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**Editorial Comments:** Some interesting photos of recent events this month – enjoy.



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for August 2015.

Car Name: An Alfa Sprint Speciale leads the way at the Modena Cento Ore Classic 2015 in Rome!



## Recent Events: US Vintage Grand Prix at Watkins Glen

Note: Images from Sports Car Digest

1963 Alfa Romeo TZ1, Joseph Colasacco. A rare Alfa race car looking great in yellow paint!



The U.S. Vintage Grand Prix 2015 was held July 23-26 at famed Watkins Glen International in Watkins Glen, New York. Sportscar Vintage Racing Association's annual visit to the historic road course located in the Finger Lakes Region of western New York is one of the most popular events on the SVRA race schedule.

The SVRA U.S. Vintage Grand Prix Watkins Glen 2015 featured Alfa Romeo as Honored Marque. Alfas at the Glen 2015 saw a large number of this favorite Italian marque competing in their own race groups, in addition to a special race called the Nuvolari Cup. The SVRA Collier Cup Race for Vintage MGs was also an important part of this event, celebrating the 61st anniversary of the first Collier Brothers Memorial Trophy Race of the MGs.

The Glenora Wine Cellars U.S. Vintage Grand Prix presented by Welliver featured cars on track throughout the weekend with qualifying sessions on Friday and races on Saturday and Sunday. This year's race was run in July rather than the traditional September date due to the repaving project for the 3.67-mile, 11-turn Watkins Glen circuit, in addition to racing on the 2.45-mile 'short course'. The Grand Prix will return to its September date in 2016.

## Recent Events: US Vintage Grand Prix Watkins Glen continued

1968 Alfa Romeo Tipo 33/2 Daytona Coupe – Jay Lliohan - followed by another red Alfa Sprint.



1959 Maserati Tipo 151- Charles Schwimer. Yes it sits that low to the ground – maybe he needs a Bubble top!





## Recent Events: US Vintage Grand Prix Watkins Glen continued

1965 Alfa Romeo GTA – Sam Cummings



1960 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint- Thomas V.H. Vail.



Peter Giddings' 1935 Alfa Romeo Tipo C 8C-35, an ex-Scuderia Ferrari works car successfully driven in period by names such as Tazio Nuvolari and Dick Seaman



## Recent Events: US Vintage Grand Prix Watkins Glen continued

Front straight of Watkins Glen. Alfa was well represented this year at Watkins Glen.



1957 Alfa Romeo Guilietta Spider- B.John Feng.

Alfas ruled the Glen.



## Recent Events: US Vintage Grand Prix Watkins Glen continued

Look closely at this car and you will see the tiny Alfa emblem on the nose.

1971 Alfa Romeo T33/T3 – Tonis Kasemets, another rare Alfa race car this time in the typical red paint.



1968 Alfa Romeo Tipo 33/2 Daytona Coupe – Jay Lliohan.



1966 Alfa Romeo 1750 GTV, Wil Painter.





## Recent Events: US Vintage Grand Prix Watkins Glen continued

1972 BMW 3.0 CSL- Bill Gavin a regular at Watkins Glen with its unique black paint.



1960 Chaparral 1 Sports Racer, lest you think there were only Alfas at this year's Watkins Glen.



## Recent Events: Modena Cento Ore Classic 2015

Note: Images from Sports Car Digest

If you could not get in the Mille Miglia this year you are not alone. There is however another ultimate road rally in Italy starting in Rome and ending in Modena with some additional racing events mixed in throughout the run.

Is he 1) lost and refuses to look at the map, 2) She needs the toilet fast, or 3) spotted a drive thru expresso spot?



Modena Cento Ore 2015 was staged June 2-7 in central Italy, starting in Rome and finishing in Modena. The organizers planned a special edition for the 15th anniversary of the rally, with four circuit races and 13 special stages among the highlights.

Created in 2000, the 'Cento Ore' is a Competition or Regularity rally held on scenic routes with circuit races, hill-climbs on closed roads and unique evenings in great locations, all sewed together with touristic and cultural hints. The invite-only event is reserved for vehicles with historical and sporting value, built from the 1920s to the 1970s.



## Recent Events: Modena Cento Ore Classic 2015 - Continued

To celebrate the 15th anniversary of the rally, the 2015 edition saw the crews driving for four days on the most beautiful roads that connect Rome, Perugia, Florence and Modena, with four famous circuits (Vallelunga, Magione, Mugello and Imola) and thirteen special stages on roads closed to the public. Both Competition and Regularity sections shared the same route, circuits, uphill timed trials and evenings.

It's around here somewhere I do not need a map.

I told you we had to get here early for a good spot



The Modena Cento Ore Classic 2015 saw the 1962 Jaguar E-Type of Walker-Redhouse take victory in the Competition section for cars built until 1965 for the second consecutive year, while the crew Denat-Remnant in a 1973 Porsche 911 Carrera RSR won first place amongst the cars from the G/H/I periods. The adjusted classification saw the team of Tourneur-Fiat win with their 1954 Porsche 356 Pre-A Speedster. In the Regularity section, the first place goes to crew Smith-Crew in a 1959 MG A Twin Cam, with the teams classification dominated by the German Scuderia Carolus Magnus from Aachen, the one with the most crews, both in the Competition and in the Regularity section.

Ladies this is the way to get an Italian vacation!

Father – Can we speed this along I am in a bit of a hurry!



## Events: Modena Cento Ore Classic 2015 - Continued

Mix in a little track time too during the tour



Keep on driving and do not look in the rear mirror!



Show off your cars before the event – and what a place to do it wow, Rome in June!





## Alfa Romeo Article:

Upshift

THE INFO | YEARS PRODUCED: 1966-1994 | NUMBER PRODUCED: 124,104 | ORIGINAL PRICE: \$974 SPIDER

**I** know this rule about driving convertibles with the top up. I simply don't do it. If the weather's so awful that a vinyl roof will make a big difference in comfort, I leave the

car in the garage. That's why my dad was laughing so hard when I arrived at his house in Phoenix after a drive from Los Angeles one Christmas. The thermometer read 82 degrees, and the sunroof cover concealing my crused softtop was encrusted with ice. So was I.

What I wasn't about to tell my father was that in the cruel stop-and-go traffic trying to escape L.A., I lost first gear when the linkage went out of adjustment. Shortly after, I lost second gear, too. I made it across the chilly desert

that night by promising my little car a transmission rebuild if we ever managed to get back home, which we did eventually.

I bought my spider years ago from a friend. When I saw it for the first time, a shingle went up my spine all the way to the top of my head. Silver skin stretched over a low, long spaceship. The steeply raked windshield made it look fast even while parked, and the plexiglass Carello headlight covers rounded out the nose. I slipped into the driver's seat behind the elegant wood-rim steering wheel, and my right hand instinctively grabbed the shift lever. The shift knob carries a custom badge of the Alfa crest, which depicts a dragon (some say snake) consuming a male unbeliever.

Pininfarina styled the all-steel unibody Spider to slip through the



wind. The carrozzeria also built the bodies and assembled the car. Just like the Porsche 911 of the same era, the Alfa Romeo Spider evolved in specification as carburetors were supplanted by fuel injection and slim chrome bumpers were replaced by large rubber cushions, yet the same classic specification and shape always remain identifiable. Each generation of the car enjoys a

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JULIA LAPALME

1966-1994

## ALFA ROMEO SPIDER



Like a Miata, only it comes attached to a vacation in Italy



## Alfa Romeo Article – Continued:

VELOCE 2000 \$6,950 (MSRP) VALUE TODAY \$20,700 (MSRP, AVERAGE RETAIL)

COLLECTIBLE CLASSIC | KARA SNOW

healthy fan base: Duets, Veloce, Junior, Aerodinamica, Quadrifoglio, and the Series 4.

My 1974 Spider Veloce 2000 is one of about 35,000 produced from 1971 to 1982. The classic 3.0-liter twin-cam Alfa engine puts out only 129 hp and 130 lb-ft of torque, yet this is more than enough with only 2,252 pounds to move. The car gods are just at



ALFA ROMEO'S 3.0-liter twin-cam engine is a true work of art. Like an Alfa Romeo, it's a work of art.



work engraving the headlines for the manual transmission, but what makes the Spider so exciting is that it's a shift. I listen for the top of the engine's rev range and then slam the crisp mechanical transmission linkage into the next gear: Sometimes I'm Duets Hoffman in "The Graduate" (1967), sometimes I'm Michelle Pfeiffer in "Tequila Sunrise" (1988), and sometimes I'm

Angelina Jolie in "Gia" (1998), all famous cinematic examples of Spider enthusiasts.

The Alfa Romeo Spider also speaks to me of Italian culture. My first car was actually a scooter—a blue 1959 Vespa rebadged by its dealer sales center as an Allstate. I bought it in 1985, back before replacement parts were a simple mouse click away, so I always opted to fix it myself. The necessity of



Spider gets the standard in engine style, but looks out for the two-type steering wheel.

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### WHY BUY?

Now that Alfa Romeo has returned to the U.S. market, there are new reasons than ever to embrace this classic convertible of the '60s and '70s. Wedding examples of this refined, well-inspired car can be had for less than \$10,000, and most major wear items like the Romeo top sit cheap. With a growing pool of Alfa Romeo owners in the U.S., values for the Spider also might rise. Although the Spider is spotted like a Mitsu, it's a luxury design, first successful car that the Alfa. And there's more style and charm in its hood badge than any other. Designed by the Alfa Romeo MG or Trumpf. Alfa can't stand and reliable when it comes to the mechanical hardware, and they do not seem as susceptible to rust as Fiat or Trumpf of the same era.



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### THE SPECS

#### 1974 ALFA ROMEO SPIDER VELOCE 2000

**ENGINE**  
3.0L DOHC 8-cylinder  
129 hp @ 5,000 rpm,  
130 lb-ft @ 3,750 rpm

**TRANSMISSION**  
5-speed manual

**DRIVE**  
Rear-wheel

**FRONT SUSPENSION**  
Control arms, coil springs

**REAR SUSPENSION**  
Coil-over, coil spring

**BRAKES**  
Disc

**WEIGHT**  
2,252 lb



working on my own scooter eventually led me to opening my own shop (with a partner), which is dedicated to vintage Italian scooter repair and restoration. Our shop is packed with classic Italian scooters—Vespa, Lambretta, and even a Benelli motorcycle. Just like a scooter, my Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce 2000 is simple and timeless elegant. And just like a scooter, most repairs and maintenance can be done in the driveway. For instance, I replaced the spider's stock triple fuel injection system with twin Italian-built Weber carburetors in an afternoon.

The Spider adds a little Italian sophistication to everyday life. Rare are the days one can cruise the sun-dappled country roads of Tuscany or visit Verona for espresso and bicotti at a posh outdoor bistro. Yet I can wrap my head in a diaphanous scarf, don sunglasses and driving gloves, and stomp on the gas pedal with a Prada ribbon, transforming the mean L.A. streets into an Italian daydream. You'll get no such experience in a Honda Civic.

The Alfa Romeo Spider is the car you dream of driving when you're 18. It's also the car you wait until 30 to actually own because it's too expensive for young drivers, too impractical for families, and too selfish when you have more than one friend who needs a ride. But once you hit the age of "What happened to my youth?" such reasons no longer matter. It's dream-fulfilling time. This isn't the first Alfa I've owned, and it certainly won't be the last. We'll see how our new Four Seasons Alfa 4C compares up against my 1974 Spider. ■

## More Upcoming Events:

**Important: Early registration expires in Four Days and cost go up as of 9/01!!!**

The Mirror Lake Car Show and Concourse October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Down Town Lakeland, FL. Join us helping support the Winter Haven Alfa/Fiat Dealer at the Mirror Lake car show. Lakeland is close enough to drive over for the day and drive home but we plan to reserve a block of Hotel rooms close to down town and invite all to a wine and cheese event around the pool the evening before the show and a group dinner together at a great local place.



With over 35,000 people attending, the Concour de Elegance located around the lake will host 125 cars fast becoming the prelude show to Amelia Island, with over 600 cars in the open car event located in the downtown streets. Cars are grouped by class and make on the streets with every vehicle imaginable.



## Future Dates for the Festival of Speed:

Ritz-Carlton Orlando – Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2015

Omni Amelia Island – Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2016

Vinoy Park – St Petersburg – Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016

Let us know if you plan to attend any of these events!

**More Upcoming Events: Festivals of Speed – Orlando – Sunday December 6th**



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## **Up Coming Events**

### **August 2015 Events**

Sarasota Café Racers – Wednesdays, August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Harmon Heed

**No FAC Business Meeting this Month**

Tampa Bay Café Racers – August 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

DuPont Cars & Coffee on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 709AM

Tampa Bay Café Racers – August 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

### **September 2015 Events**

Sarasota Café Racers – Wednesdays, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Harmon Heed

Tampa Bay Café Racers – September 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

Alfa Tech Session (tentative) – September 13<sup>th</sup> – at the Delmas/Polly Greene's Home - Delmas

Club Business Mtg. on September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM at Taziki's Café on Ulmerton

DuPont Cars & Coffee on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 AM

Tampa Bay Café Racers – September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30 AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

### **October 2015 Events:**

Celebration Car Show – October 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, Orlando

Sarasota Café Racers – Wednesdays, October 7<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Harmon Heed

Tampa Bay Café Racers – October 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

Club Business Mtg. on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM at Taziki's Café on Ulmerton

Mirror Lake Car Show on October 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, in Lakeland – Frank Mann

DuPont Cars & Coffee on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 AM

Tampa Bay Café Racers – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

### **November 2015 Events:**

Sarasota Café Racers – Wednesdays, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Harmon Heed

St Petersburg Yacht Club Car Show – Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Tampa Bay Café Racers – November 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

Annual Ft DeSoto Picnic and Car Show – November 15<sup>th</sup>, - Harmon Heed

**More Upcoming Events:**

**November 2015 Events – Continued:**

Club Business Mtg. on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM at Taziki's Café on Ulmerton -

DuPont Cars & Coffee on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7-9 AM

Tampa Bay Café Racers – November 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

**December 2015 Events:**

Sarasota Café Racers – Wednesdays, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Harmon Heed

Club Annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Alfanos – Polly Greene

Festival of Speed – Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> – Orlando Ritz Carlton 10:00AM – 4:00PM – Joe Sabatini

Tampa Bay Café Racers – December 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

DuPont Cars & Coffee on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 AM

Tampa Bay Café Racers – December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30 AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

**January 2016 Event:**

Sarasota Café Racers – Wednesdays, January 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Harmon Heed

Tampa Bay Café Racers – January 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton – Frank Mann

DuPont Cars & Coffee on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 AM

Sarasota Polo – (Date Tentative) on January – Robert Scott

Tampa Bay Café Racers – January 27, 11:30 AM – Backcourt Café on Ulmerton

**February 2016 Event:**

## Cars for Sale:



## This Month's Cars for Sale:

Charlie Puffer has for sale a 1984 Alpha Romeo Spider. The car has 44,560 original miles. I put a new cloth top on it 20 years ago and had the engine redone 700 miles ago when I shipped it to Bradenton in 2006. The car is a misty green (Topaz) with blue leather interior. It has always been garaged. I am offering it at \$13,000. You can contact Charlie at [charpuf@gmail.com](mailto:charpuf@gmail.com) or directly by phone at 860-377-3698.





## More Cars for Sale:

We were recently contacted by an Alfa enthusiast, George Hsu who has a 1974 Alfa GTV for sale. He has owned the car since new and driven it sporadically over the years. It has roughly 75K original miles and the photo of the engine bay looks very clean suggesting a low mileage original condition car. The car is located on Sea Island Georgia and can be seen for inspection by contacting George directly via email at [jnthsu@aol.com](mailto:jnthsu@aol.com). George is accepting offers for the car but would prefer it be sold to an Alfa enthusiasts who will enjoy it and take care of it as he has for the last 40 years. Sea Island is not that far from most of us and a wonderful place to spend some time over a long weekend as well as you check out George's beautiful GTV.



## **More Cars for Sale:**

Here is a very clean and original 1974 GTV for sale by the son a long time Alfa Club member who passed away. Several of our members know this car from events here in Florida. They have moved the car from Pensacola down to Palm Harbor where the son lives. For a quick sale he is asking \$15,000.00 for the car. Here is your chance to own a very clean Alfa at below the entry price.

Contact Kees Barfield for more information at 813-843-3236.





**More Cars for Sale:**

**1966 ALFA ROMEO GIULIA SS SPRINT SPECIALE 1600  
AZURE BLUE COLLECTOR QUALITY**

After seeing that photo of Carla and Ruggero on their wedding day standing next to their brand new Alfa Sprint Speciale hanging on the wall of his garage last week at the Pizza & SIM racing event, I am convinced Ruggero is the only person for this car.

Located on the east coast of Florida up for auction on eBay. After speaking to the dealer he is asking \$125,000.00 for this beauty but I suspect he may be willing to take less. You can see more details using this link below.

[http://www.ebay.com/itm/251961271157?\\_trksid=p2055119.m1438.l2661&ssPageName=STRK%3AMEBIDX%3AIT](http://www.ebay.com/itm/251961271157?_trksid=p2055119.m1438.l2661&ssPageName=STRK%3AMEBIDX%3AIT)







## More Cars for Sale:

I have a friend who has a 1959 Alpha Romeo Giulietta Spider that will soon be coming up for sale. The owner has asked me to assist her with the vehicle sale. It was raced on the SCCA circuit in the early 70's and is still in the original race trim. I would like to make contact with anyone from the club who might have an interest in an older Alpha Romeo with a racing history. The car is located in East North Carolina.

Please contact Myron Foor at [mcfoor@suddenlink.net](mailto:mcfoor@suddenlink.net) for more information directly





## **More Cars for Sale: A 1974 Alfa Spider for sale.**

I am the original owner. The odometer currently reads 123,186, original miles. The car has its original engine, transmission, and all its original major parts. I bought the car new in Los Angeles in early 1975 from Hollywood Auto Imports. The car has always been garaged. It has never been raced, or abused in any way. I have had the car repainted twice, and both seats reupholstered in black vinyl. The top was recently replaced, and is in excellent condition. The car has its original SPICA mechanical fuel injection. The only mechanical modification has been the installation of solid state ignition. The car is completely rust-free.

To bring this car up to show condition, the following items need to be addressed:

1. There is a crack in the dash. This can be fixed by installing a thin cover (cost \$79.75), or by completely replacing the dash (cost \$519).
2. All four wheels should be repainted.
3. There is a very small chip in the paint on the right rear deck which should be filled in.
4. The driver's visor needs to be reinstalled. I have the parts.
5. The engine compartment should be detailed.

I have detailed photographs of these areas that need attention. The tires are Bridgestone B420 P185/70R14, and are in excellent condition. The car has a clear Georgia title, and is currently garaged in Atlanta. I would like \$15,000 for this Alfa Romeo Spider. Please contact me with any questions you may have. **W. N. Jones 404-931-8472**





## **More Business: Advertisers & Recommended Shops**

If you know of a body or paint shop, dealer or service provider that you would recommend and would like to share with the rest of the Alfa Romeo World, this space is available for them to advertise at very reasonable rates. As owners of vintage Alfa Romeos we all have stories of the car that went in for a paint job only to be left sitting endlessly and eventually held for hostage, or the mechanical shop that caused more oil leaks than the car came in with. Send us your list of shops that you are proud to recommend to other Alfa owners and help us spread the word.

With the upcoming introduction of the new Alfa 4C and the fleet of Alfas to follow it, many of our local Fiat-Alfa Dealers are gearing up for the new 4C's introduction. The Florida Alfa Club has offered to help promote these 4C introduction events by bringing several of our Vintage Alfa for display during the dealer's events. If you have an Alfa-Fiat dealer near you that would like us to participate as well by bringing our cars to their kickoff events, please ask them to contact us here for scheduling. Also mention to the dealer in your area that advertising here reaches a targeted market of Alfa Romeo enthusiasts already sold on the brand and a valuable source for potential future Alfa customers.

If you are organizing a car show or an event and you would like the Florida Alfa Club to participate in your event by either bringing out several unique and pristine vintage Alfa Romeo's for display at the car show, or our membership to participate in a charity drive and/or similar event, feel free to contact us here. You can also advertise your event here as well. Contact us directly on how to do that and for a list of reasonable rates

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Join us for the Mirror Lake Classic Car show in Lakeland later this year October 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> and bring out your classic Alfa to add to Winter Haven Alfa/Fiat's tent and display



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### **This month's Focus:**

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