

## A Message From Your Club President

Fellow enthusiasts, I hope all is well with you. Between often-heavy rains and an incredible hailstorm (knocked out two windows on the west side of my house in Hurst), it has been an unusually cool spring. Dallas' All British & European Car Day organized by Kip Motors was postponed due to the grounds being flooded.

That said, I spent the last weekend in Seattle where they are no strangers to rain themselves. My daughter Lynn is attending Western Washington University in Bellingham this semester where she is doing well with her studies. Many of you know her from her help at ItalianCarFest selling merchandise. An ICCS 2007 calendar adorns a wall in her dorm. After a Saturday with Lynn, I drove to Issaquah just east of Seattle to be present at Fiat Enthusiasts Northwest's (FEN) first car show. They are a great club that we have traded swag with for four years. Our Best Spider Challenge was the impetus for FEN to organize the all-Italian show that they held at a place called XXX Root Beer. It is kind of a modern take on 50's car mania serving hamburgers large enough to be shared by 2 or even 3 people.

Per FEN member Bert Cripe, they had 57 paid entries. The tallies by make were: 8 Alfa Romeos, 2 DeTomasos, 18 Ferraris, 22 Fiats, 1 Iso, 1 Lada, 3 Lamborghinis, 1 Lancia and 1 Siata.

Present in a fantastic Alfa Romeo Zagato Junior was Gordy Hyde, organizer of the 2005 AROC Potlatch (National Convention). That's him pictured after winning an award. Hey, what a nice cotton T he is wearing!



The best FIAT was a spectacular FIAT racecar with a perfect paint job. The color is Roadhugger Orange with Tangerine Pearl.



Also present was a rare and beautiful Siata.



And since there is always someone with something off-the-wall, how about a Russian Lada SUV with FIAT 124 running gear?



Darsie Brown owns the car selected as FEN's Challenger for the BSC. She bought the '81 Limited Edition four months ago with an inch of water in the floorboards and a carpet of green mould covering the top of the car from hood emblem to trunk emblem. Her tremendous effort in cleaning up the car was certainly a contributing factor in her win. By September look for Darsie's car to be in pristine condition.



Speaking of cleaning up the car, I have just purchased a '77 spider. Time to start waxing! Hope to see you soon (buff rag in hand).

*Jerry Lee Phillips*

## All British & European Car Day Rescheduled

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the new date for the 2007 All British & European Car Day at White Rock Lake. The original date was canceled due to flooding. For more information or to register to bring a vehicle, go to [www.allbritishcarday.com](http://www.allbritishcarday.com).

## Callaway Twin Turbo – Don't Panic, This Isn't The Corvette Newsletter....

**Featured Car: '86 Alfa Romeo GTV6 Callaway**  
**Owner: Val Herrera**



Before there was a Callaway twin turbo Corvette, there was an Alfa Romeo Callaway Twin Turbo. Reeves Callaway believed it was possible to make aftermarket performance modifications, while still keeping a car reliable and emissions-legal. His work on an Alfa GTV6 proved it could be done.



Callaway started with a standard GTV6 acquired from Alfa Romeo, then added the twin turbo kit (custom stainless steel exhaust manifolds, two IHI turbos, double air-to-air intercooler mounted on top of the engine, fuel system enhancements). Further engine modifications included a teardown, blueprinting and machining the pistons to reduce compression from 9:1 to 7.5:1. Other small changes to the car included a hood scoop to feed air to the intercoolers and a boost gauge mounted below the dash. Proving that the GTV6 is a stout platform, no other modifications were made to the engine or drivetrain.

### Upcoming Events:

#### **5/15 – Tuesday**

ICCS Monthly meeting at Carrabba's

#### **5/18-20 – Friday, Saturday, Sunday**

CVAR Vintage Racing at MotorSport Ranch in Cresson

#### **6/2 – Saturday**

Ferrari Club of America DFW Show at Boardwalk  
Ferrari/Maserati

#### **6/3 – Sunday**

All British & European Car Day at White Rock Lake

#### **6/9 – Saturday**

Italia Addison

#### **6/9 – Saturday**

Second Saturday Gelati Nights at Paciugo in Plano

#### **6/19 – Tuesday**

ICCS Monthly meeting at Carrabba's

#### **7/14 – Saturday**

Second Saturday Gelati Nights at Paciugo in Plano

#### **7/17 – Tuesday**

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These modifications produced 230 BHP and allowed the car to go from 0 to 60 in 5.9 seconds. This was on par with some of the fastest cars available in the U.S.

*Engine:*

- 60° V6, 2492 cc
- SOHC, 2 valves per cylinder
- aluminum block & heads
- fuel injection
- twin turbos, intercooled, max boost 10 psi
- 230 BHP

*Transmission:*

- 5-speed transaxle



These cars were made available through select Alfa Romeo dealerships, as Callaway Twin Turbos. They were not regular Alfa models on the showroom floor, as the cars were purchased wholesale from Alfa before they were modified. This relationship did not last long, however, as somewhere around 35 of the cars were built before the program ended - they were offered in 1984, 1985 and 1986.

The Callaway Alfa's performance was such that it was even noticed by GM. GM studied the work on the car, which eventually led to the Callaway/Corvette project.



For those that are not familiar with Val Herrera and his Alfa collection, I believe the following is fairly accurate from

memory: Montreal (ICF '06 Best of Show), a spider, 2 Milano drivers, couple of Milano parts/project cars, 2 Duetto project cars, a GTV6 project car or two, Giulietta spider, Giulia GTV project and who knows what else. This kind of dedication pays off when looking for an unusual Alfa like the Callaway. With only 35 or so of these cars being made, finding one for sale is pretty difficult. And as Val found out, buying it can be even harder.

This car was owned by another true Alfa fan from Belfast, Maine, who had purchased the car new. But apparently you just don't let a car like this go to anybody. Val traded emails with the owner for several months and was finally deemed Alfa-worthy for an 'interview'. Val flew to Maine to meet with the owner. He had lunch with the owner and the owner's wife - before he got to see the car. But apparently all went well with the interview, as Val was able to acquire the car. The previous owner keeps in touch with Val to see how it is running.



Val's car is finished in black (most Callaways were black or white, although a couple of early cars were red). It also has the optional leather seats. And since the car is a 1986 model, it features optimized gear ratios in 1-3 that improve torque.

Val plans to keep the car as original as possible, and continue to bring it back to like-new condition. He is currently searching for an original hood scoop. The current scoop on the car is an aftermarket replacement as the original was lost in an incident with a deer. Val would also like to find an original rear spoiler and 3-piece wheels, which were options for the car.





After seeing Val's success with his Montreal, I can't wait to see the Callaway when it is finished!



### Texas Track & Concorso



Lamborghini Dallas' Texas Track & Concorso at the Cresson MotorSport Ranch was a great event. Held on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the weather was perfect – just enough clouds to keep the afternoon from becoming too warm.

Participants could sign up for an open-marque track day or just enter their car in the Show & Shine. Cars on the track ranged from numerous Lamborghinis to Mitsubishi Evos and even a couple of Minis. The sounds were fantastic, particularly the Lamborghini V10s and V12s accelerating down the main straight.

As you can see in the next photo, ICCS' own Bob Dezzany was on hand – to organize the show portion of the day.



The show & shine had an even wider variety of vehicles, including some classic Italians, muscle cars and even two rarely seen BMW Z8s. Show winners were:

- Best of Show  
Thomas Liu – 2001 Lamborghini Diablo 6.0
- Best Veteran Car  
Colin Clark – 1967 Cobra Roadster
- Best Mid-Timer  
Erich Spangenburg – 1995 Lamborghini Diablo VT
- Best Contemporary  
Philip Cullum – 2005 Ford GT

### Best of Show Winner Thomas Liu's 2001 Lamborghini Diablo 6.0



### Rare Lamborghini LM002



As another nice feature of the day, visitors could sign up to be taken out for a couple of laps with a professional driver – in a Lamborghini LP640! And for those who wanted to see the track but were not interested in speed, parade laps were made during lunch in any type of vehicle.





**Featured Project: '67 Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GT Veloce**  
**Owner: Kevin Burns**



## ItalianCarFest Update



**September 21-23**  
Show – Saturday, 9/22  
Track Day – Sunday, 9/23

[www.ItalianCarFest.com](http://www.ItalianCarFest.com)

We are pleased to announce that **Carrabba's Italian Grill** has agreed to be a Gold sponsor for 2007. With Carrabba's assistance, we will now be able to offer an optional catered lunch to ICF entrants. This three-course lunch will be provided on the hospitality boat for a wonderful 'Lunch On The Water'.

The **Best Spider Challenge** is well under way! To celebrate the Fiat 124, Fiat 2000 and Pininfarina Azzura spiders, ItalianCarFest 2007 will designate these cars as Honored Models. And to add to the excitement, ItalianCarFest has invited North America's Fiat clubs to participate in the Best Spider Challenge. The challenge is this: who owns the best example of these wonderful cars?

To find the answer, each of these great clubs - FIAT America, Fiat Enthusiasts Northwest, Fiat-Lancia Unlimited and Fiats of So. Cal. - has graciously accepted the challenge. The clubs will host separate events around the country to find a car that their club will designate as their Best Spider. And those four cars - one from each club - will come to ItalianCarFest in September of 2007 to compete for the title of 'North American Champion'.

The first two challengers for the BSC have been selected. Chosen at the Best of France & Italy in Los Angeles, Fiats of So. Cal. will be sending a mustard-yellow 1969 Fiat 124 Spider. And from Fiat Enthusiasts Northwest's first All Italian Car Show, a champagne 1981 Fiat Spider 2000 Limited Edition (#214) will be attending.

In the picture above, the car looks pretty good for a project, but Kevin says this car was in need of a complete restoration. He became the 4<sup>th</sup> owner of the car six years ago and has made quite a few improvements, but says every time he has tried to make a trip in the car it has broken down.



In 2003, Kevin drove the car to the AROC convention in New Hampshire and the generator gave up just as he crossed the NY state line. Kevin had to buy another battery, a battery charger and swap them daily – no night driving, no radio and

no wipers for the rest of the two-week trip. He now has a Mercedes alternator and is going to rebuild the wiring harness himself.

The engine has been changed to a Euro-spec 1750 and improvements so far have included hi-compression pistons, headwork, new valve train, headers and custom exhaust. The suspension and brakes have also been rebuilt.

Know a master cabinet-maker or someone who can do fantastic things with wood? Kevin would like to redo the dash with real wood – either maple or walnut.



The car was originally green and was repainted red. But tired of the ubiquitous reds, Kevin has already begun to paint the car Interlagos Blue Metallic – a BMW color used only on M3s.



Kevin doesn't think the car will be ready to take to this year's AROC convention, but plans to have the car finished to show at ICF in September!



## ICCS Classifieds

*Club members who would like to advertise vehicles, parts or memorabilia, either for sale or wanted, please email details on the items and your contact information to [ilBollettino@charter.net](mailto:ilBollettino@charter.net). Italian-related items only, please.*

### **Wanted: Fiat 124 AC Coupe**

A club member knows someone who is looking for a good condition 124 AC coupe. If you know of one that is available, please email me the info.

Garrick – [Fiat124Coupe@charter.net](mailto:Fiat124Coupe@charter.net)

### **Wanted: Fiat X1/9 or 128**

I know a fellow Fiat enthusiast that is looking for a X1/9 to build an Abarth replica. He would also be interested in acquiring a 128. If anyone knows of any that are available in the area, please send me an email.

Garrick – [Fiat124Coupe@charter.net](mailto:Fiat124Coupe@charter.net)

### **Wanted: Trim for Fiat 124 Coupe**

I am looking for the trunk lid trim piece for my '72 124 BC Coupe project.

Garrick – [Fiat124Coupe@charter.net](mailto:Fiat124Coupe@charter.net)



## Upcoming Features

Some of the features we have planned for future newsletters include:

- Bob Dezzany's coverage of Keels & Wheels
- Jerry Phillip's "Project Lancia" IMSA racecar project
- Coverage of All British Car Day
- An Abarth/FAZA X1/9 replica project
- Mike Elliott's Alfa Romeo Quattroruote Gran Sport Roadster
- Coverage of FCA/DFW Show at Boardwalk Ferrari

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### **Recommended Web Site**

[Lancisti.net](http://Lancisti.net) – Lancias are fairly rare in the U.S., but if you need info on a Lancia this is a good place to start. There are individual forums for the more popular models, as well as For Sale and Wanted forums.