

## Editorial

By Jackie James

### The FIAT 500

In the same way that Vespa motor scooters have iconic status in Italy, so too does the Fiat 500. The Fiat 500, (or Cinquecento in Italian) is symbolic of many things to a lot of people. For countless citizens in post war Italy the 2-door coupe with optional sun-roof represented mobility and freedom. But it was not just a symbol of mass car ownership, it became an icon of style and design. For the manufacturer, it represented its first major commercial success, maintaining its identity while remaining youthful over 60-years of production. For artists, its unmistakable design inspired their imaginations, including that of photographer Raffaele Celentano. Not only was it the car he learnt to drive in but also one of his most successful photographs depicts the Fiat 500, (the truncated Fiat 500 in the photograph was on display at his exhibition in Sorrento when we visited in September this year). The Fiat 500 now stands as a piece of modern art. This year it was officially recognised as such by the curators at New York's Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). On the anniversary of its launch 60-years ago, MoMA announced the addition of the Fiat 500 to its permanent collection. According to the museum, the car "exemplifies a clear expression of form following function, a logical and economical use of materials, and a belief that quality design should be accessible to all". If only this were the mantra of modern designers and manufacturers today in a world of limited resources!



*(The currently available FIAT 500 is possibly the most appealing of all the various 'retro' models on offer – Ed.)*



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# Minutes

19 October 2017

Compiled by Lina Howard

## Attendance

16 members present

## Visitors

Visitors from Haugaland Technical College, Norway: Teachers – Nils Arve Vikshaland and Kjetil Richard Sturtzel. Students – Ingrid Storesund, Helene Haland, Magnus Liabo and Thomas Madsen Berntsen.

Visitors from local schools: Anthea Adriaanse (Die Duine), Rochelle Jacobs (Stephen Road), Reg Gabriels (Montagu's Gift), Mrs Brown and Mrs Anthuizen (Zeekoevlei), Denzil van Graan (Perivale), Janice Abrahams (Lotus River) and Terence Klassen (Fairmount)

## From the President's Chair

Welcome to our visitors from the generous benefactor, Haugaland; as well as the representatives from the beneficiary schools.

## Happenings/ Members' Moments

Biffy rode over Dottie's foot!! (*Information leaked to the Editor is that the retribution will be unexpected and severe*).

Aubrey is better, but Adele has had a fall, so he couldn't attend this evening.

Keela has had her beautiful hair cut and donated to the charity producing wigs for cancer sufferers. Bravo Keela!!

Bev and Colin have sold their home in Llandudno and are now busy packing up. They are going to move up the hill but the transfer will only be ready in March. So in the interim they are going to visit their children in London and New York. They will spend 3 months in New York (in winter!!) before returning to SA.

## Slots

**Justin:** First Aid course starts at 9am on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. For members of Vitality, the course will add 2500 points.

**Biffy:** On Tuesday the menu will be limited to two courses at R85 and R40. There will be a charge of R20 for the wine. Please also bring a bottle of wine to be raffled.

**Jackie:** Money for Global Grant (Ground Up) is on its way!!

## Speaker

Nils introduced the Haugaland team:

The students each gave us a view of their life, school and their plans -

Ingrid 18yrs wants to become a teacher,

Magnus 17yrs is doing an industrial studies course and hopes to become a welding engineer,

Helene 17yrs also wants to become a teacher,

Thomas 17yrs hopes to become a metal worker.

A comment made by one of the girls when asked what she thought about the schools they visited, she said "We are happy to see where the funds are going. We are all very impressed with how the schools are managed. YOU HAVE SO LITTLE – BUT DO SO MUCH"

Gift certificates were handed out to all the schools

Secondary schools Fairmount and Zeekoevlei – R85000 each of which R65000 is for bursaries and the remainder is for laptops and library books.

The primary schools each received R70000 of which R55000 is to be for bursaries.

Terence Klassen from Fairmont explained that each school will select their bursary awardees. The criteria are ABILITY and social background.

Are responded: Most of these seven schools have been in the Norwegian relationship for 18years now and a good camaraderie has developed. Everyone is pulling together and the benefits are for the whole community.

<b>President's Sweetie Pie</b>	Goes to Are and Wenche for arranging and organising everything this week.
	The kitty now stands at R1895 and there are 23 cards left. Wenche drew Thomas's name but Thomas with great aplomb managed only to draw the 2 Spades. Shame! Thomas then went on to win the attendance prize AS WELL. Hurrah for the Norwegian lad.
<b>Swindle</b>	

<b>Duty Roster</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>		
	<b>Tuesday 24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>
Sergeant	Jackson	Overbosch	Schreiber	Todd
Wynpress Editorial	Smith	Thomas	Todd	Van Niekerk
Wynpress Minutes	Maunder	Van Niekerk	Maunder	Cleveland
Door Duty	Howard	Hovstad	Gowdy	Jackson
Grace	Overbosch	Schonegevel J	Schonegevel R	Smith
Loyal Toast	Hovstad	Gowdy	Jackson	Howard
International Toast	James	Maunder	Munday	Overbosch
Speaker Intro and Thanks	Dietrich	Gowdy	Hovstad	Howard
Entertainment for the month		Overbosch, Schreiber M, Smith, Todd, van Niekerk K		

<b>Dates To Diarise</b>	
<b>2 November</b>	Lufefe Nomjana, the Spinach King of Khayelitsha, will tell us about his one-man enterprise
<b>9 November</b>	PDG Sylvia Whitlock from California will talk about the eleven-year long court battle to permit women as members of Rotary? Plus raid by Waterfront Club? (Both TBC)
<b>16 November</b>	TBA
<b>23 November</b>	Clay Café? TBC
<b>30 November</b>	Social at Jack Black Brewery
<b>14 December</b>	Christmas Party (also the last meeting of the year)

# Tailpiece: A letter to the Bank Manager

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my cheque with which I endeavoured to pay my plumber last month.

By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honour it.

I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years.

You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account R30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters – when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person.

My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank by cheque, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank, whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an OFFENSE under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope.

Please find attached an Application Contract which I require your chosen employee to complete.

I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN which he/she must quote in dealings with me.

I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modelled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service.

As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further.

When you call me, press buttons as follows:

IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIALING, PRESS THE STAR (\*) BUTTON FOR ENGLISH, then

#1. To make an appointment to see me

#2. To query a missing payment.

#3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.

#4. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.

#5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.

#6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.

#7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. This password will be communicated at a later date to that Authorized Contact, mentioned earlier.

#8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7

#9. To make a general complaint or inquiry.

The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.

#10. This is a second reminder to press\* for English.

While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client



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# Haugaland Visit

some random shots

