



## A Message From Your Club President

ICF is almost upon us. Please consider this appeal to become involved in a few areas that you may not have had a hand in before:

Help is needed in coming up with a final few **Silent Auction Items** (for charity) for the 'Saturday Evening at Gaylord'. Auction items should have a minimum value of \$200.

Maybe you, a friend or a family member works at a company that can donate such an item. Because these items may be won by one of our many out-of-area entrants, what works well are items that can be found at a chain. For example: a set of tires from a national or regional tire store, dinner for 4 at a national restaurant chain, OR something that would appeal to a large group that is tangible and can be presented on the auction table like a TV or stereo. Well, you get the idea. If you have an idea and want to talk about it, call me at 817 521-4400 or phone Bob Dezzany at 214 668-2382.

And help will again be needed Friday Sep. 21st as we **set up at Oak Grove Park** for the next day's big show. Last year we had 20+ people who came out between 10:00 and 4:00 to prepare the grounds. With our current momentum, our show will likely be even bigger this year (!) so we will need more help. Please come on out Friday and lend a hand.

Something else that would help - if you will have a car on display, bring it out Friday and leave it overnight. We are promoting this as **Easy Check-In**. We will assist you in positioning your car on the field for Saturday's show and you can also pick up your registration packet. Uniformed, armed security will be on the site from Friday afternoon until the end of the show on Saturday. On Saturday morning, please have your vehicle uncovered and ready for viewing by 10:00am as the field will open to visitors at that time.

And on the morning of the show, Saturday Sep. 22nd we will need assistance **positioning cars** that come in that morning. We had 30 show-day volunteers last year and we will need more. If you are interested in positioning cars and assisting entrants with trailers, please show up at Oak Grove Park early. Please call Bob at 214 668-2382 to be added to the volunteer list. You can volunteer to help in the morning even if you are an entrant yourself.

Thanks for your enthusiasm!

This will be our best enthusiast weekend yet!

*Jerry Lee Phillips*

## New Vehicles in the Club!

Several club members have recently acquired some 'new to them' vehicles. Gearing up for the cooler fall driving weather, perhaps?

Bill and Anita Hilfiker have purchased a 1962 Fiat OSCA convertible. Purchased on eBay, the car is coming from the west coast. Although it runs and drives, it does not currently have the original engine. However, the original engine comes with the car and Bill and Anita plan to have it rebuilt and reinstalled.

The Hilfiker's 1962 Fiat OSCA



You may have already heard of the Hilfiker's other purchase from a few months back, but if not, read on. Those that know the Hilfiker's are aware that they are big fans of the Maserati marque. So when they attended the recent Ponder auction and a 1954 Maserati motorcycle came up for sale, they couldn't resist bidding on it. Luckily, they were the high bidders and we will get to see the little Maserati at this year's ItalianCarFest.

The Hilfiker's 1954 Maserati 125



Val Herrera recently acquired a 1971 Alfa Romeo Zagato 1300 Junior. Very few of these cars were ever made, and Val went all the way to British Columbia to pick this one up.

Juanamaria Cook felt it was time for a different Ferrari – one with the top down. She has parted with her Alfa spider and Ferrari 348, but purchased a beautiful silver 1997 Ferrari F355 Spider.

Michael Gray decided his project Alfetta needed some company, so he acquired another project car – a 1979 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce.

Michael's Spider Veloce



Jerry Phillips and Garrick Whitnah just picked up a 1980 Fiat Spider project. It mainly needs some maintenance and cosmetics (including paint). Plans are to have it at the paint shop within the next week and in nice enough condition to join the numerous other Spiders at ICF '07.



## A Typical New Model Introduction

By Bob Dezzany



You know what they are like. An automobile dealer invites folks to see a new model. People stop in, go 'wow', chat with a friend or two and maybe have a salesperson ask you if you would like to order one.

And then there is Lamborghini Dallas!

On Thursday evening, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Frances and I pulled up to Lamborghini Dallas to see the introduction of the new Gallardo Superleggera. We were greeted at the front door by valets who quickly opened both doors of our disguised Lambo (it looked just like a Grand Cherokee). We then walked on a red carpet to the front door and entered the showroom.

Once inside, we were greeted by waiters and waitresses serving hors d'oeuvres and wine. So far, just typical stuff, right? We walked into the secondary showroom and enjoyed the music of a four-piece band. Refreshments were also being served there, too.

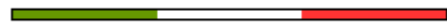
About 7pm, the lights dimmed and the rear door of the showroom opened. A bright yellow Superleggera stood at the entrance, enveloped in smoke. A siren could be heard in the background and what seemed to be a flashing red light. It was at that moment that I realized I left my camera in our Jeepborghini.

As the Lambo pulled into the room, it was followed by a Texas State trooper with the aforementioned siren wailing and red light flashing. But, once again, done Lamborghini Dallas style. The trooper was in a black and white 1955 Ford four-door police car!! Apparently, the Lambo was caught speeding – I think it was 178 in a 35mph zone. Then, I went to my car and retrieved my camera.

What was also sitting in the rear showroom was a magnificent, red 1967 Miura. I'm thrilled to say that this car will be at ICF in September.

After another sip of wine, a mini crab cake and a small slice of filet mignon on a piece of toast, it was time to go. We walked back out on the red carpet, the valet brought our car to us (the disguise worked – everyone still thought it was Jeep) and we were on our way home.

I can't wait to go to my local Ford dealer and experience the unveiling of their new pickup truck. I do hope the hors d'oeuvres are as tasty!



## Montreal Collects Another Award

Val Herrera's 1973 Alfa Romeo Montreal (our ICF '06 Best of Show) just collected another prestigious award. The Montreal was voted third place out of approximately 150 Alfa Romeos at the 2007 Concorso Italiano. First and second place went to a Sprint Speciale and a Junior Zagato, respectively, so Val was in some rare company.



## Ducati Leads MotoGP Championship

For those not familiar with MotoGP, it is the world's premier motorcycle racing championship. Formerly GP 500 and racing 2-stroke 500cc motorcycles, the class was converted to 990cc 4-strokes in 2002. For 2007, regulations limit the engine size to 800cc.

Ducati re-entered motorcycle's premier racing class in 2003. For four years, they improved their performance with several wins, podiums and pole positions. But apparently the new 800cc rules are to their liking. Ducati's rider Casey Stoner is currently leading the championship by a healthy 60 points (with a total of 246 points). He has won seven of the twelve races this season.



## New Members

It's the time of year that we add quite a few new members who sign up with their ICF entry or because we are promoting ICF. Recent new members are:

- Jorge & Martina Correa – Fort Hood, Texas
- Dana & Elizabeth Blue – Carrollton, Texas
- Paul Dorman – Fort Worth, Texas
- Jon & Sally Esber – Dallas, Texas
- David & Kay Hunn – Kennedale, Texas

And our newest Gianni Agnelli members:

- Jim & Johnna Chandler – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Thank you for joining ICCS and supporting our club!



### Upcoming Events:

#### 9/1-9/2 – Saturday & Sunday

Texas SCCA Double Regional - TMS

#### 9/8 – Saturday

Second Saturday Gelati Nights at Paciugo in Plano

#### 9/18 – Tuesday

ICCS monthly meeting at Carrabba's

#### 9/21-9/23 – Friday through Sunday

##### ItalianCarFest Weekend '07

#### 9/29 – Saturday

DFW Map Rally – Texas Region SCCA

#### 10/13-10/14 – Saturday & Sunday

Texas Ducati Weekend including track day

#### 10/16 – Tuesday

ICCS monthly meeting at Carrabba's



## ItalianCarFest Update



Show – Saturday, 9/22

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

This year ItalianCarFest will move to Trawick Pavilion in Oak Grove Park. Last year's location is still mostly under water, necessitating a move. Trawick is just 150 yards west of the 2006 site. It will take a little work to rearrange the layout again, but we are up to the task!

Photos from Trawick Pavilion Area



All four challengers for the Best Spider Challenge have been selected! The most recent selection was made at FLU's Fiat Freak Out in Detroit, Michigan. Our entrants will be traveling some long distances to join us for ItalianCarFest:

- Seattle, Washington – 2,191 miles
- San Francisco, California – 1,711 miles
- Los Angeles, California – 1,393 miles
- Walkertown, North Carolina – 996 miles

Some other interesting things to note about our challengers are that we have two early spiders (1969, 1972) and two later models (1981, 1982). There are also no cars from the central part of the U.S., just the west coast and the east. To see pictures of the challengers and to learn more about them, go to the Best Spider Challenge page on ItalianCarFest.com.

Early registration for ICF has closed and the numbers are looking good. Counting the BSC cars, we already have 23 124-based spiders registered!

Another interesting car we are expecting is the Sebring-winning Ferrari 430 GT2 racecar. Thanks go out to Boardwalk Ferrari/Maserati for making this possible.

Unfortunately the Sunday track day has been canceled. Due to unusually high rainfall amounts and delayed construction, the track will not be ready by the scheduled track day. Our Sunday focus will now be on the Sunday Drive and Brunch. Brunch will be compliments of Lamborghini Dallas, so we need to give them a big 'thank you!'.



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## ICCS Picnic

The club held our second annual picnic on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turnout this year, so this looks like an event we will repeat.



Using this event to kick off the summer and the countdown to ICF, we invited non-members and other clubs to participate.



Although this was still the 'rainy season' thanks to our overly wet weather this year, the rain held off until we were packing up the final items to leave.

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## Recommended Web Sites

[DFWPanteras.com](http://DFWPanteras.com) – The site for North Texas DeTomaso fans. The Pantera group has been a big supporter of ICF and we hope to see many more of these fantastic cars this year!

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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](mailto:ilBollettino@charter.net). Italian-related items only, please.*

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

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

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

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*Please email [ilBollettino@charter.net](mailto:ilBollettino@charter.net) with newsletter questions, comments or suggestions.*

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