

ALFANATIC



AROC- WISCONSIN HOSTS A GREAT ANNUAL BANQUET



A small but lively bunch of AROC-WI members enjoy the annual banquet.



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Club News



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The Automobile Gallery



Festa Italiana

AROC-WI is interested in supporting this Green Bay Festa Italiana at The Automobile Gallery on Saturday, May 18. Now in its second year, organizer Darrel Burnett, Executive Director of The Automobile Gallery, is eager to have participation from the local Alfa Romeo community. We learned that the Ferrari Club is planning a drive. Last year they drove in from Appleton, but this year's rally point is still under discussion. We've been invited to join them. The Board is evaluating our options for participation. Watch this space next month for further developments. 🍀

New Glarus

Prepare for a well-attended May 3-6 outing in New Glarus for Das Kurze Klausenrennen. Chalet Landhaus has filled the original block of rooms set aside for the event but will honor the event rate for additional rooms while they are available. Emailed invitations were sent out in March to all members in good standing of AROC-WI, the Vintage Sportscar Club, and previously invited guests. While all are welcome to register and attend the social events at the Chalet, the hill climb itself is limited to vintage Alfas and pre- and immediate post-war classics and sports models. The low key, non-competitive event is the first driving opportunity of the season for most. If you didn't receive an invitation and would like to attend, call Kevin Caulfield at 612-702-8520 or email him at kevincaulfield@crc-mn.com. 🍀

Local, Regional, and International Events Calendar, 2024

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

2024

May 3-5

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

May 11

John Ehle's "Mother May I?" Spring Tour: [Mother May I?](#)

May 17-19

SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend, Road America

May 18

Festa Italiana, The Automobile Gallery, Green Bay, Wisconsin

May 29-June 2

AROC-USA, Alfas by the Lake 2024, Petoskey, Michigan **Sold Out**

June 5-15

AROC Goes to Italy Tour (See AROC-USA Website)

June 6-9

NTT Indycar Series, Road America

June 14

[Viva Italia Concorso](#), Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

June 15-16

Le Mans 24 Hour Race

June 21-23

WeatherTech Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints, Road America

June 22

CAROC/Lotus Corps [Blackhawk Farms Driver Education and Lapping Day](#)

June 28-30

Trans Am SpeedTour, Road America

July 11-14

WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman, Road America

July 28

AROC-WI Italian Car and Motorcycle Show (ICAMS) Sussex Cty Park

August 2-4

IMSA SportsCar Weekend, Road America

August 16-18

Fanatec GT World Challenge, Road America

August 18

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

August 25

[Geneva Concours d'Elegance](#), Geneva IL

John Ehle Is Back with His Mother May I? Spring Tour, May 11

Club member John Ehle recently announced the running of his 12th annual event, scheduled for Saturday, May 11, the eve of Mothers Day. The popular charity event is held in conjunction with Drive Toward a Cure, a nonprofit organization that raises funds to support patients and fund research in the quest for a cure for Parkinson's disease.

This year's event will start at Holy Hill and drive to Elkhart Lake to visit the Throttle Stop fooled by lunch at the Lake Street Café. After lunch the tour will visit the Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin. Dinner is planned at the Milwaukee Ale House in Grafton. The charge is \$100 per car, paid as a deductible charitable donation to Drive Toward a Cure. You can register and find further information at the [Drive Toward a Cure Website](#). 🍀

Announcing the 2024 Italian Car and Motorcycle Show

By Bob Ludwigson

I am happy to announce that the 2024 ICAMS will occur on July 28 at the Sussex Village Park in Sussex, Wisconsin.

As usual we will be providing an opportunity for owners of new and old Alfa Romeos, Ferraris, Fiats, and Maseratis to display their vehicles. Drawings will be held for favorite vehicles and food will be available. This is a charity event and all monies collected will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

Signup sheets and additional data will be presented in next month's *Alfanatic*. So, mark the date, we are hoping for a large turnout! 🍀



The "couples table" at the banquet included (l-r) Corky Siegfriedt, Jim and Margie Theil, Tom and Wendy Tefelski, and Deb and Gary Schommer.

AROC-Wisconsin Hosts a Great Annual Banquet

By Bob Ludwigson

Our Alfa club held its annual banquet on March 23. The banquet was held in one of the private rooms at Maggiano's Italian restaurant. Although only 13 people were able to attend, we all had a great time. The food and service was excellent, with individual servings of the main course with items such as vegetables served family style.

After having our meal a short business meeting was held. All current officers confirmed that they will serve for the coming year. Then Gary Schommer provided everyone with a numbered ticket so we could all win a door prize. The consensus was we should all come back next year. 🍀



Just the guys at the banquet: (l-r), Bob Ludwigson, Brad Trick, Randy Swanson, Drew Swanson, and Bill Seigfreidt

Remembering Jim Huff

The *Alfanatic* received the following on March 15 from Gina Huff-Amin, Jim's daughter:

Hey there Bob, I just wanted to let you know that my dad passed away Wednesday. While he was declining, he remembered who we were until the day he passed and enjoyed a good visit. We are grateful that he went on his terms while sleeping instead of a long, drawn out intervention w/ medication.

I read the March Newsletter just yesterday and saw his name in the article by Russ Whitford. He would have been so pleased to see that ... Thanks to all of you for always remembering the founders of AROC-WI the way you do. The club and the friendships meant so much to my dad and are very much part of his legacy.

Hopefully we will meet someday. My husband and I still want to fix up my '74 Spider and join the club, now perhaps more than ever.

<https://www.shimonfuneralhome.com/obituaries/James-P-Huff?obId=31004192#/obituaryInfo>

As Russ Whitford reported last month, Jim was there from the beginning of AROC-WI. We talked at club events and it was his comments and questions about Giulietta values that provided the inspiration for the monthly “Alfas at Auction” auction reports that began in the *Alfanatic* and have appeared in the *Alfa Owner* regularly since 2015. Jim will be well-remembered by those who knew him. RIP Jim. 🍀



Jim Huff (r) talks cars with Randy and Bob at a past ICAMS event.

Designer Marcello Gandini Passes



Marcello Gandini, the prolific Italian designer, passed away March 13 in Rivoli, close to his birthplace in Turin. He was 85 years old.

He was perhaps most famous for his designs for Lamborghini, including the Miura, Countach, Espada, and Diablo.

At Bertone from 1965 to 1979, Gandini designed the Montreal as well as the Carabo, a striking Tipo 33 concept. Some of his other credits include the Lancia Stratos, Ferrari 308 GT4, Maserati Khamsin, and Fiat X 1/9.



The Carabo Tipo 33 concept

Born in Turin in 1938, he exhibited an early affinity for engineering and design, expressed in his first concept car design at 20. He was 27 when he joined Bertone and introduced the iconic Miura a year later, one of the first of over 100 projects he oversaw for the firm.

The wedge shape became his design hallmark. He introduced scissor doors with the Carabo concept and further developed them on the Countach and other models.

He left Bertone to form his own company in 1980, producing designs for Renault, Maserati, Nissan, Toyota, and Subaru. He also developed more practical mass-market designs including the Volkswagen Polo, the BMW 5 Series, the Citroën BX, and the second-generation Renault 5.

In addition to automobiles, his freelance design output ranged to helicopters, nightclubs, motorcycles, commercial trucks, and homes. Earlier this year, his design brilliance was recognized with the presentation of an honorary degree in mechanical engineering from the Polytechnic University of Turin. 🍀

Alfa Debuts the New Milano

April 10 marked the reveal of the new subcompact Milano, a B-segment sport utility vehicle designed for the European market and not likely to make it to this side of the Atlantic. The long-delayed replacement for the Mito, discontinued in 2018, is one size smaller than the Tonale and built on the same platform as the Europe-only Jeep Avenger and Fiat 600. The Milano shares nothing but the name with the sedan sold in the U.S. in the eighties, which was called the “75” in Europe.

The Milano is the first Alfa designed to be all-electric, offering two power options in its *Elettrica* version, 156 or 240 hp, with a maximum range of 590 km (366 mi) from its 54 kwh battery and capable of a 30-minute 10 to 80% recharge at a 100 kw fast DC



charging station. The nav system has an integrated EV Routing function which monitors battery usage and directs the driver to the nearest charger. Both BEV variants are front wheel drive only.

Stellantis has hedged its bets, however, as the Milano isn't *exclusively* electric. There is also a hybrid edition, the Milano Ibrida (hybrid in Italian), available in both front- and all-wheel-drive versions. It's powered by a turbocharged 136hp, 1.2 ltr., 3-cylinder engine working with a 48 volt battery and 21 kw motor built into the 6-speed dual clutch transmission.

Inside, the dash is dominated by the now-common two screen configuration, the Milano's both measuring 10.25 inches. Interior styling cues are taken from the Tonale and updated Stelvio. Deeply bolstered shell seats are available. The exterior styling answers the question "How do I Italianize a box?" Of course there is a prominent *scudetto*, this time in plastic. Elettrica models have the *biscione* and Milanese cross cut out of the grill surface, while Ibrida models get a retro *Alfa Romeo* in script over a mesh background. Other references to the current Alfa styling cannon can be found here and there. The result is pleasant if not spectacular. Base price is about \$32,150 for either the hybrid or electric versions. A fully loaded Speciale edition will be offered for the early adopters. Italians can order one starting April 11.

The Italian press lost no time pointing out that the Milano has been "corporatized" by Stellantis. It shares a corporate CMP platform, much of the interior hardware, and powerplants with other Stellantis offerings. Above all, they are not thrilled that a car named after one of their great cities is being produced in Poland. In response, Stellantis CEO Carlos Tavares stated that if the Milano had been built in Italy, it would have to cost €10,000 (\$10,700) more, limiting its potential in the marketplace. 🍀

50 Alfas Accepted for the 2024 Mille Miglia

Alfa Romeo leads the list of cars accepted for the June 11-15, 2024, running of the Mille Miglia, the revival of the famous Brescia-Rome-Brescia race. Entrants include a brace of 6C 1750s, 3 8Cs, several 1900 and 6C 2500 models. The entry list also includes 31 Porsches, 27 Jaguars, 25 Mercedes Benz, 21 Ferraris, and 17 Bugattis. Although the field is made up primarily of Italians, entrants from 33 nations will compete and 71 cars that took part in the original Mille Miglia races from 1927 to 1957 are in the field. For more information, see [1000 Miles \(1000miglia.it\)](https://1000miglia.it). 🍀

U.S. Alfa Sales Continue Decline

Hornet outsells Tonale 10 to 1

Alfa Romeo U.S. sales declined by 4% in the first quarter. Dealers shifted 640 Giulias and 917 Stelvios. Only 728 Tonales hit the road, compared to 7,419 of the badge engineered Dodge Hornets. That's probably not as disheartening as it seems at first blush considering the comparative number of Dodge outlets to Alfa stores. Total sales for the quarter were 2,285 versus 2,390 for the first quarter last year. Don't expect anything new to show up at your friendly local dealer until perhaps late next year when the next gen Stelvio is expected, and that is destined to be 100% battery powered.

Overall, U.S. FCA sales were down by 10% in the first quarter, with Jeep, Chrysler, and Fiat showing market gains. Dodge and Ram both posted declines.



Fiat sold 154 500s, vs. 138 last year and the battery-powered and facelifted 500e is just around the corner. You can order your (500e) ^{Red} (a.k.a. Inspi^{red}) now, or wait for the "Inspired by Music" or "Inspired by Beauty" editions to follow. The "Music" comes in Tuxedo Black and features a special JBL sound system, the "Beauty" comes in Rose Gold with special trim accents. No more dull names like 500L or 500X

for the new models. The marketers at Fiat are working overtime, for sure. Perhaps mind altering drugs were involved. 🍀

Last Chance for Stelvio, Giulia Quad

Alfa Romeo recently issued a “last chance” warning that the fire-breathing turbo V6 Quadrifoglio editions of the Giulia and Stelvio will be dropped from the catalog at the end of 2024. In fact, the last of the 505 hp vehicles are scheduled to roll off the Cassino assembly line in June. If you want one, call now. There is, of course, a 100th anniversary edition with special trim, to commemorate the first use of the Quadrifoglio in racing. It’s your last chance at a new one. We’ll have batteries only from now on, thank you. 🍀

Lancia’s New Ypsilon Counts on Italian Elegance as Brand Expands Across Europe

By Andrea Malan, From [Automotive News Europe](#) (edited)



MILAN, February 14, 2024—Lancia is counting on Italian elegance to help its new Ypsilon stand out in the crowded small-car segment. The

third-generation Ypsilon, the brand’s first new model in more than a decade, will lead the Stellantis premium brand’s expansion beyond Italy, its only market at present.

The Ypsilon will have battery-electric and mild hybrid gasoline versions. The hatchback was unveiled on Wednesday in Milan in the showroom of Italian interior design and furniture house Cassina. Lancia’s styling center in Turin and Cassina cooperated to give the Ypsilon’s Cassina-badged launch edition an upscale passenger compartment that the brand says is like an elegant Italian living room.

The cabin also has a Cassina multifunctional coffee table that allows occupants to recharge smart phones. “This is a first for a car interior,” Lancia said. Lancia will sell 1,906 units of the Cassina limited-edition version only in Italy to celebrate the year the brand was founded (1906).

Ypsilon deliveries will start in Italy at the end of May, and begin a phased European rollout through

2025. The Ypsilon Cassina launch edition will cost €39,500 in Italy before government incentives.



The Ypsilon is the first Stellantis production car equipped with the automaker’s SALA (sound air light augmentation) infotainment system, that serves as a centralized control panel for sound, air, and light. Its dashboard has two 10.25-inch cockpit and infotainment screens. The Ypsilon has Level 2 driver assistance as standard.

Lancia says the Ypsilon’s fashionable interior and exterior styling is aimed the car’s target market -- customers in the 40 to 45 age group who are oriented toward style and technological innovation, attentive to environmental issues, and sensitive to the latest trends.

With a length of 161 inches, the new Ypsilon is 10 inches longer than the previous-generation model, making it a small-segment car while the current car, which is built in Poland alongside the Fiat 500, is more of a minicar.

Lancia is emphasizing the Ypsilon’s italianita” (Italianness) even though the small hatchback will be built at the Stellantis plant in Zaragoza, Spain, underpinned by a French-developed platform. The Ypsilon will be produced alongside the Opel Corsa Electric and Peugeot e-208 on the former PSA Group’s e-CMP2 architecture.

The BEV Ypsilon shares with its Opel and Peugeot siblings a 154-hp electric motor and a 51-kilowatt-hour battery. It has a range of 250 miles and is capable of fast charging. The mild hybrid Ypsilon will have a 100-hp engine with a dual-clutch transmission. A sporty version labeled HF will arrive in 2025.

The Ypsilon is the first of three new Lancia cars. The second will be a large sedan to be launched in 2026, likely called the Gamma. The 185-inch sedan will have a sportback body style and a four-wheel-drive version. It will be built in Melfi,

Italy, on the Stellantis STLA Medium platform. A compact car will follow in 2028. Both cars will be sold only as battery-electric models. 🍀



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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 Series 2 Windshield, fiberglass bumpers, engine, transmission, door latches, etc. Just ask! Contact Gary at 608-209-2352, or gjtreehouse@gmail.com




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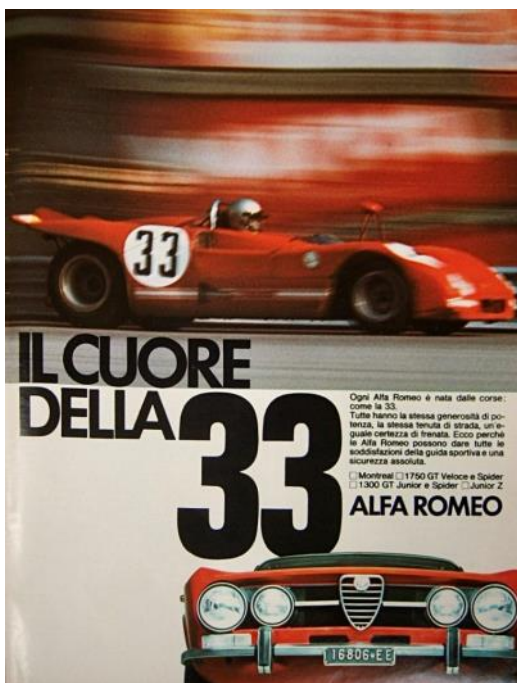
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