

ALFANATIC



Wisconsin Chapter Holds Fall Color Tour

By Bob Ludwigson

Saturday, October 19, dawned bright and dry. No sun, but the day looked like it would be a good time for a ride in our Alfas. We assembled in Richfield, in Cabela's parking lot. A total of 18 cars showed for the tour, including AROC-WI member Brian Brunkhorst's beautiful 1932 Alfa 8C2300. Tour master Gary Schommer invited the Ferrari club to join us, and several of their members, as well as two 1980's Ferraris, came out for the ride.



Cana Comer with son Briggs checking out Brian Brunkhorst and his 8C2300. Kevin Caulfield is in the background next to the author, tending to his Giulietta. Gary Schommer Photo

At 9:20 we set off following the directions supplied by Gary. (See the route map, next page.) Some of us chose to travel alone at our own pace while others travelled in groups. I started out alone, but before long I was joined by the two Ferraris, led by Colin Comer in his Callaway Twin Turbo GTV6. Colin was not alone, as he had his wife, son, and daughter in the car with him. He took the lead, and I was content to follow, as it was difficult to read the directions and drive at the same time.



Power on tap. Colin Comer's 1984 Callaway Twin Turbo GTV-6 #1 (right) and Al Pinkowski's very special TT GTV-6 abnormale. Gary Schommer Photo

And boy, was I glad I did! Colin set a brisk pace. As we wound through the Kettle Moraine Forest, it was all I could do to keep up! Sandwiched between the two Ferraris, I was either running foot to the floor, or jamming on the brakes. *(continued, page 3)*

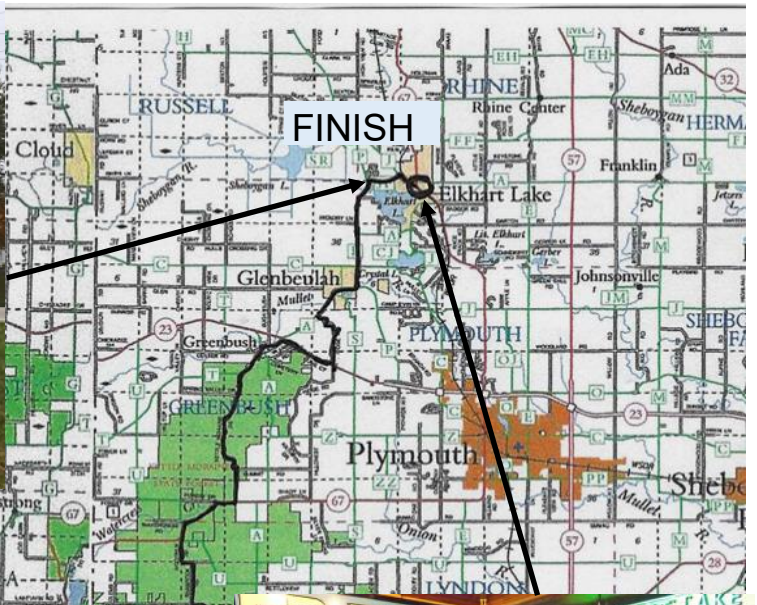
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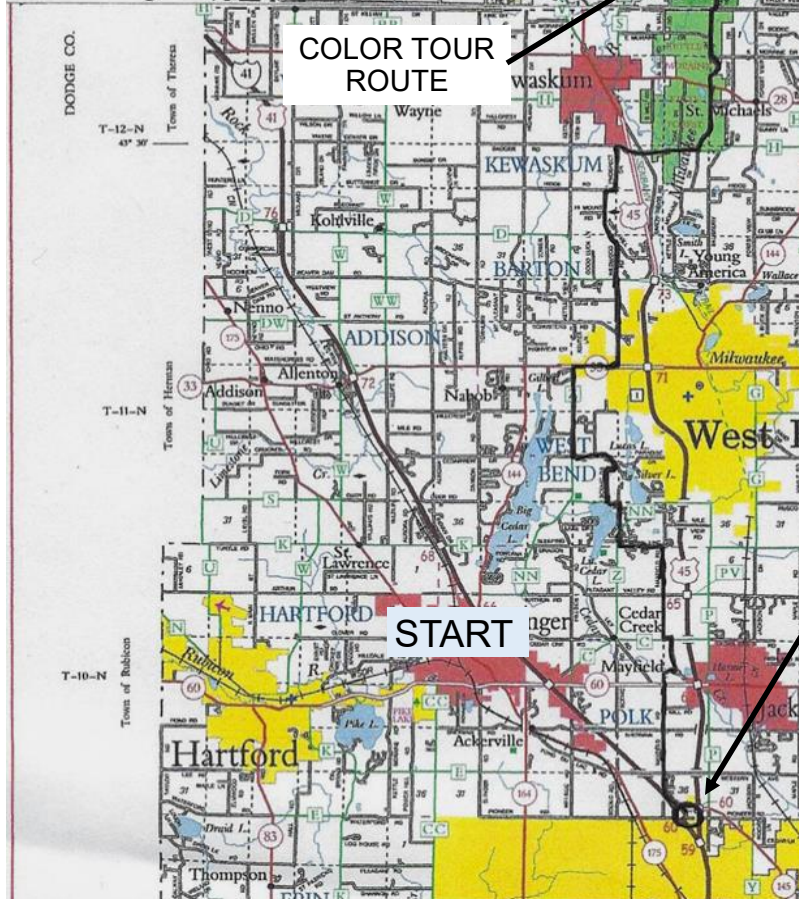




"HARD RIGHT" TURN ON FORMER ROAD COURSE



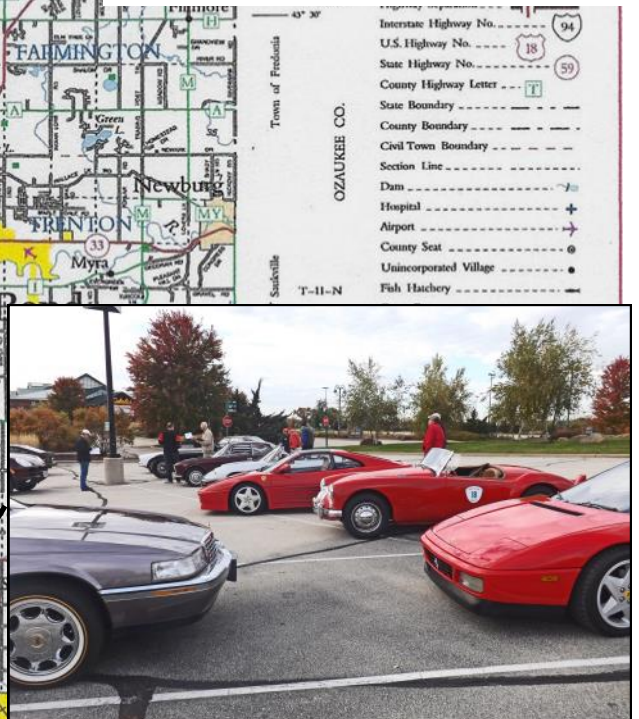
COLOR TOUR
ROUTE



START



LUNCH AT THE LAKE STREET CAFE



THE START, IN CABELA'S PARKING LOT



What's under there? Comer and Pinkowski making sure all the pieces are still attached while Tom Heinrich supervises. And yes, German cars were allowed to run the tour. Gary Schommer Photo

Even though the other three cars were much more powerful than my Giulietta, I managed to keep up (mostly!)

Eventually they pulled ahead and I was alone again. I actually enjoyed this as I was able to stop, take in the route, and snap some photos. The tour ended at Throttlestop, a collector car sales business in Elkhart Lake, where we had the opportunity to view some really beautiful cars. I especially liked the Kaiser Darin on exhibit near the entrance.

Then it was on to the Lake Street Café for a tasty lunch. The day was not over however, as the next stop was at Wolf Motors. I however had to return home. I will say that the drive through the Kettle Moraine area was exhilarating, as I seldom get an opportunity to drive that way. 🍀



The Brunkhorst 8C at the lunch stop in Elkhart Lake, parked in an appropriate space. Gary Schommer Photo

2019 - 2020 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

January 12-19, 2020 Scottsdale Auction Week

March 5-8, 2020 Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance

May 1-2, 2020 AROC-WI New Glarus Hill Climb

May 17-19, 2020 SVRA Spring Vintage Festival, Road America

June 12-14, 2020 Weathertech Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints, Road America

June 13-14, 2020 Le Mans 24 Hour Race

June 18-21, 2020 NTT Indycar Series Weekend, Road America

July 23-26, 2020 Weathertech International Challenge, Road America

July 20-26, 2020 AROC National Convention, Colorado Springs, Colorado

July 30 - August 2, 2020 IMSA Road Race Showcase, Road America

August 2, 2020 (T) Milwaukee Concours D'Elegance, Veterans Park, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

August 6-8, 2020 NASCAR Xfinity Series Henry 180, Trans Am, Stadium Trucks, Road America

August 9, 2020 (T) AROC-WI 23d Annual ICAMS Show, Reina Intl. Auto. Brookfield, WI

August 16, 2020 [Pebble Beach Concours D'Elegance](#), Pebble Beach, California

August 23, 2020 Geneva Concours D'Elegance, Geneva, Illinois

August 20-30 World Challenge Sportscar Weekend, Road America

September 18-20, 2020 Ariens Art on Wheels VSCDA Vintage Weekend, Road America

October 9-11, 2020 SCCA National Championship Runoffs, Road America

Color Tour, Part Two

By Bob Abhalter

A week or so prior to the tour, event organizer Gary Schommer received an invitation from new Alfa owner John Fell to visit his Motorsport Villa condo for an open house following lunch. He and his wife Patty own the condo, located in the complex anchored by Wolf Motorsports and located about 1.5 miles north of Road America on Wisconsin route 67.

her everyday driver. We had a chance to familiarize him with our '60s and '70s Alfes and he briefed us on his Ferraris.

The group got a good look at the layout of the Fell condo and were able to visit the unfinished unit next door for a comparison.

The combination of autumn colors, the drive, cars, and conversation made for a very pleasant day. 🍀



Our first stop was at Wolf Motorsport, a full service automotive support and maintenance company specializing in racecars and race-day support for its clients. Practically our first sight entering the building was the 1971 Targa Florio-winning Alfa T33/3 sports racer, now owned by a Wolf client. Our host Bart was free with information about the T33 and the squad of Sports Racers Wolf supports. They also perform routine maintenance on more humble vehicles. Bart says that the mix of mundane and exotic work utilizes the staff more efficiently.

John and Patty were accommodating hosts at their motorsports condo. John is a Ferrari owner and FCA member and his wife recently purchased a Giulia for

Alfa Romeo Racing F1 Box Score

Race / Place	RAI	Pts	GIO	Pts
Japan	12	0	14	0
Mexico	DNF	0	14	0
United States	11	0	14	0
Season Driver Pts		31		4
Constructor Points	35	Rank 8		

Alfa F1 Report

Alfa Romeo Racing scored zero points in the last three outings, cementing their ranking in 8th place in the constructors championship. Only Haas and the hapless Williams team stand between them and last place. Is it significant that both of the other Ferrari-engined teams are performing relatively poorly? Giovinazzi has shown flashes of speed in practice, but has been depressingly consistent in the races, placing 14th in each of the last three. Raikkonen has lately been finishing just outside the points-paying positions and had a DNF in Mexico. Maybe things will be better next year, maybe not.

Up front, Lewis Hamilton cemented his sixth driving title with his second place finish in Austin. Teammate Bottas won the race but was second in the drivers championship. Ferrari is still playing second fiddle to the might of Mercedes.

Giovinazzi Confirmed for 2020 Alfa Racing Seat

Alfa Romeo Racing on November 4 confirmed Antonio Giovinazzi as a part of the 2020 driver lineup. Team principal Frederic Vasseur stated he was pleased with Giovinazzi's advancement through the season, despite the fact that he had only scored 4 points in the drivers championship. He will remain beside veteran Kimi Raikkonen.

Briefs

Alfa Romeo Quarterly Sales Results

	3rd Qtr	YTD	YTD vs 2018
Giulia	2,030	6,376	-29%
Stelvio	2,244	6,844	-24%
4C	36	127	-27%
Total	1,595	9,037	-26%

Alfa Romeo's U.S. sales continued at a relatively level pace, about 26% behind 2018, year-to-date. The Stelvio took the most significant hit year to date. The new SUV sold strongly in the last half of 2018, but deliveries have cooled off since. This is concerning as mid-size SUVs are one of the market's hot spots.

Future Alfa Product Plans Trimmed

FCA CEO Michael Manley at the end of October released the revised Alfa Romeo product plan. Gone are the high-performance 8C and the Giulia-based GTV

coupe, as well as a larger SUV. Still in the mix is the C-class Tonale SUV and a smaller crossover SUV. In addition, the Giulia and Stelvio will get facelifts. Both the Tonale and new smaller SUV will offer either hybrid or electric options of some sort. These models are now expected by 2022.

Manley stated: *"I am not happy with Alfa Romeo's performance but I remain convinced of its strength."* According to the manager, the brand *"may return to profitability, although further development will depend on the results."*

FCA and PSA Plan Merger

It was confirmed in late October that FCA and the Groupe PSA are in serious merger discussions. The resulting company would be the 4th largest automobile manufacturer. PSA brands include Peugeot, Citroen, Opel, Vauxhall, and newish luxury brand DS, none of which have a presence in the U.S.

The companies are planning a 50-50 partnership, with FCA's John Elkann as chairman and PSA's Carlos Taveres as CEO. The likely name of the new amalgam isn't yet known. (FCPSA?)

FCA's earlier attempt to merge with Renault ended on the rocks when objections were raised by the French government, a major stockholder. The devil still lurks in the details of this merger and there will still be difficult talks ahead, including the possibility of either or both the French and Italian government raising objections over economic and employment situations.

Could we start to see Citroens and Peugeots sold alongside Alfas and Dodges? Only time will tell.

Giorgio Platform to Live On

The platform designed as the foundation of the Giulia and Stelvio will be used for other FCA models, according to ClubAlfa.it.

Maserati's new D-class SUV is based on the Giorgio layout as is the next iteration of the Jeep Grand Cherokee. Future Dodge models may also employ the same basic architecture. Owners fortunate enough to have driven a Giulia or Stelvio will tell you that's a good thing for Jeep and Dodge. 🍀

Classifieds

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

Free!

Alfa Owner Collection Michael Besch is cleaning house on a 50-plus year collection of auto magazines and literature. He has a nearly complete collection of the *Alfa Owner* dating from January 1992 to the present. (missing only May '93, Dec. '95, Jan. '96, and Dec '02) If you want them, just come and take them away. *However, you must take them all. No picking and choosing.* Contact Michael at 262-786-8896 or mbesch49@gmail.com

Wanted

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For Sale

1991 Alfa Romeo Spider with a ZF auto trans, \$8,000. I bought it 3 years ago and put \$12,000 into it as a keeper but health and flexibility prevent me getting in and out. Mechanically good but paint not the best. Located in Green Bay. Call (920) 362-7663 Romeo Raabe.



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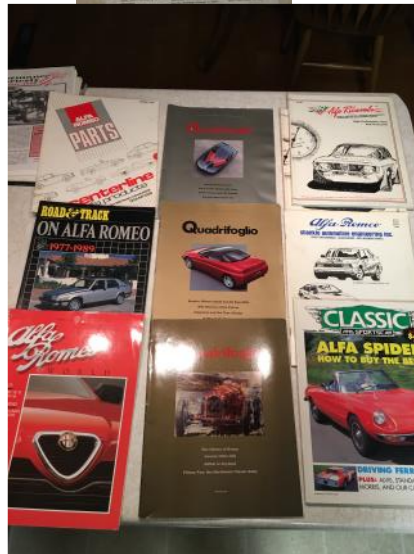
Ray Petry writes: I have a huge pile of **Alfa Romeo literature** that I move from house to house and I think it is time I shared it with another enthusiast. It includes a ~~metal dealer sign (reproduction)~~ (sold), an Indy car poster from the Alfa power plant years, many copies of the *Alfa Owner* from the 1990s, some copies of *Quadrifoglio*, some parts catalogs, a SPI-CA fuel injection manual, some Alfa books, and the special 60th anniversary Pininfarina book. I was hoping to sell them as a single lot but may consider breaking it up. See the photos, below.

There are more items available. Please inquire. Prices negotiable, especially for the entire lot. Local pickup preferred but can ship if necessary. Alternately can meet in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha area. Contact Ray at flhwelder@gmail.com

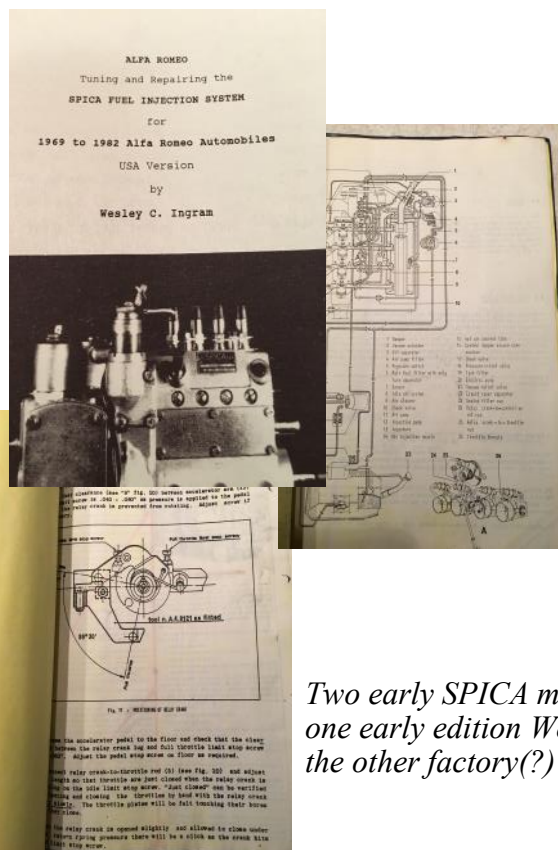
Several copies of the *Performance Quarterly*, published by Alfa Ricambi. Offers accepted.



Three copies of the *Quadrifoglio*, Alfa's U.S. house organ, \$30 for the lot



Alfa Indy Car race poster in great condition but with junk frame, \$25.00



Two early SPICA manuals, one early edition Wes Ingram, the other factory(?) \$50 each

Alfa Owner, 24 issues, 1991-1993 \$5/copy, \$120/lot



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

Automotive Fine Art

Jill Reger of Scottsdale, Arizona, is a photographer specializing in classic autos including, but certainly not limited to, Alfa Romeos. Check out her work at www.jillreger.com



This collage includes many of the Alfa photos Jill has in her collection. All are available as single prints. The collage is also available.

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