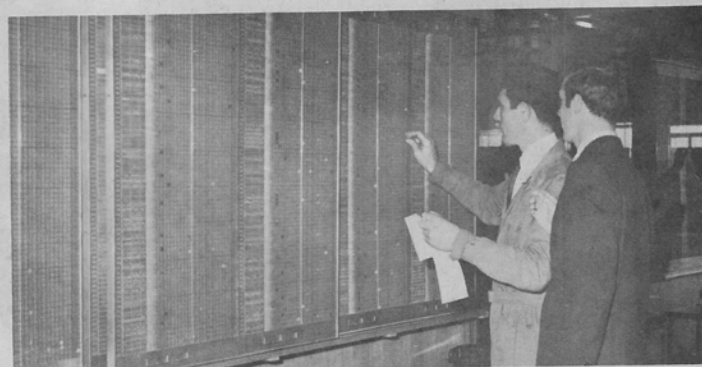
know: Always carry through! In the case of the automobile, with service!

If you find yourself motoring through Torino, or almost any other part of Italy, and your motorcar makes an unscheduled stop on the *autostrada*, you'll find out what service Fiat-style is all about. Don't start walking because chances are a roving van marked *FIAT A.C.I.* will come along loaded with spare parts and a competent mechanic to help you get on your way. If you need a tow, your destination will be one of 30 factory-run service centers.

Of the two in Torino, I visited the

one on *Corso Francia*. When you pull up in front, the huge power doors of the 60,000-square-foot garage roll back to reveal a half-dozen lanes that run up to individual check-in booths. You describe your problem or request the maintenance you want. Your car will be assigned a number and become one of 150 to 200 cars that go through the *servizio* daily. One-day service is the rule, not the exception.

First impression of the service retailing center is that maybe it's a front for something? They can't be servicing cars here: No dirt. No grease. Maybe



WORK-FLOW BOARD pinpoints location and status of cars with color discs. It's soon to be computerized

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GREASE PITS seem to be individual, primitive forerunners of hydraulic lifts, but take a look underneath >

it's a spanking new setup? No. This assembly-line service center has been satisfying customers for five years!

It's not easy to keep such an operation free of the garage grime that turns away customers. It takes 10 men, *servizio* custodians, working full time to do it. Cleanup at the end of the day would be impossible. Cleaning goes on full time. Custodians are only part of the crew of 200 mechanics, body men and technicians. Another 40 men and women make up the administrative staff.

The cleaning and the service is a full-time thing. Service isn't a "necessary evil" sandwiched in between new-car preparation or other sales activities. Cars get their number and then show up in a slot on the huge, master-control, work-flow board pictured on the previous page. Color discs are moved to indicate just what is being

done and where your car is at any particular time, or if work is complete and your car is ready for pickup. Smooth. No customers' cars lost among new cars and cars needing service in the shuffle of vehicles in a cluttered dealership.

In the *servizio*, cars actually move along the equivalent of an assembly line. They pass numbered stations where all lube points are given their due, lubricants and water levels are topped off, electrical and ignition functions are checked and, after additional specking and checking, the cars are ready for the road. Adjacent work bays or "grease pits" make undercarriage work easy. Even body work is done at the *servizio*, and a well-ventilated and lighted paint shop puts back the shine on a dented car—all under one roof.

Will the growing service problem in the United States spur manufacturers



DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT is explained by manager of Fiat *servizio* which services 150 to 200 cars a day

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HEADLIGHT ALIGNMENT is set while customer looks on. Most of service is while-you-wait or one-day

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WORKING FROM BELOW, mechanics find the grease pit approach well-organized, safe and efficient

to set up service retailing centers? Not yet. Right now it's up to the dealers to keep their fingers in the dike against a problem swelling in urgency and magnitude. As one relief, Chrysler has a predelivery center operating successfully in Chicago. It does the make-ready on dealers' cars, thereby freeing their stalls and mechanics for repair and maintenance work. A second center is being built in Los Angeles. Dealer participation is voluntary.

Meanwhile, Detroit's customers try to be patient in the battle for a service appointment, and the *servizios* continue to keep the ubiquitous Fiat 500s and increasingly larger and more powerful automobiles of Italy on the move.

If you want to see for yourself, don't look here. The *servizio* is a mass-pro-



FRONT-WHEEL ALIGNMENT of camber, caster, toe-in is done at one of several stations along the line

duction service operation and Fiat-Roosevelt, the marketing arm of Fiat in the States, shares the "small" import market with lots of other makes. You have to go all the way to the Old World to see a good way to get modern, efficient service on your car. ★★★

AT END OF SERVICE LINE customers watch their Fiat 500s, 850s, other makes and models getting final check



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