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The Annual General Meeting is just a month away! This is an important time in the life of the club, as it's when the membership choose who will be on the committee for the next year, and hence who will make most of the decisions about what happens in the club for that year. Obviously, that affects every member in some way. It will determine what events are offered for members to choose to attend. It determines who will make decisions about how your membership fees are spent for the benefit of club members. It will determine who will make decisions that affect members when events require that the club change its plans, such as when a pandemic arises. And it determines the character of the people who make those decisions, which somewhat determines the culture of the club, and the consequential appeal of the club to both current members, and potential new members both now and into the future.

So it's important that the club choose the right people to be the stewards of the club, so that we have the sort of club that you want to belong to. The source of those people is the membership themselves, as a club can only be by the members for the members. And that means you!

I therefore want to encourage every member to take an interest in the management of the club. It's your club

after all! With the AGM almost upon us, I want to encourage those who are inclined in that way to nominate for a committee position. People on the committee get to serve all other members by doing what they can to provide a club that everyone can enjoy, so it's very rewarding! If you think you have skills that you can bring to the committee, please nominate using the form available in this magazine or on the club website. I'd suggest having a chat with an existing committee member first, to get a better understanding of what's involved. But

your willingness to be a part of the committee will be appreciated by all club members, as without the committee, it would be hard to have a club as we know it.

Of course, not everyone who wants to contribute to the club for the benefits of other members wants to be on the committee. We have several others who regularly make other contributions to all members.

That might take the form of organising a social event. Or simply organising the printing of the magazines and doing the work needed to mail them out. Or talking to potential sponsors for the club, so that through that sponsor, the club can provide members with additional benefits. Or just helping out organising and running events, whatever they might be - even guiding cars to parking spaces for displays. There are a myriad of jobs that might seem small, but are very important to your enjoyment of the club. So if you would prefer to help out in that way, we'd also love to hear from you!

**“I therefore want to encourage every member to take an interest in the management of the club. It's your club after all”**

Now on to other things. As I said last month, I unexpectedly had to vacate my shed, which not only stored some project cars that I picked up cheap, but a whole lot of parts, and of course the endless boxes of books, and the artworks of my children when they were smaller, among other various things. I managed to find homes for all but one car, which I was mainly keeping for sentimental reasons (it was my daughter's first car). But with a blown motor and the cost of replacing it far exceeding just buying a working car, it was off to the wreckers.

The other cars had their 'challenges'. None of them were going. Two of them didn't even have engines, although the lighter weight was an advantage at times. The biggest challenge was a 164Q that I bought off John Thompson when he moved to Tasmania, rather than let it go to the wreckers. Recently, a water tank outside and uphill from the shed had started leaking, making the dirt floor around the 164 a quagmire. So when I opened the door, I'm sure that I must have caught something due to the mildew... nothing that won't be fixed with some bleach wipes, but when you're exerting yourself moving cars, you don't want to be breathing in that junk. And on top of that, the tyres had completely deflated and wouldn't pump up, making an already very low car even lower.

There are no "through the bumper" tow points on 164s, so I somehow had to get my tow rope underneath it so that I could put it around the front suspension. There wasn't a lot of room under there. I definitely couldn't see the other side. In the end, I used one of my fly fishing rods because it was both thin enough and flexible enough to pass through the tiny gap underneath the car.

To this I attached some fishing line, and I attached that to the end of the tow rope. So I passed the rod through, and then I could pull the tow rope through and hence set up the tow. Sounds easy in hindsight, but it was quite a challenge to come up with a solution. And without me owning and storing some fishing rods at the shed, I don't know what else I could have used to do it.

With my trusty Prado tow car, I managed to skull drag the 164 out of the shed, so that I could arrange for a towie to pick it up. That's a story for another time...

*Ciao for now.*

*John Anderson*

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# A DAY IN THE COUNTRY

**Sunday** **NEW DATE** **October 23rd** **2022**

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**CHARITY DAY AT PEAK CROSSING**

Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Queensland members (restricted to 20 cars only) are invited to an "Invitation Only" Multi Marque Charity Day on Sunday 28th August 2022 at Peak Crossing. This event is hosted by the Fassifern Valley Rotary Club and the Brisbane Register of the Jaguar Drivers Club (E+F Type Register) of Qld and held on the private property of Neil and Jenny Summerson who generously open their property for this annual prestigious event.

All funds raised go to The Rotary Club of Fassifern Valley.

Join with other car enthusiasts to enjoy a unique range of vehicles ranging from vintage cars to inspirational machines in a relaxed private country setting with no general public participation.

The Rotary Club food van will be serving refreshments and a bbq lunch at reasonable prices. Your support of their efforts is greatly appreciated. Yes, the legendary lamingtons will again feature this year!

A coffee van will also be available along with the usual multi prize raffles (donated by the attending car clubs) and great live music by Allan Hillless and Richard Waterson.

Entry is restricted to 200 cars on a first come basis. An early reply ensures you don't miss out on this great event. Once we achieve 200 cars, we will go to a dated waitlist, so we look forward to your acceptance as soon as possible.

Entry fee at the gate will be a donation of at least \$30 per car with a chance to win a gate prize worth \$350, donated by our hosts.

In your email reply to your club coordinator

**Tony Nelson - [midweekdrives@arocaqld.com](mailto:midweekdrives@arocaqld.com)**

Please provide the following details:

- Mobile contact number on the day
- Manufacturer and model of vehicle in which you will attend
- Year of manufacture
- Body colour
- Registration number
- Names of all attendees
- Suburb you will leave from
- If the vehicle has a significant history, please give some details

Once your coordinator has confirmed by email you have successfully registered, expect an email around mid-August detailing address and timings etc.

**This will be a COVID safe event following all Government requirements. More details will follow in the mid-August email.**

**Please help us keep this event, now in its 11th year, exclusive by not disclosing date or details.**



# Notizia

## Brisbane Alfa Romeo



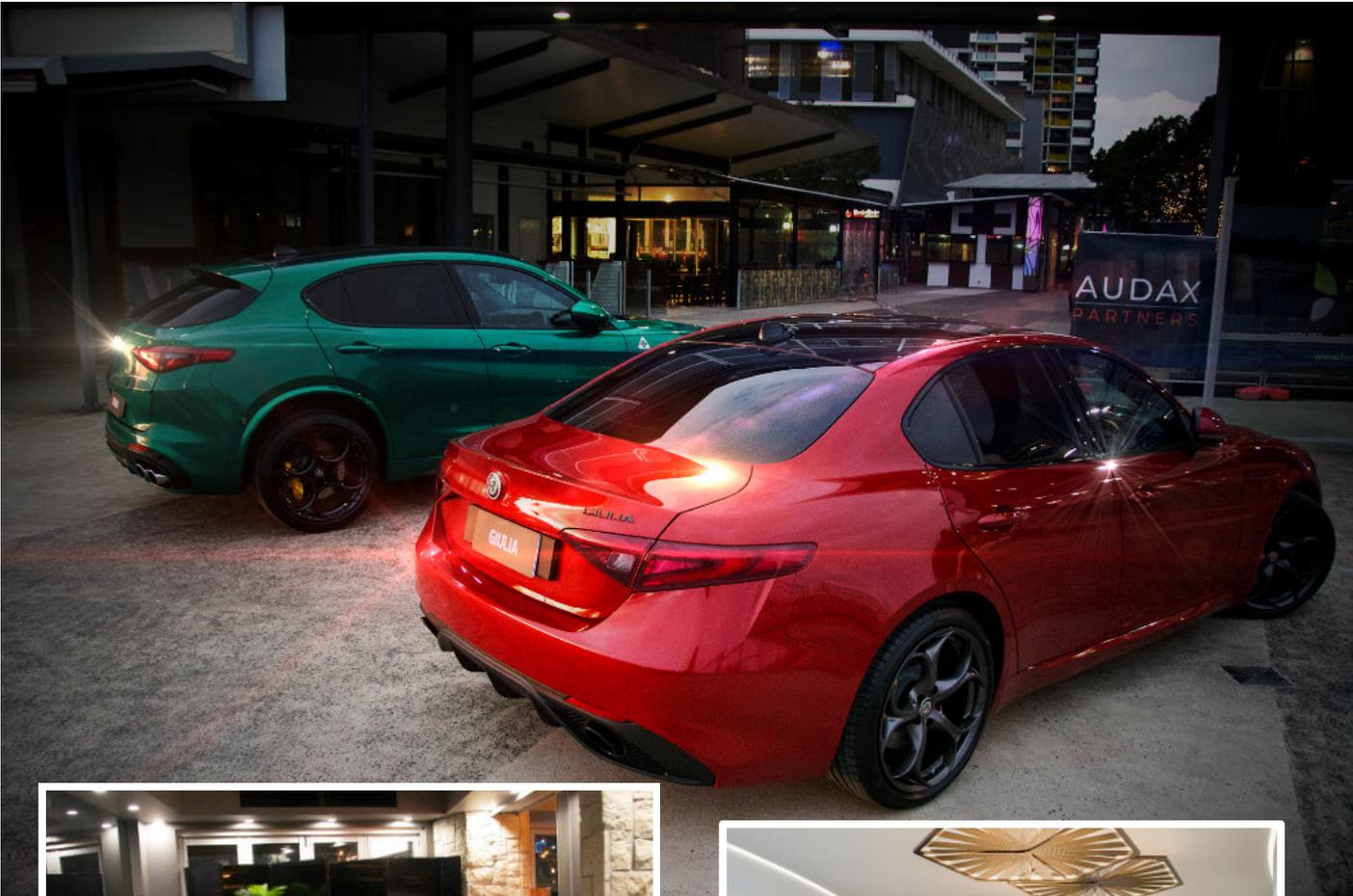
WORDS & PHOTOS | Mark Buchanan

Thursday the 11th August John Anderson, Peter Mathew's and myself were treated to a meet and greet dinner at Gusto Da Gianni at Portside Wharf, Hamilton. Our host Ramesh Karuppiahsamy made us very welcome and introduced us to the friendly Brisbane Alfa Romeo team. Exciting times are ahead for Alfa Romeo in Brisbane, with an impressive Alfa Romeo dealership presence at the upcoming Indooroopilly Automall. This is an impressive development of incredible size, a welcome facility to Brisbane Alfisti's.

With the Brisbane River as a backdrop, afternoon locals were able to inspect and enjoy the beauty of the new Giulia and Stelvio, Alfa Romeo art at its best!

September 2022 is the proposed date for the grand opening of the new facility, with the Alfa club high on the priority list of being notified of the event. After so many years of the Alfa fold being lost in the wilderness, it's a well deserved direction for the marque.

*Automall - Alfa Romeo, coming very soon to you...*



# Walls, Doors & Windows



WORDS & PHOTOS | Mark Buchanan

Looking across exhibit floor to front of building



The construction is starting to take shape quite rapidly. The second floor has now been completely poured and the frame work for most of the rooms up and down-stairs is in place. Sheeting is also now underway completing the walls and spaces, providing exciting insight on whats to come.

The exhibit space is looking fantastic, showing off the expanse we will soon fill with our first show. Also visible in the photos is the form work for the car lift. This is a 6 plus metres long, an exciting addition to helping us make it all happen. Kitchen planning is well underway with a fit-out coming very soon, and we are busy interacting with designers and project managers on the finer details.

We will be canvassing car club and enthusiasts very soon for our themed exhibits. To make sure you don't miss out, head over to our website and subscribe to the newsletter or follow us in Instagram or Facebook.

Exciting times ahead!

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Exhibit entry, Meeting Room on right



View from Food and Drink Outlet to Void



Form work for Car Lift



Exhibit entry, Food and Drink Outlet Area

# Alfa Romeo to use U.S. to research, develop larger vehicle



*The vehicle is due in 2027, according to Alfa's boss; it remains unclear if the model will be a sedan, SUV or crossover.*

July 29, 2022 08:07 AM

MILAN -- Alfa Romeo will work on a new large-size vehicle in the U.S. to be launched in 2027, the brand's head, Jean-Philippe Imparato, said Friday, adding, however, the group has not yet decided where to manufacture it.

Imparato said the U.S. program was key to tailoring the design for overseas markets, helping Alfa Romeo strengthen its position as the international premium brand under Stellantis.

"Our offer for a large size vehicle must fit international markets, American, Chinese, European," he said during a media call, a day after parent Stellantis released first-half financial results.

Alfa Romeo is still assessing whether the new model will be an SUV, a crossover or a sedan, but it will probably not be a classic large SUV, such as BMW's X5 or X6, Imparato said. (Automotive News classifies the X5 and X6 as crossovers.)

"We want to find the right mix," he said. "It's a decision we will take by the end of this year".

The U.S. market has tilted away from traditional coupes and sedans toward crossovers and SUVs of all sizes and shapes.

In February, Imparato told Automotive News Europe the vehicle could be a cross between a sedan and a crossover.

Imparato said developing the car in the U.S. did not mean it would be produced in the NAFTA region.

"Producing in the U.S. is not something we have decided and it is something we don't want to decide now," he added. Alfa's two production sites are in Italy.



Dear Alfa Romeo Club,

2022 has been a year full of events and anniversaries for the Brand. Among these were the anniversaries of the two “home” racing tracks: the Autodromo Nazionale di Monza, which is celebrating its first century of existence, and the Centro Sperimentale in Balocco, which is turning 60 this year.

It is in these two locations, which are symbolically brought together by the Museo Alfa Romeo in Arese, that we would like to build an event together with our Clubs: the Alfa Romeo Tribe Days.

For two days, on 10 and 11 September, 112 Alfa Romeo vehicles will make up their own authentic Timeline to represent the history and models produced in those 112 years, as well as the passion and commitment of our Clubs all over the world.

All clubs are invited to propose a vehicle to represent them on this journey by writing to [michela.cangemi@museoalfaromeo.com](mailto:michela.cangemi@museoalfaromeo.com)

Stay tuned!  
Alfa Romeo



## ALFA ROMEO TRIBE DAYS 2022 - CARS

- RL/6C 1500/1750/1900/2300/2500 (all the versions)
- 1900/1900C (all the versions)
- 1900M "Matta"
- Giulietta (Sprint, Berlina, Spider, SZ, SS and Giulia versions)
- 2000/2600 (all the versions)
- Giulia (berlina, (all the versions)
- Giulia Sprint GT (all the versions; Junior, 1750 and 2000 included)
- Spider (1966-1994, all the versions)
- Giulia TZ/TZ2
- 1750/2000 berlina
- Junior Z
- Montreal
- Alfasud (all the versions)
- Alfetta (all the versions)
- Alfetta GT/GTV (all the versions, GTV6 included)
- Alfasud Sprint (all the versions)
- "Nuova" Giulietta
- Alfa 6
- Alfa 33 (berlina and Sportwagon, all the versions)
- Arna
- Alfa 90
- Alfa 75
- SZ/RZ
- Alfa 164
- GTV/Spider (Tipo 916)
- 145/146
- 155
- 156 (berlina and Sportwagon, GTA included)
- 166
- 147 (GTA included)
- Alfa GT
- 159 (berlina and Sportwagon)
- Brera/Spider (Tipo 939)
- 8C Competizione/8C Spider
- Mito
- Giulietta
- 4C/4C Spider
- Giulia (Quadrifoglio, GTA and GTAm included)
- Stelvio (Quadrifoglio included)



## **Alfa Romeo Tribe Days programme**

**10 - 11 September 2022**

### **10th September**

**Alfa Romeo Museum, Viale Alfa Romeo 1, 20020 Arese (MI), Italy**

**09:00** Accreditation, deployment of the cars on the Alfa Romeo Museum track and welcome coffee @Alfa Romeo Caffè

**09:30 – 12:00** Thematic visit "Alfa Romeo and Monza"

**12:00 – 12:45** Light lunch @ Alfa Romeo Caffè

**12:45** Transfer to Balocco Proving Ground

**Balocco Proving Ground, Cascina Bella Luigina - Strada Provinciale 6, 13040 Balocco (VC), Italy**

**14:00 - 14:15** Welcome speech

**14:15 - 14:30** Participant-kit delivery

**14:30 - 14:45** Flash mob

**14:45 - 15:00** Photos all together

**15:00 - 15:30** "Balocco 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" meeting

**15:30 - 16:00** Preparation and queuing for parade

**16:00 – 16:30** Parade on the Alfa Romeo track

**16:30** Guided visit to Langhe track and Anello Veloce

**18:00** Departures

### **11th September**

**Alfa Romeo Museum, Viale Alfa Romeo 1, 20020 Arese (MI), Italy**

**07:30** - Meeting at the Alfa Romeo Museum car park and accreditation

**08:00– 12:00** – Transfer by parade to the Autodromo Nazionale di Monza through the most iconic places of Milan (own car, reserved and guarded parking available)

**15:00** GP d'Italia, Autodromo Nazionale di Monza, reserved seats in the Tribuna Biassono (Tribuna nr. 7)

# Book Review | The Summertime of Our Dreams



## Michael Pascoe on driving, mateship, and mortality

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Financial journalist Michael Pascoe weaves a unique story through the drive up Australia's east coast and emails with a dear friend for his memoir *The Summertime of Our Dreams*.

Financial journalist and commentator Michael Pascoe is showing a rather different side to himself in his memoir *The Summertime of Our Dreams* – something he notes has been a long time in the works.

“It’s been written – well, woven really – over the better part of a decade,” he quickly explains as we speak over the phone. Woven is the right word for it – trust the scribe to know – as it’s a captivatingly unconventional read by the measure of most memoirs.

This isn’t the memoir you’d perhaps expect from someone with nearly five decades’ experience in journalism with the likes of Seven Network, Nine Network, The Sydney Morning Herald, and The Age. Not so much of this book is concerned with his career, although its second chapter concerns a regrettably dismissive quip on *The Today Show* many years ago wondering just what extent of grief is possible over the death of a pet. He was a stand-in host at the time; he wasn’t much longer after that one.

No, it’s the opening chapter that prefaces that which sets the topic for this book, as Michael recalls his friend Sergio breaking the news to him that their childhood friend Jim had inoperable prostate cancer. The three boarded together from Year 9 at Nudgee College and were rugby teammates; now Jim was faced with a death sentence that came too soon as he died aged just 60. Michael also recounts his own cancer diagnosis – one with significantly better odds – throughout as well.

But it’s the way Michael Pascoe takes readers on a journey through these diagnoses as they, their family, and of course their friends process it. Weaving the story together – reflections on their childhood, and reflections on Michael’s own family – Michael centres it around a drive up Australia’s east coast in his Alfa Romeo Giulia Veloce.

It’s a journey Michael notes most wondered why he’d embark on by car, rather than flying. He simply says it’s because he wants to drive, and it’s a response that’s telling of his love of driving and of Alfa Romeos. Long an Alfista – he fell in love with their exotic styling as a youngster – he’s owned many over the years and that love shines through as he reminisces on the ones he regrets selling, and even one he bought back more recently such as the desire to own one again – a black manual 3.2-litre GT.

For Michael, driving was the obvious way to intertwine the many topics this memoir recounts given the way we can often find ourselves reflecting on a long road trip. It also drew upon the other thing Michael wanted to capture in this book – the memory of his father.



One of the many other Alfas Michael Pascoe has owned – a Giulia Coupé GT



“I began to write to keep a promise to my father that I would write about his life because he didn’t recognise himself what he had achieved and I was very proud of him. I was looking for a way to marry that with a love of country that was very strong for my father, being an old bushy.

“I thought it was a way of trying to get that reminiscence happening and also trying to convey the feeling of country and driving. Caught up in that, if you’re writing about your father and fatherhood, there’s a coming of age factor in that. Certainly, for my generation – and I think for more than my generation – driving itself was a coming of age.”

Michael tells me that in the process of ‘killing your darlings’ that all writers must go through, one thing that unfortunately didn’t make the cut was his father’s love of cars. “His cars, unremarkable as they were, were important to him,” he notes. However, one thing he did get to capture was the rite of passage that was his father helping him buy his first car, and then Michael in turn helping his sons with the same.

The picture Michael paints of the drive from Sydney to Brisbane is quite remarkable, the little details of tourist signs, P-plates stranded in broken down old cars, flicking the Giulia into Dynamic mode for the hell of it, and lush landscapes making for a read that twists and turns much like his preferred, more fun route up the coast.



ABOVE  
Michael in his Alfa  
Romeo Spider.



LEFT  
An Alfa Romeo Giulia  
Veloce similar to what  
Michael owns now.

There's one other device Michael uses to bind the story together that's even more captivating, though. Printed throughout the book are a series of emails between Jim and himself as the former processes his diagnosis and shares his life's learnings with Michael, as well Jim's daughters who get cc'd in.

Jim is at-times hilarious, but his intelligence and unpretentious country nature is what clearly shines through, with the hope his communication with everyone is mutually beneficial for it wouldn't be communication otherwise. It's a privilege to be privy to these conversations; they're the real meat and potatoes of this read. Early on, Michael notes to Jim these seem more like letters than emails, and they certainly read as such.

Speaking to Michael, it's clear how much Jim meant to him – a slight hint of getting choked up as he recalled his teachings the understandably clear evidence of that.

"It was his grace," Michael says.

"His grace and style of facing up to it. When I had my dance with cancer, I'd try to be like Jim, thanking the nurses, making an effort to remember the names, and keeping it in perspective – hey, it's only death and everyone does it – so it's not about you, it is really more about the people you leave behind.

"But that's from the point of view of someone who's lived a few years. Obviously, when it's the death of someone young, it's a different animal altogether."

For what is a heavy topic to deal with – that being death – Michael manages to tackle it in this book in a way that makes it an involving, thoughtful, and thought-filled weekend read. Perhaps it's the way he wound this story together that showcases his journalistic experience better than a recount of that experience itself could.

The *Summertime of Our Dreams* is out in Australia on August 3, 2022



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# *Alfa Romeo 33 T12*





Having withdrawn as a full works team at the end of 1951 Alfa Romeo continued on and off as an engine supplier. From the mid-1960s the company's efforts were focused on the World Sports Car Championship with the long running and gorgeous Tipo 33 series cars. Created largely under the auspices of Alfa Romeo's competition division, Autodelta, the original four-cylinder car failed to make an impression. A V8-powered replacement the 33/2 was more successful; during a Porsche dominated era it took class wins at le Mans, the Targa Florio, Nürburgring and Monza.

Under continuous development, by 1973 the 33 series cars had a tubular chassis and 3.0-litre flat-12 engine developing 500 horsepower. Designated the 33 TT 12 after this engineering combination the car dominated the 1975 season, winning seven of eight races and taking the World Championship for Makes. Its successor for 1977 the 33 SC 12 did one better, winning every single race and the championship. A version of this car, the SC12 Turbo, was one of the first to introduce separate turbocharging for each bank of cylinders.



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We made it back to Australia on schedule and with our baggage, despite all horror stories involving Heathrow, British Airways and other air travel disruptions.

Membership renewals have been rolling in and of those received, almost exactly half have elected to save some trees and \$10 by receiving the magazine electronically.

We also welcome our first new members for the year - Ian Gall & Nicole Duffell with their Black Giulia QV.

*Karen & Darryl*

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# 5 Stunning Vintage Alfa Romeo Concept Cars

by Matteo Licata



The low-slung, mid-engined 33 chassis was an ideal platform for advanced design experiments, some of which would become true landmarks in the history of car design: here's their story.

If you've read my article about Franco Scaglione, you know that the production of his ultimate masterpiece, the Alfa Romeo 33 Stradale, amounts to just 13 examples, including the two prototypes.

However, Alfa's racing arm Autodelta built a total of 18 Stradale chassis, and the remaining five were handed to Italy's most prestigious design houses to become spectacular show prototypes: here's their story.

## One: Bertone Carabo (1968)

Penned by Marcello Gandini for Bertone and first displayed in October 1968 at the Paris Motor Show, the Carabo's revolutionary wedge shape, sharply truncated rear end, and origami-like surfaces changed the course of automobile design forever, inspiring countless other prototypes and cars made throughout the 70s and 80s.

The Carabo, whose name and metallic green color were inspired by a family of ground beetles, was also the first car to feature the "scissor doors" that Gandini later implemented in the Lamborghini Countach and have remained a staple of the brand ever since.

The Carabo has been well preserved and occupies pride of place in the Alfa Romeo museum near Milan, and rightfully so, as it's arguably one of the most influential designs of the 20th century.



LEFT | Alfa Romeo Museum in Arese, Milan  
The Bertone Carabo





Pininfarina P33 Roadster (c. Wheelsage.org)

## Two: Pininfarina P33 Roadster (1968)

The second prototype based on the Alfa Romeo 33 Stradale was made by Pininfarina and broke cover a mere month after Bertone's Carabo, at the Turin Motor Show held in November 1968.

Penned by Paolo Martin and known as the P33 Roadster, it somewhat unconvincingly mixed subtle curves with sharp surfaces, but its most prominent feature was a large spoiler positioned right behind the cockpit.

However, the car no longer exists in this form, as Pininfarina reused the same Alfa Romeo chassis, and to a much better effect, in 1971.

Penned this time by Leonardo Fioravanti and presented at the Brussels Motor Show as the "33 Spider," this Pininfarina prototype has been nicknamed "Cuneo," which is the Italian for "wedge," and for self-evident reasons: it is perhaps the purest wedge shape in the history of car design.

The Pininfarina 33 Spider is preserved in the Alfa Romeo museum's collection, but it's not on permanent display.

## Three: Pininfarina Coupé Speciale (1969)

Pininfarina presented its second prototype based on the 33 Stradale exactly one year later at the 1969 Turin Motor Show.

The 33 Coupé Speciale was an adaptation to the Alfa Romeo chassis of Leonardo Fioravanti's Ferrari P5 design, which had been favorably received by the public and press alike at the 1968 Geneva Motor Show.

This was done at the request of Alfa Romeo's president Giuseppe Luraghi, who appreciated the P5's design and, upon learning that Ferrari wasn't going to do anything with it, approached Pininfarina for a version of the same design on a 33 chassis. However, Alfa Romeo itself didn't do much with the idea either, as the pale yellow prototype remained a one-off that can be seen at Alfa Romeo's museum near Milan.

Interestingly, the Coupé Speciale's paint color became available on the Alfa Romeo Spider between 1970 and 1977: it was aptly named "Giallo Prototipo," or "prototype yellow."



Pininfarina 33 Spider



Pininfarina 33 Coupé Speciale

## Four: Ital Design Iguana (1969)

The 1969 Turin Motor Show saw another prototype based on the 33 Stradale chassis, the Iguana from Giugiaro's Ital Design.

Giugiaro is perhaps the most influential automobile designer in history, but the Iguana shows that even geniuses sometimes have “off” days.

Aside from the genuinely horrendous attempt at a metal flake paint job, the Iguana seems uninspired at best, and visual trickery like the stainless roof pillars and glass roof just can't save it. The Iguana is on permanent display at Alfa Romeo's museum, but it definitely isn't my favorite exhibit.



Ital Design Iguana



Alfa Romeo Spider in "Giallo Prototipo" (c. Wheelsage.org)



Ferrari 250 P5 Pininfarina (c. Wheelsage.org)

Bertone Navajo



## Five: Bertone Navajo (1976)

The final 33 Stradale-based dream car was Bertone's Navajo, which debuted in March 1976 at the Geneva Motor Show.

By then, the underpinnings of the 33 Stradale were pretty much obsolete, but Marcello Gandini's design for Bertone certainly was bang up to date for 1976, with its dramatic wedge profile and cartoonish stylistic excesses. While one can hardly call it beautiful, the Navajo exudes a science fiction movie charm that speaks to the ten-year-old inside each of us.

If you'd like to see more, please check out Roadster Life, my Medium publication: I'm sure you'll enjoy it!

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The third round of SuperSprints at Morgan Park welcomed us with the warm and sunny weather. We had a solid number of ten competitors make it to the event. All the historical line up from 105's and Alfettas, then 156s and GTs and to the modern day Giulia QV. Mark Jackson won the round with Serge and Ken finishing close behind. The back of the field had quite a battle too this time the last four competitors had their best laps within 0.8 seconds.

The fourth and last SuperSprint at Morgan Park is on September 25th will be held together with Show and Shine. Spectators are free and very welcome.

Pictures by Trapnell Creations.







Driver	Alfa	CC	Best run	Points	Class	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6
Mark Jackson	Alfa Romeo Giulia QV	2900T	6:03.248	20	Improved Production Cars 5001cc and over	<b>6:03.248</b>	6:07.652	6:06.905	6:09.807	6:08.150	6:06.216
Serge Oberhauser	Alfa GTV 6	3000	6:12.479	16	Sports Sedans 2001 and over	<b>6:12.479</b>	6:16.756	6:15.640	6:29.390	6:14.569	6:14.109
Ken Percival	Alfa Romeo	2000	6:15.752	14	Sports sedans 0-2000	6:27.211	6:17.317	6:19.704	6:18.457	6:30.556	<b>6:15.752</b>
Alan Broadhurst	Alfa Romeo GT 3.2	3200	6:22.990	12	Improved Production Cars 3001 – 4000cc	7:08.660	6:29.921	<b>6:22.990</b>	6:30.317	6:26.490	6:23.351
Charles Webb	Alfa Romeo	3200	6:31.402	11	Improved Production Cars 3001 – 4000cc	6:53.512	6:38.202	<b>6:31.402</b>	6:37.180	DNS	DNS
Andrei Vishnevskii	Alfa Romeo 156	2000	6:37.331	10	Improved Production Cars 1601 – 2000cc	6:41.092	DNF	<b>6:37.331</b>	DNS	DNS	DNS
Michael Heeremans	Alfa Romeo	2000	6:41.426	9	Sports Cars 1601 – 2000cc	6:45.899	<b>6:41.426</b>	6:42.421	*7:03.694	*6:58.221	*6:57.752
Peter Salmon	Alfa Romeo Alfetta Sportiva II	2000	6:44.031	8	Improved Production Cars 1601 – 2000cc	6:45.738	<b>6:44.031</b>	6:49.006	6:49.777	6:49.207	6:50.862
Simon Bailo	Alfa Romeo 156	2500	6:44.149	7	Improved Production Cars 2001 – 3000cc	6:50.593	6:49.108	6:47.177	6:54.143	<b>6:44.149</b>	6:45.081
Mark Baker	Alfa Romeo Alfetta	2000	6:45.586	6	Sports Sedans 0 - 2000cc	DNF	7:05.035	<b>6:45.586</b>	6:54.275	6:48.349	6:50.763

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Event Key:  Committee  Club Night  Social  Competition  Magazine  Other

## Summary list of coming events

Date	Day	Type	Event	Venue
Aug 21 2022	Sun		Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 4	Lakeside Park, Dakabin
Sep 7 2022	Wed		Committee Meeting	Online
Sep 11 2022	Sun		Bellthorpe run finishing at Rick's Garage	Rick's Garage
Sep 13 2022	Tue		Members' Club Night - AGM	Yeronga Services Club
Sep 24 2022	Sat		Supersprint B Series Round 4 Day 1	Morgan Park, Warwick
Sep 25 2022	Sun		Supersprint B Series Round 4 Day 2	Morgan Park, Warwick
Sep 25 2022	Sun		Morgan Park - Show 'n Shine & Happy Laps	Morgan Park
Oct 2 2022	Sun		Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 5	Lakeside Park, Dakabin
Oct 5 2022	Wed		Committee Meeting	Online
Oct 7 2022	Fri		Stanthorpe Food and Wine Weekend	Stanthorpe
Oct 11 2022	Tue		Monthly Club Night	Yeronga Services Club
Oct 15 2022	Sat		QR Sports and Sedans Race Series Round 5	Queensland Raceway, Willowbank
Oct 16 2022	Sun		Winery day trip	Woongooroo Estate Winery
Oct 23 2022	Sun		A Day in the Country Car Show	Peak Crossing
Nov 2 2022	Wed		Committee Meeting	Online

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