**AUGUST 2010** 

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FIAT CLUB OF NSW Inc.







- □ MotorKhana 15th August
- □ CMC Display Day 22nd August
- □ Concorsa d' Eleganza 12th September
- □ Fiat Club Driver Training Day 26th September

Fiat Nationals January 15/16 Wakefield - Goulburn

## **Wakefield 6 Hour Race**



## **Ron Tauranac - Evening**







## **Club Calendar**

| DATE   | EVENT   | LOCATION   |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| 07 Aug<br>08 Aug<br>10 Aug<br>15 Aug<br>22 Aug | Club Coffee Break<br>Huntley Hillclimb<br>Club Social Meeting<br>Motorkhana Round 4<br>Shannons CMC                           | Cucina Viscontini, Homebush Bay<br>Wollongong Sporting Car Club<br>Western Suburbs Football Club<br>Ansell Park, Windsor<br>Eastern Creek Raceway, NSW           | CE018070<br>CE018080<br>CE018001<br>CE018051<br>CE010822 |
| 04 Sep<br>12 Sep<br>12 Sep<br>14 Sep<br>26 Sep | Club Coffee Break<br>Concorso d" Eleganza<br>TBC - Motorkhana Round 5<br>Club Social Meeting<br>Fiat Club Driver Training Day | Cucina Viscontini, Homebush Bay<br>Gough Whitlam Reserve, Undercliffe<br>Ansell Park, Windsor<br>Western Suburbs Football Club<br>Marulan Driver Training Centre | CE019040<br>CE010921<br>CE010921<br>CE019041<br>CE010962 |
| 02 Oct<br>12 Oct<br>17 Oct<br>23 Oct           | Club Coffee Break<br>Club Social Meeting<br>Motorkhana Round 6<br>AROCA 6 Hour Race   | Cucina Viscontini, Homebush Bay<br>Western Suburbs Football Club<br>Ansell Park, Windsor   | CE010120<br>CE010121<br>CE010171<br>TBA                  |
| 06 Nov<br>07 Nov<br>09 Nov<br>20-21 Nov        | Club Coffee Break<br>Motorkhana Rain Out Date<br>Club Social Meeting<br>End Of Year Weekend Away<br>or Christmas Lunch        | Cucina Viscontini, Homebush Bay<br>Ansell Park, Windsor<br>Western Suburbs Football Club<br>TBA<br>Kembla Grange -TBC  | CE011160<br>TBA<br>CE011190                              |
| 04 Dec<br>05 Dec<br>14 Dec                     | Club Coffee Break<br>Christmas Lunch<br>Club Social Meeting   | Cucina Viscontini, Homebush Bay<br>TBA<br>Western Suburbs Football Club  | CE012140<br>CE012141                                     |
| 15/16 Jan                                      | Fiat Nationals  | Wakerfield, Goulburn NSW   | CE110151   |

#### **Position Vacant - Treasurer**

The Treasurer committee position is currently vacant and looking for a new owner. An ideal opportunity for someone to give back to the club. The commitment is a couple of hours a month. The person does not need to be an accountant, but should have an eye for detail and some spreadsheet skills.

Full training and hand-over is offered.
All enquiries to Rebecca Gallard 0415109314

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- Ian Allison

## **President's Report**



Dave Filipetto



reetings to All,

The July Social Meeting was a very well attended affair with people coming from far and wide to listen to our special guest speaker – Ron Tauranac. We also had the pleasure of about 30 or so Alfa Romeo Owners Club NSW Members join us for the meeting and we were especially pleased to have them come along. Ron kept the assembled crowd entertained for well over an hour with his stories and anecdotes from a somewhat more romantic period in Formula One history for mine, and his achievements were amazing. He is a particularly grounded and humble man and had a frank and fresh perspective on things. The man behind the "Ralt" name will also be attending the annual Fiat / Alfa / Lancia Concorso, and if you missed out on chatting with him that night, then there will be another chance there. Again, a big thank you to Alan Steele for organising this event.

Speaking of the Concorso, the annual Fiat – Alfa – Lancia Concorso had to be postponed due to Sydney's rainy weather, it will now be held on the Sunday 12th September

REMINDER: The 22nd August is the Council of Motor Clubs (CMC Day) display at Eastern Creek. A HUGE EVENT, and again this year, the Fiat Club Committee has sponsored 15 entries to be given away free to our Club members, and if you are interested in attending please contact our Club Secretary Richard Dalziel asap as there are only a few tickets left to give out.

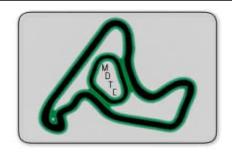
I was very pleased that the Fiat Club NSW entered a team in the recent Wakefield Six Hour Relay race. My son Nick and Glen Smith shared the Alfa 147 turbo diesel, Andrew Matthews competed in his new Mitsubishi production car, Mic Mac was in the trusty 127, Richard Caller punted his X1/9 and Greg Dalton started in his rapid VW Beetle that we saw at the Nationals earlier this year, but engine problems saw him jump in with Andrew. The team was well managed by Paul Pana and finished third outright. A good effort, on a cold, wet and somewhat bleak Goulburn weekend and I am certain a full report resides elsewhere in this magazine. Well done to the team.

Ok, some upcoming events for your consideration:

- \* August Motorkhana and Junior Driving Clinic. See Michael McGeorge or Glen Smith.
- \* Fiat Car Club Driver Training Day at Marulan Driving Centre 21st September. An opportunity to acquire some advanced driving skills. In the morning we will have several instructors who will take you around the track and give you "1on1" tuition, and in the afternoon there will be timed practice. A day not to be missed, details elsewhere in the magazine, but spaces will be limited to 30 drivers only to give the sort of attention needed to individuals. See Michael McGeorge for entry details.

- \* Fiat Club Christmas party is a little earlier this year and will be held on the 21st November Venue to be confirmed and will include a little drive into the country but mark the date now. Richard Dalziel is the contact for the moment.
- \* The Fiat Nationals are soon upon us once again. To be held on the 15 / 16 January 2011 at Wakefield Park, Goulburn and again the Fiat Club of NSW will be organising this event. Entries will open on the 1st September. More details to follow in the next magazine but please put this weekend aside. Motorkhana, Show n Shine and Supersprint events once again, plus a healthy dose of 'Social' activities. Something for everyone.

Best Wishes. Dave.



http://www.mdtc.com.au/

Areminder that the Fiat Club of NSW will be holding it's NSW priver Training day at the Marulan Driver Training Centre on the **26th of September**. The Marulan Driver Training Centre is a specially designed, and professionally constructed training loop/track.

Incorporating a variety of realistic driving scenarios and situations, as well as a skid pan area. All type of cars and driver experience will be catered for on the day. So bring your everyday car or the old Fiat out for a spin around a small and safe track. More details on enclosed flyer.

**Entries Close 31st August** 

#### **Fiat Nationals**

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## **Wakefield 6 Hour Race**

Over the weekend of the 10th and 11th of July, the Fiat Cub of NSW participated in the inaugural Wakefield Park 6 Hour Regularity Relay. Not our first, but the first for the proprietors of Wakefield Park.

For those that do not know, Wakefield Park is located in Tirrannaville, ten kilometres South of Goulburn. It is a 2.2km circuit comprising of 10 turns and 3 straights. As circuits go. Wakefield Park is small and tight with a couple of tricky corners, namely turn 5 and the aptly named 'Fishhook', turn 8



http://wakefieldpark.com.au/

As the name suggests, a Regularity Relay is not a race against other cars on the track, but a points scoring system for teams and their ability to circulate constantly.

Basically, each team can have between 3 and 6 cars with 3 to 6 drivers. Each driver nominates a target lap time. The driver gets points for each lap within 0.99 seconds of the target time and loses points for each lap under the nominated time. Each driver has a stint on the track, comes into the pits, a ribbon is transferred to the next car and the relay continues.

The winning team has the best regularity factor. This is a calculation between the number of theoretical laps and actual laps, combined with a factor for bonus and penalty laps.

Our Team comprised of Nicholas Filipetto and Glenn Smith driving an Alfa 147 JTD. Michael McGeorge in his Fiat 127, Richard Caller in his Fiat X1/9, Andrew Matthews in his Mitsubishi Lancer and finally Greg Dalton in a VW Beetle. Me as the Team Manager and the invaluable support of Leanne Matthews and Warren Smith.

The weekend began with practice on Saturday. Looking up and down the pit lane there weren't too many cars to be seen. In fact only seven teams entered. Given time, this will surely grow. A similar event is run by AROCA at Winton Raceway and attracts almost 40 teams.

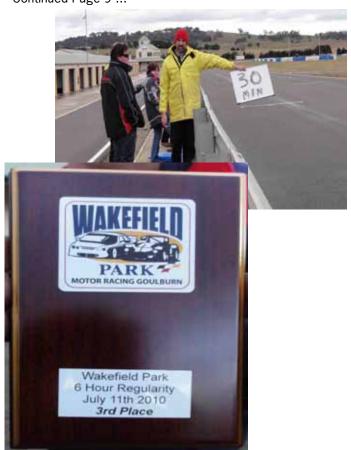
Anyway time to concentrate on our team. 2 cars from each team allowed on the track at a time. The boys circulated rather predictably. The track was dry and air wasn't too cold.

The Alfa was running some second hand slicks that turned rather second hand. Richard's X1/9 was developing fading brakes. So he headed to Bunnings and returned with a couple of plastic funnels and flex ducting which he fashioned into some good looking brake ducts. Michael's 127 developed a small fuel leak over the exhaust manifold. This only occurred after he stopped. Which was a problem since the engine was hot. It's a little disconcerting to meet a car in the pits holding only a fire extinguisher. Problem fixed for race day though, with the inclusion of a rubber gasket somewhere in the intake system.

The only casualty was Greg's Beetle. Having performed some pretty respectable 1:20 laps, the engine was feeling a little too tight. Draining the oil, it came out with the same viscosity as water. Not a good sign. Greg suspected a dropped ring or badly scored liner. A good lesson about using high tech oils in older engines. This gave him an excuse to go the fuel injection route he was aiming for. The rest of his event was occupied in Andrew's Lancer.

That night was spent in the motel room inhaling pizzas, watching Funniest Home Videos on TV and exchanging war stories. Some of which cannot be repeated for fear offending the opposition team members.

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## **Secretary's Report**



Richard Dalziel

Social Meeting Minutes – 13 July 2010 (Condensed)
David Filipetto opened the meeting and welcomed
members, plus visitors from AROCA, the Lancia and Austin/
Austin Healey Clubs, along with our very special guest
speaker, Ron Tauranac. A short meeting followed our guest
speaker.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, apologies recorded, and associated car club magazines displayed. We received information regarding some invited events, see below for more details. We also received some information from Lumley SV regarding car insurance.

Treasurer's Report: Closing balance as per Bank Statement dated 28th June 2010 = \$28199.15

Competition Report: Paul Pana will prepare a report on the Wakefield Park 6hr for the next magazine. The next events are, the Ferrari Supersprint at Wakefield Park on 24 July, and the Fiat Club Driver Training Day at Marulan on 26 Sept. Why not drive down to see what goes on at one of these events.

Ansell Park Report: A new BBQ has been installed.

Social Events: The July Coffee / Breakfast at Homebush was

attended by 9 Fiats and 1 Ducati. Why not come along next month? The next events are, the Concorso d'Eleganza on 1 Aug, and Shannon's Eastern Creek Classic on 22 Aug (free tickets still available from Richard Dalziel).

President's Report: Nationals 2011 in planning stage.

Fiat Fixations: Nil.

CMC: No meeting this month.

General Business: John Maud presented the club with some original invitations to the opening of Ansell Park in 1979, plus a letter of appreciation from past president Crampton for his Honorary Life Membership.

Guest Speaker: Ron Tauranac

We were treated to a simply delightful evening reminiscing with Ron, following his career in motorsport design and development with Brabham & RALT cars. Tony Studans prepared a DVD photo record of Ron's achievements to view on the night.

Meeting closed at 10:30 pm for more tea, coffee and a Fiatchat.

Richard Dalziel

#### **Wheel Restoration**







**AFTER** 

I recently needed to get a spare set of original Fiat wheels restored for a project and I was lucky enough to be placed in contact with Mauro from A1 Hitech Automotive Service who is an ex Club member and now specialises in the restoration of modern and historic wheels at very competitive prices. He also has access to a professional automotive polisher who can restore Alloy / Chrome wheels as well. He is still has the 'Fiat' bug and is in the process of restoring his own Fiat 501.

A1 Hitech also performs servicing and repairs.

Adrian Sandrin - Editor

#### **ELECTRONIC BANKING IS HERE!**

When making deposits via EFT to the Club bank account please ensure you include easily identifiable reference with your payment, if renewing your membership please make the reference your membership number followed by the suffix MSHIP i.e. 465MSHIP

If paying for a Club Event please include your surname and the date of the event as the reference. i.e. SMITH220510

#### **BANKING DETAILS:**

BSB 082-067
Account 03-665-7020
Name Fiat Club of NSW Inc.
Bank National Bank of Aust.

## **Competition Report**







Well July was a quiet month sport wise, giving everyone a chance to rest their cars and I'm sure doing some mods where needed. Just one event took place at the last minute, which was the 6 hour regularity at Wakefield. With a our club entering a team which I was involved in but I won't touch on this too much, as there is another write up on this within this edition, so will leave it with a thank you to all the team for a wonderful weekend and a congrats on the 3rd outright.

So to coming events, we have a motorkhana on the 15th of August, this will be round 4 of the session, which I hope will see all come out for the day even if it is for the first time as you are more than welcome to give it a try.

While on the 26th of September the Fiat Club will be running a driver training day at Marulan. As the club has not run one of these types of events for many year now, I feel it is the right time to get back to educating drivers. As there is a resurgence in our club sport wise and with a lot of our members now finding their kids getting licences and starting to drive on the roads in a crowd, we feel it is a good opportunity for people to have a chance to learn driving techniques and confidence behind the wheel. This is why we chose Marulan driver training centre as it is a track specially designed for learning.

We are offering this day for the inexperienced to the experienced, please don't feel that because you have been driving for over ten or so years that this day is not for you. This is still a great chance for all of our members that have been driving on the roads and even participating in our super sprint days to learn about things like driving lines and braking, to mention a few.

On the day you will be broken into groups of 5 to 6 cars based on experience. In the morning you will have the chance to do a lap the best way you find quickest. Then you will be able to take on a passenger from a list of instructors, all of whom have experience in some form of racing, who will now give you tips and instructions around the course. Then in the afternoon we will do some events to gauge what you have learnt and give you a chance to see if this helps you in your driving.

So for more information please feel free to contact myself or see the flyer within this edition.

Cheers Michael McGeorge

## **Members Section**

Karl McManus 16/9/1966 - 14/7/2010 (aka 'FiatNut' on the Fiat Internet Forum Groups)

attended Karl's funeral on Friday 23rd and there were a lot of very heartbroken friends and family there. He was a very well liked and respected bloke.

After listening to the speakers and watching several videos, it is no wonder that we rarely got to see him as he must have always been so busy! Go Karts, rockets, jet engines, Fiats, Lancias, fireworks, his own cars or other peoples'... it didn't matter - he was always there and involved. As well as me, Graham Smith, Marc Berard and Nick Stanton were there, with Marc delivering a Tribute during the service and also supplying a Delta integrale in Martini colours which was parked right outside the doors of the chapel. His coffin was draped with a well-used FIAT flag and oddly, a "Fiat Genuine Spares" placard.

Karl's mother Robyn told mourners that they could all blame her for Karl's love of Fiats as she was the one who introduced him to them. She still has her Fiat 124 Spider and took it "for a burn" last Sunday up in Noosa to think about her son. Karl's family believe he was a victim of Lyme Disease caused by a tick bite several years ago and have asked friends and family to donate what they can to the Lyme Disease Association of Australia, c/- 100 Bobbin Head Road, Turramurra, NSW, 2074. The Fiat Club of NSW Inc. will be making a donation on behalf of Karl's fellow members, but if you would like to make your own, please feel free.

The Association's mission is to:

- 1. Raise awareness of Lyme disease and other tick-borne Illness in Australia.
- 2. Facilitate better testing and treatment.
- 3. Educate doctors and other health professionals about Lyme in Australia.
- 4. Use the media to alert the public

Yours FIATfully, Warren Smith,



## **Column Cinquecento**



Alan Steele



\_\_i Everyone!

Saturday, July 3rd saw 13 of us at Café Cucina Viscontini for the Coffee Break.

It was a great roll-up with 9 Fiats and one Ducati gracing the car park. Three new faces (Alan, Ross & Giovanni) all seemed to enjoy themselves, as did the rest of us. Despite the cool weather, we spent quite some time afterwards in the car park inspecting Alan Rodd's lovely little Topolino "C". Ross came in the 903-powered 1965 Seicento "D" and Giovanni had his immaculate Series One X1/9.

Regulars John & Lorraine came in the 124CC, Gene & Rav were in the 500F, as was Tony in his Bambino. Richard had his oh so original 850 Sports Coupe, Dougie as usual was in his green "AC" while Steve & myself were in Buzz.

Phil rode his Ducati, despite the cold!

There's lots of room for anyone else who may wish to join us on the first Saturday of every month. It certainly makes a nice break from the routine! If you have any queries, simply email me on alansteele7@bigpond.com

See the advertisement elsewhere in the newsletter for all the details.

I seem to have had some luck with Buzz's running problems at long last. Replacing the plugs only seemed to be a temporary cure as the problem seemed to be coming back (sluggish performance and lousy idling). I removed the new plugs and they were indeed sooting up (but dry, not oily).

After re-consulting the NGK website, I opted to fit one-grade hotter spark plugs (BP5HS) which seems to have done the trick. Easy starting, excellent performance and steady idling – what more could you want! The exhaust pipe colour is even a shade lighter I do believe!

NGK report that sooting up of spark plugs is a not uncommon problem these days, due in part to unleaded fuel. What hope have we got?

As no doubt reported elsewhere in this edition, the evening with Ron Tauranac was one of the best meetings I have ever attended. Thanks again to Bob Young from the Lancia Club, a personal friend of Ron, who approached us at a Coffee Break last year and offered to organise it.

As posted on the Fiat Club's Yahoo Group, this year's Concorso de Eleganza will incorporate special prizes for the Fiat 500 entrants, whether they are Topolinos (A, B, or C), Bambinos (N, D, F, L, or R), Derivatives (eg, Abarth, Giannini, Moretti, etc), Most Original, Modified or NEW (ie, the current models). So get those polishing rags out and we'll see you on the day!

500 Regards Alan

### **Ferrari Track Day**

The Ferrari Track day was held on the 24th of July with a large contingent from the NSW and ACT Fiat Clubs in attendance.





FERRARI CLUB OF AUSTRALIA WAKEFIELD PARK RACEWAY Ferrari Club Australia

Scheduled Start 12:30

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| Start Sa | t Jul | 24  | 12:30   |
| Elapsed  | Time  | 0.3 | 3:22:37 |



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| 2   | 172 | Jeremy Smith   | FCC             | Fiat 124 Redback   | 1995  | 25   | 25 1:06.4900 | 0:02.6100 |
| 3   | 72  | Ross Smith     | FCC             | Fiat 124 Redback   | 1995  | 16   | 14 1:07.3600 | 0:03.4800 |
| 16  | 125 | John Young     | FCC             | Fiat 125 Sparkles  | 1995  | 23   | 23 1:15.6900 | 0:11.8100 |
| 17  | 79  | Glenn Smith    | FCC             | Fiat X1/9          | 1995  | 11   | 11 1:16.3400 |           |
| 22  | 5   | Tony Metcalf   | FCC             | Renault Clio Sport | 1998  | 14   | 3 1:18.1000  |           |
| 34  | 11  | Paul Pana      | FCC             | Fiat 124 Spider    | 1995  | 20   | 14 1:21.8100 |           |
| 37  | 36  | Peter Jakrot   | FCC             | Renault Laguna     | 2000  | 35   | 4 1:23.0200  |           |
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| 40  | 88  | Luca Sandrin   | FCC             | Fiat 2000 Spider   | 1995  | 19   | 5 1:23.6700  |           |
| 41  | 8   | Adrian Sandrin | FCC             | Fiat 2000 Spider   | 1995  | 17   | 13 1:23.9200 |           |
| 42  | 50  | Paddy Martin   | FCCACT          | Fiat FJ            | 1100  | 8    | 8 1:24.2900  |           |
| 43  | 501 | David Martin   | FCCACT          | Fiat FJ            | 1100  | 9    | 9 1:24.6700  |           |
| 44  | 22  | Tony Borg      | FCC             | Fiat 128 3P        | 1290  | 15   | 14 1:26.9700 |           |
| 45  | 18  | Dino Ius       | FCC             | Fiat X1/9          | 1498  | 18   | 15 1:31.9400 |           |
| 47  | 7.0 | Heather Jarvis | FCC             | Fiat 124 BC        | 1995  | 11   | 11 1:42.6500 |           |

## **Wakefield 6 Hour Race (Cont.)**

Bright (dull) and early Sunday morning race day we were welcomed with showers. Mic Mac whipped up some tasty egg and bacon rolls. Out on the track seven teams were reduced to six as the attrition from the previous day forced to two teams to merge.

Glenn Smith was first out on a rolling start. The Alfa booted up with wet weather road tyres. His lap times considerably reduced. The torque of the turbo diesel was too much for the levels of adhesion provided by the tyres. His stint was a tad pedestrian. After an hour, Glen came in smiling nonetheless. A treat for him to four wheel drift through the corners and pick up some wet weather experience.

Next out was Andrew Matthews. On behalf of Andrew, a sincere thanks to wife Leanne for swapping over the wheels from her road car to his race car. The weather persisted in drizzling for most of his stint. The Lancer was predictably reliable circulating with no fuss. Into the pits, Andrew greeted me with smiles as the wet track offered him some exciting moments.

The first Fiat to hit the track was Michael McGeorge's 127. The slowest car of our group (and the day) the little orange starburst was faultless. Completing 34 laps with 6 bonus laps and no penalties. Michael's lap times where reflective of his facial expressions as he passed us down the straight. Teeth gleaming as he horse whips the door equals poor lap. Puckered lips and the look of three days of constipation equalled a bonus lap. Most amusing.

After Michael's run, Richard Caller hit the fully dry track screaming in his X1/9. He was driving like a man possessed. His nominated lap time was made for vehicle conservation approach. Only problem was, I think Richard forgot. Standing on the pit wall with the guys, we couldn't understand his braking issue given that most of the braking effort was provided by the engine. Coming into turn 10. We were sure he was shifting down and sidestepping the clutch. That poor gearbox was copping a hiding. Low and behold Richard had parked the X1/9 on the grass after turn 8. A quick wager amongst the team had reached even odds on a blown gearbox. Given his track record of blowing two boxes at the AROCA 6 hour last year. The recovery vehicle towed him in as I sent out Greg in Andrew's Lancer.

Like Andrew, Greg Dalton's stint in the Lancer was a Regularity dream. His nominated lap time was right on the money. Of the 44 laps achieved, Greg scored 23 bonus laps. Because he was so marginal, this was countered by 8 penalty laps. A great result.

Whilst Greg was out, Richard was clambering all over the X. To our surprise, it was not the gearbox, but an electrical problem. The fuse for the fuel pump had blown and the

car died on the track. Since the AROCA 6 hour gearbox fiasco, Richard had installed a gearbox cooling system. This comprised of a radiator and electric pump assembly. Guess what circuit he wired the gearbox oil pump to? That's right, the fuel pump circuit. Bit too much load for that Fuse. I believe the car now has more radiators than the Bugatti Veyron.

That fixed I sent Richard out again after Greg to complete his allocated driving time. This time I whispered in his ear about going too fast and penalising his lap count. I'll let you decide if my recommendations got through. Richard scored more penalty laps than bonus laps.

It was about this time that Steve and Nathan Gotch, who drove up early on that day. Said their goodbyes and departed. A dejected Nathan's parting comments were, "There's nothing to fix here. I'm going home".

Finally Nicholas Filipetto went out in the Alfa. By now we where hovering over a podium finish. Like the Lancer, the Alfa was predicable and Nick was consistent. Excluding his out lap Nick's lap times had a standard deviation of < 1 sec. He scored 16 bonus laps and no penalty laps. His regularity factor was the second best of all the competing cars on the day. Now because I'm writing this article I can say, had Nicholas listened to me and nominated a lap time  $\frac{1}{2}$  a second slower, he would have scored the best regularity factor and been awarded accordingly at the presentation.

The 6 hour was complete at 4:00pm with the Fiat Club finishing a respectable 3rd. We were presented with trophies for our efforts and a tentative agreement to be there next year and improve our position.

For me, I am planning to get my 124 there and would put the call out to other club members to participate. This is a great format of racing that is safe and challenging on an individual level, as your performance is not judged by the speed of your car, but the consistency of your effort.

Ciao Paul



## CLASSTFTATS

**FOR SALE** Fiat X1/9 Bertone, 1988 model, photos of car is on carsales.com.au \$12,000 ono. Call Ben Caller on 0431931655 or email brt19x@hotmail.com

**FOR SALE** Lancia Beta 1984 Rego: March 2011, Good Condition Features: 2litre, lowered, power steering, air con, Sony CD player, alarm, Momo steering wheel, Lenso 17" wheels.

wheel, Lenso 17" wheels. Price range: \$8,000 (ono)

Contact Daniel Sullo (02) 9604 8842



#### **FOR SALE**

FIAT 850 Spider 1974 LOMBARDI First of 1800 motor with side impact bars in doors, last of chrome bumper series. Good body and mechanics. Mag wheels and new Pirelli's tyres Long rego \$16000 Brian Carr (02) 99857059

**FOR SALE** Fiat 500 Early type Starter \$30 suitable for rebuild, Fuel Pump \$25 Contact Adrian 0418291185

FOR SALE FIAT 2300 Station wagon 1967, not going but in reasonable condition. \$1800 o.n.o. ,Cam Belt to suit 124 1438cc -New -\$10, Headlights 1500/2300 new & used \$10 & \$5, Oil Filter to suit 1500/2300 \$10 ea., 1500 Disc Brake Caliper Kit -missing the large dust boot - FREE Give away - Terry Slattery (02) 49712839

**FOR SALE** FIAT 850 Engine (903cc) good condition \$200 o.n.o.

Richard Caller 0404061907

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