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Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Wisconsin

Annual Banquet and Membership Meeting

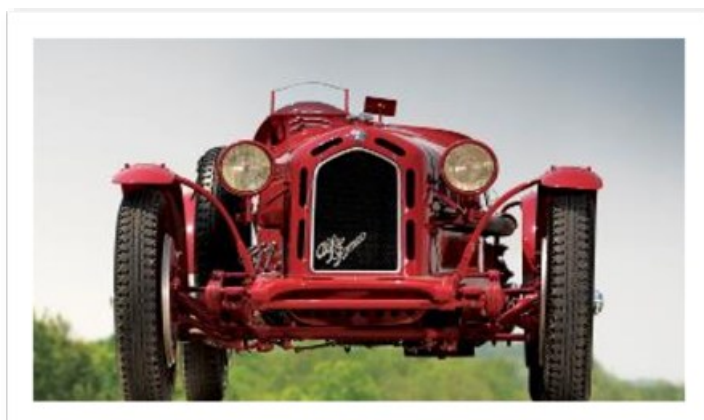
Saturday, March 21, 2026

**Maggiano's Little Italy
Mayfair Mall, Wauwatosa**

Social Hour 5:00 p.m.

Meeting and Door Prizes Following Dinner

See Inside for Menu and Sign-up



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AROC-WI Banquet on the Horizon

By Bob Ludwigson

The AROC-WI annual winter banquet and business meeting is less than three weeks away. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Maggiano’s Little Italy restaurant, located at Mayfair Mall, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

We will have a private room with our own bar ready to supply beverages. Following a delicious meal, with entrees selected from Maggiano’s Steakhouse Menu, we will be selecting club officers for 2026 and will draw for door prizes.

We will begin the evening with a social hour, beginning at 5:00 p.m., with banquet to follow. The cost for the evening is \$90.00 per person. Please fill out the attached form and remit your payment to Randy Swanson.

See you there! 🍀

Mayfair Mall is located adjacent to I41, at the intersection of W. North Ave. and Mayfair Rd. (Hwy 100). Maggiano’s address is 2500 N. Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa.

Menu Selections

Appetizers, *served buffet style*

- Calamari Fritté
- Tomato Bruschetta
- Wagyu Beef Meatballs

Chef’s Signature Caesar Salad

served with freshly baked bread

Choice of individually plated entrée

- Center Cut Filet of Beef
- “The Grand” Chicken Parmesan
- Lasagna
Beef and Italian Sausage
- Beef Tenderloin Medallions
- Simply Grilled Salmon

Accompaniments for the Table

- Baked Truffle Mac and Cheese
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Roasted Garlic Broccoli

Desserts

- New York Style Cheesecake
- Vera’s Lemon Cookies

Local, Regional, and International Events Calendar, 2025 - 2026

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

2026

Mar 5-8	The Amelia , Amelia Island, Florida
March 21	AROC-WI Annual Banquet, Maggiano’s Little Italy, Wauwatosa
May 1-2	AROC-WI Das Kurze Klausenrennen, New Glarus, Wisconsin
May 14-17	Milwaukee Auto Show , State Fair Park, West Allis
May 15-17	SVRA Spring Vintage Weekend, Road America
May 17	Glenview Luxury Imports 6th Annual Car Festival , Glenview IL
June 5-7	SCCA Chicago Region June Sprints, Road America
June 10-20	AROC Goes to Italy, Steve Austin’s Great Vacations
June 18-21	Indycar XPEL Grand Prix, Road America
June 26-28	Cheese Capital Cup, Trans Am Speedtour, Road America
July 16-19	WeatherTech Vintage Weekend with Brian Redman, Road America
July 30-Aug 2	Motul IMSA SportsCar Endurance Grand Prix, Road America
Aug 28-30	GT World Challenge, Road America
Sept 18-20	Art on Wheels VSCDA Vintage Weekend, Road America
Sept 23-27	AROC-USA National Convention, Ogden, Utah
Oct 2-4	SCCA National Runoffs, Road America
Nov 19-22	RetroMobile US , Javits Convention Center, NYC

Banquet Registration
Saturday, March 21
Social Hour 5:00 p.m.
Maggiano's Little Italy
Mayfair Mall
2500 N. Mayfair Rd.
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Yes! Sign me up!

Names: _____

Contact Information _____
Phone or email

Choice of Entrée
Indicate Quantity

_____ Center Cut Filet of Beef
_____ Chicken Parmesan
_____ Lasagna
_____ Beef Medallions
_____ Simply Grilled Salmon

Payment _____ x \$90.00 = _____

Make checks payable to:

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Questions or late registration?

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Glenview Luxury Imports Car Show

Glenview Luxury Imports, Chicagoland’s northernmost Alfa Dealer, is hosting its fifth annual exotic car show Sunday, May 17, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the 100 club, aiding the families of first responders killed in the line of duty. The show’s website, <https://glicarshow.com/>, has information on registering your car, as well as volunteer and attendance (free) information. Glenview was an enthusiastic sponsor of last year’s Chicago AROC National Convention. 🍀

Donald Osborne on the Alfa SZ

Too long to copy here but a good read

Magneto Magazine published a discussion with Donald Osborne, covering his search for an Alfa SZ and the related themes of Brutalist design and the changing nature of concours judging. It’s worth a read. Follow the link to [Magneto-Magazine.com](https://magneto-magazine.com), or navigate there and search for Donald Osborne. 🍀

Alfa’s U.S. Brand Chief Recognized



As a part of the Chicago Auto Show’s “What Drives Her” program, Christine Feuell, Chrysler brand chief executive officer and head of Alfa Romeo brand, was recognized as the 2026 Industry Trailblazer Winner.

Feuell is a well-recognized senior executive with extensive global experience in automotive, supply chain automation, and advanced build-

ing technologies industries. During her career, Feuell achieved progressive responsibilities in sales, marketing, strategic planning, product management, and P&L leadership at Ford Motor Company, Johnson Controls, and Honeywell, with a strong track record of delivering profitable growth through integrated products, software, and services.

“I am truly honored to receive the What Drives Her Trailblazer Award, and I am deeply humbled to be nominated by such amazing and accomplished leaders in our industry,” said Feuell. “I especially appreciate the What Drives Her committee for shining a spotlight on women who are blazing trails in our industry and creating pathways for others to follow.” 🍀

2026 Last Year for AROC Goes to Italy

In his March newsletter, tour operator Steve Austin ([Steve Austin’s Great Vacations](#)) announced that the 2026 “AROC Goes to Italy” tour, the tenth, will be the last. In 2027 the tour will change destinations and become, tentatively, “AROC in Sicily.” Steve indicated that there is still a lot of work to be done to pull that tour together, but one could reasonably guess it will include experiences focused on the Targa Florio, the epic Sicilian road race run from 1906 through 1977, now operating as a classic car rally—think Sicilian Mille Miglia. Given the destination and event timing, it’s likely that the tour would be scheduled for mid-October. I’m sure more information will be forthcoming this summer. 🍀

A Link to Like

Visit [Petrolicious.com](https://petrolicious.com) for a clip about how two friends each acquired modified Giulia Supers. [La Double Dose](#)

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The Case of the Missing Tipo 33 Stradale

By Bob Abhalter



A 1967 33 Stradale, like the one that's missing

Lawyers representing the heirs of an Italian industrialist filed suit with the Milan Public Prosecutor's office alleging extortion, fraud, and misrepresentation surrounding the disappearance of an Alfa Romeo 33 Stradale, one of only 18 examples of the beautiful Scaglietti-designed masterpieces produced from 1967 to 1969.

The story, pieced together from posts on the [Chronicles of Campania](#), [Il Giornale d'Italia](#), and other Italian websites, is that the car, chassis 75033102, valued at €30 million, was owned by Roberto Bersi, of Brescia, CEO of Bicomet, a scrap metal processing company, who passed away in 2021 at age 68, leaving his widow and family to settle his estate. The 33 Stradale had been in storage for decades, entrusted to a Neapolitan classic car specialist, said to be a close friend of the deceased. According to the complaint, the relationship between the custodian and the family quickly went on the rocks following the owner's death. The Naples-based dealer produced an invoice dated October 1993 conveying the car to a dealership in Marseille, France, a transaction the family views as highly suspect considering that the car remained registered to Signor Bersi until his death. According to the lawsuit, *"The heirs tell of a real siege: continuous phone calls, suffocating pressures, and the concrete threat of millionaire lawsuits that could have wiped out the family assets."*

Faced with the hail of constant intimidation, the distraught widow, who was suffering with medical problems of her own, was allegedly coerced into signing a sales agreement in April 2023 for the nominal price of €10.

Immediately following the sale, title to the car was transferred to an ad hoc company, created rather sus-

piciously with the assistance of a lawyer who was also involved in settling Senior Bersi's estate. Then a well-known French collector reported the car's license plates missing, effectively wiping the Stradale from Italian ownership rolls.

The lawsuit alleges foul play, claiming the car was fraudulently obtained, spirited out of the country, and was now in the hands of a mysterious, unknown private collector.

Faced with few other options, the family is now offering a reward of €100,000 for information leading to the recovery of the car. They are hoping that someone with knowledge of the Stradale's current whereabouts will come forward to help them.

Coda: Don't Believe Everything You Read

It took a little more than a week for the story told in the original February 13 news release to become seriously corrupted. A few days later, the story had appeared on a dozen mainstream and enthusiast sites. All told the same basic story and a few of them added additional details, helping to flesh out the story. But by February 23, sites like [Autoevolution.com](#) and [autoblog.com](#) started getting the details seriously wrong, conflating the missing 1967-vintage 33 Stradale with a copy of the new 33 Stradale, one of 33 from the limited run of supercars announced by Alfa in 2023 and now making the rounds of the auto shows.

As the story moved from site to site, further inaccuracies were introduced. It was like children playing a game of Telephone, where each successive retelling changes the story until the original is hopelessly garbled. The authors perhaps lacked a sense of automotive history or the patience to read the original story.



The 2024 33 Stradale, definitely not missing

8C 2900B Named Best of the Best

The 1938 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B from the Keller collection, winner of the 2025 Amelia concours, was awarded the Peninsula Classics Best of the Best Award January 26 at the Peninsula Paris hotel. The award honors the most worthy concours winner from the major shows of the past year, as determined by a panel of respected judges. A total of seven cars were judged last year. The award was established in 2015 by hotelier Sir Michael Kadoorie to “honor the preservation and restoration of the world’s finest automobiles,” according to MagnetoMagazine.com.



The car is unique in that it was the only one with coachwork by Stabilimenti Farina, with styling input from Battista “Pinin” Farina, while most 8Cs were bodied by Touring. It was first owned by race driver and future 1950 F1 champion Giuseppe Farina, son of Giovanni, the Stabilimenti’s founder. Battista, who went on to establish coachbuilder Pinin Farina, was Giovanni’s brother and thus Giuseppe’s uncle. So, a family affair.

The Keller Collection, a fabulous collection of Italian and other European classics, was established decades ago by the late Arturo Keller. Deborah Keller, Arturo’s wife, was on hand to accept the award on behalf of the Keller Collection. *“This unique vehicle exemplifies the golden era of Italian automotive design and craftsmanship, and every time I see it I am reminded why such magnificent automobiles deserve to be preserved and celebrated.”* 🍀



Who Designed the Pininfarina 2600 Speciale?



2600 Speciale Spider - 1962

There were two show cars produced by Pininfarina on the 2600 chassis. The first was a red Spider intended for the 1962 Turin and Geneva auto shows. That car was converted into a coupe for the 1963 Brussels show. The coupe was later found in the U.S. and restored to the 1963 Brussels show configuration. Both cars express the Pininfarina design aesthetic of the era. Studying the car’s profiles, one can see echoes of other cars then on the drawing boards, most particularly, the 1963 Corvette Rondine and a special built on the Fiat 2300 platform, as well other as production cars styled by the house.



2600 Speciale Coupe - 1963

At that time, the individual design talents at large designers remained anonymous. For example, it was only later that we learned that Giorgetto Giugiaro was responsible for Bertone’s designs for the 2000 Sprint Coupe and Giulia Sprint GT. Likewise, the talented designers of Pininfarina didn’t receive individual credit for the designs they created. One of the design house’s top designers at the time was the American Tom Tjaarda, who was later credited with the Corvette Rondine and went on to design a long list of significant automobiles for a host of manufacturers. Despite the similarities in form and style, Tjaarda never claimed credit for the Alfa 2600 Speciale, and it’s unlikely that we will ever know who was primarily responsible for the design. 🍀



1963 Corvette Rondine

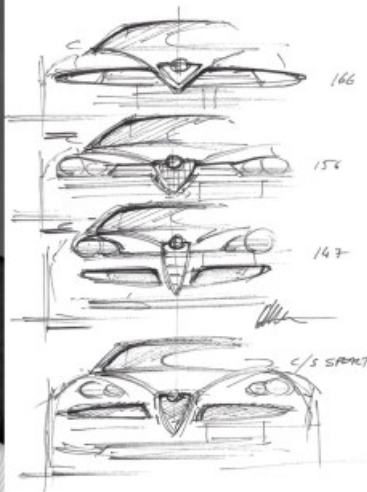
Happy 75th Birthday to Walter de Silva!

(Born on 27 February 1951, not far from Milan, Italy.)

From [Facebook](#), [Alfattitude](#)

During his tenure as Director of Centro Stile Alfa Romeo between 1986 and 1999, a number of important and highly successful Alfas were launched - including the 166, 156, 147, and the Nuvola concept pictured here in his sketch.

Perhaps even more importantly, under his guidance the core design philosophy of “Bellezza Necessaria” was adopted as the defining mantra of Alfa Romeo design - a credo that remains valid to this day.



(It's too bad the U.S. never got any of his designs.)

Everything Old Is New Again

In 2024, when Alfa released its subcompact crossover SUV the Junior (nee Milano) much was made of the cutout representation of the traditional Alfa Romeo shield on seen on the nose of the *Elettrica* version. At the time, it was viewed by some as a daring departure from tradition.



Today, while preparing the piece on the Pininfarina 2600 Speciale, I was drawn to the the grille-piece of that car. Notice any similarity? 🍀



More of the 2600 Speciale and Its Design Siblings



2600 Spider Speciale (all photos from RuoteClassiche)



2600 Coupe Speciale



Tom Tjaarda with the Corvette Rondine sometime in the 2000s



Fiat 2300S Coupe Speciale Lausanne (1964)

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Three 164s For Sale

I have three 1991 164s I'm looking to dispose of.

1. 1991 164L which was a daily driver until the front head gasket blew externally (no coolant in the oil or chambers) just shy of 200k miles.
2. 1991 164 Base parts car missing injectors, HVAC units and hood (it's on the L)
3. 1991 164 Sport with manual transmission. It was driven here and left. The owner was murdered. I'm told the rear suspension was rusted out. General condition "rough."

All three have tires. The first two hold air, I'm not sure about the Sport.

No offer will be refused. They're worth very little as

scrap and I'd rather see them go to someone who cares. Especially the L.

The L and Sport are at my shop at:

501A S Nine Mound Rd, Verona, WI 53593

The Base is at my home at W6008 Pioneer Rd., New Glarus, WI 53574

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1978 Spider

Texas car, with backdated bumpers, Nardi wheel, and engine build by Stuart Sandeman. Asking \$15k. Gerry Perlman, Waco, TX, (562) 972-0700, gerryperlman@gmail.com



Garage Cleanout

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. A 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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