



ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB (KENYA)

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THE GOLDEN VALENTINE LUNCH
HOSTED BY SHAILESH CHANDARIA
AND BOB DEWAR
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14TH AT NOON
IN THE GROUNDS OF THE FINESSE
HEALTH AND BEAUTY CLINIC
15 MATUNDU LANE (OFF SCHOOL
LANE) WESTLANDS

A virtual Club evening kindly arranged and ably chaired by Club Chairman Peter Wanday generated exciting new ideas for Club events from the members who participated with great enthusiasm.

This inspired Shailesh Chandaria and Bob Dewar to start the ball rolling by switching to hosting their traditional last lunch of the year to the first in the program of Sunday gatherings in outdoor settings. Their event this year will be the Golden Valentine Lunch, which will be one of the celebrations for the Alfa Romeo Owners Club's 50th anniversary.

Information about the Golden Valentine Lunch will be circulated in a news flash early in February. Meanwhile keep the date of Sunday February 14th free for a special lunch to be held in the grounds of the Finesse Health and Beauty Clinic at 15 Matundu lane (off school lane) Westlands.

The colour for the day and the fancy dress competition will be gold. There will be prizes for the best dressed lady and man and couple.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear members,

The year 2021 has started on a positive and upbeat note for the club with the January social evening (the first since the covid-19 pandemic started) being held on Thursday January 21st. This was a virtual online event, which turned out well, and the attendance was reasonably good – a big thanks to members who graced the occasion.

Among the key highlights of the event was the online screening of a 25-minute recording of the club's 25th Anniversary celebrations held in Nairobi in 1995. This was an apt warmup and reminder that this year the club will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee. The film brought back fond and nostalgic memories amongst members especially with some great Alfas, which have not been seen, within club circles for a long time now coming

alive on the screen one more time. Members could not get enough of the film and requested that it should be screened again in a future club event.

The evening was filled with joy and laughter, members had a pleasant exchange of ideas, and views, notable of which were the following suggestions that came from members and which received unanimous acclamation:

- 1) The club should resume physical social activities considering that several restaurants and hospitality establishments have now introduced adequate health protocols in line with covid-19 guidelines.
- 2) The social activities should however be held on weekends during convenient daylight hours which will not inconvenience members rushing to beat the night time curfew hours while travelling back to their homes.
- 3) The events should be held in establishments with adequate outdoor seating arrangements with good and healthy air circulation.
- 4) The monthly physical social events to resume in earnest. In situations where physical events cannot be held in a given month then virtual online events to be held instead.
- 5) Members are encouraged to propose ideas for venues for events as well as any other ideas to liven up the social calendar.
- 6) Concern was raised over the current state of roads and traffic conditions on most of our highways and arterials and how these are likely to impact negatively on the smooth running of the annual Economy Run compared in previous years. After much deliberation, it was agreed that the Economy Run for this year be suspended until further notice for subsequent years – most probably after the construction of the Nairobi to Nakuru Expressway, which is expected to commence soon.

Based on the above outcomes of deliberations during the event, the club Committee will continue to explore all suitable ways to hold club events during this pandemic, and the Events Director Bob Dewar will be issuing more specific and further details on the planned events in this newsletter as well as in subsequent editions as plans roll out.

Finally, allow me to welcome two new members who have recently joined the Alfa Romeo Owners Club and also welcome back a rejoining member:

- 1) Mr.Karani Kinyua with a 1980 Alfa Romeo Giulietta.
- 2) Mr.Sam Oendo with the ex-Mike Anderson 1984 Alfa Romeo GTV6 3000 – the only one of its kind in Kenya. We're very pleased to have this car back within the fold after a brief hiatus when Mike sold off the car to someone who has now again sold it to Sam.
- 3) Mike Anderson and Betty Oloo-Anderson also make a comeback to the club after a brief break with their Alfa Romeo 164 Twin Spark.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

Remember the newsletter gives members the free service of advertising Alfa Romeo cars, which are for sale, or wanted by other members, or their friends. Space is also available for accessories and spare parts.

Right now Jonathan Somen would like to buy an Alfa Romeo GT of one built in the 1970s and early 1980s. He can be contacted by phoning 0736 527888, or email Jonathan.somen@eldama.co.ke .

DIARY DATES

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| Sunday February 14 th | The Golden Valentine Lunch |
| Sunday March 21 st | Annual General Meeting and Raffle Draw at the home of Peter and Kamene Wanday |
| Sunday April 18 th | Lunch at the home of Gayling May and Shilpa Haria |