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AROC Goes to Concorso Italiano 2023



No Love From the Race Gods • 5th Annual Fall Colors Event • 1973 GTAm Tribute Fetches \$100K



It was a very nice day on Monterey Bay this past August for the 2023 Concorso Italiano. More than 65 Alfa Romeos were arrayed among the cypresses and pines along the gentle slopes of Bayonet Black Horse Golf Course. All participants were there for the fun and camaraderie, for catching up with friends they may see here annually. Of course, everyone put a little extra time into detailing their rides and the best were recognized for overall Alfa excellence by Concorso Italiano judges and among selected models in the Tipó Awards by *Sports Car Market*.

If you didn't make it this year, let the three memories that follow take you there.

Concorso Italiano Chairman Tom McDowell described the day succinctly: "Summers on the Monterey Peninsula frequently run counter to typical California sunshine and warmth. This August was an unusual exception, perfectly framing the beautiful Italian exotics on the lovely green grass at Black Horse Golf Course. A sensational Lamborghini Miura won Best in Show, but the quality of the other marques was superb, including some of our favorite Alfas and Ferraris. We look forward to 2024."



Courtesy, Concorso Italiano

Nick Baldino's 1979 Sprint Veloce took home 3rd place honors.



Lance Dong

The SCM Tipó Best Current Models winner was Brian Handshoe's 2022 Giulia Quadrifoglio.



Lance Dong

Brooke Myhre's 1969 GTV was the SCM Tipó Best Coupe/GTV.



Courtesy, Concorso Italiano

John and Pat Carapiet's 1st place winning 1957 Sprint Veloce.



Lance Dong

Raffi Najarian's 2008 8C Competizione was the SCM Tipó Favorite Alfa.

65-Plus Alfas Align Along Monterey Bay



By Elyse Barrett



Jodi Ling-Tsai (2)



Courtesy, Concorso Italiano

Second place Alfa went to Ric Ferrara's 1960 2000 Touring Spider.



An artful array of Spiders on the Alfa lawn.



Joli Ling-Tsai (2)

A nice mix of Alfas makes for a nice parking parade.



Awesome is as awesome does, especially with that paint scheme.

Olivia Herriford, a new judge-in-training, Delta Sierra Alfa Romeo Club and ARA member enthused: “From my perspective as participating as a member of the Alfa Romeo Association, the collaboration with AROC made for a well-organized event where members from both clubs contributed to the experience. From the early-morning placements to the judging and staging, to the camaraderie that began at car-side picnics and continued at our joint dinner, it was great teamwork. I personally enjoyed the booth duty, telling visitors about both clubs, along with AROC President Cindy Banzer. I also had my first lesson in judging and got the opportunity to be an ‘understudy’. It was a lot of fun!”

Longtime participant and Alfista Dennis Kellogg (Alfa Owners Club of New Mexico) told a story – something he does



Lance Dong

Dennis Kellogg’s 1969 1750 Spider Veloce was the **SCM Tipo Best 1960s Spider**.

AWARD-WINNING ALFA ROMEO S

Concorso Italiano’s Top Alfas

1st Place
1957 Sprint Veloce
John & Pat Carapiet
Belvedere, Calif.

2nd Place
1960 2000 Touring Spyder
Ric Ferrara
Coupeville, Wash.

3rd Place
1979 Sprint Veloce
Nick Baldino
Carmel Valley, Calif.

SCM Tipo Awards

1960s Spiders
1969 1750 Duetto
Dennis Kellogg
Sandia Park, New Mexico

Coupes/GTVs
1969 1750 GTV
Brooke Myhre
San Jose, Calif.

Current Models
2022 Giulia Quadrifoglio
Brian Handshoe
Roseville, Calif.

Favorite Alfa
2008 8C Competizione
Raffi Najjarian
San Francisco, Calif.



very well: “For me the Concorso Italiano (CI) experience began 41 years ago in the beautiful Swiss capitol of Bern. “As many of my generation had done, after graduating from college and finding they were clueless how their life might unfold, they tossed on a backpack and traveled through Europe. There, a white 1967 Alfa Romeo Roundtail (Duetto) caught my eye. Outside an immaculate Swiss home, the radiant shape took form in the sunlight. A shape, like the beautiful shapes I had experienced days earlier in Italy, spoke to me of Italian style. “Fast forward to 1988. I was sitting in my comfortable collapsible chair in the beautiful Carmel Valley, breaking bread with old and new friends, and occasionally glancing to the side to view my white 1969 Alfa Romeo 1750 Spider Iniezione. Although the golf course lawn was still moist, everyone had finished their frantic show preparations and it was time to relax, wonder and take it all in. “I had become a Duetto devotee and began my CI experience. Though there are but a few years my growing family and I missed out on a day on the green, it remains a don’t-miss event for us. And the Duetto and CI have become a bond

Joel Ling-Tsai (2)



Shining in the sun: Concorso Italiano overall and SCM Tipo awards.

between our son Jesse and me. Through this event, and Alfa Romeo Owners Club conventions all over the West Coast, road rallies and countless gatherings, Jesse has experienced enough fun to become a true *Alfista*. CI has been key to making that possible.

“This year’s Concorso was extra special. After the Duetto lost her number-two cylinder en route to CI 2022, she was brought back to life under the guiding hand of friend, teacher and Alfa Romeo artisan, Gordon Self. Gordon allowed me to look on and dirty my hands in bringing back to life the CI veteran, and she was able to make the drive again to the Monterey Peninsula from our new home in New Mexico.

“Oh, that gracefully aging gal and her beautiful shape that first intoxicated me in 1981 was awarded the 2023 *Sports Car Market* Tipo Award for best Alfa Romeo 1960s Spider. She wishes to thank, CI, SCM, Cindy, Mark, Gordon and all our collective *Alfista* family.” ■



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1971 ALFA ROMEO GTV

Alfaolics upgrades: GTA-R Engine, suspension, and driveline components

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- Horsepower: 220+
- European styled interior and trim
- Original factory color: Oliva Verde Metallizzato
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