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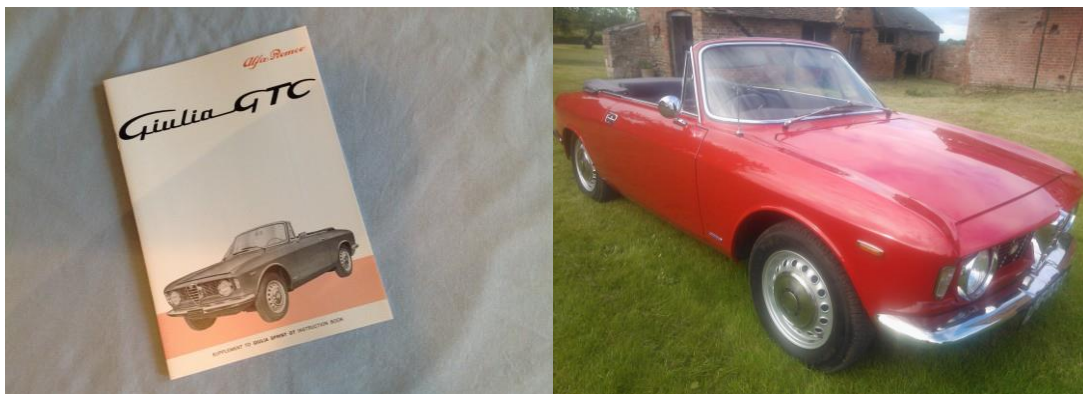
### SPIDER 'DUETTO'

This marks the 50th Launch Anniversary of the Giulia 1600 Spider 'Duetto'. The car was released at the 36th Geneva Motor Show in March 1966 and together with the Giulia Sprint Veloce, was tested by the press at an event organised in Gardone Riviera. To choose a name for the new convertible, Alfa Romeo announced a write-in competition, offering an example of the new car as a prize. Over one hundred thousand ballots were sent



in, the great majority from Italy; the winner was Guidobaldo Trionfi, a man from Brescia, who proposed the name Duetto. However the Duetto name could not be officially adopted due to trademark issues, and the car was named simply Alfa Romeo Spider 1600. The Spider's 1,570 cc twin-cam engine had dual Weber two-barrel side-draft carburetors, and produced 109 PS DIN 108 hp; or 129 PS SAE). Sparsely fitted inside but including five speed manual transmission and disc brakes, the price on launch in Italy was 2,195,000 lire. To celebrate this special anniversary, I am proposing to feature these early cars at our major events during this coming season, with hopefully, some additional stand-alone themed activities for all 105 Spiders owners to participate and enjoy. Watch this space!

### GIULIA GTC BOOKLET



Martin Taylor, proprietor of Auto Treasures and owner of this gorgeous Giulia GTC has just completed the reproduction of the original Alfa Romeo Giulia GTC supplement to the Giulia Sprint GT Instruction book. This has been digitally reproduced from an original booklet, with the kind permission of Fiat Group Automobiles UK, and these are now for sale at: <http://www.autotreasures.co.uk/product/alfa-romeo-giulia-gtc-booklet/>

## **NUMBER 31**

Club member Dominic McMullan has asked me to help him find the owner of this 1300 GT Junior recently 'found' buried among bushes and brush at the side of a local coachworks company in the Peterborough area. It is understood the owner of the car left it there when he vacated the premises. Dominic is trying to do one of two things, find the owner so the car can be given back to him as its taking up storage space (or) if he isn't to be found to restore it as a race car or sell the shell on. The Junior has a '31' on the bonnet which matches up with a car that had been used for racing in the past, but Dominic is unsure if it is the same car.

If you can help identify this Bertie, please contact the Register and I provide contact details.



## **XVM 969M**

I have been trying to trace a 2000 GT Veloce registration number XVM 969M for club member Paul Greenhalgh. The car, which was originally white with a beige interior, is shown as being 'alive' on the DVLA website but unfortunately no details have ever been forwarded to the Register. If you can assist, please get in touch via the Register.

## **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.

## **REGISTER WEBSITE**

Please visit the Register website for the latest newsletter updates from the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) and a continuation of my report.

**Stuart Taylor**

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