



A Message From Your Club President

What an exciting start to a great June. Our friends in the FCA and Boardwalk again staged a first class exotics show. They are to be congratulated. Bob Dezzany and Garrick Whitnah kindly volunteered to assist and they, too, should be given accolades for their involvement.

And the drama continues with the reschedule of ABCDE. Too much rain and not enough drainage at White Rock Lake again pushed the date back. And the new June 17th date was very wet again, resulting in lower than expected turnout.

One final note, please enlist your Italian car enthusiast friends into our club today. Our September extravaganza will be number 5 in our five year plan and promises to be mega-spectacular. They won't want to miss out on being a part of it.

Jerry Lee Phillips



DFW Ferrari Club of America Show



Saturday June 2nd was the date for this year's DFW Chapter of the Ferrari Club of America show, hosted by Boardwalk Ferrari. Primarily an 'exotics' show, numerous Ferraris were on hand as well as a few Lamborghinis, Porsches, RUFs, Maseratis, Lotus and Alfa Romeos. Other cars entered included a Ford GT, an Acura NSX and a Pantera.

Several ICCS club members brought out cars including Ferraris, the two Alfas and the Pantera. In a large field of Ferraris, Val Herrera won Best Detail (an all-classes award) with his Montreal.

Val Herrera's Montreal Collects Another Two Awards



ICCS Club Members Alan and Linda Efrussy Try On Gary Griffith's Alfa Spider



A particularly interesting display was the Maserati Biturbo spyder with a large, unguarded plate of chocolate chip cookies on the hood. A rumor was passing around that the cookies were an attempt to buy votes, but no confirmation could be made.





A Car You Really Have To See

Featured Car: **Maserati MC12**



Boardwalk had several nice Ferraris to look at as well including a 599, a 612 and two Superamericas. In the showroom, the magnificent Maserati MC12 was also on display along with a Ferrari 430 GT racecar.

Boardwalk Ferrari currently has a Maserati MC12 Stradale sitting in the showroom. You may recall that this car was scheduled to be at ICF '06, but was held up in the federal approval process and couldn't make the show. Lets hope it can make it to ICF '07. But if you have the time, you really should go to Boardwalk and see this car to make sure you don't miss it.



Upcoming Events:

6/30 – Saturday

ICF Weekend Countdown Drive & Cookout
Oak Grove Park

7/7 – Saturday

Second Annual Mountain Creek Classic
SCCA RoadRally

7/14 – Saturday

Second Saturday Gelati Nights at Paciugo in Plano

7/17 – Tuesday

ICCS monthly meeting at Carrabba's

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For those not familiar with the history of the MC12, it was produced in a very limited quantity of 50 street versions to homologate the car for racing. Several additional cars were produced strictly as race models. This enabled the car to compete in the FIA GT Championships against Aston Martins, Ferraris, Corvettes, Lamborghinis and other marques.



The MC12 has been successful in FIA GT1, winning the Teams Championship & Manufacturers Cup in 2005 and the Teams Championship & Drivers Championship in 2006. For 2007, they are currently leading the Teams Championship and Manufacturers Cup.

Engine:

- 65° V12, 5998 cc
- DOHC (per bank), gear-driven
- 4 valves per cylinder
- normally aspirated
- 630 BHP
- mid-engine

Transmission:

- 6-speed semi-automatic (paddle shift)

The MC12 is designed and built on the chassis of the Ferrari Enzo, but with significant changes. The end result is a car that is longer, wider and taller than the Enzo. The chassis is carbon fiber, nomex and aluminum with the entire body made of carbon fiber. Everything about the car's design is intended to increase downforce and improve aerodynamics. The car has a smooth undertray, and the huge rear wing and diffuser are impossible to miss.



The stradale MC12s feature a blue and white livery that pays tribute to the America Camoradi race team that campaigned Maserati Tipo Birdcages in the early 60's. Some of those cars were driven by Stirling Moss and featured a blue and white paint scheme.



Italia Addison

The ICCS displayed twelve vehicles at the first Italia Addison festival in Addison, Texas on Saturday, June 9th. The festival was organized by the Town of Addison and the Italian Club of Dallas. We were able to promote the club and ItalianCarFest to a very receptive audience.



The festival featured Italian food, games and culture. Addison was pleased with the festival and hopes to make it an annual event. Next year we plan on displaying the vehicles on the grass.



Thanks go out to club members for bringing out six Alfas, two Ferraris, a Fiat, a Pantera, a Vespa and a Ducati. They were truly appreciated by a lot of attendees with real Italian heritage.



Early registration for ICF is now open! A printable application form is available on the web site, so register early to make sure you take advantage of the savings. As a new feature, we will soon be offering online registration with the ability to pay with your PayPal account or a credit card.

If you haven't visited the ICF web site recently, please do so. Many updates have been made and there is a lot to see. Info on last year's show has been posted, with links to photo albums of 2006 pictures. A page has also been added to highlight some of the unusual cars that we have enjoyed over four years of ICF. And as a tribute to our 2007 honored marque and models, pages have been created to recognize Lamborghinis and Fiat/Pininfarina spiders that have attended the previous four years.



Keels, Wheels and The O'Quinn Collection

By Bob Dezzany

The weekend of May 4-6, my wife Frances and I again attended the spectacular Keels & Wheels show at the Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook, Texas, just 30 minutes south of Houston. Besides a display of 175+ American and European cars, 75 boats graced the docks of the club. The boats ranged from Chris Craft runabouts from the 40s to recent later-day yachts. Each one was more elegant than the next.

As usual, the cars were varied, some were rare and all were simply wonderful! Walking the grounds of the club was a treat. Look, over there, a 1955 Ferrari 340 America. Hey, a 1956 Maserati A6G/54 Coupe. There's a 1967 Toyota 2000GT. Oops, almost walked into a 1940 Alfa 6C2500 Convertible! And there's ICCS' Paul vonHeeder's beautiful 1974 Ferrari Dino 246 GTS. I think you get the point about the great cars at the show (and I just touched on the Italian cars, okay, plus one Toyota).

1940 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500



Frances and I also went to Yachta, Yachta, Yachta, a Friday evening viewing – and boarding – of a half dozen yachts. And, I do mean yachts, like 100 feet long with crew quarters for five! Elegant would be an understatement. And waiters and waitresses walking around the docks serving wine and hors d'oeuvres. What a way to start a show weekend (hmmm,

ItalianCarFest Update



Show – Saturday, 9/22
Track Day – Sunday, 9/23

www.ItalianCarFest.com

ICF' 07 is getting closer with approximately three months until the big weekend. Plans and preparations are really ramping up, but so is support for ICF. Several new sponsors are on board:

- **Potomac Garage Solutions** – *Silver Sponsor* – The Addison, Texas location has joined as a sponsor. Garage flooring systems, storage, organization and more. www.PotomacGarageSolutions.com
- **FerrariChat** – *Bronze Sponsor* – Online Ferrari Community with message board and more. www.FerrariChat.com
- **Pantera International** – *Bronze Sponsor* – For DeTomaso enthusiasts; a nice quarterly magazine, forums and more. www.PanteraCars.com
- **Maserati Club International/MIE Corp** – *Friend of ICF* – News, support, parts and more for Maseratis. www.MaseratiNet.com

sounds like another show I know that has a fabulous cocktail reception at Gaylord before the start of *their* weekend!).

We have been attending Keels & Wheels since 2000. The first four years we brought our Fiat Spider and Austin Healey 3000 (two years each). These last years, we have just gone down to enjoy the show and, as is my job, to find Italian cars for ICF!

If you haven't been to Keels & Wheels, I urge you to go. The setting is wonderful and the cars and boats are spectacular. It's always on the first weekend in May. Visit their website at www.keels-wheels.com.

1963 Ferrari 250 Drago Speciale



While we were at Keels & Wheels, we met Gayla Miller, the executive director of the O'Quinn Collection. For those of you who don't know about the O'Quinn Collection, John O'Quinn loves automobiles and has a collection of 900 cars – yes, that's right, 900!!! - in two warehouses in Houston. Gayla asked if we wanted to see the larger warehouse, which holds about 600 cars, on Monday morning. I didn't have to think very long to say yes!

When you walked into the office area of the warehouse, you entered a small showroom holding about 6 cars. One was a Tucker; another was a 1930 Cadillac V16 Dual Cowl Phaeton. Got it?

In the warehouse, the cars were in rows 2 feet apart, with 18 to 24 inches bumper to bumper. Since Gayla knew I was interested in Italian cars, she made a point of leading us to them. Here are just the Maseratis we saw: a 1969 Mistral Spider, a 1964 Sebring, a 1967 Mexico Speciale and a 1972 Ghibli. Sprinkled around were goodies like a 1965 Lamborghini 350GT Alloy Coupe, a 1963 Ferrari 250 Drago Speciale and a gorgeous 1967 Ferrari 330GTC.

There were '55/'56/'57 Chevys, MGs, Hudsons, classic American cars, 2 Batmobiles, Foose hotrods, and a chopped & customized 1950 Mercury. Folks, it just never ended. I thought Frances was "full" from looking at cars over the weekend, but this collection got to her, too. At one point, I turned to say something to her and she was across the room looking at a Kaiser Darrin with the doors that *slide* into the front fenders.

And then we had to leave. I asked what was in the other warehouse with the remaining 300 or so cars and the answer was "muscle cars"! You know, like if some one asked "what was in the drawer", you would say "my socks". Except, it's

300 muscle cars and not socks. Parting was such sweet sorrow.

I am talking to Gayla about the possibility of getting one or two of John's cars for our show. It would be a wonderful treat for ICF.



Recommended Web Sites

VeloceToday.com – Great site with interesting feature articles on Italian vehicles. They have previously covered ItalianCarFest and currently have a banner up for ICF '07.

Etceterini.com – Need some info on lesser-known Italian marques like Bandini, Moretti or Siata (and several others)? This site has some nice photos, copies of advertisements, etc. If you want to see unusual cars, this is a good site to peruse.



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 124 AC Coupe

A club member knows someone who is looking for a good condition 124 AC coupe. If you know of one that is available, please email me the info.

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.

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

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