



Maserati Register Newsletter 2014-023

June 2014

Welcome to the third newsletter of the Maserati Register in Maserati's centenary year.

1. What's Been Happening

Auto Italia, Canberra Sunday 30th March 2014



The annual Auto Italia in Canberra was again a great success this year. Unfortunately, due to heavy rain in the week leading up to the event, no cars were allowed on the lawns, thereby limiting the space available for display cars. There were also concerns for rain on the day, however, the gods were smiling and there was not a drop of rain until the event finished, whereupon the rain commenced almost immediately. So, with no rain and even brief spells of sunshine, the event was again well attended. There was a wonderful array of cars, even if the numbers were slightly down on last year.

In particular, there was a wonderful collection of Maseratis with 35 of the estimated 250 cars on display being Maseratis. We were given a separate display area to celebrate the Centenary and the cars looked wonderful in long lines. There was a strong contingent of more modern Maseratis from members of the MaseratiOz web forum organised by Roger Holding. And our Mistral Spyder even appeared on the front page of the Canberra Times the following morning (see above). A highlight of the Maserati display was a 1992 Barchetta (one of only 17 built) which had been driven down from Sydney!

The Italian Ambassador held a cocktail party at his residence with Roger Holding's Quattroporte and our Mistral Spyder parked prominently at the entrance.

I highly recommend this event to anyone who has not been, not just for the cars but also for the camaraderie between those travelling to the event. Start planning for 2015.



The Italian Ambassador's Cocktail Party



Maserati Club UK and Visit to Maserati Factory April & May 2014

We joined the Maserati Club in the UK for their annual Cameron Millar run, which this year was to Scotland. We drove our 1968 Mistral Spyder and had a truly wonderful time. There were 37 Maseratis with a great range from 3500's to current models. There were 12 cars from the 60's and 70's including a 3500GT, 3500 Vignale Spyder, Mistral Spyder, 2 Sebrings, Mexico, 2 Indys, Quattroporte II, Merak and a Khamsin.

We collected our car in Tunbridge Wells where we store it and drove up to Scotland for the event, which was held at Perth, near Edinburgh. We had a number of wonderful drives, including to Balmoral Castle, Scone Palace and the famous Gleneagles Hotel. The UK Club made us most welcome and we had a fabulous time, so sincere thanks to the UK Club for their hospitality.

Following the meet, we headed further west and then north to the Isle of Skye along some of the most wonderful driving roads and scenery you're ever likely to see. From there we headed down to Plymouth via the Lakes District and Yorkshire Dales to catch the car ferry to Santander in Spain. We then toured across Spain to Girona (just north of Barcelona) and then around the Carmargue and Cote d'Azur to Monaco for the Monaco Historic GP.

There were two Australians entered in events at the GP, with both Andrew Cannon (whose Maserati 150S featured in the previous newsletter) and Andrew Berryman competing in their Bugattis (Types 51 and 37 respectively). The Monaco Ambassador to Australia held a cocktail party on the famous Belle Epoque Terrace at the Hermitage Hotel for a number of Australians and again it was just a wonderful event.

From there we travelled down to Italy via Portofino and the Cinque Terra to Modena where we met with a number of people at the Maserati Factory, including Roberta Bicocchi (who is responsible for Maserati Clubs worldwide), Arpita Pandya-D'Amico (who is co-ordinating the Centennial celebrations globally) and Fabio Collina (the company historian who is responsible for the Maserati Classiche program). As always, their hospitality was wonderful and they really do make you feel part of the family. While at the factory I was introduced to Adolfo Orsi Jnr, the grandson of Adolfo Orsi (Snr) who owned Maserati from 1937 until 1968. Adolfo is a concours judge at many of the major events, including Pebble Beach, and acts as a consultant on many historical matters relating to Maserati.

We left the Mistral Spyder in Modena where it will go on display in the factory as part of the Centenary celebrations before we return in September to drive it in the Centennial Gathering (see more about this below). All up, we did almost 6,000 km in the Mistral which ran fabulously throughout the journey. Some photos of the trip are below.



Maseratis at UK Club Event, Ballathie House, Scotland



Ballathie House



Sebring & Mistral Spyder at Gleneagles



Maserati Display at Balmoral Castle



Scotland



Aussies in Monaco - Ambassador's Cocktail Party



Hotel Hermitage, Monaco



Carpark at Maserati Factory



With Adolfo Orsi and his 3500 Spyder Prototype at the Maserati Factory

Autobella Sunday 6 April, Como Park, South Yarra

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Como Park, South Yarra
 Sunday 6th April 2014

Autobella is organised by the Fiat Car Club of Victoria each year. It combines the Fiat Club's annual concours with a celebration of all Italian cars and it is a great event. This year a separate display area was set aside for Maseratis to celebrate the Centenary.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this year, but I'm told it was highly successful with much interest in the Maseratis on display.



Maserati Centenary Celebrations Update



The Centenary Celebrations are continuing around the world with most major classic car events having a Maserati theme, including Pebble Beach and Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este. Photos of some of the Maseratis at Villa d'Este can be seen at:

www.sportscardigest.com/concorso-deleganza-villa-deste-2014-report-photos/.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Maserati has a website dedicated to the Centenary celebrations around the world at www.maserati100.com. You can see photos of the Australian events here as well as Centenary happenings in other countries.

As part of the Centenary Celebrations, a series of limited edition lithographs has been commissioned to celebrate some of Maserati's major successes throughout its 100 years. The series has a distinct centenary theme with 100 numbered and signed copies of each of 100 lithographs at a cost of €100 each. Each lithograph is based on the original poster or artwork for that race updated with the winning model on the lithograph. The lithographs come in a special presentation pack.

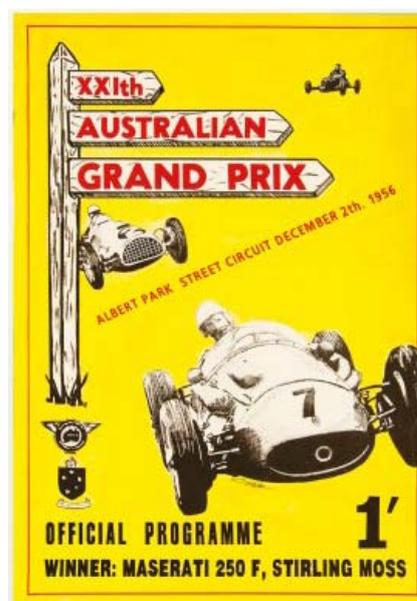
Two of these lithographs are of Australian races:

- 1956 Australian GP won by Stirling Moss in a 250F
- 1956 Australian Tourist Trophy won by Stirling Moss in a 300S

The lithograph of the Australian GP is already on sale but the Tourist Trophy lithograph has not yet been released.

Details of these lithographs can be found at:

www.maseratistore.com/au_en/collectibles.html?product_collection=69



2. What's Coming Up

Motorclassica 24 to 26 October 2014, Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton

MOTORCLASSICA

The Australian International Concours d'Elegance
& Classic Motor Show

As discussed in the previous newsletter, 100 years of Maserati will be a highlight at this year's Motorclassica. This is the premier motoring show in the Southern hemisphere and an ideal event to showcase Maseratis.

We are planning to have a display of 18 Maseratis of which around 6 will be race cars and the remaining 12 will be road cars. We already have a good number of applications for this event, but we would welcome more applications. If you own a Maserati you think would be suitable for entry to the Concours (pre-1980 cars) or a rare or historic Maserati, either road or racing, please let me know and I will forward you an entry form.

Just remember, it's another 100 years until you will be able to enter your Maserati in the next centenary celebration!!



This is a fabulous event and, although it's still months away, I urge everyone to plan to get along and support the Maserati display.

Maserati Centennial Gathering, Italy, 18 to 20 September 2004

Details of the Centennial Gathering have been announced and there are two main packages - the Alfieri package and the Fans package. Both packages involve activities which start in Modena on the 18th September and end in Turin on the 20th.

The Alfieri package is aimed primarily at those who will have a Maserati participating in the event, although this is not a requirement. This package includes all activities, meals and accommodation. The Fans package allows people to choose various events and "mix and match" and is aimed at those who don't have Maseratis participating in the event and those who wish to make their own way, including their own accommodation and meals.

I have had a number of queries from people wanting to take up the Fans Package about whether transport is provided between venues (eg by bus). I have checked with the factory and no transport options are available - participants will need to make their own way between locations, typically by hire car.

Details of the packages can be found at:

www.maserati100.com/gathering-packages-overview.html

Could anyone from Australia who is attending any part of the Centennial Gathering please let me know (my contact details are at the end of the newsletter) as it would be great to organise a get-together of all Aussies who will be across for the celebrations. Perhaps we can organise a lunch on the Sunday following the event (which finishes on the Saturday).

I look forward to seeing as many Australians as possible over there.

Maserati Australian Centenary Meet November (TBC)

If there is sufficient interest, I am keen to organise a Centenary get-together which would cover 3 or 4 days. My thought is to hold this in North-east Victoria which is reasonably central for those from Victoria, NSW and the ACT. Great driving roads, lots of vineyards, good food and good accommodation options also make it an ideal destination for such a meeting. My thought is to find accommodation which we can use as a base, returning there each night, rather than a road-trip where we need to change hotels each day. There will be plenty of opportunity for owners and enthusiasts to share tall tales and true.

The preliminary timing is sometime in November.

So, if you have any interest in potentially participating in such a tour, please let me know as I need to start organising this very shortly.

Centenary Static Display Docklands, 7 December (TBC)

A static display is planned for Docklands which will showcase Maseratis of all ages. We have tentative approval (subject to confirmation) from Melbourne City Council for a display on December 7th. Further details will follow. Lamborghini used this location last year to celebrate its 50th anniversary (they're just youngsters!), and by all accounts it was a highly successful venue.

Thanks to Sebastian Bongiorno for his work and assistance in organising this.





Following the success of the Italian Auto Icons earlier this year (see previous Register Newsletter), another exhibition has been planned for Lygon Street in Carlton next year on 1st March. Organisers want around 6 to 8 cars from each Italian Car Club. More details nearer the event.



Join the Club !!!

Many of you who receive this newsletter are current or past Maserati owners, but are not currently members of the Maserati Club of Australia. We are trying to organise more and more events for Maserati owners, so to those who are not currently members, please support us and join the club. The more owners and Maserati enthusiasts we have in the club, the more events we can organise for you.

For any queries or further information on any of the above activities, please contact me (John Gove) on 0419 770 600 or email me at gove@transaction.com.au.