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Newsletter – March 2013

Message from the Chair: Annual General Meeting – 13/3/2013

The AGM was a huge turnaround from what we had a year ago. It was very nice to see that almost 50 people without the proxy votes managed to attend so there were enough people to meet the minimum amount for a quorum. Stephen Wearne kindly chaired the AGM, which went ahead without any hiccups. We also had a few changes to the constitution - the main one being that the Chairman can now stand for five years consecutively should he be voted in as many times.

I would at this point in time like to thank the members for voting the committee in for the next year. We are a few people short for the current committee, so we have co-opted Ashraf Parker in as the new Editor. The last newsletter (and this one) was done by Ashraf - a job well done and looks good for the year forward. We have also co-opted Jody Segers; he will be assisting with the website and other functions on the committee. These two gentlemen are very eager to get things on track. We are still looking for somebody to take over the social secretary side of things. If anyone is eager and willing to assist please contact one of the committee members or me. We are look forward to having an eventful year with new ideas and a lot of fun. Support your club and your committee. Should you have any queries or concerns or you wish to add or assist with anything, please feel free to contact any of the committee members. A list of contact details is attached to this newsletter email.

- Wesley



WORLD PREMIÈRE: ALFA ROMEO 4C

The new Alfa Romeo compact mid-engined sports car with rear-wheel drive and two bucket seats made its début at the Geneva motor show in March.

The new Alfa Romeo 4C is the result of experience built up with the Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione model produced in the Maserati plant in Modena and it will be available for purchase later in 2013. It is less than 4 metres in length, 200 cm wide, and 118cm high and with a wheelbase of less than 2.4 metres.

The acronym '4C' draws its inspiration from the brand's glorious past. It refers to Alfa Romeo's great sporting tradition: the acronyms 8C and 6C in the 1930s and 1940s fitted with the powerful 'eight cylinders' and the innovative 'six cylinders', confirming in its design layout and construction the goal of achieving the power/weight ratio of an authentic supercar, less than 4 kg/HP, yet focusing not merely on the maximum power delivered, but on limiting the weight to guarantee maximum agility and top performance. This is demonstrated by the new 1750 Turbo Petrol all-aluminium engine with direct injection, the sophisticated Alfa TCT twin dry clutch transmission and the Alfa DNA selector with the unprecedented Race mode.

Designed by the Alfa Romeo Style Centre, the 4C immediately brings to mind some of the traditional iconic models which have left a significant mark in the history of the Brand. Above all others, in terms of dimensional and layout similarities, one stands out in particular: the 33 Stradale, a car that combined extreme mechanical and functional requirements with an essential style which 'clothed' the engine and chassis appropriately with unmistakable Alfa Romeo treatments. The 4C has followed suit, and thus completes a journey which was embarked upon with the 8C Competizione, emphasising some particular concepts of the brand, such as compact size, dynamism and agility.

- Adapted from the official Alfa Romeo press release at Geneva, from autoblog.com



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| <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 April – Monthly meeting • 27 April – Dinner/Dance and Prizegiving | <p>Birthdays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 April – Billy Matthee • 24 April – Stephen Wearne |
| <p>New Member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lytton Coomer – 2009 147 1.9 | |

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