

Alfa Club of Colorado Events Calendar



FEBRUARY

Sat, 10th **ACOC GARAGE TOUR OF 3R AUTOMOTIVE** - Bob Robb, owner of 3R Automotive has invited the ACOC to join him on Saturday morning for coffee and donuts and a two hour tour of his facility. 3R specializes in restorations and race car preparation. Bob will be giving the tours between 10 am. and 12 noon. 3R Automotive is located at 3701 S. Kalamath street in Englewood. For more information, directions and to R.S.V.P. for the event please call Ralph Veit at 303-646-6230 or email at rveit91372@aol.com.

-- COMING EVENTS --

MARCH

Sat, 17th **ACOC TECH SESSION & GARDEN PARTY**- ACOC Club Members Henk & Lisa Roelofs will host the garage dwelling tech session and garden party at their home in Wheat Ridge. Henk will teach members the in's and out's and even a few secrets of adjusting the valves on your Alfa engine as well as a few other tuning secrets. The tech session will start at 1:00 pm and should last for a couple of hours. The Roelofs house is located at 7615 W. 48th Ave. Directions from I-70 and Wadsworth are go 1 block south of I-70 on Wadsworth to 48th Street. Take a right on 48th street and continue down the road to the second house on the right. Look for the courtyard wall and the red Duetto in the driveway. Please RSVP for this event so the Roelofs know how many people to expect. For more information and to RSVP please call Henk at 303-940-6393.

APRIL

Sun, 22nd **ACOC INDOOR GO-KART CHALLENGE** - This event will be held from 9:30 am until 12: noon at TBC Indoor Racing located at 4351 E. 46th Ave., on the north frontage road of I-70. (Used to be SpeedWorldGP). The event will start at 9:30 with donuts & coffee at the trackside meeting. This meeting is mandatory for all drivers. Racing will start at 10:00 am sharp. The cost is \$40 per driver. Please find more information on page 5 and a registration sheet in this newsletter or call Curtis at 303-964-9727 or email at curtis@hostworks.com.

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The Alfa Club of Colorado Board/General Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Racines Restaurant at the corner of Spear and 9th in Denver. *All club members and guests are invited to attend.* We welcome everyone's input. *La Veloce Vita* is mailed first class the 10th of the month. If you do not receive your newsletter, please call Curtis Mannisto at 303-964-9727. If you have any comments or suggestions please call 303-964-9727 or email them to us directly at info@alfaclubofcolorado.org.

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From The President...

...Bob Self



Greetings Alfisti,

I recently saw a note from the ALFA Digest from our man in Torino, Sandro Marcontonio.

I don't know what the original topic of discussion was, but Sandro was talking about his latest hot-rod, an Alfa Romeo 155 Q4 2.0 Turbo, which he acquired soon after he arrived in Italy. He was waxing ecstatic about its incredible performance, particularly the handling, which is greatly enhanced because of its all wheel drive. With the engine pumping out in excess of 200 horsepower from the two-liter turbo-charged motor, that

machine must simply gobble up the Autostrada.

What a shame we never got to experience that car on this side of the ocean. Sounds like it would have been the perfect vehicle for when you have to make those sub five hour runs from Denver to Durango. Sandro goes on to talk about how he feels FIAT has gotten a pretty good grasp of what it is going to take to be competitive in the US market again, including more offerings in all wheel drive. He thinks FIAT is actually listening and paying attention to what is happening in the US.

On another note, a couple of issues ago, we sent out an events survey, hoping to get some ideas for future ALFA club events. Response was somewhat less than spectacular. However, we would still like to hear from you. If you have any suggestions for events you would like the club to do, opinions or criticisms about what we do now, or just any comments in general, we would love to hear from you. I've said this before, but you are the club! We need your input! So e-mail, phone, fax, or snail-mail any of the board members, and we will try to act on your suggestions.

Ciao, for now, *Roberto*

Alfa Club of Colorado Membership Form

Dues for 1 year membership in the Alfa Club of Colorado (ACOC) and the national organization, the Alfa Romeo Owners Club - USA (AROC) is \$45.00 By joining the increasingly active **Alfa Club of Colorado**, you automatically become a member of the nationwide Alfa Romeo Owners Club. ACOC/AROC members enjoy many benefits, including:

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From The Editor...

...Curtis Mannisto

Concours Cars Driving Seminar Planned

Concours Cars is proud to present a driver's seminar on April 14th entitled "The Driver Is The Most Significant Component Of The Performance And Safety Equation In Your Car". The keynote speaker will be from MasterDrive and will discuss numerous safety and performance driving concepts.

This seminar is limited to the first 75 people who RSVP. So please RSVP ASAP! Call 719-473-6288. Time and place to be announced.

Ferrari Look To Alfa Romeo For Help

Italian driver and European Super Touring Cup champion Fabrizio Giovanardi has been handed a chance to test with Ferrari as a temporary test driver.

Ferrari's official test driver, Italian, Luca Badoer was very slightly injured in a heavy crash at the Circuit de Catalunya located in Barcelona, Spain on Sunday, January 21st. Reports from the Barcelona circuit said that Badoer's accident happened after he lost a wheel while traveling down the straight at high speed. His car somersaulted into the gravel and flipped over a tire barrier. Badoer was lifted out of a completely ruined car shortly before noon, and was taken by helicopter to a nearby hospital. He was conscious throughout, but apparently had hurt his neck. The Montmelo track manager said that Badoer had suffered no serious injury and was being kept in for observation for 24 hours.

The circuit was closed down for the rest of the day, and Ferrari halted their testing until they could analyze the reasons for the accident.

After an examination at the hospital the doctors found that Badoer suffered whiplash injuries in the shunt at the Spanish circuit and will wear a neck brace to support his minor injuries. Badoer has been ordered to rest for two weeks after his crash and will rest at his home in Italy.

Italian driver Giovanardi, currently a competitor in the FIA European Touring Car Championship contracted to drive for Alfa Romeo driving an Alfa Romeo 156, will test last year's Ferrari F1-2000 car at Vairano, on February 1st and 2nd. "I had expressed a desire to test for Ferrari," Giovanardi said. "I lived in hope but didn't really believe it would happen. "When I got the call from team manager Stefano Domenicali, I was with some friends in Sassuolo: ten minutes later, he was asking me to go to Maranello to try on the race suit. At first, I thought it was a joke."

On Thursday February 1st Giovanardi tested Ferrari's F1-2000 car for the first time at Vairano, Italy, and said he enjoyed his first experience of a Formula One car. The young driver covered 137 kilometers in a total of 38

separate runs in last year's championship-winning car. "This was a new and enjoyable experience," Giovanardi said. "I have tried something unique in life. At the start, I was a bit nervous, but then, being a professional racing driver, everything seemed normal."

On Friday Giovanardi ended his two-day test at Vairano, Italy, and got through his duties without any problems. Giovanardi helped Ferrari by testing new aerodynamic solutions and completed 32 runs in a four-hour test.

No AutodeltaUSA Alfas to U.S. Yet

Reprinted from AutoWeek 02/08/2001

Longtime Georgia exotic car dealer Paul Spruell says he's still working on a deal to bring Alfa Romeo Spider, GTV6 and 166 models to the U.S. market under the AutodeltaUSA brand. While earlier reports had Spruell delivering cars to customers by now, Spruell says he's still working out the details to bring the cars into the country.

General Motors plans to sell Alfas in the United States starting in 2004 or 2005, but Spruell says he likes his window of opportunity. Besides, he's hoping GM will appreciate his efforts and allow him to continue sell-



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ing the cars after 2005. GM plans to market Alfas at select Cadillac and Saab dealers.

ACOC Go-Kart Challenge

The Alfa Club of Colorado has scheduled the ACOC Indoor Go-Kart Challenge to be held on Sunday April 22nd from 9:30 am until 12: noon at TBC Indoor Racing located at 4351 E. 46th Ave., on the north frontage road of I-70. (Used to be SpeedWorldGP)

The Challenge is to find out who is the fastest club member who will have a full year of bragging rights to the title of ACOC Speed Racer. (This is a call out to all of you racers. It's time to show us what you're really made of.) Valuable prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in both the Ladies and Men's categories and one talented and lucky winner will then have the glorious distinction of looking down their nose at all the rest of us also rans. Remember the Mario Andretti quote "second place is the first loser"!

We will not be using the cheesy go-carts you find when the circus comes to town. These are real European racing karts that use electronic timing to keep track of lap times. The track is a Grand Prix style ¼ mile indoor course with 10 turns and 1 long straight that is great for

passing.

The event will start out at 9:30 with donuts and coffee as we have a trackside meeting to go over the driving rules, procedures and familiarize ourselves with the karts. This meeting is mandatory for all drivers. Then the racing will start at 10:00 am sharp.

The event consists of groups of up to eight drivers each in one eight-minute heat to familiarize the drivers with the track. This is followed by another eight-minute qualifying session to determine the grid positions for the semi-final event. You can usually get in around 20 laps per heat.

The top eight drivers from the all of the semi-final events will race in the final Challenge Race where the overall fastest club member will be awarded the soon to be coveted ACOC Speed Racer Award.

So what does all this fun cost? A measly \$40 dollars per driver. Cheap at twice the price if you ask me, so hurry up and register for this exciting event. You can register for the event by filling out the entry form included with this newsletter and sending it in with your check or you can call Curtis Mannisto at 303-964-9727 for more information. The cutoff date for registration is April 18th so sign up now.

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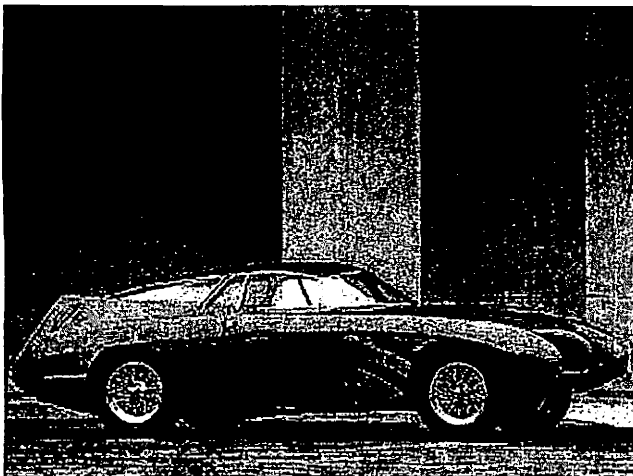
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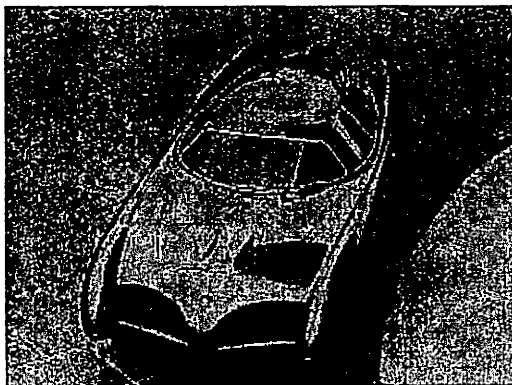
...by Automedia 

Sculptures on wheels – that's what the extravagant B.A.T. show cars of the 1950's are. Built on Alfa Romeo production chassis, designer Scaglione of Carrozzeria Bertone in Italy styled them so unique that even journalists didn't find comparatives when they appeared at the various motor shows in 1953, '54 and '55.



B.A.T. 5

The story actually begins in 1912, when Giovanni Bertone established the "Carrozzeria Bertone" in Turin. Giovanni was born in 1884, one of eight children of a small farmer from Mondovi. By the age of 12 he had already decided to build a future for himself by taking an apprenticeship with a coach builder. He wanted to lead a better life than his father's austere farm could offer him. In 1907, he took his first post with Diatto, a company that in 1905 – in addition to building railway waggons – had started to build motor vehicles. Five years later he started working for himself after "S.P.A.", established in 1906, removed the burden



of start-up costs from him by placing an order to fit complete bodies to their type 9000 chassis. Business went well, with an increasing number of manufacturers seeking out Bertone to individualise their chassis by fitting the bodies the demanding public was asking for. In 1921 he went on to build the first car to his own design – a two-seater sports car, based on the "S.P.A. 9000" – which was acquired by a certain Ingegnere Alfredo

Momo (the man who founded the car accessory and steering wheel empire), and which won the famous "Coupe des Alpes".

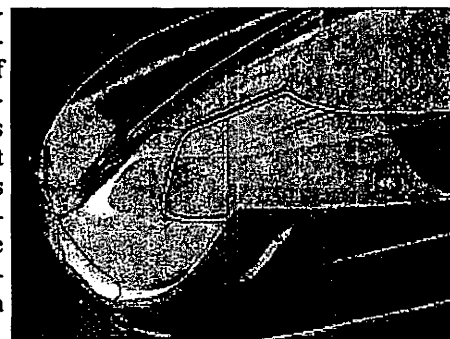


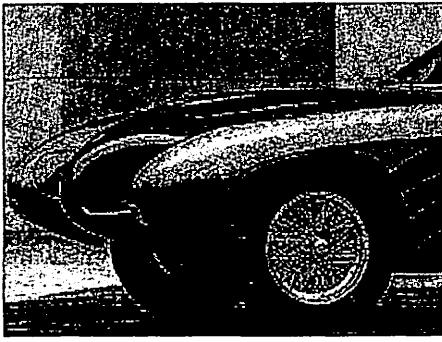
The ups and downs of the Carrozzeria

It was not long before Bertone was carrying out commissions for Lancia, Ceirano, Itala, Fiat and Scat – and yet the relationship with Vincenzo Lancia brought him to the brink of commercial ruin. In the early twenties, Lancia had asked Bertone to develop a self-supporting chassis, which Bertone was to deliver in large quantities to Lancia for body-fitting. Bertone was naturally not overjoyed at this idea which was harmful to his business. Unfortunately, Vincenzo Lancia responded in a completely unexpected way: he built his own factory and Bertone lost the contract. Bertone slowly salvaged his business through the twenties, and when his son Nuccio, born in 1914, dropped out of his economics degree course at the age of 18, and two years later took over the management of the company, the Carrozzeria started back on a slow but steady upward trend.

From Ballila to Arnolt MG

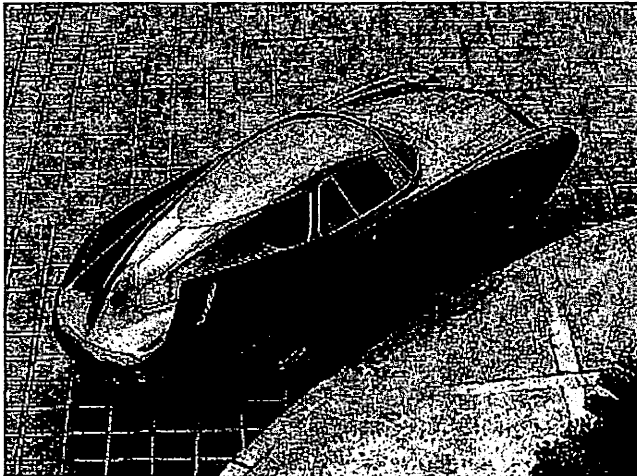
Nuccio first of all grabbed the "Fiat Ballila" and offered a wide range of interesting variants based on this small sports car. There were also smaller contracts from other companies. After the war, the company once again hit hard times – who could afford hand-built cars? The problem was exacerbated by a significant level of inflation. Nuccio Bertone was one of the first people in his industry to recognise that the times when people would beat a





path to his door had passed – self-promotion was needed. So Nuccio and his father acquired two MG chassis, onto which they conjured a coupe and a cabriolet, and with their last bit of cash

they rented a small stand at the Turin Motor Show, where they exhibited the two Bertone MGs. They hoped that somebody would recognise the quality of their design and work – and indeed, Stanley Harold Arnolt II, a rich Chicago businessman, MG fan and the largest MG dealer in the mid-west, promptly ordered 200 models, to be sold in the USA badged as “Arnolt MG”. The miracle had happened – Bertone once again had orders.

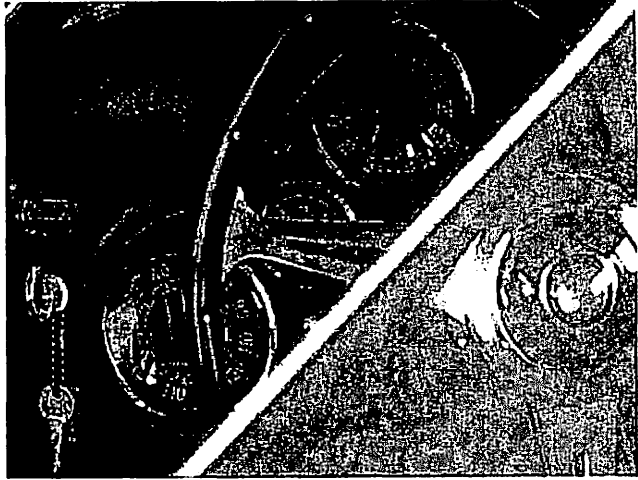


The "Godfather" of the "B.A.T." models

In those days, the Chief Designer was Franco Scaglione, an introverted genius who astonishingly, even today, enjoys a greater reputation with his fellow professionals than with the public at large. Scaglione conjured up an Arnolt Bristol, based on a “Bristol 404”, chassis, and he also created the much admired Bertone Abarth, which enchanted visitors to the French Motor Show in late 1952. In design history, however, Scaglione is still mainly remembered as the “father” of the “B.A.T.” models – those three incredible Alfa Romeo studies, which caused an incredible stir every year between 1953 and 1955. It all started with a visit by the Alfa Romeo top brass to “Carrozzeria Bertone”, where an agreement was reached to the effect that an attempt should be made to produce a legitimate successor to the “Disco Volante”, which should also include new solutions in the field of aerodynamics. Alfa Romeo knew that the former amateur racing driver, Bertone, would be up for finding an unusual solution – and so he was given an “Alfa 1900 Super Sprint” chassis, the 4-cylinder in-line engine of which produced a powerful 115 bhp at 5,500 rpm.

"Berlinetta Aerodinamica Tecnica"

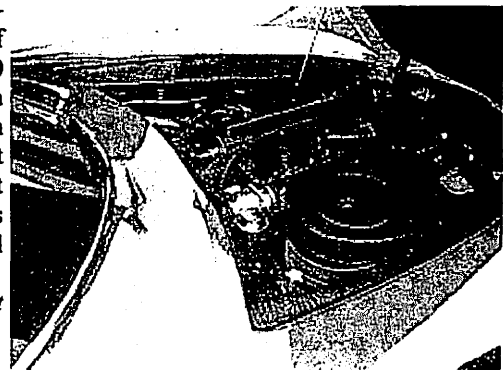
When the “B.A.T. 5” was unveiled at the Turin Motor Show in November 1953, even old hacks had prob-



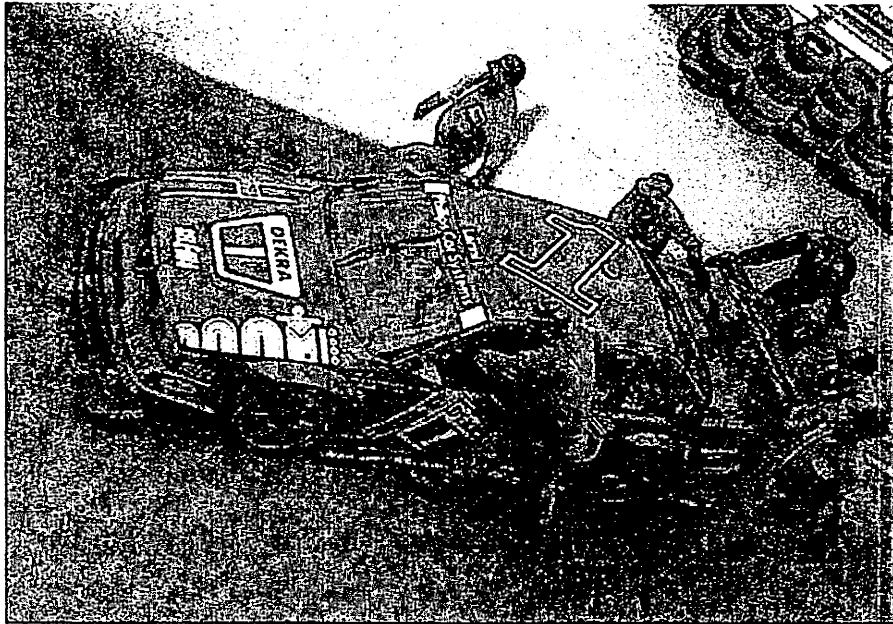
lems describing the shape of the future in sober, objective language – Scaglione had been so rigorous in applying the principles of aerodynamics that all other vehicles at the Turin Motor Show looked “old”. “Berlinetta Aerodinamica Tecnica” – Scaglione had taken the initials of these three words into a tear-shaped superstructure, leading to high, arched tail fins and a shark nose, from which the air inlets on both sides extended to the eye-catching wing tips. The fact that the aerodynamically refined “B.A.T. 5”, with a top speed of almost 200 kph – around 20 kph faster than a standard “1900 SS” – was so quickly forgotten, was nothing to do with Franco Scaglione and his design, but rather to the launch, just one year later, of the “B.A.T. 7”, which extended the application of aerodynamics to even further limits.

After the car had been sold in the USA in 1955, the very drivable prototype changed hands a good many times, until, perfectly restored, it rejoined its successors, “B.A.T. 7” and “B.A.T. 9”, creating scenes of wild excitement in Pebble Beach. Shortly afterwards, it was sold to Japan, where it now stands beside “B.A.T. 7” in a museum, on show to Japanese visitors, who marvel at what European designers were capable of in the early 50s. At the time, Alfa Romeo were so enthusiastic about the B.A.T. and Franco Scaglione that Bertone was commissioned with designing a small sporting coupe based on the new Giulietta. The “Giulietta Sprint” would bring Bertone not just fame, but also the pro-

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3 Alfa Romeo Berlins for sale, plus parts. Cars are in various conditions as described below;

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1973 Berlina, 112k miles, burgundy with tan interior. 2 liter engine was disassembled and some shop work has been done. New pistons, rods balanced and peaned, transmission OK, clutch OK, starter, alternator and distributor are disassembled. 2 liter engine included for parts to complete rebuild. I used to drive this car daily. Good tires on Campi wheels but I have the original wheels and hub caps. Fair body, rusty, needs good paint job. The doors fit well and are quiet. The ride and steering were very nice. All original and can be driven without any bodywork.

1974 Berlina, 108k miles, blue with a tan interior. Rolling chassis, no engine or transmission. Straight body, parts car. This car was also a daily driver of mine.

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Tires, 185/65/15 High Performance, H rated, Continental tires. Made in Germany. Black walls. Will only sell set of 5. \$325 firm. Please call Ralph Veit at 303-646-6230 or email at rveit91372@aol.com.¹⁰¹

Alfa Estate Sale, Saturday March 3rd from 9:a.m. to 12: noon. Models, books, magazines, memorabilia and some parts. Come on by and lets have a party. 4000 S. Fox Street in Englewood. Please Call Hal Stalgren at 303-762-9161 for more information or email at stalgren2@aol.com.¹⁰¹

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