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In This Issue: Malamut Collection, Drivers School, upcoming events, and more...

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This Month's Cover: Two tantalizing concept cars for the Geneva Auto Show based on Alfa Romeo chassis. The top views are of the Pininfarina 2uettottanta Spider and the bottom view is the radical Bertone Pandion. See pages 28-9 for more info on the Spider.

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2010 AROSC Previews -- *An Outline of Coming Events*

April 24 – General Meeting, chili cook-off & family picnic, Brea

See info on page 18.

April 28 – Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

DON'T MISS:
*April 24 General Meeting & Chili
Cookoff in Brea park
May 22 Wine Tasting at Agua Dulce,
Picnic & General Meeting*

May 22 – General Meeting, Agua Dulce Winery & Picnic

See info on page 19

May 26 – Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30PM

June 5-6 – Time Trial, Race, & Enduro at Buttonwillow

*June 6 – Concours at Huntington Beach Concours, Central Park,
8:00AM – 4:00 PM*

June 19-20 – Il viaggio di Barrett (spring tour)

See info on pages 20-21.

June 23-27 – AROC Convention at Fredrick, MD

June 26 – General Meeting TBD

June 30 – Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

July 17 – Alfapalooza/Centerary Celebration, Gladstone’s at Rainbow Harbor, Long Beach

July 25 – General Meeting and Summer Party at Phyllis’, Huntington Beach

July 28 – Board Meeting at Luigi’s, 7:30 PM

August 7 — Braille Rallye

See reminder on page 17.

August 12-15 – Monterey Historics Weekend

August 25 – Board Meeting at Luigi’s, 7:30 PM

August 29 – Petersen Museum Tour & General Meeting/picnic in parking lot

September 25 – Cars & Coffee, Tour of General Wm. Lyons Collection, & General Meeting/picnic @ Cline’s

September 29 – Board Meeting at Luigi’s, 7:30 PM

October 3 -- Rescheduled Concours at Paramount Ranch

October 9-10 – Wine Tour

October 16-17 Time Trial & Race at Willow Springs

October 27 – Board Meeting at Luigi’s, 7:30 PM

October 30 – Mullen Tour, General Meeting/picnic at Malibu Winery

November 3—Board Meeting at Luigi’s, 7:30 PM

NOTE: Board meetings have been moved from first Wednesday to last Wednesday of the month so more board members can attend.

View from the Top -- *Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente!*

Mea Culpa. My apologies for not getting out my article last month. Thank you Phyllis for not running “That Picture”. Life and work has been getting in the way lately. Hopefully Evie and I have re-adjusted our priorities and will put things in a sensible order – Family, Friends and all things AROSC, all of which are one and the same.

Our sincerest thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Malamut for allowing us the privilege of having our month-end meeting in and around 60% of the awesome and eclectic collection of rare and unique vehicles housed in their Thousand Oak facility. A small taste of what we and the rest of So Cal have to look forward to in the ‘soon to be developed’ Malamut Museum being planned for Calabasas. As spectacular as the drivable collection was, the breadth and quality of the memorabilia from “the days” including the old rabbit eared TV picking up an on air broadcast of I Love Lucy was beyond words. The old oven, with some assistance from Mrs. Malamut, turned out a constant flow of chocolate chip cookies.

April features a new event for AROSC – **The First**, of what we

hope will be an annual family event, **Chili Cook-Off and Clean Car Show**. Fred and Tina Firschein have arranged for us to gather at the family and dog friendly confines of “Arovista Park” in the City of Brea. If you don’t have a camp stove or gas grill to complete and keep your family recipe warm, bring an electric cookpot and an extension cord – the park has electricity. The bocce ball set will be there (see article for more particulars). We will have our monthly meeting and the discussions will include the creative, overnight **Annual Spring Tour** as the details, connived, or conceived by the Elyse & Jim Barrett AROSC Touring Company, continue to be revealed. The Spring Tour, though occurring on June 19th and 20th, will end just as we approach the vernal equinox. Additional discussions will cover our upcoming, **June 5th and 6th Time Trial – Race and Performance Driving School** weekend at Buttonwillow. The weekend will **feature a 2 hour Endurance Race** on Saturday evening. June 6th is also the time for our annual **AROSC Concorso** held in conjunction with the **Twenty-Fifth annual Huntington Beach Concours d’Elegance**.

As this is the 100 Anniversary year of Alfa Romeo this is only the first of a sequence of 'lets show So Cal our Alfa's events. **Multiple opportunities to win awards and recognition as the casual and informal HB judges will be also be judging our cars in more and varied classes than our AROSC judges.** Not that I tend to be a little competitive, but if all goes well, I WILL make an attempt at points driving the Enduro at Buttonwillow and getting down to HB the next morning for our Party in the Park Concorso. We hope to have conclusive information for our second annual Alfapalooza at Gladstone's on the Long Beach Pier in July. Deep breath, because then we get active.

Moving our venues around for each month's General Meeting continues to be a well received change of policy. Our General Meeting for May will be held after a late morning wine tasting at the Agua Dolce Winery on May 22nd. As of now, it looks like we will have a picnic lunch on the winery grounds.

Mark your calendars:

* Dana Point Concours d'Elegance June 27th featuring **Alfa Romeo Corral.**

* Summer Party at Casa Gaylard on July 25th.

* Braille Rally August 7th

* Monterey Historic Long August Weekend from August 12th -15th featuring **AROSC Annual Monterey Dinner on the 12th** (RSVP norman@man.com)

"Back to Concorso Italiano" August 13th with a **feature presentation from Alfa Romeo Factory** and the Historic Races honoring Dan Gurney at Laguna Seca August 14th -15th.

* Visit to the Lyon Classic Car Collection, September 25th, 1-3 pm, Coto de Caza

* **Alfa Romeo Anniversary Celebration at Ford / Mazda Cars & Coffee**, Irvine on September 25th.

Keep the wheel side down

Norm Silverman (Rex 1)

Tech Article -- Spider Update

The Spider differential assembly is beautiful. Somebody slap me upside the head, but quality paint (Eastwood Extreme Chassis Satin black in this case) is vastly superior to cheap rattle can paint. Reinstallation of the differential was a snap. Unfortunately, the #@\$%^ thing still clicks.

I plan to live in denial for awhile. That is, I will take a few more test drives and see if just maybe I can come up with a new source for the clicking. Failing that the rear end will have to come out again. I will probably take it to a pro since replacing pinion bearings requires special tools and some delicate re-shimming.

Decided to work on something else and started working on the nose of the Spider. It suffered some damage a few months back when another car rolled into it. One bumper over rider was mangled and the nosepiece and one eyebrow were damaged. Had another straight nosepiece and managed to find the other items on Ebay.

The body damage wasn't too bad, but the old lacquer paint is extremely brittle and some large pieces flaked away. My better half, Chris, would like us to get a new paint job. On the other hand,

I know from experience just how much time and money go into a really good paint job.

Removed the damaged bright work and stripped/sanded the damaged area down to bare metal. Then, I very carefully pulled the nose out to match the curvature of the new nosepiece. An hour or so with hammer & dolly made the metal as straight as I was going to get it. Followed that up with a trip to San Pedro Muffler. Tim, the proprietor, is a good, cheap and cheerful welder. I take him all my welding. He easily reattached a small mounting bracket inside the nose that had been pulled out by the damaged eyebrow.

I hate bodywork! Fortunately, the damaged area was small and the metal was fairly straight if I must say so myself. Hit it with a coat of epoxy primer which is wonderful stuff by the way. It dries fast, hard and smooth and keeps rust away long enough to finish the job. Skipped the body filler step and trowelled in some epoxy glazing putty. A few minutes later it was ready to sand, so I sanded it a bit and scowled at the imperfections. Repeated the process several more times. Once it seemed

perfect, I sprayed a few coats of high-build sandable primer. After it dried I wet sanded the area with 400 grit paper. Then, scowled at a couple minor areas and repeated the process. Do not attempt body work if you are a perfectionist. You will never be satisfied! Eventually the repair area looked good enough to my eye, certainly better than the rest of the car.

Grabbed a quart of orangey-red lacquer off the shelf only to realize it was the enamel I had used to paint the engine compartment. Thought about using it, but my experience using enamel to attempt spot repairs is all bad. I'm sure the pros do it, but I am not a pro. I've used lacquer several times over the years to make spot repairs and the inevitable mistakes & transitions can be sanded out very nicely. Too bad I must have used it all up last time.

Lacquer isn't easy to get these days. I think it is totally verboten here in the SCAQMD. Nevertheless, there was a paint code penciled on the can of enamel and I had a vague memory that that the former owner claimed it

was Ford truck orange. Hey, no laughs. It is a very orangey red that looks quite correct.

The Internet is a wonderful thing and I was soon cruising PPG's color chips online. Unfortunately, I couldn't do a search based on the Ditzler code, so I was reduced to looking up the factory colors & codes for various 1965-1975 makes and models. Nothing. Frustration. None of the numbers were even close. All of the orangey colors started with a 6 and my code started with a 9, so I discounted the 9 and tried matching the rest of the digits. Still no joy. Finally struck pay dirt on a Corvette site. Ditzler code 90525 60525 is 1971 Ford fleet orange! Somewhat to my surprise, PPG/Ditzler still makes acrylic lacquer and it is available for purchase by mail order. Didn't figure I could get them to send a quart to LA, so I ordered a custom mixed spray can. So far, so good. They took my money and I just received confirmation that they shipped my order. Will keep my fingers crossed until it arrives.

Mike R

Malamut Collection Tour

Photos by Gene Brown, Paul Dexler, Ken & Dicie Sizemore, Sheila Kutkus, and Phyllis Gaylard.



A large number of very interesting cars tightly packed.



An amphibious car -- note the propellers under the rear bumper.



A beautiful and rare Mercedes 300 SL Gullwing



A row of 1963 Corvette Stingrays.



Our host, Michael Malamut chats with Norman Silverman, Fred Firschein, and Jack Merriam in the vintage kitchen.



"Big Boy Bob" looks over the Fiat Woody on the right and the Fiat Jolly on the left.



There is a large assortment of “bubble” cars and “egg” cars including a BMW; super compacts with one door in the front of the car -- post-WWII bargains.



Looking under the hood of the 1940 American Bantam, with a 50cc engine putting out 20 Hp! Pure economy, not performance.



Vintage memorabilia is also part of the collection, including these old TV sets



Doug Adler drove his hot rod to the event.



Paul & Mary Blankenship found a baby car to love.



A standard feature of AROSC events -- lunch! Among neat cars!

Alfa Repair & Restore Tips Forum Added to AROC Website

“AROC website www.aroc-usa.org has been updated with a new General Forum subject listing. The new Forum subject, “Alfa Repair & Restore Tips”, was created as a place where repair, restoration, or modification tips can be published. The AROC forum subjects are searchable, so those Alfisti who are looking for help could do a search on the “Alfa Repair & Restore Tips” and possibly find something that would be useful or give them a new idea.

Since the Alfa R&R Tips subject is new, obviously there will be very few items that are available for searching immediately, but we are asking our members, as they come up with a process to fix their Alfa, or find a new supplier of Alfa parts, particularly specialty or seldom

needed parts, to add that to the “Alfa Repair & Restore Tips” subject forum.

The first entry is from AROC member Ron Rutter who has found a supplier of 164 headliner repair fabric that matches the existing in style and thickness.

If you have other items that you think will be helpful to Alfisti please go to the AROC website and post your tip. These can be articles you wrote for your local chapter newsletter, the **Alfa Owner** magazine, or for tips you sent to an online Alfa site.

Thank you for your support and visit the website, we try to keep it up to date with new items of interest.

AROC Board of Directors”

Errata: March Issue

Will Owen sent some info on the photos and captions from the March issue.

Page 9, “That truck thing is stock -- another bad idea from Subaru, a sort of truck version of the Legacy Outback” like the Brat.

Page 27, “That is not a Giulietta, it’s a 1900 with a Touring Superleggera body.”

Also, on Page 29, the well equipped Woody is from the Malamut Collection.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRaille RALLYE 2010

Saturday, August 7

I look forward to seeing you all again this year!

Information and registration packets will be sent in about mid-April

Question: If we had t-shirts available, would you be willing to purchase them at about \$10, with proceeds going to the Braille Institute?

Would they have to have a date, or could they just have the Braille Rallye logo and perhaps change the color every year?

See you in August!!

Pat West

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General Meeting/Chili Cook-Off April 24

YUMMMM!!! You can almost smell it – that spicy, hot, goodness of home made chili. Saturday afternoon, April 24th it's the AROSC Chili Cook-Off. Get out your secret family recipes and join us for a great day in the park. Prepare and partially cook your chili at home. Bring it to the park for the final touches. Beg, borrow, or steal a gas or propane camp stove to heat up your lovingly prepared chili. There is also access to electricity so you can bring a crock pot or an electric cook top. The chili will be sampled and judged by all in attendance so be sure to make enough to go around. These are the suggested categories/classes:

Best Vegetarian Chili

Hottest Chili

Best Overall (Best in Show)

The General Meeting and cool-off will be held at a wonderful family park in the city of Brea. Arovista Park can be reached from the 57 Fwy... exit Imperial Hwy, travel west on Imperial for about 1 mile to Brea Blvd., make a left on Brea, right on Elm Street, and at the 3rd stop sign (Siever Ave) make a left into the park. Follow the road as it curves to the right and park your car. Picnic, cooking battles, and benches are at the site, however, it is suggested that you bring your own comfortable chairs as the park's benches and tables are concrete. Bring your family, friends, grandkids, dogs, as there is something for everyone at the park. There is a skateboard park, children's playground area, basketball courts and a large grass area (did somebody say Bocce Ball?) and a stream nearby for walking.

For those of us who even wondered what an Emulsion tube is our club's technical guru Mike Riehle will be holding an informal tech session revealing the mysteries of the Weber Carburetor. If you have an Alfa-related problem, be sure to bring it up during the tech session – someone will have an answer. Maybe not correct, but an answer.

Whatever your interests are you will find something to do. If you are entering the chili competition arrive around 11AM to give yourself time to set up and finish your cooking. If chili isn't your thing then bring a picnic lunch. alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park, but aged grape juice ... maybe. If anyone has an extra camp stove or has a double one to share please let me know so that all entrants can be accommodated. If you need electricity, there will be access, but bring an extension cord. Hope to see you all at a relaxing day of Alfa comraderie at the park. Any questions regarding the event: E-mail me at alfaoro@roadrunner.com or phone at (714) 773-1473.

Fred Firschein

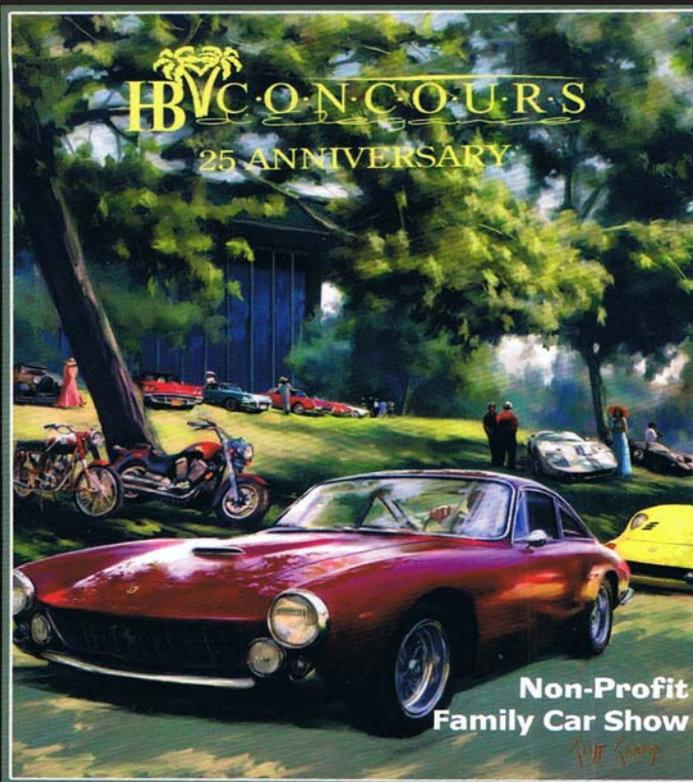
Agua Dulce Winery & Meeting

Saturday May 18, 11:00 a.m.

We are repeating our very popular trek to Canyon Country for another visit to Agua Dulce Winery. We will gather at 11:00 a.m. for wine tasting/attitude adjustment.. Agua Dulce Winery has earned the honor of being L.A. County's leading fine wine grower and producer. Their hand-crafted wines have won many medals in competition. Vincenzo's pizza is closed, so more info next month on lunch, probably a picnic at the Winery or at Vasquez Rocks.

Agua Dulce Winery, 9640 Sierra Highway, Agua Dulce, CA 91390, 661-268-7402

Save the Date: First AROSC Concours



June 5 - 6, 2010

Plan Now for the Spring Driving Tour 2010 Gettin' Happy in Tehachapi

Tourmasters Elyse and Jim Barrett are pleased to announce they have received the first RSVP for the 2010 [Late] Spring Driving Tour. While the identity of this prominent couple will remain a secret for the near future, let us say they are only the third to have achieved this honor. Congratulations! Now the rest of y'all, get organized for June 19-20! (And yes, previous publicity listed the event incorrectly, so adjust your calendars accordingly.)

This year's theme is a not-so-thinly disguised reference to the Great Depression, which includes budget accommodations and an opportunity to be excel at the lunch picnic competition. During these dark days and lean years, the least fortunate were forced to be very creative with the inexpensive types of food available to them, so this year's picnic could be a showplace for innovation.

Many folks came west riding the rails, so another tip of the historical chapeau this year will be paying homage to a real feat of engineering with a stop at the Tehachapi Loop. It is a tunnel at which you can see both ends of a train with a length of more than 18 cars.

Additional highlights of the drive will include a leg-stretcher at historic Fort Tejon near the summit of the Grapevine Pass; some foothill and mountain driving in a corner of California we've never driven before; and a Sunday stop to see some very special furry friends.

Space at our special landmark hotel is limited to 17 rooms, with the benefit of being able to walk to dinner. But if we have a larger crowd, there are opportunities among the downtown accommodations.

Check the ad elsewhere in this edition of *Alfacionada*, consult your social secretaries, and RSVP now to (714) 964-9530 or eddinab@mindspring.com.

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SPRING DRIVING TOUR**



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GET HAPPY IN TEHACHAPI**

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The 2010 AROSC Spring Driving Tour is headed west to the high plains hideaway of Tehachapi, via a corner of the Central Valley, and a special mountain stage.

Highlights include

- A visit to Fort Tejon
- Our traditional juried picnic competition
- The railroading marvel Tehachapi Loop

Details en brevi

- Accommodations are \$45 double-occupancy
- Dinner is at Jake's Steak House \$18-\$25
- Breakfast in downtown historic district
- Special Sunday tour in Rosamond

**Tourmasters Elyse & Jim Barrett are taking
RSVPs now at 714.964.9530 and
eddinab@mindspring.com**

Winter School at the Streets of Willow

By Mike McKibbin

The annual AROSC Drivers School at the Streets of Willow presented by Steve Hamilton gave those of us who attended a pleasant and interesting diversion on February 27 & 28. Interesting because of the rain. While our last race weekend was spared, sliding in between storms, this time the storm rolled in way before dawn Saturday morning and stayed until dusk.

My 19-year-old niece, Erin, has never really experienced the need to drive a car. She has a learner's permit, but never really took the time to learn to drive, and had no confidence behind the wheel. I convinced her to come to the school, but almost lost her to the weather reports, until my oldest daughter told her to suck it up and take me up on the offer. So we were off in her mother's Malibu (Colleen: "Mike, you take care of my car!" Me: "Trust Me") and Erin was poised to do street performance in a heavy rain. Paul Blankenship eventually merited her permanent assignment and by Sunday he kind of had the looks and mannerisms of Johnny Depp's Mad Hatter. Now, Erin's still got a long way to go, but for someone who almost completely stopped

before going around a pylon on the skid pad on Saturday morning, to someone who was spinning out her mother's car on multiple occasions Sunday afternoon (with passenger Paul's screaming, "That's the way to do it"), I'd have to say she learned a lot and certainly got a load of self confidence which she didn't have before.

And, like everyone out there, she was having a ball.

The new team for race group was Phil Guiral and Dennis Fibrow. Also brand new in the race group with a lot of trepidation was Andrea with her MR2, trying to develop a little aggression on the track. She handled herself with poise and style. She told her mother that I was "undadlike" out there and had passed her like a wild man. Gena gave me the "How could you do that to your daughter," but I reminded her of Mike Bliss's (I think) famous line, "I'd put my mother in the wall to win a race." I'll be sleeping downstairs for a while.

So, Saturday was a wet and wild day. Lots of sliding and tons of practice on car control. And as the last shower of the day came down and soaked my helmet which I'd left in the open passenger seat

on Andrea's car, Dennis, wet and cold, walked into the motor home and announced "I'm done with the rain." He spoke for us all.

Sunday was a postcard day. Everybody was driving better, race group ran passing drills in the morning, mini races in the afternoon, and the time trial and race groups had simulated graduation runs to close out the weekend.

Rob Rhodes looks really good in Big Dog and my Mustang Cobra ran pretty well there Sunday morning (in that soap opera, the Ford trouble shooters told Rob our problem was the after-market pump: Genuine Ford parts were what we needed; so we unloaded a bunch of cash and got them), but in

the afternoon the brakes and power steering showed me that genuine Ford parts did not help either. I kept going anyway, resulting in some rather interesting lines and spins in the practice races, but you know what? That wheel-to-wheel stuff is addicting.

Thanks to Bruce Colby for saving Andrea's weekend in the race group with his spare drivers suit, and her memory of what she looked like in it is so burned into her brain she'll likely not forget her suit again.

And oh yes, we got Colleen's car back to her under its own power. Didn't have to use that old Animal House line: "Hey you (screwed) up, you trusted us."



A soggy paddock greeted Erin and Mom's Malibu.



Andrea won't forget this sight -- wearing Bruce Colby's suit!



An attentive class (keeping dry indoors).



A wet pregrid as cars prepare to go on track.



The track was wetter than it looks.



Saturday night a bonfire helped ease the cold.



A picture postcard day arrived on Sunday.



Erin learns how to drive Mom's rolling Malibu.



Andrea in race practice, under the watch of Paul Blankenship, following.



The race group has a graduation race.

Italian Flair for Geneva's Show

By PHIL PATTON

Published: February 25, 2010, New York Times

WITH the unveiling of new concept cars at the Geneva auto show, Pininfarina and other Italian carrozzerie plan to allay some of the concern over the future of the country's famed design houses. Pininfarina's striking design for an Alfa Romeo spider is among the concept cars that the carrozzeria design houses have prepared for the Geneva motor show.

These celebrated coachbuilders, which produce design studies and sometimes build small runs of vehicles under contract, have long been the gold standard of automotive aesthetics. Yet economic hardships and family tragedies in recent years have raised doubts about their survival.

The strongest statement of their determination to survive and evolve will be in the displays at the Geneva show, which runs through March 14. Pininfarina, creator of many memorable Ferraris and Maseratis, will show a concept for an Alfa Romeo spider, as the Italians call a sporty convertible. This year is also Pininfarina's 80th anniversary.

Bertone offers up an Alfa coupe of similar size called the Pandion, or sea hawk. Italdesign Giugiaro, the design firm that is a relative newcomer among the traditional carrozzerie, is expected to offer a third version of the car, a sedan.

The concepts were developed for Alfa Romeo's centennial. Spreading the design duties among several studios echoes practices of the mid-1950s, when Bertone designed and produced the Alfa Romeo Giulietta coupe, called the Sprint, and Pininfarina created the Spider.

"Our Spider concept celebrates the historical shapes, but also lays out a design language for the future," Lowie Vermeersch, design director of Pininfarina, said in a telephone interview. Paolo Pininfarina, the chairman, added, "Our achievement is not any single car, but the establishment of Pininfarina as a world reference for Italian style." "Now Pininfarina is reinventing the world of carrozzeria," he added. "Our future rests on design, meaning style and engineering services, on ecomobility and on our brand equity."

The Alfa Romeo concept cars in Geneva are of more than usual interest because Sergio Marchionne, who heads Alfa's parent company, the Fiat Group, recently suggested that Alfa might return to the American market as soon as 2012.

Geneva 2010: Pininfarina Zuecottanta

It is Pininfarina's 80th year, as well as the 80th motor show at Geneva, so it was very fitting that the design house should unveil a concept car that proved to be the hot favourite of so many visitors to the show.

The **Zuecottanta** is as impossible to ignore as it is to pronounce. A concept car with **Alfa Romeo** mechanicals, it sticks to a theme "that is firmly rooted in Pininfarina history" – namely, a 2-seater, open-topped sports car.

As with **Bertone's Alfa Romeo-based study**, there are no current plans to take the car to production, but both styling houses will have had **Alfa's** future intentions very much in mind. The clean, elegant lines of **Pininfarina's** voluptuous spider – "which is proposed with a 1750cc turbo engine positioned longitudinally" – are, however, closer to the public's ideas of how a production **Alfa Romeo** might look than **Bertone's** magnificent flight of fancy.



The face of the **Zuecottanta**, in particular, is not such a dramatic departure from current **Alfa Romeo** thinking. And from the side, and the rear, the surfaces are smooth, soft, flowing.

It is a very different concept from **Bertone's**, but each grabbed the attention – and admiration – of the crowds at Geneva.

*Text: Charis Whitcombe
Photos: Pininfarina*



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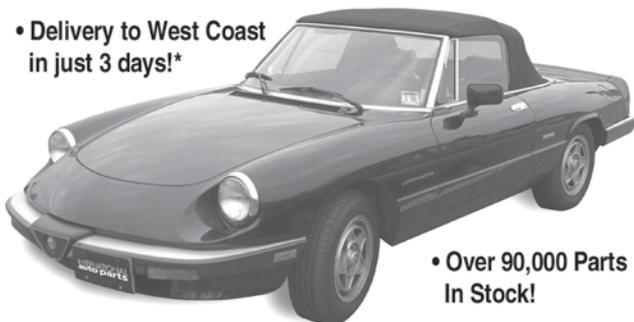
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