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Fall Color Tour! Saturday, October 14 9:00 a.m. From Cabela's, Richfield

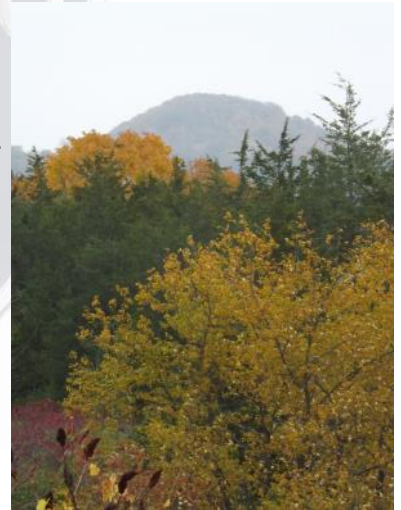


We'll start from lot "D" at Cabela's, 1 Cabela Way, Richfield, Wisconsin. The tour will wind north through the Kettle Moraine Forest and end at Throttlestop in Elkhart Lake. The drive should take about 2 hours. Lunch at the Lake Street Cafe will follow.

Tour-goers should plan to arrive at the parking lot no later than 9:00 a.m. Following a drivers' meeting, cars will depart at two-minute intervals. There is no

charge for the tour. Lunch is on your own.

We've planned a stop enroute at the Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitors Center. The center includes exhibits concerning the ice age glaciers, and its back deck affords a nice view of Dundee Mountain. You are welcome to make other stops along the way if desired, as this is a low-key event.



Please RSVP to Gary Schommer, (414) 418-0879, or alfaman@wi.rr.com, to coordinate route maps and luncheon reservations.

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Upcoming Events

Palmen Alfa Hosts “Tonale Reveal”



Local dealer **Palmen Alfa Romeo** is hosting a Tonale Reveal, Friday, October 27, from 5-8 p.m. at its Kenosha store, **5309 75th**

Street (WI Highway 50). Palmen’s General Sales Manager Frank J. Chiappetta invites all local Alfisti to attend the event. If you’re interested in the luxury compact PHEV Tonale or just curious about the SUV, said to be the bridge between Alfa’s past and future, this is your opportunity to scratch that itch.

Test drives will be available and light appetizers and drinks will be served. The Palmen staff is a friendly, enthusiastic bunch. You will feel welcomed.

If you are interested in attending, please **RSVP** by **Wednesday, October 18**, to Tonale.Event@Palmen.com, or (888)596-2923.

Palmen Alfa is easy to find. The store is 4.2 miles east of I-94/41 on Wisconsin Route 50. 🍀

AROC-WI Visit to Cooper Technica, Inc.

We’re excited to announce a visit to famed auto restorer Cooper Technica, Inc., on **Saturday, December 9, at 9:00 a.m.**

The facility, located at **19235 84th Street, Bristol, Wisconsin**, specializes in restorations of rare and valuable vintage vehicles, especially European sports and touring cars from the pre- and early post-war period.

According to company president David Cooper, you will be able to see a 1942 6C2500 Cabriolet, several Bugatti type 57 cars, and a post war Talbot-Lago undergoing restoration.

A Peugeot Darl’mat Roadster will also be on view.



1942 Alfa Romeo 6C2500 in the 1948 Mille Miglia arriving at the Firenze checkpoint

Cooper Technica has received The Art Of Restoration Award three times as one of the top restoration shops in the US. Don’t pass up this unique opportunity to visit a remarkable facility.

We’ll meet for lunch at an area restaurant following our visit. Mark your calendars now and look for more details in the November issue of the *Alfanatic*. 🍀

Local, Regional, and International Events Calendar, 2023 - 2024

Something missing? Send dates for events we’ve missed and we’ll include them in the next calendar. email: rabhalter@att.net

2023

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| Oct 14 | AROC-WI Fall Color Tour, from Cabela’s Richfield, 9 a.m. |
| Oct 19-23 | AROC Goes to the USGP 2023, Austin TX (sold out, wait listed) |
| Oct 27 | 5-8 p.m. Palmen Alfa Romeo Tonale Reveal, Kenosha WI, Tonale Event |
| Dec 9 | AROC-WI Visit to Copper Technica, Inc, Bristol, Wisconsin |

2024

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| March 3 | The Amelia Concours d’Elegance, Amelia Island, Florida |
| May 3-5 | AROC-WI, Das Kurze Klausenrennen, New Glarus, WI |
| May 29-June2 | AROC-USA, Alfas by the Lake 2024, Petoskey, Michigan |
| June 5-15 | AROC Goes to Italy, tour |
| June 15-16 | Le Mans 24 hour race |
| August 18 | Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance |

Alfa 3rd Quarter Sales Down

Alfa Romeo sales for the third quarter of 2023 were down 16% from the same period last year, while YTD sales were down 23%. Only 746 Tonales were sold in the 3rd quarter, compared to 1,753 Dodge Hornets. Dodge delivered a total of 4,350 Hornets for the year, compared to only 863 Tonales.

In all, FCA delivered a total of 380,563 vehicles in the quarter, a decline of 1% from the previous year. The decrease was attributed to higher process on some models and the present high interest rates. 🍀

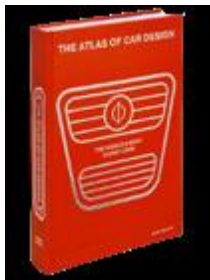
| Model | Q3 2023 | Q3 2022 | % | YTD 2023 | YTD 2024 | % |
|------------|---------|---------|------|----------|----------|------|
| 4C | 0 | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1 | 0% |
| Giulia | 863 | 1,338 | -36% | 2,694 | 3,662 | -26% |
| Stelvio | 1,280 | 2,102 | -39% | 4,032 | 6,151 | -34% |
| Tonale | 746 | 0 | New | 863 | 0 | New |
| All Models | 2,889 | 3,440 | -16% | 7,590 | 9,814 | -23% |

Book Review

By Logan Gray, from November 2023 Sports Car Market

The Atlas of Car Design: The World’s Most Iconic Cars, by Jason Barlow with Guy Bird and an introduction by Brett Berk, 568 pages, Phaidon Press, October 2023, \$150

Could you compile a list of 650 of the most exceptional cars? Neither could I. But somehow the authors have scoured the earth to come up with theirs. Representatives from more than 190 manufacturers and 30 countries are here, each offered with photos and an informative paragraph. Seemingly every significant car you might think of is here. Not only are the usual icons included, but the ugly ducklings are recognized as well.



The real draw here is the art direction, which combines studio shots with period photos and contemporary advertising. The writing is also first-rate, with its emphasis on each model’s design and cultural significance. The British-based authors are forthright with their opinions — indeed, one chapter of the lengthy



preface is titled, “Detroit Invented Automobile Styling. What Went Wrong?”

The book is organized into seven geographical areas, with all eras represented and each car considered within the context of its time. An index is provided as well as a glossary, list of manufacturers and chronology of the selections. This is a massive work; at 568 pages of high-quality paper, it weighs in at over seven pounds. Understandably, it is not inexpensive. Two versions are offered, the “Onyx Edition” and the “Rally Red Edition,” differing in their black and red covers. This book will keep you reading for hours and certainly qualifies for a space on your reference shelf. 🍀

2025 Convention Reminder

Just a reminder that CAROC is preparing to bring the 2025 AROC National Convention to the Chicago area. That could include events or even a headquarters site in southeast Wisconsin.

The convention team needs ideas and input as well as hands-on volunteers to move things along. If you would like to contribute to the AROC community, let Randy Swanson know (13swanson@gmail.com) or contact CAOC direct through president Dennis Sbertoli dsbert4978@aol.com. 🍀

2024 Convention Reminder

Alfas by the Lake, the 2024 AROC convention, is scheduled for northern Michigan, May 28 - June 2, 2024. Headquartered near Petosky, convention attendees will tour some of the highlights of the area, including sights in the Traverse City area, as well as Mackinac Island.

Prospective attendees need to understand that hotel space is extremely limited. Registration will open November 15 at 9 a.m. PST. You would be well advised to register early. Find more details here: [Alfas by the Lake](#) 🍀

This Unique Alfa Romeo 6C Colli Spider Was Built to Win the Mille Miglia

By Mikey Snelgar, from [ClassicDriver.com](https://www.classicdriver.com)

Commissioned by gentleman driver Giampiero Bianchetti, who raced it to a first-in-class finish at the 1948 Mille Miglia, the unique Romeo 6C 2500 SS Colli Spider was one of the most successful Alfes of the 1940s.



Today, Alfa Romeo is synonymous with achingly beautiful bodywork and pure driving joy. But after WWII, the production facilities in Milan's Portello quarter had been reduced to smoldering ashes. Only a small fraction of their machinery had been safely stored away at Lake Orta before the conflict destroyed the rest. Once its production line had been partially rebuilt, the assembly of road cars slowly resumed, but racing was the life blood of Alfa Romeo. With even the likes of Enzo Ferrari struggling to find success with the 6C 2500 tipo 256, the aim for 1946 was to return to its former racing glory.



Enter Giampiero Bianchetti, a Milanese industrialist and gentleman driver who purchased a rolling chassis from Alfa Romeo, intending to transform it into a unique sports car capable of competing in the 1948 Mille Miglia. Alfa's R&D department supplied him with a dry-sump C46 "Competizione" engine, which was tuned to give Bianchetti's machine an impressive

145 bhp at 5,000 rpm. Unlike the works team racers, which were built as berlinettas, Bianchetti commissioned Carozzeria Colli — who also bodied the factory-built racing machines — to craft him a "Spider" body.

After testing at the hands of famous factory driver Consalvo Sanesi, which gave Alfa some valuable insight for their own racers due to arrive the following year, the unique Colli Spider hit Europe's racing circuits. Bianchetti didn't waste time in seizing glory in his Alfa, taking second place at the Coppa d'Oro in July 1947, and just one month later he came home first at the Circuit di Pescara, followed by two more second-place finishes that year. The next year proved even more successful, with Bianchetti driving his Colli Spider to victory no less than five times in 1948, including at the Targa Florio, and finally a 6th overall and first-in-class finish at the Mille Miglia, securing him the Italian Sports Car Championship.



After making Bianchetti's dreams come true, the Colli Spider made its way to the United States, where it was tragically destroyed in a fire alongside many other historic automobiles. Eventually, the still-wrecked Alfa returned to Italy in 1997 and was restored with painstaking detail between 2002 and 2006 using the original Colli blueprints. Since then, to the delight of the proud Italian spectators, the Colli Spider entered the Mille Miglia every year from 2016 to 2023. Now the uniquely magnificent Colli Spider resides with [Messina Classics](https://www.messinaclassics.com), who are specialized in consulting and collecting unique dream machines such as this. If you would like your own dream machine, don't hesitate to contact them! 🍀

Editor's note: The similarity of this car to the one pictured in the Cooper Technica visit announcement is coincidental. I selected the article before I got the picture and copy for the visit. I'm sure there is a story here and it will be interesting to hear it when we visit Cooper Technica.

Classifieds

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

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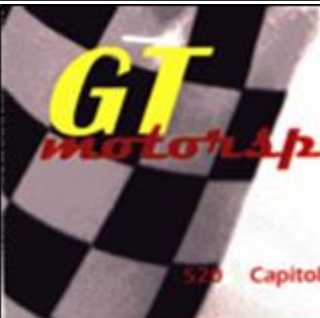
1957 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider. Originally a California car. No Rust, all body panels believed to be original and straight. Detailed engine bay, excellent white paint exterior, red interior with black piping on seats, and new black canvas top. Everything works: lights, gages, heater etc., etc. 1300 Engine starts easily and runs smoothly. Tunnel Case transmission with very early Giulietta bent gear lever that shifts smoothly up or down.

To discuss, receive a concise summary of work done, and receive photo documentation - please Call or E-mail: Rich 773-620-1898 robrien220@yahoo.com


Minnesotan **Tim Parker** is selling an engine and block. The engine is "a pretty clean 2-liter **Alfetta engine/bell housing** with some ancillaries." The block is a "clean, washed 2-liter **Alfetta GTV block**." Both are ready for pickup at the Anoka, MN, airport and can be easily lifted into a pickup. Tim will provide photos and serial numbers and can be reached at 651-235-2776. When you call, tell him Tom Heinrich referred you.

Jim Thiel is looking for a new home for his red **1982 Spider**. He's had it since 1989 and is the third owner. The car has traveled a little more than 67,000 miles and has always been garaged during Jim's ownership. The paint is original and the top in good condition, with a clear back window. According to Jim, the tires are in good shape. He says the leather seats and the dash have no cracks. If you're interested, you can contact Jim by email at jthiel28@wi.rr.com

Gary Tree is still 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



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