



## A Message From Your Club President

### Our Outgoing President

It has been almost 5 1/2 years since the Fiat Club of North Texas held its first meeting at Grapevine's premier biker bar, Willhoite's. Since then, we have expanded and become the ICCS, had a terrific run with the grandest Italian car, motorcycle and scooter enthusiast weekend our region has ever seen and we have given thousands to charity in the process.

When we met at Tolbert's on S. Main on Tues. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, we elected new officers and I have stepped down as club president. It has been a real privilege to get to know so many of you. It makes all the other accomplishments pale in comparison. Thanks a million.

*Jerry Lee Phillips*

### Our Incoming President

Happy New Year, ICCS!

As you can see by this newsletter, our December election meeting brought about some changes in club officers. Most of you have known me as the ItalianCarFest guy – well, now please meet me as the new President of our great club! Thanks to all for giving me this exciting new job!

I have some tough shoes to fill following Jerry Lee Phillips. He did a wonderful job of nurturing our club to what it has become today and I thank him for it. I would like to see our club grow again this year by adding more events to interest our members - and spouses, too.

We are already off to a good start with our annual Post Holiday Party at the Hilfiker's and the club displaying cars and two-wheelers at the Dallas AutoRama in February. We will keep you posted as our 2008 events calendar is put together.

Thank you for your continued support of ICCS. You are the ones that make all this happen and we sincerely appreciate it.

Best regards,  
*Bob Dezzany*

### Upcoming Events:

**2/15-2/17 – Friday through Sunday**

Dallas AutoRama

**2/16 – Saturday**

Orphan Car Show in Waxahachie

**2/19 – Tuesday**

ICCS monthly meeting at Tolbert's Restaurant

**3/7-3/9 – Friday through Sunday**

FCA Ferrari Passione in Las Colinas

ICCS members may be volunteering for an event

**3/15 – Saturday**

Lower Greenville St. Patrick's Day Parade

**April – Date TBA**

Scenic drive and wine tasting

For more info, see the  
calendar at [ICCSW.com](http://ICCSW.com)

## Club Business

### New Members

Bill & Patty Klingbeil – Grand Prairie, Texas

Officer Elections – At our December meeting, elections were held for 2008 officers. The results are as follows:

	<u>Outgoing</u>	<u>Incoming</u>
<i>President</i>	Jerry Lee Phillips	Bob Dezzany
<i>Vice President</i>	Bob Dezzany	Garrick Whitnah
<i>Secretary</i>	Art Weinman	Art Weinman
<i>Treasurer</i>	Chris Marsh	Jerry Lee Phillips

We would like to thank our outgoing officers for their service and wish our new officers good luck in the upcoming year!

### Calendars

Our 2008 calendars were completed in time to pass out at the January meeting so all members who attended received their calendars. For members who were unable to attend the meeting and whose dues are current, you should be receiving your 2008 calendar any day via the mail. Many thanks to Art Weinman for producing another beautiful calendar!

## Post-Holiday Holiday Party

The Hilfikers again hosted a fabulous party on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Wonderful food items were brought by all the guests and everyone enjoyed a tour of the Hilfiker's beautiful home, especially the Barbie room! Thank you again, Bill and Anita.



## **Dallas AutoRama**

The ICCS will be setting up a display at the Dallas AutoRama for the second year. Although primarily a hot rod, custom and muscle car show, we received a very positive response about our display in 2007. We were located between the Austin Healey display and the Z Club display, making for a nice section of foreign cars. This year the club will be displaying six cars and two motorcycles. The dates for the show will be February 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday through Sunday. For additional information on the show, you can go to [www.autorama.com/casi/dallas.htm](http://www.autorama.com/casi/dallas.htm).



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual DFW Toy Drive**

Club member Don Rose's 2007 toy drive was a big hit. Approximately 35 vehicles showed up Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Texas Motor Speedway and enjoyed a scenic drive to a Lewisville fire station to drop off the toys. All participants stopped on the outskirts of Lewisville and then received a police escort the remaining distance to the fire station. Adventurous participants were treated to a high-ride in the fire department's bucket truck! After the rides and lots of pictures, many of the group adjourned for lunch.



Italian cars in attendance included a Lancia, a Lamborghini, a Maserati and numerous Ferraris. There was a very interesting assortment of cars, including several members of a Lotus group, a Porsche Carrera GT and a Ford GT.



## **Donations To Charity**

Make-A-Wish attended our December meeting to be presented with a "big check", their portion of the proceeds from ItalianCarFest 2007. The club was able to provide \$6,000, which is about the average cost of granting one child's wish.



Club members also attended the January meeting of the Grapevine Heritage Foundation to present them with a check for \$4,000 as their portion of ICF 2007 proceeds. A check for \$1,000 was previously provided to the Heroes Foundation, who assist underprivileged children with expenses associated with extracurricular school activities.



## **December Tech Session**

Bob Dezzany hosted a tech session at his garage on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Coffee and donuts were consumed as we looked over the disassembly of his 1972 Fiat 124 Spider.



Bob is taking the spider apart for painting and mild customization. The most ambitious part of the project is to declutter the engine compartment and hide as much of the wiring as possible.



Oscar Robinson was quoted as saying, "I think this is the nicest car I have ever seen anyone take apart to restore like this."

Other plans for the car include a dual-carb 2.0 liter, freshening up the suspension, some powder coating and – you know how these projects go – more & more as time goes along.



#### Recommended Web Site

[www.8C.alfaromeo.com](http://www.8C.alfaromeo.com) – With Alfa Romeo planning a return to the U.S. and the 8C actually being built, you really need to see the 8C. Nobody does it like the Italians. It is a big download, but play the video!



1967 Lamborghini Miura at ICF 2007 Dinner



#### ICCS Classifieds

*Club members who would like to advertise vehicles, parts or memorabilia, either for sale or wanted, please email details on the items and your contact information to [ilBollettino@charter.net](mailto:ilBollettino@charter.net). Italian-related items only, please.*

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