



# *i Saluti*

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**Note Bene**

by Phil Dean, Pres  
*Witzelsucht?*

I know, Kraut term in an Italian news-letter, but it is defined as: *“a mental condition characteristic of frontal lobe lesion(s) in which the patient makes poor jokes and puns and tells poor stories, during which the patient himself is intensely amused.”*

So, Summer’s Writer’s block again, waiting for Hirsch July LAKE event 7-15-06..so some HAIKUS to start with (Graham’s favorite)..First, some background info...

Master Meineke Mechanic Volpe got pulled over by Bridgeton area cop when he was test driving the White Lambo Coutach from Danny Schmidt’s store . . . numerous charges..as he opened the vertical type doors to speak to local constabule .

- 1) No turn signals with lane changes
- 2) Loud exhaust
- 3) Speeding
- 4) No license plates

He talked himself out it already..BUT..we need a VOLPE HAIKU..

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*Next event . . .*

**Alfa Day at the Lake**

*3 pm Boating, swimming, splashing, fishing*  
*5 pm Dinner and polite conversation*  
**Saturday July 15 Lake Tishomingo**

Join us for a day of water sports and relaxation at picturesque Lake Tishomingo, a short drive away in Jefferson County. Bring your Alfa (or not) and bring your swimming togs, water shoes, float noodles (or favorite water toy). Kids are welcome, the water’s warm and the swimming is great!

Janet’s making BBQ pork, bring a side dish to share. RSVP to Janet at (636) 285-0813 or [jhirsch@catenary.com](mailto:jhirsch@catenary.com). Map and directions on page 6.



*Coming in August . . .*

***Picnic!!***

**Sat August 19, 3 pm**  
**Walt & Marian Hatcher's**  
**Washington MO**  
**bring: covered dish**

Bring your car, your stories, and your pictures of what you did this summer to **The Picnic** at Marian and Walt’s home on the Missouri River bluff. Making its debut this year may be Michael Lains’ blue Duetto. (Standard disclaimers apply.)

Bring a dish of something good -- salad, dessert, or side dish (single guys may be exempt, but purchased items are acceptable) share and **ENJOY!** Join us and have a good time. The club will provide main course, beer, and soft drinks..

**RSVP to Walt and Marian (636) 239-2690.**

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## 2006 Calendar

July	15	Day at Lake Tishomingo (Janet and Rich Hirsch)
Aug	19	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 Coldewe)
Dec	9	Christmas Party (Mike and Sue Houser)

### Alfaholic's Weekend

*This poem should have accompanied Graham Davis' Art Project*

The Alfaholic's weekend  
Turns 'round and around  
Between maintaining a beauty  
And trolling the sound  
With bait for a trophy,  
A sedan or low Spider.  
A Bimmer? No. Never!  
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## Dream Baby

By Graham L. Davis, V.P.



### Dream baby got me dreamin' sweet dreams the whole day through...

In last month's [Note Bene](#), I commented on Alfa Romeo's 'Diva' concept car debut at January's Geneva Motor Show. Though rough in form, the car generated so much interest that Fiat chose to move it forward as a prototype. The article at [www.italiaspeed.com/2006/cars/other/elasis/04/diva/0404.html](http://www.italiaspeed.com/2006/cars/other/elasis/04/diva/0404.html) illuminates this development.

The only negative comments I've read have been by a couple of insecure nerds on the Ferrarichat website whining about the name 'Diva' (eeeeewww)! Oh, **sha-da-da-da**, get a grip! From [Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary](#):

**di·va** \ˈdē-və\ *n.*, *pl di·vas or di·ve* \-(, )vā\ [*It, lit., goddess, fr. L, fem. of divus* divine, god — more at *DEITY*] : *PRIMA DONNA* 1

Well, upon observation, if this is not an example of divine form, please show me what is.

I opined that if the 220 HP Diva could stay in the 2000 pound Lotus Elise (and Exige) range for weight and price, "(Alfa) would have a dragon-slayer in a sleeveless evening gown if there ever was one". Well, the horsepower estimate I gave was incorrect but just for grins, let's compare:

	Alfa Romeo Diva	Lotus Elise & Exige
· Length	153" (3894 mm)	149" (3785 mm)
· Width	74.6" (1896 mm)	72.8" (1850 mm)
· Height	46.5" (1182 mm)	45.6" (1117 mm)
· Wheel Base	94.5" (2402 mm)	90.5" (2300 mm)
· Weight	2200# (1000 kg)	2015# (914 kg)
· Engine	3.2 L V6 24 valve	1.794 L 4 cyl 16 valve
· Horse Power	290 HP	190 HP
· Gearbox	6 Speed	4 Speed
· Top Speed	168 mph	127 mph
· Power to Weight	.132 HP/#	.094 HP/#
· Price	Unknown	\$42,990 Elise \$52,000 Exige



...Dream baby make me stop my dreamin', you can make my dreams come true.

We know now it can be done, and the Italian trade unions – no fools they – are begging that it *be* done. Considering that the most costly item, the power train is *in* production *and* well developed, is there not reason to believe that the price also could be in range?



...How long must I dream?



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10617 New Halls Ferry  
St Louis MO 63136  
(1/2 mile south of I-270)

Coming in September

## 2nd Annual Hermann Tour Saturday, September 16

Lunch at Stont Hill Hall, 11 AM

Drive west on I-44, turn off at Hwy 100 through Washington, MO. Continue on Hwy 100 to New Haven, MO (about 12 miles), then through New Haven about 1 mile to County Road E. Turn left on E and go about 7 miles to the little town of Stony Hill. We'll meet the group there and have lunch at the Stony Hill Hall, in the center of town off County Rd. E on the left. We have reservations here. The food at the Stony Hill is great AND cheap! Everyone should arrive there by 11 AM.

### Wine Tasting/shopping in Hermann

After lunch the tour will proceed to Hermann for an hour's wine tasting and shopping. Directions will be given at the beginning of the tour. Parking can be on the First Bank parking lot situated in the alley between 1st and 2nd St. behind the bank. (Same as last year). Meet back at the parking lot for the 3 PM road tour of Gasconade Co., (also same as last year with a little twist). Tour will go on all paved roads and end at the Workman's farm in Franklin County for snacks and refreshments. Bring your fishing poles! If anyone wishes to stay Friday night or over until Sunday, we suggest making reservations at the Super 8 motel in Washington where we made our headquarters during the Spring Fling. More details in the August Newsletter. For more info contact Chuck and Sally Workman. ❀

From Overheard Cams, Alfa Romeo Association, CA

## V-6 Driveshaft Warning

[This excerpt from an article on driveshaft balancing. -- rhh.]

If you take nothing else from this tech session, remember: Never, EVER jump start your classic car. The process that pops the clutch while in second gear at 78 mph translates from 0 to 1800 rpm in 1 second, creating far too much torque, and a "defining moment" for a drive shaft where the excessive torque can "tweak" the shaft.

## For Sale



- **'76 Alfa Romeo Spider**, ivory, 68k. Vehicle purchased 1997. California car, purchased in '97. Body sound (no rust). Not abused, wrecked, or left outside for any extended period. A list of items replaced can be furnished upon request. Includes water pump, fuel injection pump, thermostatic actuator, valve guides & valve seals, electronic ignition system, Robbins padded top, rear differential wheel bearings & seals. Invoices available for most repairs. Spare parts include odometer, tachometer, rear taillight assemblies.

Known defects include bumper chrome insert strip and seat covers. Selling car due to too many cars, not enough space. Mike Houser, (314) 842-4832, [alfadesign@charter.net](mailto:alfadesign@charter.net).

- **'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 [douglase@gracehill.org](mailto:douglase@gracehill.org).

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Note Bene continued from page 1

*I love Volpe's Sound  
But your neighbor's will S\_it bricks  
Cops will hunt you down*

More haikus..

Like me trying to write this Note Bene..

*Procrastination  
so much like masturbation  
You just screw yourself*

**Reminds me..** Norma said "no kids" at Hirsch Lake event, ask her about age limits..Graham and Norma to have body painting contest at Hirsch Lake event this year. Water color chairperson is..?

**From the book**, entitled *555 Ways to put more FUN in your life..*suggestion number 145 is: "Drive a convertible. Wear goggles, a scarf, and an old aviator's hat"

121: "Dress Sleazy. Walk around the block. Get it outa your system."

117: "Rub peppermint oil on your body. Sit in a hot tub."

401: "Wear a loin cloth. Walk in the woods.. don't forget mosquito repellent".

464: "drive any car made in the 1930s." ( DAMN, I wish Dad hadn't sold that red MG-TC I mainly restored, with my high school friends.)

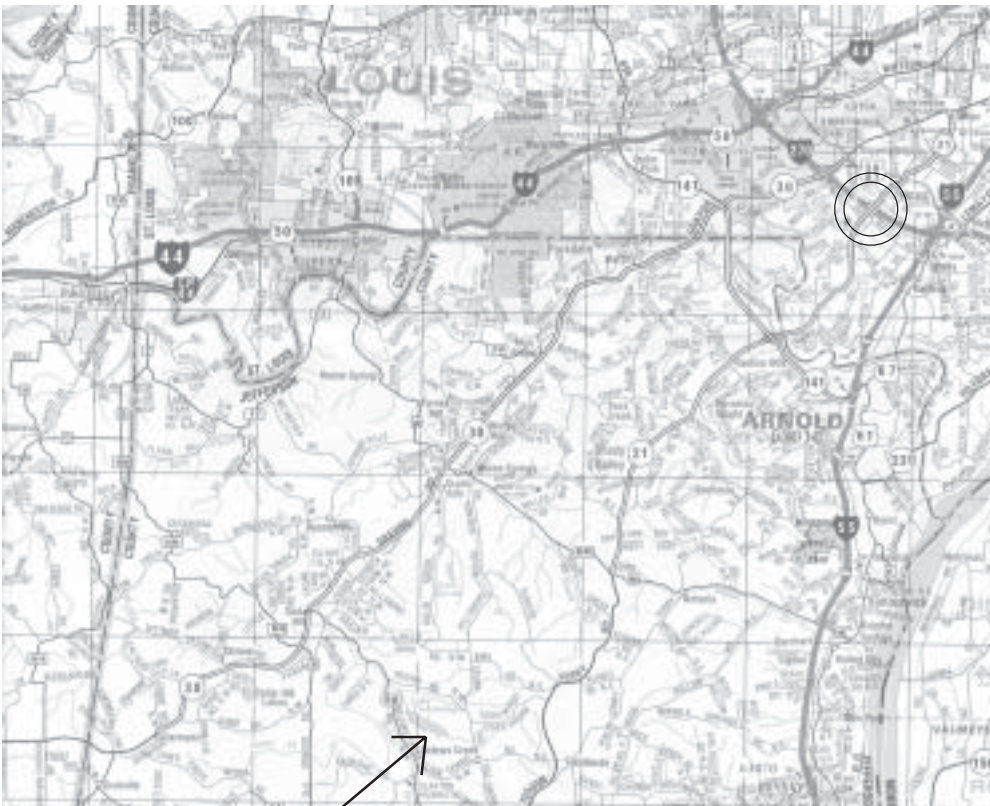
461: "Erase all negative criticism of everybody."  
**TOPGEAR Magazine**, June 06, with the new James Bond on cover has review of Alfa Brera. The highlights are:

- The original Brera had Maser 400 hp Ferrari-designed V-8 in it..like the Maser Spyder I drove earlier this Spring, unforgettable experience for \$53.9K that I passed on. The ones now available in UK have three engine choices: 2.2 four pot, 3.2 V-6 or diesel 2.4 five banger.
- "It's a hard car not to like"
- Onlookers have plenty of "double takes"
- Front wheeled drive diesel makes zero to 62 mph in 8.1 sec, clutch action is "pretty good, not the quickest ever."
- Dark Blue car is nice ride on highway, but on smaller roads, "the Brera feels like a boat" ...This is not praise.
- "Aren't really back seats to speak of."
- Impossible to get comfy in front seat.. "So I ended up with a terrible Lambo-circa-1980, long arms/short legs scenario." (Hmm, reminds me of Bob in 1980s White Lambo again..explaining to the cop (under Airport road Lindberg Tunnel) why no plates or papers in car. )
- "This car should be cheaper and it remains to be seen whether the savvy Brit public is prepared to weigh the style over substance argument quite so heavily in favour of a

## Directions to Alfa Day at the Lake

**Saturday July 15, 3pm**

*6089 S Lakeshore Dr, Jefferson County*  
Lake Tishomingo is 22 miles (about 30 min) from the intersection of I-270 and Hwy 21 (Tesson Ferry Rd).



*6089 S Lakeshore Dr, (636) 285 0813*

### Mileage

- 0.0 Exit I-270 south onto Hwy-21
- 15.0 Exit 4-lane Hwy-21 at "Old Rt 21, Schenk Rd." Turn right towards Hillsboro and continue south on 2-lane Hwy-21.
- 17.0 Turn right off Hwy-21 onto Tishomingo Road, which is about one block beyond Tower Road and a large microwave antenna complex.
- 19.6 Continue on Tishomingo Rd past 4-way stop at Hillsboro-House Spgs Rd.
- 20.2 Stop at the guard shack. If the gate is DOWN raise the gate by typing the gate code:

**4150**

or scroll to 'Hirsch' on computer screen and enter number located near our name into the keypad. We will buzz you in.

Once past the gate, turn left onto S. Lakeshore Dr. Go about 1 mile to 6089 S. Lakeshore Dr. 636 285-0813.

pretty face." The Brits should talk, pretty faces kinda scarce there, Eh mate? Gringo or Brit Tourists anyone?

#### **Dateline Anytime, Austria, Location?**

The town of "F\*cking" has road signs regularly stolen with Brit and American tourists jumping out tour buses and cars 24/7 to take photos of them naked by said signs. Postcards also stamped "F\*cking, Austria." The Mayor has Ok'd extra welding of signs and "extra strong security NUTS" to abate thefts. Really, read TOPGEAR Jan 06 edition, if U don't believe me.

Miami towing? Senor (or Herr?) Orlando Bosch was arrested in 1972 for towing a torpedo through downtown Miami during rush hour.

The Federal Aviation Administration deemed the required three letter acronym for Sioux City, Iowa would definitely NOT be: SUX

#### **Journalism 101 Class..AKA Bad Headlines:**

"Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers"

"Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should be Belted"

"Panda Mating fails—Veterinarian Takes Over"

"Dealers Will Hear Car Talk at Noon"

"Queen Mary Having Bottom Scraped"

"Autos Killing 110 a Day, Let's Resolve to do Better."

**Guess ALFA return** postponed to 2010, nowadays? Who knows?

**July 15th** is the next HIRSCH LAKE DATE..show up in flip flops and bathing suits under your Versace jewelry..Bring some food, club supplies drinks..

We celebrate either Dutch Painter -man - Rembrandt's 400th year Birthday (from 1606) or .. LINDA RONSTADT's birthday (1946..yikes, she's already sixty and Liberal and fat now?)

#### **Back to the future..Haikus, remember?**

*You Should Speak Haikus  
Even though it is difficult  
To express yourself*

*Haikus needn't rhyme  
As long as it's from the heart  
But YOURS was Sh\_tty!*



Ferrari Enzo, before. . .

Remember the internet scammer-Swede-Stephan guy who said his friend, "Dieter" (who ran up the canyon hills), crashed his gazillion dollared \$\$\$ Ferrari ENZO at 120 mph in Malibu, California, allegedly racing a Mercedes Mc Laren SLR ? The latest is the airbag blood matched the Stephan Swede's lip laceration blood. No Dieter guy found, ever! The "Ferrari chat dot com" website had a haiku contest and numerous pages about this newsworthy event in Ferrari history!

*Man and the machine  
Tricky curves in the fast Lane  
Career, car, shattered*

*I lift, the rear Loose  
The pole faster than bar maid  
"Dietrich" now excuse*

*Irresistable  
Force, meet immovable pole  
ENZO split, Man too!*

*Flattened Ferrari  
Swedish mobster, bankrupt scam  
Sounds like Grisham plot*

*Home to Movie Stars  
My beautiful ENZO crashed  
The World now screams.. WHY?*

*Drunk Swede, high on Coke  
Raced his ENZO smashed-up-broke  
Dietrich laugh from Far*

*Enzo split in two  
Drunken Driver splittin' too  
Bank of Scotland Sue! (this one won contest)*

But wait, there's more..Now, picture of Mr Enzo Ferrari himself, with bubble (speaking like a comic strip) outa his mouth..

*Phil, No more punning!  
I roll in Modena Grave!  
Pain too much to Bear!*

Ciao, see ya 7-15-06  
dr PHIL



After.

Alfa Deco

Natinal AROC Convention, Tulsa OK

## St Louis AROC at Terrific Tulsa



At the track . Photo by Phyllis Tilden.



Mike Houser's Alfetta won first place in Concours.



Lineup of Duetto-bodies, seven total.



Spiders in Concours.



Giulia and Giulietta coupe and spiders.



Concours at the Tulsa Waterworks -- special-bodied cars took center stage.



TZ Grillo



Montreal Grillo.



Giulietta Sprint



Giulietta race car.



Quilts in the art show by Sue Houser, Diana Bennett, and Sue Houser.

"The Road to the Checkered Flag" by Janet Hirsch.



Left: beaded purse by Martha Leskinen, People's Choice award.



"Alfa Deco" wood sculpture by Bruce and Phyllis Tilden.



Painted gourd that beat Rich's Alfa logo stained glass.



"Refleations" by St Louis AROC received a second place trophy.

## Alfisti Cooks!

by Sue Houser

I haven't figured out where the summer is going. One minute it was Spring Fling and the next we're almost done with July. In between we've have the European Car Show (congratulations Steve!), AROC National in Tulsa (congratulations Steve, Bob, Erik, Janet, Mike and the whole Art project team!), Fourth of July and now rapidly approaching, the Day at the Lake with Rich and Janet. In between all that I've had three trips to Washington DC for work and one to California for my youngest niece's college graduation. If I were old this might wear me out. However, there is fortunately more summer to go (and then fall and then winter).

I'm am still trying to get the recipes from the Swap Meet published. Laura Torretta has a way with vegetables. She brought wonderful green beans to the Swap Meet and it is time to share this recipe.

### Laura Torretta's Green Beans

2-1/2 pounds fresh whole green beans  
washed and ends trimmed  
1 pound fresh mushrooms, cleaned and sliced  
1 very large or 2 medium sweet onions  
peeled and sliced  
1-1/2 tablespoons minced garlic  
6 ounces cremini mushrooms, cleaned and sliced  
1 package Volpi Prosciutto  
1-1/2 tablespoons soy sauce  
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar  
3-4 tablespoons Balsamic vinegar  
olive oil  
fresh Parmesan cheese

Place 1/4 cup olive oil in a large skillet and heat over medium to medium high heat till hot. Add onions and garlic and reduce heat to medium. Cook until onions are tender, then add brown sugar. Continue cooking and stirring until onions are golden and caramelized. Set aside. Put two tablespoons of olive oil in a small fry pan and heat till hot. Fry prosciutto till crisp (like bacon), remove and drain.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a pot bring enough water to cover green beans to a boil. Put green beans in water and parboil for 4 minutes. Drain beans and place in large baking dish. Add mushrooms. Crumble prosciutto over mixture. Mix together the soy sauce, vinegar, and about 1/4 cup olive oil. Put this mixture over beans and mushrooms and stir till thoroughly coated.

Place in oven and bake for 25 minutes. Add onion mixture, salt, and pepper to taste and stir into green beans. Return to oven and bake another 10 - 15 minutes or until beans are tender. Remove from oven and taste. Adjust seasoning and add more vinegar if it tastes too sweet a teaspoon at a time until you get it the way you like it. Place parmesan cheese chips or grated cheese over beans, stir and serve. This recipe serves a crowd and is great for big dinners or holidays.

Thank you Laura for your green bean recipe. Green bean season is starting real soon so this is a natural summer recipe. Take care.

Woofs and Meow,  
Sue



## Cars, the Movie

by Russ Neely, Oklahoma City

The real car fanatic movie is out. "Cars" is about cars. And, no I do not own Disney studios nor their stock so I have no financial interest.



There are no Alfa Romeos that I noticed, but there is a Fiat and an Italian fork lift and Ferrari admiration.

And there is Route 66 memorabilia. Having been to the Cadillac Ranch near Amarillo, Texas, where Cadillacs are buried nose down I recognized the outline of the mountain range west of the town of Radiator Springs.

There was a lot of Route 66 stuff. Watch the tributes at the end for a list of all the places along Route 66 that were featured.

There is bit part for a Model T Ford coupe, named, Lizzie, of course. But why the animators had to put the door handles on backwards, I do not know. The T coupe did not have suicide doors. They portrayed Lizzie as a bit senile or hard of hearing or just plain old. I guess that sort of describes my T model, so maybe it is ok.

The movie has a little too much Nasty Car (Nascar) for my taste. I am not big on roundy round racing unless it is on dirt. They did do a bit of racing on dirt at a place called Willys gulch which had a rock shaped like a Willys hood ornament. How about that for trivia?

I predict that a trivia game will come out of this movie. There is just so much in it that it cannot all be noticed in one watching. For example, George Carlin does the voice of a hippy VW flower power van. But what is significance of the tag number on the VW? It happens to be the zip code of George, Iowa, but that is not the true answer.

Peg and I recognized that every time the army jeep played a patriotic song, the VW would respond with Jimi Hendrick's psychedelic version of the Star Spangled Banner. I wonder how much stuff like that just went over our heads as being out of our realm of experience.



from *Alfantics, AROC Capital Chapter*

# Anniversario No. 40: Alfa Romeo Duetto and its Descendants

## A Key to Identifying the Series and Years

by Brewster Thackeray

Automotive artist Battista 'Pinin' Farina helped launch Alta Romeo's renaissance with his elegant 1956 Giulietta Spider. A decade after that car entered production, he set his hand to the final design of his life, a new Alfa Spider that would come to be known as the Duetto. In addition to the pressure of reinterpreting a beloved roadster, Pininfarina likely anticipated the new car could be in production as long as its predecessor, an entire decade. But who could have guessed that the last derivatives of the Duetto would actually leave the Alfa factory fully 27 years down the road, in 1993? For durable design, it lives in the ratified company of the Volvo 140/240 (1968-1992) and the Jeep Wagoneer/Grand Wagoneer (1962-1994).

It is legendary that when the new "cuttlefishbone" shaped Duetto appeared, it earned as much disdain as admiration, at least from the motoring press. But as it celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, the 1966 design is widely hailed as a classic. Nice examples have earned prices not far behind their Giulietta and Giulia predecessors.

This four decade anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on the Duetto and its derivatives. While many Alfisti tracked the large and smaller changes throughout nearly three decades of Spiderdom, others are curious to know how one identifies the year (or era at least) of a Spider. Owners, of course, are delighted when observers correctly pinpoint their car's vintage.

Here are some basic guidelines to put any 105-115 model Spider you may be looking at in perspective:

**SERIES I 1966-1969:** If the car has a sloping trunk, tapering into sculpted taillights, it is a 1966-1969 model. If it has a "1750" badge, it bears a larger engine than the original 1600 engine that was introduced in 1966. Importation of the 1750 to the US was delayed due to emissions requirements; this resulted in the 1969 model being the first imported with Spica fuel injection. If you are looking at a photo of the front and cannot tell the rear

shape, your clue is the windshield wipers, which fold into the center only on this inaugural series.

**SERIES II 1970-1982:** If the Spider has a squared-off Kamm-style tail (*coda tronca*, or cut tail, in Italian), and stainless steel bumpers, it is a 1970-1974 model. Series IIA, made from 1975-1982, had bulkier black rubber bumpers to meet US safety regulations, though the original look continued on non-North American cars during this era. After the engine was increased to 2000 cc liters in mid-1971, not much changed under the hood until 1982, when Bosch fuel injection replaced Spica. Also debuting in the 1970 Kamm-tailed cars were new instruments, dual pods with auxiliary dials set in the dash to the right; these would run through 1985.

**SERIES III 1983-1990:** A 1983 restyle gave the Spider a scooped metal front air dam and a soft-rubber rear spoiler atop the trunk, with an Alfa badge at its center. The dual-pod instrument panel, wood steering wheel, and most other interior elements carried over from the late Series II cars through 1985. The dash was revised into a single pod containing all the instruments (Series IIIA) for the 1986 model year, along with a revised dash and console. Series IIIA cars are also identifiable by a hard rubber bumper with a third brake light at its center rather than the Alfa Romeo badge. Series IIIA ran through the 1990 model year. A special 1986-1990 top of the line package called the *Quadrifoglio* (Italian for fourleaf clover, Alfa's racing symbol) included revised front, rear, and side skirts, along with a distinctive grey leather and red carpet interior and 15-inch alloy wheels. Both the *Quadrifoglio* and the *Veloce* trim levels had revised sport seats and fresh door panels; the entry level *Graduate's* seats carried over from earlier models.

**SERIES IV 1991-1994:** If the Spider has wrap-around taillights, no trunk spoiler, and bodycolored wraparound bumper covers, it's the final Pininfarina redesign, manufactured from 1990 to 1993 and sold in the U.S. as a 1991 to 1994 model.

Series 1—  
Round Tail Cars, 1967-1969:



1600cc with carburetor and 1750cc with SPICA fuel injection

Series 3—  
Duck Tail Cars, 1983-1990:



Bosch L-Jetronic; interior changes for 1986

Series 2—  
Early Square Tail Cars, 1971-1982:



1750cc and 2000cc with SPICA, and for 1982, Bosch L-Jetronic

Series 4—  
Final Re-Design, 1991-1994:



Bosch Motronic injection



Erik Wood's GTV racer at Hallett.



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