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## ALFA OWNERS CLUB HOLDS 2021 ICAMS CAR SHOW

By Bob Ludwigson



AROC-Wisconsin held its Italian Car and Motorcycle Show (ICAMS) at Sussex Village Park on September 26. The weather was warm and sunny, which brought out a total of 41 cars, evenly split among Alfas, Ferraris, and Fiats, with a few other makes. All the cars were displayed on an elevated grassy area close to the covered picnic area.

Kristen Ward, representing the Alzheimer's Association, was on hand to offer information on the charity. She reported that several people expressed interest in helping with other Alzheimer events. A total of \$1,200 was collected for the charity.

Ballots were provided to car registrants to vote on their favorite cars. The results were as follows:

Favorite Alfa Romeo: 1st place—Bob Ludwigson for his 1962 Giulietta Spider

2nd place—Al Pinkowski for his 1984 GTV-6

Favorite Ferrari: 1st place—Ken Plumb for his 2020 Pista

2nd place—Donn Droegkamp for his 1985 308 GTS QV

Favorite Fiat: 1st place—Heinz Miln for his 1959 600 Abarth

2nd place—Guy Bretl for his 1972 124 Spider

Favorite other car: 1st place—Neil Paton for his 1972 Pantera

2nd place—Bob Grasch for his 1976 Lancia Scorpion

Car Best Showing Italian Design: Ken Plumb (again) for his Ferrari Pista

Favorite Motorcycle: Jim Kojis for his 1999 Ducati 748

Food for the event was provided by Joe Scrima's Wood Fired Pizza food truck. Reports were that people enjoyed the pizza! Additional feedback from many of the attendees was that the park was a great place to have a car show and that they would be happy to return next year.



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## ICAMS (Continued)



*The event staff (l-r): Treasurer Randy Swanson, President Steve Wirtz and wife Susanne, Kristen Ward of the Alzheimer's Association, Gary Schommer, Membership & Events.*



*Another view of the field*



*Bob Ludwigson and Steve Wirtz present Alzheimer's Association representative Kristen Ward with a check for \$1,200.*

## **2021 Local, Regional, and International Events Calendar**

Something 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)

**October 1-13**  
**October 21-25**

**AROC Goes to Italy** Tour information at [AROC-USA.ORG](https://www.aronc-usa.org)  
**AROC Goes to the U.S. Grand Prix** Tour information at [AROC-USA.ORG](https://www.aronc-usa.org)

**2022**

**January 14-17**

**AROC Winter Retreat, Palm Desert, California**

**March 6**

**Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island, Florida**

**May 6-7**

**AROC-WI Das Kurze Klausenrennen, New Glarus, Wisconsin**

**May 8-18**

**AROC Goes to Italy Tour**

**June 11-12**

**24 Hours of Le Mans**

**August 20**

**Concorso Italiano, Monterey, California**

**August 21**

**Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Pebble Beach, California**

**August 28**

**Geneva Concours d'Elegance, Geneva, Illinois**



## More ICAMS Images

ICAMS attendees John and Sandi Chowaniak sent along some photos from the event. Here are a number of them for your viewing pleasure.





## Mile High Fun

By Bob Abhalter

After a year off for Covid, Alto Miglia, the Colorado Springs AROC National Convention, came roaring back. All things considered, the convention organizers did a fabulous job. The challenges were many and of course pandemic related. Last summer's date was out of the question. An earlier 2021 date was ruled out for the same reason. Finally, the week of September 7-12 was firmed. Imagine having to juggle and reschedule event venues, VIP invitations, and service commitments not once but twice. Considering the logistics involved it's a miracle the event came off so smoothly. The membership responded by attending in substantial numbers, happy to be out in the fresh Colorado air.



*Alfas line up for a group photo at the raceway.*

Except for the pre-convention tours, no events were held more than 30 minutes from the headquarters hotel, the furthest being the track events at Pikes Peak International Raceway.

All the usual convention events were offered. We participated in several. Your editors' favorites, the Gim-



*The rally required some photographic evidence.*

mick Rallies (There were two this year, one driving and another walking), gave entrants mercifully brief and wonderfully scenic views of the Colorado Springs area.

The walking event was equally fun. We were bussed downtown where

contestants were split into randomly chosen teams of six. Spouses were encouraged to join separate teams. The rest was typical scavenger hunt fare, except that three pubs along our route were included for R&R.



*Toll booth traffic jam*

and not one that pleased the park rangers! Once the gates opened the queue cleared quickly. The drive went smoothly, and the views were spectacular.

Friday's drive to the top of Pikes Peak was another convention highlight. In a rare organizational mis-cue, drivers were advised to assemble a half hour early at the road's toll-booths rather than gathering at the traditional marshalling point in a parking lot a half mile down the road. Image the worst traffic jam you've ever been caught in, composed solely of Alfas. Quite a sight,

The Concorso was held in a town park about 15 minutes south of the convention hotel. There was a small field of cars entered for judging and a much larger contingent of area Alfisti who drove in to show their cars. The non-judged cars were parked in groups by era. Several of the judged cars were considered worthy of the Certificato d'Oro.



*Cars of all ages drove Pikes Peak. This Giulietta from Illinois was also entered in the Concorso.*

The banquet keynote speech was given by automotive author and historian John Nikas. He discussed the history of Alfa Romeo through the lens of its chief engineers and their achievements. His talk, supported by artful images of some of the most significant Alfas over the ages, was themed to make one feel proud to have owned cars from such a distinguished marque.

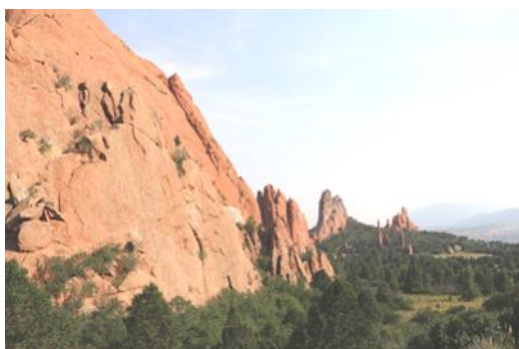


*A typical Pikes Peak Switchback*

The track day, pre-convention tours, tech sessions, and area tours received high marks from those who participated. The weather cooperated throughout the week, with cloudless though hazy

skies caused by the western wildfires, and temps in the nineties, unusual for September in Colorado. But it was a dry heat. Your editors took home trophies and ribbons from the Sunday awards brunch.

Not everything went according to plan. Tech session speakers had schedule and weather-related issues. The headquarters hotel was more than adequate, was well sited and had a very good kitchen, but lacked the type of concentrated Alfas-only parking lot convention-goers have gotten used to. An attendee's 164S was stolen from the lot on the eve of the Concorso. Imagine that! It was recovered by police the following day, relatively undamaged, with a tent and a suitcase full of pills in the back seat. (Rocky Mountain high?) Entrants to the art competition were few but of high quality and the vendor room was sparsely populated, although Centerline had a predictably high profile as the major sponsor and provided an emergency parts source for those in need.



*Great views at Garden of the Gods*

Stelvios, and 4Cs were plentiful in the parking lot. Although that trend was already apparent at the 2019 Pittsburgh convention, in my opinion this was the year that modern Alfas reached critical mass among the faithful.

Next year's event will be in San Diego on a date yet to be determined. It promises to be a treat for mid-western Alfisti hankering for a western vacation. Make your plans now. 🍀

When surveying the attendee-driven cars, it's apparent that modern Alfas have caught on in a big way. Giulias,



*We met these people on the way home. Strange bunch.*



*Your editors' awards haul. 1st in Rally, 1st and 2nd in walking rally, best race-track photo.*

## Iowa Giulietta Barn Find Sells Well

The estate sale Giulietta Spider that was the subject of a September 28 *Alfanatic Extra* email blast sold for a bid price of \$10,100. The 18% buyer's fee brings the all-in sale price to \$11,918, f.o.b. Winterset, Iowa. The "lucky" winner duly posted his conquest to the *Alfa Romeo Spiders* Facebook group. Michael L. sounds excited about his acquisition and, although he's new to Giuliettas, he appears to be no stranger to Alfas or restoration projects. We wish him well. 🍀







*This Giulia Spider Veloce was immaculate and scored over 100 points in judging.*



*Rare anywhere but especially in the U.S., a 1900 T.I.*



*This might be the Montreal that Leno drove. I was unable to confirm.*



*Richard Ballentine brought this well-documented Giulietta SVZ tour de France entrant and the highly original 2000 Spider, below.*

*The Giulia SS, below spent time in a Caribbean museum. Keith Martin paid for the engine rebuild. Someone else will have to pay for the frame rail rust repair.*



*A small sample of the newer Alfas present.*



*A very nice Callaway, the only one present*



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- 1 ea. Spider Oil pan complete
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- 2 ea. Bins of 74 spider parts
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- 1 ea. Spider transmission without Bell housing
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- 1 ea. 4 cyl Engine mount for engine stand
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