

ALFANATIC



This Month

ICAMS Italian Car and Motorcycle Show Sunday, September 26 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sussex Village Park Sussex, Wisconsin

Join us on September 26 for AROC-Wisconsin's own Italian Car and Motorcycle Show. We've got a great new venue, with an ample grassy show field, covered picnic areas, available food, and rest-rooms—all the amenities necessary for a great outing. See the entry form with details inside.



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ICAMS Show Less Than a Month Away

By Bob Ludwigson

Our 23rd ICAMS show will occur later this month. Both Gary Schommer and I are making last minute preparations to insure the show will be successful. During the past week I met with the Sussex Parks and Recreation committee to determine the best way to bring the cars to our display area. Then Gary and I went to the site and planned the layout for displaying the cars to their best advantage, as well as locating the place for the food truck.

The included map will help you get from Main Street in Sussex to the display area. For those of you not familiar with Sussex, it is located just west of Menomonee Falls and east of highway 164.

I hope to see all of you on the 26th! 🍀

Another Opportunity to Show Your Alfa

Gary Schommer writes: Bob Prince is the show coordinator for *Gather on the Green*, a display of vintage cars organized by the Vintage Sportscar Driver's Association in conjunction with the Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, Saturday, September 18, 2021, at the Osthoff Resort.

He's looking forward to having some fine Alfas at the show. Please refer to the information letter elsewhere in the newsletter. Note that several pictures and background information are requested. Pending a favorable review, he will send you an entry form. 🍀

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

September 7-12	AROC National Convention, Colorado Springs, Colorado
September 17-19	Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend, Road America
September 26	AROC-WI 23d Annual ICAMS Show Sussex, Wisconsin Village Park
Sept 30-Oct 3	American Speed Festival , M1 Concourse, Pontiac, Michigan
October 1-13	AROC Goes to Italy Tour information at AROC-USA.ORG
October 21-25	AROC Goes to the U.S. Grand Prix Tour information at AROC-USA.ORG
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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

Twenty-third Annual!

Italian Car & Motorcycle Show

Sponsored by the Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Wisconsin



Sunday Sept 26, 2021
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rain or Shine

**Sussex Village Park
Sussex, Wisconsin**

All Italian vehicles welcome — daily drivers to showroom condition

- Low Key & FUN
- Dash Plaques
- Awards (participant judging) & Door Prizes
- Food & Beverage Available for Purchase
- Spectators free, but a goodwill offering to the designated charity is appreciated
- Info: Bob at rludwigson@aol.com or Gary at alfaman@wi.rr.com

Help celebrate the uniqueness & excitement of Italian design!

LA DOLCE VITA !!!

Proceeds to benefit the Alzheimer's Association

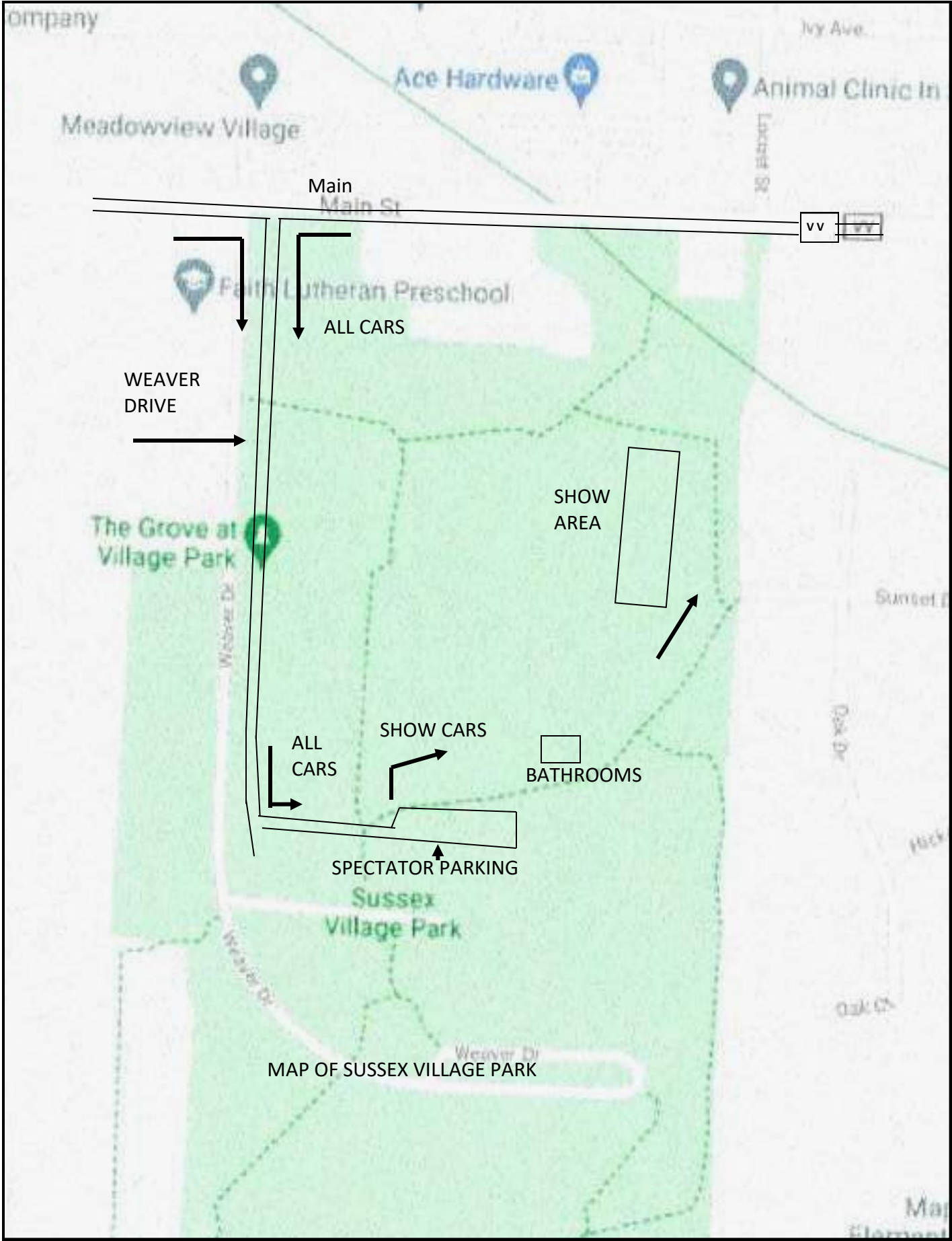


GPS Information: go to W244N6260 Weaver Drive, Sussex, Wisconsin 53089 (See: <http://www.google.com>)

Pre-registration by September 20th: \$11 per vehicle or \$20 / two
After September 20th: \$15 per vehicle
Make checks payable to: AROC - Wisconsin

Mail To:
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Name	Phone ()	
Address	Email	
City	State	Zip
Make	Year	Model



Comer Presents Giulietta Spider in Hagerty YouTube Video

AROC-WI club member and Hagerty Marketplace Editor Colin Comer drives his own Spider and narrates in the recently released Giulietta Spider Buyer's Guide, one of a series produced by Hagerty. To find it, just search for Giulietta or Hagerty on YouTube.

Colin and his Giulietta Spider Veloce are seen driving some familiar streets and in the shop, probing the features of the car. In a little over 17 minutes, Comer covers the high points of Giulietta history. He guides you through the finer points of the mechanics and identifies model differences. If you've ever wondered about what makes these cars tick, this video is a good place to start.

Colin has presented a few other buyer's guides in the Hagerty series, including one on the 427 Cobra and another on the Dino. All are worth a watch. But what will happen when Colin runs through all the cars in his capacious garage? Stay tuned.

Alfa Romeo Racing Soldiers On

Well, at least they're not in last place in the F1 constructors championship. That honor goes to Haas, which has yet to score a point with either of its drivers. The team now has a total of three points. Kimi Raikkonen now has two points as a result of tenth place finishes in Azerbaijan and Hungary, while Antonio Giovinazzi scored his point in Monaco.

Some fortunate AROC members will be able to cheer the team on in Austin this October. See the AROC-USA.ORG website for details.

Giugiaro-Designed Alfas Needed

From David Hammond:

Trying to help the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, Michigan (next to The Henry Ford/Greenfield Village), to find some special cars designed by Giugiaro. The event date is Saturday, September 18. There will be a conference call with Giugiaro. Please pass this on to anyone you know with one of the selected Alfas:

- Alfa Romeo Brera (2002)
- Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GT, Alfa Romeo Alfetta GT/Sprint Veloce (1974-1979)
- Alfa Romeo 156 (initial design)
- Alfa Romeo 156 facelift (2003)
- Alfa Romeo 159 (2004)

Contact Brian Baker at:

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The Twisty History of Alfa Romeo's BAT 7 and How It Slipped Through One Man's Fingers



From [TheDrive.com](https://www.thedrive.com), by Kristin V. Shaw, August 29, 2021

In the early 1950s, Giuseppe “Nuccio” Bertone’s design house paired up with a then-unknown Franco Scaglione for Alfa Romeo. Together, they penned a series of cars they called “Berlinetta Aerodinamica Tecnica,” or BATs for short. Each was built on an Alfa Romeo 1900 chassis and featured fanciful, futuristic aviation-inspired bodies.

Of the trio they handmade in a few short years—BAT 5, BAT 7, and BAT 9—the BAT 7 has the most intriguing history of ownership. Sit right there and I’ll tell you a tale about innovative art, cross-continental multi-million-dollar exchanges, and heartbreak.



Bertone and Scaglione created Alfa Romeo BAT 5 first, so named because Scaglione created four full-size models before switching to metalwork for the fifth. Incredibly, the car was pushed from concept to creation in less than a year. In May of 1953, it premiered at the Turin Auto Salon and caused a major ripple through the industry; that spurred them to follow up with the BAT 7 in 1954 and finally, the BAT 9 in 1955.

On a recent plane ride, I enjoyed *Ford Vs. Ferrari* for a third time. This time, I paid special attention to the scene during which Ken Miles drives the car with pieces of wool taped all over it to determine where it wasn't achieving optimal aerodynamics. Working side by side with Alfa Romeo project manufacturing chief Ezio Cingolani, Scaglione photographed his design at speed with a similar set of wool markers. Clearly, they didn't align with Enzo Ferrari's philosophy that "aerodynamics are for people who can't build engines."

Designed with ambitious wings and a long, Roman nose, the BAT 7 improved upon the BAT 5, achieving an incredible drag coefficient of 0.19. (For comparison purposes, a new Porsche Taycan has the best drag coefficient of all current Porsche models at 0.22.) Bertone and Scaglione worked so hard on this car they ran out of time to ship it to Turin for its reveal in April of 1954, and they had to drive it themselves on the wings of efficient aerodynamics to the show at the last minute.



After its debut, the BAT 7 changed hands a few times, and last year the trio of BAT cars were sold as one lot for nearly \$15 million by Sotheby's auction house. Along the way, Al Williams was one of the first owners of the BAT 7 and had the side fins removed (ack!) because they restricted visibility on the road. According to the site [Secret Classics](#), Colonel James Sorrell owned the car in the early '60s and brought the BAT 7 to the Van Nuys-based shop of Salvatore di Natale, renowned for high-quality work on Italian cars, to restore it.

Once di Natale finished the work, Col. Sorrell didn't pay for what he had commissioned and he never came back to collect his car. In 1969, di Natale took ownership and kept it for 17 years. According to a commenter on a YouTube video of a younger Jeremy Clarkson driving the BAT cars, the BAT 7 was sold

right out from under di Natale by an unexpected party: his own son.

Eric Fischer says back in the mid-90s, he lived in California and owned a 1988 Milano Verde and a 1986 GTV6. He spent a lot of time at di Natale's shop.

"Sal's sense of humor was witty and he was the nicest guy you'll ever meet," Fischer says. "I became close friends with Sal and he helped me upgrade and mod my cars; he was like a grandfather to a few of us younger guys who hung around the shop and he was quick to mentor our projects."

"One Saturday afternoon, Sal invited a few of us guys to his home for a rare dinner treat. Talking shop, we sat around the table enjoying some wine and cheese and all of a sudden Sal began to open up and tell us (with tears in his eyes) all about this car he once owned called the BAT 7. He told us what a special car it was and how he had planned on restoring it and that it may be the only one of that year's kind. He also mentioned how the wings were stripped off the car and how he planned to restore the wings."

Here's where the story takes a dark turn. Apparently, di Natale's son sold it out from under him. Di Natale allegedly told Fischer that his son had no right to sell the car and forged his dad's name.

"I believe his son sold the car for as little as \$14,000 to \$17,000 to a collector who then turned and sold it to a Japanese collector for around \$1.3 million. My friend Salvatore was so devastated about the loss and betrayal by his son that he never talked to him again. As a matter of fact, I never heard him before or after that time ever utter a word about the BAT 7 that he once owned and I knew not to bring it up."

A moment of silence, please, for his loss. Impractical and with massive blind spots, this might not have been the safest car to drive. But the artistry of the fins and sloping body lines, not to mention the incredible aerodynamics, makes this a style I wish would come back. 🍀



Classifieds

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

Wanted

Your classified ads! Posted free! Let us know.

For Sale

Miscellaneous Alfa Parts for Sale

- 2 ea. V6 valve cover sets
- 2 ea. v6 lower sumps
- 1 ea. V6 rear bell housing
- 1 ea. V6 Oil pan complete
- 1 ea. Spider Oil pan complete
- 1 ea. 4 cyl valve cover
- 4 ea. Bosch intake vanes
- 2 ea. Spider Idler assemblies
- 1 ea. Spider driveshaft
- 2 ea. Bins of 74 spider parts
- 1 ea. Spider Clutch disk New Valeo
- 2 ea. Spider Transmission
- 1 ea. Spider transmission without Bell housing
- 2 ea. 74 spider doors
- 1 ea. Left rear quarter panel new for 70's spider
- 1 ea. lower nose panel 70's spider New
- 1 ea. 4 cyl Engine mount for engine stand
- 1 ea. Sperry Head with 11mm cams
- 2 ea. Spider 2.0 Crankshafts
- 2 ea. European 4 cyl cast y exhaust manifold set
- 1 ea. European 4 cyl 40mm carb intake with mounts
- 1 ea. European 4 cyl 45mm carb intake without mounts

For more information, email Steve Wirtz
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Any reasonable offers

Vintage Alfa Romeo Dealer Sign



This sign is 5 feet in diameter and in very good shape. There are 2 small cracks that can be repaired and the color is excellent. We had this sign mounted in our shop (Steve's British Connection) on a large pole for years.

It currently is not lighting up but it should be an easy fix. Selling because we closed our shop. The sign is located in Lake Geneva. We prefer to sell the sign to

someone who can come and see it in person and take it. We're trying not to have to ship it. I have more photos I can send direct. Asking \$3,500. Feel free to call 630-553-9023 or email sbcinc@aol.com Thank you.

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

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SUBMISSIONS

Do you have a story you'd like to share? Have a restoration in progress or finished? Taken a memorable road trip or have a funny car story? Pictures, lessons learned, maintenance tips? Whatever. The *Alfanatic* is always looking for material to publish. Email your submissions to the editor at rabhalter@att.net and share with your fellow Alfisti.

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The 2021 "Gather on the Green" Car Show is being held on Saturday, September 18th on the lawn of the Osthoff Resort overlooking beautiful Elkhart Lake. The Show is part of the 3 day vintage ELVF (Elkhart Lake Vintage Race Festival) being held under the auspices of the VSCDA(Vintage Sports Car Driving Association). The racing takes place at the world famous Road America track which is 3 miles south of the Osthoff Resort on Hwy. 67.

The Show is by invitation only and is limited to 135 cars and motorcycles. The Show encompasses an eclectic mix of cars and motorcycles ranging from hot rods to sports cars as well as classics, antiques, muscle cars and race cars. Entries come from all over the midwest. The entrance fee is a minimum of \$25 all of which is donated to Camp Anokjig, a summer camp located on nearby Little Elkhart Lake. Donations in excess of the \$25 minimum are greatly appreciated!

Show hours are from 3 to 7p.m. allowing fans to attend the races and also enjoy the Show. We ask that Show vehicles remain on the grounds until after the awards presentation which begins at 6:30 p.m. Staging for trailered vehicles starts at 12:30 p.m. and for all others at 1:30 p.m.. We ask that attendees DO NOT arrive early as this greatly complicates the work of the volunteers who are setting up the Show. The judging of the cars is based on the overall presentation of the vehicle. The People's Choice Award is determined by spectator votes. Tickets costing \$1 are sold on the show grounds by Camp Anokijig staff. Each ticket can be redeemed for one vote. There will be many other awards presented. Show entrants have access to the Osthoff Resort's many amenities including several restaurants and Tiki Bar as well as their first rate "facilities". A live band and several bars will be situated on the lawn.

Following the Show, VSCDA/ELVF will host a dinner at the Palm Garden Ballroom featuring Pete Brock as the guest speaker. Pete Brock is man for all seasons in the world of race being the designer of the Corvette Stingray at the age of 19 as well as the Shelby Daytona Cobra Coupe. His BRE racing team won 4 national championships in SCCA and Trans AM.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING! We as well as all of you are faced with an uncertain short term outlook due to the world-wide threat of the virus. The rules by which we live are constantly evolving to protect the well-being of us all. As such, the Show will be structured in compliance with the then current guidelines to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment. We will make every effort to update show entrants and spectators as to the guidelines which will be in place.

For more information about the Show and the racing, Google "VSCDA ELVF". We will confirm your invitation upon receipt of your entry form and donation. Detailed instructions in regards to travel directions, parking, and show rules will be emailed to you in late August/early September. Please contact me with any inquiries.

We look forward to hosting you at this GREAT EVENT!

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