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## Next Event

**Sunday, July 28**

**Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Wisconsin  
Presents**

**ICAMS**

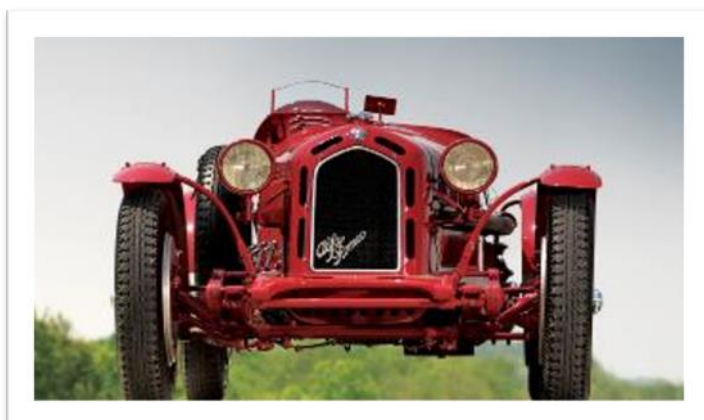
**The 26th Annual  
Italian Car and Motorcycle Show**

**Sussex Village Park  
Sussex, Wisconsin**

**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Rain or Shine**

**All Italian Vehicles Welcome**

**See registration form (pg. 3) for details**



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## New Alfa Romeo Sales Manager at International Autos Group

By Bob Ludwigson



*Garland McIntosh at Work*

On June 19, I went to International Autos, our local Milwaukee Alfa Romeo dealer, to promote ICAMS, our upcoming car show. I discovered that Heather Stupar, our previous contact, was no longer there. In her place I met with a new face, Garland McIntosh. He explained that Heather had decided to become a stay-at-home Mom.

I provided him with info on our show, emphasizing that all proceeds were going to the Alzheimer's Association. He was aware that Heather had brought a new Maserati to last year's show. He said that he will find a willing individual to bring an Alfa to this year's ICAMS. 🍀

## Mystery Car Identified



This mystery mini-SUV was driven to last month's Hill Climb in New Glarus. The blue hatchback won my "never saw one before" award for the weekend.

Bill Siegfried properly identified it for us:

*Bob,*

*This car is one of a group of Nissan special editions sold only in Japan. Collectively, they are known as "Pike cars," since they were all built on the small assembly line at their Pike factory. They were based on the 987 cc mechanicals of the Nissan Micra (sold in some markets as the March -- no relation to the race car manufacturer).*

*The Pike cars were:*

*Be-1 10,000 produced 1987 - 1988*

*S-Cargo 8,000 snail-looking vans produced 1989 - 1991*

*Pao 31,352 produced 1989 - 1991*

*Figaro 20,073 2+2 coupes produced in 1991*

*This, of course, is a Pao (not branded Nissan)* 🍀

## Local, Regional, and International Events Calendar, 2024 - 2025

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)

### 2024

June 21-23	WeatherTech Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints, Road America
June 22	CAROC/Lotus Corps <a href="#">Blackhawk Farms Driver Education and Lapping Day</a>
June 26	Hagerty Drivers Club Track Day at Road America, <a href="#">Hagerty.com</a>
June 28-30	Trans Am SpeedTour, Road America
July 11-14	WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman, Road America
<b>July 28</b>	<b>AROC-WI Italian Car and Motorcycle Show (ICAMS) Sussex Cty Park</b>
August 2-4	IMSA SportsCar Weekend, Road America
August 3	<a href="#">Macchinissima II</a> , Los Angeles CA
August 16-18	Fanatec GT World Challenge, Road America
August 18	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
August 25	<a href="#">Geneva Concours d'Elegance</a> , Geneva IL
Sept 13-15	Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend Featuring VSCDA

### 2025

Feb 27-March 2	<a href="#">Moda Miami</a>
March 6-9	<a href="#">The Amelia</a> , Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance
June 14-15	Le Mans 24-Hour Race
June 25	<b>Tom Heinrich's Howl at the Moon Summer Solstice Happening</b>

## It's Klausenrennen!

Oops! Last month's report on our New Glarus hill climb consistently misspelled the formal title of the event. It's "Das Kurze Klausenrennen, with a double "n" in "rennen," meaning "run" or by extension, "race," in German. The sharp-eyed Bill Siegfried noticed and let me know.

In my defense, I'll say is that neither the correct nor the incorrect spelling is in my spell checker. However, we weren't the only offender. While preparing this apology, I noticed that this year's emailed event announcement spelled the event as Klausnrenen (sic). Oh, well.

## The Original Klausenrennen

While we're on the subject, it might be worthwhile to review the origin of the name.

In the early days of auto racing, hill climbs run on public roads were a big deal, and the original Klausenrennen, "The Grand Mountain Prize of Switzerland," was one of the biggest. The race was held on a portion of the road cut through Switzerland's Klausen pass. The 15.75 ft wide gravel road, completed in 1899, stretched 29 miles through the Alps, connecting Altdorf to Linthal in the canton of Glarus. While it was built to enable trade, it was designed to facilitate military movement, with generous curves and a maximum gradient of less than 9%, according to the [Klausenrennen.com website](http://Klausenrennen.com).

No automobiles were permitted on the road until 1922 when a Swiss-produced car, the Alpin, was allowed to cross the pass on a test run. In no time at all, other cars began to use the pass for testing. According to the website, the first Klausenrennen, organized by the Automobile club of Switzerland and run in August 1922, was an ad hoc affair. There was no advertising



1923 Contestants marshalled in the town square

or published race program for the 14 race cars participating in this "mountain test run."



A slight mishap

The event was run 10 times between 1922 and 1934. Europe's racing elite—names like Caracciola, Stuck, Nuvolari, and Chiron—ran the 13.36 mile course between Linthal and the summit, watched by throngs of enthusiastic spectators. The course contained 136 curves, including 57 hairpins, all run at an altitude of 4,000 feet. The Klausen race has been revived periodically, with commemorative runs in '93, '98, 2002, '06, and '13.



Nuvolari in an 8C 2300 Alfa, 1932

This historic Swiss hill climb was the late AROC-Wisconsin member Tom Caufield's inspiration for a Kurze (short) hill climb in New Glarus, the heart of Wisconsin's little Switzerland, some 36 years ago. Since he also was a member of Chicago's Vintage Sportscar Club, whose members owned a number of pre-war cars, the event was a natural hit. While the ages of the cars have changed over the years, (GTVs were new cars then) the spirit of camaraderie remains.

Photos from the Klausenrennen website



## More Hill Climb Photos

Tom Schmock was busy with his camera in New Glarus last month capturing a number of runs along the course, as well as pre-event activities in the lot. Follow the link below to view his fine work:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/y7TmXzRYUMNs6z2EA>

## Tom Heinrich Finds the Biscione in Milano

Last month, Tom sent along some shots of the Sforza Castle he took on a recent visit to Milan. It's hard to miss the association of Alfa Romeo and the city of Milan. 🍀



## 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**

Clean **1982 Alfa Spider** needs a new home, have owned since the fall of 1987, a little over 67,000 miles, always garaged, original red paint, leather seats, dash and top in good shape, \$7,500. If interested contact [jthiel53075@gmail.com](mailto:jthiel53075@gmail.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 sent you.

**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](mailto:gjtreehouse@gmail.com)

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