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Editorial Comments: It's the middle of summer here but the fun goes on. Check out our Calendar!



Alfa Romeo Selection of the

Month for July 2017.

Car Name: Alfa at the 2017 Mille Migia



Article: Alfa Romeo Museum at 2017 Mille Miglia

Courtesy: Sports Car Digest

The 90th edition of the Mille Miglia, “the most beautiful traveling museum in the world” as it was aptly called by Enzo Ferrari, recently ended on the finish line of Viale Venezia in Brescia. Alfa Romeo again finished strong at the 2017 Mille Miglia, with two models on the podium: the 6C 1750 GS (1931) and the 6C 1500 Gran Sport Zagato (1933). The Milan-based automaker still holds the competition record for the most race victories, with 11, including seven in a row from 1932 to 1938.

The Alfa Romeo Historic Museum in Arese, Italy sent several of its crown jewels to participate in the 2017 Mille Miglia: the 6C 1750 Gran Sport (1930), the 6C 2300 Mille Miglia (1938) and the 1900 Super Sprint (1955). They were joined on the start line by a Lancia Aprilia (1937) and a Lancia Aurelia B24 (1955).

Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 Gran Sport (1930) – All eyes were on the 6C 1750 Gran Sport, the legendary model in which Tazio Nuvolari and Giovanni Battista Guidotti won the Brescia-based race in 1930. That was the race of the legendary “overtaking in the dark” episode when Nuvolari achieved the unprecedented feat of averaging 100 km/h over the entire course. The bodywork was created by Milan atelier Zagato.

Alfa Romeo 6C 2300 Coupe Mille Miglia (1938) – The 6C 2300 Coupe Mille Miglia with a body made by Touring was also on the start platform in Viale Venezia. The car is similar to the one that came first in its category in the 1937 and fourth in the general ranking following in the steps of the 6C 2300 Pescara first series. The name “Mille Miglia” pays homage to the performance of 1937: first in its category and fourth in the general ranking. Under the bonnet is a 2309 cc straight-six capable of delivering 95 HP at 4500 rpm and propelling the vehicle at 170 km/h. The car was driven by a crew of excellence: Arturo Merzario and Jean-Pierre Jarier. The competitive duo represents the history of Alfa Romeo in motorsports. They took the sport prototypes world championship in 1977 winning all the races on the calendar in their category in an Alfa Romeo 33 SC 12.

Alfa Romeo 1900 Super Sprint (1956) – According to the consolidated 1900 family tradition, the Sprint was replaced by the Super Sprint in 1955: it was similar to the previous model but with a new snappier five-speed gearbox. It had the same mechanics as the Berlina T.I. Super, namely 1975 cc displacement, double-barrel inverted carburetor and double rear CV joint. The second version of 1956 which competed in the Mille Miglia delivered 115 HP at 5500 rpm and reached a top speed of 190 km/h.

Article: Alfa Romeo Museum at 2017 Mille Miglia continued:

Lancia Aprilia (1937) – The Aprilia, introduced in 1936, was the spiritual legacy of Vincenzo Lancia, who had passed away a few months before the commercial launch of the car. Provided with a unitised body integrated with the chassis without B-pillar, the appearance of the car was innovative. It stood out among the sedans of its day for its particularly aerodynamic line and lightweight securing a top speed of about 130 km/h and good fuel efficiency at the same time. The narrow-V4 with hemispherical combustion chambers contributed to this result. In addition to telescopic independent front suspensions, by now traditional on Lancia, the car fitted independent suspensions also on the rear axle.

Lancia Aurelia B24 Spider (1955) – Designed by Pinin Farina, the B24 was presented at the Brussels Motor Show on January 15, 1955. Two-hundred and forty units were made until October 1955. The car had distinctive design details, such as the “wing-shaped” bumpers, doors without handles and panoramic windows and windscreen with American-style retracted pillars. The engine was the legendary V6 designed by Francesco De Virgilio. It had a displacement of 2451 cc and developed 118 HP driving it to a top speed of 180 km/h. The later “Convertible America” version which debuted at the Turin Motor Show in January 1956 appeared much more classic and comfortable: the engine was slightly less powerful and the doors were fitted with handles and winding windows. The production continued until the end of 1958. The Aurelia was driven at the 2017 Mille Miglia by Helio Ascari, descendant of the legendary Alberto who triumphed at the Mille Miglia in 1954 behind the wheel of the Lancia D24.



Recent Events – AROC Expo17 National Convention July 13-16 in Montreal, Canada

This year the AROC National Convention will be held in Montreal in honor of the 60th anniversary of the introduction of the Montreal model at Expo 67. From all we have heard this was quite an anniversary party. Tell us your stories if you attended this year.



This year's event in Montreal was a hit with several Montreal cars coming from great distances to participate. It is safe to say you may never see this many fantastic Montreal Alfas in one place again.



We should have more stories of the event and the Montreal Night life as more members share their experiences with us in future editions

Up Coming Events – FAC Drive to Boone North Carolina

Join us for a road trip to the Greene Farm in Boone, NC. September 14th– 17th with an overnight stay and dinner in Savannah on the way up hosted by Joost Gompels.



After arriving in Boone, Polly and Delmas Greene have our time in the mountains all planned out with several drives on various twisty mountain roads and dinners planned at only the best Boone has to offer. You are welcome to extend your stay as well. Contact Polly Greene for details on hotel accommodations and more details.

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Boone, NC. 28607

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Up Coming Events: Fort DeSoto Picnic and Car Show



Mark your Calendar

Sunday, October 22

2017-18 Season Opening

At Ft DeSoto Beach



*A gathering of Alfa Romeos
and other fine Italian cars*

BBQ at Shelter 2

Up Coming Events: Sebring Historic Races with HSR



The Florida Alfa Club was a main stay at Sebring for years with the famous “Alfa Alley” with many members having wonderful memories of this racing event. Over the years the effort and expense to hold a car corral at Sebring became prohibitive. Today’s race can cost upwards of \$20K (that is not a typo) for such a car corral for car clubs with numerous restrictions on food, drinks and other various aspects of the race.

However, with Alfa Romeo back in the US with several new models and more to come, we felt it was time to resurrect the “Alfa Alley” at Sebring for those members who enjoy motorsports and also in line with Alfa’s racing history. Based on that, we are happy to announce the Florida Alfa Club will host a “New” “Alfa Alley” at this year’s HSR Historic Sports Car Race at Sebring. The event is open to all Alfa Clubs in Florida and around the country. Let us hear from you on this event.



Up Coming Events: Sebring Historic Races with HSR Continued

We are working closely with HSR to offer you a weekend of racing and fun for everyone whether you drive down for the whole weekend or for just the day. The Florida Alfa Club will provide tickets and sponsor the event. Details of the race are provided below and more information will become available as we get closer, but sign up today.

If you or members of your club are interested in attending contact Frank Mann at 727-254-9723 or by email at fmann1@tampabay.rr.com for questions about the event or to RSVP.

Sebring Historics

November 29 – December 3, 2017

Want more of the Classic Series of races? Then this is the weekend for you! In continuation of the Classic 24 Hour at Daytona HSR will once again be hosting the Classic 12 Hour at Sebring. The history of the hallowed grounds of Sebring International Raceway bring a special feeling to all of those that attend. With the extended weekend of racing both competitor and spectator alike will have plenty of opportunity to enjoy the racing history making laps around the track. Joining us again in 2017 will be an expanded display of War Birds and retired military vehicles. Parade Laps, RV parking and Tent camping are available.



Up Coming Events:

July 2017 Events:

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, July 8, 8:00-10:00 AM

No FAC Business Meeting

Alfa National Convention – Montreal – June 13-17, with a tour on the 9th(Polly)

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, July 15, 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park - July 29, 8:00-10:00 AM

August 2017 Events:

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, August 12, 8:00-10:00 AM

No FAC Business Meeting

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, August 19, 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park – Aug. 26, 8:00-10:00 AM

September 2017 Events:

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, September 9, 8:00-10:00 AM

FAC Business Meeting & Road Trip to Boone, NC. September 14- 17 (Delmas/Polly)

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, September 16, 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park Sept. 23, 8:00-10:00 AM

October 2017 Events:

FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba's Grill – October 12, 6:00 PM

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, October 14

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, October 21 7:00-9:00 AM

FAC Annual Fort DeSoto Picnic & Car Show – October 22 Shelter #2 – (Harmon)

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park – October 28, 8:00-10:00 AM

Up Coming Events: Continued

November 2017 Events:

Viva Alfa Celebration – Disney – November 3rd & 4th - (Polly)

FAC Business Meeting – Carrabba's Grill November 9th, 6:00 PM

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, November 11th

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, November 18th 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park – November 25th, 8:00-10:00 AM

Sebring HSR Historic Racing – Sebring – Nov. 30th – Dec 3rd (Barry right?)

December 2017 Events:

FAC Annual Holiday Luncheon – Alfanos – Saturday December 9th (Polly)

Sarasota Sunset Motor Sports Cars & Coffee, December 9th

DuPont Cars & Coffee, St. Pete, December 16th 7:00-9:00 AM

SRQ Caffeine & Gasoline Philippi Estates Park – December 23rd, 8:00-10:00 AM

Restoration Projects:

This is a new section we debuted a while back that covers FAC member's restoration projects throughout their various phases from the initial purchase of the car and its original condition – through the various phases of disassembly – stripping the chassis - rust repair – metal panel replacement – engine rebuild – body prep and paint – and finally reassembling the car.

We have received a lot of positive comments on this new segment of the newsletter and hope it continues to be informative and fun. If you have any questions about any specific project featured here please contact me directly or the car owner list below with questions or recommendations.

More on my GTV Restoration now located at Alfa Veloce where Luciano is working hard. Unfortunately, at this pace it will not be ready for any of the events we have scheduled in the near future – but soon.

Here is a nice new headliner that cleans things up. Now with Dynamat and new glass installed



Freshly Polished front vent windows ready to go in.

Clean and assembled pedals also ready



More to come on this project as progress is made slowly. There are lots of goodies yet to be installed.

Cars for Sale:



For Sale Red Spider

Here is a beautiful low mileage (25K miles) red Spider for sale residing in the Naples area. From the photo's she seems in fantastic condition. The owner is accepting offers but would like to get \$15K.

John H. Mitchell, MD 1-239-596-7998 (H) 2933 Golfside Dr 1-847-977-7988 (C)

Naples, FL 34110 jhmsrm@aol.com



Cars for Sale continued:



Here is a nice 1986 Spider for sale in a rare gold color!

It's a 1986, 79,194 miles. Good top, no rust or dents, leather has age cracks but no tears. Runs great although it does need a new battery which I'll be replacing this week. \$12,000.00 Jim Bernstein 813-610-9629



Cars for Sale continued:

"FOR SALE, 1982 spider veloce, in great condition. New tires, very good Sunshine Yellow paint and canvas top, very clean black & tan interior, 68,000 miles. Located at Classic Cars of Sarasota 7910 25th Court East Sarasota, FL 34232. (941) 355-1955. Video can be seen at cleanclassiccars.com. Asking \$18,900 or best offer."



Cars for Sale continued:

1981 Alfa Spider Quadrifoglio with 50k miles (less than 100 miles on new engine)

Engine, ignition system, carb conversion, brakes, shocks, exhaust, and more all restored.

Needs paint, tach, and odds n' ends. Runs beautifully! Has hardtop and new soft top. Too many other projects. Asking \$10,000 OBO. Contact: Jake at 617-955-4093 or jakenjones123@gmail.com



Cars for Sale continued:



List your Alfa for sale here. It is free to all club members.



Dealer Note: Several of our local Alfa dealers are expecting delivery of the new Alfa Stelvio SUV in the coming months. Each will be holding a kickoff event to advertise this new exciting vehicle with lots of music and food, so stay tuned for event dates and times for each dealer location as they become available.

Several dealers have already requested that we bring out our collection of vintage Alfas for these events as well – so wax'em up boys – dates to follow!

Shops of Interests to Vintage Car Owners in the Area:

This month's Focus: ProFab Customs – Powder Coating Services



Their address is actually 12295 Automobile Blvd, Suite A2 When I recently got my Alfa GTV back from a full bare metal restoration and paint, I realized there was a few more things that needed to be done before I could start the reassembly in earnest. Although I had ordered many new custom and racing suspension parts from Alfaholics in the UK www.alfaholics.com www.profabcustoms.com , many of the original suspension parts would need to be reused and they were in sad shape with 40 years-worth of grease and grim. I started degreasing them and hours of scrapping and brushing later, I said there had to be a better way, so I contact my friend Tom Argue of Tom Argue designs www.tomarguedesigns.com and asked him to recommend a local shop for Powder Coating services. This is how I was introduced to ProFab guys Joe McDede and Gerry Miller. They took my dirty grimy suspension parts and degreased them, baked them, primed and powder coated them to perfection all at a very reasonable price. They are highly recommended.

For the best Paint, Full Restoration and Fab shop around visit Tom Argue Design. Where I go for the best.



Top 20 SEMA winner and featured on numerous Car Magazine Covers – Simply the best. Highly Recommended!

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Exotic Motors South has had a name change to European Exotic Center. They are still located in the same shop and run by the same talented technicians with a much larger storage facility for storing their extensive exotic car collection. They are an Authorized Service Center for Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini, Alfa Romeo, BMW and Koenigsegg. They have extensive experience with vintage car mechanicals as well as the most modern of Exotic cars.

Now working in conjunction with Tom Argue Designs for paint and restorations work, the combination is a tour de force – one stop shop for service and restoration of new and vintage sports cars and exotics of all kinds. Don't let the numerous exotic cars there scare you away - their service work is competitively priced and their technical knowledge unsurpassed. Highly recommended.

European Exotic Center

13000 Automobile Blvd.

Clearwater, FL. 33762

PH: 727-254-9723

<http://exoticmotorsouth.com/>



A Visit is worth the trip just for the cars inside!

Shops of Interests to Vintage Car Owners in the Area

Woody's Custom Metal Polishing

One of our club members had some bright work done only to find out that the shop he had taken it to was actually farming the work out to a specialist shop and marking it up. Somehow he found the actual shop that did the work and would like to share that company with our members now.

I am embarrassed to say that Woody's Custom Metal Polishing was right under my nose too just blocks from where we live, and I did not know about it partly because he is located in a very small strip Mall right next to a Pawn shop, so when you drive by all you see if the sign for the Pawn Shop unless you look closely.

One of our club members – Barry Andress – took his bent and dirty Giulia bumper to Woody's and got it back in perfect shape and shiny as new. Barry highly recommends the place for all our bright work needs. Here is a list of items Woody's can polish. He also does Bike parts too.

Intakes

Valves Covers

Bell Housings

Aluminum Blocks

Aluminum Heads

Transmissions

Air Compressors

Alternators

Wheels

Timing Covers

Distributors

Radiators

All types of Stainless Steel and bright work

Here is where to find him and his contact information:

Woody's Custom Metal Polishing

Galen Lamb

1688 Clearwater Largo Road

Clearwater, FL. 33756

PH: 417-655-1214

He is located on the right side of Clearwater – Largo Road when headed south just before the red-light intersection of Ponce de Leon Blvd. If you see the Shell station at the red light you just past his place. Obviously if you are headed north on Clearwater – Largo Road he would be on the left just past the Shell Station at Ponce de Leon Blvd.

Check him out and let us know your experience and results! Several Alfa Club members have already had excellent results at a fair price.

Note from the Editor: This is your newsletter so please give us feedback both as to how we are doing and areas where we can improve. It is free to list and sell you Alfa in the Notizia if you are an active member. Also remember if you are restoring a vintage Alfa either yourself or at a professional shop, we want to know about it and feature your journey and progress here for everyone to see.

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