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New Alfa Giulia Sedan Introduced to U.S. at Los Angeles Auto Show

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles used the Los Angeles Auto Show to formally introduce the Giulia Quadrifoglio sedan to the American market. The November 18 press conference emphasized Alfa's long history, Italian roots, and style.

The presentation opened with the delicious Tipo 33 Stradale, which had been on turntable display, powering up and driving into the distance. Alfa Romeo U.S. President Reid Bigland then delivered the legend of driver Ugo Sivocci and the quadrifoglio as an introduction to the shiny red sedan that rolled out to take the Stradale's place.

The specs, which you've seen before, are impressive: 505 hp from a twin turbo V-6, 0-60 in 3.8 seconds, 50/50 weight distribution, and a Nurburgring lap time of 7:39, faster than some outright sports cars.

Pricing is expected to start at \$70,000 for the M3-challenging Quadrifoglio model. The base Giulia, equipped with a new all-aluminum, 2 litre, direct injected and turbocharged engine delivering 276 hp, will start around \$40,000. All wheel drive will be available.

Note that the car is being billed as a 2017 model with delivery expected to begin "late second quarter," confirming the rumors, which started circulating about two weeks before the show, that volume production had been delayed by about 6 months. The delay was first reported by vendors who reported slippage in the supply schedules they had been given. We'd expect the line to form at your local Alfa dealer sometime around the first of July. Prior to that, expect to see the car at the major auto shows. 



Reid Bigland, Head of Alfa Romeo Brand, FCA - North America, introduced the 2017 Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio sedan at the 2015 Los Angeles auto show.



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The recent above average temperatures have made for some extra Alfa driving days and for this I am grateful. Nonetheless, here it is December. For me, it's that time of year when the Alfa is put to rest until next spring. The engine oil and filters (both engine oil and injection pump) get changed, Sta-Bil[®] fuel stabilizer added to the gas tank, the battery removed, the oil separator cleaned out, and my ride is placed in a Car Jacket[®] cover along with plenty of desiccant. Finally the car is cleaned inside and out. I find this preparation rewarding as I get to revisit the many things I enjoy about Alfa Romeo ownership. I expect that you too have your rituals for putting your car into winter hibernation.

As we get engage in the rituals of the season and get ready for Christmas, my best wishes to you and yours for a peaceful Christmas and a bright New Year.

Ciao,
Gary Schommer 🍀

Members in the News

Check out the following link. AROC-WI members Jim and Marge Thiel are active in the Random Lake Historical Society and are in this newsclip.

Margie mentions the effect of the railroad on the development of Random Lake. In one of the segments, Jim can be seen in the background next to a railroad crossing sign.

<http://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/tatianas-road-trips-random-lake> 🍀

Meikrantz Tributes, Continued

Club member Thomas Schmock writes:

I put together this old VHS video of George at the Janesville Hillclimb in 1986. The video quality is low, but it's a nice snapshot of George in his better days.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMIwdsfdVWw> 🍀

2016 Local, Regional, and International Events Calendar

Anything missing? Send dates for events we've missed and we'll include them in the next calendar. email: rabhalter@att.net

January 11-24	North American International Auto Show, Cobo Center, Detroit, MI
January 23-31	Phoenix Area Collector Car Auctions
February 3-7	Salon Retromobile, Paris Expo, Paris France
February 13-21	Chicago Auto Show, McCormick Place, Chicago
February 20-28	Milwaukee Auto Show, Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee
March 3-13	Geneva International Motor Show, Geneva, Switzerland
March 11-13	Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island, Florida
May 7, 2016 (T)	AROC-WI New Glarus Hillclimb New Glarus, WI
May 13, 2016	Spring Vintage Weekend, Road America
June 3-5, 2016	Concours d'Elegance of Chicago , Northerly Island, Chicago, IL
June 15-19	SVRA Brickyard Vintage Racing International, Indianapolis, IN
June 16-19	Weather Tech Chicago Region June Sprints, Road America
June 16-19	AROC National Convention , Nashville, TN
June 18-19	The 24 Hours of LeMans
June 23-26	Verizon Indy Car Series/ Pirelli World Challenge, Road America
July 14-17	Weather Tech International Challenge with Brian Redman presented by Hawk, Road America
August 4-7	Continental Tire Road Race Showcase. Road America
August 7 (T)	AROC-WI Italian Car and Motorcycle Show
August 21	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
August 25-27	NASCAR Xfinity Series, Road America
August 27-28	The Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance and Saturday Club Day, Veterans Park, Milwaukee
September 16-18	VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, Road America

FCA Introduces 2017 FIAT 124 Spider in Los Angeles

The Alfa Giulia wasn't the only news to come from the Los Angeles Auto Show. FCA also took the opportunity to introduce the new Fiat 124 Spider.

You'll remember that this is the car that FCA co-developed with Mazda, intending it to be the new Alfa Spider prior to the change in direction of Alfa's product plans a couple of years back. While the platform is shared with the new Miata, everything visible to the eye is unique to the Fiat. Styling, executed by Fiat's Turin-based Centro Stile, echoes themes taken from the original and much-loved 124 Spider. The form comes off as very Italian/contemporary and the manual soft top

can be operated one-handed. Motive power is provided by the familiar four cylinder turbo multi-air 1.4 liter engine putting out 160 horsepower and 184 ft-lb of torque. Two trim levels will be offered and all the modern conveniences are promised. Pricing is believed to be in line with the premium end of Fiat's product range—around \$25 - 30,000. A "Prima Editione Lusso" limited release series will be offered and an Abarth version is hinted, although not yet formally announced. So, if open-air motoring is your passion and you can't wait for the as yet unannounced Spider version of the Giulia, this may be just the thing. 🍀



Olivier François, Head of FIAT Brand, FCA – Global, introduced the 2017 Fiat 124 Spider at the 2015 Los Angeles Auto Show. An original 1970 era 124 is suspended on the back wall.

Alfas at Auction

2600 Sprints and Montreals

Lately I've noticed an increasing number of 2600 Sprints appearing at auction. In November at least two were offered – one by Artcurial at its November 1 Sur les Champs 9 auction in Paris. This 1965 coupe, originally delivered in Sicily, was imported to France in 2006 and mechanically restored and repainted. The original tan leather interior was said to be in "a perfect state of preservation." The two owners then enjoyed 2,600 km of touring throughout Europe before offering the Sprint for sale at an estimate of €30,000 - 40,000. It sold for an excellent €66,752, perhaps a recognition of the quality of its restoration to a running, drivable, grand tourer.

One needn't have gone to Paris to score a 2600. A maroon 1963 Sprint with red upholstery sold for \$44,000 at the November 20-22 Leake auction in Dallas. Only a few photos and no details

Automotive Art Available On Line

For many of us, cars and photography just go together. Whether capturing racing scenes, touring events, or static displays, amateur and professional photographers pop up wherever there are cool cars. The difference between an amateur effort and a pro shot is sometimes very small but often very large. Color, lighting, composition, exposure, and that heavy-set guy who walks into the frame just as you line up the perfect shot, all make a difference.

Recently an email from [Jill Reger Fine Art](http://jill-reger.artistwebsites.com/index.html) landed in my inbox, inviting me to check out her stock of images. She has a vast collection of automotive art prints for sale. A trained artist and photographer, her specialty seems to be "car parts" for lack of a better description. The focus is on the evocative elements of car design. She claims over 30,000 images in her collection, organized by make, and yes, plenty are of Alfa Romeos. Prints, both b&w and color are available for sale. Give her site a visit whether you want to purchase a print or are just looking for inspiration for your next photo outing. 🍀

<http://jill-reger.artistwebsites.com/index.html>

were offered on the web site but the selling price seemed reasonable as long as the car was as decent as it looked in the web pictures.

Another dependable Alfa auction find is the Montreal. Again, at least two were offered at auction in November, both overseas. Neither, however, found a new home. The Artcurial auction offered a nice looking 1972 Montreal, a no-sale with an estimate of €60-80,000. Originally a Swiss car, it had a recent color change from orange to red and sported a black interior. The odo showed 35,000 km and the



Artcurial 2600 Sprint

engine bay looked tidy with recent maintenance claimed. The asking price didn't seem out of line for what appeared to be a good car.

We've seen countless U.S. Coupes and Spiders with their "troublesome" SPICA systems traded for Webers but when is the last time you saw a Weber-ized Montreal? The red '72 offered by Silverstone Auctions at the NEC Classic Motor Show Sale in Birmingham, U.K., November 14, certainly meets the criteria. Estimated to sell for £34,000 – £38,000 and done up in red with black upholstery, its looks are similar to the Artcurial car. It's when you get to the engine compartment that things get kinky. The Spica injection has been replaced by four Weber two-barrels and blue silicon hoses replace the standard cooling system plumbing. Air cleaner? Not sure. It is said to be owned by a professional mechanic and has never been subjected to a complete restoration, just continuous maintenance. Other "improvements" include a Harvey Bailey handling kit. At just shy of 45,000 km, the auctioneers say the Montreal could benefit from some additional TLC. 🍀



Leake 2600 Sprint



Artcurial Montreal



Silverstone Montreal



Montreal with Webers, Silverstone Auction

The Masterpiece, Ltd. Presents New Name, New Leadership for Milwaukee's Premier Concours d'Elegance

Milwaukee, Wis. (Nov. 24, 2015) - The Masterpiece Ltd. board of directors has announced a name change for the event formerly known as the Milwaukee Masterpiece as well as a new board president. "With a rich 11-year foundation, we are changing the name of our event to the Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance," said Gary Messing, president.

"We believe the new name removes any ambiguity as to what we are all about and that is to showcase outstanding vintage and classic vehicles that are deemed worthy of a judged competition," Messing said.

Messing was appointed president by the board at its October 2015 meeting.

"As we begin this new chapter, with a name that truly depicts what we are, we remain dedicated to executing a first-class event for our guests," Messing said.

In addition to Messing, The Masterpiece Ltd. board includes Ron Pace, vice president, and directors Ralph LaMacchia, Mike O'Krongly and Karl Wuesthoff. Bob Budlow is board secretary; Renee Messing serves as treasurer, and Bruce Tammi is legal advisor.

Messing also announced the addition of Carrol and Carl Jensen to the roster of committees. "The Jensens will be responsible for identifying and securing premier competitors for the 2016 Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance," Messing said. "Their credentials in the world of classic cars and concours competitions are first-rate and we are pleased to have them join us."

The Jensens, who were associated with the Milwaukee Masterpiece in its formative years, have been active in the car hobby for more than 30 years. Carl and Carrol's primary interest is in the Full Classics® as defined by the Classic Car Club of America. "These cars represent the best in engineering, styling, and design during the period of 1915 through 1948," Carl said.

The Jensens have shown cars at Amelia Island, Geneva, Keeneland, Hilton Head, Keels & Wheels and the St Johns/Concours of the Americas as well as The Milwaukee Masterpiece and have judged at many regional and national events.

"With the Jensens' involvement, spectators can be assured of an outstanding experience at the Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance," Messing said.

The 2016 Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance weekend is set for Aug. 27 - 28, 2016, at Veterans Park, on Milwaukee's lakefront. The weekend again will include Saturday's casual car show open to any vehicle, Saturday evening's Style & Speed Social, and Sunday's concours d'elegance.

Proceeds from the 2016 Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance events will again benefit the nonprofit organization's three charities: Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee and Meta House.

The Masterpiece Ltd. is organized and operated exclusively to support other public charities including but not limited to those operating in southeastern Wisconsin which provide medical and social service care and relief to underprivileged children and families through various motor vehicle-related fundraising events.

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Steve Wirtz, West Bend, WI
262.306.8238 Home swirtz@charter.net

Parts - Make offer

Several Milano parts—Engine parts, oil pans, valve covers, heads, small interior parts, hood, and sunroof. Don't have a Milano so I don't need the parts.

1974 Spider Hood, Cowl, Doors, Transmission and

interior parts. New Left rear quarter panel and lower nose pan.

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Spider Parts

Member Paul Ristow is closing out his stash of parts from '75-'79 Spiders, including bumpers, trim, aftermarket and NOS replacement parts. Following is a partial list:

- * Clutch Hose, Crank and Trans. Seals
- * Throttle cable and throttle rod ends
- * Distributor shield
- * Fuel pump
- * Trim parts for heater control
- * Trunk release lever with key
- * Aftermarket chromed pedals with logos
- * Hood rubbers



Contact Paul at
414.807.3675 or
pristow44@yahoo.com

1965 Giulia Sprint

For parts -- body is very bad, 1600 engine is apart, transmission & differential are available, other parts as well.

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