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The Committee meets 7:30PM every 3rd Wednesday night. New Venue: The Italo Australia Club at the corner of National Cct and Franklin St in Forrest. Get there at 6:00 if you'd like to share a meal and a chat.

NOTE: the Annual General Meeting on 18 Sep will elect a new committee.



Club Calendar

UPDATE: The calendar shows events of possible interest to club members. Not all of the calendar entries are club events and so not all attract club points. Those **official club events that do attract club points** are shown below shaded in Kermit green, and CRS registered vehicles can participate without notification. The local Alfisti are invited along to share the bonomia.

The club holds social breakfasts on the 1st Sunday of each month, 9AM at the nominated venue.

2013		
Recurring Events		
Every 2 nd Wednesday: Golden Era of Auto Racing (GEAR) at Wakefield Park – historic racing day. Contact Paddy Martin, a regular attendee with his Formula Junior Fiat.		
Every 2 nd Wednesday Evening: Auto Italia Meeting at the Italo Australia club in Forrest, 6:00 PM for meeting.		
Every 3 rd Wednesday Evening: Fiat Club Meeting at the Italo Australia club in Forrest, 6:00PM for dinner, Meeting at 7:30PM.		
September		
Sun 1 Sep	9 AM - 11 AM	Breakfast at the Praga Café – 9:00AM at Dickson Place, Dickson
Fri 6 Sep	6 PM	Bowling at Belconnen Bowls
Wed 11 Sep	All day	GEAR
	6 PM	Auto Italia meeting, Italo-Australia Club Forrest
Wed 18 Sep	7:30 PM	Club Annual General meeting – Italo Australia Club, corner of National Cct and Franklin St in Forrest. Meeting at 7:30PM, dinner at 6:00PM if you'd like. See notice below.
Sat 21 Sep	10 AM on	Garage Day at Paddy's – John Michel's Regatta brake master cylinder and clutch cable.
Sun 22 Sep	Start TBD	Motorkhana day with the MG Club at Sutton – TBC, John Michel coordinating
Sat 28 Sep	Start TBD	Queanbeyan 125 Birthday – see notice at back, more details will be forthcoming.
October		
Sun 6 Oct	9 AM – 11 AM	Joeys Kitchen – 9:00AM at Joey's Kitchen, 1 Watson Place, Watson, followed by ...
	11 AM – 3 PM	11:00 Concorso / Unconcorso at Telopea Park, Kingston, BYO BBQ Lunch.
Wed 9 Oct	All day	GEAR
	6 PM	Auto Italia Annual General Meeting , Italo-Australia Club Forrest
Sun 13 Oct	Start TBD	Binalong Motor Museum Open Day – a great trip into the countryside and an interesting destination.
Wed 16 Oct	7:30 PM	Club Meeting
19-20 Oct	Start TBD	ACT Centennial Rally Jervis Bay to Canberra – see CACTMC News.
Sun 27 Oct	Start TBD	We have been invited to join the Italian Made Social Motoring Club Display at the Norton St Autofesta in Sydney. Club support invited as a reciprocal for their support of Auto Italia. We have a couple of takers already, details below.
November		
Sat 2 Nov	Start TBD	Classic Yass - see http://www.classicyass.com/motoring.html . Several members are already going, they report that it is "great fun" with a wide range of great vehicles (including our own of course) on display. Contact John Michel if you are interested.



2013		
Sun 3 Nov	9 AM - 11 AM	Breakfast – The Deck at Regatta Point, Barrine Drive, Parkes.
	7 AM – 3 PM	Canberra Swap Meet at EPIC.
	10:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Auto Italia Adelaide – Note – in ADELAIDE, in case you are there at the time. See flyer at end.
Wed 13 Nov	All day	GEAR
Wed 13 Nov	6 PM	Auto Italia meeting, Italo-Australia Club Forrest
Sun 17 Nov	11 AM – 3 PM	Club Presentation Lunch – Details TBC
	Start TBD	NSW Concorso event – club support invited as a reciprocal of their support of Auto Italia.
Wed 20 Nov	7:30 PM	Club Meeting
2014		
January		
Weekend 17-19 Jan	All 3 Days	2014 Fiat Nationals at Eastern Creek. See flyer at back for latest newsletter
Club Website: http://www.fiatclubact.org – See the club website for the most up-to-date calendar.		

Possible Events

The following events are being considered for club activities over the remainder of this club year. Their dates are not settled but consider this early advice so that if you are interested you can start making room in your schedule for them.

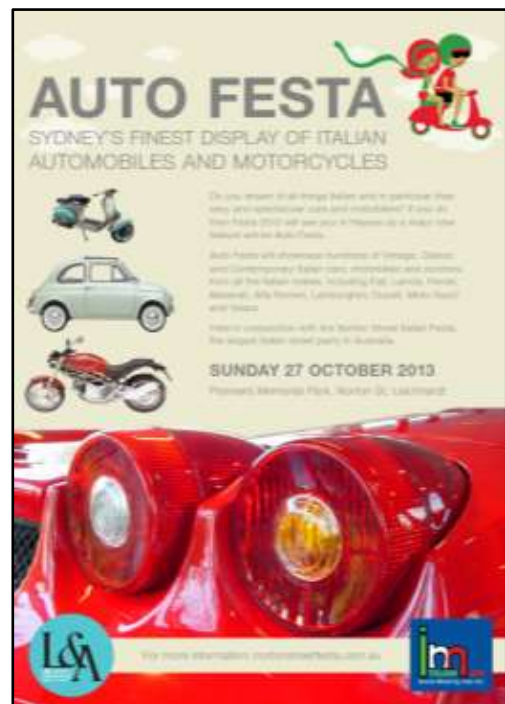
Motorkhana practice at Sutton or Fairbairn – investigations continue.

ACT Centennial Rally from Jervis Bay to Canberra, weekend of 19 – 20 Oct.

- Nominations have already started,
- A core of about 5 participants already, see info in Tim Chapman's CACTMC report below.

Contacts of the NSW Fiat Club in Sydney are organising a mini Auto Italia ("Auto Festa") as a part of the "Italian Festa on Norton Street" event in Leichardt, "Little Italy" just south west of the CBD, Sunday 27 October. See webpage <http://www.nortonstreetfesta.com.au/homepage>. We have several attendees already, and it promises to be a very entertaining day. Call John Michel if interested to get in on the convoy.

Whatif Classics at the Cotter: late October: an "almost a Pebble Beach-type event" for which fifty "best of the best" vehicles would be selected for display. An invitation to attend this "exclusive" event would be "a prize in itself." No riff-raff, apparently.





Warbirds Downunder at Temora 2 November.

- Good run into the country – clean those valves!
- Excellent for those who also appreciate classic aircraft (Mustang, Constellation etc)

Fiat Nationals 2014 Eastern Creek, 17-19 January 2014, <https://www.facebook.com/FiatNationals>

- Indications (from turbo124.com) are that the Grand Prix circuit will be used – see <http://www.sydneymotorsportpark.com.au/about-the-park#grandPrixCircuit>
- Motorkhana may be on dirt again because of difficulties getting a tarmac surface.

Annual General meeting

Wednesday 18th September

In accordance with the Constitution of the FIAT Club of the A.C.T. Incorporated, notice is given that the 2013 Annual General Meeting will be conducted on Wednesday 18 September, at 7.30pm.

The venue will be the Italian Australian Club, Forrest.

Principal business of the AGM will be the election of the Committee and officers of the Club for the coming 12 months.

Members wishing to dine together beforehand should meet in the Dining Room at 6.00pm.

For those not already a member of the Italian Australian Club, a list for signing in as guests will be available at the front desk.

Positions available include:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Editor

Public officer

Club Captain

Concessional registration Registrar

Delegate to the Council of ACT Motor clubs.

There are also normally two "committee member" positions with no fixed role.

Come along and get involved. The outgoing committee, many of whom will probably feature in the incoming committee, are all nice people and enjoy a smile.



Editor's Report

Matt Townsend

Another great image from Marisa Gangemi on the cover, www.marisagangemi.com.

Please note that the Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 18 September.

Website Warning: A website called "fiataustralia.com" has been flagged by Google as "could harm your computer" (malware etc) if you click on it. I don't know who runs it but it might have been hacked, so watch out if you are surfing for fiat websites.

You might notice that the Calendar is starting to get packed out – all the more for you to choose from.

In our new series of "meet the advertisers" we have an introduction to Moro Motors this time round.



Auto Italia 2104 Planning

Christine Stewart

We are on our way to sorting out AI 2014. The venue is booked – Lawns of Old Parliament House, the date booked – 30th March 2014, posters are being prepared and some sponsors have come back on board already.

Now don't forget that the Fiat Club AGM is on 18th September and the ICA AGM is on the 9th October and it would be nice to have a few new faces on both committees but not the same faces on both!

The other item to be nagged about is having a few more of us visit the Concorso d' Eleganza in Sydney on the 22nd September at Gough Whitlam Park and the Auto Festa on the 27th October at Leichardt Oval. Both Posters should be in this magazine. The Italian car fraternity makes an effort to attend Auto Italia, so we should reciprocate and do the same. Although I can't get one of my Fiats out of the driveway and the other one needs the exhaust fixed PLUS a master cylinder I intend to go and have a look in my every day driver, Rhonda the Honda.

The next meeting is as always the second Wednesday of September (11th) at the Italo Australia club in Forrest. Please come along and help us make next year's event just as good if not better than the last one.

Ciao

Christine Stewart



Meet Our Advertisers – Moro Motors

Matt Townsend

Fernando Moro has been a long-time supporter of the club through advertising in the magazine and fixing members' cars. Fernando operates out of Mitchell and services a wide range of Italian cars. While Fernando is known for his preference for Ferraris, they are a bit thin on the ground and he is happy to turn his talents to our more practical, usable and, well, popular cars. He takes a personal pride in his work and will give you (deservedly) a stern look if you don't do the right thing by a car he has taken a liking to.

Fernando is particularly keen to produce an excellent result and so will generally advise the use of new parts if any replacement is required. However, he is well aware of the practical realities for some of the more exclusive older cars we drive and so will happily reuse second hand parts, especially if you can provide good condition items from your own, hoarded stocks (come on, you know you do). If you fail to offer such, Fernando can often help with his own stocks that he has hoarded for the purpose. In fact, if you have space, you might come away with some extras.

Fernando has provided maintenance and rebuild services for several club members over the 25 years he has been at Mitchell:

- Brad Aitken – Fernando rebuilt the engine in his pristine yellow 850 spider plus Fiat 124 sport as well as his fiat 850 sedan. Brad loves showing off the spider engine - "Runs very sweetly – never misses a beat".
- Tim Chapman – a suspension rebuild on his 124 Sport.
- Matt – Fernando undertook a major rejuvenation of the mechanical systems in Matt's 128, including engine rebuild and competition prep. Fernando caught many things that Matt's ad-hoc maintenance efforts had let go. The car went straight to a NSW nationals and ran very strongly, and the QLD nationals the year after:



- Geoff hall – Fernando replaced the rear axle bearings in the rear suspension arms of his recently-acquired yellow 500.
- John Michel – John took his car to Fernando with one thing to fix, and found out about the other 5 things that needed doing.
- Keith Fanner – Keith had Fernando do a lot of work to his 124 to get it road worthy a couple of years ago ("good work"), and the car is still powering on sweetly.
- Paddy Martin has had Fernando do a variety of small work over the years, "good work".
- Fernando also does a lot of work for the local chapter of the Alfa club, a beautiful Alfasud getting a new heart here:



Fernando particularly enjoys tracking the performance of his charges (ie your car that he has worked on) and so provides that extra layer of attention that the spirit of our cars appreciate.

Fernando can do full reconditioning of engines, gear boxes ,suspensions, brakes and steering on all older models of Fiats Alfas and Lancias and well as some newer models, including ECU diagnosis. Being an enthusiast, Fernando welcomes an opportunity to coordinate body, upholstery and painting work as well, should you be looking for a partial or complete rejuvenation for your precious.

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FOR SALE: FIAT 124 sedan for parts

For Sale 1969 124 AC Coupe. Complete car with 1400 motor, hear running, stainless trim is good, all instruments in dash and all glass. Body is rusted and brakes are seized, so good for parts.

Make me an offer, I want it gone! Email me for pictures or call me to see it, located in Chisholm ACT.

Martin Robertson

Mobile 0409 329 270

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FIAT 125 sedan

Good condition, 10 months NSW rego, garaged in BOWRAL NSW.

Car has minor rust spots, but easily fixed, interior is excellent. Good driver. Owner wants car to go to a good home, NOT broken up for parts.

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Contact: Stella Barnsley,
Unit 27/2,
Charlotte St,
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Phone: 02 48621398.



124 and Parts for Sale

Hi

I have a 124AC that reluctantly need to sell, I've run out of room. How would I go about advertising it through your club? Full bare metal restoration 2008, no rust, bushes done, engine and gearbox rebuilt, diff rebuilt, brake calipers rebuilt, twin 40mm dellortos, and new gear in the wiper motor. What it still needs, the seats recovered, and the radiator cleaned.

Loads of spares including a set of cromodora wheels, gearboxes, engines, wiper and starter motors, suspension arms, brake parts, chrome and some interior parts. Basically I pulled three other rusty cars to bits to build this car and still have most of the usable bits from them.

The price is \$9000 negotiable.

Regards, David Ballard

dandjballard@bigpond.com

Fiat 850 Spyder

From: John DeBrincat austauto@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, 13 June 2013 9:34 PM

I have been importing American cars for many years and on a recent trip to US, I came across a tidy 1973 Fiat 850 Spyder (Roadster).

It is a good solid California car, with a new top. It starts and runs well, has an average paint job but could be used as it is. It has just arrived in Sydney and I would like to sell it, and thought I would start with Fiat Clubs before advertising it.

My price is around \$8950, I have all correct documentation for rego L/H Drive anywhere in Australia after meeting roadworthy requirements.

I can be contacted on mobile 0414 522 533 should you know of anyone who may have an interest.

Thanks, John DeBrincat

Volumex Engines, Gearboxes and X1/9

Lambda Motors have some Volumex 2000 engines and gearboxes – second hand. There is also an X-19 coming up for sale if anyone is interested.

Thanks, Graham O'Connor
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- Any Current Projects?
- Favourite Fiat/Lancia/Alfa moments?

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EVENT LOCATIONS

Accommodation - Chifley Hotel, Penrith Panthers, Mulgoa Road Penrith.
Special rates are being negotiated.

Saturday January 18 (am) - Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana - venue tba (but will be bitumen)

Saturday January 18 (pm) - Show'n'Shine - On a grassed area next to Penrith Panthers, Mulgoa Road, Penrith

Saturday January 18 (pm) - BBQ – Pool area behind Chifley Hotel.

Sunday January 19 - SuperSprint – On the old GP Circuit of Sydney Motorsport Park, Ferrers Road, Eastern Creek

Sunday January 19 (pm) - Presentation Dinner – Penrith Panthers, Mulgoa Road, Penrith

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