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Note Bene

by Phil Dean, Pres

“Sounds Like Something I’d Do”
 2006 Winter (Torino, Italia)

Olympics Opening was a F-1 Luca Badouer test driver Ferrari extravaganza, details later..Irv Brock (ex St Louis AROC member now in WV, has video tape if you missed it).

Now, about ALFAS, better cars anyway, loads cheaper, about 85% as fast..cheaper repairs, front windows have vent/quarter windows for cloudy days with top up, manual top removed at stoplights, I could go on and on. .

Also, AROC club here in St louis has cheaper parties. Thanks to Janet Hirsch for setting up Jan Mtg at Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield Airport road strip mall area. A grand Knight’s like table was fun, albeit some sticker shock by me after a 25% mandatory tip for my solo dinner. Hey Waitress, you owe me about 5 more Iced tea refills next time!

St Louis Club de la Ferrari dinner at Maserati dealer was \$30 a head for standup finger food (kinda cold) and pay for up \$8 a glass wine too! Any-

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Next Event

**Presidents’ Day Drive
 11 am Sunday Feb 19**

There’s no question that among our best-attended events each year is our midwinter open road romp honoring Presidents’ Day weekend. This year it will take the twisting blacktop across the scenic hills and valleys of the Missouri River to the Dutzow Deli, a charming country restaurant owned and operated by a European car enthusiast. . We’ll arrive there for lunch around 12:30.



Don’t Miss Out!

To be part of the low-speed, high-revving fun, meet us Sunday, February 19 at the commuter parking lot on the outer road just east of Hwy. 94 at Hwy. 40 (Weldon Springs exit) at 11:00 am. And don’t let a cantankerous, nonstarting Alfa keep you on the sidelines. Anything that drives is OK. Heck, in the past we’ve had a BMW and a Triumph TR6 that added considerable to the sporting nature of the event. Be there, no excuses!

Coming in March . . .

**Alfa Swap Meet/Slot Car Racing
 3 pm, Saturday March 18**

Steve and Sherri Coldewe’s, Imperial MO

RSVP (636) 464-4019, alfa57@sbcglobal.net

What do you need for your car . . . and what do you have that someone else needs . . . grill piece, a special tool, wheels, books, manuals, magazines, literature, thermostatic actuator, headlight cover? Come to the flea market and be prepared to buy, sell, or swap car parts, tools, literature, embroidered garments, and other goodies.

And in the midst of all this commerce we’ll be racing slot cars. Steve has a 1/32-scale track that we will test with great enthusiasm.

After all the swapping and racing is done, we’ll have a casual dinner and view some of Steve’s extensive model car collection. The flea market starts at 3pm. We’ll have meat, sandwich fixings, and soft drinks. BYOB. Bring a side dish to share. **Directions:** Take Hwy 55 South to Imperial Exit (#186). Turn right on Outer Road on right. Follow Outer Rd to Seckman Rd on left. Follow Seckman to Seckman Lake Estates on left (Driftwood Dr). Our house is 5221 Driftwood Dr on right. 636-464-4019.

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2006 Calendar

Feb	19	Presidents' Day Drive (Mike Lains)
Mar	18	Swap Meet (Steve and Sherri Coldewe)
Apr	16	Easter Car Show (Rich Hirsch)
May	5-7	Spring Fling (Spring Fling Committee)
May	27	Drive to Clarksville (Phil Dean)
June	4	European Car Show (Rich Hirsch)
June	11	Tech Session (Bob Volpe) possible date
June	15-17	AROC National inTulsa OK
July	15	Day at Lake Tishomingo (Janet and Rich Hirsch)
Aug		Picnic in Washington MO (Walt and Marian Hatcher)
Sep	16	Day in Herman MO (Chuck & Sally Workman)
Oct	1	Tech Session (Bob Volpe) possible date
Oct	8	Columbus Day Parade (Norma Urani)
Oct	22	Ferry Drive (Phil Dean & Graham Davis)
Nov	4-5	Eureka Springs (KC AROC)
Nov	11	Planning Meeting (Ralph and Jane)
Dec	9	Christmas Party (Mike and Sue)

from <http://www.crash.net>

WTCC: Morbidelli eyeing Alfa seat.

Gianni Morbidelli is eyeing a return to touring car competition in 2006 after joining the Alfa Romeo Racing team for a pre-season test ahead of the new World Touring Car Championship season.

The former Formula One driver joined Augusto Farfus at the wheel of a 156 model at Vallelunga, with Farfus taking to the track for the opening two days of a three day test before Morbidelli got behind the wheel on the final day.

Morbidelli, who has previously driven for BMW, Volvo and SEAT in a variety of touring car series' since his F1 career came to an end back in 1997 is currently involved in negotiations with Alfa Romeo about a seat for the new season.



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Tire Wars Revisited

by Bob Volpe, St Louis AROC

The 'Tire Wars' article in the Dec 2005 *i Saluti* was very interesting, if a tad inaccurate, and it prompted me to weigh in with my two cents. (Just goes to show ya how the dollar has devalued lately, huh)? The subject of interest to me was the claim that both Michelin and Bridgestone made about how they could justify \$70 to \$100 million dollars of Formula 1 racing R&D to improve their street tires and Brand Affiliation.

In addition to F1, Bridgestone is also the spec tire for a number of European feeder series' including the Red Bull American F1 Driver Search, and the Bridgestone/BMW F3000 series. On this side of the pond, they are one of the main sponsors and the spec tire for the US Champ Car Series, which was previously known as Indy Cars. Ironically, the spec tire for Champ Cars' competition — the IRL racing series, is Firestone; owned by Bridgestone, and more than a little likely to have been developed by them. In fact, I'd wager that some guy in the pits with a steel wool pad and a white grease pencil gets paid to scrub off the B-R-I-D- and scribble F-L-I-N-T-R-O-C-K on every tire.

Now Goodyear is the spec tire for Nascar, Hancock has the American Touring Car Championship, Yokohama has another series locked down in the US, and I'm sure Pirelli has a few in Europe. The advantage of being the only tire supplier for a series is obvious; no competition means no development costs. Nobody else has set the bar, so no one knows how high or low it is (as long as it's in the ballpark). It also means lower acquisition costs to the race teams, since they aren't paying for R&D, and to us consumers too (you didn't think Michelin was gonna EAT that \$100 mil Did ya?).

So regarding the unique competitive situation in Formula One, let's see how all this R & D and racing exposure has trickled down to the street:

I see that claim to bear out in the real world as questionable to downright inaccurate. For the last few years in my business, the tire that I've been recommending to my customers as a cost - no - object high performance dry street tire is the Goodyear Eagle F1 GS D3. After the passing of the long missed and loved Yokohama AVS Intermediate and until fairly recently, there was a period of time in which Bridgestone, Dunlop, Michelin, BF Goodrich, Goodyear and even Toyo ALL made high performance tires so close to one

another, it was a toss-up as to which to choose.

Today, for dry weather performance, it goes like this:

1. Yokohama is back on top with its recent intro of the ADVAN Neova AD07, as seen on the incredible handling Lotus Elise.

2. Goodyear's Eagle F1 GS D3 is still the killer tire to beat, if only because it is a proven performer.

3. Kumho, the new guy on the block, makes a good economical performance tire, albeit a step down from the two big boys. If you wanna play, ya gotta pay, right?

4. Everybody else. That includes, of course, Michelin and Bridgestone. Hmmmm.

*5. Firestone gets a special mention, only because they are SO unremarkable, they have nothing to offer the sporting enthusiast, even though they are the spec tire in a premier American open wheel racing series; now which one is that again - oh yeah, the IRL (previously dubbed the Indy Rookie League before the recent influx of talent); so much for 'racing improving the breed'. It is equally interesting that Bridgestone owns Firestone, but doesn't want to admit it, or pass along a smidgen of technology to their consumer product lines.

But don't take my word for it.....

Car and Driver very coincidentally just finished a tire evaluation, using a BMW 5 series, and the results were telling. As far as dry grip, the new Yokohamas bested the rest. The Goodyears won the all around best tire choice, and the BFGs came in second in dry traction and slalom.

For all their testing, investment, R & D dollars and showcasing (or is that showboating?), neither Bridgestone nor Michelin could muster more than a third or fourth overall in the dry, OR fifth in the wet, and the Continental ContiSportContact 2 just killed them in wet weather handling.

What about Competition tires you say? Well I'm mighty glad you axed. As far as a D.O.T. (street legal) Competition tire that Autocrossers and Roadracers are using is concerned, Hoosier makes the tire to beat, if you can afford to change a full set of 4 every weekend.

The next best option is between the Kumho 710 Ecsta slick, or the Kumho 710 Victoracer (my current tire of choice).

There is a special tire for a specific class in Autocrossing in which the rules allow all kinds of modifications but NO race tires. It is the Falken Azena 615, the stickiest single purpose street tire made. This is the class that you'll find all the rice burners with hoods with Gorilla nostrils and Hyundais



I'll go further out on a limb and bet that most Alfisti are running Pirellis, regardless of how they fare in tests.

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Rich Hirsch's 1967 Giulia Sprint GTV just back from Bill Hanak's shop with new silver paint. Next step: assembly!

Spring Fling 2006

Spring Fling 2006, May 5-7 in Washington MO, is an event not to be missed. Walt Hatcher has been busy making all the arrangements and here's the scoop:

We have a block of rooms reserved at the **Super 8 Motel** for the nights of May 5 and 6 at special rates. Be sure to mention the Alfa Club when you call and make reservations early. Call the Super 8 Motel by April 4 at (636) 390-0088. **Note: this motel requires a 30-day advance reservation to get the special rate of \$62 per room.**

Spring Fling activities include a rally/tour through Missouri wine country, an autocross, a people's choice concours, and art exhibition/open house/swap meet at Hatcher's in Washington, Missouri.

The theme for this year's Alfa Art Exhibition is **Finish**. The theme may be interpreted as you wish, as in to finish a race, as in having fins, or as in a native of Finland. All media are welcome. And you don't have to create something based on the theme, you can enter any automotive-related art you create. Previous years' entries have been sculptures of metal, plastic, or life-size fabric objects, watercolor, oil, and computer paintings, jewelry, photographs, and quilted jackets and wallhangings.

Join in the fun and let other "Flingers" enjoy your creative efforts. Start now and create your masterpiece, and remember, **Finish**.

For more Spring Fling information contact Walt Hatcher, (636) 239-2690. See the registration form on page 11.

Spring Fling committees for 2006 are:

Chairman:	Walt Hatcher
Registration:	Norma Urani
Concours:	Rich Hirsch
Trophy:	Jane Rauth, Rich Hirsch, Janet Hirsch
Autocross:	Harden Ervin, Phil Dean
Art Exhibition:	Janet Hirsch, Marian Hatcher
Rallye:	Sue Houser



For Sale

• '91 Alfa Romeo 164L, red, over 100,000 miles but a very strong engine, automatic transmission. I'm only the second owner having recently purchased it from Dr. John Sweet. Everything works but the AC. More buttons to push than you'd ever want. Just a few small dings and a small rust spot above the right wheel well, otherwise excellent and still has great presence. Looking for \$2000. (Selling to put money towards my '67 850 spyder Fiat project.). Douglas Eller
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way, got to see RED 430 Convertible (yours for \$100K over sticker) and new Superamerica vario roofed, convertible, 12 cylinder, two seater, grand touring, Maranello replacement..with roof clear glass made dark via a rheostat-like thing which darkens the glass anyway you want it. Also saw the 2006 Rolls Royce, new Phantom, about \$335K and its HUGE with suicide doors to better accommodate the new money types in back seat. Nice to hear rich surgeons, CEOs and Merrill Lynch/AG Edwards type stockbrokers complain how Ferrari won't even take their deposit for F-430 convertible even if they bought cars from them before.

Some RICH guys going to Lamborghini Gallardo Spyder instead as V-10, no wait, angular designed with RELIABLE Audi climate controls, etc may be better deal for your spare \$195K laying around in Daddy's trust fund. New review of Lambo Gallardo in "Top Gear" mag, this (March) month, compares to a chop topped Ford GT.

Driving around little Havana in baby blue drop top Lambo V-10 has kids asking..with MY answers inserted..for effect..

"?Cuanto quesas?" ..Answer..more than your life is worth Pablo boy.

"?Es rapido?"Answer..DUH!..it'll beat your Jap Crap Mitsu anyday son!

"?Se compra con el dinero de las drogas?"Answer: ?? (Where's Volpe for a translation when you need him?) What??? Dinner for drugs?

Money for drugs?

Money for dinners?

How many dinners does a Lambo cost?

You want me to write a Rx for how many

Oxycontins, dude?

Anyway, get the T-Shirt, like me, at www.lamborghini.co.uk

What else to do when snowing and Alfas rusting downstairs? hmm. Buy an old car again?

Hemmings Motor News has 1957 Alfa SVZ Zagato with a "known history" for \$125K..see pics at www.cavecreekclassics.com

Cheapest one is same mag with 1961 Giulietta, unrestored, for \$8,900 in Calif at www.wholesalecalifornia.com

Last month's GTV sold in St Peters for only \$1,000. Anybody see that car? I spoke to owner/ex C130 co-pilot at Barnes and Noble after his ex-stewardess wife insisted he sell some cars. he said it had "no rust" ??? [Could have been quite a bargain as an inside rearview mirror for a '65 GTV went for \$610 on ebay last weekend! -- rhh]

He who hesitates is LOST..

Now, you gotta pay \$17.5K for a 1965 GT Jr, black with red (39K miles) at www.chequeredflag.com

My Mother says.. "No more OLD cars, Philip!" ..so back to the net to see pics of NEW Alfa SPIDER with pics at www.timesonline.uk

The curvy rear end, subtle downforce spoiler trunk lid, 4 exhausts out the end looks good! Prices about L24K (Brit lbs) and to buy in Aussie land first Get a 185bhp 2.2 JTS engine or a 260bhp 3.2 JTS.. The 3.2 liter is V-6, dohc, four valves per cylinder, JTS direct fuel injection. (like the being sold now in U.K, Alfa Brera coupe engine) see pics at <http://driving.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,22749-2023511,00.html>

Alfa Brera 4WD -Aussie made engined GM Holden 3.2 liter six with 260 hp at 6200 rpm with 237 lb-ft torque at 4500 rpm, RED coupe review in "European Car" Mag, page 14 of March 06 issue says of the back seat.."The Italian company is making a big deal about the Brera being a genuine four seater" ..

BUT.."When I crawled into the back for a go, though, I felt like that fat guy who got crushed to death behind the wheel of Steven King's satanic 'Christine'."

Alfa's CEO, Karl "Heinz" Kalbfell (Note to Graham: Is this Teresa Heinz's brother, cousin or uncle?)..says Alfa return to USA will have Brera and Spider version.. All future Alfas to have crash regs for USA and support network.."the brand is almost exclusively for its sports cars in the USA, so we won't enter with a saloon or MPV.. Thanks God!

Autoweek mag of 1-23-06 on page 41 reports..

Indy F-1 may be last one for awhile, at least NO Contract after 06 event..Bernie Ecclestone says "The deal finishes this year" ..for 2007, "the answer at the moment is, let's see" ..trivia alert..

Who are Ferrari engined teams for 2006 F -1 line up? The Drivers?

Answer: Ferrari 248 F1 has 056 (8 cylinder) with BRIDGESTONE tires again..Michael Schumacher, Felipe Massa, test driver Luca Badoer

Next is.. RED Bull team with Ferrari 056 engine but with Michelin tires and drivers David Coulthard, Chris Klein (pronounced "Clean") and test driver R. Kubica.

First F-1 race is Bahrain 12 March 06 (maybe Sat nite here 11 March, I dunno)

St Louis Ferrari club has MASSIVE (Dr Evan Crandall 's) 10 foot long HD- TV Chesterfield Mason Rd area event with Aussie F-1 on 2 April (Aussie time)..which is April Fools nite in USA..so may be worth joining Ferrari Owners club..for ? How many \$\$ hundreds of bucks per yr? I forgot, ask me to look up in Tax records this year.

Indy F-1 date is 2 July 06..so, who's coming with me?

So, any Alfas in F-1??? my God, yes..years ago.. the Brit stats..eat your lamb as you memorize these Races started was 215,
Wins? 12,
Pole positions? 15
Fastest laps 20
Races in podium? 30
Podium places? 40

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from <http://forum.eastwoodco.com>

Rust Treatment & Prevention

[Editor's note: although this article promotes specific products, the products are good and the technology is sound. -- rhh.]

Proper Usage of Eastwood Rust Products

The best way to deal with rust is to remove it. This can be achieved through mechanical (abrasive blasting, wire wheel, sanding, etc.), chemical (Oxisolv Rust Remover) means, or the direct approach of cutting out the effected area. When the metal is perforated or the strength is compromised cutting out and replacement is the only way to go. There are always those areas in every project that are only slightly corroded and strength has not been compromised. For these sections use mechanical means to at least remove the loose rust, then use Oxisolv Rust Remover to completely dissolve the rust. For areas where you can't readily reach to remove the Oxisolv, use Eastwood Rust Encapsulator. If you can't reach the area to remove the loose rust use the Heavy Duty Anti-Rust. That's a brief summary of the proper use of our best selling rust treatments. Now let's look at the individual products.

Oxisolv Rust Remover is a phosphoric acid based product that leaves a zinc phosphate coating for temporary rust protection. As with all acid based products, it works faster at 70 degrees F than at 50 degrees F. Oxisolv can be heated up to 100 degrees F for even faster rust removal. Prior to using Oxisolv make sure the surface is grease and oil free (PRE Painting Prep 10041Z works great here!), knock off the loose rust and spray or wipe on the Oxisolv. For heavier rust, saturate a cloth with Oxisolv, lay it on the surface and cover with plastic to prevent evaporation. Check the surface every 30 minutes or so and rinse with water (or to prevent flash rusting use PRE Painting Prep 10041Z), and prime. Oxisolv will not remove paint (though it may discolor it) or grease or oil deposits. Do not leave parts in contact longer than it takes to remove the rust, as base metal erosion will take place.

Eastwood Rust Encapsulator seals the surface with minute glass flakes. Even though Eastwood Rust Encapsulator is a slow cure fortified enamel, use lacquer thinner up to 15% for spray application. Very little prep is required to apply Rust Encapsulator. Just knock off the loose rust, make sure the surface is grease and oil free (PRE Painting Prep 10041Z works great!) and brush or spray apply 2 medium coats. Allow about 2-3 hrs between coats and 6-8 hours after the final coat before topcoating. If desired, the surface can be rubbed down with a fine wet/dry abrasive paper, allowing an extra hour to dry before applying the top coat. Rust Encapsulator is dry to the touch in 1.5-2 hours and is thoroughly dry in about 4 hours at 68 degrees F. Thicker coats of Rust Encapsulator will proportionately increase dry time. If more than 36 hours elapse before the top coat is applied, be sure to sand the surface with 320 grit wet/dry paper to assure good adhesion.

Rust Encapsulator works great over or under plastic body fillers. Rust Encapsulator also withstands up to 400 degrees F making it great for priming rusty engine blocks. Though it can be sprayed through the Undercoating System (16003) this application is not recommended as it usually

means it's being applied inside a door or rocker panel where even basic prep cannot be done. (See Heavy Duty Anti-Rust)

Can Rust Encapsulator be top coated with a lacquer type paint? Yes and No. Yes, because with sufficient cure time and light mist coats a reaction can be avoided. No, because if there is not sufficient dry time or the lacquer is applied in heavy coats lifting will occur. It's always best to recommend testing a small area before proceeding.

Self Etching Primer should only be applied to rust-free, clean, dry metal. Self Etching Primer sticks well to steel, stainless steel, aluminum, even scuffed galvanized surfaces. Traditional self-etching primers are 2 part acid based products. Our Self Etching Primer uses an aggressive solvent with acid to thoroughly bond to the surface. Chassis Black does not adhere well to our self etching primer but will work fine over 2 part epoxy primers. Do not use our self etching primer on surfaces that reach temperatures in excess of 180 degrees F, as failure will occur.

Use **The Undercoating System** (16003) to apply either Heavy Duty Anti-Rust or Rubberized Undercoating. This system requires about 5-6 cfm (cubic feet per minute) at about 90-120 psi (pounds per square inch) compressed air. The variety of nozzles and extensions gives the user the ability to thoroughly rust proof most vehicles.

Heavy-Duty Antirust is a waxy, oily coating that seals the surface from contact with moisture or air. This is obviously not for use in areas that would be subsequently painted. Heavy-Duty Antirust works great in doors and rocker panels or inside frame members. Prep is very limited. Just make sure the surface is dry. Use a heat gun or heat lamp to gently heat seams and closed areas where moisture may become trapped and apply.

Heavy-Duty Antirust is sometimes used in wheel wells as a primer under Rubberized Undercoating. Though this procedure does not appear to enhance adhesion, it does add an extra barrier of protection that will help prevent rust should the undercoating be damaged.

Rubberized Undercoating is best used only inside wheel well areas. This product is not recommended for use inside rocker panels or doors, because while this product is unlikely to peel away from the surface like inferior undercoats, Heavy-Duty Antirust requires less surface prep.

Rubberized Undercoating can also be painted over with lacquer, enamels, and urethanes as was the OEM (original Equipment Manufacturer) practice in some vehicles. The thickness of the coating provides some sound deadening as well as a resilient layer to protect the surface from rock chips.

Cold Galvanizing Compound is applied to bare clean steel for excellent corrosion protection. This coating was originally developed to prevent bare steel structures from

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capable of 90 MPH, but now burdened by a trunk spoiler taken off an F-14, just to make sure the rear end stays planted at such lofty speeds.

So what Competition tire does Michelin or Bridgestone make? The Michelin Sport Cup tire is a decent tire for club events; expensive but long lasting, and can be left on the car for daily driving. It's just not a front row qualifying tire. And Bridgestone? Nada.

So how about image; the subjective? When I think of a high – end, high performance tire for the street, I think Dunlop, Yokohama, Goodyear, Bridgestone, Michelin. When I think of a good all – weather high performance tire I start thinking of adding Continental and Pirelli P-Zeros. But that's MY opinion.

The facts are the facts. But most people, including me, often buy off of more than just the objective criteria. So has the investment that Bridgestone/Michelin made in boosting their performance image paid off in your eyes? Which tire comes to mind when YOU think of a

performance tire? Obviously, it appears they both could have made the same street tires without the foray into F1. And I'll go further out on a limb and bet that most Alfisti are still running Pirellis, regardless of how they fare in tests.

Ready for the Hollywood twist to the story? The FIA (governing body over Formula One racing) has ruled that they will eliminate the tire wars in the future and go with a single spec tire next year. Michelin has just announced as of this writing that they have withdrawn from contention and no longer wish to be considered as a potential supplier, should they be chosen over Bridgestone. This is the same manufacturer that supplies three times the number of teams that Bridgestone does right now, so what's the problem, right?

Maybe they'd like to retract that claim at the beginning of this article?

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Raced laps by ALFAs? 17, 977

Raced km? 90001

Races led? 25

Led laps? 967

Points made? 330

Now memorize on the toilet, quiz next month..

Winter Olympics Ferrari, Sophia Loren, etc..was visual orgasm, I am TOLD, only read about it on Atlas F-1 website..ask IRV to bring video..

Anyway, also occurring was: reading of Dante's "divine comedy", based characters of Federico Fellini, Luciano Pavarotti, Yoko Ono(?), Stefania Belmondo (Ital cross country skier), Roberto Bolle (La Scala Ballet school)..but also..

Isabel Allende???? What the .&^%%.??? Why is SHE there???

Now, lets review the screwed up politics of Chile under Salvado Allende's MARXIST government in Chile from 1970 to 1973...

Well, I can't, not enuf space here, but Jim Rogers of the (highly recommended by ME) book "Investment Biker" in his around the world document on a BMW motorcycle..expounds on the massive change for the good when the Commies left Chile.

Now, forget about the Gen Augusto Pinochet 17yrs of massive human rights violations, etc..2 to 3 thousand bad guys "missing" ..well, that ancient history..

Anyway,

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rusting when exposed to the elements. The 90% pure metallic zinc content of this product gives similar protection to a galvanized coating.

Cold Galvanizing is not recommended as a primer as subsequent coatings do not adhere well. Cold Galvanizing works great when applied in a thin coat to a joint prior to welding, or for coating bare steel surfaces that will later be hidden as in a rocker or quarter panel replacement.

This product can be thinned with mineral spirits for spraying. Cold Galvanizing dries to the touch in 20-30 minutes and can be recoated after 24 hours. Allow 14 days for full cure.



Chile is now South America's first developed country "without the benefit of socialist, Communist, Int Monetary Fund, or UN Planners" ..American companies like Proctor Gamble, Pepsi, Pizza Hut, KFC, all pleased then after months of eating insects, vodka and grasshoopers, etc.

So, winter reading is good with Jim Rogers'

"Investment Biker" paperback..can read each chapter, even out of sequence..good for Bathroom perusals..with snow outside and Barrett Jackson VHS tapes playing in the background..

Now, where are those damn TAX RECORDS????...March 1st and Lent begins (the 40 days of looking for lost receipts.???)



from <http://www.velocetoday.com>

Barrett-Jackson Auction at Scottsdale

SCOTTSDALE AZ, JAN 22. This year, with an unprecedented 33 hours of live TV coverage and record prices, Barrett-Jackson was the talk of the town. Our town, your town, and probably everyone in every community who has ever owned a 60s-something V8 engined American car. With coverage like that, you can be sure that millions tuned in on one of the six days of prime time coverage to enjoy the show.

We will not comment on the auction prices, suffice to say that the muscle car syndrome is having it's day in the sun and we sincerely hope our friends who travel in a straight line on the other side of the highway prosper.

It is our job to let you know how the Italians fared; very few were televised live or otherwise during the marathon auction event on SpeedChannel. We waited and waited, but most of the below cars were on the block either during commercial breaks, or before or after the live TV coverage. A few made it, such as the Lamborghini.

Surprisingly, most of the Italians did very well, with standard issue Alfa Spiders going for higher prices than

would be expected, particularly at this auction. A very modified Giulietta Sprint Veloce with the wrong engine, wrong paint and wrong wheels sold for \$36,180. An intriguing prewar recreation (not; this is a replicar attempt) garnered \$54,000.

The two Ferrari 308s also sold higher than expected, and neither were anywhere near perfect, while a 1995 355 Spyder was a relatively good deal at \$86,400. A 2004 Maserati Cambiocorrio coupe was on the list but we could not find out selling price, therefore it is not included in the below.

Three Vespas were also on the block and all three sold for around \$2,200.

Note please that the descriptions, prices and images are all courtesy of Barrett-Jackson Auction Company; prices include the 8% buyer's fees.

That being said, here are the images and prices of all the Alfas at the Barrett-Jackson Auction.



1985 Spider Veloce
\$16.2k



1932 8C Grand Sport recreation
\$54k.

1960 Sprint Veloce
\$36.2k



1992 Spider Veloce
\$21k.

1969 1750 GTV
coupe
\$21.6k.



1986 Spider
\$12.7k.



1984 Spider Veloce
\$17k.

from <http://www.forbes.com>, 01.30.2006, 11:41 AM

Fiat CEO sees revision of long-term targets later this year

MILAN (AFX) - Fiat SpA CEO Sergio Marchionne said he expects the group to revise its long-term financial targets after 'a substantial part' of 2006 has been completed.

In a conference call with analysts, Marchionne noted how analysts have been speculating after this morning's fourth quarter results on the possibility of revised and longer-period targets.

Fiat will consider 'moving targets when we have a substantial part of 2006 under our belt', he said, without being more specific.

Marchionne gave further details on how the group will meet its current targets for 2006 and 2007.

On the forecast for a positive group operating cash flow in 2006, he added: 'I expect the auto business to stop burning cash in 2006. At worst it will be cash flow neutral.'

In the auto sector in 2006, Fiat is targeting a 0.5-1.0 pct operating profit margin on sales, against a loss of 1.4 pct in 2005, it said.

In the auto sector, Fiat continues to see revamping its Alfa Romeo brand as a key issue and is 'the brand with the biggest potential but where we are struggling on repositioning', he said.

The launch of Alfa's 159 model last year got off 'to a slow start' because the full range of models were not available, he said, noting a major portion of sales are expected from the station wagon version.

The 159 model is seen selling 85,000 units in 2006, and 120,000 by 2007, he said, noting previous forecasts of 129,000 a year.

'We had quality issues in 2005, now it is stable and we are producing sufficient volumes to penetrate the European market,' he said.

Repositioning Alfa's 147 model, so it competes on price with competitor brands, is 'starting to show results', he said.

More recent models, the Brera, launched in December, and the Spider, expected in March, 'will help', he said, adding 2006 is 'a transition year' for Alfa.

On geographic markets for Alfa, he said France has been sorted out, progress is being made in Spain and Germany, while significant sums are being spent on repositioning in the UK market.

On restructuring at truck unit Iveco, Marchionne said he sees this brand being reestablished at the heavy lorry end of the market, as well as expanding outside western Europe.

'It is too early to say where we will grow but we have identified opportunities well beyond' western Europe, he said.

Analysts said last week they see Iveco setting up joint ventures to sell into US, Asia or Latin American markets.

On restructuring, one broker cited a report saying Marchionne sees 80 pct of the auto restructuring completed, but only 20 pct of the group's overall restructuring carried out.



Alfisti Cooks!

by Sue Houser

It felt good to get out the house in January for the dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield. We had a large crowd from both sides of the rivers. The food was good and plentiful. Ralph's suggestion to go there was excellent.

February is turning out to be rather cold, so I don't know how many people will have the top down on their spiders for Mike Lain's drive to Dutzow. Whatever the temperature though it will be nice to get out and drive somewhere, eat lunch with out Alfisti friends and catch up on what has happened since last month.

I still have recipes from the Christmas Party to share, so this month, in honor of Valentine's Day I thought it would be great to share Nancy Scoggin's Fudge. I also have read that chocolate is helpful for the Winter Blues.

Nancy Scoggin's Fudge

½ can Eagle Brand condensed sweetened milk
1 ½ to 2 cups chocolate chips
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla

½ cup chopped walnuts

Melt chocolate chips and butter in the microwave. Watch carefully and stir as needed.

Add condensed sweetened milk, vanilla and walnuts to melted chocolate chips and stir to blend. Pour into a buttered 5 x 9 inch pan. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours.

Well Sean had his first dog shows this past weekend and I was pretty proud of him for his first show outings. Besides making collie friends at the show and getting fed a lot of treats for showing, he also learned how to get from bed to bed in the hotel room without touching the floor. Watching 65 pounds of puppy jump from bed to bed was quite a site. Hopefully nest month I'll have his show pictures to share.

Thank you, Nancy, for sharing your fudge recipe. Stay warm and I hope to see you for the Presidents' Day Drive.

Woofs and Meow,
Sue



Spring Fling

Alfa Romeo Owners of St Louis

Phil Dean, Pres (636) 795-5015

Norma Urani, Registration (314) 638-9729

- Where** Washington MO environs,
(approximately 40 miles west
of St Louis)
- When** Friday, May 5
Saturday, May 6
Sunday, May 7
- Events**
- **Rally/tour** through Missouri wine country
 - **Autocross**
 - **Concours**
- Art Exhibition
Swap Meet
Banquet
Awards brunch

Registration \$25 per car

----- *Note change of venue from previous years* -----

Hotel Super 8 Motel
2081 Eckelkamp Ct
Washington MO
tel (636) 390-0088

Contact hotel by April 4 for reservation
and mention "Alfa Club."

Friday Night "Chats & Drinks" 3 - 6pm at Super 8
Dinner: 6 pm Pizza Party at Super 8
Cost \$8.50 per person, pay on site

Saturday Banquet
Door prizes and entertainment
Cost \$25 per person

Sunday Awards Brunch
Individual check

Art Exhibition Theme: **Finish**
All media. Original works are eligible for
popular vote judging. 'Finish' may be
interpreted as you like such as having
fins, native of Finland, etc.

Spring Fling 2006 Registration

Make check payable to: **Alfa Owners of St Louis**

Send registration form and check by April 28 to:

Norma Urani
8301 Julia Dr,
St Louis MO 63123
(314) 638-9729

NAME

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CAR DESCRIPTION

EVENTS YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN:

RALLY AUTOCROSS CONCOURS

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER ART EXHIBITION

BANQUET AWARDS BRUNCH

APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL TIME

CAR REGISTRATION (\$25 PER CAR) \$ _____

BANQUET DINNER (\$25 PER PERSON) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Questions?

Call Walt Hatcher: (636) 239-2690, or email to rhirsch@catenary.com, or visit www.catenary.com/fling

New Alfa 159 to debut at the Melbourne Motor Show. On sale mid-2006 in Australia.



!Saluti!
 Alfa Romeo Owners of St Louis
 6089 S Lakeshore Dr
 Hillsboro MO 63050

Feb 19 Presidents' Day Drive
 Sunday 11 am

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