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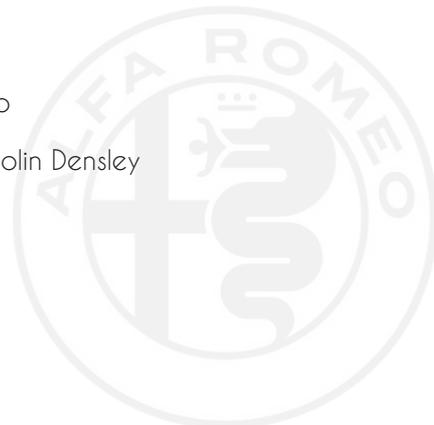
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# Presidente | John Anderson



**A**part from our AGM and the Earl's run, there's not a lot happening in November. Bathurst has been run and won, the Grand Finals for this extraordinary year have also been played. We're almost into Christmas mode, which I predict will involve a LOT of online shopping this year... Oh yeah, there's the big election: the Queensland state election (not the really silly one overseas). I'm obviously writing this before it happens, but whether or not you're on team blue or team red (or something else), I hope you join me in wishing former Club President Brent Hampstead all the best in his candidacy for the seat of Glass House. This is his third run at it, and for his sake, hopefully he got over the top this time around. And if not, there's plenty in life to enjoy still. Regardless, I can't help but admire people who get up and give it a go. Successful or not, they make our society what it is.

Speaking of former presidents, the title of longest serving Club President is held by Jan Wickham, who held it for five years from 1996 through to 2001 (so she was President over 2 millenia!). She is equalled by Bernie Campbell, who was President from 1979 to 1981, and again from 1986 to 1989. Between them, their presidencies represent a little under a quarter of the club's history! Assuming that I'm re-elected as President at the AGM on November 10th (and I do NOT take that for granted), I will also join that small group, with next year being my fifth. I don't say this as a way to "bignote" myself, but to say that I don't think I want to hang around in the job the year after to break the record. Apart from not believing that I deserve to break that record, the past four years have been the most tumultuous of my entire life. The club has just about been the best thing in my life during that time, but it's time I put a lot more energy into getting my life back on track. It's not like I haven't been trying to do that, but it's been difficult to find my new path. We all surf the waves of opportunities and tribulations as we navigate our ways through our lives. Sometimes we get stuck in slack water, and the only way to get back to the good waves is to paddle like crazy! So I'll be planning to get down to doing that over the next year. I'll still be around to do things. I love everytime we meet, and I'm the sort of person who needs to contribute to whatever it is that I'm participating in. But if you think you want to help manage the future of the club in the role of President, it's time to raise your hand and talk to a committee member, so that we can figure out how to support you to move into that role next year. Assuming the club members vote you in at next year's AGM, of course! They are the ones who determine all the roles on the committee.

While I'm looking at the "Honour Roll" of those who have served on the committee and other roles to make our club what it is, I'll go through the 'longest serving' list. And thanks to Bernie Campbell for putting the list together. By far, the person who has served on the committee the longest in a single role is Garry Spowart. If re-elected as treasurer at the AGM, he will have served for eighteen consecutive years in the same role by next year. He's advised that this year will be his last, so that's another role that will be up for grabs next year. Everyone knows what a critical role the Treasurer is, so that makes Garry's contribution even more significant. Next year, the club turns 46, so he's been Treasurer for nearly 40% of the club's history.

The next longest serving person is Bernie Campbell, who was Club Night Coordinator officially for sixteen years, and a few more years unofficially on and off since then.

Keith Faulkner is next, as Webmaster. This role is at the centre of how information is communicated to and between club members. And Keith has not only been doing it for eleven years, but is the first and only person to perform that role. Everything on the website is due to him.

Jude Vaughan was our longest serving Membership Secretary (assisted by husband Tony in a couple of years), having done so for ten years. When Colin is away, she still helps out. She has been looking after Magazine advertising for 6 years as well. Both Ken Percival and Mark Jackson have been Competition Convenor for 9 years, with Jacko setting the record in 2021. Ken Percival has also been the Vehicle Dating Officer for 8 years, and like Keith, has been doing it since the role started. Doug Stonehouse is our longest serving "Member at Large", having done so for 8 years so far. Dennis Sando was our longest serving Club Secretary, having done so for 6 years. Roger Brameld was officially our longest serving Social Convenor, although I have unofficially been doing it for longer on and off. Founding member Robert Grant was our longest serving Vice President, with 5 years in the role. Tony Nelson has been doing Mid-Week drives for 5 years. Both Brent Hampstead and Steven Bowdery have been what we now call the Social Media Coordinator for 5 years. Our longest serving Magazine Editor was Darryl Green, with 4 years.

I apologise if I've missed anyone who has made a significant contribution equal or exceeding those mentioned above. The data I was given does have some inconsistencies that I tried to address, and hopefully I did so successfully. But we all make mistakes. The main point is: the people mentioned above have all made a significant contribution to forming the club that you now enjoy. We thank them all for giving their time, effort, expertise and often money to make your club experience better. That's what makes a club work. If you're not one of them (yet), I hope learning about their service to others inspires you to put your hand up and contribute to the club, and therefore make it the club of which you want to be a part. And if you are so inspired, talk to a committee member when you can! Send them an email, if you want.

As this look at the past shows, for the club to survive into the future, and for club members to continue to come together to enjoy their Alfas, we constantly need people coming forward to contribute to the club. Is that you?

*Ciao,*

*John Anderson*

# Notizia

## Car Manufacturers Plead For Australian Vehicle Owners To Take Urgent Recall Action

4th November 2020: Car manufacturers are pleading with Australian vehicle owners to immediately organise the repair of faulty Takata airbags in their vehicles – or risk serious injury and even death.

Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries chief executive Tony Weber called on the owners of more than 90,000 vehicles to stop risking the safety of their loved ones and contact their vehicle dealership to arrange for the free replacement of faulty airbags.

A faulty Takata airbag can kill or seriously injure vehicle occupants regardless of whether they are the driver or passenger. If a faulty airbag deploys, shrapnel can be sprayed throughout the vehicle's cabin with disastrous results.

Worldwide, 30 people have been killed and more than 330 people have been injured by these faulty airbags.

“We strongly endorse Takata airbag safety warnings issued by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission,” Mr Weber said.

“The automotive industry has shown strong commitment by tracking down and replacing more than 3.7 million faulty airbags in more than 2.71 million vehicles by September 30.

“However, it is imperative industry dealerships replace the remaining faulty airbags in the community. We are committed to locating every affected vehicle. There is no cost to vehicle owners regardless of the age or mileage of the vehicle.”

“The automotive industry is working strenuously to get these vehicles into dealerships. We are mailing owners, telephoning them, texting them, emailing them and in some cases, even knocking on their doors. We need to complete the recall task by December 31.

“To achieve this, we need vehicle owners to take action. The ACCC has highlighted the outer capital city suburbs and regional centres where many of these vehicles are located. If you live in any of these areas, please check your vehicle's recall status and take immediate action if necessary,” Mr Weber said.

Owners can easily check the recall status of their vehicles by using the industry's Takata airbag recall website [www.ismyairbagsafe.com.au](http://www.ismyairbagsafe.com.au) or by texting TAKATA to 0487 AIRBAG (247 224). Unregistered vehicles can also be checked by contacting the relevant brand directly.

Mr Weber said anybody could readily find out the recall status of any vehicle.

“You can check a family member's car, a friend's car, a neighbour's car, or a work colleague's car. All you need to do is go to the website and type in the vehicle registration number and its state or territory of registration. You will get an answer within seconds,” Mr Weber said.

In Australia, vehicle owners could face state and territory government vehicle registration sanctions by ignoring manufacturer recall communications. This means they will be unable to legally use their vehicles on public roads until faulty Takata airbags have been replaced.

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# Members' Club Night and AGM

This year our Annual General Meeting (and Club Night) will be at the Yeronga Services Club, on the corner of Fairfield Rd and Kadumba St, Yeronga. This venue will allow members to arrive early and enjoy a meal and drink in the bistro before the AGM at 7:30pm. Check the Club website and magazine for updates.

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## Alfa Romeo to remain independent in F1

Sauber, the company that races in F1 as Alfa Romeo, will remain an independent team.

That is the insistence of boss Frederic Vasseur, countering the widely held narrative that the Swiss based team has become a sort of Ferrari satellite team in recent years.

But Vasseur told Auto Motor und Sport that Haas is much closer to Ferrari.

"I don't want to criticise the Haas model, as everyone has their project, their structure, their constraints," he said.

"We have our factory, our own wind tunnel, we do a lot ourselves. These are our strengths and we have to make optimal use of them. We will continue in this direction."

Vasseur says the team's technical alliance with Ferrari runs until the end of last year and "we are currently in discussions".

But he insisted: "It is in the DNA of this team to be independent. Especially with the new rules, it will be important to produce certain parts yourself, because then the impact on the budget will be less.

"We have the structure in our company to do that."

Vasseur admits that the corona crisis is particularly hurting teams like Alfa Romeo and Haas, though.

When asked if Alfa Romeo will sacrifice the 2021 season in order to prepare for 2022, he said: "Everyone will do the same. Everyone will flip the switch to 2022 as early as possible.

"Nobody can afford to start the new era a long way behind. Then you're done."

As for the incoming \$145 million budget cap, Vasseur added: "My biggest worry is not the budget cap because we're under it anyway. It is more about the income if this corona crisis continues."

# Collect 'Em All: Alfa Romeo's Iconic B.A.T. Concept Cars Sold for \$14.8 Million



The hammer fell at the RM Sotheby's auction at a breathtaking \$14,840,000, inclusive of buyer's fees. Surprisingly, this was on the low range of the pre-auction estimate of between \$14 million and \$20 million. The auction, unusually, was a contemporary art auction rather than an automobile auction—not generally the venue through which RM Sotheby's sells cars.

It takes just a glance to realize any of these Alfa Romeo B.A.T. concept cars are incredibly important to both the

company's history and to automotive design. Gaze on all three together and that impression deepens, as does one's appreciation for their designer, Bertone's Franco Scaglione. Learn they're not scattered in various museums or secreted away in private collections and that all three are available in a single, unprecedented auction, and you might conclude you're looking at a once-in-a-lifetime event. You're probably right.

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SCAN ME



We had our Observation run a couple of weeks ago, kindly organised by Darryl and Karen Green. I love Observation runs - if nothing else, they're a chance to see parts of Queensland that we don't normally get to see - even when you get lost, as I did! The grumblings of my teenage passenger made me cut it shorter than I wanted to, but I understand that others managed to negotiate the entire course. Well done to those people! We'll look to do another Observation run next year.

Despite the recent relaxation in the COVID restrictions, the decision had to be made to cancel the "Day in the Country" event. Tony Nelson and Neil Summerson had been working closely with authorities to do what they could to make it happen in a way that was (firstly) safe for participants, and also complying with the Law, but it was not to be. Many thanks to both of them for all their efforts. This much loved event is a fund raising event, supporting the work of the Fassifern Rotary Club among the rural communities around Peak Crossing. Given the hard time people in those communities have faced over recent years, the committee decided to maintain the previously approved donation despite the cancellation of the event, to support that charitable work. Assuming 2021 is a better year, the event will be back! Don't miss it.

The now-traditional end-of-year run organised by Doug and Cynthia Earl is scheduled for November 8th (you might get this mag after then). Many thanks to them for doing so. This will be a picnic run, so bring a picnic (and your own chairs)! Please do not attend if feeling unwell. It starts at the Old Tamborine School Park (Tamborine Village, not the mountain) at 9:30 for a 10am departure. This park is located on the Waterford-Tamborine Road approximately 1 kilometre from Tamborine Village. Please be mindful to practice social distancing at the start. If you can, please only one person from each car to attend the briefing, to ensure that we comply with the current restrictions on public gatherings. We'll end up near Purlingbrook falls at Springbrook opposite the Dancing

Waters Cafe, where you can enjoy the bush around you while you picnic. You can also purchase light refreshments from the cafe, and support a local business in these troubled times. Please RSVP to [social@arocaqld.com](mailto:social@arocaqld.com) by Wednesday 4th November if you wish to attend. In addition, please indicate in your RSVP if you intend purchasing refreshments from the cafe. This will assist the cafe with the extra catering for our club. Again, please be mindful to practice social distancing when you get there.

The last event of the year is our annual Christmas party at Mate's restaurant, Wynnum on December 6th. We had the party there last year, and all feedback was very positive. Good value for money, and airconditioned! There will be the usual trophy presentations, raffles, etc, and most importantly - a good time had by all! With any luck, we'll have our Patron John French able to attend. I invite him every year, and this year the party is a week or so after his 90th birthday! So we can celebrate with him. It would be great to see him there. All subject to the COVID situation at the time, of course. And I'll provide more details on that closer to the time, when we know what those restrictions will be. We might have to limit it to 30 people, socially distanced. As this will be post the Queensland election, restrictions might have changed again. So keep an eye out for the broadcast email I'll be sending when we know what's what. It's worth noting that during the pandemic, people seem to be getting out and about on weekends a lot more than they have in the past, so parking at Purlingbrook falls might be at a premium. The picnic is, of course, optional should you not be able to find a park.

And finally, we're starting to get to the point where we need to plan our social events for next year. If you have an idea for an event, or would like to organise one as many others do, please let me know on [social@arocaqld.com](mailto:social@arocaqld.com).



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My ideas for events next year so far are below. And all these events will be subject to any COVID restrictions in place at the time.

- New Years Dinner night in late January
- Gold Coast Car Museum run in February
- Sunshine Coast run in March
- Alfesta 2021 in South Australia (April)
- Gatton run early May (Qld Transport Museum)
- Macleans Bridge Car Show May 23rd
- AROCA QLD Concours (date yet to be planned)
- Birthday Run (June, usually to the North of Brisbane)
- Tamborine Camel run (July)
- Toowoomba run (early August)
- Day in the Country at Peak Crossing (late August)
- Belthorpe Run (September)
- Stanthorpe weekend away (2nd week of October)
- Earl's run (assuming they're happy to organise it again - in November)
- Christmas party 5th December

Note that these are just my ideas at the moment. The committee hasn't yet approved the above list, and I'm only too happy to swap out something if a member volunteers to plan and organise a run for us. Especially if you have a better idea!

Stay safe and Ciao for now,

John Anderson

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*John Anderson*



# 110<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



Alfa Brera (2005-2010)



Car of the Year



## 8C Competizione

At the 2003 Frankfurt Motor Show, another icon was born, when the company presented the 8C Competizione. When the production vehicle saw the light of day in 2007, featuring a Ferrari-based 4.7-liter 450-hp V8, this supercar was for collectors and a handful of lucky owners, with only 500 units produced. It was joined by the 8C Spider in 2008, which maintained the same mechanical features and performance as the coupe. The first part of its name refers to the architecture of the eight-cylinder engine that dominated the race circuits in the '30s and '40s. The other section paid homage to the 6C 2500 Competizione Coupe that Fangio drove in 1950s Mille Miglia races. The vehicle boasted a maximum speed of almost 185 mph (300 km/h).



8C Spider (2008)



8C Competizione

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## The Centenary

To celebrate its centenary in the year 2010, the brand revived the Giulietta. The Alfa Romeo Style Centre designed the new Giulietta, a five-door hatchback with an unmistakable Alfa Romeo look, capable of expressing both agility and a high degree of comfort on everyday roads. Using sophisticated suspension solutions, dual-pinion active steering, and state-of-the-art manufacturing technologies, the Giulietta achieved excellent levels of on-board comfort, dynamic features and safety (both active and passive).



Giulietta  
Sprint (2014)





4C and 4C Spider (2016)



4C's all aluminum 1,750 Turbo Engine with direct-injection.

In 2015 the highly anticipated 4C mid-engine coupe made its debut, replete with a hand-built carbon fiber/aluminum monocoque structure, a 6-speed dual-clutch transmission and a 1.75-liter turbo 4-cylinder with 237 hp and 258 lb-ft of torque. Weighing roughly 2,400 pounds (1,089 kg), the 4C was capable of accelerating from 0-60 mph in just over 4.0 seconds. A year later, Alfa Romeo introduced the 4C Spider, which delivered the same exhilarating performance as the coupe while adding only 22 pounds of curb weight.





Stelvio and Giulia (2017)

The return of the Giulia in 2016 and the introduction of the Stelvio in 2017 capped off the decade in style. The Giulia, a world-class high-performance sport sedan featuring a standard 2.0-liter 280-hp turbo engine and, more notably, a Quadrifoglio version with a Ferrari-derived 2.9-liter 505-hp twin-turbo V6, won both the 2018 Motor Trend Car of the Year award as well as a spot on the Car and Driver 2018 10Best Cars list. Riding on the same wheelbase and offering the same powertrains, the Stelvio, named after the famous Stelvio Pass driving road in Italy, followed in the Giulia's footsteps, winning multiple awards and establishing itself as the benchmark among high-performance crossover SUVs.

In 2018, and in partnership with the Sauber F1 Team, Alfa Romeo returned to Formula 1 racing after more than 30 years away from the Sport.



Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team (2018)

## 2020

In its 110th anniversary, the brand continues to move forward in terms of design, performance and technology, with both the Giulia and Stelvio receiving new interiors and Advanced Driver Assist Systems. Inside, each model boasts a standard 8.8-inch infotainment touchscreen; a redesigned center console with improved storage, new gearshift and available wireless phone charging; new steering wheel wrapped in softer leather; and redesigned dials and knobs offering improved feel and feedback. A new Active Driver Assist Package offers level 2 autonomous functions including traffic jam assist, active lane keep assist, traffic sign recognition and drowsy driver detection.



Stelvio Quadrifoglio



Stelvio Quadrifoglio





Giulia Quadrifoglio



2020

To help celebrate its 110-year anniversary, Alfa Romeo in March unveiled the Giulia GTA, a limited-edition high-performance sedan that harkens back to the famous 1965 Giulia Sprint GTA, which dominated sports car racing in its time. For the new model, GTA, which stands for “Gran Turismo Alleggerita” or Gran Touring Lightened, represents weight savings of around 220 pounds (100 kg) as well as an increase of roughly 30 horsepower from the Ferrari-derived twin-turbo 2.9-liter V6. The result is an incredible weight-to-power ratio of just 6.2 lb/hp.



Giulia GTA



Giulia GTA

Limited to 500 units worldwide, the GTA features extensive application of carbon fiber inside and out as well as a race-inspired cockpit replete with Alcantara on the steering wheel, dash, door panels and bucket seats. A more extreme yet still street legal GTAm version (for modified) deletes the inner door panels and rear seats in favor of a roll cage and more aggressive front seats with carbon-fiber shells. With their GTA, lucky owners will also receive a Goodwool car cover, Bell helmet in special GTA livery and Alpinestars racing suit, gloves and shoes.

## A Glimpse at The Future

Alfa Romeo looks back only to move forward. Inspired by a unique blend of technology and sensation, and mechanical performance and passion, the brand leverages its groundbreaking Italian design, advanced technology and passionate racing-bred performance to build a vision for the future and explore new segments.



# A Day in the Country Cancelled for 2020

by Tony Nelson



Since 2011, Neil and Jenny Summerson have opened up their Peak Crossing acreage property to car clubs with which I am associated. Their generosity and willingness to help has assisted many projects.

The last one I was involved in was in March 2020, where they hosted, provided and cooked breakfast for AROCA members who in turn donated to Motor Neurone Charity in memory of AROCA and MWD member John Fenwick who had passed from this terrible affliction in late 2019. Just over \$700 was raised at that event and passed on to the charity. This was the last Alfa Romeo Mid Week Drive to happen due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

A Day in the Country in 2019, which is the only one the writer has not attended due to celebrating Gail's milestone birthday and travelling to ports in UK, Iceland, Greenland and Faroe Islands. Our thanks again to JDCQ member Allan Hillless who is not only half of the musical entertainment backbone of this event but also gathered the registrations to this event.

On returning home in September 2019, I started work on the 2020 event which is traditionally held on the last Sunday in August. My first duty was to again thank the multi marque coordinators who compile the member registrations for their marque who have advised they will attend.

This year due to COVID, much more information was required of all participants / vehicles attending as required by Queensland Health so that if needed, person tracing information was immediately on hand.

I also needed to ask the coordinators to go to their club committee and ask for a donation to the multi prize raffle for the 2020 event. As all the prizes are at least \$50 value, we get tremendous support from the attending members purchasing tickets. As we have 20 car clubs attending, this process takes some time to complete, follow up and eventually ensure the deposits are made. This ensures that all proceeds from the raffle go to the Fassifern Valley Rotary Club's selected charity for that year.

In this pandemic year, the Rotary Club decided to do similar to what happened a few years ago when they supported the struggling farmers out west. However, this year it was to support the residents of the Scenic Rim who had lost jobs and income due to this COVID pandemic. The money raised is then given to local independent traders via vouchers to take some of the value of goods purchased by the community member struggling to pay for essential food. It also keeps the money being spent locally.



From experience, it has been found this voucher system works better than just handing out the money to struggling community members, where only the local bottle shop and TAB may become the main beneficiaries.

We have found it better that the attending clubs deposit their donation into the bank account shown below and then we purchase the multi raffle prizes to avoid double ups.

This year, the Alfa Romeo committee doubled their donation to \$100 which was greatly appreciated as it would allow us to purchase two raffle prizes.

Gail and I were booked on a ½ world cruise to Dover leaving Sydney in May 2020. AROCA member Rob Ingram who is a computer techno volunteer to accept the registrations while we were away. Obviously, this cruise was cancelled.

It was becoming clearer as the months passed that the 30th of August date was only a chance of being allowed to happen by Qld Health. At that time, 500 people were allowed to gather where spacing of 4 sq. metres was allowed. We had 460 people registered. We also had a multi-page COVID safe plan with all boxes ticked. We had two COVID Marshalls elected, one being club member Peter Mathews who would not only take from each participating person before they were allowed to enter the property a signed COVID declaration but watch over attending members on the day ensuring that social distancing did happen.

The President of the JDCQ had donated hand sanitisers that would be handed to each vehicle owner for the use of vehicle occupants as they paid their entry donation, as well as wash / sanitiser stations being provided around the property and a cleaning plan in place to sanitise surface areas.

Attending members were asked to have the correct donation amount to be handed in at the gate to face masked and gloved Rotary volunteers.

The local POLICE had been informed of the date of the event and were to place a patrol car near the property if not needed for other POLICE work on the day.

Neil Summerson would check with Qld Health weekly for updates and they were aware of this event happening.

We were ready to have the event proceed, until the morning of Saturday 22nd of August when the COVID infection outbreak happened at the Ipswich Correctional centre. The Qld Health advice changed immediately and we had to postpone the event until September 27 and then October 25.

Although Cars and Coffee, Rocklea and other markets, football matches etc were in full swing with limited social distancing, the advice in October still stated that the limit to gatherings on private property no matter the size was 30 people rising to 40 people on the 1st of November. We were dead in the water and although Neil contacted Qld Health and the local member for assistance, the reply was the event could not happen as it was on private property.

## We were all devastated!

I had to send out a notice to all attending members via the coordinators advising the event could not happen. I also asked if any of the attending car clubs wished for their raffle prize donations to be refunded or used for the 2021 event. None wished for their money back and the Alfa Romeo Club committee advised that we should donate the \$100 they had promised to the Fassifern Valley Rotary Club to be used for the charity this year.

We had projected that we would raise around \$10,000 on the day to give to the Fassifern Valley Rotary Club.

We have had many emails / telephone calls and offers to donate to the charity from this failed event. So far \$2,500 has been donated and if you also wish to donate following is the banking details. Please put your name, club and an email address so that a receipt can be sent.

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*Everything crossed that we can again stage this event on 29th August, 2021 and it is never too early to register giving names of all attending and vehicle model year of manufacture, number plate and exterior colour to my Mid Week Drive email address.*

# Italians at Coorparoo Cars and Coffee

7th November 2020





# Competizione | Mark Jackson

## Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 4, October 4th, Lakeside Raceway –

Again disappointing numbers with only three entries. However, it was good to see Michael Heeremans' nephew Henry having his first run in his Alfetta. Other than that, it was just Andrei Vishnevskii and me representing the club. Andrei was driving a new 156 with Sele-speed so was a bit slower than usual, but I managed a new Lakeside PB in the 147GTA.

## Morgan Park HRCC Historics, October 3rd/4th –

Several club members and other Alfa competitors competed in this event in Warwick. In Group S Philip Simmie and Andrew Wilson represented the club while non-members Manuel Pena, John Carson and Stephen Callaghan also competed. Manuel won this class from Philip Simmie. James Anderson won his class in Group Nc, while Bob Bear competed in the Regularity category. Philip Simmie had a suspension failure in the final race resulting in some damage to his beautiful Giulia Super, while Andrew Wilson had a frustrating weekend with engine problems.

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



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

The race event scheduled for the end of October has been cancelled by QR, but several of us are planning to do the Supersprint State Championship round in Warwick in November.

**Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 5,  
November 22nd, Queensland Raceway –**  
This is a Sprint/Regularity event starting from 12 noon. Pre-registration is recommended. For entry and payment go to <https://racers.world/login>



	EVENT	S/S	Spr	Reg	Spr	Reg	S/S	Spr	Reg	Race
		1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	
1	Mark Jackson	0	20	20	10	8	20	10	10	8
2	Andrei Vishnevskii	0	14	16	7	7	0	7	8	0
3	Serge Oberhauser	16	0	0	8	10	14	0	0	5
4	Alan Broadhurst	20	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
5	Luke Simiana	14	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
6	Ken Percival	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	10
7	Col Densley	0	11	12	0	0	0	6	7	0
8	Phil O'Callaghan	0	16	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Jenny Webb	10	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
9	Peter Salmon	9	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
11	Russell Bampton	0	12	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Doug Stonehouse	12	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
13	Charles Webb	11	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
14	Jorritt Kooistra	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	0
14	Henry Heeremans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Graeme Berry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Rob Robson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6



2020 ALFACOMP SPRINT #4-Open Sprint Lakeside Raceway

DRIVER	ALFA	CC's	RUN1	RUN2	RUN3	REG PTS	REG	Spr
Mark Jackson	Alfa 147 GTA	3200	63.81	63.60	<u>62.52</u>	3.7	10	10
Andrei Vishnevskii	Alfa 156	2000	72.03	<u>71.22</u>	71.38	5.27	8	8
Henry Heeremans	Alfetta	2000	<u>76.79</u>	77.13	DNS	12.94	7	7

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0	8	8		8	75	8	75	36	39	0	0
0	0	0		5	53	5	53	8	10	30	6
16	0	0		3	46	3	46	0	0	46	0
14	0	0		3	40	3	40	0	0	40	0
12	0	0		3	38	1	38	0	0	28	10
0	0	0		4	36	4	36	17	19	0	0
0	0	0		2	30	2	30	16	14	0	0
11	0	0		3	30	3	30	0	0	30	0
10	0	0		3	27	3	27	0	0	27	0
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0	0	0		2	18	2	18	0	0	18	0
0	0	0		2	14	2	14	8	6	0	0
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# Eventi

## Social Events



Sun - Nov 8 - 2020  
Tamborine Village to  
Springbrook

**Day Run and Picnic** - Meet at the old Tamborine School Park at 9.30 for a 10am departure. This park is located on the Waterford-Tamborine Road approximately 1 kilometre from Tamborine Village. We plan to travel through Canungra and follow the road towards the Gold Coast. We turn right onto the Clagiraba Road to link up with the Nerang-Murwillumbah Road which we follow south and then turn left onto the Gold Coast- Springbrook Road. Our picnic destination is the National Park opposite the Dancing Waters Cafe (near Purlingbrook Falls). Club members should bring their own chairs and picnic lunch or purchase light refreshments from the cafe. Please RSVP to [social@arocaql.com](mailto:social@arocaql.com) by Wednesday 4th November if you wish to attend. In addition, please indicate in your RSVP if you intend purchasing refreshments from the cafe. This will assist the cafe with the extra catering for our club.

Sun - Dec 6 - 2020  
TBA

**Christmas Party** - Details TBA

Thu - Apr 1 - 2021  
South Australia

**Alfesta 2021 - Day 0** - While Alfesta officially kicks off tomorrow, there will be an informal get-together for attendees who arrive on Thursday afternoon or evening. [[Alfesta 2021 Website](#)]

Fri - Apr 2 - 2021  
South Australia

**Alfesta 2021 - Day 1** - After breakfast, there will be the official Alfesta welcome and briefing before we set out on our first day of fun. [[Alfesta 2021 Website](#)]

Sat - Apr 3 - 2021  
South Australia

**Alfesta 2021 - Day 2** - Breakfast and briefing before we throw ourselves into Alfesta fun again. [[Alfesta 2021 Website](#)]

Sun - Apr 4 - 2021  
South Australia

**Alfesta 2021 - Day 3** - Breakfast and briefing before we begin our last full day of Alfesta 2021. The highlight will be this evening's formal dinner and presentations. [[Alfesta 2021 Website](#)]

Mon - Apr 5 - 2021  
South Australia

**Alfesta 2021 - Day 4** - Our final breakfast together before Alfesta 2021 officially wraps up. [[Alfesta 2021 Website](#)]

Sun - May 23 - 2021  
Belmont Rifle Range,  
Old Cleveland Road,  
Belmont

**2021 Macleans Bridge Car Show** - Hosted by the Triumph Sports Owners Association, this is possibly Queensland's biggest classic car event, typically involving around 400 cars from many different marques. Entry is \$15.00 per display car which included driver and all passengers. Gates open for display cars at 7.30am, 9.00am for visitors, awards ceremony will be at midday. On site caterers have been organised and there will be three coffee vans from early morning for those of you desperate on your caffeine fix as soon as your arrive. Food vans will also be serving breakfast rolls from gate opening time in case you did not have time for breakfast prior to departure. To avoid the queues at the gates, we urge visitors to pre-register and pay for entry during the weeks prior to the event. Those who pre-register will be sent a form to display on their dash as they drive in to the range and then proceed through the preregistered lane thus avoiding those waiting to pay at the gate. Pre-registration also gives the organisers an idea of how many cars are attending from specific clubs and ensure that there is sufficient parking allocated so the club members can park together. Pre-registration forms can be downloaded from the MacLean's Bridge website. This year the classes for judging the cars has changed and also note that only cars displaying a "field judging card" on their dash will be judged for an award. Cards will be handed out in the pack at the gate or can be downloaded from the website. Once again proceeds from this event are going to assist Orange Sky with washing and showering facilities for the homeless. [[Macleans Bridge Website](#)]

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### other Events

Date/Venue

Details

Sat - Nov 21 - 2020  
Redcliffe Showgrounds

**Classic Car Display** - These events are hosted by Northern District Rod & Custom Club and generally held the third Saturday of each month, from 4:00pm - 7:30pm. Any pre 1986 car or bike is welcome. Car Entry \$5, spectators free. Lucky Door Prize Drawn 7pm. No alcohol or dogs. Food and Trade stalls. Check their [FaceBook](#) page for more info.

Sat - Nov 28 - 2020  
Pelican Park, Clontarf

**Peninsula Motorfest** - From the same team that brings you Brekkie and Cars in Redcliffe we bring you Peninsula Motorfest at one of the best places on the peninsula for a car show. Pelican Park Clontarf. All money raised on the day will go towards local charity ROPE inc. Entry is FREE for everyone. Prizes, giveaways, old school muscle cars, hot rods, classics, modern V8s, motorbikes VIP parking area, music, food stalls, market stalls and some entertainment/rides for the kids. [[More Information](#)]

## Club Nights



Tue - Nov 10 - 2020  
Yeronga Services Club

**Members' Club Night and AGM** - This year our Annual General Meeting (and Club Night) will be at the Yeronga Services Club, on the corner of Fairfield Rd and Kadumba St, Yeronga. This venue will allow members to arrive early and enjoy a meal and drink in the bistro before the AGM at 7:30pm. Check the Club website and magazine for updates. [[Download Notice of AGM Meeting and Proxy Voting Form](#) ↓]

Wed - Feb 10 - 2021  
TBA

**Members' Club Night** - Please assemble from 6.30pm. The Club will provide pizzas and drinks from around 7.00pm and we aim to start the meeting by 7.30pm. Check the Club website and magazine for updates.

Wed - Mar 10 - 2021  
TBA

**Members' Club Night** - Please assemble from 6.30pm. The Club will provide pizzas and drinks from around 7.00pm and we aim to start the meeting by 7.30pm. Check the Club website and magazine for updates.

Wed - Apr 14 - 2021  
TBA

**Members' Club Night** - Please assemble from 6.30pm. The Club will provide pizzas and drinks from around 7.00pm and we aim to start the meeting by 7.30pm. Check the Club website and magazine for updates.

Wed - May 12 - 2021  
TBA

**Members' Club Night** - Please assemble from 6.30pm. The Club will provide pizzas and drinks from around 7.00pm and we aim to start the meeting by 7.30pm. Check the Club website and magazine for updates.

Wed - Jun 9 - 2021  
TBA

**Members' Club Night** - Please assemble from 6.30pm. The Club will provide pizzas and drinks from around 7.00pm and we aim to start the meeting by 7.30pm. Check the Club website and magazine for updates.

Wed - Jul 14 - 2021  
TBA

**Members' Club Night** - Please assemble from 6.30pm. The Club will provide pizzas and drinks from around 7.00pm and we aim to start the meeting by 7.30pm. Check the Club website and magazine for updates.



## Competition Events

Sun - Nov 22 - 2020  
Queensland Raceway,  
Willowbank

**Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 6** - This is a Sprint/Regularity event starting from 12 noon. Pre-registration is recommended. For entry and payment go to <https://racers.world/login>. For more details contact the AROCA Competition Secretary: [competition@arocaqld.com](mailto:competition@arocaqld.com) or 0413 122 839.

## FOR SALE

### 156 JTS 2004

Car is in good condition. Registration has expired. Motivated seller. | \$1,500 ONO | Contact: Lincoln, 0404368420, lincolnkeyworth@hotmail.com (Expires: Dec 10)

### 14 Inch Alloy Wheels

Set of 4 Rial 14x6 inch 4x98 PCD mags with 195/60 tyres, suit Alfetta/GTV. Sell for price shown or will swap for 4x98 Campagnolo wheels from plastic bumper Alfetta/GTV. | \$400 | Contact: Matt, 0421 704 429, mattdolans75@gmail.com (Expires: Dec 5)

### 1999 GTV Twin Spark

Zoe Metallic Yellow. Drives beautifully with great power. External in great condition. Roof canvas in great condition. Comes with original wheels. Wheels on car at present are in perfect condition. Work needed: power steering, new spark plugs. Roof goes up and down but can be unreliable at times. | \$4,000 | Contact: Catherine, 0466443057, catherinelouisemaria@gmail.com (Expires: Feb 2)

### Alfa Memorabilia

Alfa Romeo dealer sign and bonnet from Alfa 155 super tourer raced in Australia by Steven Richards. Needs a new home - ideal for the workshop or garage. | \$600 | Contact: Anthony, 0488635337, anthonyopoulos@bigpond.com (Expires: Jan 27)

### Alfa Romeo 147

5 door manual. Lived in a garage all its life. Full service history by Alfa Romeo Specialists only (Rick Damelian, Humphrey Motors, Automotion) + books / receipts / 2 keys. I am the second owner: New Varta battery + NGK platinum plugs. Currently registered, but will be sold as is without Safety Certificate. To pass a Safety Certificate and be re-registered will need new front right indicator and troubleshoot airbag light always on. Tinted windows. Air con cold. Drives beautifully, but I have a new car now. | \$1,900 | Contact: James, 0431424981, jamesrdun@gmail.com (Expires: Jan 18)

### 159 JTS

2006 manual in good cosmetic condition but needs some mechanical work to obtain Safety Certificate. Needs 4 new tires and a new radiator. Low klms for 2006 model - 145,000 km. Sony Media console installed which includes Apple Car Play and Android Auto. Looks great! Sad to see her go. | \$2,000 ONO | Contact: Ben, 0403631588, benjamin6keating@gmail.com (Expires: Dec 24)

### Alfa Sprint Trophy

1979 model Unfinished project car in advanced stage. Painted. All new engine parts supplied for assembly. New hood lining. Call for info and photos. Many spares available. | \$6,500 | Contact: Thomas, 0407628009, tjhicky@bigpond.com (Expires: Dec 12)

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### Alfetta GTV 2.0

### 1978 Door Handle

Driver's door handle. The plastic housing at the top around the bolt has broken, not the lever. It is the chrome door handle, not the black one. | \$Negotiable | Contact: Lois, 0439536199, cavtrav40@gmail.com (Expires: Jan 20)

### 159 V6 Manual

After a 159 V6 Manual. Let me know what you have. Located Brisbane but will consider the right car if abroad. | \$Negotiable | Contact: Thomas, 0431386243, tcran4@gmail.com (Expires: Jan 2)

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Well, October has been busy. The trip out west to St George, Cunnamulla, Quilpie, Charleville, Roma then back to Toowoomba was relaxing. Everywhere was unexpectedly green from the recent rain and all the rivers were at substantial levels.

This did bring out the mosquitos and flies which is what you would expect. The happy hours around the campfires were particularly enjoyable, meeting new acquaintances and getting the goss on where we can go on future trips. Although we stayed on the bitumen all the way round we found the Moonie Highway and the road between St George and Cunnamulla a bit rough.

A blowout on the van in Thargomindah made life interesting. It happened right in the middle of town across the road from the Service Station. How lucky is that! The rough roads also caused one of our drawers to fall out and damage the runners, so we are now having all the drawer runners and latches upgraded.

Since we have returned, I have finally fixed the idle issues on the GTV by replacing the distributor cap and rotor plus cleaning the non-return valve on the vacuum hose and resetting the timing. But now there is a knock, or should I say thump, the rear. This is possibly a gearbox or diff mounting so that is my next task.

A big welcome to:

Travis and Kim McNeill with their 1980 Alfetta Turbodelta 2.0 & their 2018 Stelvio Quadrifoglio

David and Jo-Ann Stewart with their Giulietta QV

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