## **Registro Ricambio June 2016 - 105 GIULIA REGISTER**

#### SPIDER 'DUETTO' ANNIVERSARY



Our first display of early 105 roundtail Spiders took place at Spring Alfa Day. Sadly, only four of the expected ten cars arrived on the day but it was definitely a case of quality rather than quantity! My thanks to Colin Craven, Ewan Dalton, Martin Stephens for bringing their 1750 Veloce's and to George Ivery for his white 1600 'Duetto'. I hope we will see a larger gathering of these iconic cars at National Day in July.

#### LONGSTONE CLASSIC TYRE NEWS

The Alfa Romeo Giulia when leaving the factory was originally fitted Pirelli Cinturato <u>155HR15 CA67</u> until around 1969 when it changed size to the Pirelli Cinturato <u>165HR14</u> <u>CA67</u>. The Pirelli Cinturato is still an excellent choice of tyre for the Alfa Romeo Giulia as it provides improved handling & less wandering on the road without making the steering too heavy, all whilst retaining the period look of the car. For detailed information, available sizes and prices please visit <u>www.longstonetyres.co.uk/page/alfa-romeo-giulia</u> Longstone Tyres can also supply Borrani wire wheels or even rebuild those you may already have to further add to the appearance of your Alfa.

# **MERCIAN MANUALS**

I was recently contacted by a former club member Richard Shimmell who is the proprietor of Mercian Manuals Ltd. This long established family business was started by Richard's late father in the early 1990's to supply Workshop and Parts manuals to classic car owners and enthusiasts, of which he originally did for the club he was in at the time, the Sunbeam Talbot

Alpine Register. Back in his AROC days, Richard's father owned a Montreal and Giulia Sprint GT.

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## **BENVENUTO!**

Pleased to report there have been many new additions to the Register since my last report. Here are just a few of the latest 'new faces' to be added to the database.

Sean Lewis is the proud owner of this lovely blu Le Mans 1600 GT Junior. The rare paint finish, Italian tri-color striping and GTA-replica alloys really set this Bertone out from the crowd!



John Mayhead has sent me details of his latest acquisition, a 1976 S2 Spider 2000 Veloce. The car is painted blu ollandese with red interior and was first registered to South Africa before being registered in the UK in 1978. John informs me the previous owner had kept it at his holiday home in France for about 15 years. The Spider had been off the road for a while when he bought it. The car is in good condition - it has been re-sprayed and the sills done. The interior is good and cleaned up well. It failed it's MOT just on a weak seat belt, windscreen wiper rubber and a bit of welding to one chassis rail. John has fitted new tyres, wheels have been repainted, door check straps, quarter light rubbers, boot mat, etc. It currently is fitted with Solex's but they will be replaced with Dellortos. A new hood is also on the list of jobs to do!



## **CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE!**

As many of you know, I can rattle on all day about my passion for 105's but this is YOUR register and I would love to hear what makes you think they are so special? Just a few lines or even a 500-word article, anything and everything is more than welcome. How you came to acquire your 105, what work or improvements you have made to your car? Feel free to share your ownership experiences with other Bertone coupe, Spider or Giulia saloon owners. Articles will appear in this column and on the Register website.

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