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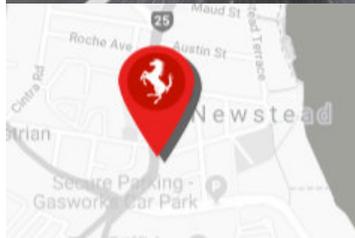
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Another Club year has started!

Many thanks to all those who served on last year's committee, and congratulations (and many thanks) to those who put themselves forward at the AGM to serve this year. In particular, congratulations to Peter Mathews, who was elected as our new Social Convenor. As you can imagine, I'm particularly pleased to not be pulling double duty any more! But as anyone who has been in the club over the past few years knows, Peter is an excellent person to run our social events, having done many very successfully. After the AGM, we also had a volunteer to allow Bernie Campbell to finally retire after 43 years of service to the club, and take over his Club Night duties. That volunteer is Clare Cappa. Many thanks Clare! Your enthusiasm for the club over the last few years has been great, and it seems only natural that you take on a role like this, keeping us fed and entertained at club nights. Bernie will be around still to lend a hand as always, as will so many others in the club. Please make sure that you thank Clare next club night.

To change the tone completely, I (and many other club members) attended the funeral of long time club member, John Fenwick, a few weeks ago. John fought a brave battle against Motor Neurone Disease for about 5 years, and inevitably lost that battle in early September. As the hearse left the church on John's final journey, he was escorted by his wife Sue and son Liam in his beautiful Stepnose GT Veloce, as well as about 10 Alfas of various types, paying tribute to John's love of Alfas as part of the celebration of his life. Farewell John - you go in love. And at the AGM, it was decided that the most poignant charity for our club donation this year would be into research for Motor Neurone Disease. So we will do that later in the financial year.

Moving on, our Alfesta 2020 in Toowoomba is now less than 200 days away! And we are almost fully booked, so it's going to be a success - at least financially. The last time I heard, there were only 5 rooms left at the Burke and Wills. So if you plan on coming and haven't done so as yet, you must do so ASAP. You need to not only contact the Burke and Wills to book your room, but go to the Alfesta 2020 website (there is an obvious banner link off the Club website main page) and register. Details for how to register are on that webpage. If you have any issues, contact Keith Faulkner on webmaster@arocaql.com.

Two things to highlight about Alfesta 2020 right now. Firstly, some Alfisti from further afield will be flying in, and will need to borrow an Alfa for the weekend. If you have a spare Alfa and are prepared to loan it to one of our visitors, let Keith know either via the email address above, or the Contact page on the Alfesta 2020 website. That way, we can match you up with a visitor. This always happens for interstate Alfestas, so it's good to return the favour. Just to be clear, the arrangement of the loan of your car is between you and the person we put you in touch with. The involvement of the club ends once you're in touch.

Secondly, we naturally want this Alfesta to be the best Alfesta ever! During the event, we'll need lots of volunteers from within club ranks to do various things, from being traffic marshalls to helping the less able get around, setting up for the Gala dinner, to a million other little jobs. If you want to help out, please use the contact page on the Alfesta 2020 website to let us know. All help will be very much appreciated! And if you have any ideas on how to make this Alfesta stand out, please also use



the contact page to do that, or even come along to an Alfesta 2020 committee meeting! Just email me (president@arocaqld.com) to find out when the next meeting is on. All club members are welcome. And just on a personal note regarding Alfesta, I wish to display my SZ at the Show and Shine on the Sunday. As I'll have to trailer it up, I need to find a secure and covered place in or around Toowoomba to store it (preferably on the trailer) over the weekend. If you can offer such a place, please let me know.

In national news, the AROCA National Coordinator, Victor Lee, has decided after 13 years in the role that he'd like to do other things. So the National Coordinator position is up for grabs. As there is no formal process for appointing a new National Coordinator, Victor has proposed a process, which our Committee accepted at the last Committee meeting. Each state will accept nominations from interested members (who can't be serving in the role of President, Secretary or Treasurer). In the November Committee meeting, each state will select their candidate, and then all committees will vote on the available candidates (except for their own) with Victor having the casting vote, should one be needed. The new Coordinator will start duties on January 1st. If you'd like to find out more about what the National Coordinator does, or to nominate yourself, please contact me on president@arocaqld.com, and I'll pass on the information that Victor sent us. Many thanks to Victor for his significant service to all clubs over such a long period of time!

“THAT VOLUNTEER IS CLARE
CAPPA. MANY THANKS CLARE!”

It's not too long until our Christmas party, where we hand out 4 awards for the year. Two are decided by attendance (John French Clubmanship award for most active member, and the Volare Alfa award for the most active new member), and two are discretionary. The latter are the "Spirit of Alfisti" award for the members who, through their actions throughout the year, best represent the spirit of being an Alfisti. And the "Services to the Club" award, which recognises someone who has made a significant contribution to the club. The Committee will decide who gets these at the November Committee meeting, so we'd like all other members to nominate someone who deserves these awards. If you know someone who should be recognised in this way, please let any committee member know, so that we can consider them in November.

And finally, our annual Bocce challenge against the Fiat Club is on this October club night. The details are probably elsewhere in this mag, and also on the club website calendar, but I just want to encourage you to come along and have some fun! Don't worry about being any good or if you haven't played Bocce before - no one else is any good either. But we have won 13 out of the last 14 years, including last year, so come and be part of the fun this year!

Safe driving, and Ciao for now.

John Anderson



“THE MONTREAL IS ONE OF THOSE ALFA’S THAT SITS RIGHT UP ON TOP OF MY LIST”

I have to admit, I'm not a morning person. Many years in both the IT and Design/Advertising world steered me into odd working habits. In the design world crazy deadlines see me working well into the early hours of 1 to 3am to meet an 8:30am print run. And as for IT, you just work whatever hours dont impact on the business your doing work for (I work mostly on networks and servers). So surprise surprise you're often working from 5pm on to whenever before they (the workers) commence work the next day. So it takes something pretty special to tear me out of bed from 5am on.

The Alfa Eclipse

So much like an astronomical event, like an Eclipse. The chance of having three Alfa Romeo Montreal's posing for a photo was an event not to be missed. It's a rarity these days to see one at a car event, but three?

As someone that enjoys great car styling and design, the Montreal is one of those Alfa's that sits right up on top of my list. From the iconic headlight grills all the way through to the C pillar, the Montreal oozes style. The C pillar in particular reminds me of another favourite car, the Lamborghini Miura. This is no coincidence, both cars were designed by the same guy, Marcello Gandini. In my opinion the greatest designer period! Marcello's portfolio is quite large, but if I list a few of my other favourite cars he designed, you may agree with my

opinion. So we have: Alfa Romeo Montreal, Alfa Romeo 33 Carabo, Alfa Romeo 90, Bugatti EB 110, Cizeta-Moroder VI6T (I loved playing in this car in Gran Turismo on my Playstation 3), De Tomaso Pantera, Ferrari 308 GT4, Lamborghini Countach, Lamborghini Diablo, Lamborghini Espada, Lamborghini Miura S, Lancia Stratos & Stratos Zero, Maserati Ghibli II & Khamzin. With a portfolio like this the Alfa Montreal sits squarely in Italian Sportscar royalty!

With perfect weather for photography, I packed my gear and set off for Esk, the agreed meeting point for us far north siders! A short meet and greet later we were on the road, and amazingly I found myself trailing Tony's Montreal, enjoying the sights and sounds. Many thanks to Tony for organising this wonderful run, and the opportunity for us to see together this rare Alfa Eclipse!

Enjoy the Drive!

Mark Buchanan







Dear fellow Alfisiti

What a fantastic Club we have. I have been involved with a number of clubs over my life and I have to say we have a fabulous membership and committee with a great culture of rolling up our sleeves and pitching in. The Committee gets on very well, we have lots of fun and we enjoy working together and organising great events for you all.

John Anderson has done a mighty job over the last three years at not only running our club, but also taking on the role of social convenor. Both of these roles are key to the success of the club and John has done a superb job. I particularly like the way John has encouraged other members to organise the various runs that we have. This ensures that we have new ideas and new routes and venues and keeps the club alive and interesting. I encourage you to volunteer to organise one run during the year – it is fun and we can help you with what is involved.

I am about to plan the calendar for next year so I welcome any new ideas you may have for social events. Another initiative that John has resurrected successfully has been dinners at various cafes around the suburbs of Brisbane. I plan to continue that trend with a night planned for next year at my favourite Italian restaurant Marinara at Clayfield – so stay tuned for a date for that evening.

David and Sue Baines organised a great run for September to O'Reilly's winery for morning tea and then

via Mt Tambourine to the boatshed at Coomera to "The Garage" which is owned by Tony Longhurst. We had a terrific run with 28 attendees and a great range of cars including another Montreal owned by Alan and Julie Frost, that I had not seen before. Neil McDonnell brought his beautiful GTAM replica 1750 GTV along – it is superbly crafted with a Nord engine and magnificent paint job.

O-Reilly's winery looked after us with their usual great friendly customer service and the line up of cars made for great photo shots.

After O-Reilly's we shot up the back road to Mt Tambourine following David and Sue – I must admit I gave the Alfetta a good squirt chasing John and Sue up the mountain with Rod Silver close on my tail.

The BBQ and display at The Garage did not disappoint – what a collection of mainly 50's to 70's American muscle – the sort of cars that Don Draper (John Hamm) drove in Mad Men. I especially liked the lemon '57 Corvette and the mid blue Stingray – Corvette is the only American muscle that I would buy! Many thanks to David and Sue.

Next month is Stanthorpe weekend which is fully booked, so for those who missed out, make sure you book early next year.

On 20 October, Peter and Lois Janetzki will be hosting their annual JH Classics Garage day. If you've been in previous years, you know that it's about cool classic cars,



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The November run on 17 November will be organised by Doug and Cynthia Earl and we know that Doug's runs are challenging and most enjoyable – so please book in at social@arocaqld.com as soon as possible to help us with numbers. This will be our last run of the year so make sure you join us before we hit the hot weather of summer.

The Christmas Party is well advanced at the planning. Make sure you put a date claimer in your diary for Sunday 8 December so you don't miss out. The venue will be different this year as our usual venue has closed. It will be at "Mates" restaurant and Bar at 70 Edith Street Wynnum.

The restaurant has a very friendly atmosphere and will work well for our event. There will be a three-course

meal with three-way alternative drop mains and two deserts with real espresso machine coffee choices. There is a bar at very reasonable prices, with drinks to own account as usual. Price is \$35 per head and as usual there will be lots of goodies for prizes on the day. Starting time will be 11.30am and we will need RSVP's by Monday 2 December 2019 at the latest – we will cut off on this date, so if you are interested, RSVP me on social@arocaqld.com to make sure you have a seat at table.

Make sure you e-mail me with your ideas for the next calendar and please if you would like to lead a run, I would love to hear from you. I already have my run for early next year planned to a new venue we haven't been to before – so I look forward to hearing from you or meet with you at one of our many events.

Best wishes to all.

Ciao Pete

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Notizia



Alfa Passion in Monza

During the Italian GP, Milan became the focus point of worldwide automotive passion. Alfa Romeo lined up activities to entertain the fans throughout the week of the race.

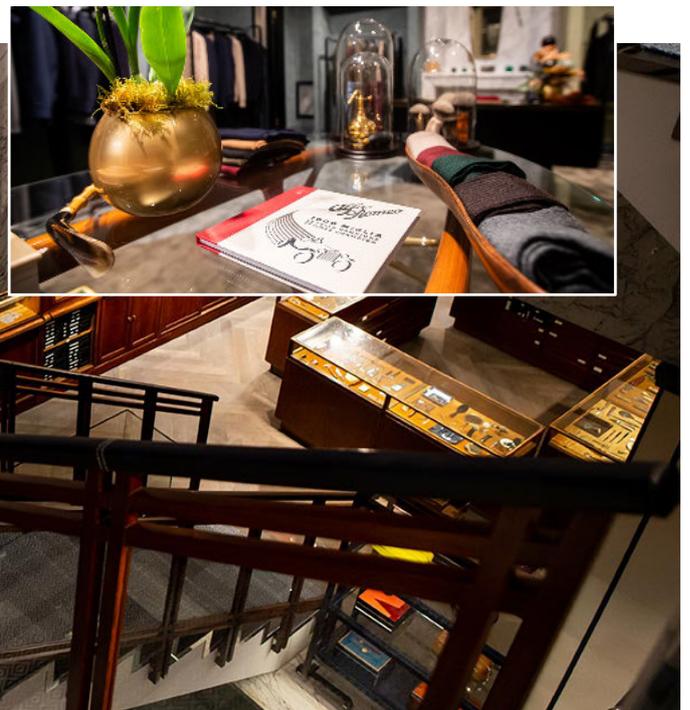
Activities kicked off the evening of September 4th, at the exclusive Larusmiani Boutique in Via Monte Napoleone in Milan, with an evocative installation featuring J.M. Fangio's 1951 world championship winning Alfa Romeo GP Tipo 159 "Alfetta".

From the 6th to the 8th of September, Piazzale Cadorna in Milan hosted the Alfa Romeo Motorhome with a Formula 1 simulator and a spectacular F1 C38 showcar on display.

Activities continued at Museo Storico Alfa Romeo "La Macchina Del Tempo", in Arese, where fans experienced the excitement of the test sessions, qualifiers and race on a jumbo screen.

Alfa Romeo owners were also be invited to join the Red Parade on the indoor track scheduled Saturday. While on Sunday, fans staged a FlashAutoMob with their own Alfa Romeos to send a message to the Alfa Romeo Racing drivers about to compete.

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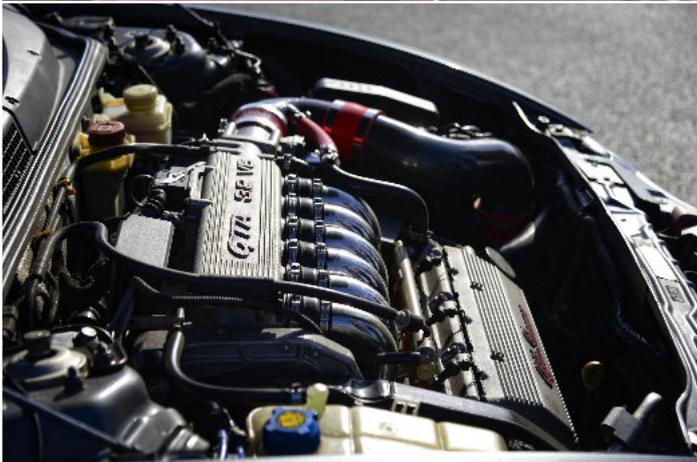
Firstly, I want to thank Cynthia and Doug Earl who created a Mid Week Drive while we were off spending more of our children's inheritance. When I created Mid Week Drives for our club, with the first event in June 2012, I always wanted it to be an event where we can explore less travelled country roads, visit an interesting country town and breakfast at a quality cafe. However, I do seem to have a magnetic attraction to finding trucks and with a convoy of 10 cars, it is just not safe to pass, so we enjoy the countryside at a medium pace. I never wanted to own the event and over the years we have had many members offer to create their drive for us to enjoy.

“THEY ARE ONE OF THE TOP THREE BREAKFAST VENUES IN QUEENSLAND AND THAT THEY MAKE EVERYTHING FROM SCRATCH”

Gail and I leave again in November, so this was my last MWD for 2019. Paul Blake has already offered to create a drive while we are away this time or the times we are away in 2020. I know that Shirley and Rob Grant are always looking for interesting places to visit, not only for MWD but other club events. Keith Faulkner has volunteered to work with any drive coordinators sending out the invitations, obtaining the CAMS licence and forwarding on the acceptances to the members who register for the event.

Neil and Jenny Summerson have also volunteered their country home as a MWD venue in 2020 and while I am at it, our multi marque charity event, A Day in the Country again at Neil and Jenny's property will be on Sunday 30th August, 2020. It is open to all membership to







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attend, but early registration is recommended, as we can only display 220 cars and we now have some very interesting marque clubs attending. If you are proficient at Excel and can make a fair amount of time available to communicate with the attending car clubs and memberships, we need someone to take my place between mid-May and mid-July while we are away.

For new members, if you wish to receive Mid Week Drive invitations you must register on the club website. We currently have 69 families registered to receive invitations, so my hope is that all don't accept for the same event!

Since our Treasurer has moved to Toowoomba and is a great supporter of my events, I like to do a drive to his new town annually. I asked him to recommend a breakfast venue. Emeraude Café was his instant choice. This location suited me, as I have not had time to take a MWD to the Sunshine Coast this year. By going via Esk, it allows Sunshine Coast registered members to join us there.

We actually had registered members from the Sunshine Coast to the Gold Coast attend, so I made the starting point at Redbank Plains. Rain was forecast for the day, but sadly for the fires and farmers it did not appear.

At Esk, I must try to arrange a coffee cart to attend our meeting point, as members craved for a fix while we had a comfort stop. However, on their return they did advise the café owner warned them the local constabulary were watching out for speeding drivers. As it turned out, on the same day a friend took his wife to Esk for lunch and also advised later that it was not only speed as he was tested twice on the day for drugs and alcohol abuse.

Many years ago, I well remember an AROCA weekend drive up the Esk-Hampton Road where we took full advantage of the twisting corners just under the 100k speed limit. This time, as well as having to drive around two dead kangaroos on this road, a lot of the twisty bits are now speed limited to 60k.

I usually always check out cafes before attending, to ensure it meets my quality standards. With the advice from Garry, I did not. This time we had 35 members and 21 cars attending.

However, I did telephone them advising that I did require drinks to be served quickly after ordering and that quality breakfasts needed to be served within one half hour of ordering. Their owner and head chef did call me back to advise they are one of the top three breakfast venues in Queensland and that they make everything from scratch, so my ½ hour request may not happen.

On the day, the drinks were served quickly and my only other advice I would share with them would be to learn from the Japanese and have photographs of their meals, as the presentation of each meal as it came out was outstanding and wanting you to go back for more.

Again Tim Clarkson volunteered to be my sweep car for the day. With the length of our convoys, it is impossible for me to know what is going on at the tail of the convoy. I also appreciate members bringing their CB radios and placing themselves throughout the convoy, just in case I lose contact with Tim and they can relay the message.

For the first time, we assembled 3 Red Montreals outside the café and the photographs our Editor will select will show this and the group photos. Those of you counting will notice just 4 missing from the group photo. One was Alan Leary who with Cheryl has now on many occasions volunteered to take the photos of the event you will see in the magazine and on the club website.

As well as mainly Alfa Romeos in attendance, we also had a Ferrari Testarossa and 308 join our event.

Tony Nelson

Alfa Romeo 1900 Sport Spider | The Fast and Elegant Prototype

FROM FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOTIVE (FCA) HERITAGE COMES THE STORY OF ALFA ROMEO'S BERTONE-DESIGNED SPORTS PROTOTYPE, THE 1900 SPORT SPIDER OF 1954...



The innovative Alfa Romeo 1900, produced during the 1950's, was used as a platform for the creation of high performance racing prototypes. After the 1952 Disco Volante (Flying Saucer), bodied by Touring, Alfa Romeo entrusted the "2000 Sportiva" project to another coachbuilder and design studio, Bertone. In 1954 Bertone penned a Coupe and a Spider that were as deftly sculpted as they were fast.

Alfa Romeo won the first two Formula One World Championships during the post-war reconstruction period, but decided to concentrate all its resources into building production cars, thereby exiting the fledgling F1 championship with an unbeaten record. This pivotal change at the Portello plant notably resulted in the "1900", which was the marque's first car built entirely on a production line and the first Alfa with a load-bearing body integrated with the chassis.

Alfa Romeos were soon celebrated and coveted as luxury cars with a sporty dimension. To meet demand from gentleman racers, the "Biscione" brand built a number of exclusive competition variants alongside its series-produced saloons and employed renowned Italian coachbuilders - Zagato, Pininfarina, Touring, Bertone and Boano - to design vehicles that were also suitable for racing.

Aeronautic advances made during the war gave the designers a better understanding of how aerodynamics played a fundamental role in improving a car's performance, in addition to engine power and a lightweight body.

The already sophisticated four-cylinder engine of the Alfa Romeo 1900 was turned up to 138hp. This power increase, combined with a weight of just 880kg, allowed the prototype 1900 Sport Spider to reach a top speed of 220 km/h.

The "Millenove" (Italian for "1900") was the first Alfa car with a load-bearing body, but racing models were given a lightweight yet robust tubular trellis frame covered with aerodynamically-shaped body panels. The 1997 cc twin-cam engine, equipped with two twin-barrel carburetors and a forced lubrication system, developed 138 hp at 6500 rpm. The car had a five speed manual transmission with central lever control and rear-wheel drive, as well as independent front suspension and solid De Dion rear axle suspension with a Watt's parallelogram linkage.

Alfa Romeo commissioned the Bertone design studio to develop two sports cars, a spider and a coupe. The Turin-based coachbuilder built four specimens with aluminium bodies, two of each type. The 2000 Sportiva Coupe - justifiably considered one of the most beautiful 1950's berlinettas ever produced - influenced the styling of the contemporary Giulietta Sprint, which was also penned by designer Franco Scaglione.

By contrast, the Spider was distinguished by its streamlined and tapered shape and the elegant, downward-facing radiator grille, which featured the Alfa Romeo shield and two classic side lobes. The result was a distinctive profile that was subsequently retained on many Portello-built sports cars, from the Giulia TZ Zagato to the Spiders of Pininfarina, but above all the 33 and particularly the 33 Stradale, which unsurprisingly was another Scaglione design.







The very rare Alfa Romeo 1900 Sport Spider, which belongs to the FCA Heritage collection at the Alfa Romeo Museum in Arese, has already participated in numerous retrospectives of the historic Mille Miglia, most recently in 2018, when it was driven by Coldplay bassist Guy Berryman and professional racing driver Derek Hill.

For more photographs of the 1900 Sport Spider, along with an accompanying video, visit:

www.fcaheritage.com/en-uk/heritage/stories/alfa-romeo-1900-sport-spider

Text and photographs:

FCA Heritage

ENGINE	STRAIGHT 4, LONGITUDINALLY MOUNTED, FRONT ENGINE, 2 WEBER CARBS, 1997CC
POWER	140 HP @6500 RPM
SPEED	220 KPH
WEIGHT	900KG
DESIGN	BERTONE
TYPE OF BODY	SPIDER

Goodwood Revival | Laurie Jones



We have just received a Facebook reminder that one year ago we were having afternoon tea in the Veuve Clicquot marquee at the Goodwood Revival, so I thought I should write a belated account of the event that should be on every classic car enthusiast's list.

The Goodwood Revival is held in Southern England each September, and 2018 was the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Revival in 1998 which in turn was the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the original motor racing circuit in 1948. The event, and the associated Festival of Speed each June/July is held on the estate of Lord March, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, which also contains an airfield, horse racing track, hotel and a stately home. Although a series of historic motor races are held over three days, it is much more than classic racing – the event spreads over hectares of the estate and contains a large spectator carpark, the paddocks and pits, several grandstands, and structures containing Bonhams Auctions, food outlets, a fashion show and over 250 exhibitors ranging from car dealers and memorabilia shops to classic rally organisers and restoration specialists. The historic atmosphere is heightened by flypasts of classic aircraft and the spectators' fashion – many in WW II uniforms and vintage motor sport overalls.

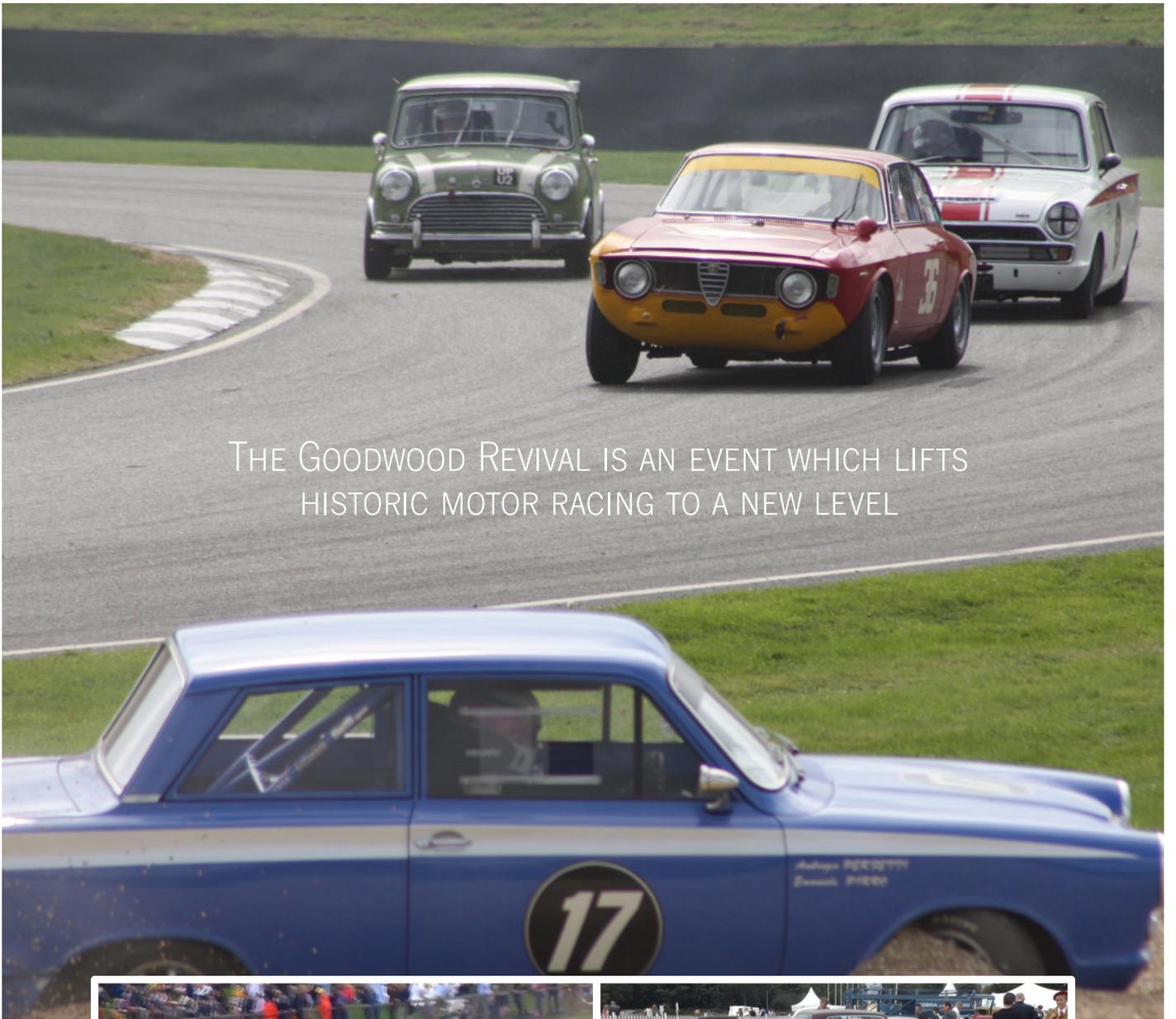
Tickets are available for individual days or the three-day event, with a choice of a general pass or grandstand

seating. We opted for a general pass for the three days, and as a break from the hectic activity, an optional lunch at the Goodwood Hotel and high tea in the Veuve Clicquot tent. As we were late in deciding to attend, accommodation close to the venue was booked out, but we had a hire car, so could afford to stay further out. We managed to stay at Fareham, which was about 40 minutes' drive on the A27 from the event at Chichester, but close to Southampton, where we were due to leave our car and fly to Ireland after the Revival. Traffic was heavy each day as we approached the circuit, but the car parking was efficient and easy walking distance to the main gate.



The first day involved getting our bearings in the large crowds and checking out the various exhibitors' stands. Despite the crowds and fancy dress, within the first hour we bumped into Trevor Bassett and Pip Covell, Ferrari and Alfa owners from our Noosa Car Club. The next day we met

them again and watched the racing until we were due for our lunch booking. The Goodwood Hotel is on the estate, but some distance from the circuit, so the ticket entitled us to a return shuttle service in a classic car to and from lunch. We waited in a queue as a series of Astons and Jags pulled up for guests, then as our turn arrived, a tiny Japanese bubble car appeared. We squeezed in with as much dignity as possible, but the lunch was enjoyable and the return ride in an old Austin taxi was better, particularly as the driver took us on a



THE GOODWOOD REVIVAL IS AN EVENT WHICH LIFTS
HISTORIC MOTOR RACING TO A NEW LEVEL





tour of other aspects of the estate, including the horse-racing track which surprisingly ran uphill (or downhill, depending on the direction)

Action on the motor racing circuit consisted of parade laps of past winners and many former Rob Walker cars, and sixteen races for Sports and GT cars, Production Saloons, Grand Prix cars and historic motorcycles, split into classes by age. Drivers and riders were of a high standard, including Jason Plato, Derek Bell, Mark Blundell, Jackie Oliver, Andy Priaux, Tiff Needell, Gabriele Tarquini, Stig Blomqvist and Rauno Aaltonen, with Troy Corser and Guy Martin on bikes. Our interest was in the St Mary's Trophy, two 25-minute races held on Saturday and Sunday with four Alfa 1600 GTAs in a field of 30 cars with racing history between 1960 and 1966. Other competitors were Mini Cooper S, Lotus Cortina, Jaguar Mk 2 and Studebaker Lark, Ford Galaxie and Plymouth Barracuda. The Alfas were mainly from Germany and the Netherlands, and the battle for the lead between 19-year-old Olivier Hart in one of the GTAs and the big

Ford Galaxie was great to watch as every lap saw the Galaxie pull away on the straight, only to be caught and passed on the corners. The racing was very competitive, and we spent some time later in the pits watching some aluminium panel-beating being carried out around a GTA taillight.

Activity in the Bonhams Auction tent was also interesting. Two Alfas were for sale – a red 1963 Sprint Speciale which was listed at 80-120,000 pounds but sold for 63,250 and a red 1966 GTC listed at 65-70,000 pounds and passed in. Another highlight of the Revival was a display of cars devoted to the films of Steve McQueen, including a Porsche 917 from Le Mans, the motorbike from The Great Escape and of course the Dodge Charger from Bullitt.

The Goodwood Revival is an event which lifts historic motor racing to a new level, and is highly recommended for the competition, machinery, exhibitors, history and atmosphere.

Secretary's Report | AGM 2019

Throughout the year the committee met on 11 monthly evenings at member's homes, with minutes taken at each meeting and recorded. Our post box address remains the same, as we have no difficulty in clearing it, which happened on 42 occasions.

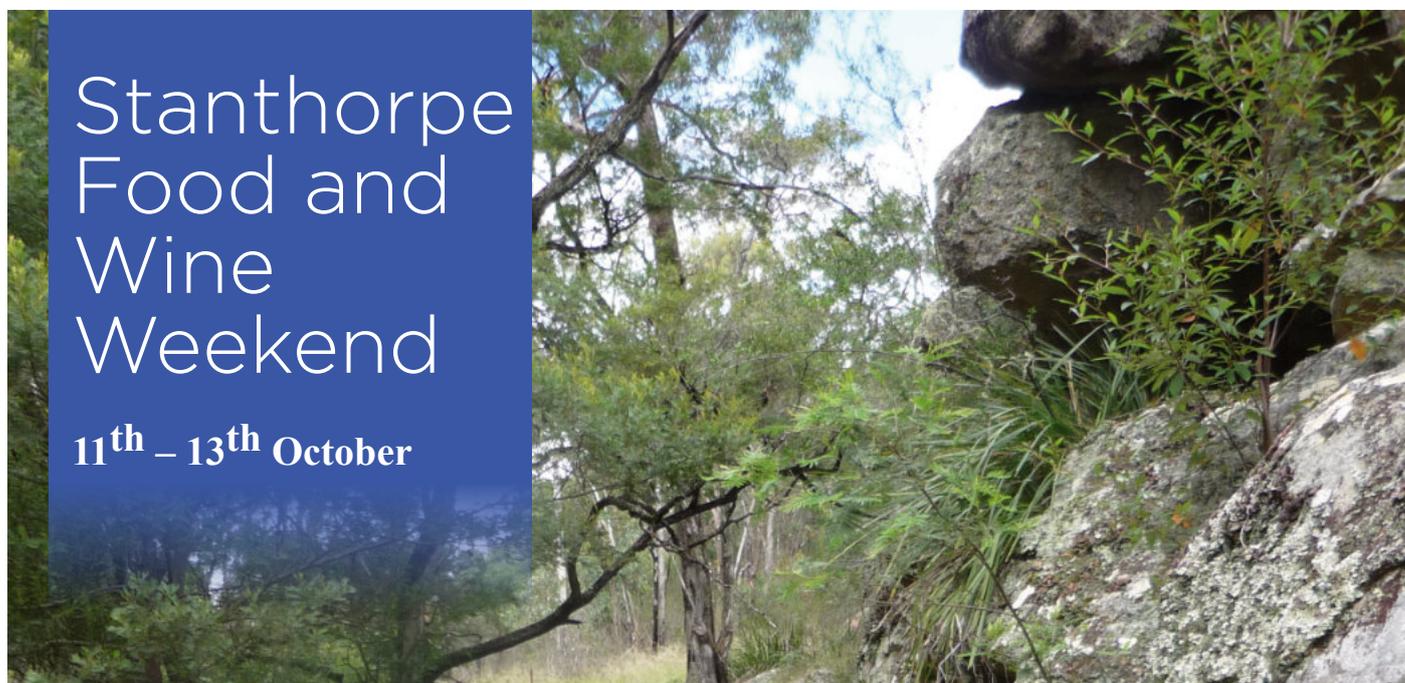
Payments made during the year were,

- CAMS affiliation for 2019
- Office of Fair Trading annual return for 2018
- Post box annual fee for 2019

To the following,

Tony & Jude Vaughan, John Anderson, Peter & Robyn-Ann Mathews, for opening your homes to host the committee meetings. Karen Green for your help and information. The committee for your support. Shirley for your time and effort in assisting me.

To All My Sincere "Thank You." Rob Grant



BOOKINGS CLOSED FOR 2019!!!

Definitely looking forward to catching up with everyone. Always a popular weekend with lots of fun food, wine - including Welcome Dinner at the Heeremans, Girraween National Park walk, The Shed/s Crawl, great breakfasts, lunches and dinners plus visits to wineries and other local providores. Can't fit everything the Granite Belt has to offer into a weekend, but we can certainly whet your appetite for a return visit. Remember to include an esky to carry your "yummy" food purchases, home safely.

Closer to time, we'll email all attendees, the menu choices for each venue so you and your tastebuds can choose to suit as pre-ordering is imperative and simplifies food prep/serving for our large group.

In the previous issue we mentioned Garry was plotting and planning an adjunct. Unfortunately due to numbers the Monday and Tuesday run has been cancelled. Rest assured though Stanthorpe Menus are all planned!

Now, all that needs finalising is your "Welcome Pack", and again this year it's themed so your Alfa travels, wherever in the countryside, are an enjoyable experience and remind you of Stanthorpe 2019.

Cheers, Jude

PS For those with a green-thumb, just giving you the heads up that the Stanthorpe Gardenfest and Trade Fair will again coincide with our Friday arrival, so if you're interested, just drop into 207 Amosfield Road (Stanthorpe Christian Fellowship complex) - FREE ENTRY but have some cash on board as some individual stall-holders don't have card facilities available.

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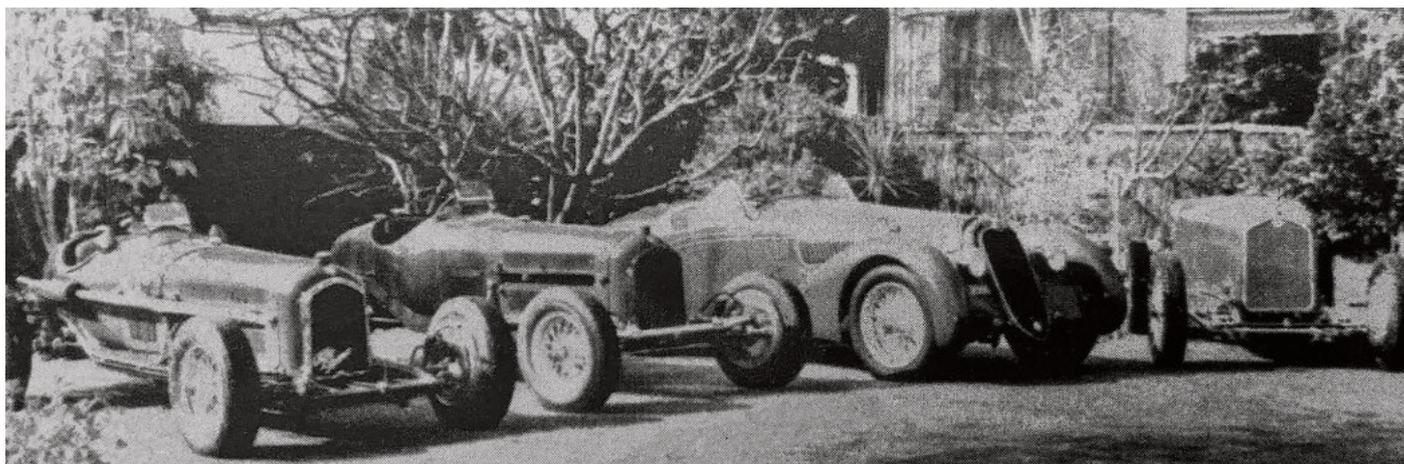
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Upcoming Events

Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 5, October 5th, Lakeside Raceway - This is a Sprint/Regularity event starting from 12 noon. Pre-registration is recommended. Enter this sprint meeting online via <https://racers.world/login>

Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 6, October 26th, Queensland Raceway - This is a Sprint/Regularity event starting from 12 noon. Pre-registration is recommended. Enter this sprint meeting online via <https://racers.world/login>

Another month rolls by, and how good is it that Ferrari have won three Grands Prix in a row and an Alfa Romeo has led a Grand Prix for the first time since the 1980's. On the home front, this month we competed in the fourth and final round of this year's B Series Supersprint.

Supersprint B Series Round 4, Morgan Park, Warwick – We were back on the long “K” circuit at Morgan Park on the weekend of 14th & 15th of September for the last round of Supersprints for this year. A couple of regulars – John Coleman and Jason Wishart – were missing this time, but it was good to see Graeme Berry finally have a run (albeit in his son Alex's 147 GTA). As usual, there was a bit of attrition over the weekend, with Alan Broadhurst only completing one run before the recurrence of the rear brake problems that have plagued him recently. Serge Oberhauser had gear linkage problems and Doug Stonehouse delaminated two of his Yokohamas in his last two runs. Charles and Jenny missed a couple of runs with an overheating problem, but got it sorted out. Ken Percival, Peter Salmon, Graeme Berry and I all had a trouble-free weekend.

On the track, I managed the quickest time of the weekend in my last run, from Doug and Serge, while Jenny finally beat Charles by about 3 seconds in their personal clash.

Overall, it was yet another great weekend in Warwick, and we're all looking forward to doing it again next year. Registration for next year closes on October 10th and if you're interested in joining us please get in touch.

Detailed results for both these events are on the “Resulti” page of the magazine or on the website

For more details on any of these events contact the AROCA Competition Secretary at competition@arocauld.com or 0413122839

See you at the track
Mark Jackson



The 2019 calendar is on the website but here's a brief overview –

Italian Challenge/Alfacomp SPRINT Series Dates 2019:

5th October – Lakeside Open Sprint Round 5

19th October – Qld Raceway Open Sprint Round 6

Italian Challenge/Alfacomp RACE Series Dates 2019:

16th/17th November – The Festival of Italian Motorsport (FOIM) including Race 4, Regularity, Show and Shine and Happy Laps – Lakeside

Also included in the calendar, but not part of the Italian Challenge or Alfacomp, are a number of Interclub Challenge events which may appeal to some members.

Interclub Challenge 2019

5th October – Hillclimb at Mt Cotton (MG Car Club)

27th October – Khanacross at Willowbank Raceway (Holden Sporting Car Club)



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2019 ALFACOMP SUPERSPRINT MP B SERIES RD 4 (K CIRCUIT)

DRIVER	ALFA	CC's	RUN1	RUN2	RUN3	RUN4	RUN5	RUN6	RUN7	BEST LAP	S/S
Mark Jackson	Alfetta GTV	2000	5.17.09	4.37.72	4.36.79	4.40.59	4.39.26	4.40.14	<u>4.33.88</u>	1.29.79	20
Doug Stonehouse	Alfa GT	3200	4.39.51	<u>4.37.89</u>	4.38.69	4.42.35	4.40.05	4.54.10	4.50.61	1.31.45	16
Serge Oberhauser	Alfetta GTV6	3000	<u>4.39.70</u>	4.44.08	4.41.01	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	1.31.52	14
Ken Percival	GT Junior	2000	4.46.68	4.46.93	4.49.46	4.45.87	4.43.52	<u>4.42.90</u>	4.43.80	1.33.16	12
Jenny Webb	105GT	2000	5.08.32	4.58.41	4.55.49	DNF	5.11.15	DNF	5.05.10	1.36.55	11
Alan Broadhurst	Alfa GT	3200	<u>4.56.47</u>	5.09.72	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	1.37.17	10
Charles Webb	105GT	2000	5.09.29	5.01.64	DNF	DNF	5.00.66	<u>4.58.63</u>	5.01.30	1.37.16	9
Peter Salmon	Giulietta QV	1750T	5.06.16	5.04.92	5.05.25	<u>5.04.48</u>	5.04.82	5.05.12	5.06.82	1.39.73	8
Graeme Berry	147 GTA	3200	5.17.37	<u>5.10.61</u>	5.11.63	5.18.45	5.14.72	5.14.09	5.22.53	1.41.56	7

Fastest time underlined

S/S=Supersprint Points

	EVENT	Spr	Reg	S/S	Race	S/S	Spr	Reg	Spr	Reg	Race	Reg
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1	Mark Jackson	16	16	14	11	14	16	14	16	16	11	
2	Jorrit Kooistra	20	14	0	0	0	20	12	20	14	0	
3	Andrei Vishnevskii	14	10	0	0	0	12	20	12	20	0	
4	Peter Salmon	12	20	8	0	8	14	16	11	12	0	
5	Serge Oberhauser	0	0	11	12	12	0	0	0	0	14	
6	Doug Stonehouse	0	0	12	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	
7	Ken Percival	0	0	10	14	10	0	0	0	0	12	
8	Rob Robson	0	0	0	16	0	11	11	0	0	20	
9	Col Densley	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10	Jason Wishart	0	0	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	
11	Phil O'Callaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	11	0	
12	Russell Bampton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
13	Alan Broadhurst	0	0	9	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	
14	Angus Saunders	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	16	
14	John Coleman	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16	Charles Webb	0	0	7	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	
17	Jenny Webb	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	
18	Mike Halasz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
19	Stephen Callaghan	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20	Barry Cornford	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
21	Graeme Berry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT AUGUST, 2019

This month has been quite with another 4 renewals and one new member.

The GTV is all set for the Sprint/ Regularity on the 5th October so I have stopped fiddling with it.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH:

William Ding and Linfei Fu from Southport in their Black 2007 159 JTS Ti

Ciao Colin

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Alloy Wheel Centre Caps

I know these are scarce/rare but does anyone have a set hidden away in some long forgotten recess in their garage/cupboard I could purchase for reasonable money?

They fit the Alfa Romeo Speedline wheels from an Alfa 33/Sprint | \$80 | Contact: Tim, 0403247601, twaldoc@gmail.com (Expires: Oct 9)

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Engine Bearings

105/Alfetta 1600-2000 Engine Main & Big End Bearings. Full set of main bearings in standard size. Full set of big end bearings in standard size. Both sets still in shrink wrap. Were part of an engine rebuild kit but then had to order oversized bearings due to crank regrind. | \$120 | Contact: Daniel, 0407112715, 116gta@gmail.com

1991 Alfa Romeo 33 16v

Approx 180000km. Timing belt and major service needed. Drivers side electric window, aircon and tachometer do not work. Rust in boot, spare wheel well, passenger side sill and rear drivers door. Alternator faulty. Interior damaged in spots. Comes with set of P4 rims. | \$2,500 will consider offers | Contact: Anthony, 0439833944, anthonydearling@hotmail.com (Expires: Dec 28)



2013 MiTo Distinctive - Black

It's time for our Mario to go to a new home as he's been replaced by a Giulietta Veloce (Super Mario!). 1.4L MultiAir petrol turbo, 99kw, 6 speed tct auto with wheel mounted shift paddles. DNA. Auto wipers, lights, rear vision mirror. Dual zone climate control. Full black leather interior with electric sunroof. Front and rear fog lights, satin finish headlight and taillight surrounds and door mirrors. Cruise control. Bluetooth. Rear parking sensors. Original owner, full service history. Always garaged. Michelin Pilot Sport tyres, 17,000km ago. Drives beautifully. July 2020 registration. 97,000km. | \$10,990 | Contact: Stephen, 0411 584 943, bettyandsteve@optusnet.com.au

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Alfa 105 Aluminum Front Hub Kits

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2005 147 Ti

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Alfa 147 Parts Car

Red 2003 Alfa 147 3-door 2.0TS. Owned since 2006 - given to my daughter 3 years ago. Just had a load of money spent on it, new timing chain, water pump, clutch, etc. Leather interior, Sunroof, towbar - air conditioning works. Motor has now a large rattle. (registered and driveable). Panels are fine, except dent behind drivers door and paint fading, front spoiler scrapped. | \$500 | Contact: Tia, 0406117821, enzo.pearce1@gmail.com (Expires: Dec 8)



2004 156 V6

Not the best picture, its a red one. 178,000km single owner that will soon have new brakes, all belts and 2 fluids service. This car was found in a driveway and was one removal away from being parted out. It was bought to rescue it from an ignominious end. Think of the children's story Black Beauty. Her hide is weather-beaten, but she is still a thoroughbred. Am only looking to recoup costs. Offers welcome. If no one puts their hand up I will shoehorn her into the garage pending the re spray :) | \$2,750 ONO | Contact: Carl, 0429724053, ccqld@hotmail.com (Expires: Dec 24)



Alfa Spider 2.0 Twin Spark

This car has been a reliable daily for two years now. The car is mechanically sound but needs some work on the cosmetics (interior and exterior). 229,000kms on chassis, Engine rebuilt 25,000kms ago, Near new brakes (rotors & pads), New flexible brake lines, New MAF sensor, Ice cold aircon. | \$4,000 ONO | Contact: Isaac, 0413180023, isaacnorman7@gmail.com (Expires: Dec 18)

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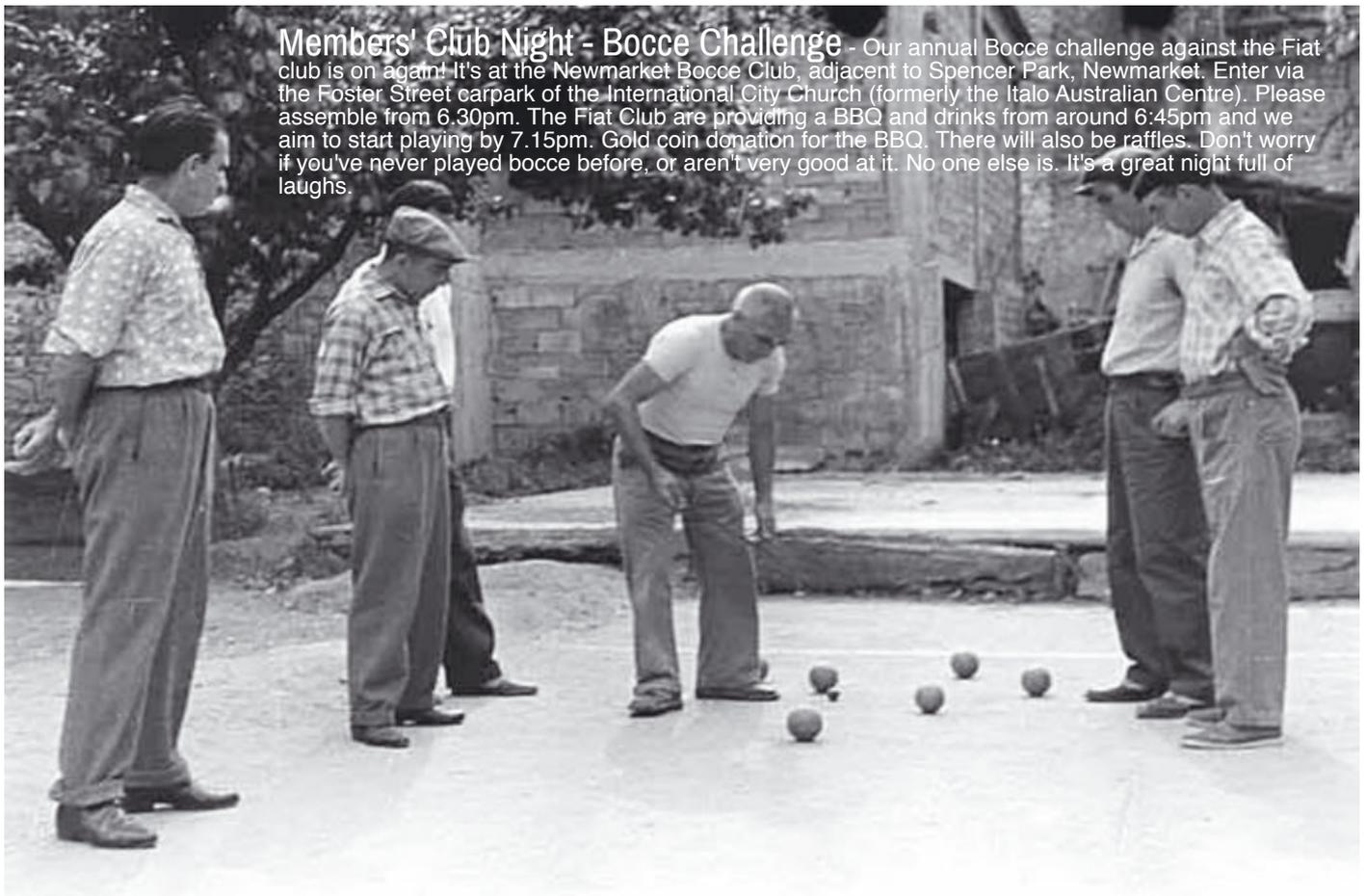
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Eventi



Members' Club Night - Bocce Challenge - Our annual Bocce challenge against the Fiat club is on again! It's at the Newmarket Bocce Club, adjacent to Spencer Park, Newmarket. Enter via the Foster Street carpark of the International City Church (formerly the Italo Australian Centre). Please assemble from 6.30pm. The Fiat Club are providing a BBQ and drinks from around 6:45pm and we aim to start playing by 7.15pm. Gold coin donation for the BBQ. There will also be raffles. Don't worry if you've never played bocce before, or aren't very good at it. No one else is. It's a great night full of laughs.

Oct 5 2019	Sat	Competition event	ICC Hillclimb	Mt Cotton
Oct 5 2019	Sat	Competition event	Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 5, Lakeside Raceway, Dakabin	
Oct 6 2019	Sun	Noosa Classic Car Show	The Woods Park (Off Hastings Street)	
Oct 9 2019	Wed	Club Night	Members' Club Night - Bocce Challenge	Bocce Club, adjacent to Spencer Park, Newmarket
Oct 11 2019	Fri	Club Social event	Stanthorpe Weekend Away Day 1, Stanthorpe Club stalwarts Garry Spowart and Jude Vaughan will once again put on a fantastic weekend in Stanthorpe. Accommodation has been arranged at Apple and Grape Motel (www.appleandgrape.com) - contact them direct on 07- 4681 1288 or admin@appleandgrape.com.au as AROCA rooms will not show on their online booking system. Advise you are booking for the Alfa weekend to obtain your special rates. (from \$135 per night - Standard Queen room, 2 persons). It is strongly advised to book early as it's a particularly busy period in Stanthorpe. For those arriving on Friday night, there will be an informal supper gathering. More details to come. RSVP to Garry Spowart (0419 709 416 or treasurer@arocaqld.com) or Jude Vaughan (0412 942 517 or vetschoice@optusnet.com.au).	
Oct 12 2019	Sat	Club Social event	Stanthorpe Weekend Away Day 2, Stanthorpe Club stalwarts Garry Spowart and Jude Vaughan will once again put on a fantastic weekend in Stanthorpe. Saturday is a full day with lots of interesting things planned, wrapping up with dinner at one of the regions excellent restaurants. RSVP to Garry Spowart (0419 709 416 or treasurer@arocaqld.com) or Jude Vaughan (0412 942 517 or vetschoice@optusnet.com.au).	
Oct 13 2019	Sun	Club Social event	Stanthorpe Weekend Away Day 3, Stanthorpe Club stalwarts Garry Spowart and Jude Vaughan will once again put on a fantastic weekend in Stanthorpe. Following Sunday morning breakfast, there will be another activity, after which it will be time to head home during the afternoon. RSVP to Garry Spowart (0419 709 416 or treasurer@arocaqld.com) or Jude Vaughan (0412 942 517 or vetschoice@optusnet.com.au).	
Oct 19 2019	Sat	Competition event	Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 6, Queensland Raceway, Willowbank	
Oct 19 2019	Sat	Non-Club event	Classic not Plastic Car Display, Redcliffe Showgrounds	
Oct 20 2019	Sun	JH Classics Garage Day	The popular JH Classics Garage Day is on again! If you've been in previous years, you know that it's about cool classic cars, great food, talks on car restoration, lots of talking with other car nuts, and a prize for the best Alfa. If you're coming, please RSVP to social@arocaqld.com so we let them numbers for catering. Please arrive from 10am. JH Classics Restorations, 34 Old Pacific Hwy, Yatala.	
Oct 23 2019	Wed	Magazine deadline	November Magazine Publishing Deadline	



Oct 27 2019	Sun	Competition event	ICC Khanacross	Willowbank
Oct 30 2019	Wed	Committee meeting	Committee Meeting (November)	
Nov 13 2019	Wed	Club Night	Members' Club Night	Shannons, West End
Nov 16 2019	Sat	Competition event	Italian Challenge Race Series Round 4, Lakeside Raceway, Dakabin	
Nov 16 2019	Sat	Non-Club event	Classic not Plastic Car Display, Redcliffe Showgrounds	
Nov 17 2019	Sun	Competition event	Italian Challenge Race Series Round 4, Lakeside Raceway, Dakabin	
Nov 17 2019	Sun	Gold Coast Hinterland Run	Once again, club stalwarts Doug and Cynthia Earl will organise another fantastic run through the Gold Coast Hinterland to finish off our Social calendar for the year (apart from the Christmas party).	
Dec 8 2019	Sun	2019 Christmas Party	We are still confirming the venue for this year's Christmas Party, but the anticipated format will be a Christmas-themed buffet at a licensed air-conditioned venue. Cost is expected to be in the \$30-\$50 per person range (excluding drinks).	
Dec 21 2019	Sat	Non-Club event	Classic not Plastic Car Display, Redcliffe Showgrounds	

2020

Apr 9 2020	Thu	Alfesta 2020 - Day 1	While Alfesta officially kicks off tomorrow, there will be an informal get-together for attendees who arrive on Thursday afternoon or evening. For more information contact alfesta2020@arocaqld.com . [➡ Alfesta 2020 Website http://www.arocaqld.com/alfesta2020]
Apr 10 2020	Fri	Alfesta 2020 - Day 2	After breakfast, there will be the official Alfesta welcome and briefing before we set out on our first day of fun.
Apr 11 2020	Sat	Alfesta 2020 - Day 3	Breakfast and briefing before we throw ourselves into Day 2 of Alfesta.
Apr 12 2020	Sun	Alfesta 2020 - Day 4	Breakfast and briefing before we begin our last full day of Alfesta 2020. The highlight will be this evening's formal dinner and presentations.
Apr 13 2020	Mon	Alfesta 2020 - Day 5	Our final breakfast together before Alfesta 2020 officially wraps up.

Finale



Alfa Gives Us The Official Line On What's Up With Their Snake Logo



Yesterday, I did some digging into the meaning behind one of the most distinctive and puzzling car maker logos around: the Alfa Romeo 'dragon-eating-a-dude' crest. I was curious about Alfa's official company line on the badge, and, happily, they told me.

Here's what I was sent from Automobilito Storico Alfa Romeo:

Alfa Romeo has one of the most ancient and historical emblem among all car brands in the world. This emblem was born on 1910, a few months after the Anonima Lombarda Fabbrica Automobili (ALFA) foundation, on June 24th 1910.

On the left: the red cross on white field is the symbol of Milan, the hometown of Alfa Romeo.

On the right: the symbol of one of the most important families in the history of Milan (and Italy), the Visconti family – the family that ruled Milan. There are a lot of legends about the origins of this heraldic symbol, representing a mythological animal with a human in his mouth (some believe it to be a dragon, but most likely a snake). During the time of the crusades, Otone Visconti, the founder of Visconti Family and a knight, fought against a noble Saracen knight (nomad from the Syrian Desert that bordered the Roman Empire). Otone beat the Saracen knight and, following the tradition, took the symbols the Saracen carried on his shield: a snake with a human in his mouth. At first glance, it looks like the snake is eating the human. Instead, the human is coming out of the snake a "new man," purified and renewed.

The meaning: The snake is a circular animal (a snake can assume a circular position) and is an animal of the changing – able to change his skin regularly and totally renew or rebirth himself.

So, not shockingly, Alfa is avoiding the question of whether the snake/dragon is eating a Muslim man or just some baby (the two options symbol traditionally has) entirely. That's probably a smart PR move. Instead, they're taking advantage of the fact that the symbol isn't animated by suggesting that the man in the snake's mouth isn't going in, but rather coming out.

I did mention this possibility in the original article, and some sources corroborated this possibility in the symbol as well. Though, really, the outstretched arms of the figure in the Alfa badge remind me a bit more of a panicked, I'm-being-eaten-by-a-snake flailing than the gestures of a person freshly reborn, but what do I know. I've never been eaten by a snake and, unless my mom is a really good liar, never been born from one's mouth.

The bit about the snake being circular and being constantly reborn sounds a lot more like another snake symbol, the ouroboros, than the biscione, but I guess after a while all these symbolic snakes start to look alike.

Besides, the symbol is Alfa's to decide the meaning of, in the end. I mean, sure, symbols have history that you can't always ignore — that's why car companies with swastika hood ornaments are so rare — but if Alfa Romeo wants to focus on the aching beauty of being born anew via vomiting from a colossal snake's mouth, who am I to argue.

Glad that's cleared up.

Jason Torchinsky

Ciao!
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