

ALFANATIC

May Event Reminders

May 1-2 - 27th Annual Das Kurze Klausenrennen, aka The New Glarus Hillclimb

Invitations have gone out for our annual weekend in “Little Switzerland.” If you are a club member you should have already received one. If you haven’t received an invite and would like to attend, please contact event director Jim Fuchs as soon as possible. Eligible cars are street-licensed machines in stock condition and include all four, eight, and straight six-cylinder Alfas, pre-WWII cars, and invited guests. Volunteers for Friday set-up and the Saturday event are also needed.




Please join us for this wonderful, low-key event in the heart of Wisconsin dairy country. There are plenty of opportunities for sightseeing and socializing and you can sample some traditional Swiss food and entertainment, no passport required. Save room in your trunk to take home a case or two of the local brews or cheeses. This is a great way to start the spring car season.

Questions? Contact Jim Fuchs directly at (414) 333-8808 or Jimfuchs447@ymail.com

May 9 — 3rd Annual “Mother, May I?” Spring Tour

Club member John Ehle is back with his third annual spring tour. Promised is a pleasant self-paced tour through mid-Wisconsin, starting in Lake Geneva. The route will wind northward to Milton for a tour of the historic Milton house, then on to Lake Mills for lunch. A tour of the Capital Brewery in Middleton is scheduled for the afternoon and dinner will be in Janesville at the Armory.

The tour itself is free. You are responsible for the admission fees at the brewery and Milton House, as well as your food and beverage charges. All cars are welcomed, but sports cars, especially vintage (pre-1980) ones, are preferred. Contact John at (312) 213-4029 or johnehle@comcast.net before April 25. 



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In spite of the ongoing Milwaukee area road construction challenges and the occasional missed detour resulting in an unplanned trip over the Daniel Hoan Memorial Bridge, all who had signed up for the Annual Banquet and Business Meeting made it. Please accept my apologies for not thinking to provide detour information in advance. Such persistence in the face of adversity made for good conversation over good food with good friends. John Baker Welch presented an overview of the VSC sponsored Ephraim Hill Climb and Concours d'Elegance to be held September 11-13. In our short business meeting, the leadership team agreed to continue in their roles and the voting of the attendees fully supported this. I want to thank all of those volunteers, present and past, who give of their time to help make our club what it is. Thanks to George for his generous donation of books for the raffle. Between the books and other items, no one went home empty handed.


Spring arrived at my home this weekend. For me the first day of spring is not a calendar date but rather the

first day I bring my Alfa out of the garage. That first drive is so enjoyable because I get to experience again all of the tactile and aural pleasures that Alfas uniquely deliver. But you know what that is like as I assume that spring has arrived at your home as well. I feel blessed to have had this opportunity for what will soon be 25 years of Alfa ownership.

We have some great events coming up. First up is the New Glarus Hill Climb. If you are not running in the hill climb or plan to make a limited number of runs, we can always use some extra volunteers. Volunteers are needed at a variety of positions. Volunteering can be a good way to get a closer view of the action and meet new people. Please let me know and we'll get you on the schedule.

The "Mother May I" event coordinated by John Hele is in its third year now. I've made the first two and have found it to be great low key fun. Great driving roads, interesting stops, good food, and friendly car enthusiasts make it an attraction for me. Hope you can make it.

Ciao,

Gary 

2015 Local, Regional, and International Events Calendar

May 2	AROC–Wisconsin, Das Kurze Klausenrennen , 27th Hillclimb and Tour, New Glarus, WI
May 3	Lake Mills Cars and Coffee, 8-11AM, 119 Church St., Lake Mills, WI
May 2–3	SCCA Majors Tour , Blackhawk Farms Raceway, S. Beloit, IL
May 9	John Ehle's Third Annual "Mother, May I?" Tour. Email: johnnehle@comcast.net
May 15-17	SVRA Lake Forest Sportscars Spring Vintage Weekend , Road America
June 11-14	SVRA Brickyard Vintage Racing International, Indianapolis, IN
June 11-14	WeatherTech Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints, Road America
June 13-14	The 24 Hours of LeMans
June 21	34th Annual British Car Field Day , Sussex, WI, jstockinger4@wi.rr.com
June 24	AROC–Wisconsin, Tom Heinrich's 2nd Annual BBQ and Car Show , Lift, Inc. HQ
June 24	105th Anniversary of the founding of A.L.F.A.
June 24-28	Alfamiglia Nordest, Alfa Romeo Owners Club National Convention, Rhode Island
June 25	Goodwood Festival of Speed
June 26-28	Pirelli World Challenge, Road America
July 10-11	21st Annual Millers at Milwaukee, Milwaukee Mile, West Allis, WI
July 12	Indycar ABC Supply Wisconsin 250, Milwaukee Mile, West Allis, WI
July 16-19	The Hawk with Brian Redman, Vintage Racing, Road America
July 24-26	SVRA U.S. Vintage Grand Prix (& Alfas at the Glen), Watkins Glen, NY
August 2(t)	AROC–Wisconsin, Italian Car and Motorcycle Show , Milwaukee, WI
August 6-9	Continental Tire Road Race Showcase, Road America
August 8	Alfa Demo Day at Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum , Philadelphia, PA
August 16	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Monterey, CA
August 16-20	Ferrari Club of America International Meet, Monterey, CA
August 27-29	NASCAR XFINITY Series, SCCA Pro TransAm, Road America
August 22-23	Milwaukee Masterpiece , Veterans Park, Milwaukee
September 11-13	VSC Ephraim Hillclimb and Concours, Ephraim, Wisconsin
September 11	Goodwood Revival
September 18-20	VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, Road America

More May Events

While you won't want to miss the hillclimb or the Mother's Day weekend tour, there are other May events that might catch your attention, especially if you fancy racing, either contemporary or vintage. The SCCA Majors Tour visits Blackhawk Farms on May 2-3 for a weekend of top-shelf amateur racing, while the SVRA-sanctioned Spring Vintage Weekend is scheduled for May 15-17 at Road America.

The vintage weekend is expected to attract over 200 participants competing in eleven separate groups. A Saturday car show in the paddock is planned. The field is sure to include an Alfa or two.

Also, the popular Lake Mills Cars and Coffee series kicks off Sunday May 3 and continues on the first Sunday of every month through October. 🍀

“Giulia” Debut Still On for June 24

Alfa Romeo executives including CEO Harald Wester and North American chief Reid Bigland have been touring the major auto shows reconfirming that Alfa is on schedule for the introduction of the new ‘Giulia’ sedan in Arese June 24. The product will compete strongly with the BMW 3-series, the ‘Benz C-series, and the Audi A4 and its specifications “will blow your Italian socks off,” stated Bigland in an interview with Automotive News.

The museum at Arese was chosen for the introduction because it represents a renewal of the Marque in the spirit of its long history, to paraphrase Fabrizio Curci, newly appointed head of Alfa in the EMEA region from an interview in la Repubblica.

The actual name of the model is reportedly still undecided. It may be called Giulia or may receive a numerical identifier, thought to be a better choice for the U.S. market. 🍀

Amelia Island Auctions Score Big Results

There were four auctions held in conjunction with the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance this March and each one offered at least one Alfa. Three of the four auctions posted a combined \$140.3 million in sales.



RM's 1961 Giulietta Spider

RM Auctions holds the “official” Amelia auction on the Saturday prior to the Concours. It sold a **1931 6C1750 Zagato Gran Sport Spider** in largely original condition for \$2,420,000. Another Alfa that captured my eye at the preview was a **1961 Giulietta Spider** in red with black upholstery. A very nice driv-

er, it sold for \$88,000. The body and paint looked very nice, however the engine compartment was fitted for reliability rather than show, with electronic ignition and a chromed air cleaner. Nice carpets replaced the original rubber mats.

Bonhams sold a very nice looking **1952 1900C Sprint Coupe** with body by touring in blue with gray upholstery for \$415,800. Said



to be a 2008 restoration, I was attracted to the interior details which included a vintage Autovox radio.

Gooding & Company sold a **1963 Giulia Spider** in unrestored condition for \$77,000.

Lastly, Hollywood Wheels held an event on the island which included an Alfa 4C Launch Edition in new condition, never titled. The results were not available so I can't say how it sold. This sale ran for three days, with the first day being an all-Porsche sale of 52 lots, including a Diesel tractor. 🍀

Alfanatic Visits Amelia Island

Every year in March your editors get the itch to hurry spring along. Our plans usually include a trip to visit relatives in Louisiana, which generally has better weather than Wisconsin this time of year. At least the rainy days down there are warmer than Wisconsin's late snows. This year, as we planned our trip, I did some out-loud daydreaming about some year wanting to visit Amelia Island for the concours and my co-editor, always eager for a vacation that includes a beach, opined that it sounded like a great idea and let's do it this year. Heck, it's only a few hundred miles out of the way, so why not? Planning commenced and it wasn't long before we realized that we weren't the only enthusiasts keen on making Amelia Island a mid-March destination. The only accommodations we found were in Jacksonville, a good hour away. What the heck, we figured, it would still make a good trip. But Chrystal, would-be travel agent that she is, didn't give up and two weeks before our departure scored a room on the island, available due to a late cancellation. We were good to go.

Our lodgings on Amelia, the Hampton Inn at Fernandina Beach, is as nice a Hampton Inn as you might like and they go all out to justify the doubled room rates and three day minimum stays imposed on Concours visitors. They are not alone, as lodging in the area is at a premium. The beach is an easy two block walk away and the Ritz Carlton, site of the Concours, is about three miles down the beach. There is a funky bar and grille right on the beach and no lack of other restaurants within walking and driving distance of the



Alfa brought this 3000CM, an 8C2300 Monza, and a Tipo 33 Stradale to support its 4Cs.

Hampton. The Fernandina Beach historic district is worth a visit for both dining and shopping.

Over the years the Concours has spawned several supporting events. There are auctions, "show and shine" events, vendor booths, seminars, autograph sessions, classic auto tours, and new car test drives to keep you occupied. Most events are centered on the Ritz, with other nearby venues used for the auctions. Saturday the "cars and coffee" event allowed members of local car clubs to show their cars. German cars abounded, with strong turnouts from BMW, Mercedes, and Porsche on the field. Each manufacturer had its own hospitality area and offered test drives of new models for those with an interest in signing up. Lamborghini, Jaguar, and Maserati did the same. Last, but certainly not least, Alfa Romeo showed a strong presence, offering up a variant of the stand used at this year's auto shows showing the 4C coupe and spider as well as three historic Alfas. 4C test



Lamborghinis anyone? A line of Lambos awaits prospects.



The Alfa Romeo stand on Sunday.

drives were available as well. Alfa's local club contingent wasn't that strong, with only a few spiders, a GTV race car and Delmas Greene's Montreal showing the colors.

Along with the Cars and Coffee and the manufacturers' rides, there was the RM Auction (bidders only, but you can preview the cars before they are wheeled in), vendor booths, seminars and autograph signings to draw your interest. This year's honored guest was Stirling Moss, the honoree at the first Amelia Island Concours and now back for the twentieth. I spotted him as he was settling in to the autograph table at the Ritz.



Compare the Spider's nose to the 3000CM on page 4. Notice any similarity?

Turnout for all events was heavy and parking was a challenge. Cars lined the roads around the Ritz for blocks in every direction. Shuttles were provided for the remote lot at the local airport, or if you wanted to dig deep, VIP parking was available for \$40 and up. For most, the remote shuttle was the only way to go

on Sunday, unless you were fortunate enough to be staying at the Ritz

Sunday's main event was pure automotive overload. There were more cars and more people than in previous years, I was told, and it was often hard to navigate between cars in the sea of people. There were over 300 cars organized in 38 different classes, ranging from the expected (American Classics, European Custom Coachwork) to the eclectic (Cars of the Cowboys, Chrysler Town and Country). One of the most interesting was the collection of 20 cars once driven by Stirling Moss. This group included AROC-WI member Colin Comer's Lister Jaguar along with Vanwall and Maserati Formula One machines and a host of really desirable, formula, sports and endurance racers of the '50s and early '60s.



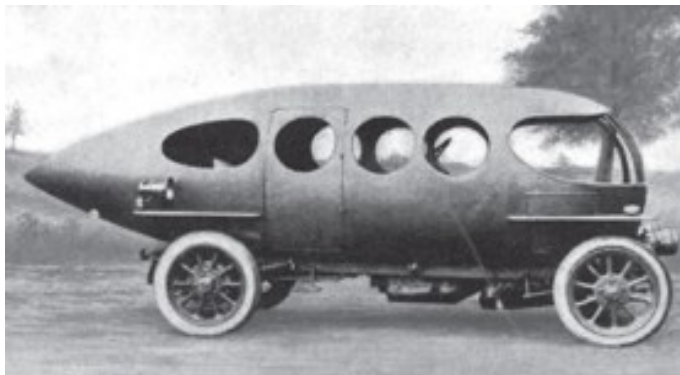
The award-winning 8C2300

Alfa Romeo was well represented in the pre- and postwar sports and GT car classes and included the Concours de Sport winning 1932 8C2300 Zagato Spider of David Sydorick of Beverly Hills, CA. A pair of Giulietta SZs, one a round tail and one a long tail variant, were entered by Tom and Dee Stegman of Cincinnati, OH. One of my favorites was the flamboyantly bodied 1949 6C2500 Spider of Tony Shooshani, Beverly Hills, CA. That series may not have been one of Alfa's best but I loved the treatment this one was given. The mechanic accompanying the car told me that the owner hoped to be accepted to run in next year's Mille Miglia. The other Italian marques, past and present, were also well represented, with Fiats, Lancias Cisitalias, Maseratis, Ferraris, Lamborghinis, and other etceterinis available in abundance.

Amelia Island over Concours week is definitely worth the trip. Aside from the feast of classic and modern automobiles, the island is, after all, a vacation destination. This year the weather was just good enough for us to enjoy the beach and there are plenty of sights to see and places to eat and relax. We'll be back. 🍀



Compare this recreation of the Buckminster Fuller Dymaxion with the Alfa-based 1915 Ricotti Aerodynamic Exercise, below.



A bold 6C2500 roadster.



A pair of Giulietta SZs. Long tail, above and round tail, below.



This Fulvia was one of several rally-equipped Lancias shown.

More Amelia Photos



1932 8C2300 Zagato MM Spider, Bruce Rudin. Montchanin, DE



Not everyone went home unscathed. 1954 375MM of Tom Shaughnessy



You can now buy a brand new Mustang repro made with all-new parts for about \$126,000, with warranty! Revology Mustang in vendor area



Colin Comer's Lister Jag, once driven by Stirling Moss



Our friends from MPI were there exhibiting their skills.



Giddyup! 1963 Pontiac done by Nudie Cohn for Roy Rogers

Jacksonville Alfa Gathering

One of the benefits of Alfa ownership is our shared kinship with like-minded enthusiasts worldwide. It is likely that wherever you go, you will find Alfisti who are eager to share some hospitality with you. Our trip to Amelia Island provided an opportunity to meet some of those people. Saturday afternoon found us in the southern part of Jacksonville at the home of Neville and Lizette Donelly for a get-together. He owns a brace of 164s and claims to have an extensive supply of spares, accumulated over the years. We met through the AlfaBB where I learned of the party. Chrystal and I joined Alfisti from Virginia, Texas, and Florida for a pleasant get-together. 🍀



*Top: The 164-heavy lineup
Above: Host Neville (r) shows off his work. Left: 164 guru and AROC tech advisor, Steve Patchin (l)*



Robert Hall of St. Augustine drove up in this Sprint, which he has owned for over 35 years.



One of Neville's stable

Rho-plate—A Novel Plate Mount

So you just took delivery on your new 4C and you need to mount your front license plate. This could mean drilling a few holes in your pristine front bumper. Oh, the horror! What to do? Well, you could just forget about the front plate and toss it in the glove box, but then



you'd have to have a good story ready for the policeman who pulls you over for driving a fast red car. But maybe you don't have to drill those holes.

Rho-plate, a Vancouver, B.C.-based automotive accessories supplier, has a better idea. They produce kits for mounting your plate from the tow hook mount found on many imported cars. The appliance comes in two versions and kits are provided for most popular models,

including the 4C, for about \$100. The manufacturers say that the mounts are compatible with parking proximity sensors and are built to survive the local car wash. While there are other providers out there, they claim to have a better thought-out design. Check their website at <http://www.rhoplate.com/index.html> for an application to fit your model. 🍀

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1979 Sprint Veloce



This has been my summer car for at least 26 years. For all of that time she has always been garaged and a true “fine-weather” car. Unfortunately, we have both got that much older, so I have come to a very hard decision -- I need to move the baby along to someone who can appreciate her as much as I have. Reasonable offers considered.
Roger Meachem, Princeton, IA, 563.289.2791
<alfaman1@windstream.net>

1974 Alfa Romeo Spider



Sadly I must sell my everyday summer car. Runs super and looks great inside and out. Some work needed on lower panels. Personally owned 2 years. Previ-

ous owner also used daily in the summer for many years. 89,000 miles. Asking \$6,200.

Contact: Kristine Fauerbach, 1-608-877-0562, or kristine.fauerbach@gmail.com

1985 Corvette

Red/Red, 4+3, removable hard top. 51k miles and stored inside since new. All original. Body and interior in great shape. This car is move-in ready and is a nice ride. Blue Book value \$12,000.

Contact: Jim, 262-642-5068 or jzyla@wi.rr.com

Two Engines

1987 2.5l from a rusted out Milano. Approximately 90k. Make Offer.

1991 3.0l S motor. Approximately 200k. Make Offer.
Steve Wirtz, West Bend, WI
262.306.8238 Home swirtz@charter.net

Parts - Make offer

Several Milano parts—Engine parts, oil pans, valve covers, heads, small interior parts, hood, and sunroof. Don't have a Milano so I don't need the parts.

1974 Spider Hood, Cowl, Doors, Transmission and interior parts. New Left rear quarter panel and lower nose pan.

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