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Spectacular Italian Cars To Star At The Museum

The Saratoga Automobile Museum presents an exciting international exhibit, *Forza Italia!* for the Summer Season of 2011.

On May 1st, the Museum doors will close on "Right Coast Rods." This seminal exhibit, featuring historic East Coast and Midwest hot rods, many of which had not been seen together in decades, was well received and it attracted visitors from all over the country.

On May 7, 2011, the Museum will debut: "Forza Italia!, Fine Sporting Cars From Italy." Italian vehicles embody everything that's exciting about a country where speed, head-turning styling and pure sex appeal are standard equipment in every car.

The Museum Welcomes New Executive Director:

Taylor C. Wells

Taylor C. Wells, an administrator with over 25 years of experience leading art and cultural institutions in Virginia and Florida, has been appointed Executive Director of the Saratoga Automobile Museum. He began his duties February 1.



"Taylor was the unanimous choice of the search committee and the Board," said Jean Hoffman, Chair of the Saratoga Automobile Museum Board of Trustees. "By virtue of his credentials directing similar organizations and the strength of his interviews, he was selected from what was a very strong field of candidates."

In his most recent position as the Executive Director for the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center in Naples, Florida, Wells led a dynamic schedule of changing exhibitions and educational programs and managed a \$1.4 million annual budget. Prior to that, he served as Director and CEO of the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, Virginia, and as the Executive Director at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center in Newport News, Virginia. Mr. Wells has served as a board member on service initiatives, arts centers and arts commissions to achieve cultural impact. He has extensive experience in major gift fundraising, museum education, community development and strategic planning, has led successful institutional American Association of Museums Accreditation and spearheaded collaborative leadership as a consultant to numerous organizations professionally.

Wells holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Tech, and a Master of Science degree from Old Dominion University. "I'm thrilled to be joining the Saratoga Automobile Museum and working with our many members and guests to maximize the potential of this very special museum," he said. "I look forward to making Saratoga my new professional and personal home."

In Saratoga, Wells will succeed Jean Hoffman, who has served as the SAM's Board Chair and Executive Director since February 2008. "Jean has done a terrific dual job of stabilizing the Museum's finances and operating systems in a time of transition," said Wells. "I am delighted to succeed Jean, and we all are grateful beneficiaries of her service."

The Italian automobile industry has long been one of its country's greatest, most visible and innovative assets. A major contributor to Italy's dramatic postwar industrial rebirth, Italian cars continue to set trends and attract countless enthusiasts.

From FIAT, a pioneer automaker whose tiny Topolino economy car preceded Germany's Volkswagen and Britain's MINI; to Lancia, an early motoring innovator and successful racing marque; and Alfa Romeo, a serious technical and race-winning pre-war rival to Bugatti; to the premium postwar European sports car renaissance led by Ferrari, Lamborghini and Maserati, Italian high-performance cars have long contested and set standards for the world's best.

With the Fiat and Alfa Romeo marques returning soon to North America, and considering the present-day strengths of Ferrari, Lamborghini and Maserati, this is a "primo" time for the Saratoga Automobile Museum to present an overview of great vintage Italian Sports and Grand Touring cars.

We are delighted to feature several cars from the renowned Oscar Davis Collection in Elizabeth, NJ. Cars from Mr. Davis' fine collection, housed in an exclusive private Museum, have appeared at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, as well as at Amelia Island, Radnor Hunt, and other significant concours events.

Cars expected on display in Saratoga will include a prewar Alfa Romeo 6C1750, a 6C2300 and an 8C2900, along with a sporty Fiat Balilla Spyder. Postwar examples will include a Ferrari 212 Scaglietti Spyder, a Lancia B24S Nardi Spyder America, a Maserati Ghibli SS, a Bizzarrini 5300 Strada, a Fiat Abarth 750 sports coupe, and a Ferrari F40, to name just a few.

Open to the public through the Summer Season, the exhibit will end with the acclaimed Third Annual Fall Ferrari Festival, held in cooperation with the Saratoga Performing Arts Center's acclaimed Wine and Food Festival, scheduled for September 10, 2011.



Ken Gross will be on hand Friday, May 13th at 6PM for the Forza Italia! Members' Only Opening. Refreshments will be served.



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Times Union Center, Albany, NY

Fri noon - 8pm Sat 10am - 8pm Sun 11am - 5pm

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Popcorn Wagon Restoration Project

March 19, 2011 - Don't miss out as we are reaching the finish line on completing the mechanical restoration of this great piece of history. This week we are completing: Remove hood and place fender pads on each fender. Identify the engine and components. Classroom study of the engine, transmission, and rear end assemblies; classroom study of the electrical system and how it works. Dismount the tires and tubes. Sand and varnish the spoke wheels. Clean engine and paint. Relate every item on this engine to more modern autos and trucks. Replace hoses and check cooling system.

Again the Museum would like to thank State Farm Insurance for the grant that we received to make this restoration project possible. We are almost ready to take this 1925 Model TT Cretor Wagon back to Cambridge, NY for the day!!



Mar. 26th 11-1pm

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 11am – 1pm

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SARATOGA SPRING Invitational

**Save the dates:
 May 14th and 15th**



Saturday, May 14th, will feature the Spring Invitational along with the 2nd Annual Euro Show.
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Sunday, May 15th, will again feature the Spring Invitational accompanied by the Museum's Auto Show.
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LAWN SHOWS SERIES 2011



- MAY 7-8 22nd Annual Spring Kickoff, Rhinebeck, NY
- MAY 14 Saratoga Spring Invitational/European Show
- MAY 15 Saratoga Spring Invitational/Auto Show
- JUNE 4 Cadillac LaSalle Club
- JUNE 4 Hudson Essex Terraplane Club
- JUNE 11 Modern Day Muscle: Sponsored by Redline Motorsports
- JUNE 16 Coker Tire & Hemmings Motor News presents the Great Race!
- JUNE 18 Z Association of New York
- JULY 2 All Ford Show: Sponsored by the SVT Cobra Club
- JULY 9 Adirondack Corvettes, Inc.
- JULY 10 Curtis Lumber Show, Join the Museum in Ballston Spa
- JULY 13 Early Ford V-8 Nationals Concourse
- JULY 16 BMW Vintage at Saratoga: All BMW's built prior to 1988
- JULY 16 Cambridge Day: Visit the Popcorn Wagon as it returns home.
- JULY 23 Forza Italia! All Italian automobiles and motorcycles welcome
- AUG 6 Hemmings 5th Annual Sports and Exotic Show (rain date Aug 7)
- AUG 6 All GM Show: by the Mohawk Valley Pontiac Club (rain date Aug 7)
- AUG 13 2nd Annual Meet us in Saratoga, Hotrod and Motorcycle Show
- AUG 20 ATA British Motorfest (rain date Aug 21),
- AUG 27 Electric City GTO Inc. Muscle Car Show
- SEPT 9-10 Saratoga Wine and Food & Fall Ferrari Festival
- SEPT 17 Oldsmobile Rocket Blast
- OCT 15 Chrysler 300 Club International
- OCT 15 S. Pearl St. Fall Cruise In: Join us in Albany, all cars & motorcycles welcome,
- OCT 29 SAM's Halloween Car Show

Membership Fuel's Museum programming

29 new members became part of a very special support group recently. Museum memberships provide 17% of the overall annual budget and supports educational and exhibit programming year round. We sincerely appreciate the faithfulness of our current members and look forward to the involvement of new members in the ongoing programs. Free "tech sessions," members-only exhibit openings and gift shop discounts are some of the ways we say thank you. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome as we work together to make 2011 a landmark membership year.

Welcome new Members

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| Mr. Frank Alguire | Mr. Pete Hansen |
| Mr. Michael Albright | Mr. George Kendersky |
| Mr. Jay Anderson | Mr. Andrew LaGasse |
| Mr. Anthony Arrao | Mr. John LaVelle |
| Mr. William Benedict | Mr. Richard Mrzyglod |
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| Mr. Gary Ellnor | Mr. Paul Remington |
| Mr. John Fura | Mr. Bill Schnefel |
| Mr. Matthew Filippelli | Mr. & Mrs. Rick Singer |
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