

TORQUE REACTION

Where we came from - up to a point.

Early Fiat 500 - predecessor to the Bambina that started our Club in 1964, still a style icon with the new 500 recently launched.



Fiat 500 Topolino (1936)

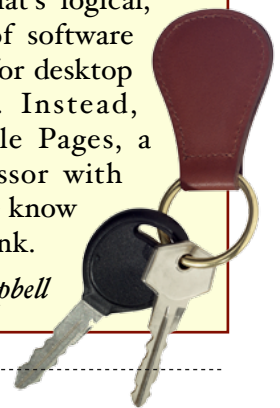
The Fiat 500 as seen above was well out of production by the time that the Fiat Club Waikato came into existence. From my research over the 30 odd years I have been involved I believe our Club was the first Fiat Club formed in New Zealand. It was started by Clyde Thomson, father of current Life Member Maurice

Thomson, along with other Fiat 500 enthusiasts, as the Fiat 500 Enthusiasts Club, to promote friendship and encourage the use of their vehicles for pleasure. Over the years the entire range of Fiats have been welcomed into the Club, and competition has become a more prominent feature of our activities.

President's Bit

It's a while since you have seen one of these, but here we go. As most of you will have realised our editors have struggled to produce newsletters this year. This has been caused by a number of reasons, but be assured it hasn't been through lack of enthusiasm on their part. So why have I produced something now? Well, in all honesty, it is because I am trialling a new bit of software for my computer and the layout you see here is from one of the templates available as part of that software. If it all looks a bit flash for Microsoft Word, it is. If it reminds you of Microsoft Publisher that's logical, that piece of software is designed for desktop publishing. Instead, this is Apple Pages, a word processor with style. Let me know what you think.

- Campbell



OUR CURRENT IDENTITY - IS IT STILL RELEVANT?



The logo you see here has served the Club well for a long time. It was in use when Joss and I joined the Club in 1977, and here it is in 2009 still doing the job of identifying the Club. As with all things in life I believe it is worth reviewing whether this is still the appropriate Club identifier. Dictionary.com defines logo as;

"Also called logotype. a graphic representation or symbol of a company name, trademark, abbreviation, etc., often uniquely designed for ready recognition."

This logo was unashamedly stolen from the style used by Fiat in the 1970s, and it remains simple and clean. But, I for one would welcome comment from members, and even suggestions for an alternative if you think that is where we should be headed.

Campbell

PLEASE RETURN YOUR TROPHIES



TORINO MOTORS TROPHY: *This trophy used to be competed for annually between the Fiat Club Waikato, FOCNZ and the Auckland Fiat Lancia Club.*

It's that time of the year again when you need to return any trophy you may have collected at the AGM in February 2008 so that it can be engraved before the next AGM.

As noted by both email and a notice on the website, we are returning to the old days in an experiment to see if this will attract more members to attend. As always, attendance doesn't always mean that you end up with a job you didn't want - that is not our style. That doesn't mean there are no surprises, we like to surprise people, but always in a pleasant way.

We will be looking for a new Treasurer, Club Captain and Committee members. I would also be happy to relinquish my role as President if we can retain some continuity on the committee.

FIAT CLUB
WAIKATO INC.

2009 AGM

To be held at the residence of Ian and Jane Robertson,
5 Church Road
Pukete, Hamilton.
**from 7:30pm,
Thursday 12th
February 2009.**

Please bring a plate of food for supper, and something to drink for yourself.

FIAT CLUB WAIKATO INC. CONSTITUTION:

Yes, ours really does look a bit like that picture over there, except it is laid out like a real 1960s legal document when paper was cheap, and typists still existed as a species. Unfortunately that also means it probably lacks some relevance to what we currently do, and almost certainly doesn't reflect current legal and other regulatory requirements or offer the protections to either Club members or officials outside of when we are conducting motorsport events.

There have been stuttering attempts to update this document

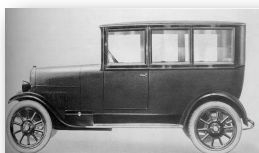
over many years, but they have all fallen prey to the requirements of our committee members to work to earn a living.

Recently as noted on the website, TMMC have changed their name to MotorSport Bay of Plenty Inc., and they took the opportunity to update their Constitution. With their permission I have a copy and will attempt to bring a Fiat Club Waikato type version to the AGM for discussion. It can't be changed at that meeting, but if there is a will to do so we will set in train the necessary steps for a Special

General Meeting to take place and have the issue debated. If we decide to do nothing, that's okay, our current Constitution is lodged with the Incorporated Societies Office and your interests are protected as well as ever.



FIATS THAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW.



FIAT 501: The 501 was produced between 1919 and 1926. It was their 1st post WW1 model, being preceded by the Tipo Zero, and succeeded by the 503.