

Track Day at Wakefield Park (9th October 2003)



Scuderia Maserati at Wakefield

Another great day out at Wakefield Park for our second Track Days for the year with the Ferrari Club. We had a record attendance of ten cars from the Maserati Club to bolster the total number of cars to over 45.

Most of the drivers had never been out on a track before so it was great to see them learn their way around and start to see the potential of their cars when unleashed without the risk associated with doing this on a public road being the other drivers and ever watchful revenue

generating arm of the Police department. The day was about learning about how to drive your car and that I can assure you everybody improved upon as the day progressed. We had a great representation from the club with a range of different Maserati's there on the day including the Shamal, Ghibli, 4200 Spyder and yes a 425 (on you Walter !).



Woosh...at 200kph down the straight



Beep Beep...move over Robert, Peter wants to get past



The mighty Shamal in flight

It was a beautiful day clear sunny day perfect for a quick whiz around...which is what most of the people were doing by the afternoon. Its amazing how much you learn and there were several club instructors available to help guide the new drivers around the track and to assist them in learning how to drive safely and quickly.



Wait for the straight bit lan...some real race cars there to keep us honest



Drag up the hill...no chance...fastest Maserati on the day



Lots of room down the main straight



Ghibli GT around the last turn onto the straight



425 at the same last turn...

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Top Ten Lap Times Results

Time	Driver	Car
1:08.84	WARREN WELDON	FERRARI F355
1:12.80	ROD MACDONALD	FERRARI 360
1:13.62	FRANK VIGLIANTE	ALFA 105GTV (Race)
1:13.70	DON NANAYAKKARA	MASERATI GIBLI
1:13.72	GREG SMITH	MASERATI SPYDER
1:13.87	PAUL SIMPSON	FIAT 131 (Race)
1:13.95	GRAHAM CARDWELL	FERRARI 308 GTB
1:14.32	CHRIS GRAY	FERRARI 355
1:14.65	PETER IRELAND	ALFA 1750 (Race)
1:15.17	CHRIS LACKEY	FERRARI 328 GTS

These events are all about learning and improving your car control skills and not about setting the fastest time, in particular for first timers. Having said that, there is however a fair dose of friendly competitive spirit between the more experienced drivers. We had two Maserati's piloted by experienced drivers finish in the top five fastest lap times on the day with almost the exact same time. These two cars were an

early model Ghibli and a late model 4200 Spyder...what a contrast in cars...both cars had sticky tyres and slightly modified suspension with the Ghibli having less power but less weight to the Spyder. This is a great result for the cars and the drivers concerned. If you were there you would appreciate the calibre and seriousness of some of the various other cars there on the day and the experience of the drivers.



Fifth fastest on the day...and don't these Spyders look so composed for near on 200 kph !

Going too fast around the turn...oops



Fastest car of the day...on slick race tyres

Some of the other Ferraris in attendance fresh from the East Coast Classic Rally



Second fastest car on the day

Some of our Ferrari friends on the track...

Thanks to the Club Members who went all the way down there and for making it a great day out for everybody

Thanks again to our friends at the Ferrari Club for organising these events and inviting us to attend !

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Dinner at Bardelis (30th October 2003)

Another great informal dinner this time at Bardelis Restaurant at the Woolwich lookout. We booked a number of tables under different names and before we knew it we had the place almost booked out..well with the exception of a lone couple who strayed into the Restaurant in search of a quite dinner out..supprise for you ! We had 30 people there which was a great turnout and we all had a great night out with good food, company and wine.



"Boys Huddle" in the kitchen...or is it around the coffee machine



Derek and his Daughter Navigator



Kiss Kiss...



Walter are you with us...don't forget you have a long drive home



Cheers George

Quattroporte Viewing (Monday 27th October 2003)



Next...just sign here...BMW and Benz step aside !

Club members were invited to a special viewing of the new Quattroporte at the Maserati showroom on William Street complete with drinks and nibbles for the evening. The new four door Maserati shares the engine and drive line with the 4200 Coupe so it should go like the clappers...It would be interesting to see one of these new beats turning up at a set of lights alongside one of the Turbo V8 QPs. I can see it on video now...anybody taking bets on who turns up at the next set of lights first ?

This is a magnificent looking car from all angles and I can't wait to see the first of the Right Hand Drive ones turn up here...I hear that if you bought one you got a free trip to Italy to pick out the colours...how cool is that...where you off to...oh just to pick colours...can't quite make up my mind...

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What do you feed it I wonder...great view from the front

Robert you will never get away with it...they will notice this one is LHD



Beautiful lines from all angles

Christmas Picnic at Vaocluse House Gardens (14th December 2003)



New Club Member Andrew...this picture pretty much summed up a great day !

A beautiful selection of Maserati cars at the Annual Christmas Picnic on a great summers day. Think we pretty much had one of everything there on the day including our long distance driving champ Kevin Armstrong who came up from Melbourne to visit.

Everybody had a great time with the club Wine and Pringles flowing freely (do Pringles flow ?) till everybody had had enough...I think

we should buy less Pringles next time. Quite a few friends and new members at the event as well which was good to see.



Under the shade of our favourite tree



It was this close....



Robert well prepared as always

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OK who left the gap ?



Derek's Picnic Basket gets another outing Are you really that tall Nanette ?



So Don what's on the video huh ?



The Club Wine Bar in full swing



Nice wheels Paul !

Annual Dinner at Liquidity (17th December 2003)



Great Venue...Great Company...Great Car

A great Annual Dinner on the waters edge at Liquidity. We had over 70 guests in attendance and a full complement of Maserati cars parked out front. This was one of the best Dinners ever with great food at a great venue with great company. The Liquidity staff were great, a particular thanks to them in putting up with us again and being so flexible in the organising of the event. The evening started off with pre-dinner drinks outside with members mingling together in small groups chatting and catching up on events in the setting sun. We had about 20 Maserati's turn up for the night including the three vintages of Quattroporte.



Quattroporte...Indy...Shamal...Ghibli...4200...3200GT



Doorman Don, Sam, Nanette and Silvia



Some of the crowd sharing drinks and conversation in the setting sun



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Other Photos from the great night...



Tony leading a Maserati Conga Line

Nanette and Sam



What foresight to name their son after a Maserati !



A Maserati each...Sypder & Quattroporte 4200 Coupe & Quattroporte



Good support from the Maserati team...Robert and Silvana enjoying themselves

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Other Maserati News

New Trofeo Light released and run in US at Daytona



Maserati has released a 'Trofeo Light' being aimed at teams that want to race in open competition. Key changes are a weight reduction of 220kg (to 1150kg) by using a composite body and polycarbonate windows. Some obvious aerodynamics changes...wings widened by 100mm, a splitter and a rear spoiler. There is also increased cooling through extractor grilles set into the bonnet and behind the front wheels. The car was recently run in the Daytona 24 Hours by Scuderia Ferrari of Washington where it demonstrated its potential by taking the GT class lead in the first hour and was consistently among the top three GT cars for the first six hours.

"We deliberately selected the Maserati to defend our Rolex Series championships, and I think we're going to be very competitive this season," explained Team Manager Glenn Marquis. "It's a shame that later in the race the Maserati suffered damage from an off-course excursion in the rain, and that damage was unrepairable so we withdrew the car. Still, this was the first time a Maserati Trofeo Light has raced anywhere in the world, and for our car to lead the class, even if for only a few laps, shows its potential.

New FIA GT Car takes to the test track



The new Maserati Corse Competizione (MCC) took to the Fiorano test track in early January. The car is slated to take part in the FIA GT championship. The car, will be launched at the forthcoming International Geneva Motor Show. Alongside it will be the Trident marque's new road-going Granturismo version, the MCS, from which it is closely derived.

The two cars were designed in a joint operation between the Maserati engineers and those of the Modena company's racing department under the technical direction of engineer, Giorgio Ascanelli and overall leadership by Gestione Sportiva Managing Director, Jean Todt. The car is powered by a 12 cylinder V-engine has a displacement of 5998 cc and produces over 620 bhp. The MCC's body rests on a carbon-fibre chassis that weighs 1,100 kg. Push rod suspension in steel and tyres by Pirelli complete the hardware. With this new model, the House of the Trident will take part in some selected FIA GT races in the upcoming championship, ahead of full participation pencilled in for 2005.

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Events Calendar 2004 (to end July)

Event	Date	Contact
<i>Pizza Night and Club Committee Meeting</i> Meet at 7pm at Puntino Trattoria on Crown Street (just down from Maserati). All members are invited and welcome to attend.	Tuesday 2 nd March Meet at 7pm	Kai Mysliwicz (M) 0413 481620
<i>Informal Dinner</i> Quite Dinner at a restaurant. Exact location still to be decided and we inform you closer to the time.	Thursday 11 th March Meet at 7pm	Don Nanayakkara (M) 0413098229
<i>Track Day (run by Ferrari Club)</i> Wakefield Park Track Day with Ferrari Club. The event is designed for road cars and is run in a time trial format. Call Kai or Don for more details if you are interested.	Saturday 27 th March Wakefield Park	Don Nanayakkara (M) 0413098229 Kai Mysliwicz (M) 0413 481620
<i>Pizza Night and Club Committee Meeting</i> Meet at 7pm at Puntino Trattoria on Crown Street (just down from Maserati). All members are invited and welcome to attend.	Tuesday 6 th April Meet at 7pm	Kai Mysliwicz (M) 0413 481620
<i>2004 Annual Club Concours d'e-le-gance and Picnic</i> Annual Maserati Concourse...shine and show...at Vaucluse House (Wentworth Road) All members are invited, bring your car and a Picnic Lunch. Great family day.	Sunday 18 th April 10 am	Kim Hopmeier (M) 0419 258168
<i>Pizza Night and Club Committee Meeting</i> Meet at 7pm at Puntino Trattoria on Crown Street (just down from Maserati). All members are invited and welcome to attend.	Tuesday 4 th May Meet at 7pm	Kai Mysliwicz (M) 0413 481620
<i>Drive Day for Lunch</i> Set this day aside for a lunch run with the Club. Destination to be determined details to be advised.	Sunday 20 th June Meet at 10 am	Dana Dupere (M) 0425 282201
<i>Pizza Night and Club Committee Meeting</i> Meet at 7pm at Puntino Trattoria on Crown Street (just down from Maserati). All members are invited and welcome to attend.	Tuesday 1 st June Meet at 7pm	Kai Mysliwicz (M) 0413 481620
<i>Annual Club Dinner and AGM</i> Annual General Meeting. .Venue details to follow.	Thursday 15 th July Meet at 19:00 am	Kai Mysliwicz (M) 0413 481620