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AROC-WI ANNUAL BANQUET & BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday March 21, 2020

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AROC-WI Annual Banquet

Please join us for an evening of food, fun, and relaxation at a great venue. Relive the events of last year and enjoy great conversation with fellow Alfanatics. With a warm atmosphere, a wide offering of food choices, free dessert, and door prizes, why would you not want to be there? A very short business meeting with election of officers will follow dinner. Hope can join us.

5:30 – 6:00 Cocktails at the bar (cash bar)

6:00 – 7:45 Dinner in the party room which is located back and to the right of the bar.

7:45 – 8:15 Short business meeting w/election of officers followed by door prizes & continued socializing.

Meal choices include anything off the extensive menu. Although you'll be placing your order at the restaurant, you may want to review the menu beforehand. This will help expedite your food order. See the following hyperlink:

https://www.bravoitalian.com/dinner-at-brookfield_square.html

Certain of the listed meals are optionally available gluten free (look for **gf.**). If you have other dietary restrictions feel free to contact the restaurant in advance.

Billing is per individual/couple and the tip amount is at your discretion.

Free dessert: For those wishing a dessert following the meal, the club will pick up the cost.

IMPORTANT:

Please let Gary know by Tuesday, March 17 if you are able to join us.

If however you make a late decision to come, contact Gary no later than Friday, March 20

Questions: Contact Gary Schommer at alfaman@wi.rr.com, 262-252-3750 (h), or 414-418-0879 (c)

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

February 1 Fuelfed Classic European Swap meet, [The Last Detail](#), Kenilworth, Illinois
February 8-17 [Chicago Auto Show](#), McCormick Place, Chicago
February 22-March 1 [Milwaukee Auto Show](#), Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee, WI
March 5-8 Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance
May 1-2 AROC-WI New Glarus Hill Climb
May 10-20 AROC Goes to Italy Tour
May 17-19 SVRA Spring Vintage Festival, Road America
June 12-14 Weathertech Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints, Road America
June 12-13 Fuelfed 2020 Motogero Tour <http://www.motorgearo.com>
June 13-14 Le Mans 24 Hour Race
June 18-21 NTT Indycar Series Weekend, Road America
June 24 Tom and Pam Heinrich's Sportscar Solstice Howl at the Moon Garage Party
July 20-26 AROC National Convention, Colorado Springs, Colorado
July 23-26 Weathertech International Challenge, Road America
July 30 - August 2 IMSA Road Race Showcase, Road America
July 24-26 [Concours d'Elegance of America](#), Plymouth, Michigan
August 6-8 NASCAR Xfinity Series Henry 180, Trans Am, Stadium Trucks, Road America
August 9 (T) AROC-WI 23d Annual ICAMS Show, Reina Intl. Auto. Brookfield, WI
August 16 [Pebble Beach Concours D'Elegance](#), Pebble Beach, California
August 23 Geneva Concours D'Elegance, Geneva, Illinois
August 20-30 World Challenge Sportscar Weekend, Road America
September 10-13 U.S. Vintage Grand Prix, with [Alfas at the Glen](#), Watkins Glen, NY
September 18-20 Ariens Art on Wheels VSCDA Vintage Weekend, Road America
October 9-11 SCCA National Championship Runoffs, Road America

Briefs

Milwaukee Concours on My Classic Car

Set your DVR! Dennis Gage and crew attended last year's Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance. The result will air for the first time Saturday, May 9, at 7:00 a.m. central time on the Motortrend cable channel. Other dates, times, and channels can be found at the *My Classic Car* web site.

Northwoods Shelby Club Open Track Events

The Northwoods Shelby Clubs have announced a series of HPDE events to be held in our area this season. The dates and locations are: April 25 and 26, Road America; June 6 and 7, Autobahn Country Club; July 2 - 5, Road America; August 22 and 23, Blackhawk Farms. Entry fees vary. All makes welcome. For more information visit the club's website: <https://www.nwshelbyclub.com/>.

620HP Alfa GTA to Debut



According to Clubalfa.it Alfa Romeo could surprise us with a new, pumped-up super sedan based on the Giulia Quadrifoglio. Sources say the new car will use the same Ferrari-derived V-6 pumped up from the present 510 to 620 hp and go on a diet, shedding 100 kg (about 220 lbs.) of its 1,500 kg weight. Although there was earlier discussion of a fire-breathing hybrid powerplant, it appears that this version will be powered by a traditional internal combustion engine. Other mechanical upgrades are planned, including upgraded brakes and handling tweaks. It is claimed that GTA will be a limited edition with only 110 cars produced to the specification.

Timing of the introduction is a subject of speculation. Some say the March Geneva Motor Show, but others point to June 24, the 110th anniversary of Alfa's founding. It is assumed that the Geneva show might see the introduction of the production version of the

Tonale SUV and that the June 24 event may give us a peek at the smaller B-series SUV, a replacement for the MITO, built on a hybrid-capable platform developed by PSA. This smaller, urban SUV is not expected to be sold in the U.S.

2020 Alfa Romeo Racing F1 Car to be "Completely New"



According to site FormulaPassion.it, car development at Alfa Romeo Racing has gone in a different direction for 2020. Due to the impending rules changes for 2021, most F1 teams have elected to refine their existing 2019 designs for use in 2020. But, according to Alfa's team principal Frédéric Vasseur, "We are creating a completely new car. We will see how it goes, but I think this will guarantee us a good base for the next season. We have to improve on the basis of what we learned last year, understanding exactly what held us back by leaving us behind at certain times of the year." We wish them luck, but shaking out a brand new design can be difficult.

Links to Like

Watch this Murano glassblower create a Ferrari *Cavallino Rampante*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFloPi7oA_c

Charming period Italian video featuring the 1969 Alfa Romeos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gh0wQFurXiM&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR30cn3UEg9hiJ2JQe3jT2N9vYLJPpKv1GJFZcK5sqwiwAghMGbpEJdyoyk>

A nice remembrance of a 1971 1300 Spider Junior by Petrolicious: <https://petrolicious.com/films/1971-alfa-romeo-spider-1300-junior-the-family-car>

Arizona Auction Week Generates \$244.1 Million


According to Hagerty.com, this year's Arizona auctions grossed \$244.1 million in sales, down 3% from last year's sales, despite selling an additional 574 cars (a 17% increase). Some had predicted an even greater decline in sales, so the relatively modest decline is considered good news.

According to Hagerty's analysis, overall car quality was down and sell-through rates were down, as well as the average price per vehicle sold. Although million dollar-plus cars sold well, there were far fewer of them (25% less) and no sale surpassed \$5 million. For a more detailed analysis, visit Hagerty.com.

The Ultimate Track Day Car



U.K. based Tour de Force Engineering (TDF) has introduced a modern F1-inspired track car you can own and drive. TDF will repurpose and refine your choice of an actual 2012 Sauber or 2017 Marussia F1 car. They employ a turbo four cylinder engine producing a claimed 600 hp at 9,000 rpm, mated to a six speed, semi-automatic transmission. TDF claims to deliver 95% of the on-track performance of the equivalent F1 car. That should be enough for most would-be F1 stars. Driver aids and safety features have been added to assure their clientele has a better chance of staying out of trouble.

The purchase price includes a performance driving course, technical support, and a full set of pit support equipment. The price? Not sure, but if you have to ask... 

BMW 328 Sells for \$830,000


I Play Auction Consultant

By Bob Abhalter

In the course of my duties as auction correspondent for the *Alfa Owner*, I was a virtual attendee, via streaming, at several Arizona auctions last month. As much as I would have liked to be there in person, Chrystal and I have other trips prioritized for this winter. Maybe next year.

Besides the Alfas offered for sale, I followed with interest the sale of an original condition 1937 BMW 328. The car had been in the care of a single family for 75 years, owned and maintained by retired Major General Edward B. Giller, USAF. He purchased it from another officer while stationed in Germany immediately following WWII. When he passed in 2017 the car became part of his estate. His five children were faced with the question of how to best move the car along.

One of his sons is an AROC member, the owner of a 1973 GTV, and a faithful reader of my Alfas at Auction reports in the *Alfa Owner*. Last July, he wrote me for advice on how to best approach a sale. The family had had the car appraised and wanted "the best bang for the buck." Some thought a restoration prior to a sale might be the way to go. I advised against it. The cost of a restoration is often hard to recover. Besides, the car sounded like it could be a candidate for preservation. In subsequent emails, I answered a number of questions about available sales methods and auction strategies.

Finally in December, I got word that the family decided to list the roadster with Gooding and Company for sale in Scottsdale at no reserve. I was excited to see the car sell for \$830,000, fees included, well over the high estimate of \$450,000. I was thrilled to play a part, however small, in the sale. 



The Giller BMW in Germany, circa 1945. The story is that he had it painted olive drab and numbered so he could get free gas on base.

Classifieds

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

Wanted

Your free classified ads! Let us know.

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.



Gary Tree is trying to clean out his garage. He is parting a **1980 Spider** and has many other parts to sell, too numerous to list. An S2 Windshield, fiberglass bumpers, engine, transmission, door latches, etc. Just ask! Contact Gary at 608-209-2352, or gjtreehouse@gmail.com

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

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the *Alfa Owner* from the 1990s, some copies of *Quadrifoglio*, some parts catalogs, a SPICA 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.

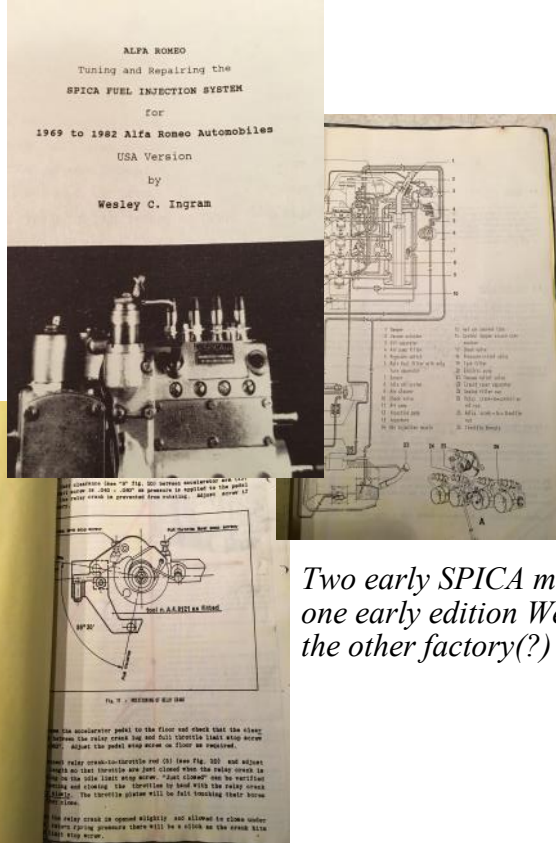
There are more items available. Please inquire. Prices negotiable, especially for the entire lot. Local pickup preferred but can ship if necessary. Alternately can meet in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha area. Contact Ray at flhwelder@gmail.com



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



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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