

Dear Mr. Sturgeon,

please find attached some other pictures of the Balilla got from my father.

Two of them are a better quality of other picture I already sent to you.

The picture img006 is a picture of the real FIAT Balilla Super Sport.

If you of your pleasure, I will send to you other pictures representing other car models my father made.

Please accept my best wishes for an happy Easter.

Regards.

Giorgio Musso

From: Musso Giorgio

Sent: mercoledì 14 marzo 2007 9.57

To: 'Ron Sturgeon'

Subject: RE: DFW Elite Toy Museum: 1939 Fiat Balilla

Dear Mr. Sturgeon.

I accessed the magazine you sent to me in attachment. Thank you.

My address (or better, the address of my father since I would prefer he directly receive news of "his" Balilla) is:

Musso Sebastiano

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I asked to my father about the Balilla's features: it runs the fan, lights the lamps and sound the horn. They were powered through a 4,5 volts battery and the sequence of operations were commanded through the lever on the dashboard. I hope to have been clear. Ask me if you have any other questions.

Regards.

Giorgio Musso

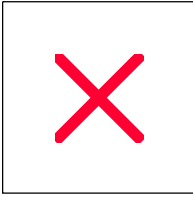
From: Ron Sturgeon [mailto:rons@greenweenies.com]

Sent: martedì 13 marzo 2007 1.21

To: Musso Giorgio

Subject: Re: DFW Elite Toy Museum: 1939 Fiat Balilla

if you will send ma your address, I can send you a copy of the magazine this was in. Sorry, facts were not in early release. let me know if you cant open this, I'll send a different way



----- Original Message -----

From: [Musso Giorgio](#)

To: [Ron Sturgeon](#)

Sent: Friday, February 16, 2007 10:20 AM

Subject: RE: DFW Elite Toy Museum: 1939 Fiat Balilla

Dear Mr. Sturgeon,

sorry for taking so long to respond.

You can find attached some other pictures of the Balilla model. I took two of them when I was child on the balcony of my house of then.

I also attach a picture of my dad now. Unfortunately I have no pictures of him with the Balilla.

I will investigate with my father if he has some other pictures of the model.

The quality of the scanning is poor. I will get a new scanner soon and so I will be able to have a better quality of the images.

My father took two years (more than less) to make the model. He worked on it in the evening and during the weekend since he was employed as designer in a company during the day.

My mother took care of sewing the seats and the other pieces of fabric.

My father still has a lathe he used to make all the round pieces, as the nipples of the wheel radius he made one by one. An uncle of my mother had a chrome workshop. So my father asked him to get a chrome surface finish of all those pieces requiring this surface finish. He drove crazy to work on all those tiny pieces!

The working features of the model are the horn, the lights and the engine fan. These features are managed by a processor ordering the sequence.

There was no oil in the engine so I cannot image how the engine can leak oil. Maybe over the years something get the engine dirty. Or the previous owner made something. My father made nothing to simulate oil leaking.

Keep us in contact!

Giorgio Musso

From: Ron Sturgeon [mailto:rons@greenweenies.com]

Sent: giovedì 15 febbraio 2007 23.21

To: Musso Giorgio

Subject: Re: DFW Elite Toy Museum: 1939 Fiat Balilla

I was hoping you could provide more information on the model, and some pictures of your dad, maybe with the model? I will post on the web with it at www.dfwelitetoymuseum.com



----- Original Message -----

From: [Musso Giorgio](#)

To: rons@greenweenies.com

Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2007 3:08 AM

Subject: DFW Elite Toy Museum: 1939 Fiat Balilla

Dear Mr. Sturgeon,

on the Italian newspaper "La Repubblica" (<http://www.repubblica.it/2007/02/motori/febbraio-07/museo-balilla-modellino/museo-balilla-modellino.html?ref=motart>), and in the DFW Elite Toy Museum website, as I can see) has appeared an article on the FIAT Balilla Roadster exposed in the DFW Elite Toy Museum.

I recognised the Balilla Coppa Oro (it is its real name) model that my father made many years ago.

He exposed it at the Toys exhibition in Milan and then sold it to Mr. Giansanti, a Swiss car collector.

So I would specify that that car model has not built by Italian engineers but by my father, Mr. Sebastiano Musso, an Italian model maker for hobby.

My father got the Balilla drawings from the "Fiat Archivio Storico" (Fiat Historical Archive). Just a curiosity: the model scale is not 1/4 but slightly less. The reason is that he started from the tires he got as promotional gadget (they were used to surround an ash tray) from the CEAT tires manufacturer (you can see the brand stamped on the tires). In fact the tires were the most difficult item to make and so my father decided to use that for making the car model.

My father has still some pictures of "his" Balilla and he is very proud to see that the model he made is now in the United States.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any other information you may need.

Thank you very much and best regards.

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