

FIAT focus

THE JOURNAL OF THE FIAT CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES Inc. (Est. 1949)



Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Fiat Club of New South Wales Inc.

Dear Members,

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting of the Fiat Club of New South Wales will be held on Sunday 12 February, 2023, at the Fiat Club's grounds, Ansell Park**, at 2 Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way. Lunch is to be provided.

Please note that **the club will need a new President as this position is vacant. The Secretary and Editor will not be seeking re-election either and these positions will also need to be filled by new members.**

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

All committee positions will be declared vacant and nominations for all positions are sought.

Nominations should be sent to the Secretary (secretary@fiatclub.com.au) 7 days prior to the event, or can be made on the day of the meeting if there are no formal nominations received prior. Nominations must be accepted by the nominee and be seconded by a member.

All members who attend and vote on the day must be a 2022-23 financial member of the Fiat Club of New South Wales

Elected positions available for nomination are listed below

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER

SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

EDITOR

WEBMASTER

COMPETITION SECRETARY

EVENTS COORDINATOR

ASSISTANT COMPETITION SECRETARY

ANSELL PARK CO-ORDINATOR

CMC DELEGATE

LIBRARIAN

HISTORIC PLATES REGISTRAR

ASSISTANT HISTORIC PLATES REGISTRAR

MERCHANDISE OFFICER

COMMITTEE PERSON

Fiat Club of NSW Inc.

Annual General Meeting, 12 Feb 2023

Nomination Form for 2023 Office Bearers and Committee

I, (print full name) :

of (print address) :

wish to nominate for a committee position with the Fiat Club of NSW Inc. as circled below.

Office Bearers: **President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary**

Specific Committee: **Editor, Webmaster, Competition Secretary, Events Co-ordinator**

General Committee: **Assistant Competition Secretary, Ansell Park Co-ordinator, CMC Delegate, Librarian, Historic Plates Registrar, A/Historic Plates Registrar, Merchandise Officer, Committee Person**

Appointments: **Patron, Auditor and Public Officer**

Signed by the Nominee:

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Please forward your signed nomination form to the club Secretary (secretary@fiatclub.com.au)

Nominations should be received 7 days prior to the advertised AGM meeting date.

The secretary can arrange for your nomination to be seconded by a club / committee member.

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FIATFocus acknowledgements;

FIAT Focus is the monthly journal of the FIAT Club of NSW. It is issued by email on the first Week of each month .

Many thanks to Warren Smith, Peter Stanton & Mark Weinberger for their contributions to this edition of Fiat Focus.

Cover Photo; Warren Smith admiring one of the most rare and revered creations from FIAT, The 8V. (Photo by Warren Smith).

FIATFocus Magazine is available from the FIAT Club of New South Wales website. If you are wish to obtain any of the issues from 2019 to the present just go to the club's website at www.fiatclub.com.au/magazine, and download the magazine you are looking for.

Disclaimer: The views expressed in advertisements and articles published in this magazine are not necessarily those of the FIAT Club of NSW.

SOCIAL MEETINGS are to be held every four months at a venue to be advised

ANSELL PARK is the Club's Motorkhana Grounds located at 2 Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way.

CLUB COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS

- ♦ **PATRON - Mr Nat Zanardo OAM**
- ♦ **PRESIDENT - Vacant**
- ♦ **VICE PRESIDENT - Murray Irwin; vicepresident@fiatclub.com.au**
- ♦ **SECRETARY - Lorenzo Aventi 0425 374 014; secretary@fiatclub.com.au;**
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- ♦ **HONORARY AUDITOR - Rebecca Gallard**
- ♦ **ANSELL PARK CO-ORDINATOR - Michael McGeorge; Ansellpark@fiatclub.com.au; 0414 965 425,**
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PO Box 3034 Bangor NSW 2234 Australia

BANKING DETAILS:

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BSB 082-067

Account 03 665 7020

Account Name - FIAT Club of NSW Inc.

SOCIAL MEETINGS

Held at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown, NSW, 2200.

ANSELL PARK is located at 2 Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way.

Life Members

- Tony Bray
- Steve Gotch
- Pauline Gotch
- Doug Tory
- John Godfrey
- Warren Smith
- Graham Mumby
- Wal Glading
- Alan Steele
- Hank Breen
- Ian Allison
- Kevin Halliburton
- Susan Halliburton
- Tony Studans
- Wayne McGeorge
- Michael McGeorge
- Naomi McGeorge

Historic Vehicle Use - always remember to carry the following 4 items; 1. Club Run - carry a "paper, not electronic" copy of the club calendar with the event listed, 2. Personal Use - fill in your RMS log sheet before you leave - as fines & points apply, 3. Certificate of Approved Operations (purple A5 sheet issued by the RMS), 4. FCNSW membership card - to confirm your financial status.

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Point score
December 2022		
Tues 6th	Oasis Run - End of year Lunch	No
Sat 10th	Lago di Mac – Lap of the Lake, Lake Macquarie (<i>see page 16</i>)	Yes
Sat 10th	FIAT Club Gelato Break - Art of Gelato, Carramar (<i>see page 17</i>)	Yes
January 2023		
Sun 8th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
Sun 29th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
February 2023		
Sat 11th	Gnoo Blas Classic Car Show, Orange	No
Sun 12th	FIAT Club AGM / Social Gathering, Ansell Park, Clarendon (<i>see page 2</i>)	Yes
Sat 18th	Gerringong Car Show (<i>see flyer on page 26</i>)	
Sun 26th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
March 2023		
Sun 12th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
Sun 26th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
April 2023		
Sun 2nd	Auto Italia, Queanbeyan	Yes
Fri 14th - Sun 16th	FIAT Nationals, Albury, NSW	Yes
May 2023		
Tues 9th	FIAT Club NSW Social Dinner	Yes
Sun 21st	National Heritage Motoring Day	Yes
August 2023		
Sun 20th	Shannons Sydney Classic	Yes

OASIS RUN DETAILS

The OASIS runs occurs on the first Tuesday of each month (note that there is no run in January and the November run occurs in the second week of the month to avoid clashing with the Melbourne Cup festivities). Details are not usually available until just before each event, however, consult the Club's magazine or website for the HCRS permit number applicable to the event.

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2022 CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CRUISE ON BOARD THE "BASS & FLINDERS"

Enjoy a 3 hour cruise on the Georges River with Morning Tea & Lunch provided.

DEPART: Sans Souci Wharf, Sans Souci Park, Rocky Point Rd. Sans Souci, **11.00 a.m. sharp.**

Bookings & Payments close 1st November.

PRICING: Adults \$57.00 Seniors \$51.00

"BOOKINGS REQUIRED NOW" (bookings may close earlier depending on numbers)

DETAILS: Brian Heaton ph: 9525 6119 m: 0427 682 767 Email: heatonmarg@bigpond.com

Further Details, Les Watton ph: 9838 8063

INVITED EVENTS

First Sunday of each month; Cars 'n' Coffees at St Ives Showground - 8am to 11 am.

Gerringong Car Show, Saturday 18 February, 2023

FIAT Club NSW Notices.

You will notice that on page 2 of this magazine that the **FIAT Club of New South Wales Annual General Meeting and social day** will be held early on Sunday 12 February. All committee positions will be declared vacant and will be up for re-election. **The President's role is currently vacant** and I have indicated that due to work and personal commitments **I shall not be seeking re-election for the positions of Secretary and Editor**. The nomination form is included on page two of this magazine and is to be sent to and received by the secretary (secretary@fiatclub.com.au) seven days before the AGM.

Please note that the day will also be a social gathering for club members with activities on the day to be advised.

November was a busy month for the club with three major events being held, those being the Norton **Street Festa and the FIAT Club Concorso D'Eleganza**, both making a return after two years, and the **FIAT 123 Rally** held in Victoria. Some members had the stamina to attend all three events. Reports on Norton Street and the Concorso are included in this edition of FIAT Focus. A report on the FIAT 123 Rally will be included next month.

Activities to be held on Saturday December 10 will be the last club outings for this year and two events are scheduled for that day. For those who want to take their FIAT for a long scenic drive, there will be the **Lap of Lake Macquarie** which will include an **Italian Festival** at Thomas H Halton Park in Croudace Bay (which is about 17 km south of Newcastle). Details on Page 16 of this FIATFocus.

For those who are unable to venture so far on the day, there will be a club Gelato Break at **Art of Gelato Michelangelo at Carramar**. The event starts a 3.00 p.m. (details on page 17).

The Gnoo Blas Classic Car, Bike and Truck Show is back on next year to be held in Orange on Saturday 11th February 2023. A few members who live in the area attend the event each year with a couple of Sydneysiders making the trip up to enjoy the day. Details are on the Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club webpage at **Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club**.

The FIAT Nationals are back on next year and the scheduled date will be from April 14 to 16, 2023. The event will be based in Wodonga in Victoria. The energetic FIAT Car Club of Victoria have been working to bring the Nationals back to the annual calendar and are to provide further details soon.

The Club has received an invitation to participate in the **Lions Club of Gerringong Motor Fest / Car Show** to be held on Saturday 18 February. Members can register to display their car or just travel down to Gerringong and check out the show. Details are included in the flyer at the back of the magazine.

At the last Committee meeting the **monthly social gathering** was again discussed, the outcome being that the gatherings will take the form of a social dinner every three months for members to get together, the first to be held on Sunday 12 February 2023 at Ansell Park.

The club library has received a new donation, a **service manual for the FIAT New 500 (and Sports), FIAT 1100-1200**. The manual contains some 80 pages of information and caters for the earlier 479 cc version of the FIAT 500. Thanks to Mr John Millington for sending this book to the club.

Finally, I would like to add that it was a pleasure to catch up with both our long time as well as our newer club members who have over the past few months attended club events in numbers. It is heart warming and a joy to hear from you the gratitude that you have for the work the committee has done to ensure that there are social gatherings for you to drive your FIAT to and catch up with friends. The appreciation expressed from you regarding the courteous service and assistance they received when applying for membership, or seeking Historic Registration for their classic vehicle is appreciated. I am thankful to all those many people who have been in touch with the committee to provide feedback and also to all those members who have shown their support for the FIAT Club of NSW by attending our events and to make this Club build on its reputation as the **Friendly Club**. May I **wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful new year**. We look forward to seeing all of you soon. *Lorenzo Aventi*

New Members

A warm welcome to the following enthusiasts:

Claudio, Franca & Ethan Casacchia - 1971 Fiat 128A



xmas lunch (write up)

27th November 2022

Panorama House @ Maddens Plains



This years club xmas lunch was a very scenic occasion being held at Panorama House with a fantastic view over looking Wollongong. The rain kept away long enough for us all to enjoy the view while having lunch.



The two course set menu with drinks inclusive was fantastic.

The highlight of the day was meeting club members who have been with the club for decades! Closely followed by seeing the cars that members chose to drive to the event.



Of particular interest was seeing an Argenta in metallic blue. A car rarely seen on the roads now days.

A massive thank you to all who helped organise the event and to those club members for participating!

Ciao Giovanni Ciampa
(social events co-ordinator)
FIAT CLUB of NSW Inc



FIAT Club NSW Concorso d'Eleganza Trophy Winners

Outright Winner - Kerry Moroney – FIAT 850 Sport

CLASS WINNERS

CATEGORY	PLACE	NAME	VEHICLE	POINTS
Sedans	1 st	Bruno Napoli	FIAT 131 Superbrava	132
	2 nd	Joe Catena	FIAT 131 Superbrava	126
Convertibles	1 st	Alfonso Piccioni	FIAT 124 Spider	133
	2 nd	Peter Stanton	FIAT 124 Spider	124
	3 rd	Kuen Kam	FIAT X1/9	120
	4 th	Kerry Klinner	FIAT X1/9	100
Coupes	1 st	Kerry Moroney	FIAT 850 Coupe	151
	2 nd	Gavin Tory	FIAT 124 CC Coupe	128
Historic	1 st	Warren Buckingham	Fiat 2300S Coupe	131
	2 nd	Ross Di Bartolo	Fiat 600	130
Moderns	1 st	Sylvia Brown	Abarth 124 Spider	150
	2 nd	Warren Smith	FIAT 500X Cross Plus	142
Modified	1 st	Daniel Sullo	FIAT 124 CC Coupe	137
	2 nd	Brian Dapcevic	FIAT X1/9	129



Kerry Moroney, outright concorso winner as well as 1st in the Coupe Class with his FIAT 850 Sport.



Warren Buckingham

Note: We had limited entries this year due to having to restrict numbers because of space limitation and quite a few members opted to not have their car judged. We had no entries in the Competition Class, which was a great pity, but this was because trailers couldn't be brought in to the area.

The President's Trophy, which is awarded to the owner of a car deemed by the Presidents of the 4 clubs present to be worthy of special mention, was awarded unanimously this year to an Alfa Romeo Gran Sport Quattroruote Zagato, Type 101-23.

A big thank you to our 2 judges, Murray Irwin and Kerry Moroney (no, he didn't judge his own car!), plus thanks as well to Mark Weinberger for his work in liaising with the Alfa Club prior to the event, and placing cars on the day. Many thanks also to those members who helped me set up our club tent, tables, etc. and pull it all down again at the event conclusion.

Congratulations to all winners,
Warren Smith, Public Officer.



Bruno Napoli



Peter Stanton



Alfonso Piccioni



Gavin Tory



Daniel Sullo

FIAT Club NSW Concorso d'Eleganza

Sunday 6 November saw the return of the FIAT Club of NSW Concorso d'Eleganza to a new venue at Brays Bay Reserve in Rhodes. The venue was less prone to cancellation due to the heavy rains experienced in September and allowed the event to be staged after a two year absence (a number of other clubs in Sydney had to cancel their annual show days again for 2022).

The day turned out to be bright and sunny and was enjoyed by participants and visitors. There was a large showing of classic cars from all participating clubs even though the number of vehicles that could be displayed was limited as the venue was smaller than Gough Whitlam Park where the event had been held previously.

Kerry Moroney was the outright FIAT Club NSW Concorso winner for 2022 with his immaculate FIAT 850 Sport. Results and photos of the winners are presented on the previous page. More photos of people and members cars as well as some of the sights from the other clubs attending (Lancia Motor Club of NSW, Italian Made Social Club, Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia (NSW)) are presented on the following pages.

The Club extends its thanks to the Alfa Club for persevering to arrange and hold the event so that members could again enjoy an event that had been missed for the past couple of years. Next year, organisers will to ensure that 2023 is better than ever.

Thanks to Warren Smith for organising the trophies and for presenting them to the various winners. Warren also brought along the club marquee and set it up (with the help of some kind folk). Thanks also to Mark Weinberger, Peter Stanton and Warren Smith for taking photos on the day and a selection of which are included in this article.



Brian Dapcevic



Kuen Cam



Warren Smith



Ross Di Bartolo



Joe Catena



Sylvia Brown

FIAT Club NSW Concorso d'Eleganza



Concorso Prize Winners, Top clockwise - Kerry Moroney's 850 Coupe; Alfonso Piccioni's 124 Spider; Bruno Napoli's 131 Superbrava; Warren Buckingham's 2300S.

Below, clockwise - Gavin Tory - 124 Coupe; Warren Smith - 500X; Kuen Kam, X1/9; Joe Catena and his modified 131 Superbrava; Ross Di Bartolo's Fiat 600; Brian (Bruno) Dapcevic's modified X1/9.



Kerry Klinner's X1/9



Daniel Sullo 124 Coupe

FIAT Club NSW Concorso d'Eleganza



Very nice scenery by the water



Tony Metcalf's stall attracted much interest



Peter Stanton's 124



Dean Martin's X1/9



The FIAT Club Concorso is happy to award prizes for hard work.



Murray Irwin's X1/9



FIAT Club NSW, AROCA, Lancia Motor Club, Italian Made Social Motoring Club Display Day



The Combined President's Trophy went to this Alfa Romeo Gran Sport Quattroruote Zagato, Type 101-23.



FIAT Club NSW, AROCA, Lancia Motor Club, Italian Made Social Motoring Club Display Day



Norton Street Autofesta

The Norton Street, Autofesta returned to Leichhardt, along with the Norton Street Italian Festival, after two years, having been cancelled because of Covid. This year's event had to be modified at the last minute as the recent heavy rains forced the movement of the AUTOFesta from the sodden parkland to the main drag of Norton Street.

A sunny bright day greeted visitors and participants to enjoy the scenery and sights which included hospitality stalls, merchandise, and entertainment with an Italian flavour.

A number of FIAT Club NSW members joined in the festivities and from all accounts it was a very pleasant day. Many thanks to Warren Smith for his photographs. *(Photos of members cars, clockwise, left to right; John Murn's Iso Lele, Warren Smith's Abarth 124; Brian Dapcevic's 500 in the middle; Ross Di Bartolo's FIAT 600. Other photos - Street scene, Tony Studan's merchandise stall and various other car club displays).*





pizza break (write up)

6th November 2022
Patio @ Putney

A small group of club members met up at Patio for a Pizza/Pasta catch up to talk about the Concorso held earlier the same day.

The hot weather and long day of standing around our cars at the show may of deterred members hanging around for dinner.

All in all it was a great night of conversation and good food.

Thanks to all who came along.

See you all at the next event.

Ciao Giovanni Ciampa
(social events co-ordinator)
FIAT CLUB of NSW Inc



2022 Lap of Lake Macquarie is back on!

This year Lap of the Lake Macquarie is on! And it's going to be quite different for our 2020 one-off Covid friendly Lap of the Lake. This year it is partnered with CIAO - Combined Italian Automobile Organisation who will be hosting the event.

On the 10th December 2022, CIAO will be hosting an exciting All Italian event - "*Lago di Mac – Lap of the Lake*".

The FIAT Club and its members are invited to attend, and in addition, the invitation is extended to any members to display their machines on the grass by the gorgeous shores of Lake Macquarie. This is a free event, and there is no cost to show cars, however for event patron safety we request any displayed vehicles to respect the bump-in/bump-out times below.

Date: 10th December 2022.

Address: Thomas H Halton Park - Macquarie Drive, Croudace Bay NSW.

Event time: 9am – 3pm

Bump-in: 8am – 9am

Bump-out: 3pm – 4pm

A little more about this Inaugural event:

Thomas H Halton Park will be the epicentre for this cultural festival and will be transformed in a memorable hub of elevated family friendly atmosphere.

From 9am-3pm, it will showcase local Italian business and produce from coffee, food, & artisan stalls, music (already secured an internationally classical trained Italian guitarist), an Antipasto and Aperol Spritzer Piazza with wine and cocktails, grass games for kids and families to enjoy, as well as a Christmas themed Buon Natale photo zone.

For those that don't pack a picnic blanket there will be a large Hamptons marquee with traditional long tables for people to enjoy food and shaded atmosphere from the summer sun. There will be designated areas for car club displays on the grass by the lake. Separately, there will also be designated parking specifically for Italian cars/ bikes casually attending on the day, however this marshalled parking is limited so first in best dressed.

The second component to the day is – *Lap of the Lake*. Similar to the Covid-friendly format in 2020, participants will be armed with a "Key Map" of Lake Macquarie's restaurants, cafes, and tourist sights. At their own leisure, participants are encouraged to create their own foodie adventure and journey around the lake whilst enjoying a few less explored and super fun roads. Destinations will vary to cater to varying tastes, budgets, and interests (ideally these will be Italian, but not essential).

More event information will be announced via the Facebook page. Feel free to share, like or follow for further updates.

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/LagodiMacqAllItalian)

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Kind regards,

Geoff Boog; 0404 841 669

Warren Buckingham; 0428 938 338.



All Italian Festival

Thomas H Halton Park, Croudace Bay

SATURDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2022 9am to 3pm



Belissimo Italian food stalls Gelato Buon Natale photo zone
Antipasto & Aperol Spritzer zone Artisan stalls Music
Grass games for the kids Family football zone
Italian automobile and motorcycle displays ...and more!!



Gelato Break!

Come join fellow club members for a gelato and chat...



destination

When: Saturday 10th December 2022

Where: Art of Gelato Michelangelo

30 The Horsley Drive
Carramar NSW 2163

Time: 3pm - 5pm



GNOO BLAS
Classic Car Club
Orange NSW

THE GNOO BLAS CLASSIC CAR, BIKE & TRUCK SHOW

Saturday February 11th 2023
ORANGE NSW



Jottings and Gossip

It has been a while since Jottings & Gossip appeared in FIAT Focus and now that the rains have dispersed (for the moment at least) and club activities have returned a few things have happened recently.

Ansell Park has had a few months to dry out after the heavy rains earlier this year (they never seemed to stop!). Now, after some warm weather, a few members trekked up to the grounds and cut some paths so that other volunteers could access the park for the working bee



Some grass cleared around the car park.

proper a week later. The grass and weeds had grown to be a few meters high to make initial access difficult. It looks like the earth is hard enough to use machinery on without getting bogged.



Ansell Park is now covered in grass, a long cry from the "days of drought" a few years ago.

We should be able to hold events at Ansell Park in the near future, as long as the good weather holds out. Thanks to Wayne McGeorge, Kevin Halliburton and Warren Smith for their work.

Shannons Auctions had completed their last auction for the year and the results, as usual, would have raised a few eyebrows. Of key interest to members was a 1959 FIAT 500 N (a vehicle well known to this club) and a Lancia Delta Rally car. There were many other exotic and desirable cars at the combined Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane auctions, however, the two aforementioned cars were on show in Sydney and provided viewers a glimpse of one rare and of another exotic machine.

The FIAT 500 N represents one of the earliest versions of this iconic car which included the 479 cc engine. It looks like someone found it irresistible as it sold for \$45,388.

The Lancia, listed as a 1993 Delta HF Integrale Evo and set up as a rally car sold for \$80,000. Also of interest to FIATifosi was the sale of a LHD 1989 Ferrari Testarossa for \$218,000. I will leave it for you to work out the price per horsepower between the 500 and the Testarossa.



FIAT Nationals Newsletter

Thanks for your patience as we have been working through getting this event up and running again for next year.

We have finally set a date and booked a venue for the event. It is set for April 14th, 15th and 16th, which is a weekend that coincides with holidays for all states and also avoids a clash with any of the other major motoring events.

We have chosen to use the Wodonga TAFE Logic Centre in Barnawatha (14km from Wodonga) as the site for the sprint and the motorkhana. This venue is quite low key compared to the more recent Taillem Bend event, but will well suit our vehicles and offers a lower cost and less (financial) risk option for us all in these uncertain times. Albury/Wodonga is also well located for travel distances for the mid and east coast.

We are still working out a lot of the details and are planning the accommodation and Show and Shine in Albury as part of the weekend.

Please set aside these dates in your diary for next year and stay tuned to email advice and Nationals Facebook advice regarding additional details.

Regards,

Robert Judd

Fiat Car Club of Victoria Inc.

2023 Fiat 500e Abarth Is Amplified with a Sound Generator

By Wesley Wren,

Autoweek / news.yahoo.com

- The 2023 Fiat 500 Abarth trucks along with a battery-electric version based on the 500e.
- The compact Fiat 500e Abarth will make 155 hp and 173 lb-ft of torque from a single electric motor.
- Feeding that motor is a 42-kWh battery pack that should carry this Fiat 500e Abarth about 200 miles, according to the WLPT test.

Rejoice scorpion fans! There's hope for Fiat's legendary Abarth performance brand in the electric age as the Italian automaker rolls out an Abarth variant of its 500e.

The transition from the screaming turbocharged 1.4-liter I4 to the battery-electric platform should leave its iconic noise by the wayside, but Fiat will deploy a sound generator to give this machine some snarl. The Abarth variant of the 500e also delivers less power than its internal-combustion cousin but is reportedly quicker in the real world.

Okay, so it's not more powerful than its out-of-production Abarth predecessor, but the single-motor 500e Abarth makes 155 hp and 173 lb-ft of torque. Feeding that electric motor is a 42-kWh battery pack, which is effectively the same as the current long-range battery pack that powers 500e models abroad.

That means a fully charged Abarth 500e will travel about 199 miles, based on the WLPT cycle. If this were to head stateside, that range would drop with the EPA test cycle. All in, Fiat says this 500e Abarth can sprint to 62 mph in seven seconds. That's considerably slower than, say, a Tesla Model S Plaid, but is about in line with what Car and Driver saw with the gasoline-burning 500 Abarth.

While it won't have its signature exhaust note, the Fiat 500e Abarth will still be hard to mistake for the pedestrian 500e. Fiat slapped an Abarth script on the 500e's nose and emblazoned it across both door bottoms. Combine that with the sound generator, and your neighbors will know that you dropped the extra bucks for the higher-performance Fiat EV. It isn't clear if that sound generator is a speaker or something like the Fratzonic Chambered Exhaust found on Dodge's EV concept, but the automaker says you can turn it off if you want.



Fiat says members of the Abarth community can place an order for one today, and the brand's website says you can expect these to hit certain streets in February of 2023. For now, the US is not expected to receive the 500e, as Fiat pulled the internal-combustion 500 from this market in 2019. However, parent company Stellantis needs battery-electric vehicles in the US, and this hopped-up EV could be a good fit.

Do you think the Fiat 500e Abarth is wild enough to earn the scorpion badge?

Fiat 600 And Multipla Are Reportedly Coming Back As Small Crossovers

The reborn 600 will be the first to hit the market, as early as the second half of 2023.

By: Adrian Padeanu, www.motor1.com

Fiat has a strong presence in Latin America with multiple models not offered in Europe, such as the Argo, Cronos, or Pulse. Except for the electric

500, the company's lineup on the Old Continent is getting a bit long in the tooth. The gasoline-fueled, previous-generation 500 along with the Panda are aging products while the Tipo has always been a cheaper alternative to the VW Golf and other compact cars. Thankfully, new cars may be on the way.

Reports from Italy are indicating Fiat's lineup will blossom in the years to come, starting in 2023 with the return of the 600. Speculatively rendered by Motor1.com, the model is shaping up to be a subcompact crossover about four meters long. It's said to ride on the second-gen CMP platform and offer gasoline (Peugeot's Puretech) and hybrid powertrains alongside a pure EV setup. It'll allegedly enter production in the latter half of next year in Poland.

More fresh metal will arrive in 2024 with a next-generation, larger Panda destined to be sold exclusively as an EV on a low-cost CMP platform. It'll peacefully coexist with the current model until 2026 when Fiat plans to retire the hybrid model. The same architecture underpinning an all-new Panda might also be used for a surprising return of the Multipla, but this time around, it'll be an electric crossover likely bigger than the next Panda.

The reborn Multipla is said to indirectly replace the 500X and Tipo, which could both be discontinued in 2024. Take these details with the proverbial pinch of salt but Fiat must be working on new products if it wants to remain relevant in homeland Europe. For what it's worth, a spy photo of what seems to be a camouflaged 600 prototype was published on social media earlier this month.

Another fabled name destined to make a comeback is Topolino in 2023 as a rebadged version of the Citroën Ami and Opel Rocks-e quadricycles.



Artist rendering of the proposed FIAT 600

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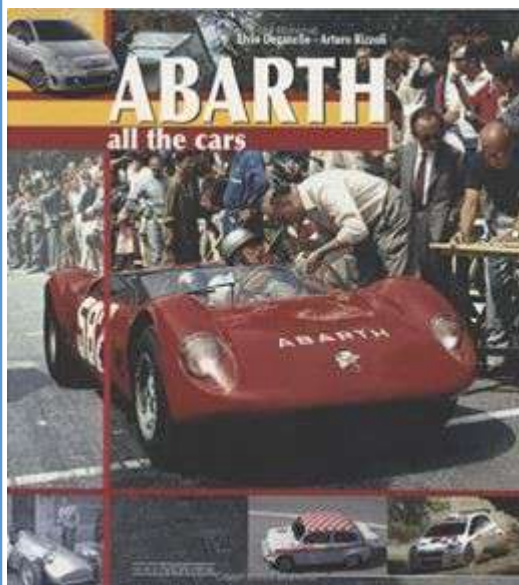
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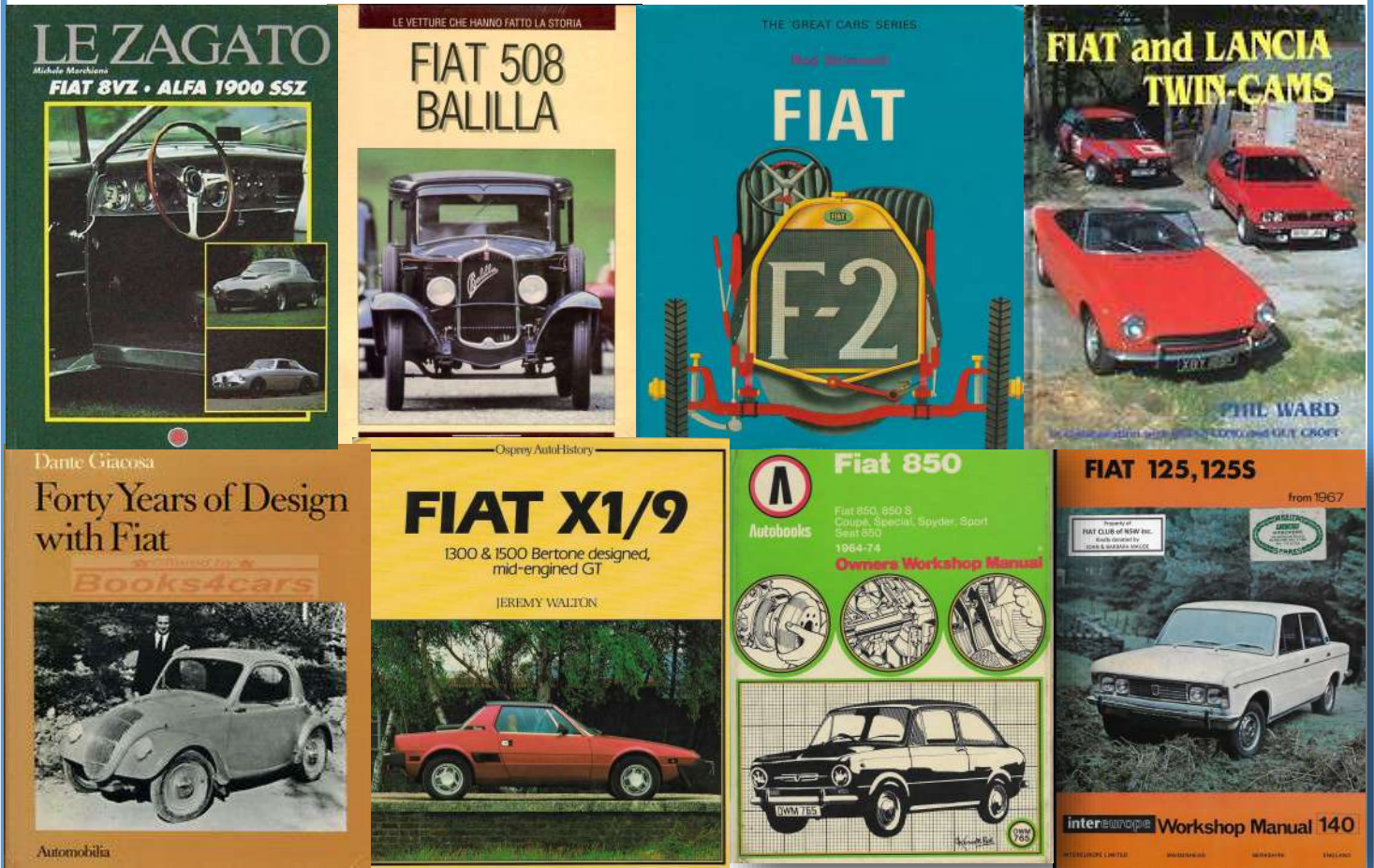
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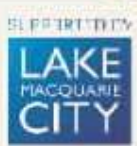
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