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Dyno Day

It wasn't easy, but after careful planning and a few sleepless nights we managed to get everything together to host our first, inaugural dyno day. The venue, Dynotech in Brackenfell, has hosted many dyno days in the past - so we knew we had the right venue. All we needed was for the people and weather to play along...

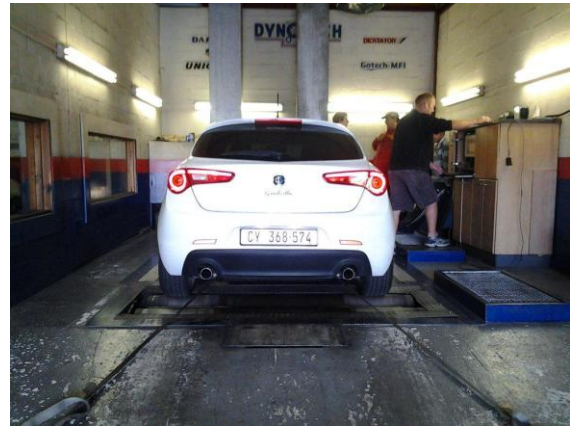
For the first part of the morning, we didn't think we would have either in our favour! The morning started off with some light rain, and once we got the event underway at 8am, the turnout consisted of a few of the club members. Interestingly enough, the highlight of the early morning came when a stock Guilietta QV produced figures of 188kw and 365Nm - more than the factory quoted figures of 173kw and 340Nm!

As the weather cleared up a bit, the attendance got much better. Various types of cars including Audis, Toyotas and Nissans came to test their cars on the dyno. The atmosphere was good with some great music, great cars, and not forgetting the great food on offer. Towards the late morning however, we had some really powerful cars attend. From heavily tuned Ford Focus STs and Golf GTIs, to Audis and Volvos wowwing the crowd with power figures in excess of 200kw and torque numbers passing 400Nm. We will never forget the view of an unsuspecting Audi A3 quietly driving up to the dyno, and leaving everyone in disbelief when figures of 352kw and 576Nm showed on his results!

In the end, we had a total of 49 cars run on the dyno, and many more people just spectating, chatting to the participants about their cars, or having a boerewors roll or two. This is what dyno days are all about - and went to sleep that night knowing that the event was definitely a success.

Ashraf Parker





From the Chair



It is that time of the year again and this year has gone by extremely quickly. I think we will all agree that we have had some very successful events this year. I would like to thank all those who had a hand in organizing these events, the current committee and members alike for making these events possible with such huge success. 2013 promises to be even a bigger success. For those of you wishing to be part of our successful committee in 2013 please contact one of the committee members.

From the committee we wish all our members and there families a happy and safe Festive Season. Drive safe and keep that Alfa passion alive.

God bless you all.

Wesley Squier

New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members

Deon Strydom
Jody Seger

Cape Town
Heathfield

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Birthday Wishes for the month December to:

James Lamprecht
Norman Featherstone
Roderick Mitchell
John Smith

After serving on the CARC committee for a dozen years, more often than not as Editor, yours truly has finally decided to venture into “retirement” (effective as from 2013 AGM) and to join the sought after “old boys club”, proudly but also long overdue, handing over this position to much needed fresh legs and new ideas.

The committee therefore call on any CARC member wishing to take this position to step forward, please. (All CV's will enjoy consideration !)

Many thanks to those whom over the years contributed with articles, info, photos, etc, some of whom endured harsh torture from time to time to meet the deadline for me to “ dish up” the next magazine issue.

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***Wishing all an *Alfantastic* festive season
and a prosperous new year !***

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