



TMCSA NEWS

Introducing the new kid on the block:

Its been a long time coming.....but TMCSA is on the map!

The first thoughts towards formation of a South African Maserati Club started sometime during 1999 with informal discussions between members of various Italian Car clubs who are also owners and/or enthusiasts of the Maserati marque.

Mr. Ian Huntly, who is also chairman of the Fiat Club of South Africa, formalized the formation of the Maserati Club of Southern Africa at the end of 2000. A constitution was drafted, bank account opened and a committee formed during the first part of 2001. At the same time TMCSA was affiliated with TMC in the US and with the local registration body SAMCA. Membership was opened to owners and enthusiasts in June 2001 but has grown slowly during the year.

The committee members and their functions are set to remain in tact at least for the 2002 term in order to stabilize the Club and grow it's membership. The committee currently consist of 4 members as follows:

Ian Huntly	-	Chairman & Secretarial
Tony Smith	-	Treasurer & Regalia
Jacques Malan	-	Newsletter & Website
Paolo Mastroguiseppe	-	Technical Advisor

Because of it's relatively small membership base, TMCSA has set initial policies in place to have at least one run per quarter and meetings bi-monthly. During the past year four runs have already been held (some in conjunction with other Italian Marques) and at the time of going to print another would have been completed.

The first of these was a breakfast run held in conjunction with the Lamborghini Club of South Africa in January 2001. Attendance by the Maserati fraternity was not so good but was still a valuable exercise in creating awareness of our existence among the petrolheads. The picture above tells the story.



The second official run was to "Heidelberg Cars in the Kloof" in May 2001, an annual charity event organized by the Heidelberg Motor Museum. Representation grew slightly with some excellent Masers attending (see pictures below).



Event number three, while not being an official TMCSA event, was the Italian Connection Weekend, an annual run organized to strengthen the bonds between all the Italian Car Clubs in SA. All the Marques were represented and Ian had his new toy on display (see picture). Due to its popularity, the next date for the Italian Connection Weekend has already been set for the weekend of 8 to 11 August 2002 (Venue to be advised) and we are all anxiously looking forward to this run.



The next official run was held in August 2001, to an exhibition that has grown in size and stature over the past few years. It is called "Cars in the Park", held in Pretoria at the "Pioneers museum". Unfortunately no pictures of this event are available.

As mentioned earlier, the next TMCSA event would have been completed at the time of going to print. Scheduled for the end of October 2001, a breakfast run is planned from Johannesburg to Magaliesburg + a beautiful setting about an hour away from the city. To date, six Maserati owners have confirmed their interest and a seventh is still undecided.

Daniel Van Aerde There is also a need to grow the membership base with more intensive awareness and marketing campaigns + especially among the owners of newer Maseratis.

- Jacques Malan

.....more news from Africa

Rosso Sport Launches New Showroom in Sandton, Johannesburg

A new showroom dedicated to Maserati and its Brethren Ferrari was opened with big fanfare in January this year. It was a big event, at which we, the plebs, had the chance of rubbing shoulders with some of the motoring industries' (envious) leaders, celebrities and big shots from the Fiat Auto Group (specially flown in for the occasion).



Ian got chastised for arriving in his Jaguar with the excuse that he came directly from work (the Jag being one of his daily drivers). A few other Maserati enthusiasts also joined in but we could not match the Ferrari turnout. Having said this, we all agreed that the “Belle of the Ball” definitely was the sleek silver 3200GT. Compared to her, the Maranellos and Modenas looked like Cinderella’s stepsisters.



The New Showroom



The Belle of the Ball



The Ugly Duckling



Green with Envy