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FRONT COVER

Fiat 500

Replacement for FIAT's much-loved 500 'Topolino', the Nuova 500 debuted in 1957. FIAT's new baby featured unitary construction, an opening fabric roof and all-independent suspension while carrying its engine at the rear. The 479cc power unit was an air-cooled overhead-valve twin and the gearbox a four-speeder.

Introduced in 1960, the 500D used the 499.5cc engine of the 500 Sport in de-tuned form. In 1965 it was superseded by the 500F, the latter's altered bodywork incorporating front-hinged doors and a shortened sunroof, while mechanical improvements included a strengthened transmission. Maximum power increased to 22bhp and the top speed to within a whisker of 60mph.

Introduced in 1968 alongside the standard 500F, the deluxe 500L, while mechanically identical, came with exterior cosmetic enhancements and an improved interior featuring new instrument panel, seats, and floor covering.



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Presidents Corner

WELCOME TO OUR JUNE 2024 ISSUE



Editors desk

While finding info for this month's issue of Classic Lines, I remembered that I took a photo of Karen Ho's Bambino in front of the Gun Cotton Cafe. This was also our "Cars & Caffeine" social event for June. So the perfect cover page photo.

Please read and enjoy...

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any ideas, articles - many thanks!



Mid Year already, Time flies. Planning is well advanced for THE CLASSIC CAR SHOW.

Hope to see you all in July. Dates for your Calendar.

Upcoming events

July 14th 'Cruise & Dine'
The Shed at Palmwoods

July 26th 'Noosa Par 3 Golf'
Meet at the Venue. 10am. \$20 to play
Email Dave to book in.

August 11th 'Cruise & Dine'
Cooroy Hotel

September 1st 'CLASSIC CAR SHOW'
Entries NOW OPEN — ON LINE - Please VOLUNTEER

For details on all events, see the SOCIAL PAGES on the NBCCC website.

Other reminders:

Membership is ONLY \$75 for 2 people. Please Renew your Membership as it becomes due. We always send out 3 reminders for your renewal.

PLEASE NOTE: Under QLD LAW; If you have an SIV registered Car, you MUST maintain a current financial club membership, or your insurance will be void, & A Big FINE is possible.

Mike Rider

Club CALENDAR

Start Enjoying a Great
Social Life!

Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

2024



- Sunday 14 July Cruise & Dine (Lunch) - **The SHED** Palmwoods Meet at Club Shed 10am or at 12pm at venue
- Friday 26 July Car Meet - **Mini Golf** 25 Goldburg Ct, Noosaville QLD 4566 Meet at Venue

Join Us



Welcome New Members

Great that you joined our Club!



Welcome to all new Members - we all share a common goal a love for cars in a fun and exciting atmosphere.

We've found unique ways to combine networking, philanthropy, and a passion for cars into one - and that's certainly not something every car club can say with confidence.

Welcome to:-

David & Alison Clift

Shannon & Lisa Mathews

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In the Community

Sports Clubs - In The Know

Three of our Club's Committee members attended the Noosa Club Forum held at the Tewantin Sports Complex.

Guest speaker for the evening was **Blake Cochrane**. He is an amazing 4 time paralympian and 2x Paralympic Champion, 6x Paralympic Medallist QLD/NT State Manager - Sport4All! His presentation was entertaining and inspirational, sharing his experiences as a Paralympian and World Champion swimmer. We were all inspired by his remarkable journey and had time to see all his medals.

It was a jam packed evening with presentations covering everything from the new ClubIQ Resources launched by State government, being prepared for disasters as a club, the launch of the new Council-led Canteen Resources and the announcement of Noosa Council's new inclusion coach.



Side view



Front view



Bringing car size into perspective

Cadillac DeVille - Abath 500

Out & About

Fun driving in the sun



Secret FUN

Observation RUN

A new FUN event with good weather for our club on the 9th June saw a roll up start at the Club Shed with 42 members.

Members polished the cars, wheel rims and aired their best driving clothes, to prepare for an unmissable Secret Fun jaunt through the Noosa Hinterland - the perfect opportunity to see this picturesque region and its treasures through a different lens.



First of all, a big thank you to Dave and his social committee for organizing an outstanding day.

We had coffee a quick look at members cars. There were Chris & Peggies Frazer Nash Le Mans Replica, Daryl & Lynn's Jaguar XJS, Stuart & Christine's Austin Healey, the red Ferrari Dino of Glen Sterling and all the Mercedes, BMW's, Alfas, Nissan and Mazda's and the list goes on.

All collected their instructions and questions for the observation run - now the challenge was on!

Had a quick look at the instructions then hopped into Ged's classic Silver Merc SL - and we were off. Luckily we had a very noticeable bright red Jaguar of Peter & Tanya in front as we tuned into Pomona... so far so good and we managed to find all the answers.

The route took us onto Cooran through the town and round the roundabout back onto the road to Kin Kin. mmm in Cooran we missed a view questions??? Maybe we were too busy looking at other Club members cars, chatting and taking photos.





We made our way into Kin Kin, found all the answers and pass more members as we made our way back to the Club Shed.

Arriving back at the shed we were greeted with the welcoming smells of a BBQ prepared by the Social Committee and expert Chefs Daryl and Dave. Food selection by Barbara was just right with 3 sausages and 6 rolls left over. Delicious - Thank You!



First the Lucky door prize - then the winners of the Fun Observation Run. We had three winners at 28 right questions out of possible 30! Well Done! (lucky we had 3 prizes for them)
Lynn Jones provided some of her hand made Cards as the "welcome prize". Lovely - thanks!
Thanks to all committee members and all Club Members ' participating, who helped make this event a success and ensures we will have another.



Hope You Can Join Us Next Time



Out & About

Gun Cotton Roasters



This month's Cars & Caffeine was a good weather drive to the Gun Cotton Roasters & Cafe.

This is a favourite venue in Yandina with its open & welcoming vibe, lots of seating & rustic decor. 28 Club members attended.

A collection for the local Parkinson Group was well supported by all club members, thanks to Lynn McGloin who handled the donations.



Again a great raffle prize of hand made cards was donated by Lynn Jones and won by new member Patrick Feeney who was delighted with the prize.



We will return here as we are always made Welcome by good staff and coffee/food

Cheers Dave

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Out & About

Phil's Jaguar - The Winner!



Ged Bulmer - 17/06/2024

Each year RACQ Motorfest attracts the cream of Queensland's vintage, veteran, classic, motorcycle and custom-car crops and 2024 was no exception with nearly 200 vehicles of all makes, models, vintages and styles entered in the nine categories.

The quality of the cars and motorcycles at RACQ Motorfest 2024 was once again outstanding, with judges tasked with choosing a winner from each category, along with an overall winner.

While some categories had a clear, standout others were more fiercely contested, leaving judges to debate the merits of individual vehicles before arriving at their decision.

"All of the vehicles are a credit to their owners and the people who have worked hard to maintain, and in some cases rebuild these amazing works of automotive art," Mr Tucker said. *(RACQ Manager Road Safety and Technical)*

Category winners

- * **American and Judges' Choice**
1952 Chevrolet Moonlight Speedster (Michael Ferguson)
- * **Asian** - 1975 Datsun 180B SSS (Chris Allen)
- * **Australian** - 1968 Holden HK Monaro GTS (Luke Mitchell)
- * **British** - 1955 Jaguar XK140 FHC SE (Phil Atkins)
- * **European** - 1971 Porsche 911 T (Greg Wilson)
- * **Modified** - 1955 Chevrolet GMH 210 (Mark and Roslyn Anthony)
- * **Motorcycle** - 1954 MV Agusta 175 CSS (Gaven Dall'Osto)
- * **Veteran** (built before 31 December 1918)
1906 De Dion-Bouton, Type AN Double-Phaeton (Paul Blake)
- * **Vintage** (built between 1 January 1919 and 31 December 1950)
1928 Chevrolet AB National Tourer (Robert and Sunita Wade)



British 1955 Jaguar XK140 FHC SE (Phil Atkins)

In 1955 the British car industry was creating some of the world's most desirable cars. Few were more desirable than Jaguar's sleek XK140 sports car, the successor to the extraordinary Jaguar XK120.

Powered by a 3.4-litre Jaguar double overhead camshaft six-cylinder engine, the SE designation of Phil's gorgeous example indicates it is fitted with the optional C-Type Special Equipment cylinder head, 2-inch H8 carburetors, heavier torsion bars and twin exhaust pipes, all of which contributed to a bump in power over the standard 142kW to an impressive 157kW at 5750rpm.

Designated FHC for 'Fixed Head Coupe,' Phil's classic car also includes optional C-Type seats.

Less than 2800 XK 140 FHC's were built, fewer still in this desirable SE trim which in its day could achieve a top speed of 120-125 mph (193-201 km/h), 0-60 mph (97 km

Congratulations!

Out & About

EV & Electrify Expo

This year's EV & Electrify Expo was on Sunday 16 June, held in the Noosa Junction. Its aim to raise awareness of ways to reduce transport and your home energy carbon footprint.

People strolled along Sunshine Beach road, where dozens of exhibitors' stalls replaced the usual busy traffic.

On display was an enticing display of the latest electric cars, Utes, buses, motorcycles, e-bikes, e-scooters, lawn mowers, solar panels and other electric equipment.

First that caught my eye was a FONZ electric bike. Assembled in Redfern, Sydney, and won the Australian Good Design award - Gold winner prize.

The entry-level NKDa is a city commuter bike with a top speed of 80km/h and 50km of range. A top speed of 100km/h in a 100km of city range.

The other models in the Fonz range, the NKD+ and NKDx, also have a 100km/h stop speed but increased city range of 150km and 200km respectively.

It's worth noting that you can't buy a Fonz off the showroom floor, but instead must order the machine and wait about three months for it to be assembled to your specifications.

Selecting specific options such as different tyres, saddle and handgrip combinations all increase the price, but included in the base price are contactless ignition, phone charger, LED lights, adjustable footpegs and even reverse gear.



It's probably best referred to as a mid-bike, sitting as it does on small 12-inch wheels with a motorcycle-type body but scooter-style front and rear brake levers on the handlebars, with no clutch or foot brake.

There are three selectable riding modes which vary the available top speed to maximise range. They include 'Eco' which is limited to 50km/h, 'Street' which tops out at 80km/h, and 'Beast' which delivers the full fat 100km/h experience.

Like most electric vehicles, acceleration off the line is brisk, thanks to the near instant delivery of the engine's maximum torque.



Another interesting vehicle was the Ford 150 Lightning EV ute/truck. AusEV imports the 4x4 from America and then does the conversions in Brisbane.

AusEV describes the 4x4 electric ute as a "driving revolution", boasting 433kW of power, propelling the car from 0-100km in just 4 seconds. Dual motors provide 1050Nm of torque, ensuring exhilarating acceleration whenever you need it.

It has a towing capacity up to 4.5 tonnes, and vehicle to load options to power tools and even home appliances.

The two battery packs on offer include a standard 98 kWh pack which delivers up to 370 km of range. This gets bumped up to 515 km with the extended variant which comes with a much larger 131 kWh battery pack.

There are six colours available. The F150 Lightning doesn't only have the large truck-bed but also comes with 400 litres of space in the powered **frunk**, making it easier to store small-medium sized items.

(New word for me ...a covered space at the front of a car, especially an electric car, for carrying or storing things in. Frunk is a combination of the words "front" and "trunk": The frunk comes as standard with most electric vehicles.)

So I say to the rep.. "I will need a ladder to get up into it!" His reply: "There is a running board and come I'll show you the ladder stored in the tailgate, a bar to hold onto and another pull-out ramp for a motorbike." I thought it was quite innovative!

It was time to move on... more Cars



ARTHUR 6
Max speed: 90km/h
Max range: 130kms
Max power: 8.3kW



G^{enesis}.

The 2024 Genesis GV60 has two permanent magnet synchronous electric motors, which are split between the front and rear axles for on-demand all-wheel drive.

The entry-level AWD variant produces 234kW of power and 605Nm of torque, while its Performance AWD flagship develops 360kW and 700Nm with Boost mode engaged.

The 2024 Genesis GV60's standard equipment includes dusk-sensing LED headlights, rain-sensing wipers, alloy wheels, auto-folding digital side mirrors (with puddle lights), roof rails, keyless entry, rear privacy glass, a power-operated tailgate and a rear spoiler.

Inside, keyless start, a 12.3-inch touchscreen multimedia system, wired Apple CarPlay and Android Auto support, satellite navigation (with live traffic), digital radio, a 17-speaker Bang & Olufsen sound system, a 12.3-inch digital instrument cluster, a 12.0-inch windshield-projected head-up display, a wireless smartphone charger, a panoramic glass roof, a power-adjustable steering wheel with heating, power-adjustable front seats with massaging (driver only) cooling and heating, heated rear seats, dual-zone climate control with a 6.0-inch touchscreen, quilted Nappa leather upholstery, a suede headliner and ambient lighting feature.

Safety-wise, there's also autonomous emergency braking (with junction assist and pedestrian and cyclist detection), lane-keep and steering assist, active blind-spot monitoring and rear cross-traffic alert, adaptive cruise control (with stop and go functionality), traffic-sign recognition, driver attention alert, high-beam assist, rear AEB, park assist surround-view cameras, parking sensors, safe exit assist, rear occupant alert and tyre pressure monitoring as well as eight airbags (dual front, side and curtain plus front-centre and driver's knee). Quite a mouth full.

On we walked to see more EV makes...
BMW, Peugeot, Mini, BYD, Hyundai, Tesla
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Fiat's "Bambino" a little cutie



As a teenager there was an Abarth Scorpione poster on my wall. That interest expanded and gradually my focus was on all cars Italian. So naturally when it was time to buy my first car, the target quickly settled on a Fiat 500. The pricey sum of \$900 procured me a 9 year old model which just happened to be bright red and 46 year later it's still my daily driver.

When I finished university, everyone told me I needed to upgrade my car, but by then I loved my "Bambino" so much and decided to upgrade it with Abarth from the barrels up, Cromodora full magnesium wheels, Mono steering wheel and a tidy up. In 2007 she was fully renovated, body and interior, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Fiat 500.

Karen Ho



Members Cars

1969 Fiat 500 - Karen Ho

The 500 model was designed by Dante Giacosa and released in 1957. Sports models were produced by Abarth, as well as by Gianni. The Fiat 500 was one of the very first, true city cars and was the perfect answer to post-war market demand for inexpensive and practical motoring.

Carlo Abarth saw other uses for the Fiat 500. Initially releasing the vehicle under the designation 595 (later switching to 695), Abarth took a standard Fiat 500 and gave it the full Abarth treatment. This included raising the compression ratios on the small 479 cc engine, fitting a Weber 26 IMB carburettor, optimizing the fuel and intake systems and adding a full Abarth sports exhaust system.



The combined result dramatically improved the handling and doubled the horsepower from 13 to 26. The car's exterior remained largely unchanged, apart from having wider wheels and tires, some discrete Abarth branding and a machined ABARTH plaque between the trunk lid and bumper for extra cooling for the rear-mounted engine. Around 1,000 Fiat Abarth 695 SS were produced and only 150 are believed to remain.



Members Cars

Fiat 500C - Lorraine Carey

The new Fiat 500 was launched in 2008 and became one of the most successful cars ever build. With retro style elements from the old Fiat 500, the new car combined those retro looks with the New millennium standards.

In 2016 Fiat decided a face lifting on the car keeping the basics but improving the electronics and built quality.

It is that year the Fiat teamed up with Ferretti Group creating the Fiat 500 Riva.

FIAT'S funky 500 is one of those cars that came from left field to become a stunning success.

Much like the tiny original from the late 1950s through to the mid-70s it has appeal in spades, so much so, that it now comes in sporty, longer body and Abarth versions.

But unlike the famous Italian Job film, the sequel is actually better than the original. It has the same retro look of its diminutive predecessor, but is very much a city car of the 21st century, particularly this drop top version.

The Fiat 500 is available as a convertible in 500C form, though the convertible format is more like a big sunroof than a true convertible car. The 500 in general is aimed at people who want something with retro look.

The retro bubble shape includes high tech additions such as LED lighting and smart alloy wheels and body coloured bumpers.

The cabrio is quite a premium, is very economical, is kind to environment with low CO2 emissions.

An excellent funky city car runabout, that can even squeeze two adults into the rear, just about.

But perhaps the most fun is getting the roof down, as it's fun to open the roof in summer but the car still drives like any other 500 the rest of the time.

Not a full drop top, but more a sliding fabric roof that nestles just above the boot, nevertheless it still offers the wind in the air open road motoring much beloved by motorists.



The fabric roof slides back in stages via a dashboard button so can act as a sunroof or fold it all the way back to open fully to the elements. It's great fun.

The interior does look good with pinstripe fabric seats with leather inserts and circular head restraints, while steering wheel, column and retro stalk controls, plus binnacle surround are in a contrasting white colour.

The dashboard features a five inch touchscreen with this model featuring optional sat nav and Apple Carplay and Android phone connectivity, along with Bluetooth and DAB radio, while the binnacle is dominated by a single large dial.

Electric windows are standard as is air con, central locking and power steering.

Boot space is, well, limited to say the least at 186 litres. However there is access to the rear once the two passenger seats are folded to give a moderate amount of space. But that's not what this car is about. It's stylish, fun!

Members Cars

1973 Dino 246 GT



The Ferrari Dino*

The name Dino honours Ferrari founder Enzo Ferrari's late son, Alfredo "Dino" Ferrari, credited with designing the V6 engine used in the car.

Along with engineer Vittorio Jano, Alfredo persuaded his father to produce a line of racing cars in the 1950s with V6 and V8 engines. The Dino script that adorns the badge and cylinder head covers was based on Alfredo's own signature.

The Dino models used Ferrari naming convention of displacement and cylinder count with two digits for the size of the engine in decilitres and the third digit to represent the number of cylinders, i.e. 246 being a 2.4-litre, 6-cylinder

During his time at Ferrari as a young man, Alfredo started experiencing health problems. His physical movements gradually became stiff, and he was often unable to maintain his balance. At his return to Modena, he was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. He died at age 24.

In memorial to his son, a genuine Ferrari Dino never has a Ferrari emblem or prancing horse, only the 'Dino'.

Dino's illness is what has always peeked my interest in the car. Not only is it a marvellous piece of art, but to me, is closely aligned to my profession as an IVF doctor.

Today we routinely screen all potential parents for this and similar diseases. If a couple carry this disease, and since the disease is carried by the female and expressed as a serious illness in the male, we can do sex selection and dispose of the male embryos.

Imagine, if in our world, this man may have never existed, and he may not have been an influence on what I believe is one of the world's most beautiful cars. Despite dying as a young man, his legacy is immense.

As far as I understand, this particular car was first purchased and owned by someone in the British Isles before being brought to Australia as a Ferrari yellow ('Giallo Modena'). It has been renovated extensively and repainted in Adelaide and Melbourne

Dr Glenn Sterling FRANZCOG
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