

# ALFANATIC

## **Come Howl at the Moon at Tom Heinrich's Sports Car Solstice Happening**

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And, if you need yet another incentive to attend, this year Tom is teasing us with the promise of an exclusive viewing of a partially restored front engined Maserati.

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## Local Driving Events Kick Off the Season

Motor still warm from the New Glarus event? Not Planning on attending the Mille Miglia? There are plenty of opportunities for exercising your *bolide* in the coming month or so.

First off is AROC-WI member **John Ehle's** “**Mother, May I?**” driving event on May 12. This popular tour, held the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend, is miles of fun at little cost. Participation is free, just pay for your meals. The formal sign-up period has passed but you may be able to work a deal, somehow. Use the link in the Calendar to contact John for information.

Fueled's **Motogearo 250** road rally will kick off on June 1. This popular limited-attendance event is produced by the Chicago-area enthusiast group and comes highly recommended by former participants. It's perfect for any pre-1990 Alfa. The registration link is in the Calendar.

If you prefer track driving to road work, two Blackhawk Farms track days are on the calendar for June. Our sister club to the south **CAROC** will hold its event on Saturday, June 9. Timed lapping and touring sessions will be offered. The Saturday date should be perfect if you can't get away during the week.

You can also take the track with **Lotus Corps** on Monday May 21. They promise 4 track sessions for every class, novice classroom instructions, and in-car instructors.



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

May 5	<b>AROC-WI Das Krurze Klausenrennen</b> , New Glarus, Wisconsin
May 12	<a href="#">John Ehle's</a> 2018 “Mother, May I?” Spring Car Tour, SE Wisconsin
May 16-19	Mille Miglia, Brescia-Rome-Brescia, Italy
May 18-20	SVRA Spring Vintage Festival Weekend, <a href="#">Road America</a>
May 21	Lotus Corps Driver Education Day, Blackhawk Farms, <a href="#">Registration Here</a>
June 1-2	Fueled MotoGearo Road Rally, <a href="#">motogearo.com</a>
June 9	CAROC at Blackhawk Farms, Lapping and Touring, <a href="#">CAROC.com</a>
June 13-17	SVRA <a href="#">Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational</a> , Indianapolis, Indiana
June 14-17	WeatherTech® Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints, <a href="#">Road America</a>
June 20	<b>Tom Heinrich's Summer Solstice Sports Car Party</b> , Lift, Inc.
June 21-24	Verizon Indycar Series Kohler Grand Prix and Pirelli World Challenge, <a href="#">Road America</a>
July 13	<a href="#">2018 Millers at Milwaukee</a> Vintage Indy Car Event, The Milwaukee Mile
July 19-22	The WeatherTech® International Challenge with Brian Redman, presented by Hawk, <a href="#">Road America</a>
July 24	<a href="#">Brew City Cruise Night</a> featuring Italian cars, nines American Bistro, Mequon
July 27-29	<a href="#">Concours D'Elegance of America</a> , Plymouth, Michigan
Aug 2-5	IMSA / Continental Road Race Showcase, <a href="#">Road America</a>
Aug 5	<a href="#">Show &amp; Glow Paddock at the Milwaukee Concours</a> , Veterans Park
Aug 5	<a href="#">Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance</a> , Veterans Park, Milwaukee
Aug 8-12	<b>AROC Sempreverde 2018</b> ( <a href="#">National Convention</a> ), Olympia, Washington
Aug 12	<b>ICAMS AROC-WI Italian Car and Motorcycle Show</b> , Reina International Autos, Inc.
Aug 23-25	NASCAR Trucks and Infinity Series, SCCA Pro Trans Am, <a href="#">Road America</a>
Aug 26	<a href="#">Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance</a> , Carmel, California
Aug 26	<a href="#">Geneva Concours D'Elegance</a> , Geneva, Illinois
Sept 14-16	Ariens Art on Wheels Weekend, Featuring the VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival®, <a href="#">Road America</a>

## Club News

### Italian Car Show Plans Underway

By Bob Ludwigson

August may seem like a long way away, but planning has begun for our signature event, the Italian Car and Motorcycle Show.

With the approval of both Gary Schommer and Steve Wirtz, we have selected the American Heart Association as our designated charity.

I visited with Megan Wurz, director of outside activities at the Heart Association, and she has assured me they are 100% committed to help out. I also discussed this with Flippo Reina, and he and Reina International Autos are also on board. Megan said they will have a presence at the show to answer questions and have informative material on hand.

You may remember three years ago we also had the Heart Association as our featured charity. At that time we donated a total of \$1249.00. Since then the amounts collected have risen, as our collecting abilities have improved. Let's all help to make sure we exceed that amount!

### Report on Club Promotion by Alfa Dealers

By Bob Ludwigson

You may remember that late last year I visited Chad Gonzalez, the Alfa Romeo sales manager at International Autos in West Allis. We agreed that he would promote our club by including a copy of a flier I prepared in each literature packet that went with each new car sale.

I stopped in this past week and met with Chad again. I brought along a new batch of fliers, which he was happy to get as he had given all the others away. That's good news, as it means he is selling cars!

He also mentioned that he is planning an event night to celebrate the Alfa Stelvio. He'll let me know when and said it probably will be in June.

In addition to discussing our upcoming car show in August with Flippo Reina, we talked about their marketing strategy regarding Alfa Romeo. Reina International is not an authorized new car dealer, but they have decided that they will concentrate on selling slightly used new Alfas (as well as the old ones, as they always have). They feel there is a market for these Giulias and 4Cs, as they can be sold at a slightly

lower price than the new cars.

I told him about our flier promoting the club and he was quite interested, so I left batch with him to give to new Alfa owners. I modified the wording slightly, so it would apply to both new and used cars. This is good news, as I know he will promote our club!

See page 5 for the revised flier.



Autocar.com

### Sauber-Alfa F1 Box Score

Race	LEC	ERI	Const. Pts
Australia	13	DNF	0
Bahrain	12	9	2
China	19	16	0
Azerbaijan	6	11	8
Tot. Pts.	8	2	10

### Alfa Monthly Sales Results

	April	YTD	vs 2017
Giulia	1,123	4,208	163%
Stelvio	702	3,355	New
4C	22	76	-59%
Total	1,847	7,639	328%

### Links You'll Like

If you prowl the web looking for interesting car stuff, you most likely already know about Petrolicious.com, but just in case you missed it, check out this link about the [Targa Florio 100th Anniversary Tribute](#).

This article on the [Museo Fratelli Cozzi](#) is also worth a look.

## Alfa News Briefs

### Giulia Coupe Rumored for 2019

According to the U.K. publication [Autocar](#), Alfa will unveil the Giulia Coupe late this year as a 2019 model. ClubAlfa.it says it will be announced at this year's Paris auto show.



It is said the car will be lighter and more powerful than current U.S. spec cars. New engine options are a two-liter turbo four producing 345 hp and a 2.9 liter V-6 producing a wild 641 hp with the aid of a F1-derived ERS (energy recovery system) like that used in the LaFerrari. Tamer engines may also be offered.

To be named either *Sprint* or *GTV*, the car will share front sheet metal with the Giulia sedan and have a restyled rear quarter. If these plans hold, Alfa will once again produce one of the most powerful cars in its class.

### Milwaukee Concours to Feature Ferrari America Collection

A collection of five rare Ferrari Americas will be shown at the August 5 Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance. The limited-production cars, from the collection of Jack E. Thomas of St. Louis, are rarely seen in public. Their last showing was the 2011 Quail event during Monterey's car week. These Ferrari "hot rods" from the fifties and sixties are some of the more radical road-going Ferraris produced in the era and should present a delight for the eyes.

### ESPN Listens, Responds to F1 Fans

The consensus among U.S. Formula One fans was that ESPN's coverage of the season-opening Australian Grand Prix was a disaster. The broadcast went so badly that ESPN apologized and promised changes.

The changes came quickly, doubtless surprising many die-hard F1 fans. Two weeks later for the Bahrain

GP, both qualifying and race were covered commercial-free. Commercial breaks during practice sessions coordinated with the Sky Sports feed. For the China race the following week, we were treated to post-race driver interviews as a bonus. We discovered on-demand replays available for all sessions on ESPN's streaming service.

Now, four races into the season, we see the benefits of the Sky Sports/ESPN coverage. As much as we miss the color provided by Hobbs, Matchett, et al, it is easy to warm to full on-the-ground coverage of every race and technical commentary provided by at least four former F1 drivers. We've even warmed to the presenters' British accents. Even Scot Paul Di Resta's commentary becomes intelligible after a while.

### Will We See a Giulia Sportwagon?



*The rumored Giulia Sportwagon might look like this.*

The answer is probably not. Italian site [ClubAlfa.it](#) isn't immune from using clickbait headlines to draw readers.

The linked article offers up an artist's conception of a Giulia wagon variant, looking somewhat like a squashed Stelvio. It warns us that the fate of the wagon is still undecided. Pundits say the wagon would be tremendously popular in Europe but less so elsewhere in the world.

The real news in that maybe, just maybe, we'll find out more when FCA releases its updated product plan on June 1. Will we see the larger Alfetta sedan next? A sportwagon? Nothing? Tune in June 1 for the latest.



# THE ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB WANTS YOU!



The Wisconsin chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club congratulates you on your purchase of an Alfa Romeo! You will enjoy many years of fun and exciting motoring.

You can enhance that experience by joining the local Alfa Romeo Owners Club! As a member you will receive notices of local Alfa events, such as our annual car show, visits to local car enthusiast businesses and our annual banquet.

You will also receive a copy of the monthly *Alfa Owner* magazine published by the national organization, as well as an e-mail copy of our own monthly magazine, the *Alfanatic*, published right here in Wisconsin.

Joining is easy. Just log on to the national Alfa website at [www.aroc-usa.org](http://www.aroc-usa.org) and click on the Membership tab. The yearly fee is \$68.00.

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See you soon!



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For details and registration, go to [CAROC.com](http://CAROC.com) - Club Info. Questions? Don Brubaker (event chairman) 847-550-8915, or Dennis Sbertoli 708-579-9724

## Alfas at Auction - England, France, and Ft. Lauderdale

By Bob Abhalter

### England

Goodwood, in Chichester, U.K., is best known in the U.S. as the home of the annual Festival of Speed and Goodwood Revival events, but the estate operates year-round as a venue for golf, horse racing, and automotive events. The Members' Meeting is its spring vintage racing meet. On March 18, Bonhams presented its Member's Meeting auction. Three interesting Alfa lots were included.

First was a **1965 Giulia Sprint GTA**, AR 752638. The red RHD race car was imported new to the U.K. and had a period racing history. It passed through the hands of several British enthusiasts before being purchased by Nick Smith of Swallow Engineering in the late '90s. Once restored to racing trim, the GTA was actively campaigned in European vintage races.



*Bonhams 1965 GTA*

In 2007, the car received an engine freshening which included a new block. Following that it was sold at the Bonhams Olympia Sale (12/3/2007) for \$144,591. The new owner entered the car in vintage races throughout his ownership and commissioned a series of mechanical upgrades by a noted Italian specialist that cost over \$60,000. This time the engine received a new head but retained other original parts. The car then sold at the June 24, 2016, Bonhams Festival of Speed auction for \$239,887.

Not a museum piece, this car is a race car through and through, having been campaigned throughout its life. Although no claim is made to Autodelta origins, it is said to contain many authentic Autodelta parts

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and pieces. The engine, of course, is twice removed from original, having had both the block and the head replaced at different times. This time across the block the car sold for \$256,702.

The next lot offered was a **spare engine** for the above GTA, with s/n AR00502/A 18494. The engine was purchased from Nick Smith in the early 2000s and was rebuilt by Alfa Delta, the same Italian specialist



*GTA Engine*

who performed the most recent mechanical work on the car. It was last sold as a separate lot at the 2016 Festival of Speed auction for \$27,772 and this time around made \$35,941.

At the time of its 2016 sale, members of the [alfabb.com](http://alfabb.com) GTA forum identified

several irregularities with the build, notably the GTA Jr. 1300 head and distributor, and the location of the serial number. The consensus was that the engine was assembled from parts rather than a rebuilt original. The auction company provided a disclaimer at the time acknowledging these issues. This time, no such disclaimer appeared.

Does that matter? Probably not. This is a race engine, after all, and it reportedly conforms to GTA specifications. If the accompanying dyno results can be trusted, it will put out 165 hp. How much would you pay for a ready-to-use spare race engine from a reputable builder?

The final Alfa offered was a project car of the highest order—a true test of the knowledge and ability of the new owner, or at least the person he hires to put this Humpty Dumpty back together. This completely disassembled RHD **1974 Montreal**, AR1440172, is said to have been off the road since the late '70s. Four subsequent owners possessed the car after the first owner tired of it. Somewhere along the line a nut-and-bolt restoration was initiated. Body work and paint were commissioned by the latest owner sometime after 2010 and the engine was rebuilt. The rest is up to the next owner. Optimistic yet ominous statements like “largely complete,” “all major components present,” and “some parts are missing” didn't discourage

the successful bidder, who won the lot at a high bid of \$37,574. Should only take a few weekends of work to get it back on the road.



*1974 Montreal—some assembly required.*

## France

Artcurial, the French auction house, holds several automotive auctions a year, including its annual Paris auction, *Automobiles Sur Les Champs*. This year's auction, the twelfth, was held April 8 at the Artcurial offices on the Champs-Élysées. This year the auction included 17 lots of Italian motor scooters from the fifties, just the thing for flitting around Rome, reenacting your version of a Fellini movie. Two Alfas were also in the mix.

The **1939 6C2500 SS Spider**, SN 915010, had a murky history. The auction write-up stated that although the serial number corresponded with a 1939 Spider, the chassis most likely came from a Touring-bodied 6C2500 SS Coupe that was discovered in the '80s by a noted Italian collector. It was being used at a race track to start horse races. The new owner installed a 1937 6C 2300 B engine and sent it to an Italian coachbuilder with instructions to recreate the Spider body from a car he had owned previously. The completed car was sold to a French collector who entered it in the 1991 *Mile Miglia Storica*. It remained in his ownership for over 25 years.

This car is a near mate to the 1942 6C2500 Spider sold in Arizona this January. While the Arizona car was done up in red and black, this Spider has more subtle ivory and black livery. The interior shows signs of use and the overall appearance is of a car with a nice patina. The no reserve sale netted \$337,628.



*6C2500 Spider with a 6C2300B engine*

The other Alfa was a **1961 Giulietta Sprint Veloce**, SN 157435. Under previous ownership, the white coupe had been campaigned in Italian vintage races. The most recent owner acquired it in 2015 and configured it to compete in the *Tour Auto*. The car was said to have undergone a bare-metal restoration and repaint. Mechanical work included replacement of the block with one from a TI.



*Sporting 1961 Sprint Veloce*

The Sprint certainly looks the part of a car set up for performance events, with roll cage, racing seats, no bumpers, and two large Cibie driving lights. The auction estimate of \$86,000–\$148,000 was a bit of a stretch for an event car, at least by U.S. standards, and the bidding did not reach the reserve.

## Fort Lauderdale

RM Auctions is the new name for the former Auctions America. RM rebranded the division last year to more fully integrate the former subsidiary. Their Fort Lauderdale auction has been on the calendar for 16 years, although this is the first under the RM Auctions banner. It was held April 6 and 7, 2018.

The first Alfa offered was a **1991 Spider**, said to be in excellent original condition, with the odometer showing only 21,600 miles. The Rosso Alfa Spider looked well prepared, showing no major faults. The seats and interior trim looked especially good, making the stated miles seem very believable. April's price for a very good 1991 Spider is \$20,625.

Next, RM offered a dark blue **1965 Giulia Sprint Speciale**, AR381311, fresh from the 2018 Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance. The car was an older restoration, done very well and used sparingly since. Still, observers on the ground found some signs of use and minor flaws. The interior was done in tan vinyl and looked very tidy, as did the engine compartment, although there was some nonstandard plumbing feeding the carburetors and the original air plenum was missing. The car seemed a bargain at its \$97,650 sales price, especially since the owner had turned down an offer of \$105,000 at last year's auction.

A very nice red **1959 2000 Spider Touring**, 10204 00022, failed to meet its unspecified reserve. The auction pictures show a well prepared and apparently freshly restored example. The most obvious defects were a mismatch in the positioning of the front bumpers and a slight drivers-side door misalignment. Bumper overrides weren't usually seen on the early Spiders and these were missing their rubber facing. The upper side trim from the front fender back was also missing. I believe later cars dropped these pieces. The black upholstery was barely creased and the gray carpeting set the cabin off nicely. The handsome shift knob was not standard and the touring emblem was missing from the glovebox.

Finally, among the automobilia was a **Pocher model** of the 8C2300 Monza. The builder of this model strove to achieve a weathered look, as if the car had perhaps just finished the Targa Florio. Someone liked his work well enough to pay \$2,415 for it. When complete, these models always seem to do well at auction. So, all of you hoarders who bought one of these kits on close-out at Kmart and still have it stored, untouched, on a shelf in your closet, it's time to get cracking!



*Barn-find Pocher?*

## 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.

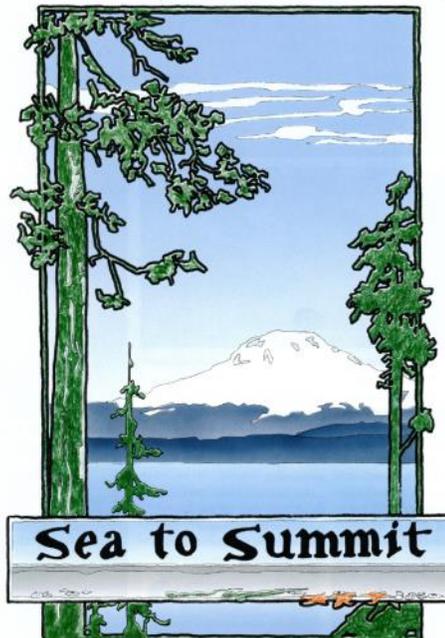
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