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Briefs

International Autos Invites Alfa Owners to Its Monthly Events

Chad Gonzales, Alfa Romeo sales manager at International Autos, is planning a monthly series of events designed to promote the marque. Under the umbrella of the Corsa Club, these events are open to all Owners Club members and friends. December's holiday party will be December 15 and is featured on this month's front page.

Chad's "Very Italian Christmas" event promises to feature several different Italian products from different companies.

This is a chance for you to socialize and perhaps take a closer look at the Stelvio and Giulia, plus maybe an odd Maserati or two. See you there.

If you can't make it this month, watch for future event announcements. 🍀

2018 Giulia Named *Motor Trend* Car of the Year, *Car and Driver* 10 Best



The end of the year brings the automotive awards season and Alfa is cleaning up. Both *Motor Trend* and *Car and Driver* acknowledged the Giulia sport sedan range as the car to have for 2018.

Motor Trend says that the Giulia "reminds us that driving can indeed be joyous." The magazine gave its award based not solely on the fire-breathing Quadri-

2017-2018 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

Jan 14-21, 2018	North American International Auto Show , Detroit, MI
Feb 10-19, 2018	Chicago Auto Show , McCormick Place, Chicago
Feb 24 - March 4	Greater Milwaukee Auto Show , Wisconsin Center
March 9-11, 2018	Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance , Amelia Island, Florida
May 5, 2018	AROC-WI Das Krurze Klausenrennen , New Glarus, Wisconsin
May 18-20, 2018	SVRA Spring Vintage Festival Weekend, Road America
June 14-17, 2018	WeatherTech® Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints, Road America
June 21-24, 2018	Verizon IndyCar Series Kohler Grand Prix and Pirelli World Challenge, Road America
July 19-22, 2018	The WeatherTech® International Challenge with Brian Redman Presented by Hawk, Road America
July 27-29, 2018	Concours D'Elegance of America , Plymouth, Michigan
Aug 2-5, 2018	IMSA / Continental Road Race Showcase, Road America
Aug 4, 2018	Show & Glow by the Lake , Veterans Park, Milwaukee
Aug 5, 2018	Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance , Veterans Park, Milwaukee
Aug 8-12, 2018	AROC Sempreverde 2018 (National Convention), Olympia, Washington
Aug 23-25	NASCAR Trucks and Infinity Series, SCCA Pro Trans Am, Road America
Aug 26, 2018	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
Aug 26, 2018	Geneva Concours D'Elegance , Geneva, Illinois
Sept 14-16, 2018	Ariens Art on Wheels Weekend, Featuring the VSCDA Eikhart Lake Vintage Festival®, Road America



foglio model but on the power and excellent manners of the entire range.

The power and handling of the Quad was said to be more than a match for the benchmark BMW M3 and the 280 hp turboed 4 cylinder of the “lesser” models provided more than adequate power in the Ti and base models.

The editors got excited about the sharp handling and bold styling that make both the 2 wheel and all wheel drive Ti models stand out. Add to that exceptional fuel mileage, strong safety ratings, and a competitive lease package and *Motor Trend* sees a winner.

Meanwhile, *Car and Driver* picked the Giulia as one of the ten best of 2018, sharing honors with such perennial award winners as the Corvette Grand Sport, Mercedes E400, Honda Accord, and Mazda MX-5.

The *C&D* editors liked the same things *Motor Trend's* did. Gone from the magazine's pages is any suggestion of the mechanical or electronic glitches which seem to have plagued early evaluation examples of the Quadrifoglio. The examples they borrowed for the “10 Best” exhibited no such vices.

The authors compare the Alfa approach to handling with that of other would-be competitors, which they found heavy-handed by comparison to the Giulia's extremely satisfying chassis calibration.

Harkening back to the magazine's earlier infatuation with the 1962 Giulia TI and 1959 2000 sedan, *C&D* feels the new Giulia is a fitting successor.

Alfa Romeo Returns to Formula One

Last week it was announced that Alfa Romeo has signed a multiyear technical and commercial agreement with Sauber to field the Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 team starting with the 2018 season. The Alfa Sauber will use the 2018-spec Ferrari engine and sport Alfa livery, shown for the first time December 2.



Drivers Marcus Ericson and Charles LeClerc unveil the new Alfa Sauber livery in Arese, Dec 2.

This fulfills FCA CEO Sergio Marchionne's long-stated goal of returning the marque to racing prominence. The alliance also created a “farm team” for Ferrari.

Present Sauber pilot Marcus Ericson will return to the team in 2018, joined by 20-year-old 2017 Formula 2 champion Charles LeClerc, a product of Ferrari's junior program.

The Swiss-based Sauber team has a 25-year history in F1 and has been a consistent mid-pack competitor. They had a similar agreement with BMW in the early 2000s. Last year was not a good one for the team. They finished last in the constructor's championship running 2016-spec engines and scored only two top ten finishes, an 8th in Spain, and a 10th in Azerbaijan, with departing driver Pascal Wehrlein.

It has been over 30 years since Alfa's last foray into F1 racing. After winning the 1950 and 1951 F1 drivers championships, Alfa was involved either as constructors or engine suppliers through 1988. The results were variable and never matched their early successes.

The new team is realistic about its goals for 2018 but optimistic that future years will bring an improved chance for success. 🍀

We Get Emails...

Member Brian Davis wrote to Al Pinkowski and the membership in general:

Al, here are “technical” questions to consider at your convenience and possibly members of the Alfanatic community have some thoughts too.

Where is the best quality local place to get wheels straightened? I get vibration in the steering wheel and whole car at 70 and above. This is independent of engine speed. The tire shop said wheels were bent when they installed the tires. No real vibration at country road speeds. It generally keeps me from driving too fast. I drove the Milano to O’Hare last week. Since everyone is now driving 80 and faster down that corridor and with so much vibration, I couldn’t enjoy the pace. It would be helpful to swap 5 x 98 wheels with someone for an hour to see if wheels are truly the cause.

Alternatively to straightening, where might you suggest I find aftermarket wheels drilled to 5 x 98? I prefer the SZ Speedline rims like on eBay. However for over \$3,200 a set, it does not seem like the right move at this time.

Do you know anyone nearby who could perform the on-car dynamic balance of the driveshaft? I have always felt a slight vibration in the center prop drive-shaft at lower rpm. Perhaps modern technology can help dial this in.

Brian, I hope someone can answer your questions. If I get any responses they’ll appear in the next Alfanatic. Road vibrations can be a hard nut to crack, although out-of-round wheels certainly can’t help. I’d certainly be interested in the existence of a provider that offers on-car drive shaft balancing. It’s hard enough to find a shop that will do it off the car.

New Jersey Alfetta Sport Sedan for Sale

Jeff Brown from the 908 area code would like to sell his 1979 Alfetta Sport Sedan. He says it’s in fabulous condition, showing only 33,000 miles, and has been an award winner for two years running. If you’re interested, contact him direct at (908) 230-8104.



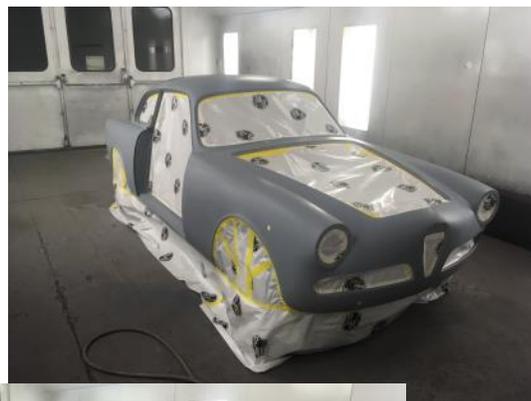
‘86 Spider in Shawnee, Kansas

Jeff Smith wants to sell his 1986 Spider Veloce. He states the car is generally in good shape but has some needs. The copper paint is a custom color. It could use a tune-up and alignment, the turn signals don’t work, and the guts of the a/c are missing in action. He’s asking \$6,000 obo. Contact him at (913) 645-0285 if you’re interested.



Heinrich’s Giulietta Sprint Veloce Now in Paint

Member Tom Heinrich sent me progress pictures of his Sprint last month, but they didn’t make the newsletter.



The Sprint in primer... and in paint, October 2017

Alfas at Auction – The January Auctions

By Bob Abhalter

In January a brand-new year dawns. We make our resolutions and look to the future. Likewise, the collector car world looks to the great southwest for signs of its immediate future. In mid-January, the Phoenix/Scottsdale area is home to one of the year's largest concentrations of classic automobile commerce. Last year 3,486 cars were offered, and combined auction receipts were \$259.8 million.

Others have called the Scottsdale auction week "Monterey without the traffic jams," because of the relative ease of driving and finding parking for the seven auctions spread across the greater Scottsdale area. Unlike Monterey, the week's primary activity is the buying and selling of collector cars. There are no vintage races, and although there was a game attempt at staging a Concours d'Elegance that event folded for lack of funding.

The oldest and largest of the seven auctions is **Barrett-Jackson**. The 47th annual Scottsdale auction kicks off with a family preview day Saturday, January 13, and continues on its sprawling Westworld campus until the last car is sold on Sunday, January 21. Television exposure has raised this reality show/auction into the public conscience and thousands will visit the auction and its accompanying lifestyle exhibition. It's like a county fair for car geeks.

Barrett-Jackson's success over the years has attracted other auction companies to the market. After all, the Phoenix area is a good place to be in January, especially for those visiting from less hospitable climates.



1942 6C2500 for sale by RM Sotheby's

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It's not hard to talk your non-car-loving significant other into a week in the sun.

All the major auction houses doing business in the U.S. are represented at Scottsdale except for **Mecum**, who will be presenting its ten-day stand in that other haven for snowbird car collectors, Kissimmee, Florida, January 5–14.



1921 G1 at RM Sotheby's

RM Sotheby's will hold its auction at the Biltmore Resort & Spa, January 18 and 19, with previews beginning on the 17th. Unlike most other houses, the RM auction itself is closed to all but bidders and consignors, but the previews are accessible to the public. Of special interest are three Alfa Romeos consigned to RM and selling at no reserve:

- A 1921 G1 is one of the earliest still-running Alfa Romeos.
- A 1942 6C2500 Spider bodied by Touring represents a classic style.
- A 1955 1900C SS Coupe Speciale bodied by Boano. This dramatic one-off styling exercise was sold for \$990,000 by Gooding last year at Scottsdale and has since undergone a restoration.

The **Bonhams** auction will be held January 18 at The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa, with previews open two days earlier. The offered cars are mostly high-end European sports and classics with some U.S. classics thrown in.

The **Gooding & Company** Scottsdale auction will go off January 19 and 20 adjacent the Fashion Square Mall. Viewing begins on January 17. This is a highly entertaining auction to attend in person, as the duo of David Gooding and Charlie Ross can be counted on to put on a good show. In terms of ambiance, Gooding could be considered the anti-Barrett-Jackson. You

can count on seeing an interesting selection of European sports and exotics. They will be offering a 1963 Giulietta T.I. Berlina.

By contrast, **Russo & Steele** is a whole other thing. Drew Alcázar and his team will deliver his special brand of in-the-round auction excitement at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, January 17–21. Look to his catalog for a range of U.S. muscle, customs, and European sports and exotics.

Russo & Steele is also sponsor of the Concorso Arizona, to be held at Talking Stick Saturday, January 13. This new event is based on the concept of the Concorso Italiano but will feature a broader span of entries. Over 800 cars are expected.

Worldwide Auctioneers will hold their one-day event January 17, with previews beginning the previous Sunday. The auction, held at 6460 E. McDowell Road, can be counted on for a broad range of excellent, well-presented consignments.

Silver Auctions Arizona will present its auction at the Fort McDowell Resort and Casino, January 19–22. Spokane-based Silver Auctions this year sold its Arizona operation to Emmett Rice, an Amarillo, Texas, dealer and enthusiast. Mr. Rice promises to continue Silver's twenty-year tradition of ethically presenting popularly priced collector cars to the public. Should you try to sample all the auctions in a single visit? It might be possible, but I wouldn't advise it. Do your homework. Check the auction company websites for cars that interest you and plan carefully. Admission to preview days is usually quite reasonable, while auction admissions for other than Barrett-Jackson can be pricier. If you are a potential buyer, line up your letters of credit before setting out. But by all means, set aside some time to enjoy the sun and see the sights. 🍀



Sotheby's 1900C SS Speciale by Boano

Finding Parts for Your Alfa

By Bob Ludwigson

Like many of you, I needed repair and rebuilding parts for my 1962 Giulietta. Finding places for these items is difficult. After all, you cannot go down to your local AutoZone and pick stuff like that up. Over the years I have located sources of supply, and it occurred to me that maybe you too could use some help, especially if you are new to the club.

The places listed below are the result of my experiences. I have bought items from all of them, except for those that do not sell Giulietta parts. I know the list is not complete. If you know of other suppliers, please send me an e-mail and I will include them in the list.

Partial List of Alfa Parts Suppliers

Alfaholics www.alfaholics.com

Unit 12 Hither Green Ind. Estate
Clivedon, North Somerset BS21 6XU
England
Phone: 01144-1275-349-449

Models covered: 750/101 Giulietta, 105/115 Spider, GTV, 116/162 Alfetta GTV6. Largest selection is for the 105/115 GTV and Spider.

Alfa Stop www.alfastop.co.uk

PO Box 50
Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1AS
England
Phone: 01144-177-382-2000

Models covered: 750/101 Giulietta, Giulia, 105 GTV, 2000/2600

Largest selection for the Giulietta/Giulia models including hard to find items. Shop is run by solely by Tony Stevens, so be patient if you e-mail. I usually call.

Centerline International www.centerlinealfa.com

1220 Commerce St.
Lafayette CO 80026
Phone: 888-750-2532

Models covered: 750/101 Giuliettss, 105/115 Duetto, GTV, Super, Alfetta-GTV6-Milano, 164, 4C coupe-spider. Large selection for all areas of the car, oil, fuel filters.

MrFiat www.mrfiat.com

Atlanta, GA
Phone: 678-637-5103

Models covered: 750/101 Giulietta-Giulia, 1900,105/115 GTV-Spider, 2000/2600

Yes the name says Fiat, but there are lots of Alfa parts available. Allow two weeks for many parts to come from Italy.

Re-Originals www.reoriginals.com

3034 FM 1988E
Goodrich TX 77339
Phone: 832-632-9290

Models covered: 1900-750/101 Giulietta, 105 GTV, Milano, Montreal

Large selection of rubber parts, chrome trim, interior items, mostly sourced from the original supplier

Vick Autosports www.vickauto.com

5200 Vesta Farley Rd.
Fort Worth TX 76119
Phone: 800-466-3428

Models covered: 115 GTV-Spider,164, Alfetta-GTV6 -Milano

Good selection of engine, brake, body and interior parts

Wolf Steel Restorations www.alfaparts.net

1 Ballerina Rd.
Frelighsburg QC J0J1C0
Canada
Phone: 450-298-5078

Models covered: 750/101 Giulietta,105/115 GTV-Spider,GTV6

Specializes in steel repair panels, I used their trunk floor panel and it fit.

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Classifieds

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

For Sale

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

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

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