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Social Meetings sponsored by the Bankstown Sports Club



Concorso d'Eleganza

Sunday 25th September 2022

Gough Whitlam Park, Bayview Ave, Earlwood NSW 2206

The FIAT Club of NSW would like to invite
all members to bring their FIAT's
(of all models road or race)
to this years Concorso d'Eleganza
(cars of any standard welcome)

NOTE: Featured Model this year is the FIAT X1/9

entry **free** for club members

cars to be on display by: **9:30am**

judging commences: **10:00am**

trophy presentation: **2:00pm**



FIAT 123 Anniversary Rally

BENDIGO, 10th – 13th November, 2022

Fellow members,

You may have noticed that in the last 2 Fiat Focus magazines there has been a flyer reproduced promoting an event called the "FIAT 123" to be held in Bendigo in November.

This has been planned as a 3-day get-together of Fiat enthusiasts to celebrate 123 years of Fiat cars, with socialising being the main aim, but with a couple of car displays thrown in – one of them at night!

Although the organising club, the Fiat Car Club of Victoria, have focused on historic Fiats just a little, Fiats or Fiat based Abarths regardless of age are all more than welcome to attend. They are even saying Fiats in any condition or on trailers are welcome.

Long time club members may remember that in 1991 a National Historic Fiat Rally was held in Parkes, NSW and this was the last time such an event has been run. I attended that event with my wife and children and we thoroughly enjoyed it, with my wife even asking on the way home "when is the next one?". Well, we've had to wait 31 years, but we are going to this one, that's for sure!

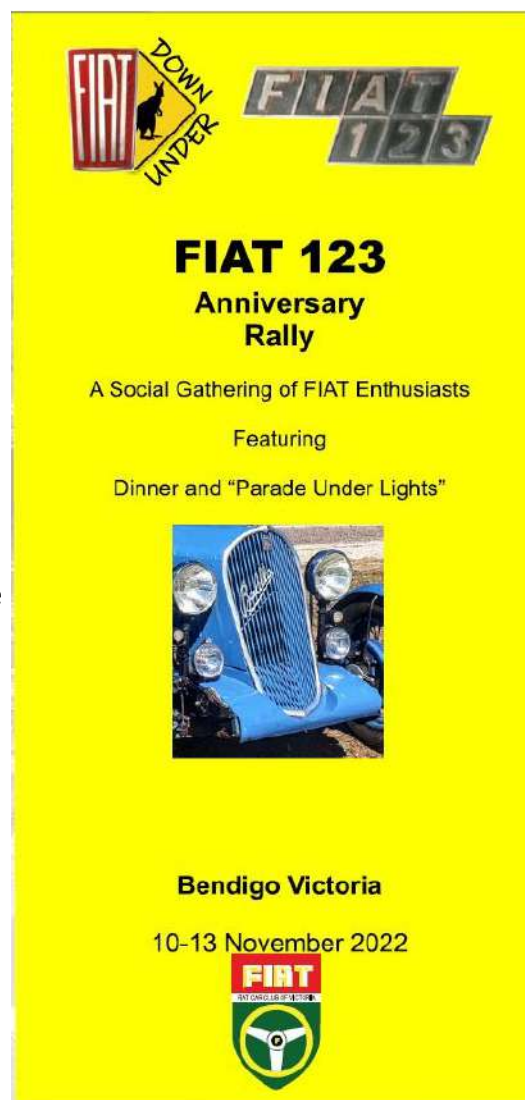
If you're interested, there is more info and booking details in the official flyer.

Warren Smith

Public Officer, Fiat Club of NSW Inc.

0419 754515

For more information on the FIAT 123 Rally, please refer to the Rally newsletter and flyer on pages 10 - 11 in this edition of FIAT Focus. (Ed)



The flyer is yellow with a red and black logo at the top left that says "FIAT DOWN UNDER". To the right is the "FIAT 123" logo. The main text reads: "FIAT 123 Anniversary Rally", "A Social Gathering of FIAT Enthusiasts", "Featuring Dinner and 'Parade Under Lights'", and "Bendigo Victoria 10-13 November 2022". At the bottom is the FIAT logo and a small photo of a blue classic car.

Calling all members currently in possession of Perpetual Concorso Trophies

Please return any Perpetual Concorso trophies

Members who currently hold perpetual trophies for the Concorso d'Eleganza are to either bring them to a club event (with the aim of handing them over to Warren Smith), OR to just make sure that they bring them along to this year's Concorso on September 25th?

Contact Warren Smith or any member of the committee to arrange delivery of the trophy (contact details are on page 6).

Concorso trophies ONLY...

The trophies to be returned include those for Sedans, Convertibles, Coupes, Historic & Modern.

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Cover Photo; *Daniel Sullo in his 124 flying the FIAT flag at the CMC Shannons Classic in August.*

FIATFocus Magazine is available from the FIAT Club of New South Wales website. If you are after 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 held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown, starting at 7.30 pm.

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

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BSB 082-067

Account 03 665 7020

Account Name - FIAT Club of NSW Inc.

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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
September 2022		
Tues 6th	Oasis Run - Mount Annan Botanical Gardens	No
Sun 11th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Pasticceria Massimo Papa, Fairy Meadow	Yes
Tues 13th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
Sun 18th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Benzin Café, Dural	Yes
Sun 25th	FIAT Club NSW annual Concorso 'd' Eleganza	Yes
October 2022		
Sat 1st - Sun 2nd	AROCA 6 Hour Regularity Race - Winton	No
Tues 4th	Oasis Run - Towradgi Bowling Club	No
Sat 8th - Sun 9th	Bathurst 1000	No
Sun 9th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Armory Wharf Café, Newington	Yes
Sun 9th	Vintage Vehicle Club 1919 to 1930, Gymkhana - Ansell Park TBC	No
Tues 11th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
Sun 16th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship TBC	Yes
Sun 23rd	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Sunset Drive-In Cinema, St Ives	Yes
Sun 30th	Norton Street Festival - Autofesta	Yes
November 2022		
Sun 6th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Patio @ Putney	Yes
Tues 8th	Oasis Run - Remembrance Day	No
Tues 8th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
Wed 9th to Mon 14th	Fiat 123 Rally - (November 10 to 13)	
Sun 27th	FIAT Club Coffee Break TBC	Yes
Sun 27th	FIAT Club Christmas Function TBC	Yes
December 2022		
Tues 6th	Oasis Run - Christmas Lunch (TBC)	No
Sun 11th	FIAT Club Coffee Break The Gelato Factory / Bundeena	Yes

Competition Calendar		
September 2022		
Sun 4th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Gunnedah	No
Sun 11th	NSW Motorkhana Championship - Sydney Motorsport Park	No
Sun 18th	Huntley Hillclimb	No
October 2022		
Sat 1st - Sun 2nd	AROCA 6 Hour Regularity Race - Winton	No
Mon 3rd	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Canberra (SDMA)	No
Sun 16th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 7 TBC	Yes
November 2022		
Sat 5th	Skidpan - SMP (SSCC)	No
Sun 13th	Huntley Hillclimb	No
Sun 13th	Supersprint - SMP, Druitt Circuit (SSCC)	No

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.

ALL THESE EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS OR RULES THAT ARE IN PLACE AT THE TIME

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 6th 2022. Mount Annan Botanical Gardens. DETAILS: Brian Jubb ph: 9602 9591

OCTOBER 4th 2022. TOWRADGI BOWLING CLUB, 2a Towradgi Rd, Towradgi.

TIME: Arrive at the club from 11.00am onwards for pre-lunch coffee & drinks. LUNCH BOOKING: 12.00 noon.

BOOKINGS & DETAILS: Andrew Yeend m: 0417 474 050

NOVEMBER 8th 2022. Remembrance Day Run. Seven Hills R.S.L. Club.

MEET: At club before 11.00 am for a small memorial service & an inspection of their war museum before we have lunch at the club.

BOOKINGS & DETAILS: Phil Haberle m: 0419 996 371

DECEMBER 6th 2022. CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON BOARD THE "BASS & FLINDERS" Bookings close 1st November.

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

DEPART: From Sans Souci Wharf 11.00 a.m. sharp.

CURRENT PRICING: Jan – July 2022 Adults \$55.00 Seniors \$49.00 *Subject to any price increases in December 2022*

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST "REQUIRED NOW" TO CONFIRM BOOKING NUMBERS (bookings may close earlier depending on numbers.

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.

ARDC Super 70 Muscle Car Race Meeting - Sydney Motorsport Park, Sat 3rd & Sun 4th September.

Clarendon Machinery, Truck & Hobby Show - Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse rd. Clarendon, Sat 17 & Sun 18 September.

Greenway Motor Show - Wetherill Park, Sunday 22 October

Sydney Classic Bicycle Show, Lidcombe Oval, Sunday October 30, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

FIAT Club of NSW Concorso: FIAT Club of NSW Concorso 'd' Eleganza will be held on Sunday 25th September. This is another event that has had to wait in the wings for a couple of years due to the Covid epidemic so we are hoping to get a big roll up of members displaying their pride and joy or visiting and enjoying the scenery.

There will be a large display of FIAT X1/9s to commemorate 50 years of this model. We will also commemorate 50 years of the FIAT 127 as its celebration had been held over due to the cancellation of the event over the past two years. Entry is free to members who display their vehicles (there will be a small fee for non members). Anyone who just wants to visit can do so free of charge.

The club will be looking for volunteers to judge vehicles entered for the various class trophies that will be on offer. Members who would like their vehicle to be judged will need to register on the day and show proof of membership. The categories to be judged are Sedans, Convertibles, Coupes, Historic, Modern, Modified and Competition.

Concorso Trophies: Calling all members currently in possession of Perpetual Concorso Trophies. Members who currently hold perpetual trophies for the Concorso d'Eleganza are to either bring them to a club event (with the aim of handing them over to Warren Smith), OR, please make sure you bring them along to this year's Concorso on September 25th?

Norton Street Autofesta in Leichhardt is to be held on Sunday the 30th of October. Previously, a number of members have expressed interest in displaying their vehicles at this event so the club will be seeking expressions of interest from those who would like to attend. More details will be provided closer to the event.

FIAT 123 Rally: Roger Beatie, the President of the FIAT Car Club of Victoria, has been busy planning for the upcoming FIAT 123 Rally to be held from November 10 - 13. The event is to commemorate 123 years of the FIAT marque and is planned to be held bi-annually. Warren Smith recalls the last FIAT National Rally in 1990 (*see report in FIAT Focus, June 2019*) with much fondness and encourages members to join him in participating in what promises to be a very enjoyable event.

Information on the event and how to enter can be found on pages 10 & 11 in this magazine.

The FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship has been unable to be conducted for various reasons over the past two years. Two major flood events this year have rendered the Ansell Park grounds too soggy for any events to go ahead whether for competition or social gatherings. Some of the competition lads have NSW state championship events to make up for this and as usual they do quite well. These events are open to all club members who hold a Motorsport Australia license. A calendar of invited events is included on page 5.

Retiring from the role of editor: I will be retiring from the role of club editor at the end of this year. I have been in this role since 2014 and it is time to hand over the job to someone with some fresh energy and ideas to continue the preparation of FIAT Focus magazine. It has been a very rewarding experience and for anyone considering taking the role on, you will not regret it.

Lorenzo Aventi

New & Returning Members

A warm welcome to the following enthusiast:

Nathan Brown - FIAT 131 Abarth Rally

Tony Halcrow - FIAT 124 Sport AC

Adam, Amanda, Jeremy & Claire Thomas

Grahame, Sharon, Mitchell & Luke Bailey

Dimitre Marsala - FIAT Croma

David Ius - X1/9

Fiat Club NSW – Committee Meeting – August 23, 2022.

Welcome: LA opened the meeting at 7.39 p.m.

Attendance: MI, LA, SH, KH,AS,CS,GC,RD,MP.

Apologies: RT, MW, MG, MMG.

Previous minutes: Accepted.

Business arising; I Sinden suggestion for a drive around Sydney surrounds which may include Hunter Valley, Bathurst and other locations. Event to occur over the Oct school Holidays. Ian to investigate further and report back.

Future Social Meetings; different venues to be considered (car dealer, motor repairer, café, etc.). Meetings may consist of a social gathering with a meal.

Secretary's Report / Correspondence:

FIAT 123 Rally to occur during November. Entries sort from members, WS and FCNSW to promote event.

Ansell Park Sub-Committee Report:

Members visited AP first week Aug to inspect the grounds, which are starting to dry out, but are still soft. Some slight damage incurred including the motorkhana office shifting off its foundation.

Competition Report:

Recent Events:

Members competed in a hillclimb at Newcastle, with some young family members competing in a motorkhana at Nirimba.

Next Events:

No Club motorkhanas until further notice.

Refer to competition calendar in FIAT Focus for upcoming events

Social Events Report:

Recent Events:

Members attended a gelato run to Carramar and a couple of members attended the Lions Club fund raising car display at Berowra (RD & Ian Gandel).

Shannons Sydney Classic – large number of members attended.

Suggest purchase additional tickets for members next year's Sydney Classic

Next Events:

Burger Break, Sunday 28 Aug.

Pasticceria Massimo Papa, Fairy Meadow, Sun 11 Sept.

Concorso Sunday 25 Sept. Seeking expression of interest from members to attend the concorso.

Benzin Café, Dural, Sun 31 Sept.

Norton St AutoFesta, Sun 30 Oct.

FIAT 123 Rally, Bendigo, Nov 10 - 13.

HVS / CVS - 141 members with 207 vehicles on HVS.

Membership Report:

Total members - 301

Communications Update:

Editor—Club magazines received; Oasis Club, Il Topolino, Fiat Lancia Mania, Piston Slap, Lancia Fancier, Retro Autos, Rally Directions. Pugilist magazine received through the post.

Webmaster—MW & AS investigating the implementation of a digital wallet for members, Allowing payment to club to be made via their phone.

Presidents Report: Nil.

Fiat Fixations & ClassiFiats: nil

CMC Report:

Next CMC meeting scheduled for Tues 27 September.

General Business:

FIAT Nationals; FCC Vic propose to run the next event, possibly next year.

FIAT Club Concorso – details to be emailed to members about start time and registration. Event to be opened to members only, non-members can sign up on the day.

Members to return Perpetual Concorso Trophies.

Social Meetings

Social meeting venue for October? Plan to meet at one of the restaurants for a social meal. Details to be posted by GC.

Future venues – Car Dealer, panel shop, restaurant with fixed price ... Venues to be advertised two months in advance. Someone will need to engage with possible venues.

Thanks to RD for compiling social meeting minutes.

Meeting closed: 9.33 p.m.

The next social meeting be on Tuesday Sept 13 2022 – 7:30pm at the Bankstown Sports Club.

The next committee meeting will be on Sept 20, 7.30 pm (via zoom) to finalise planning for the concorso.

Council of Motor Clubs - General Meeting – July 26, 2022.

Key points from the meeting:

- Meetings with Transport NSW re CVS; rule & procedures to be tightened up. CMC to send information when it becomes available.
- Draft HVS form in the works. Registrars only fill in left side of form if pink slips are used (nb: FCNSW requires members to provide pink slip for their HVS vehicle to be registered).
- ARDC is turning 70 this year. They are celebrating with a Super 70 weekend, being held at SMP on Father's day weekend (Sept 3-4).
- CMC turns 60 in 2023.
- Applications for the Tony De Luca "Volunteer of the Year Award" is open until October 30.
- Rover Owners Club proposed the formation of a group to

lobby for the Classic Car interest in respect to possible restrictions of combustion engines and fossil fuels in the future (noted that this is already on agendas of the AMHF & others. Needs to be an all of Australia approach).

- Notification—Paddy Hopkirk has passed away. Paddy was a famous (Morris/Austin) Mini driver competing in many rallies ...
- Arthur Garthom also passed away; he was one of the original people at the first CVVTMC in March 1963.

The full account of the CMC minutes can be found at

<https://www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au/document-centre/documents/9-minutes-am-sand-gm-s.html>

FIAT 123

Heritage event Newsletter

**Celebrating 123 year of Fiat cars.
November 10 to November 13 2022, Bendigo, Victoria.**

Hotel bookings are filling. A last chance to get in for Early Bird registration and get organised to be at this first heritage event since 1991 for the marque.

TIMETABLE:

Thursday evening	Registration
Friday morning	Run (optional Remembrance service)
Friday evening	Dinner and Display under lights
Saturday	Run or optional Swap Meet visit
Saturday evening	Short run for BBQ dinner
Sunday morning	Downtown Coffee and Display morning
Sunday afternoon	Depart on optional post event run

Bookings:

Event cost, driver and car	\$100	Early bird	\$90
Extra adult	\$70	Early bird	\$60
Children u/14	\$40		

Includes dinner at the Display on Friday and BBQ dinner Saturday.

Early bird bookings extended to August 21.

Email details to fiatcentral.victoria@gmail.com

Accommodation: Bookings are over half filled

All Seasons Resort

171 Mclvor Hwy, Bendigo

Ph. (03) 5443 8166 rooms held un Fiat Car Club for \$149/night rate

We are looking for interesting Fiats to attend in any condition either driven or on a trailer. From any club across the country. As we have not held an event like this since 1991 cars not yet made then are now eligible for historic registration.

On Saturday there is an opportunity to put a number of cars on display at the Bendigo Swap Meet you will never park closer. The organisers would like to feature them and have someone present to discuss with visitors.

While historic in focus this event welcomes all Fiat vehicles regardless of age, colour, gender or relationship status. A friendly event that gives owners a chance to drive, display, enjoy and discuss their favourite Fiat.

Roger Beattie
President, Fiat Car Club of Victoria
Event co-ordinator
0400 177 278
fiatcentral.victoria@gmail.com

Payments:
BSB: 814282
Acc: 30369100
Ref: F123 and Surname

Optional Return to Melbourne Tour

For those so inclined an opportunity to explore a little further.

Sunday afternoon travel East through Nagambie and Euroa to overstay in Bonnie Doon

Monday we head off on a leisurely and interesting route back to Melbourne through the Black Spur.

These days are just about enjoying the cars and seeing the sights. We know you won't be ready to say goodbye.

The talk of the touring days will be the planning to meet up again for Fiat 125 in 2024 in NSW and the big one in 2026 when we travel to Perth for the drive back East in the footsteps(?) of the 1926 FIAT Club of WA adventure.

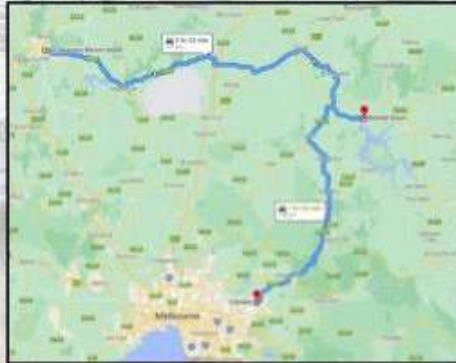
See you there

Payment details:

FIAT 123
BSB 814-282
Acc. No 30369100
Ref: Surname (Please email details)



Tour Overview



Contact

Event Co-ordinator - Roger Beattie
fiatcentral.victoria@gmail.com
Ph 0400 177278 (if urgent)



FIAT 123 Anniversary Rally

A Social Gathering of FIAT Enthusiasts

Featuring

Dinner and "Parade Under Lights"



Bendigo Victoria

10-13 November 2022



Program

Thursday 10th:

- Afternoon Registration at the All Seasons Resort
- Evening Catch up with Friends

Friday 11th:

- Morning Run to Maldon
- Evening Dinner and Parade Under Lights at Bendigo Harness Racing Club

Saturday 12th:

- Bendigo National Swap Meet or
- Day Run to The Great Stupa Buddhist Temple
- Evening Run to Castlemaine and BBQ Dinner

Sunday 13th:

- "Coffee and Cars" display at Downtown Bendigo

Sunday 13th / Monday 14th:

- Optional Tour returning to Melbourne

The Event

- 3 Days (Optional 5 Days) of Organised Events including Drives, Displays and Socialization
- 2-Course Dinner with Friends at The Bendigo Harness Racing Club
- BBQ Dinner in Castlemaine on Saturday evening.
- Unique Evening Car Display
- "Parade Under Lights" with Commentary
- Participants Showbag
- Awards and Presentations
- Event Merchandise

Event Cost

Driver and Vehicle	\$100
Additional Adults	\$70
Children (U13)	\$40
Early Bird Registration (by 1st August)	
Driver and Vehicle	\$90
Additional Adults	\$60
Children (U13)	\$40

(Friday 2-Course Evening Dinner and Saturday evening BBQ included)

Accommodation

Accommodation will be at a premium due to other events in Bendigo including the Bendigo Swap Meet.

We have been able to reserve 40 rooms close by at

The All Seasons Resort,
171 McIvor Hwy
Bendigo.
Phone (03) 5443 8166.

Please book directly with the Resort and quote the FIAT 123 Event for a cost of \$149.

The City is well served by accommodation providers including Hotels, Motels and private options from all the regular providers.



Cabin and Camping Options.....

Big4 Bendigo Parklane (03) 5449 3335 Big4 Bendigo Ascot (03) 5448 4421

Cancellations will be accepted for covid or like reasons.

The accommodation providers have their own standing policies and should be checked upon booking.



gelato break (write up)

6th August 2022
Art of Gelato @ Carramar



Gelato always seems to be a draw card for a big turn out of FIAT club members.

The Art of Gelato at Carramar didn't disappoint as a very cool mix of cars turned up. The carpark quickly turned into a FIAT car display.

Michael the owner passionately talked about his art form and his love for gelato.

It was a great catch up and we look forward to seeing many more of our FIAT fanatico friends when we do it again.

See you all at the next event.

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





burger break (write up)

28th August 2022

Originals Burger Co. @ Brookvale



When looking for a great burger in Sydney, there is no better place than Originals Burger Co. located in Brookvale.

The interior has a cool industrial feel, since it is located in light industrial zone. The staff are super friendly and welcoming allow one of our members to park their car in the door way creating a real attraction for other patrons.

The highlight was seeing Vince's gold coloured X1/9 freshly assembled and on its maiden test drive...looking very nice! Can't wait to see it with the series 1 bumpers, chromed on it...will surely look stunning!

Thanks to our club members for being FIATfanatico's.

See you all at the next social event.

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



Shannons Sydney Classic - Sunday 14 August, 2022

A sunny but cool day greeted those who went to the 2022 Shannons Sydney Classic, organised by the Council of Motor Clubs.

After having been cancelled for the past two years due to Covid, the event was welcomed back by over 100 car clubs with the FIAT Club having 20 vehicles on display. The event offers the enthusiast the opportunity to stroll around and see a large variety of classic cars and visit the various trade stands and market stalls. The club had twenty cars on display including five X1/9s in pit lane to commemorate 50 years of this model. For those members whose vehicles were on display, there was the opportunity to drive around Sydney Motorsport Park in a parade lap of the circuit. A good day was had by those who attended or visited the event during the day.

LA



Shannons Sydney Classic



FIAT ABARTH 850



Road Test

Reprinted from Motor Life magazine (US)

February 1961 edition - ed.

A miniature Gran Turismo that's an outstanding combination of Abarth "go" and Italian "show"

by Bob Rolofson

DRIVING THE ALLEMANO FIAT ABARTH is sheer delight. Every automobile fan who has test-driven a Fiat Abarth has fallen in love with it — and we are no exception. Comfortable seating, quick, effortless steering, a four-speed gear-box which is *fun* to operate, almost 360-degree vision, and an 833cc Abarth-equipped Fiat mill that growls like a Ferrari . . . this is living.

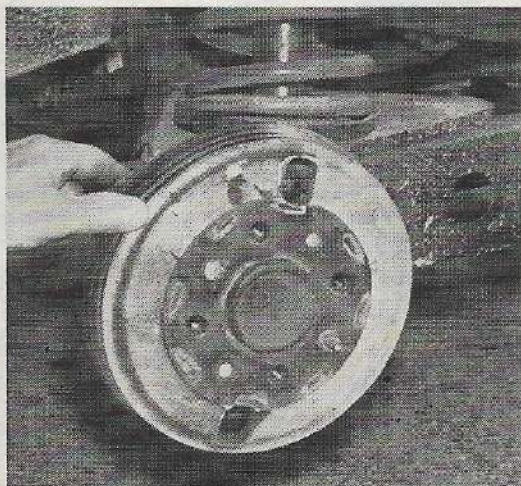
Many attempts have been made to manufacture a small, lightweight, handsomely styled, fast, class H production

automobile. So far, Carlo Abarth is the only builder to come up with a winning combination. His famous class H coupes all begin with a stock Fiat 600 chassis and engine, which is re-worked by Abarth with new ring and pinion gears, and a "Derivation Abarth" engine kit. The latter follows basic U.S. hop-up methods, with special crankshaft, competition cam, pistons, and meticulous porting and relieving operations.

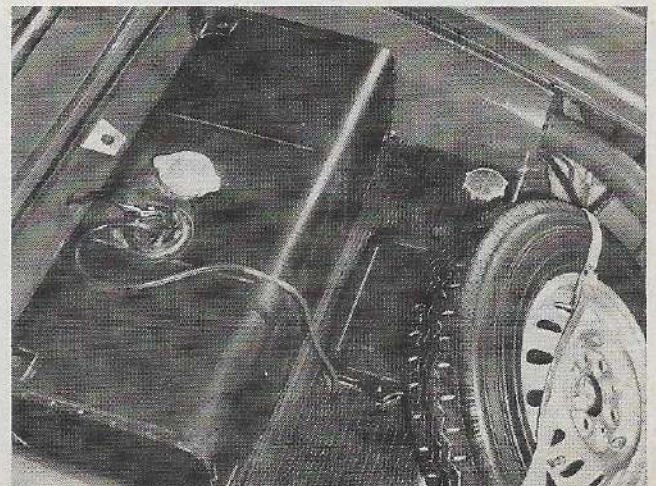
When Mr. Abarth has breathed as much fire into the small Fiat package as possible — and still kept it practical for



ALL-OUT PANIC STOPS FROM 60 MPH BROUGHT THE CAR TO A TIRE-RIPPING 140-FOOT STOP WITH NO SWERVE OR LOSS OF STABILITY.



While adequate, stock 600 Fiat 7½-inch brakes are not in accord with the 850's sporting nature.



Relatively roomy nose compartment carries fuel tank, hydraulic reservoir, battery box, and spare tools under tire.

Fiat Abarth 850

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highway cruising — he ships the chassis to the coachbuilder. The latest version of his little screamer sports a beautifully styled shell by Carrozzeria Allemano. Designing *anything* in miniature scale is difficult enough, but doing this exercise on a production piece where luggage, seating, head- and leg-room, and overall scaling must conform to the limits of an operating automobile with only 79 inches of wheelbase, is a major design problem. Allemano has solved the problem admirably with their "Scorpione" coupe.

The most noticeable difference between the 850 and its sister 750's is the absence of rear deck air scoops. The 750's, even with scoops, heated easily, so it was with more than a little curiosity that we began tracing cooling ducts from the engine forward. Finally, with the car up on a grease rack, we found a wide, thin, water radiator mounted transversely under the car, just forward of the rear wheels. This new system works so efficiently that it is sometimes difficult to get the engine hot enough to work the interior heating system.

Seating for two adults is extremely comfortable, with plenty of head-, leg- and elbow-room. Both interior and exterior finish is beyond criticism, with tightly fitted doors and windows, full upholstery, very comfortable bucket seats, Italian racing steering wheel and a flawless paint job. The tachometer, speedometer, water temperature, fuel and oil gauges are clustered in three five-inch dials, hooded to kill reflections.

The interior can be comfortably "air conditioned" by flipping two small under-the-dash vents open for fresh air and cracking the rear side windows open to exhaust stale air. Behind-the-seat luggage space is amazingly large for such a small car. It will readily accept three good-sized suitcases, complete with heavy leather hold-down straps.

The tiny red coupe parked in the driveway drew the attention of not only our children but the neighborhood gang as well. As a result, we can tell you from experience that the

interior is much larger than it would appear from the outside. If you delight in shaking up tired five-o'clock traffic, just growl along in a tiny, bright red, streamlined Fiat Abarth coupe, with *five* thrilled, laughing children (one to a window) peering up at passing cars.

We picked up our test car at Jim Parkinson's Burbank Sports Car Center, where Jim personally checked out the machine on a fast drive through the neighborhood before turning over the keys.

Getting into such a small car is difficult at first, but once you get the hang of it, entry is no problem. Seating is adjustable fore and aft, and for rake. The cast aluminum choke and starter levers are located on the floor tunnel, just behind the short shift lever. A slight tug on the starter fires the engine, which warms to operating temperature quickly. Due to the Abarth hop-up kit, the engine idles lumpily, but smooths into a high-toned purr when under way. If taken through the gears at our test speeds (6800 rpm), it will alert every lawman in the area, but normal starts (4800 rpm) produce no illegal noises.

Meeting full-sized traffic for the first time is a bit fearsome, mainly because you are afraid one of the behemoths won't see you. However, after the first mile or two, this feeling wears off and you discover that the little coupe is extremely nimble in traffic. It can take care of itself. On the highway it settles to a steady purr, maintaining 60- to 70-mph speeds with more than adequate passing surge in reserve.

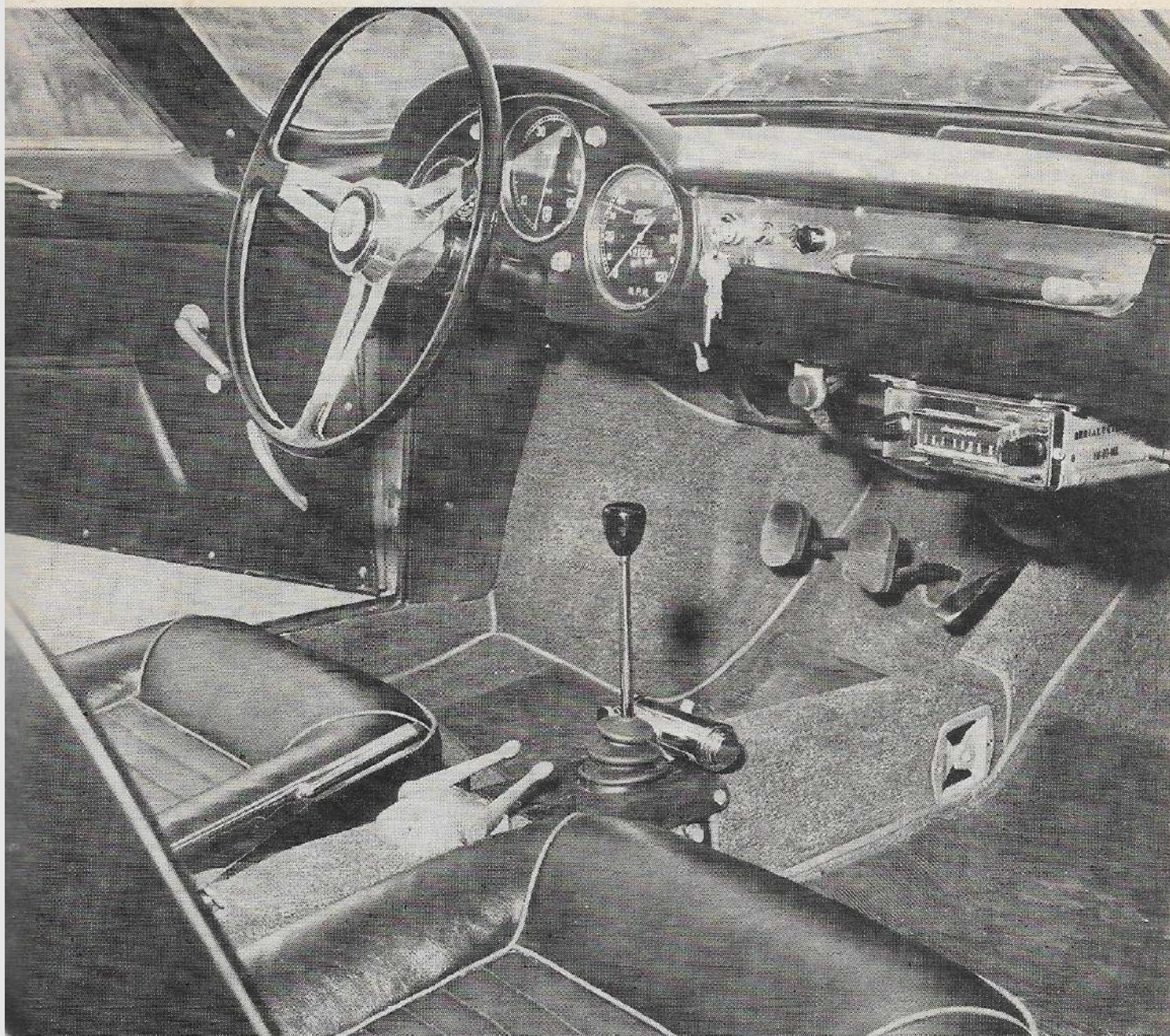
Our Riverside Raceway tests produced excellent performance figures, especially for such a small powerplant. Using 6800 rpm it pulled 60 mph in 14.7 seconds, the quarter-mile in 19.1 at 68 mph, and a top speed of 90 mph before running short of room at the end of the straightaway! Braking tests at 30 mph produced stops at 40 feet, and 140 feet at 60 mph. In a normal car of this weight and size, these figures are above average, but with the sportiness and performance



Interior luggage space in the Allemano coupe is considerably larger than previous Fiat Abarth coupes.



Seating is near perfect, with plenty of head-, leg- and elbow-room. The plush bucket seats have a padded, rolled edge and are adjustable fore and aft.



Abarth dash is finished in a reflection-proof flat black. Hooded instruments are: water temperature, fuel and oil gauges, speedometer and tachometer. Panel has headlight, dash, wind-

shield-wiper switches and grab-bar. On top of floor tunnel are brake, choke and starter levers, short shift lever, and optional fire extinguisher. Heater exhausts through fan-shaped vents.

Directional stability is exceptionally good, even when hitting water at 60 mph. Horizontal radiator below car replaces rear deck scoops.

Tiny coupe made standing starts to 30 mph in 4.6 secs., 60 in 14.7, and 1/4-mile in 19.1 at 68 mph.



Fiat Abarth 850

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offered by the Abarth coupe, the stock seven-inch Fiat drums are small. For prospective owners who intend to indulge themselves with fast, peak performance, we suggest the possible substitution of 8½-inch Fiat 600 "Multipla" drums and backing plates.

Following acceleration tests, we gave the Abarth a roadability and fuel consumption run through the Mount Baldy area. By turning off on side roads (and a few cow paths) we managed to try the car on hard surfaces, dirt, mud, gravel and ice. At first we hesitated to dive off into the wilds because of obviously low ground clearance. However, after a closer look, we discovered that the Abarth has a full six-inch clearance which, when combined with the short wheelbase, allowed us to penetrate jeep country. At one point we came face-to-face with four deer, who just stood and looked down at us with obvious curiosity until we moved along. On hard-surfaced mountain roads the car handles a little like a Porsche, with the tail swinging out in a controllable two-wheel drift, allowing us to set the car up on tight turns.

The Fiat rear suspension uses coil springs and semi-

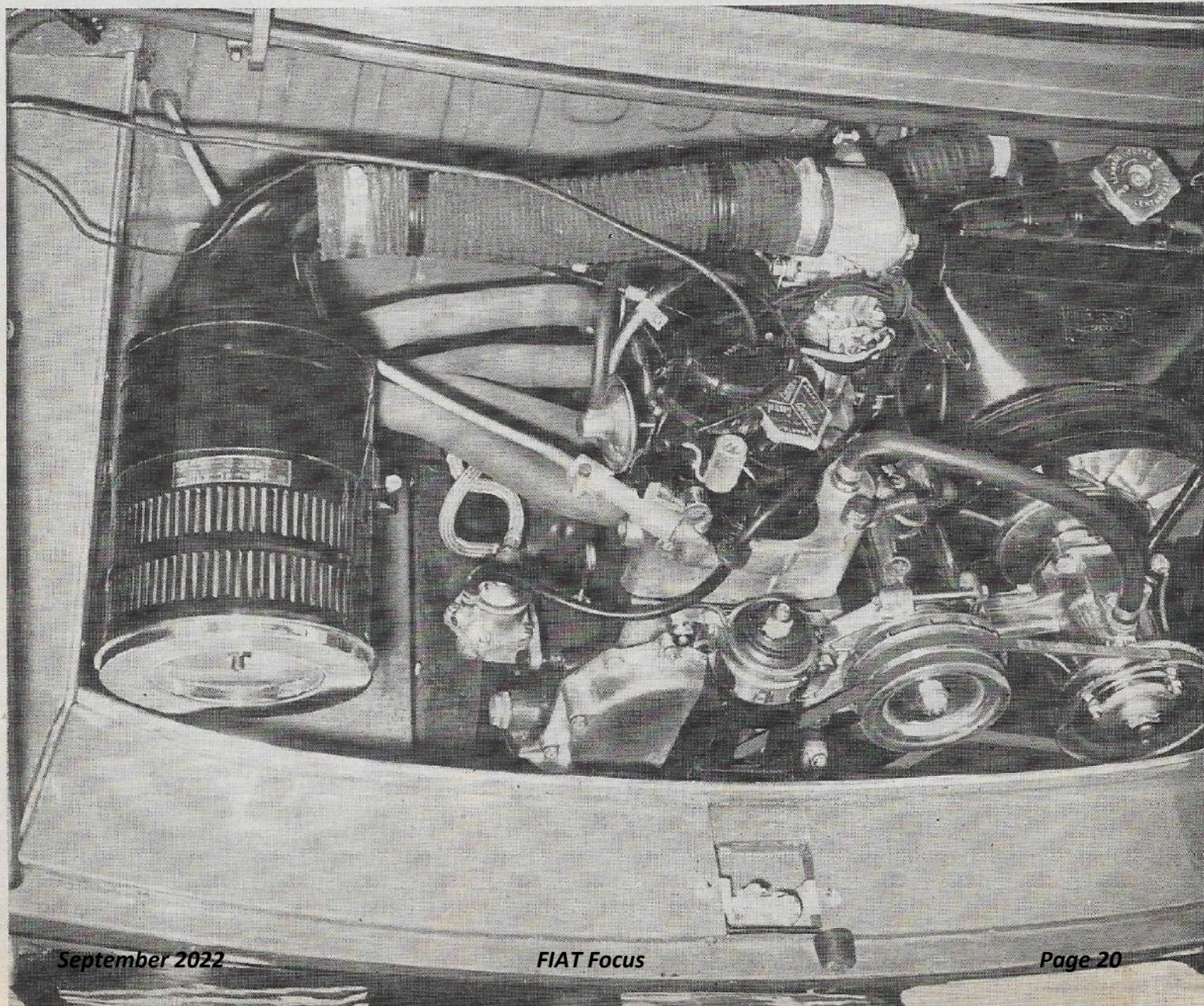
trailing arms, with each suspension unit attached at four points. The arms swing on an angle with the car's center line and the rear wheel. This unique diagonal swing axle produces a slight rear end steering effect which takes some getting used to before cornering the car really fast. Front suspension, also independent, uses a single transverse leaf spring and A-arms, with piston shocks front and back.

Fuel consumption, while not so good as the Abarth 750 model, was exceptionally good when you consider that the 850 model has undergone considerably more modification and was driven *hard* by the test crew. City driving, with a considerable amount of "playing" with the four-speed box, gave 20.7 mpg, mountain climbing produced 26.2 mpg, and high-speed open-road cruising netted 33.7 mpg.

On a car such as this, it is difficult to find faults. The only criticism, other than having difficulty with a completely inadequate rear-view mirror, is the lowness of the bumpers. However, raising them high enough to ward off domestic machinery would probably block the headlights. All told, the MOTOR LIFE crew had a ball testing the new coupe. •

Deck lid opens wide, providing better-than-average accessibility to engine compartment. Aside from Abarth interior modifica-

tions, the smooth 833cc engine uses stock components. This use of available Fiat parts makes nation-wide servicing practical.



FIAT-ABARTH 850
2-passenger coupe

OPTIONS ON CAR TESTED: Radio

ODOMETER READING AT START OF TEST: 2153 miles

PERFORMANCE

Acceleration (2 aboard)

0-30 mph	4.6 secs.
0-45 mph	8.4
0-60 mph	14.7

Standing start ¼-mile 19.1 secs. and 68 mph

Speeds in gears @ 6800 rpm

1st	28 mph	3rd	72 mph
2nd	45 mph	4th	98 mph

Speedometer Error on Test Car

Car's speedometer reading	35	50	59	69	79	89	100
Weston electric speedometer	30	45	50	60	70	80	90

Miles per hour per 1000 rpm in top gear (Tires 5.20 x 12) 15 mph

Stopping Distances — from 30 mph, 40 ft.
from 60 mph, 140 ft.

SPECIFICATIONS FROM MANUFACTURER

Engine

4-cylinder, ohv (push rods)
Bore: 2.44 ins. Stroke: 2.72 ins.
Displacement: 833 cc (50.8 cu. ins.)
Compression ratio: 9:1
Horsepower: 59 @ 6200 rpm
Ignition: 12-volt battery/coil

Suspension

Front: Independent through transverse leaf springs and A-arms; double-acting telescopic shocks
Rear: Independent through semi-trailing arms; coil springs; double-acting telescopic shocks

Gearbox

Manual 4-speed, synchro in 2-3-4, H floor stick

Wheels and Tires

Bolt-on pressed steel discs, 5.20 x 12 tires

Driveshaft

Transaxle — engine in unit behind gearbox and differential

Body and Frame

Allemano "Scorpione" coupe unitized to Fiat 600 chassis
Wheelbase 78¾ ins.
Track, front 45¼ ins., rear 45½ ins.
Overall length 132½ ins.
Dry weight 1395 lbs.

Differential

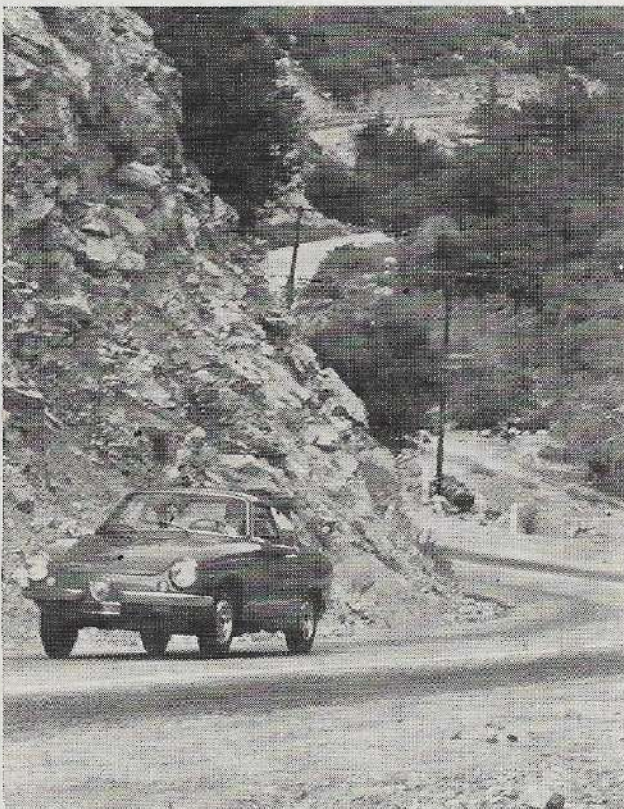
Power transmitted through spiral bevel gear, 2-pinion bevel differential gear and swing axle shafts to rear wheels
Standard ratio 4.32:1

Brakes

7½-inch hydraulic drums on all four wheels



Single jack-point serves each side; car is simple to lift. Basic tool kit contains screwdriver, wrenches and jack.



Even with near 40/60 weight distribution, short wheelbase and fast steering provide Porsche-like cornering.



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Updated Abarth here this year, Fiat and Abarth convertibles dead

By William Stopford

7news.com

Abarth's only remaining model gets a familiar new name, some detail changes and a price hike, while both Abarth and Fiat lose their convertibles.

The Abarth 595 Competizione, along with the Fiat 500C and Abarth 595C convertibles, are dead – but there's a new model coming from the sporty Italian brand.

Actually, new might be a stretch. The Abarth 695 Competizione, due in the fourth quarter of this year, will differ from the defunct 595 only in minor details.

There's a new seat assembly, while the roof antenna has changed from a rod type to a cap type and there's been a shuffling of the colour palette.

Campovolo Grey and Record Grey can now be had with a black roof, while Racing Red joins the palette.

However, you can no longer get Pista Grey, Modena Yellow, Abarth Red, Podium Blue, or Adrenaline Green.

Otherwise, it's the same old fettled Fiat 500, complete with a spunky turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol four-cylinder engine producing 132kW of power and 250Nm of torque.

It continues to offer a choice of five-speed manual or Dualogic semi-automatic transmissions.

The 695 is priced at \$36,400 before on-roads with the manual, or \$38,400 before on-roads with the Dualogic.

For reference, the 595 Competizione entered 2022 with prices of \$32,950 and \$34,950 before on-roads for the manual and auto, respectively.

While the 595 Competizione hatchback effectively lives on the resurrected 695 badge, the 595C Competizione cabriolet and its tamer Fiat 500C counterpart are dead.

Few if any examples of the 595 hatch and 595C and 500C cabriolets remain in dealer stock.

While Stellantis Australia has yet to confirm the reason for the droptops' discontinuation, the writing on the wall for these models appeared last year.

When confirming the 500 and 595 would receive modifications to meet the stricter Australian Design Rule 85/00 for Pole Side Impact Performance, the company specifically mentioned the hatchbacks only.

"Both the Fiat 500 hatch and Abarth 595 hatch will be updated to meet compliance regulations," said a spokesperson from Stellantis Australia last September.

"We do not anticipate production disruptions

for the Fiat 500 hatch; however, there may be a slight interruption to the supply of the Abarth 595 hatch."

Fiat 500e Credit: CarExpert

The loss of the 500C means the Mazda MX-5 becomes Australia's cheapest convertible, though its base price is more than \$10,000 higher. The 500C opened at \$25,450 before on-roads.

The Fiat and Abarth line-ups remain spartan in the Australian market.

Fiat sells just the 500 and, at the other extreme, the large Ducato van.

It officially discontinued the smaller Doblo van and 500X crossover last year, though it'll receive some long-awaited new product with the new, unrelated electric 500e in the first half of 2023.

Abarth's lineup is even smaller following the axing of the Mazda MX-5-based 124 Spider late in 2020.

While Abarth doesn't have any additional product in other markets beyond a slightly wider range of 500-based models, Fiat's lineup in markets like Europe and South America is much fuller.

For example, in its home market of Italy it still offers the 500X, Panda and Doblo, as well as the small Tipo hatch and wagon and the Scudo/Ulysse van, which slots between the Doblo and the Ducato.

To the end of July 2022, the combined total of Fiat and Abarth sales in Australia – excluding the Ducato van – sits at just 314 vehicles.

Stellantis reports 500 and 595 sales together, and even combined the Italian micro car couldn't beat the Mitsubishi Mirage.

That's despite the Mitsubishi having been discontinued last year due to the new ADR 85/00 rules, with the company burning off leftover stock.

I'm on my 55th Fiat!

The 84-year-old British former amateur rally driver who has spent six decades fuelling his Italian car habit.

By EMILIA SHOVELIN FOR THIS IS MONEY

An 84-year-old British petrolhead has proved himself as one of the world's most single-minded car owners - after taking ownership of his 55th Fiat.

David Franklin's love affair began in 1962, when Fiat's first ever UK-based concessionaire opened up in Wembley, north west London, and as a 24-year-old he got a job there working as a progress chaser - helping the sales team track and prepare customers' cars.

Soon after, he bought his first Fiat - a bright red 500D, which set him back £399 ... for its tiny 3 metre long and 1.3 metre wide frame.

Some 60 years and an astonishing 32 different models later - having owned some types of Fiat more than once and even rallied them - David this year got his 55th Fiat, an electric New 500 (RED) Edition.

His most recent is one of Fiat's offerings for the currently unfolding future of motoring, a fully electric New 500, which offers an up to 199 mile range in 87kW specification. ...

Among his favourites of the many models he has owned are the quirky people carrier Fiat Multipla, with its three front seats, the small rear-engined and rear wheel drive 850 coupe, which he successfully rallied, and his new electric 500.

After joining in 1962, David went on to spend 12 years working for Fiat, progressing through the ranks and working as a car tester, technical representative and technical office manager. He says his career highlight there was the role of operations manager for the Fiat 130 – the brand's flagship saloon, with its V6 3.2 litre engine. ...

'Fiat never let me down, so I didn't let them down', David said, reminiscing about his long history with the Italian automobile manufacturer.

He added: 'Having driven Fiat's consistently for nearly 60 years, it is very hard to say just how many miles both myself and my family have covered in a Fiat. ...

He estimates that he's covered at least 600,000 miles behind the wheel of the all the Fiats he has owned for personal use, but says his full Fiat motoring distance will be further than that overall.

He added: 'That's before you take into account all the miles I'd have travelled for business and competing in motoring competitions.'

David competed in off-road production car trials across the country in his Fiats, using whatever was on his driveway at the time.

Between 1963 and 1967, the Fiat-fanatic entered 31 racing events, bagging 14 first place victories, and nine second place trophies.

And as the UK begins to make its shift towards all-electric cars, David is now driving his 55th Fiat: a New 500 (RED) Edition, which is only available with full battery power.

It's the first fully-electric vehicle he has owned and a far cry from the basic early petrol cars he drove, but David said: 'The electric 500 is like all Fiats, great fun to drive. It's very quiet, handles incredibly well and is very quick off the mark – sometimes my glasses end up on the back seat.'

'I am sold on the idea of electric cars now.'

(The above article has been edited. For the full article including photographs, go to I'm on my 55th Fiat: The 84-year-old Briton with a serious Fiat habit | This is Money).

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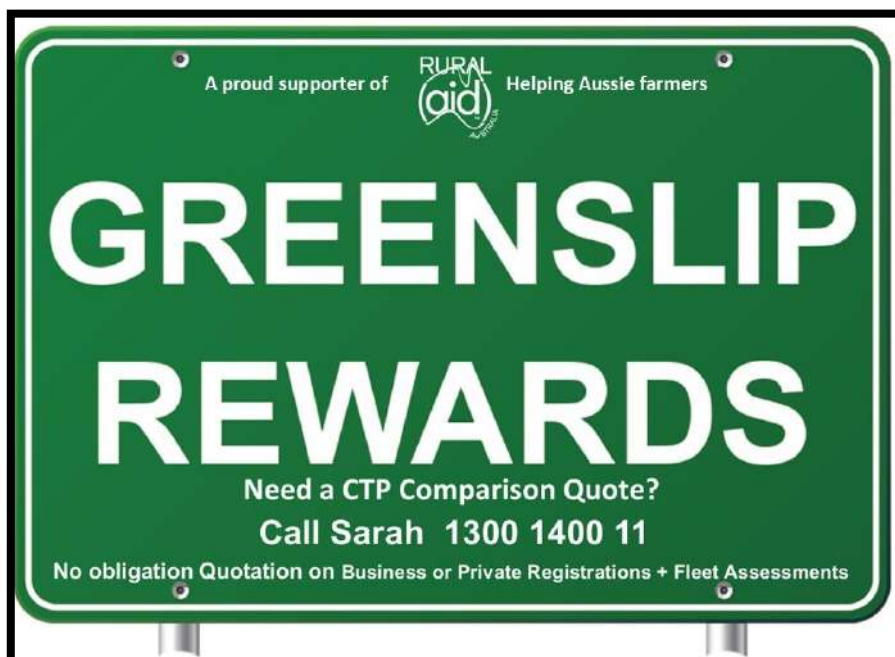
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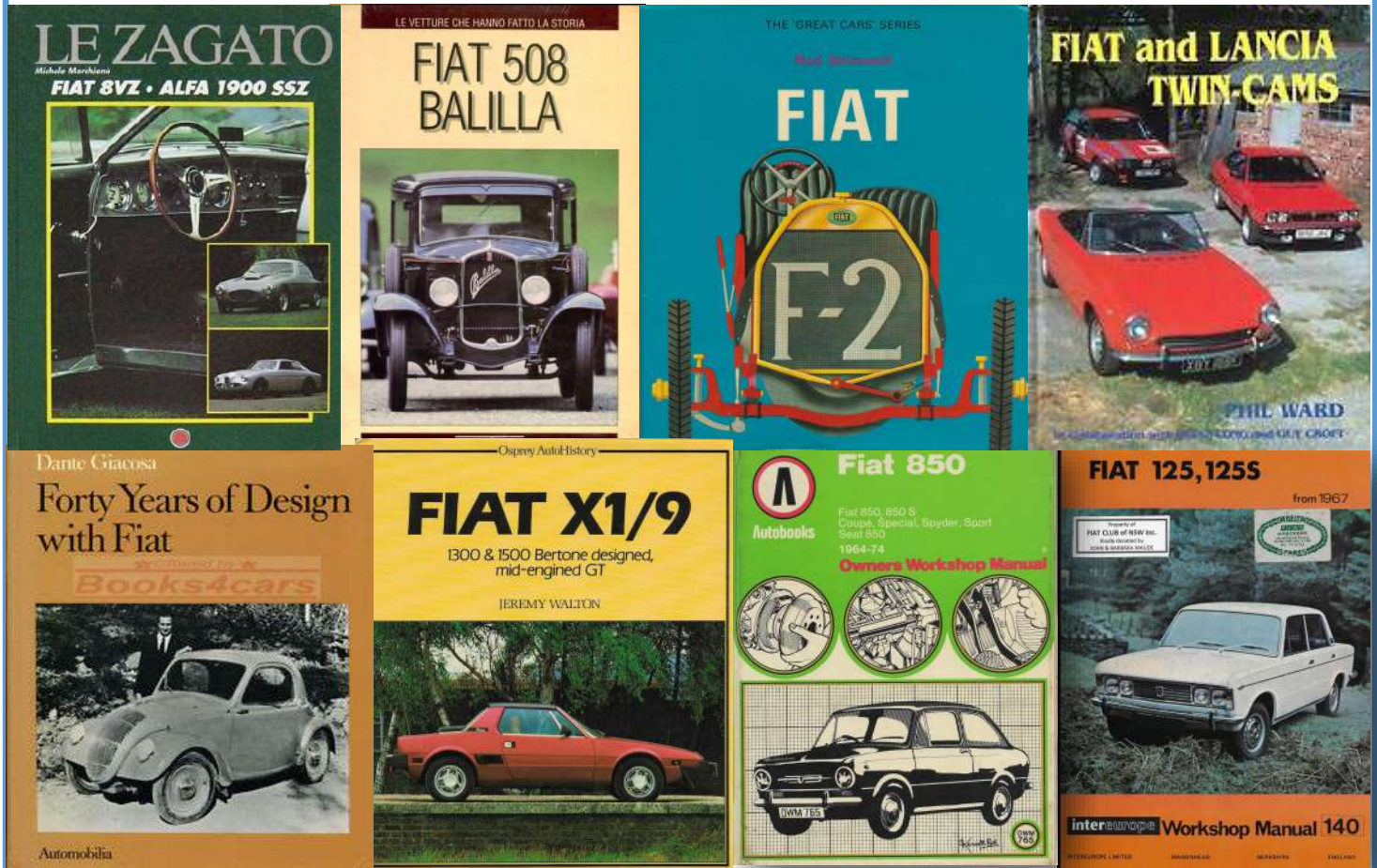
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