

ALFANATIC



Next Event

**2019 AROC-WI Fall Color Tour
To Elkhart Lake and Plymouth**

Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m.

Starting from

Cabela's Parking Lot D, Richfield, Wisconsin

Join us for a pleasant drive through the Northern Kettle Moraine to Elkhart Lake. Enjoy Alfa roads and some magnificent Wisconsin fall foliage.

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2019 FALL COLOR TOUR

Saturday, October 19

Enjoy a relaxing and colorful Saturday drive through the beautiful Wisconsin Northern Kettle Moraine. This is a low key event. It is not a rally and although there may be some questions, there are no trick questions. You can even use a GPS if you wish. Time is provided to stop for photos, stretch your legs and briefly check out sights of interest. For planning your tour, please note that Stage 1 takes about 1 hour, 40 minutes (no stops/ moderate speed). Near the end of Stage 1 we'll be driving on what was part of the old Elkhart Lake road racing course. In Elkhart Lake we'll visit Throttlestop to get an up-close look at their inventory of sports, exotic and luxury class cars, and some of the rarest motorcycles in the world. We'll conclude with lunch at 52 Stafford in Plymouth.

STAGE 1: Cabela's in Richfield (Parking lot D) to Throttlestop in Elkhart Lake (approx. 1 hr. 40 min.)

9:00 a.m. - Arrive in parking lot D for Alfa-talk

Cabela's is located at One Cabela Way, Richfield, WI 53076 <https://www.cabelas.com/stores/Wisconsin/Richfield/018.jsp>

9:15 a.m. - Short meeting in parking lot D followed by departure of cars spaced 2 – 3 min. apart.

Throttlestop <https://throttlestop.com/> (920)876-2277 A friend suggests 45 minutes **minimum** to check out the inventory before leaving for lunch. An 11:30 am arrival is consistent with this.

STAGE 2: Throttlestop in Elkhart Lake to 52 Stafford Irish Pub & Restaurant in Plymouth (approx. 12 min.)

12:15 p.m. - Depart Throttlestop no later than this time for our lunch in Plymouth.

12:30 p.m. - Lunch at 52 Stafford Irish Pub & Restaurant where we'll continue Alfa-talk and share highlights of the day. <https://52stafford.com/irish-pub/> (920)280-1403.

STAGE 3: Explore Plymouth on your own

Following lunch, feel free to explore Plymouth, the cheese capital of the world.
<https://plymouthwisconsin.com/>

Please let Gary Schommer know if you are able to join in the fun ---- alfaman@wi.rr.com or 262-252-3750.

This will help in planning how many maps/direction sets to prepare. Gary will call the restaurant with the final number when the last car leaves the Cabela's lot.

*Running late, last minute decision to participate, or got lost?
Contact Gary Schommer @ cell phone 414-418-0879*

Four Short Years



The Lynndale Farms Road Racing Course Story

By Bill Schley
with
John Schoenknecht

Lynndale Farms, One of the Lost Race Courses of Wisconsin

By Bob Abhalter, with thanks to Pete Vack, *Veloce Today*

The sixties were heady days for midwestern road racers. There were no fewer than ten racing venues in the five state area and five of them were convenient to the Milwaukee area. *Four Short Years*, by Bill Schley with John Schoenknecht, recounts the brief four year history of one of them—Lynndale Farms.

Developer and enthusiast Jerry Hirsch laid out the 2.5 mile course in an old Pewaukee dairy farm after seeking input on the design from professional drivers. The layout was such that spectators could see 90% of the course from a single location. Both SCCA and USAC were involved in promoting events. The inaugural event was held in 1963 with Stirling Moss in attendance.

Unfortunately, unfavorable weather hurt attendance, causing money problems. Strong community resistance made running the course difficult, but according to the authors lack of support from local sports car clubs finally did the track in. Hirsch, who had been an enthusiastic amateur driver, was so upset by the lack of support that he sold his

sports cars and left the sport completely. Lynndale Farms became a housing development.

Author Bill Schley was a frequent competitor at Lynndale. Fifty years later he came across a three ring binder of clippings at a booth run by the local historical society at a Pewaukee boat show. From that encounter came the idea to assemble a history of the track. He enlisted the help of local historian John Schoenknecht to add context to the assemblage of clippings which make up the bulk of the book. In addition, he put together a DVD containing racing footage and other supplemental materials. Copies are available direct from Bill. Cost is \$10.00 plus \$3.95 postage for the book and \$10.00 plus postage for the DVD, or \$20.00 plus \$4.95 for both. Email and Paypal bill@wschley.com or send your check to PO Box 91, Hartland, WI 53029. 🍀

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

- Oct 12 Mark Thompson Celebration of Life, Maribel, Wisconsin (See page 5)
- Oct 19 **AROC-WI Color Tour**, Elkhart Lake and Plymouth, Wisconsin
- Oct 31-Nov 4 AROC Goes to the U.S. Grand Prix, COTA, Austin, Texas
- 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

ABCD Responds to ICAMS Donation

By Bob Ludwigson

As reported in last month’s Alfanatic, the club raised \$3,300 during the ICAMS car show. This money was donated to the ABCD (After Breast Cancer Diagnosis) charity . They have responded with a letter of thanks, which is reproduced below.

A note about the differing amounts between the letter and our donation: the check the club made out to the charity was for \$2,500. However, several show participants made checks out directly to the charity. In addition several people paid with a credit card, and the Reinas took care of those payments and then made a check out to the charity.

I am proud of all the people in the club who helped out to make this the best charity car show of all time.



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September 3, 2019

Steve Wirtz
1947 Wallace Lake Road
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Dear Mr. Wirtz and the Alfa Romeo Owners Club,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$2,500.00 to ABCD: After Breast Cancer Diagnosis. Your gift helps us *nurture hope and restore confidence in patients, family and friends affected by breast cancer*, from the newly diagnosed to those in treatment and on into survivorship.

Our free services are made possible by generous donors like you. We are contacted daily by women and men who just heard the words “you have breast cancer” and want to talk with one of our professionally trained Mentors, whose specific diagnosis, life stage and concerns match their own. We get calls from working professionals who want input from someone who “gets” the challenge of balancing a treatment regimen with work responsibilities; mothers who need guidance on how to talk to their teenage son about breast cancer; and patients starting chemotherapy who need help finding a wig that really “feels real.”

Day in and day out, ABCD staff and Mentors are committed to making connections that make a difference, and we thank you for helping us do this important work.

With much appreciation,

Ellen Friebert Schupper
Executive Director

Thank you so very much for hosting a fabulous event that raised awareness about + funds for an organization!

No goods or services were received in exchange for your donation. Please consult with your tax advisor and keep this letter as a receipt for your tax purposes. ABCD, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. EIN 39-1967028.

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Mark Thompson Celebration of Life

As previously announced, a celebration of life for Mark Thompson will be held Saturday, October 12, from 2 to 8 p.m., at the Maribel Community Center, 14905 Mulberry Street, Maribel, Wisconsin 54227.

For those of you coming from out-of-town, exit off of I-43 (exit 164) for Maribel, go west on Cty Z and watch for Mulberry St. Turn right. It says “Dead End,” but the Community Center is back there. (If you get to the 4 way stop you've gone too far.)

If you have photos you'd like to share, please mail them to me in advance, I will pencil your name on the back and return them to you. Please mail them to: Fran Thompson, 4911 Shirley Rd., Denmark, WI 54208.

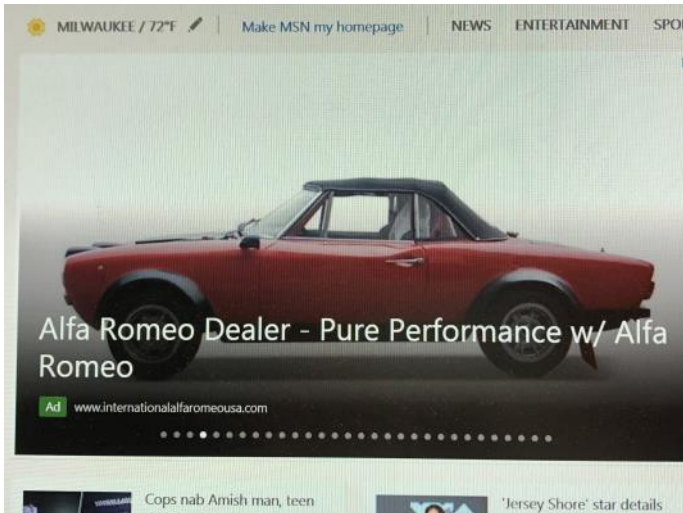
Please share this information with anyone you feel would be interested in attending, I have a limited amount of addresses for Mark's friends.

Feel free to call me at 1-920-660-3352. Hope to see you there!

If you plan to attend please let Gary Schommer know so that he can update Fran. Gary: alfaman@wi.rr.com or

Shorts

Question. What's wrong with this web ad?



Sharp-eyed Tom Heinrich saw this ad for Milwaukee's International Alfa Romeo pop up on his homepage last month. Notice anything? Could it be that International is now a Fiat dealer? Perhaps they are branching out into vintage cars. In any case, the car pictured is a '70s era Fiat 124 Spider—most likely a rally-prepared model—and most certainly not an Alfa Romeo. I'm not sure the dealer knows the difference. If they did see the problem I can imagine the discussion with the ad manager: “Hey, it's red and it's Italian. No one will notice.”



F1 Recap

Alfa Romeo Racing leads an F1 race. Sure, it was only for 6 laps and due to pit stop rotations, but Antonio Giovinazzi led the Singapore GP. He held on to finish 10th, his second consecutive points-paying finish and the third of the year. Unfortunately for Alfa Romeo, Kimi had no luck in any of the three races this period.

At the sharp end of the grid, Ferrari swept all three races, Leclerc winning in Italy and Russia while Vettel took Singapore, much to Leclerc's consternation concerning the “undercut” advantage that Vettel used to get into the lead. It would be safe to say Leclerc felt entitled to maintain his initial lead. Vettel's spin at Monza and mechanical failure in Russia kept Ferrari from completing 1-2 finishes.

Elsewhere, Esteban Ocon, this year's Mercedes reserve driver, will next year take Nico Hulkenberg's seat at Renault alongside Daniel Ricciardo, who by now must be wondering why he left Red Bull.

McLaren announced they will return to Mercedes power in 2021, after having sampled both Honda and Renault power units with disappointing results. They are improving this year and if events go true to form Renault will be the hot setup in 2021, right after McLaren changes horses. 🍀

Alfa Romeo Racing F1 Box Score

Race / Place	RAI	Pts	GIO	Pts
Italy	15	0	9	2
Singapore	DNF	0	10	1
Russia	13	0	15	0
Season Driver Pts		31		4
Constructor Points	35	Rank	8	

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

Your free classified ads! Let us know.

For Sale

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1989 Milano Verde

- 176,500+ miles
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- Typical flashing light(s) on the "information display"
- Good rubber on aftermarket wheels
- Former Mark Thompson car being sold by his sister Fran
- Asking \$2,500 but open to offers
- Call Al at (262)695-4238 for further info.



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 gjtree-house@gmail.com

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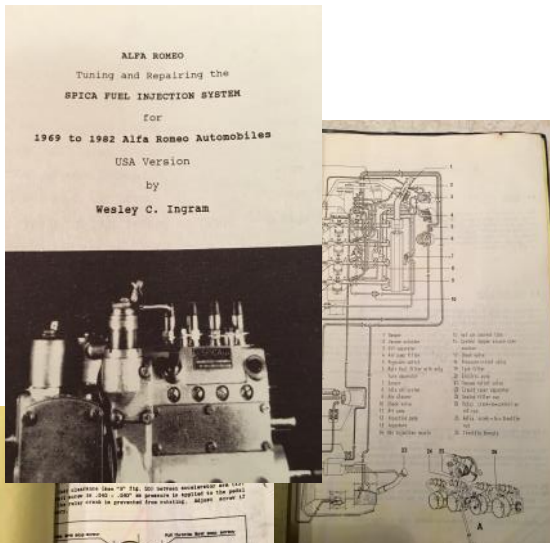
Ray Petry writes: I have a huge pile of **Alfa Romeo literature** that I move from house to house and I think it is time I shared it with another enthusiast. It includes a ~~metal dealer sign (reproduction)~~ (sold), an Indy car poster from the Alfa power plant years, many copies of the *Alfa Owner* from the 1990s, some copies of *Quadrifoglio*, some parts catalogs, a 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.

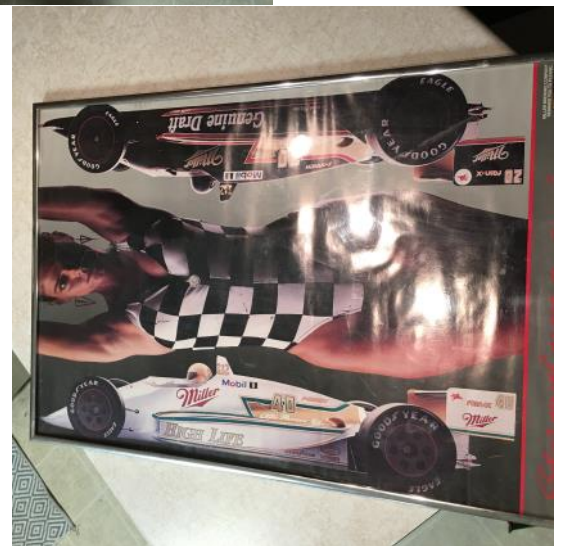


Three copies of the *Quadrifoglio*, Alfa's U.S. house organ, \$30 for the lot

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



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



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

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

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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