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Giulia QV Making the Rounds, To Make an Appearance at National Convention

The organizers of Citta della Musica, The 2016 Alfa Romeo Owners Club National Convention, have announced that FCA will display at least one Giulia at the convention in Nashville, June 15-19. Representatives from Alfa Romeo will be in attendance to show the car.

This is most likely the same car that was sighted in Connecticut last week. According to AlfaBB.com, a Quadrifoglio Verde was seen at Miller Motorcars in Greenwich, CT prior to being shown at the Greenwich Concours d'Elegance last weekend, June 5. An Alfa rep who accompanied the cars was quoted as saying that the first 100 or so QVs would be in the U.S. at the end of September or early October and were slotted toward the northeast. A good share of them will be allocated to Miller Motorcars due to the fact that they were the top seller of 4Cs in the States. All will be pre-spec'd with features and options targeted toward the potential BMW M3/ or AMG C63 buyer. 🍀 Photo: FCA



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

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 17-19	VSCDA Vintage Races, Blackhawk Farms Raceway , S. Beloit, IL
June 18	2-Seater Sports Car Group, Tour to Rockford and Blackhawk Farms, fisher@davidfisher.com
June 18-19	The 24 Hours of LeMans
June 22	Sports Car Solstice Happening, Lift Inc., Glendale, WI, tom@liftinc.com
June 23-26	Verizon Indy Car Series/ Pirelli World Challenge, Road America
June 24-26	2-Seater Sports Car Group, trip to Bayfield, Apostle Islands. See above
July 14-17	Weather Tech International Challenge with Brian Redman presented by Hawk, Road America
July 22	AROC-WI Summer Dining Event, Seven Seas Restaurant, Hartland, WI
July 28	Under the Crazy Moon, Wheels of Italy show and dining event, St. Paul, MN
August 4-7	Continental Tire Road Race Showcase. Road America
August 14	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
September 25-27	Alfa-Iowa Invasion , Cedar Rapids, IA area
March 10-12, 2017	Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island, FL
TBA	Concours d'Elegance of Chicago , Northerly Island, Chicago, IL

Join us in Nashville June 15-19



The famous Lane Motor Museum will be the site of the welcome reception, Wednesday, June 15. In addition to the regular exhibits, we'll have access to the basement where additional automotive oddities are stored. The new Giulia is also expected.



Tennessee Alfisti are ready to greet you with open arms! Not only is Nashville a terrific place to be, getting there can be a ton of fun, too, with lots of great drives to, from, and around the area. For example, the northern terminus of the Natchez Trace Parkway is a few miles south of the city. One of the first sights along the parkway from there is the Highway 96 Double-Arch Bridge. It's the nation's first arch bridge and spans 1,648 feet. Y'all come! *Photo by Bo Richardson.*



Citta della Musica, Nashville 2016 AROC National Convention Schedule

SUNDAY - MONDAY - June 12 & 13
Pre-Convention Tour: 8 AM - 4 PM

TUESDAY - June 14
Pre-Convention Tour: 8 AM - 4 PM
Registration: 3 PM - 7 PM
Independent evening activities

WEDNESDAY - June 15
Board of Directors Meeting: 9 AM - 1 PM
Registration: 8 AM - 12 Noon / 3 PM - 7 PM
"Bellissima" Tour at Frist Center: 2 PM - 4 PM
Welcome Reception at Lane Museum: 5 PM - 9 PM

THURSDAY - June 16
Registration: 8 AM - 12 Noon / 3 PM - 7 PM
Rally: 8 AM - 12 Noon
Vendors Rooms: 1 PM - 6 PM
Tech Sessions: 2 PM - 4 PM
Tech Inspection: 3 PM - 9 PM
Honky-tonkin' Downtown 5 PM - 10 PM

FRIDAY - June 17
Registration: 8 AM - 12 Noon / 3 PM - 7 PM
Vendors Rooms: 9 AM - 6 PM
Time Trials: 8 AM - 5 PM
Parade Laps: 12 Noon - 1 PM
Autocross: 10:30 AM - 5 PM
Autocross Novice Runs: 12 Noon - 1 PM
Model Car Concours: 2 PM - 6 PM
Jerry Quinlisk Memorial Art Show: 2 PM - 6 PM
Alfas Under the Stars with Wes Ingram: 6 PM - 10 PM

SATURDAY - June 18
Registration: 8 AM - 12 Noon
Concours: 8 AM - 1 PM
Vendors Rooms: 9 AM - 6 PM
Lunch at Concours: 11 AM - 1 PM
Town Hall Meeting: 2 PM - 4 PM
Model Car Concours: 2 PM - 6 PM
Jerry Quinlisk Memorial Art Show: 2 PM - 6 PM
Swap Meet: 4 PM - 6 PM
Happy Hour: 6 PM - 7 PM
Banquet: 7 PM - 9 PM

SUNDAY - June 19
Awards Brunch: 9 AM - 11 AM
Convention Closes: 11 AM

Alfas at Auction

Monaco

At the end of May the F1 circus headed to the Principality of Monaco for a round of racing that has been held on pretty much the same course since 1929. The narrow street course generally provides plenty of excitement. In 1979 a group of organizers decided that it would be a good idea to hold a historic grand prix event preceding the real race, and thus the Monaco Grand Prix Historique was born. Held every two years, this year's event marked the tenth running, with 250 historic grand prix cars racing in several different classes.

High profile events such as this generally spawn others—galas, charity events, and of course auctions. The Monaco GP Historic now supports four of them. One of those was the May 14 RM/Sotheby's auction that enjoyed just short of €27.5 million in sales with a sell-rate of 73%. The six Alfas offered at this sale weren't quite as successful but still present a very interesting timeline.



1930 6C1750 Gran Sport Spider by unknown coachbuilder

First up was a **1930 6C1750 Gran Sport Spider** with an interesting history. It was first sold to the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and campaigned in the 1931 Mille Miglia by a Professor Mario Ferraguti and a co-driver. They failed to finish. This was certainly an interesting use of the ministry's budget.

As Europe, still recovering from WWI, sank into the Great Depression, gasoline was hard to come by for the average consumer and thus a search for cheaper alternatives was launched. This Alfa was converted to run on *gasogeno*, otherwise known as wood gas, generated by the controlled burning of wood, charcoal, and other scraps to generate a combustible gas. This process required a rather cumbersome reactor which sometimes was trailered behind the gasogeno-powered vehicle, not a formula for race-winning vehicles. Presumably, the modifiers of the Alfa used other means to mount the required equipment. As proof of concept, the converted Gran Sport was entered—again by the government-sponsored Professor Ferraguti—into the 1933 and 1936 runnings of the Mille Miglia. Both attempts were unsuccessful. In '33 the Alfa finished, but well outside the normal time limits and in '36 it failed to finish at all.

Sometime after that but, according to the auction house, still “in period,” the car was re-bodied by an unknown coachbuilder into the form presented at the auction. Although pleasant looking, the coachbuilder was certainly no match for Zagato. The auction estimate was bargain-priced at €900,000 - €1,200,000, but the Gran Sport failed to sell.



Another no-sale was the **1949 6C2500 Super Sport Cabriolet** by Pinin Farina. Benefitting from a four-year Italian restoration, this black car with scarlet upholstery and matching top has a bad-boy sort of look with its black-painted Borrani wires and black-walled tires.

This well documented car was purchased new by Prince Aly Khan, the well-known fifties playboy, and for a short time the husband of Rita Hayworth. When they married, the prince ordered another 6C2500 for Ms. Hayworth. Although there are many similar cars out there that claim to have been owned by the Aly Kahn, the auction company says that this one is the real deal. Unfortunately for the sellers, no one wanted to pony up the premium-priced €500,000 - €900,000 it would take to own this bit of history.



Next up on the timeline was a **1953 1900C Sprint Supergioiello** by Ghia. Supergioiello translates to “super jewel,” a name applied to a series of Ghia-designed and -bodied cars of the era. The one offered in Monaco was purchased by a Spanish rally enthusiast who campaigned the car extensively, including the 1955 Monte Carlo Rally. After an extended period of Spanish and Portuguese ownership, the car was restored in Italy and presents well in its gold livery with burgundy interior. While to my eyes the shape is somewhat ungainly from certain angles, this custom-bodied 1900C is still a desirable piece of history. Perhaps the vendors were aiming a bit high with the €490,000-€580,000 auction valuation, as it was another no-sale.



While it was still a desirable car, the **1963 Giulia Sprint Speciale** offered by RM/Sotheby's in Monaco really wasn't that *speciale*. It was offered after a long time in Belgian ownership (reading between the lines of the auction description suggests it could have been a barn find) and a 2014 “comprehensive” restoration, recently finished—probably just in time for this auction. The engine isn't the one the car came with, the upholstery looks rather ill-fitting, and the steering wheel and other trim is shiny but pitted. The wheel covers went missing somewhere along the line. The sale was €112,000.



More interesting was the **1965 Giulia TZ** with some strong early Italian racing history followed by a 33-year period of ownership by a Dutch collector. Originally delivered in Rome, the race car was campaigned by at least two entrants. When no longer competitive it was owned by a number of collectors, coming to the U.S. in the early seventies and then to a Dutch collector in 1983. The car was entered in vintage rallies and treated to some restoration work, but it has been little-used over the past ten years. The auction estimate was €950,000 - €1,200,000, which, although it sounds reasonable, proved too rich for the at-

tendees' blood. No sale.

The final Alfa in this timeline was a **1993 RZ**. These Alfa 75-based, Zagato-bodied cabriolets—the topless version of the ES-30 SZ coupe—aren't everyone's cup of tea, but this screaming yellow one surely draws attention wherever it goes. Only 284 were built and this one is number 145. These cars became instant collectibles due to their daring styling and, typically, this example shows only 12,000 km on the odometer. It was an easy sale at €53,760. It won't be long before these RZs turn 25 and become road-legal in the U.S. Lucky Canadians can already own them as their importation limit is only 15 years. Get your checkbook ready. 🍀



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Update: Stradale “Continuation” Sold for €472,040

The Tipo 33 Stradale replica I wrote about last month was sold at Coy's Monaco May 14 Legende et Passion sale for €472,040, including buyer's premium. This represents a presumably healthy discount from the price of a real Stradale, but you'll remember that this car, as it was presented, is little more than a static display piece with the potential for becoming a running car if the proper mods are made. Goodness knows how much that will cost.

This sale also offered some other interesting and/or peculiar lots, such as a fairly complete set of running gear for a Giulia TZ1, less frame and

rear bodywork, and the front and rear body sections from a Tipo 33 race car. No fewer than three other Alfa Romeo “tributes” or “evocations” were also up for sale, including an 8C Monza, a TZ2, and a Disco Volante. Unfortunately, I'm unable to report the results as they haven't yet been posted.



Coy's Giulia TZ1 components. Some assembly required.



A \$5,000 bid might have taken home this set of Tipo 33 bodywork.



Alfa News

Reid Bigland Appointed to Head Alfa and Maserati Worldwide



On May 24, FCA announced the appointment of Reid Bigland as CEO of Alfa Romeo and Maserati, replacing Harald Wester, who will remain as chief technical officer of FCA.

“I am thankful for the work Harald has carried out in the last few years establishing a sound technical framework for our two premium brands and which has culminated in the recent launch of the Maserati Levante and the Alfa Romeo Giulia. It is time now for our efforts to be directed toward the global commercial expansion of these two brands, and I can think of no one better than Reid to fulfill that mission. Reid has an extraordinary record of growing sales and market share in the US and Canada over the last 7 years at FCA, including leading the growth and positioning of the Ram and Dodge brands for part of that time.” stated Sergio Marchionne, Chief Executive Officer of FCA.

Bigland will retain his responsibilities as CEO of FCA Canada and Head of U.S. sales. He will face a difficult task getting the revival of Alfa Romeo back on track. Not only is the project behind schedule, it is also reportedly significantly over budget. The successful introduction of the Giulia and the Stelvio SUV based on the same chassis are considered crucial to FCA and Alfa. Automotive writers have faulted the lack of quality control on early Giulia press drive examples.

Will Your Next Alfa Be Driverless?

Well probably not, but on May 2, *BlastingNews.it* reported that FCA has signed an agreement with Google

covering the development of autonomous vehicles. Google will develop the software and FCA will develop the rolling stock. While news articles have focused on Google’s independent development of self-driving technology, they have been actively seeking partnerships with existing auto companies, while Sergio Marchionne, CEO of FCA has been very active in seeking partnerships both within and outside the auto industry to help reduce the cost of technology development for his firm.

According to *Automotive News*, Google will buy and FCA will equip 100 of the new Pacifica hybrid minivans with Google’s self-driving technology. The companies will work jointly to develop the vehicles in a co-operated facility in southeast Michigan.

Could This Be the Awaited Alfa SUV?



Alvolante.it thinks it could be. This rendering by Alessandro Masera is reportedly based on engineering computer graphics models of side and tailgate elements recently leaked to the internet.

The new Stelvio (actually, the name is not yet official) is slated to appear in finished form in the last quarter of 2016 and be in the dealer’s showrooms—at least the European dealers—by the first half of 2017. Power options are expected to be similar to the Giulia’s, with several diesel options for Europe, turboed fours and a cooking twin-turbo V6 for both Europe and the U.S. The vehicle is designed to compete with the BMW X3, The Audi Q5, and the Mercedes GLC.

Although it’s hard to imagine an Alfa Romeo-branded SUV, it was equally difficult to envision one from Maserati, but based on the generally favorable reviews of the Maserati Levante we are just now seeing, the developers seem to know what they’re doing. We’ll be interested in seeing the finished product. 🍀

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1986 Spider



Convertible= FUN!! 1986 Alfa Romeo Spider. Five speed manual transmission and electric windows, 96,000 mi. It was totally refurbished four years ago. Four-year-old canvas top. A small amount of money to

pay for a really nice convertible. New starter in 2015 and about \$1,200 in repairs. Runs great! Fun fun fun. The paint is five years old and it is a purple-blue paint with a shift. It changes colors as it goes by. Asking \$5,500, Brodhead, WI. Contact: Tomasan Harnack tnhc@charter.net, 608-295-0535



Wanted

Good used windshield for a 1967-1969 Alfa Spider (roundtail). Must be from an early spider. Later windshields are different. Call Bob at 270-564-2821 or email: rabhalter@att.net

Classifieds

Alfanatic will post brief non-commercial classifieds for members and friends at no charge. Email the [editors](#) to make a submission.

For Sale

Four used Cromodora Wheels for 72-74 Alfa Spider. Surface and finish would benefit from some reconditioning but otherwise ready for that rally! If desired, and strictly at my cost—no adder—I would be willing to get them E-Coated ready for paint refinishing. Make me an offer!



Also, **Rear Bumper** for 1972-74 Spider. Make an offer.

James Huff, W1852 Pond Road, Rubicon, WI 53078 jphuff4@gmail.com

1987 Alfa Romeo Spider Quadrifoglio



Luxury trim package. Silver on gray leather including factory hard top, custom wooden MOMO steering wheel & gear shift, new tires, nose bra, bikini cover & full cover. Garaged, no winters, rust free original. Fun ride. Pulls strongly & idles smoothly. 37,240 miles \$15,000 O.B.O. Rockford, IL dek_cmk@yahoo.com

1985 Corvette

Red/Red, 4+3, removable hard top. 51k miles and stored inside since new. All original. Body and interior in great shape. This car is move-in ready and is a

nice ride. Blue Book value \$12,000.

Contact: Jim, 262-642-5068 or jzyla@wi.rr.com

Engine - Make offer

1987 2.5l from a rusted out Milano. Approximately 90k. Make Offer.

Steve Wirtz, West Bend, WI

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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.

1967 Fiat Dino 206 -- car is in running condition.

Books (Alfa, Ferrari, etc)

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