



Welcome to the first issue of Super News, a newsletter aimed at and for owners and fans of Giulia sedans around the world and produced by the Giulia Super Register Internationale.

The idea for a publication devoted to one particular model of Alfa Romeo is not a new or recent one. It actually came about as a result of suggestions from a few fellow owners and with the celebrations of the 50th Birthday of the Giulia in full swing now was considered the appropriate time to produce a magazine devoted to the one model of Alfa Romeo that has so many devotees all around the world. Many Clubs do include coverage of Giulia sedans, and certainly none do it better than the Dutch Club SCARB's very own Het Klaverblaadje but sadly very few of us can read Dutch so we miss out on all that publication and its coverage of Giulia TI's and Supers in Holland has to offer; other than the photos of course. Because the Register doesn't have access to the sort of resources needed to get involved in printing and mailing out a full-on magazine it was decided to take the easier option and use modern technology to communicate with Register members by email.

After all, keeping in touch with over 1000 members in 24 different countries around the world can be both expensive and time consuming when relying on the old technology. The aim of this quarterly newsletter is quite simple; to communicate Giulia-related news, provide coverage of events that Giulias participate in, offer advice, information and, hopefully, be able to help Giulia owners anywhere source parts and or solve any problems that might delay or hinder the progress of a rebuild or restoration of our favourite Alfa. If anyone has a tip to two they'd like to pass on drop us a note and we'll include them as well in future issues. If you'd like to show off your pride and joy/s to fellow Giulia owners drop us a note with a few details and a photo or two (Hi-Res JPEG's). I hope you'll come along for the ride. Super wishes

Barry Edmunds

Giulia Where For Art Thou?

The Fiat Group has delayed (again) the introduction of the new Giulia, the long awaited replacement for the 159 model. The latest news indicates that the release date has been pushed back until sometime in 2014.

The delay is due to Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne's apparent dissatisfaction with design proposals for the new Giulia.

Reports out of Italy indicate that Fiat CEO Marchionne is not only unhappy with proposals from Alfa's own design team in Turin for the new Giulia but he is also unimpressed with the work of Chrysler's designers in America who are working on models complementary to the Giulia - the next generation Chrysler 200 and Dodge Avenger which will share platforms and powertrains with the Giulia.

The new Giulia is the centrepiece of Alfa's launch back into North America and if the new car is not ready it will have a dramatic impact on the launch back into the North American market.

Some industry analysts believe that Alfa's ambitious plan to sell 85,000 vehicles in North America and 500,000 globally by 2014 are looking more and more unrealistic.

While Alfa Romeo already has an established presence in Australia with the current Mito and Giulietta range it would appear as though potential Giulia buyers down under will also have to wait until 2014 before they see the new model as the company concentrates on North America.

Sadly for the UK, Europe and other markets it would seem that they too are no better placed than anywhere else and potential Giulia customers will have to wait and wait until 2014, just like the rest of the world.



50 Years of Giulia *by Theo Meinster*

For me, the Giulia is the Alfa Romeo that started my passion for this Italian car brand. During the seventies my neighbour owned a bright yellow Giulia Nuova. I loved that car! The way it looked, the way it sounded. Really great! I think I was 15 years at that time. Now, many years later I am still in love with this car.

In 2012, the year of Giulia's 50th Anniversary; there has been a lot of events for the celebrations in Europe. Let me take you on a trip to a few that I have attended.

First of all there was "our own" Spettacolo Sportivo Alfa Romeo in May at the Assen Circuit in the Netherlands. Organised by the Stichting Club of Alfa Romeo Bezitters it was a great event. About a thousand Alfa Romeos found their way to Assen. Among about 60 Giulia Sedans, there were five Giulia Station Wagons, a Giulia Ti Super, some race Giulia's and "Polizia Giulia's" from the Italian club *Lampeggiante Blu*.

There was a line-up with first series Giulia's, the Ti, the Super, the 1300, the 1600, the Diesel models and a special display in the pits with "mini-Giulia's" and some special models. On the Sunday there was a "Polizia-show" on the track with an arrest and a Giulia-parade.



For the second event I drove a 1970 1600 Super, belonging to a good friend of mine, all the way to Italy to join the Celebration organised by the R.I.A.R in Umbrië in Italy.

I was the only Dutch member who attended this event. What a beautiful environment, Umbrië is a very nice place to

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visit with all the historical buildings, churches and lovely roads; and off course a lot of delicious food and last but not least nice cars! 50 cars joined this three day event. 35 Giulia Sedans, some Coupes, 2 GTA's and a few other Alfa's. We drove to Assisi (parking next to the Duomo was great!), Gubbio and Spello. The Giulia was fun to drive into the Mountains! This was an event I would never forget!

My latest trip was also to Italy where I joined the recent Monza event, organised by Alfa Romeo Club Milano and the "official" event at Balocco, organised by Registro Italiano Giulia and the Museo Storico Alfa Romeo.



Monza is always a good place to visit. The Alfa Romeo Club of Milano did a show about the first presentation of the Giulia at Monza. A line-up with three Giulia's together with a Giulia Super, just as it was done in 1962! After that there was a possibility to get the cars out on the old banked circuit! Great driving.



Balocco was the place where the Giulia was tested. There were a lot of Giulia's and other 105 present at this event; many coming from all over Europe.



Driving on the track, some old Giulia movies, a lot of great cars, cars from the Scuderia del Portello, an Auto-delta exhibition and a lot more!



We're only halfway through the year but this year could not have started better! The Giulia is a great car to look at, to drive, to feel! 50 years later, it's a legend! Happy anniversary Giulia!

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SCARB Spettacolo 2012 by Fred Frey

For three days prior to the Spettacolo Sportivo weekend (May 5/6) the rain fell and the wind blew. Things were not looking good for dry weather over the weekend, but this is Holland after all and you have to expect wind to keep the mills turning for the tourists. The sun made a rare appearance on Saturday morning but was not able to raise the temperature much. We ventured off in Cor's beautiful blue 74' Euro spec GTV 2000 around noon hoping to enjoy the warmest part of the day. After a short detour (getting lost) we entered the Assen TT circuit and noticed a smaller quantity of cars than previous years but the quality was still remarkably high.

Inside the paddock garages were set up with various merchants selling Alfa related parts - both new and used, clothing and Italian food. I was able to find some original FISPA fuel pumps and filters to keep as spare and a front grille heart for a buddy.



The cold wind was blowing hard around 5pm so we jumped in "Blue Bert" (Cor's GTV) and went home with thought of strong Belgian beers on our minds. We planned to return on Sunday to pick up some more parts and see if any additional cars were on display.



After what I thought was a disappointing turnout on Saturday was actually due to the Dutch Liberation Day in remembrance of the end of WWII. This and the predicted wet weather kept Saturday's attendance numbers lower than normal. Sunday, normally the busier of the two days, promised to



be much better attended; and it was. It was also much windier and that added to the



bone chilling cold that swept through the paddock.



Fortunately some of the amazing cars on display made us temporarily forget about the chill as we ogled vehicles we'd only



seen in photos. A small group drove up for the event in vintage Alfa police cars from the 70s.

These decommissioned Giulia Supers are quite rare and in good condition as they were driven quite hard in pursuit of the crazed bank robbers and kidnappers that were all the rage in the police thriller films of the day.

Dressed in period correct police uniforms and packing original weapons of the day these Alfisti took a great risk travelling armed as



it's quite a violation to do so throughout Europe.

As this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Giulia sedan, it was



the featured marque of the event and they filled the paddock area.



From perfect original stock to highly modified - the Giulia collection was quite amazing.

With dark clouds adding to the chill it was time leave this Alfisti paradise and hope next year's event will be held more toward the summer.

If you are a fan of the marque you should make an effort to attend this incredible show.

The History of the Register

It is probably appropriate in this first issue of *Super News* to include a brief history of the origins of the Giulia Super Register.

The Register was established in the early 1980's and at the time it had a fairly basic aim; to discover how many Giulia sedans there were in my home state of Victoria (Australia).

Gradually, as things are want to do, word spread about the existence of a Register devoted wholly to Giulia sedans and the numbers grew, and grew, and grew and the Register gradually expanded, firstly to other Australian states and then to other countries around the globe.

The growth in membership was due, in the main, to a huge amount of work by a bunch of enthusiastic like-minded Giulia owners around the world; people like Dave Mericle in America, Stuart Taylor in the UK and Charlotte Coolen in Holland. There were also quite a few others in other countries too who so willingly took up the cudgels on my behalf to spread the word. Their efforts and support have certainly been greatly appreciated by myself and many others..

Over the years the Register became quite a valuable resource

for many Giulia sedan owners seeking technical information and sources for parts for their cars. It is worth pointing out that back in the 80's and early 90's there was not a whole lot to offer in the way of replacement parts for anyone undertaking even a partial restoration of a Giulia. Thankfully this is not the case today with many specialist Alfa Romeo parts outlets ready and willing to provide almost anything for the Giulias.

Current membership of the Register stands at just over 1125 cars with ownership spread out over 25 different countries around the world. With your help I'm quite sure we can grow the numbers even more.

Sadly, of that 1125 plus cars mentioned above, not all are still with us, some of them going to Giulia Heaven, or lost along the way due to misadventure (can be read as accident or misdeed) or due to the dreaded terminal rust problem which sadly claimed far more than it should have.

Fortunately many did survive and thanks to the efforts of many enthusiastic and dedicated owners more and more will emerge from hibernation in the future.

50th Birthday Merchandise Available

No surprise that with 2012 being the 50th Birthday of Giulia quite a bit of related merchandise is available to celebrate the occasion.

There are stickers and T Shirts aplenty and the three examples shown below are stickers that are now available. On the right is the Register's T-Shirt offering to the occasion.

If anyone is aware of any other 50th Birthday merchandise, please send details in so that we can let the rest of the Giulia world know what is available.

Below is the Dutch Club SCARB's sticker.



The Register has its own contribution to the range of 50th Birthday merchandise. The oval sticker (below), actual size 150mm x 67mm, is available in both Gold or White vinyl with black print at \$3.50 ea plus postage. The rectangular tri-colour sticker (right), actual size 150mm x 72mm, is \$5.50 plus postage.

Contact the Register if you would like to add to your collection of 50th anniversary memorabilia.



T-Shirts are available in Light Grey or Red; all with black print, in sizes S, M, L, XL and XXL \$A25 ea plus postage. If there is sufficient interest consideration may be given to adding to the range of colours. Enquiries to giulia105@optusnet.com.au or Telephone: 61 (0) 3 9359 1852. PayPal available.



Giulias Racing Around The World

Giulia Tl's and Supers have become a familiar sight on race circuits in many countries where historic racing has grown in popularity in recent years.

While many readers would be well aware of the Squadra Bianca racing series in Holland there are many other racing circuits around the world on which Giulias are doing what Giulia likes to do; compete.

One such place is South Africa and the Newsletter's South African contact, Jacques Labuschagne, has kindly forwarded a photo of Trevor Tuck's Giulia in action. I thought Giulia fans would enjoy and see the irony of a Giulia Super leading a bunch of big V8's. Not unusual I'm told. Thanks to the guys at RacePics.co.za for allowing us to use this image.

I was trawling through my own collection of old motor racing photographs recently and found shots of a pair of Giulia Supers racing at Mount Panorama, Bathurst. For those readers not familiar with Bathurst, the 500 mile and later 1000 km race is referred to as The Great Race and is one of the most demanding touring car events in the world. Many international drivers have raced at Bathurst; some more than once.

The first shot is of a Giulia Super driven by Sydney-siders Bill Burns and Chris Brauer at Bathurst in 1967 and the second shot is of the Giulia Super that Bryan Thompson and John Mann from Shepparton in country Victoria took to the Mountain in 1971.



If anyone has photos of Giulias in action please send them in so that we can show the readers what our favourite Alfas are doing, now or were in years gone by.

Recent Finds

In recent years more and more people around the world are discovering, or in some instances re-discovering, Giulia sedans, either in TI or Super form or one of the other variations that were offered along the model's journey.

This interest has led to many cars being rescued and, thankfully, restored.

One project car that has surfaced here in Victoria is a very early model Super that Bruno Colautti, a long time Alfa fan and proprietor of Maranello Pursang Motors in suburban Melbourne, acquired from interstate a few months ago.

Bruno is planning on giving this car a full makeover, as soon as he can find time from a few other projects he currently has on his schedule.



As the accompanying photos show some of the obviously needed restoration work on this car has already been started but Bruno has assured us that there is still a long way to go.



Along with the car, Bruno also acquired quite a collection of 'bits and pieces' including a few brand new parts; among them a one-piece grille that has never been used on a car previously.



Another recent find spotted in one of my occasional tours of local parts outlets was also brand new; a front bumper bar for a Series 2 Super. For sale at \$A400.



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