

# ALFANATIC

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## Upcoming Area Events

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### May 13 - John Ehle's "Mother May I?" Driving Event

AROC-WI club member John Ehle has organized and run this Mother's Day weekend event for the past several years. Unfortunately if you haven't signed up for this year's event you are probably too late. However if this sounds like fun, you may want to contact John at [Johnehle@comcast.net](mailto:Johnehle@comcast.net) and ask to be put on the mailing list for next year. This year the drive starts in Beloit and pauses for lunch in Mt. Horeb. The tour ends with an early dinner in Stoughton after an afternoon visit to Governor Dodge State Park.

### May 15 - Lotus Corps Track Day at Blackhawk Farms Raceway

The Chicago-based Lotus Corps is presenting its 15th annual Driver Education Track Day and welcomes all makes and experience levels. Details can be found by following this link: [Lotus Corps Track Day](#) The fees are reasonable and attendees who volunteer to work the track get an opportunity for free touring laps.

### May 19-21 - SVRA Spring Vintage Weekend at Road America

Road America more or less opens and closes its season with vintage events. The SVRA sponsors the spring event to be held May 19 –21 this year. Many of us will no doubt attend the July WeatherTech vintage event. Consider this a warm-up, with the same great racing but a smaller crowd. Details here: [Road America](#)

### June 2-3 - FuelFed MotoGearo 250—New Glarus to Prarie DuChien

Club member Kurt Jensen gets the credit for suggesting this "curated driving event" for vintage vehicles. The event is intended for vehicles with a displacement under 3.8 liters produced before 1990, certainly a sweet spot for Alfas. Participation is limited to 30 cars and FuelFed membership is not a requirement. Follow this link: [FuelFed Motogearo 250](#) for more information but hurry, as May 22 is the deadline for registration, unless sold out earlier.



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## Save This Alfa– Seconda Parte

Last month we reported on Brandon, Wisconsin, resident Mark Ramsey’s adventures in Alfa Romeo barn finds. He came across a 1984 Spider Veloce and contacted us with hopes of moving it on to a good home. He has since corresponded with at least one club member but to date has had no takers.

Since our last report Mark has given the Spider a washing and contrary to the original post, has determined that the motor will turn over. He feels there are still some electrical issues that need to be addressed. A local body man has pronounced the car as “very solid” but there are indications the interior may need some attention. Mark has ordered a new battery and ignition switch and posted the car on Craigslist. (Since deleted.)

Mark would like to move it on and the price is negotiable, however the deeper he gets into getting it run-

ning, the higher the asking price is likely to be. Want to take a chance? Contact Mark at [mramsey5453@gmail.com](mailto:mramsey5453@gmail.com). 🍀

*Disclaimer: This article has been posted as a service to our members. I have no financial interest in this car and have not seen it in the flesh. Any representations made in this article are those of the person offering the vehicle and not those of the Club or the Alfanatic.*



*The Spider—out of the barn but not yet washed.*

## 2017 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](mailto:rabhalter@att.net)

May 13	John Ehle’s Mother May 1? driving event. Email <a href="mailto:Johnehle@comcast.net">Johnehle@comcast.net</a>
May 15	<a href="#">Lotus Corps Track Day</a> at Blackhawk Farms
May 19-21	SVRA Spring Vintage Weekend, <a href="#">Road America</a>
June 2-3	<a href="#">Fuelfed Motogearo 250</a> , New Glarus to Prairie du Chien, WI
June 15-18	WeatherTech® Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints®, <a href="#">Road America</a>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>The Heinrichs’ Sportscar Solstice Gathering</b> , Lift, Inc., Glendale
June 22-25	Verizon IndyCar Series KOHLER Grand Prix, Pirelli World Challenge, <a href="#">Road America</a>
July 7-8	<a href="#">Millers at Milwaukee</a> , Vintage Indy Cars, State Fair Park, West Allis
<b>July 13-16</b>	<b>ARCC &amp; AROC Combined Convention , Montreal, QC, Canada</b>
July 19-23	Fiat Club of America Fiat FreakOut, Milwaukee <a href="https://www.fiatclubamerica.com/FFO2017/">https://www.fiatclubamerica.com/FFO2017/</a>
July 20-23	WeatherTech® International Challenge with Brian Redman presented by HAWK, <a href="#">Road America</a>
July 28-30	<a href="#">Concours d’Elegance of America</a> , Plymouth, Michigan
August 4-6	IMSA/Continental Tire Road Race Showcase, <a href="#">Road America</a>
August 5	Show and Glow by the Lake, Veterans Park, Milwaukee
August 6	Milwaukee Concours d’Elegance, Veterans Park, Milwaukee
<b>August 13</b>	<b>AROC-WI, Italian Car and Motorcycle Show</b>
August 19	<a href="#">Concorso Italiano</a> , Black Horse Golf Course, Seaside, California
August 20	<a href="#">Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance</a> , Carmel, California
August 25-27	Road America 180 Fired up by Johnsonville XFINITY Series, <a href="#">Road America</a>
September 2-13, 17-28	Car Guy Tour(s) Italia, <a href="http://www.carguytour.com/">http://www.carguytour.com/</a>
September 23(T)	<b>AROC-WI and FCA visit to John Spulde’s “Man Cave,”</b> details TBD
September 8-10	Third Annual Ephraim Hill Climb, Tour, and Concours, Ephraim, Wisconsin
September 15-17	VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, <a href="#">Road America</a>
March 9-11, 2018	<a href="#">Amelia Island Concours d’Elegance</a> , Amelia Island, Florida

## Upcoming Events

### Two-Seaters Take Off

The Two-Seater Sports Car Group's next drive is scheduled for Sunday, May 21. Cars will depart at 2 p.m. for the Mobil station at the corner of Hwy 14 and Pleasant View, Middleton, Wisconsin. To join them email [choonlu29@gmail.com](mailto:choonlu29@gmail.com). Many more events are planned for the season.

## Alfa News Notes and Miscellanea

### International Motors Launches New Alfa Romeo Showroom April 29, 2017

By Bob Ludwigson

International Motors, located on 108<sup>th</sup> St., West Allis, Wisconsin, unveiled its Alfa dealership today. The facility located in a brand new building will include a showroom and repair shop. The building also serves the Maserati brand. On hand were 6 Alfa Giulia cars, all of the four cylinder variety.



Dan Jansen, International's general manager, has not yet picked a sales manager or staff for the Alfa brand. Instead, on hand today were people pulled from the BMW showroom. They were knowledgeable, however, on the cars and one sales representative noticed that my Alfa Giulietta had all the same styling cues in front as the new cars.

I was told that a Quadrifoglio model will arrive in a few weeks, and the 4Cs will be there this summer.

Dan also told me that he would welcome a club event at his showroom, such as a show and tell with the new cars.

### 1966 Trans-Am Winner Identified



This photo, published in last month's *Alfanatic*, of Thomas Stegman's GTA drew the following response from club member Bill Siegfriedt:

“Great issue of *Alfanatic*! I notice the car at the top of page 6 is one of significance and local interest. From the paint job, the Stegman Alfa appears to be the series champion of the Under 2 Liter Class of the first-year SCCA Trans-American Sedan Racing series (Trans Am). It was driven by Horst Kwech and was prepped at Knauz in Lake Forest. See photo at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1966\\_Trans-American\\_Sedan\\_Championship](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1966_Trans-American_Sedan_Championship)

Horst Kwech and Gaston Andrey won 3 of the 7 rounds that year, plus the factory-entered car driven by Jochen Rindt won the Sebring round, in spite of having rolled in practice. Harry T. and Sam Posey won a round. Only 2 rounds were won by non-Alfas. That's not just any GTA.”

As one late newsman used to say: “Now you know the rest of the story.”



## Alfisti and Friends Gather for the 29th Annual New Glarus Hill Climb



Turnout was good for the 29th running of Das Kurze Klausenrennen, May 6, in New Glarus. Some 32 entrants braved the hill while many others provided support and camaraderie. We all know that Wisconsin spring weather can be fickle, but although the temperatures were a bit nippy in the early morning, Mother Nature decided to deliver clear skies for the weekend. As a bonus, the village partially repaved Kubly Road, eliminating some of the more evident hazards of the course.

Jim Fuchs, irreplaceable event organizer and registrar, presented the park bench dedicated to the memory of event founder Tom Caulfield who passed away last year. He explained the discrepancy between the founding date and event numbering by noting Tom's reluctance to have a 13th annual event. The bench will be placed in the park by the New Glarus baseball program, beneficiaries of the event.

Notable was the presence of Tom's 1951 212 Ferrari Export Berlinetta, now under the care of his son Kevin and an instant hit with all who saw it. Tom's blue 1967 Duetto, now owned by Randy Hughes, was also in attendance.

As usual, members of the Vintage Sportscar Club served up some unique and tasty entries to augment the field, and AROC member Colin Comer brought his white Allard J2X, which he used to set the unofficial fast time of the day at this officially non-competition event. When confronted regarding his times, Colin responded that he just couldn't help it. 🍀



*At the drivers meeting, Jim Fuchs makes a point while Gary Schommer organizes his thoughts.*



*Comer's 1952 Allard J2X*

New Glarus 2017



*Bill Siegfried waits for the start.*



*Caulfield Ferrari, Corwin Giulietta, and a Healy at tech*



*Herb Lederer's disc-braked "Fronty"*



*Bob Lederer's Maserati 3500GT*



*Ted Zamjahn's Panhard Dyna with supercharged flat twin engine.*



*Tom and Vicki Moore's tidy 1949 MG TC*



*Aaron Anding's 1966 Fiat 1500 ready for a run*



*Vic Soderstrom's MGA*



*Mark Whipple's Spider*



*A pair of 300SLs drove in from Iowa.*



*Tom Heinrich (l) collects signature for the release forms.*



*I'm not sure where this Cheetah came from.*

**More New Glarus Photos**



David Taylor's 1963 Rolls Royce led the comfort class.



Drivers and others at the a.m. meeting.



Chrystal and I filled in as time-keepers. →



Gary presents a check for \$1,350, the event proceeds, to Dale Ketelboetter, representing the New Glarus baseball program.

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## Alfas at Auction – April

By Bob Abhalter

Auctions America held its Fort Lauderdale sale from March 31 to April 2. On April 1, they sold a nice looking **1974 GTV** for \$35,750—a fair price, possibly a bit of a bargain. But this was a situation where the information provided on the auction site was not sufficient to make a judgment—you had to be there for this one.



*Restored black 1974 GTV*

The seller claimed a complete restoration four years ago, with fresh upholstery and the addition of a new audio system. The car sported star pattern cast wheels and the ugly U.S.-spec corner markers had been shaved and the fronts replaced with a set of earlier round indicator lamps. The original SPICA injection was retained. The odometer showed 80,700 miles.



*1974 GTV Interior*

In general, everything looked tidy. Some wear was evident on the driver's seat and there was a bit of surface rust and some modern hose clamps disturbing the otherwise clean engine compartment. The exterior of the black GTV looked striking in the auction site's artistically lit pictures. Unfortunately, the shots of-



*Some minor surface rust but otherwise okay*

ferred less than the usual level of detail on the body's overall condition. The light angle and shadows could possibly have been obscuring some panel fit issues or other finish problems. On balance, I think this sale yielded a fair result.



*1965 Giulia Sprint Speciale*

Auctions America also offered a blue **1965 Giulia Sprint Speciale** that looked very handsome in the photos provided with the sketchy description. A photo-documented bare metal restoration was claimed. The car looked complete and straight, but not completely correct, with the engine compartment lacking the proper air cleaner and carb plumbing, but with the proper style hose clamps, an interesting combination.



*Some non-standard elements here - 1965 SS*

The interior shots showed some disturbance with the carpeting and an okay upholstery job. The interior door panels were missing their armrests. The odometer showed 44,600 miles. The car did not sell within its estimate range of \$100,000 - \$120,000.

Meanwhile, over in England, Classic Car Auctions sold a somewhat quirky **1972 Montreal** at their April 1-2 *Practical Classics* auction at Birmingham's National Exposition Center. The red coupe was said never to have been fully restored, rather it had been maintained over 22 years of ownership by the previous owner. Originally a French car, the Montreal was imported to the U.K. in 1989.



*1972 Montreal*

The pictures showed a body that appeared to be in decent shape with shiny paint, however the auction house's evaluation indicated that it was more of a 20-footer. The interior had that lived-in look, and not in a good way, with rumpled red-trimmed black upholstery and carpeting, not in the original materials.



*Carb'd Montreal with blue silicon hoses*

The real treat was in the engine compartment, as the SPICA fuel injection had been replaced by a set of four Weber two-throat carbs with no signs of any pro-

vision for a proper air cleaner. The auction description optimistically claimed this to be "more reliable" than the deleted fuel injection setup. There were many more signs of fiddling and "improvements." This rolling project was sold for £33,000 (\$41,217.) It will be a real challenge to get things back in order, assuming that the right parts can be sourced.

Also in the U.K., Anglia Car Auctions sold a **1991 Alfa SZ** at their April 8 King's Lynn sale. SZs, the Zagato-styled coupe rendition based on the model 75/Milano, have just become eligible for import to the U.S. as they are now over 25 years old. Our Canadian brothers have different import rules and have had access to the cars for about 10 years now. With only 1,036 built and Zagato construction, the cars are sought after by a certain segment of Alfisti and Zagato lovers.



*Claimed to be the only red-topped SZ*

The car Anglia offered was said to have 27,000 miles on the odometer. Imported to the U.K. in 2000, it was said to have been first registered in Italy in 1996. Finished in red with tan leather, it is claimed to be the only SZ to leave the factory with a red roof—all others had a dark gray roof panel. The car had a current MOT and sold for \$51,950. If it was in good order as claimed, it was a bargain when compared to the asking prices of cars already in North America. Of course, SZs are an acquired taste—one either loves them or shuns them. But if you want one you might want to go shopping in Europe.

Meanwhile, back in the U.S., Barrett-Jackson offered three Alfa Spiders at its April 6-8, West Palm Beach auction—one per day.



*Single-owner 1967 Duetto*

On Thursday, April 6, a nice-looking red 1967 Duetto, said to have been with one owner for most of its life, sold for \$27,500. The driver-level engine compartment looked tidy, with signs of regular upkeep. Black carpeting was installed and a new Stayfast top was claimed to have been recently installed. Detracting from the overall appearance were the rub strips applied to the upper style line for the full length of the car. It might be tough to get these off without doing some damage.



*Serviceable Duetto engine compartment*



*Sound Duetto Interior*

The other two cars offered were seemingly identical **1986 Spider Quadrifoglio**. Both were red with gray leather. The first car claimed a full restoration with fresh upholstery and soft top, but no hardtop. It sold for \$19,800 on Friday, April 7. The consigner didn't own the car for long, as it was last offered at The Finest's February 11 Boca Raton sale, where it sold for \$12,100.



*1986 Spider Quad sold for \$19,800*

The second car, offered on Saturday, April 8, came with both hard and soft tops and was stated to be a one-owner car. The pictures showed a car in good order with a couple of correctible defects in the interior. It sold for \$7,150. Why the difference?

Earlier in its life, the second Quadrifoglio had been in an accident. The Carfax report documented its involvement in a rear-ender, causing damage to the right front of the Spider. The hit was not hard enough to discharge the air bags, however. Talk about diminished value! That fender-bender contributed to a 64% hit in the sale price when compared to the car sold on Friday. 🍀



*1986 Spider Quad with bad Carfax sold for \$7,150*

## Classifieds

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### For Sale

#### Parts

Weber 32/36 DGV carb, and air cleaner housing and intake manifold (restored and painted) for 1300cc normale (750-101), all in excellent working condition. Best offer. Jon Block, [\(248\) 505-0606](tel:2485050606) cell, or [jblock8586@wowway.com](mailto:jblock8586@wowway.com)

**2001 Alfa 156 V6 2.5**, 6-speed manual. Red with black leather interior. Car is in very good condition and can be driven right away.



Total mileage is about 150,000 miles. Water pump and all pulleys and belts replaced at 120,000 miles. Suspension, radiator and clutch replaced at 135,000 miles. Runs great! Extra sets of wheels with snow tires and performance tires.

The only problem with the car is a very slow leak in the power steering fluid and an occasional glitch in the immobilizer. The immobilizer reads the key code. It can go months without a problem. When it doesn't unlock, a few tries usually does it. Or there is a work around bypass procedure that will get you home. A \$50 part may fix it for good. The gear shift also doesn't easily return to center with the sideways spring. You have to move it a bit between second and third.

Car sounds great, feels great and is a real head turner. \$7,000 or best offer. Russ Whitford [veloce192@sbcglobal.net](mailto:veloce192@sbcglobal.net)



**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, 514 Simon Drive, Hartford, WI 53027, [jphuff4@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jzyla@wi.rr.com)

## For Sale

### 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](mailto:tnhc@charter.net), 608-295-0535



### 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)

Contact: Graziano Rossetto @ 414-351-2155

### New Listing - Period Air Cleaners - New Listing

Mike Juneau has an original 101 Series “Normale” air filter canister and a reproduction Veloce canister for sale. The Veloce unit comes complete with the pad-printed FISPA lettering but without the mount and straps.

He says, “The Veloces are exceedingly rare and the reproduction you cannot tell from the original. Any-one interested can drop me a line.”

[alfaman1966gtv@gmail.com](mailto:alfaman1966gtv@gmail.com)

### Spider Parts

Member Paul Ristow is closing out his stash of parts from '75-'79 Spiders, including bumpers, trim, after-market 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](mailto:pristow44@yahoo.com)

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### 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 mail: [rabhalter@att.net](mailto:rabhalter@att.net)

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