

ALFANATIC

July Events

If you can't find car-related events to attend in July you probably just aren't trying. However we'll give you a few suggestions, just to jog your memory.

Have an open weekend and up for a road trip? It's not too late to consider a visit to

Alfa Expo 17,

July 13-16 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. This year's AROC National Convention has gone continental, as the U.S. and Canadian clubs have collaborated to produce one big North American Alfa-fest. The 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Alfa Romeo Montreal at Expo '67 will be celebrated, and don't forget it's Canada's 150th Anniversary as a commonwealth. We're busy packing and hope to see you there. Details at <http://alfaclub.ca/alfaexpo17/>.

Closer to home, the Cream City Cinquecento Club is the host for this year's

Fiat FreakOut 2017

annual national convention, July 19-23. Headquartered at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel, Fiat owners from across the country will disperse for events around southeastern Wisconsin. I'm sure some of us are planning to attend, so you shouldn't feel uncomfortable about showing up in your Alfa at a Fiat event. Details at <https://www.fiatclubamerica.com/FFO2017/>.

Vintage racing more your speed? You won't want to miss the

WeatherTech® International Challenge with Brian Redman presented by HAWK

July 20-23 at Road America. It's a long name for a big weekend of vintage racing, one of the largest fields in the U.S. The featured CanAm race should draw a large field. And don't forget the evening concours events in Elkhart Lake—Friday for race cars and Saturday for street cars. Details at the Road America website.

Of course this just scratches the surface. See the events calendar on the next page for pointers to *Millers at Milwaukee and the Brew City Cruise Night*, or just support your own local events. 



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ICAMS Is Coming!

The Italian Car and Motorcycle Show (ICAMS), presented by our own Wisconsin chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club and graciously hosted and sponsored by Reina International Autos, is coming, and sooner than you think.

We jiggered our schedule a little this year to avoid a conflict with the rescheduled Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance. This year's show is coming up on Sunday, August 13. See the next page for your entry form and send it in soon, then join the fun.

Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance

Speaking of that, you'll want to set aside the Saturday before ICAMS, August 5, for the Show and Glow by the Lake. Held on the same grounds as Sunday's Concours, this is yet another chance to share your Alfa enthusiasm with other car guys. Sign up is on the Milwaukee Concours website. It's a good deal as the registration gets you admission to Sunday's show. Classes this year will be determined by the results of the advance registrations. If we have enough Italians in the field we may not have to be grouped with the German cars this year! 🍀

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

July 7-8	Millers at Milwaukee , Vintage Indy Cars, State Fair Park, West Allis
July 13-16	ARCC & AROC Combined Convention , Montreal, QC, Canada
July 19-23	Fiat Club of America Fiat FreakOut, Milwaukee https://www.fiatclubamerica.com/FFO2017/
July 20-23	WeatherTech® International Challenge with Brian Redman presented by HAWK, Road America
July 25	Brew City Cruise Night , featuring exotics and Italian cars, nines American Bistro, 12400 N Ville Du Parc Dr. Mequon, Wisconsin
July 27	Wheels of Italy event at Pazzaluna, St. Paul, Minn
July 28-30	Concours d'Elegance of America , Plymouth, Michigan
August 4-6	IMSA/Continental Tire Road Race Showcase, Road America
August 5	Show and Glow by the Lake, Veterans Park, Milwaukee
August 6	Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance, Veterans Park, Milwaukee
August 6	Lake Mills Cars & Coffee, 8 a.m.—11 a.m., Lake Mills, Wisconsin
August 13	AROC-WI, Italian Car and Motorcycle Show
August 19	Concorso Italiano , Black Horse Golf Course, Seaside, California
August 20	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance , Carmel, California
August 25-27	Road America 180 Fired up by Johnsonville XFINITY Series, Road America
September 2-13, 17-28	Car Guy Tour(s) Italia, http://www.carguytour.com/
September 3	Lake Mills Cars & Coffee, 8 a.m.—11 a.m., Lake Mills, Wisconsin
September 8-10	Third Annual Ephraim Hill Climb, Tour, and Concours, Ephraim, Wisconsin
September 15-17	VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, Road America
October 1	Lake Mills Cars & Coffee, 8 a.m.—11 a.m., Lake Mills, Wisconsin
October 21 (T)	AROC-WI and FCA visit to John Spulde's "Man Cave," details TBD
March 9-11, 2018	Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance , Amelia Island, Florida
May 5, 2018 (T)	AROC-WI Das Krurze Klausenrennen , New Glarus, Wisconsin

Twentieth Annual!

Italian Car & Motorcycle Show



Sunday Aug 13, 2017
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Guests Enjoy Cars and Company at Solstice Party

By Bob Ludwigson



Old and new Alfas - photo: Bob Ludwigson

On June 21 car lovers descended on Tom Heinrich's Lift Inc. lot to celebrate his annual summer solstice party. Over 30 people showed up and as usual arrived in a variety of vehicles. Of note were two (!) new Alfa Giulias, one by our own Bob Abhalter. Also on view were a vintage Corvette and a nice GTV6 coupe.



Guests grilling their dinners - photo; Bob Ludwigson

Of interest was a barn-find 1961 Ferrari 250GTE that belongs to Tom's brother. Tom had it stored in his shop at the rear of his business offices. Plans are to mechanically restore the car before selling it on.



A Ferrari 250GTE with a few needs—it should buff right out. Bob L. Photo.

The other new Alfa Giulia, a striking red Ti, was brought by Aaron Renzelmann who had just purchased it from Palmen in Kenosha. He mentioned to me that the staff at Palmen did not tell him about the Alfa Romeo Owners Club. Seems to me that we should provide dealers with a flier that describes our club. Sounds like I am volunteering for a new assignment! 🍀



Sedans and Coupes at the Solstice party, captured by Bill Hall



Alfa News Notes and Miscellanea

Alfa's U.S. Sales Soldier On

FCA reported sales of 1,017 Alfas in June. No doubt almost all of them were new Giulia deliveries. This makes a total of 3,717 delivered year-to-date. June sales were about 100 higher than the May reported numbers in a month that saw the overall market dip by 3%. Still, Alfa has a long way to go to catch the other brands in its segment. They're counting on the arrival of the Stelvio in late August or early September to boost interest and sales penetration.

The good news? You're not likely to see another Giulia like yours on the road right now unless you're on the way to the North American Convention.

Palmen Alfa Kenosha Shows Expansion Plans



The poster above, shown in Palmen's present showroom, illustrates the planned expansion of the current facilities. Floor space will be roughly quadrupled with the addition of a dedicated service facility, parts area, and expanded showroom. We'll report later on the timing of the construction.

Brew City Cruise Night Features Italian Exotics

Tuesday July 25 is the night for *Exotic Night Featuring Italian Cars*, organized by the BrewCity Cruise people. Held every Tuesday during the summer months at nines American Bistro in Mequon, each week features a different brand or style of auto. Although all makes are welcome every night, July 25th is designated for Italian autos. Polish up your Alfa and come on out.

Brew City Cruise Night

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We Scheduled a Strike but Nobody Came



Italians workers and unions are famous for their strikes, but apparently the prospect of full employment and a regular paycheck can have a dampening effect on the reform movement.

The union representing Italian auto workers called for a June 30 strike at the Cassino plant to protest the production rate and express solidarity for their fellows facing layoffs in other FCA plants.

Surprise! The Cassino assembly line workers were too busy working full shifts assembling Giulias and Stelvios to think about striking. Of the 1,600 workers affected, only four voted to strike. A second round of voting found 1 in 1,100 votes. So much for solidarity. (Source: ClubAlfa.it) 🍀

Alfas at Auction – June

By Bob Abhalter

Greenwich, Connecticut, is the site of the Greenwich Concours d'Elegance. This year's event, held June 3 and 4, was the 22nd for this well-established event. Actually, the concours is two shows in one, with American cars and motorcycles featured Saturday and the Concours International for imported marques presented Sunday. Bonhams is the sponsoring auction and it is in its tenth year of offering collector cars and collectibles in conjunction with the concours.

The Sunday auction grossed \$7,380,000 with a 92 percent sell-through rate. The ninety or so automotive consignments seemed to cover just about every collectible auto taste from Chrysler Crossfire to Ferrari F40, the latter, at \$880,000, being the top seller at the auction. The Ferrari was followed in the top five sales by two Bugattis, an Aston Martin, and a Bentley.



There were two Alfa Romeos offered this year, a **Giulia Spider** and a Montreal. The Spider, a **1963**, AR372724, was done up in the typical red with black upholstery. It was described as a well-cared-for example, in the ownership of a single enthusiast for 25 of its 54 years. Originally sold in the U.S., the consignor claimed a comprehensive restoration in the early 1990s. It was said that the restorer sought to keep the car as original as possible. Unlike some cars subjected to such a restoration, the Spider didn't suffer the indignity of becoming a garage queen, and is said to have been used and maintained regularly since its restoration.

The auction company photos show a Spider that presents as a very well maintained, high quality driver. There are no obvious finish flaws and the gaps, though generous, are consistent and as-delivered. The

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trim appears complete and well-finished, with some added edge protectors around the front grill and eyebrows. The two Talbot-style side mirrors provide some evidence that this restoration was intended to be driven. The old-style Italian plates bearing the car's serial number are a nice touch.

One doesn't always see photos of the underside of a car but Bonhams was wise to include some for this Spider. The chassis looks very sound, clean, and not over-restored, showing signs of use but not abuse. Yellow aftermarket springs are visible and an electric fuel pump has been added, otherwise everything appears stock. The Giulia rides on a set of Vredestein Sprint Classics, a desirable choice for a car meant to be driven rather than shown.



The engine compartment was very close to show-worthy, being very clean and mostly authentic, with only one or two deviations from originality.

Perhaps the weakest element of the car was the interior. It wasn't awful, in fact it was quite nice, just not up to the standard set by the rest of the car. It was let down most by the dash covering and seat upholstery. The dash covering had that overstuffed look, as did the seats, looking like each was redone over the old materials, rather than properly replaced. The instruments were serviceable if not gem-like. A plus was the fitting of the proper rubber mats rather than the often-used and incorrect carpeting.

Despite all this nit-picking, in my opinion the Spider deserved the winning bid of \$68,200, squarely in the center of the auctioneer's estimate and just above the median price in the latest *Sports Car Market Pocket Price Guide*.

The Bonhams-offered **Montreal** was a 1971 model, SN AR142526, with gold livery and beige interior. Its history is interesting, if somewhat sketchy. According



to the consignor the car was first delivered new to Genoa, Italy. The car then turns up in France circa 1983. The French owner intended to give the car a full restoration but never completed the job. Another enthusiast subsequently bought the car, which was auctioned by Bonhams in 2011 painted red but with its original interior and described as a solid project car. Sometime between 2011 and 2014 the car finally underwent a full restoration in Italy and was shipped to the United States by the consignor. There are further records of additional work in 2016. Sadly, the car was driven only about 500 km since its 2016 service.

The auction photos show a car with a good finish and good trim. Although it may only be a trick of lighting, the doors, especially the left, look like they were repainted or painted apart from the car. This is a condition someone would have to judge in person.

The engine compartment is clean and tidy but not up to concours presentation. One peculiarity, considering the stated history, is the appearance of a German serial number tag on the inner fender. Certainly, these were only applied to cars intended for sale in Germany. (?)



Montreals weren't offered with air conditioning until sometime in 1972 so this car doesn't have that complication, nor does it have a radio installed. I suppose this makes it a "stripper" Montreal, as far as options go. That said, the interior is let down only by a lifting upper dash panel. Everything else appears to be in order.

This example of Alfa's often underrated supercar sold for \$70,400, somewhat under the auction estimate, but in line with other recent sales.

Alfa sales at live auctions were otherwise few and far between in June but Mecum and Barrett-Jackson squeezed one each in among the muscle cars they more commonly offer.

On June 16 in Portland, Mecum sold a **1987 Spider Quadrifoglio**, in red with gray leather, complete with hardtop. This looked like a good, serviceable, driver-quality car, nicely worn in, with no major faults other than the swirl marks visible in the finish and with no outstanding plusses, either. The odometer showed just short of 60,000 miles and a later stereo had been fitted. The Spider sold for \$6,500, a typical price for a typical Spider.



Finally, Barrett-Jackson held its 2nd annual Northeast Sale at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Connecticut, June 21-24. Among the lots offered was an Alfa destined to make devotees of the tipo 116 Alfetta platform weep with joy, or perhaps faint in shock.

The car in question was a **1979 Alfetta Sprint Veloce**, in the traditional Alfa red, with slate fabric upholstery. The few pictures and auction description of this last-U.S.-model-year coupe suggest that this was no ordinary beater Alfetta, being an original one-owner car that had spent its life in and out of a temperature-controlled garage.

Mileage isn't given, but judging from the interior and engine compartment photos, whatever miles were put on were traveled gently. The engine looks like it just

escaped the showroom and the interior is showing only minor wear. A later radio is fitted.



Apparently, the car looked as good in person as it did in the photos. Someone wanted it badly enough to pay \$22,000, not a world record, but four times more than the median Alfetta fetches at auction. 🍀



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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

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



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



1987 Alfa Romeo Spider Quadrifoglio

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1985 Corvette

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Contact: Jim, 262-642-5068 or 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, 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

Period 101 Series Air Cleaners

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. Anyone interested can drop me a line.”
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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



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Wanted

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