



A Message From Your Club President

What a great turnout at the Greenville Avenue St. Patrick's Day Parade and the all-but-impromptu visit to Doug's Auto Craft.

The weather was perfect for both. And at the parade there was a bonus of an extra 100 floats and an even larger crowd as the downtown parade was canceled and those resources and energies applied to the Greenville procession. A comment I heard and agree with is there were many more families at the parade.

The media blasting tour of Doug's was one of those low-key high-intensity car person outings we so enjoy. And Doug was delighted to talk-car for as long as we cared to hang around.

The upcoming All British Car Day organized by Kip Motors is always fun and if you've never been, Italian cars are welcome. I hope to see many of you there and at the Winery Tour on May 12th. The organizers, Susan Kast and Garrick Whitnah, have more than wineries on the agenda. Check out the Upcoming Events Calendar and please participate. As they say, *there is something for everyone.*

Jerry Lee Phillips

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The annual Greenville St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on Saturday, March 17th in Dallas. The ICCS entered a large group in the parade and enjoyed participating for a fourth year. Shamrocks, streamers and every green decoration that could be located were used to festoon the entrants (and their vehicles). Bob, Anita and Garrick walked the route, taking turns carrying the club banner. This can be a bit of a struggle in the wind that always seems to show up on the day of the parade.



All British & European Car Day Coming Soon

Sunday, April 29th will be the date this year for the annual All British & European Car Day. The show will again be held at White Rock Lake Park. Please join ICCS at the show as several members will be bringing vehicles and we will set up a canopy, provide refreshments and raffle some goodies. ICCS club member Mike Elliott won Best of Show in 2006 with his wonderful 1967 Alfa Romeo Quattroruote Gran Sport Roadster.

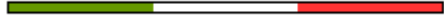
For more information or to register to bring a vehicle, go to www.allbritishcarday.com. We would recommend registering early as the line for day-of registrations can be pretty long for this show.

The lineup of vehicles for the parade included four Fiat spiders, two Alfa Romeo spiders, a Maserati Quattroporte and two Vespas. Jerry and Bill enjoyed riding the Vespas in the parade, even making circles around the banner and cars, shriner-style.

ICCS To Provide Cars for Italia Addison

The club has been asked to assist in organizing a display of Italian vehicles for Italia Addison, a festival celebrating all things Italian. The event will be held on Saturday, June 9th and is being organized by the Town of Addison and the Italian Club of Dallas.

The ICCS will plan on having 10-20 vehicles on display. We will also have a canopy set up as a place to hang out, pass out club materials and discuss the vehicles with visitors.



Everyone had a great time and the cars are always appreciated by the crowd. Plans for next year? It would be great to get a Fiat Jolly or an Italian micro-car like a Bianchina. And the mini DART bus (go-kart size) that was driven in the parade gave us some ideas. Maybe a mini Ferrari or Fiat....

Did You Ever Have a Part You Liked, So You Built a Car Around It?

Featured Car: 1981 Fiat Spider 2000
Owner: Jerry Phillips



Notice the nice ruby-colored cloth top on Jerry's spider? That top was custom ordered for another car. But the color was not quite right. So he had to order a second top. But what to do with the first one? Jerry liked the ruby color so much; he decided to build a car to go with it.



Originally a blue car with a beige interior, Jerry wanted something different – and something to show off the ruby top. He chose white, which really makes the top stand out. A few black details - rocker paint, Abarth bumper blocks, grill and cowl vents - accentuate the white paint.



Interior Modifications:

- Ruby-colored interior to match top
- No radio console
- No map pockets
- Satin black 2-piece dash
- White Berber carpets
- Chrome Nardi steering wheel with black leather grip
- Chrome gauge rings
- Extra interior lights controlled by console switches (using actual Fiat switches)



Exterior Modifications:

- Seamless front fascia
- Bumpers removed
- Abarth bumper blocks
- Lowered
- Hella headlamps with separate wiring harness
- LED front signals mounted behind grill
- 215/60x14's on Turbo wheels

Engine: I4, 2-liter, DOHC, fuel injected

Engine Modifications:

- High compression pistons
- High performance cams
- Auxiliary electric cooling fan

Transmission: 5-speed



The interior and top boot were color-matched to the top to further use the ruby color. To dress up the interior, Jerry took a cue from the later Pininfarina Azzuras and added Berber carpets. The white carpets and black dash give the interior some variety and keep it from being too monochromatic.

Jerry has worked on this Fiat for the better part of eighteen months and is finally getting an opportunity to enjoy it. Any other plans? Jerry thinks some chrome 15" or 16" wheels and a racing mirror would make a perfect final touch.



Upcoming Events:

4/17 – Tuesday

ICCS Monthly meeting at Carrabba's

4/21 – Saturday

Lamborghini Dallas Texas Track & Concorso at MotorSport Ranch in Cresson

4/20-22 – Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Grand Prix of Houston

4/29 – Sunday

All British & European Car Day at White Rock Lake

5/6-7 – Saturday, Sunday

Keels & Wheels Concours D'Elegance and Auction in Seabrook, Texas

5/12 – Saturday

Breakfast, Winery Tour & Scenic Drive

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

6/9 – Saturday

Italia Addison



Visit to Doug's Auto Craft

On Saturday, March 31st twelve enthusiasts met for breakfast and then caravanned over to Doug's Auto Craft, where Jerry's "Project Lancia" Scorpion IMSA racecar is undergoing media blasting. Three more enthusiasts met us at Doug's, where we were able to view Jerry's car on the 'rotisserie'. It still looks pretty rough, but it is making progress!

Everywhere you look in Doug's shop and yard are cars & car parts. Mustangs, numerous Dodges, a 1969 Camaro, a Volkswagen, a Vespa and many more. Besides media blasting, Doug also does a variety of metal work. We were able to view a Camaro that most of the body panels are being replaced on. The Camaro was also having a butchered transmission tunnel repaired where it had been chopped to fit a side-shifter.

Everyone was able to ask Doug questions about the process, their upcoming projects and his suggestions. One interesting thing we learned is that the plastic media used for the blasting is the same material used to make dominos.

Some interesting cars that were driven to the gathering included a Pantera, a Fiat spider, an Alfa spider and a Citroen 2CV.



ItalianCarFest Update



September 21-23

Show – Saturday, 9/22

Track Day – Sunday, 9/23

ItalianCarFest.com

AUTO Aficionado magazine, a returning sponsor, has agreed to join us again for 2007. AUTO Aficionado is, in their own words, 'The Journal for Fine Automobile Collectors & Enthusiasts'. Visit their web site at www.autoaficionado.net.

Signing on as a first-time sponsor for 2007 is **C. Obert & Co.** C. Obert & Co. is a Santa Cruz, California company specializing in Fiat, Abarth and Yugo parts – particularly hard-to-find items. The founder, Chris Obert, has been a big supporter of the Fiat hobby for years. You can visit C. Obert & Co. at www.fiatplus.com.

We have another new sponsor for 2007 – **Guy Croft Racing Engines**. For those of you not familiar with Guy Croft, he is a renowned engine builder from England. He is particularly well known in the Italian car crowd for his work on Fiat and Lancia engines. Jerry's engine acquired for "Project Lancia" actually had the headwork performed by Guy Croft before the engine was shipped here from England. The engine also features some Guy Croft parts. More info on Guy at www.guy-croft.com.



MORE ItalianCarFest Photos

Didn't get enough photos from ItalianCarFest last month? The following are additional web pages with ICF pictures.

http://dennisthompson.exposuremanager.com/g/italian_car_fest_2006

<http://valentine.phanfare.com/album/113571#imageID=6152907>

<http://s20.photobucket.com/albums/b228/wjhmh/ICF%202006/?start=all>



Texas Track & Concorso – April 21st

Organized by Lamborghini Dallas, this will be the fourth year for this event held at MotorSport Ranch in Cresson. As a combination track day and show & shine, there will be something for everyone. The events are not limited to Lamborghinis, but the emphasis of the event will be on exotics, sports cars and track cars. A special Lamborghini is also scheduled to be unveiled at the event. Slow-paced parade laps are planned for the lunch break to allow everyone the opportunity to experience the course.

ICCS Vice President and ICF Chairman Bob Dezzany has agreed to coordinate the show portion of the event. There is no fee to enter the show & shine and trophies will be awarded.

More information at www.texasconcorso.com.



Projects

In each month's newsletter we will try to feature a club member's car, or a particularly interesting car we come across in the area. So far we have seen Paul vonHeeder's Lamborghini Islero with its wonderful history and Jerry's tastefully modified Fiat. Most of these cars are 'finished' (but is a car really ever finished?). We thought it might also be interesting to highlight some of the projects people are undertaking. There are a lot of projects out there – concours restorations, resurrection of old racecars, old motorcycles tucked away in a corner, boxes of parts waiting on the right car or maybe just an old car that's been sitting in the garage for a few years waiting until someone has time to start on it. Some eternal optimists have a collection of 'projects' just waiting to be finished (or even started). As enthusiasts, I think some of these projects excite us as much or more than a finished car. And who knows, hopefully some will make it to

a finished status and be featured again! So without further ado, I thought I would start things off with my own 'little' project.

Featured Project: 1972 Fiat 124 Coupe
Optimist: Garrick Whitnah



Jerry Phillips saved this relatively rust-free car and has been keeping it around for a while, hoping to find some intrepid soul to adopt it. Well, it looks like he finally found his mark. Now Jerry (or is that his wife Donna?) gleefully waits for it to be whisked away from his driveway to mine.



Plans are to turn this little beauty into a street-legal car that can be used for a lot of fun on track days. Seriously considered modifications include a mostly stripped interior, roll bar/cage, racing buckets, 2-liter engine, performance springs & shocks, lowered, fuel cell, battery relocated to trunk, tow loops, big wheels & tires, big brake kit and a bright orange paint job.





Upcoming Features

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

- Coverage of All British Car Day and the Texas Track & Concorso
- Val Herrera's Callaway Twin-Turbo Alfa GTV6
- Kevin Burn's 1967 Guilia Sprint GT Veloce coupe project
- Jerry Phillip's "Project Lancia" IMSA racecar project
- An Abarth/FAZA X1/9 replica project

Recommended Web Sites

ItaliaSpeed.com – This is the web site to keep up to date on ANY news regarding Italian vehicles, regardless of the number of wheels. New model releases, racing results, financial results, sponsorship announcements, auto shows, design firms - this one has it all. In 2006, they posted articles about the upcoming ItalianCarFest and our guest, Tom Tjaarda.

AlfaBB.com – This is probably one of the best single-marque enthusiast sites on the web. If you need info on Alfa Romeos, this is the place to go. Also has great classified sections if you are looking for a car or parts.



1972 Fiat 124 Familiare

Owner: Shaun Folkerts from Pennsylvania
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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. Italian-related items only, please.

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

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

Please email ilBollettino@charter.net with newsletter questions, comments or suggestions.

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