



Dear Western Australian Alfisti,



This is the fourth edition of **ALFA OCCIDENTALE** - the Alfa Romeo Owners Club (WA Division) newsletter.

Any contributions which you would like to see included in future editions of this newsletter are most welcome.

Please send these articles, photos, used car ads., etc., to the club, c/- grsmith@bigpond.net.au.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the January and February 2017 meetings of the AROCA WA committee, there were long discussions regarding changes related particularly to concessional registrations and the requirements these impose on club members and on the club. Car registrations and concessional registrations remain an issue. It was agreed that all changes of address, membership status, cars ownership, concessional registrations, and all related matters, should be sent directly to the attention of Ian Glover, the club's membership secretary. Do note that AROCA WA membership renewal and new membership forms can be found at the end of this newsletter.

The committee also discussed new issues with concessional licenses that need to be sorted officially. For example, there is now a requirement for the club to issue a letter/form to any member who has a concessionally-registered vehicle. This letter/form needs to be signed by a club officer. Furthermore, any change of vehicle ownership should be dealt with by this club officer.

Additionally, it was agreed that the club will provide a capability for all members to register their intended trips, prior to driving to any location. This "Drive My Car" Alfa club database will provide a monthly summary report back to the club committee, and be available for WA regulatory compliance purposes. Look out for copies of the form to request approval for a "Drive My Car" trip. These will be circulated soon via a separate electronic mail-out. Note that this formal trip logging, when used by any currently financial member of the club with a concessionally-registered car, permits that club member to use that vehicle more frequently under the state's revised rules regarding concessional registration.

However, you should note that the car owner is the individual who is recognised to be the responsible person for these occasional runs. While the club's approval and data logging will provide compliant approval for the member to drive, any issues thereafter will be at the member's (not at the club's) risk. Furthermore, please recognize that current financial membership is an essential requirement for any concessional license holder. Maintaining the currency of this membership clearly is the responsibility of the club member.



All relevant details regarding this matter can be found at www.transport.wa.gov.au. Also see: <http://www.councilofmotoringclubs.asn.au/index.php/document-manager/concession-404>

Again, do note that all membership enquiries and related concessional details must go through Ian Glover. Meanwhile, the club has noted that the Fiat and, perhaps, other car clubs may have separately recorded concessional vehicle ownership for some of your vehicles. Be aware, whichever club your car is concessionally-registered with, that according to the new regulations, the club member must be financial with that club at all times. Therefore, those members owning concessionally-licenced vehicles should ensure that they renew their financial status with all of their relevant car clubs before July 1, each year.

Andrew Murray,
Club President

FIRST AROCA WA MID-WEEK RUN FOR 2017

Club committee member, Richard Peirce, organised the first of our Mid-Week Runs for 2017 on Thursday 16th February. Twelve attendees met initially at Taylors Art and Coffee House, in Middle Swan for coffee, in preparation for their 10:30 departure.

The run comprised 120kms of bushland, farming, semi-rural and suburban roads with occasional opportunities to “blow-out some cobwebs”. Some of Perth’s northern coastal suburbs were visited; a few parts of which were new to these mid-week drivers. The 2-hour trip involved driving in beautiful weather, before meeting for lunch at “Mia Cucina” Restaurant at the Hillary’s boat harbour complex. Photos from this first mid-week run appear below.



Mid-week run attendees lunching at Mia Cucina restaurant, Hillary's boat harbour.

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More photos from the first 2017 mid-week run. Alfas in the carpark at Hillary's boat harbour and club-run attendees in the Mia Cucina restaurant





NEXT AROCA WA CLUB NIGHT

Tuesday, 7th March 2017

Tech. Night with Ian Glover

“Alfas & Corrosion”

DATE: Tuesday 7th March 2017

TIME: 06:30pm for a 07:00pm technical presentation

WHERE: Light Car Club of WA, 22 Moojebing Street, (off Guildford Road), Bayswater, WA, 6053.

Internet: www.lightcarclub.com.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Light-Car-Club-of-WA-115296118538327/info>

PROGRAM:

AROCA WA Club committee member, Ian Glover, is the principal of “Corrotek Consultants Pty Ltd”. Corrotek is a specialist corrosion and coating consultant to the Australian Oil & Gas Industry. Our presenter is also the proud owner of two older Alfa Romeos.

Ian will discuss aspects of automotive corrosion, including

- Why are our older Alfa susceptible to corrosion?
- A brief overview of the mechanism of steel corrosion;
- Causes and mitigation of corrosion on older vehicles;
- Q&A session.

The club will provide drinks and pizza at the Light Car Club venue.

We look forward to seeing all AROCA WA members at this tech night event.





ROTARY ITALIAN CAR DAY PHOTOS, GLOUCESTER PARK, 13 NOV. 2016





FINANCIAL REPORT		31st January
2017		Nick Rahimtulla
INCOME		
Membership – Family		\$ 5,525.00
Mystery Weekend		\$ 1,920.00
Birthday Dinner		\$ 330.00
Social Events/ Pasta Run		\$
Merchandise Sales/ Door sale		\$ 49.00
Club Meeting Drinks/ Food		\$
Bank Interest		\$ 0.64
Wine sales		\$ 138.00
Transfer from Investment A/c		\$ 1,000.0
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 8,962.64
EXPENDITURE		
CAMS- CMC Subscription		\$ 660.00
Mystery Weekend Deposit		\$ 2,024.57
Postage/Petties/Rental		\$ 151.62
Birthday Dinner		\$ 3,513.47
Merchandise		\$
Rent LCC 2012/2013		\$ 420.00
Italian Car Day		\$ 412.50
Club Meeting Food/Drinks/AGM		\$ 683.74
Website		\$
Trophies		\$ 271.60
Investment Account		\$ 3,500.00
Christmas Function		\$ 897.30
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 12,534.80
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE		- \$ 3,572.16
BANK RECONCILIATION		
Opening Balance		\$ 3,739.46
Receipts		\$ 8,962.64
Payments		\$ 12,534.80
	BALANCE	\$ 167.30
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance		\$ 13,880.60
Transfer from main account		\$ 3,500.00
Transfer to Main Account		- \$ 1,000.00
Interest		\$ 71.00
	BALANCE	\$ 16,451.60





AROCA WA EVENTS CALENDAR 2016-17 *(February 2017 Update)*

Event	Event Date	Event Coordinator
Annual Pasta Run	Sun 23 rd October, 2016	Ivan Olsen
General Club meeting	Tues, 8 th November, 2016	Andrew Murray
Italian Car Day	Sun 13 th November, 2016	Andrew Murray / Rotary
Vintage Stampede	Sun. 27 th November, 2016	John Reed
CAMS Sprint	Sat. 3 rd December 2016.	John Reed
Christmas Party	Sun 11 th December, 2016	Domenic Zito
"Blow the Cobwebs" run Perth hills run. Meet at 10:00 at Taylor's Art and Coffee House, Swan Valley, Middle Swan.	Sun 15 th January, 2017	Rod Quinn
February AROCA Club night Alfred's kitchen, Guildford	Tuesday 7 th February 2017	Andrew Murray
Mid-week Run North Mid-week run for the lucky idle or retirees.	Thurs 16 th February, 2017	Richard Peirce
INFORMAL ALFA RUN 3 rd Sunday in the month informal run	Sunday, 19 th February 2017.	
March AROCA Club Night Tech discussion "Alfas & Corrosion" Venue: WA Light Car Club, Moojebing St., Bayswater.	Tuesday, 7 th March, 2017	Ian Glover
Italian Car Clubs Charity Ride from Balcatta Soccer club to Mandurah	Sunday, March 12 th 2017; from 10:00 to 16:00	https://www.waitalianclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Mandurah-car-run.pdf
INFORMAL ALFA RUN 3 rd Sunday in the month informal run	Sunday, 19 th March 2017.	See announcement on page below in this newsletter
Run to Northam for the "Northam Flying 50" Round the houses event in Northam	Sun 2 nd April, 2017	Ian Glover
April AROCA Club Night	Tuesday 4 th April 2017	(Details TBA)





<i>Tentative: Possible meeting at Barbagallo showroom in Osbourne Park, to view newly arrived Guiliias</i>		
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 16 th April 2017.	See announcement on page below in this newsletter
Alfesta National Easter Meeting <i>Annual national meeting - this year in Launceston, Tasmania</i>	Friday April 14 th to Monday 17 th April 2017	alfesta2017@alfaclubvic.org.au Facebook: Alfesta Tasmania 2017
May AROCA Club Night <i>Activity TBD</i>	Tuesday, 9 th May 2017	TBD
"British Car Day Raid" <i>Club run to the British car day at Gin Gin. Lunch en-route.</i>	Sun 18 th May, 2017	Richard Peirce
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 21 st May 2017	See announcement on page below in this newsletter
Albany "Round-the-Houses" <i>Dinner on the Saturday night for Alfa members in attendance.</i>	Sat 3 rd , Sunday 4 th June, 2017	Andrew Murray
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 18 th June 2017	See announcement on page below in this newsletter
Club Birthday Dinner <i>Dinner & presentation night. Venue to be advised.</i>	Saturday, 24 th June, 2017	Nick Rahimtulla
Mid-Week Run South <i>Mid-week run for the lucky idle or retirees.</i>	Wednesday, 12 th July, 2017	John Reed
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 16 th July 2017	See announcement on page below in this newsletter
Wildflower Run <i>A run through the wildflower country to a social lunch for ARC WA members.</i>	Saturday, 19 th August, 2017	Steve Sugden
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 20 th August 2017	See announcement on page below in this newsletter
AROC WA Annual General Meeting <i>AGM and dinner, venue TBD.</i>	Tuesday, 5 th September, 2017	Andrew Murray
INFORMAL ALFA RUN <i>3rd Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 17 th September 2017	See announcement on page below in this newsletter

Make sure you put these dates in your diary!



Annual Italian Clubs Charity Ride



The Ferrari Car Club in conjunction with Italian clubs
are holding a charity ride from Perth to Mandurah
on Sunday 12th March 2017
from 10.00am - 4.00pm

As it is a charity event
proceeds from any money raised will be shared between:



Cars will assemble at the Balcatta Soccer Club in Balcatta from 10.00am.

You can purchase (by \$500 donations to the charities)
a ride to Mandurah (and return) in a classic vehicle.

The destination in Mandurah is the Restful Retreat of Dominic Stillitano
(at 105 Caponi Road, Mandurah, off Husband Road)
where there will be food and refreshments

(BBQ, beer, wine, soft drinks) available at \$45 per head (Children under 12 at \$20 per head),
for those joining us for the day.

**If you wish to participate in the ride or wish to meet at Mandurah
please call Natalie on 0418 754 937 or nattyk82@gmail.com
to reserve your place and so we can cater for participants.**

*Proudly supported by the WA Italian Club
Balcatta Soccer Club & The Perth Soccer Club
& Ferrari Club WA.*





Northam Motor Sport Festival presents...
2 BIG DAYS OF MOTOR SPORTS ACTIVITY

NORTHAM MITRE 10 Flying Fifty

NORTHAM
Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April 2017

Saturday

- Lindsay Monk Hill Climb - Mount Ommanney
- Minson Motokhana on Minson Avenue

Sunday

- Northam **MITRE 10** Flying Fifty
- Static Car Displays
- Street Stalls
- Something for all ages!!!

VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB
of Western Australia Inc.

For more information please call Randle 0428 950 813 or Craig 0408 913 926



A SAMPLE OF WHAT'S ON AT INTERSTATE AROCA DIVISIONS

AROCA SA

26 February 2017	MSCA Trophy Day & Club Show and Shine	Mark Thomas (Competition secretary) 0423.792.150
5 March 2017	Clipsal 500, Adelaide	https://www.clipsal500.com.au/
12 March 2017	MSCA Supersprint, Round 1	Mark Thomas (Competition secretary) 0423.792.150
7 May 2017	Peter Hall Memorial 6-hour Modern Regularity (Mallala Motorsport Park)	Mark Thomas (Competition secretary) 0423.792.150

AROCA QLD

28 May 2017	Sports & Classic Car Festival, Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	John Anderson (President) 0416.171.773
4 July 2017	"Townsville 400", Townsville	John Anderson (President) 0416.171.773
27 August 2017	2017 Peak Crossing charity day, Peak Crossing	John Anderson (President) 0416.171.773

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26 February 2017	Sunday drive – Lilydale to Trawool, via Marysville	Malcolm Powell, 03.9735.0328
5 March 2017	Italian Auto Icons, in Lygon Street, Carlton	http://www.italianoautoicons.com/events/
17 – 19 March 2017	Phillip Island Historics, with an AROCA display on Sunday 19 th	Paul O'Connor, 0417.800.918
14 – 17 April 2017	Alfesta Tasmania: Easter event in Launceston Tasmania The Launceston Country Club Villas, Prospect Vale	Note the bookings period has expired, but if you still have a last minute interest contact: ALFESTA 2017, P.O. Box 1150, Devonport, Tasmania, 7310 Email: alfesta2017@alfaclubvic.org.au Facebook: Alfesta Tasmania 2017
16 April 2017	Fiat Car club, "Autobella", Como Park, South Yarra	John Hanslowe, 0409.961.719

AROCA NSW

03 – 07 March 2017	Alpine Tour	Martin Leaver 0408-986-128
19 March 2017	SC Supersprint Round 2 NSWRRC Sydney Motorsport Park - GP, Eastern Creek	Alfio Musumeci 0405-000-500
1 April 2017	Auto Italia dinner, Canberra ACT	Eddy Failla 0418-111-760
2 April 2017	Auto Italia, Canberra, ACT	www.autoitaliacanberra.com/
27 – 28 May 2017	Race Championship, Sydney Motorsport Park - GP, Eastern Creek	Alfio Musumeci 0405-000-500

Check interstate AROCA Division links & websites for more events & event details.





RELEVANT AROCA CLUB WEBSITES

- AROCA: <http://www.alfaclub.org.au>
- NSW AROCA: <http://www.alfaclubnsw.org.au>
- AROCA QLD: <http://www.arocaqld.com>
- AROCA SA: <http://alfaclubsa.org.au>
- AROCA VIC: <http://www.alfaclubvic.org.au>
- AROCA WA: <http://www.alfaclubwa.com.au>



NEW PLAN FOR ALFA ROMEO SALES IN PERTH AND ACROSS WA

Alfa Romeo Mandurah, DRG Melville Alfa Romeo and Wannaroo Fiat Alfa will no longer be authorised as new Alfa Romeo new vehicle dealers in the Perth region.

It was recently announced that all new Alfa Romeo and Guilia sales made in WA will be solely through Barbagallo Alfa of Osbourne Park. Barbagallo intends to build a new Alfa only showroom as a part of this changed dealership arrangement.

The company has also advised that its first shipment of new Guilias will arrive at the Osbourne Park showrooms on 21 February 2017.



AROCA WA's NEW MONTHLY INFORMAL CLUB RUN PROGRAM

DATES: Every third Sunday of the month

TIME: 09:30am for coffee with a 10:00am tour departure

STARTING POINTS:

NORTH: Stirling Square, Stirling & Meadow Steets, Guildford.

SOUTH: Tomato Lake Café, Oats St. & Scenic Drive, Kewdale.

WEST: Barchetta Restaurant, Marine Parade, North Cottesloe*.

PLAN:

The WA Alfa club's committee has decided to commence an informal program of club runs. All members will have a monthly club run opportunity that is formally set down in the club's calendar.



The runs will be held every 3rd Sunday in the month. This program is designed to allow all club members to enjoy a monthly informal run, but it also permits the club's concessionally-licensed vehicles to be exercised regularly. Do note that the club's normal annual program of longer runs and lunches will continue nonetheless, i.e., in addition to this more informal, but regular, monthly list of trip dates.

The starting points will be from any of the North, South or West points from the Swan River (listed above) and the trip will depart soon after 10:00am on each date. The choice of starting point is up to the individual member. It is intended that the run will commence as soon as the members are assembled at the starting point. Note that there are cafés close to each of the starting points for those who wish to enjoy a coffee or breakfast before their departure.

From the list of proposed starting points shown above, please chose the one that most suits your preferred Alfa tour.

CLUB RUN DATES: *Sunday, 19th February 2017.*
Sunday, 19th March 2017.
Sunday, 16th April 2017.
Sunday, 21st May, 2017.
Sunday, 18th June 2017.
Sunday, 16th July 2017.
Sunday, 20th August 2017.
Sunday, 17th September 2017.
Put these dates in your diary

* New location to be advised for the March Sunday run due to the busy-ness of the North Cottesloe beachfront area.



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Frequently asked questions

VETERAN, VINTAGE, POST VINTAGE AND INVITATION CLASS CONCESSION

1. How does my car club or association become a CEO approved historic motoring club and what are its responsibilities?

Your club or association must make a written application to the CEO of Transport for approval of the club/association as a CEO approved historic motoring club. The application must be submitted on the organisation's letterhead and be forwarded, with supporting documentation, to the Department of Transport (DoT), Concession section:

Post: Concessions Section
Department of Transport
GPO Box R1290
Perth, WA 6844

E-mail: concessions@transport.wa.gov.au

In person: At a Driver & Vehicle Services (DVS) centre, DoT regional office or authorised agent.

Your application to become an approved club must include:

- either a copy of your 'Incorporated Body Certificate' from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (therefore issued an A.C.N number), or proof that your club or association is an incorporated body i.e. a certificate of incorporation issued by the Western Australian Department of Commerce;
- a copy of your organisation's constitution; and
- your organisation's current membership list (minimum of 30 financial members).

Concessions section will assess your application and, if further information is required your organisation will be contacted by phone or mail. The concessions section team leader, grants final approval and informs your car club or association of the outcome of their application in writing.

CEO approved historic motoring clubs are required to advise the Council of Motoring Clubs (CMC) when the owner of a vehicle licensed with a Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage or Invitational Class (404) concession is no longer a financial member of that club. This applies to all CEO approved historic motoring clubs regardless of whether your club is affiliated with the CMC or not.

2. When do I have to have my vehicle or trailer examined?

DoT may require a Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage or Invitational Class vehicle to undergo examination. Examination is not required in all circumstances and the fees associated with the examination may vary dependant on the type of examination required i.e. full or minor examination.

Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage & Invitational Class Vehicle Licence Concession

Last Updated December 2016





From: Vicki Clark [<mailto:vicki@albanyclassic.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 11:26 AM

To: secretary@councilofmotoringclubs.asn.au

Subject: Albany Classic

Hi Neville

I am the Event Coordinator for the Albany Classic, run on the June long weekend each year.

Last year, a number of car clubs did a run to Albany for the weekend and, for the first time, organised some events to recognise this.

I have enclosed a "wrap" of last year relating to those car clubs and also a flyer for the event this year.

I am hoping that you might be able to email these to all car clubs and/or include in any newsletters you produce, as I am hoping to liaise again with any visiting clubs and facilitate activities for them, both around Albany and the Great Southern region.

If it is appropriate, I would appreciate if you could include our event on your calendar for this year. The Mt Clarence Hill Climb (celebrating 60 years this year) is on Saturday 3 June and the Albany Classic "Around the Houses" is on Sunday 4 June. This event is also a part of the Regularity Championship calendar.

I am happy for you to contact me either by return email or my phone number below.

Thank you and have a great day.

Kind regards

Vicki Clark
Event Coordinator
0417 269 477
PO Box 1291, Albany WA 6331



Whether you intend to travel down to the Albany Classic to drive in either the Mt. Clarence Hill Climb and/or the "Round-the-Houses" events, or just be in Albany to watch, consider making your accommodation booking quite soon. Previous year's attendees at the Albany Classic will be aware that accommodation becomes much harder to find closer to the date of this event.



2015
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the great southern
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2017 Albany Classic

Sunday 4 June

- Festival
- Classic Cars and Street Machines
- Entertainment

For information contact Vicki
vicki@albanyclassic.com

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Albany Classic "Around the Houses"

The 2016 Albany Classic proved to be the most successful event of its modern day history. Crowds of spectators lined the streets to watch 200 competitors in vintage and classic cars competing around the centre of Albany, wandered through the festival and stalls and watched live bands and childrens entertainment.

For the first time in 2016 there was a welcome parade and afternoon tea for visiting car clubs. The Jaguar Car Club of WA celebrated its 50th anniversary. They sponsored a trophy event and formed the feature display for the Classic on Sunday. Also there for the weekend were the Bentley Car Club, Mustang Car Club and Club Mini Car Club. Visiting clubs took the opportunity to explore points of interest in the Great Southern Region whilst here as well as on the way. The Jaguar Car Club did a run to Denmark on Saturday enjoying lunch at one of the local wineries and the Bentley drivers stopped off in Kojonup for an organized luncheon and a tour of the "Round-the-houses" circuit used for the State TQ car Championship held in 1961.

On Saturday afternoon vehicles convened at Le Grande Motel to travel in convoy through the main street of Albany and out to Discovery Bay. Afternoon tea was provided by the Leukaemia Foundation. What a spectacular sight. Many people took the opportunity to stop at Limeburners to sample some award winning whisky on the return to town. In 2017 we hope to continue and expand on this for visiting Car Clubs.

We would like to thank all visiting car clubs for their participation in 2016 and look forward to you joining us for the 2017 event. **SAVE THE DATE - 2-4 June.**



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The All-New Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio isn't just the fastest road sedan ever produced by Alfa Romeo...

The most important emotion at the wheel that this car can deliver is pure thrills. Everything is engineered for uncompromising driving pleasure. The road was not built to be a cage, that's why the All-New Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio passes down a sense of freedom that rises from its very heart: the powertrain system.

The heart of the All-New Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio is a 2.9l V6 bi-turbo engine with 90° opposed cylinders. The engine delivers 375kW and 600 Nm of torque between 2,500 and 5,000 RPM.

This new engine was developed in close collaboration with Ferrari. Made entirely of aluminium, it is extraordinarily powerful, yet lightweight.

The All-New Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio represents more than just the most powerful Alfa Romeo ever created for road use. It represents a convergence of engineering and emotion that can only belong to a brand as fabled as Alfa Romeo.

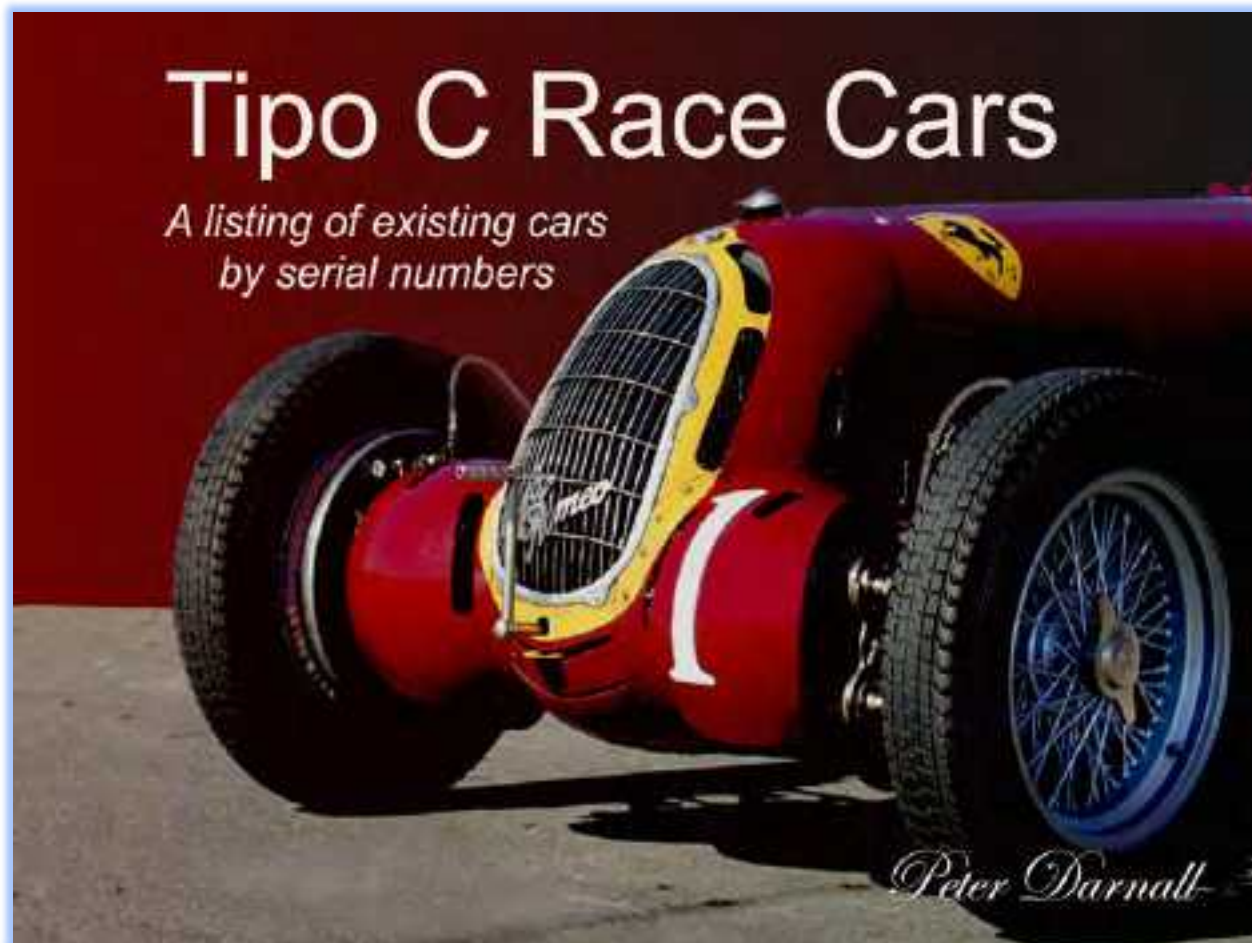
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ALFA ROMEO 8C35 GRAND PRIX CARS

Reproduced (in edited form) from the January 2017 edition of "Veloce Today".



Editor of *Veloce Today*, Peter Vack, tracks down three 8C35 Alfas. Montage by Peter Darnall

One might wonder why we are so interested in the Alfa 8C35 cars. An old saying goes that history is written by the survivors; and indeed, this is the case for the 8C35. But, in addition to being survivors, the various and sundry 8C35s running today are examples of the only Grand Prix car to give the combined Silver Arrows a real run for the money. Given the might of the Mercedes and Auto-Union teams, the Alfa Romeo 8C35 had a brief but reasonably successful two seasons in Europe.

Designed to be fitted with either a V12 engine, or an 8 cylinder, the 8C35 used a longer version of the famous Alfa 8C 2.3 engine, running almost concurrently with the initially unreliable V12 (12C36) while it was being developed. In 1936 Tazio Nuvolari drove the 8C35 to great victories at Coppa Ciano and the Hungarian GP. In our humble opinion, although Vittorio Jano's V12 (actually designed by Bruno Trevisan) may have led to his downfall in October of 1937, the 8C and 12C are underrated and much more successful contenders than results might render. And speaking of results, at the bottom of this article we've reproduced the Alfa racing results from the years 1935 to 1937 for your perusal. Of the six 8C35s listed by Fusi, three can be determined to still exist in some form:

50012 frame #8



8C35 Frame #8, Engine #5012, Scuderia Ferrari #64.

Peter Giddings is driving at Thunderhill West on June 29, 2014.

Photo by Peter Darnall.

Rex Mays was an American who raced for the wealthy Bill White who purchased one of the 8C35s which had been brought over for the 1936 Vanderbilt Cup (won by Nuvolari in the new 12C36).

According to Brock Yates in his book, "Ferrari", White asked Alfa mechanic Attilio Marinoni to remain with the car for a few weeks, during which time Marinoni was said to have spilled all the tuning secrets of the 8C engine. Whatever, Mays widened the body for the still-required riding mechanic for the Indianapolis race in 1937, but retired with overheating problems. The 8C35 was then returned to monoposto form for the Vanderbilt Cup.

For the 1937 race, Mays had qualified third fastest, so was behind Caracciola and Rosemeyer, who quickly sped off and battled for the lead. But right behind them, driving the race of his life, was Rex Mays, in a car that was at least two years out of date. Must we say that the crowds went wild when Mays finished ahead of the Auto Union of von Delius and behind Seaman for third place? Nuvolari retired the 12C36 on lap 17 and was never in contention.

But the 8C35, engine/chassis #50012, was not done yet. Next, Fred Offenhauser and Ed Winfield got involved with modifying the engine, reducing the bore and stroke from the original 3.8 liters to 3 liters for the new 1938 International regulations. This was quite involved but was done by two geniuses. With a two-speed rear end, the old Alfa entered the Indy classic again in 1938 driven by Mays, but retired after 45 laps. In other hands, the Alfa continued to qualify in five more Indy 500s until 1947. Mays went on to more competitive cars. After four pole positions at Indy but no wins, Rex Mays died in a crash at Del Mar, California in 1949.

Sometime after WWII, 50012's engine was separated from the chassis. The warhorse now had a Chevy six inserted into the chassis, and was eventually found by Michael Agraba, who in turn sold the sad remains to the Alfa Museum in 1968. The museum then fitted the restored chassis with a V12c 36 engine, and as such it is still on display at Arese.



Alfa Romeo GP Tipo C 12 cylinders 1936 at the Alfa Museum is chassis 50012 modified to take a 12C 36 engine.

Photo by Roberto Motta



Tipo C 12 cylinder 1936 engine in chassis 50012.

Photo by Roberto Motta

According to Simon Moore the Alfa-Offy engine was found under a workbench in Fresno, California and went through several hands before ending up with Peter Giddings. Giddings then used the engine in his Alfa 8C35 frame #8. As the chassis number cannot at this time be verified, Giddings simply calls this an Alfa Tipo C 8C35 (frame #8/ engine 50012).

In building up Giddings' current car, Auto Restorations of Christchurch, New Zealand had the benefit of comparing the only fully original 8C35 in existence, chassis #50013. The car is set up as it would have been driven by Nuvolari or Mays. "As far as improvements are concerned, I prefer (in so far as all of my cars are concerned) to wrestle them as original, warts and all", said Giddings. This means that the handling is "of the era" and as tricky as can be. It is no secret that even Nuvolari hated the handling of the 8C35, with its swing axles. Giddings says "The change from understeer to oversteer (and everything in between) is substantially as a result of one's right foot. Giddings still owns 50012 frame #8.



50013 at the time of sale by Bonhams. *Courtesy Bonhams.*



50013 The only complete, original Tipo 8C35 in the world.

In 2008, Peter Greenfield was in the enviable position of owning and racing not one but two pre-war Alfa Romeo Grand Prix cars. He kept the crown jewel—50013— for very special events such as the Laguna Seca at Monterey where he had it out for the Shell Ferrari Historics.

It is the most important car, because it is one of the very few pre-war Italian Grand Prix cars to have survived intact through the ages. Plus, what a provenance! There seems to be little doubt that 50013 was raced on occasion by Tazio Nuvolari during the 1936 season. Nuvolari won one of his finest races with an 8C35, the Coppa Ciano. It has not been verified if the Nuvolari 8C35 was indeed 50013, however.

According to Denis Jenkinson, when Hans Ruesch bought it from Scuderia Ferrari near the end of the 1936 season, it was said that this was the car that Nuvolari drove to victory in the Coppa Ciano. Ruesch was no slouch either, taking 50013 to victory at Donington Park on October 6th 1936, won the Brooklands Mountain Championship, and won the Frontieres G.P. in Chimay in 1937, to name a few.

The car changed hands twice and survived the war intact to be sold to Dennis Poore in 1947. Poore drove it to three VSCC Seaman Trophies, numerous other events, and in 1951 won the British Hillclimb Championship. Poore retired himself and the car in 1955 but he kept the car in his collection until his death. In 1995 Peter Giddings acquired 50013, had it restored and campaigned it all over the world, finally parting with it to Peter Greenfield in 2005.

It would pass on to new owners and subsequently was sold at Bonhams Goodwood Revival Auction on September 14, 2013. Details of the ownership nor the whereabouts of Alfa Romeo #50013 are known at this time.



50015C A clone with the engine from 50015



Peter Greenfield taken during the Sonoma Historics 2015 in 50015C.

Photo by Peter Darnall.

Apparently the actual 8C35 chassis numbered 50015 has long disappeared, so something useful was done with the engine, based on the fact that Grist had access to 50013 and used it for comparisons. Thus, 50015 C (C for clone) was born.

This car was built up from the parts of a car found in South America, and uses an engine found by Peter Giddings years ago. Giddings explains, "The clone's "C" section chassis came out of Argentina, and Paul Grist built a car up around it, using the transaxle out of the dismantled Rex Mays Tipo C (#50012), and fitted with engine #50015, which engine I used to own when it was shoe-horned into a 1932 Alfa Romeo Monza!" Giddings says 'shoe-horned' because, according to Giddings, "...whilst the 2.3 8c and 3.8 8c engines look similar, the dual supercharged 3.8 is somewhat longer than the single supercharged 2.3." Peter Greenfield owned this at the same time he owned and raced 50013. He still owns 50015C and its most recent outing was at the Goodwood Revival this past September.

Also see <http://www.velocetoday.com>; edition of January 24th 2017 for a list of 8C racing results that were achieved over the period that this article discusses.

GOT ONE OF THESE?



Shown in Paris at the RétroMobile auto exhibition, 7 - 11 February 2017, was a 1960 Alfa Romeo Superflow IV prototype, designed by Pininfarina.

The car was first developed as a race car that was driven by Juan Fangio into 2nd place in the 1953 Mille Miglia. Later, Pininfarina fitted four different bodies on that chassis between 1956 and 1960; the last one being this Coupé Super Sport Speciale. This car (just too hot for use outdoors in WA probably?) first appeared at the Geneva Motor Show in 1960.



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