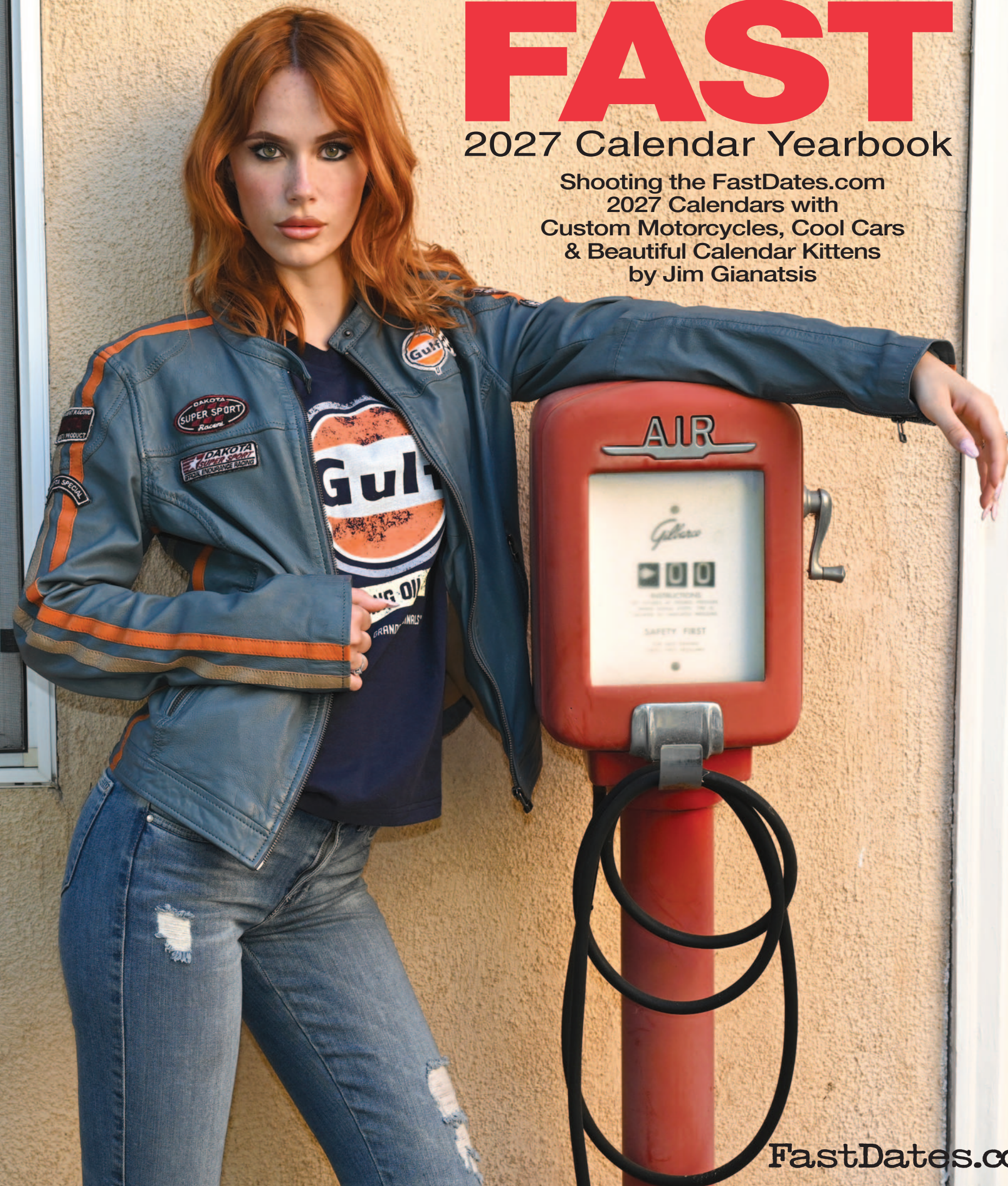


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Massarosa in the Tuscany region of Italy, returned in 2025 to join us to shoot
for the 2027 Calendars for the 3rd year in a row, first for the Historic Mille Miglia
1000 Sports Car Rally across Italy, with another Italian redhead, Marlet Suarez
(at left in the driver's seat). Then Sophie returned with us for the second year in a
row to Los Angeles for more adventures, including a shoot with blond bombshell
Bella Monroe (above in the driver's seat) and some classic muscle cars for the 2027
Garage Girls Calendar.*

*I know you will enjoy Sophie's Los Angeles adventures with FastDates, and seeing
her with Marlet and Bella in the pictures for the new 2027 Iron & Lace and Garage Girls
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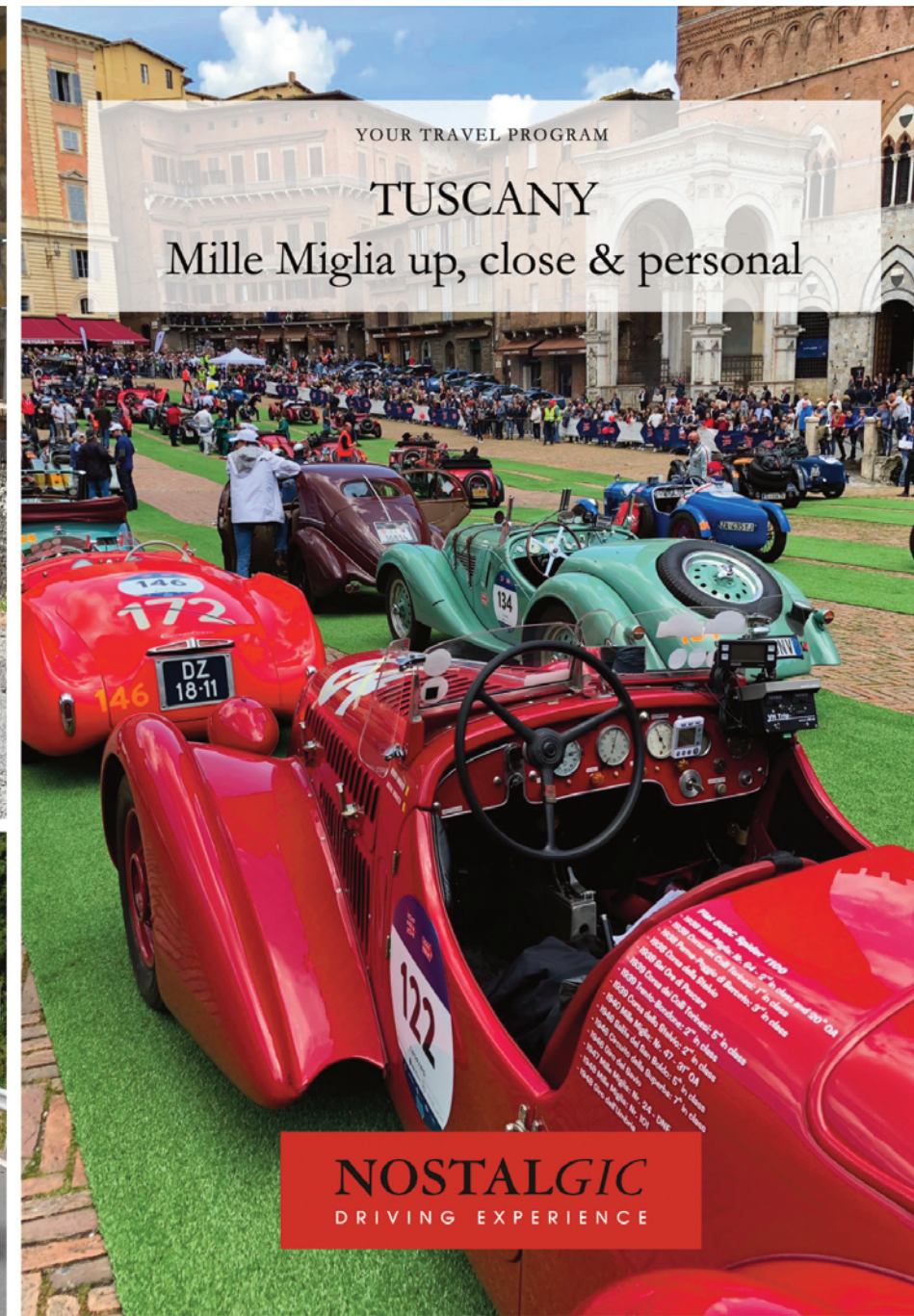
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Above: Shooting in Tuscany, Italy, with beautiful red haired Italian models Marlet Suarez (left) and Sophie Francesconi (right).

Shooting the 2027 FastDates.com Calendars

This year marks the 36th edition of the FastDates.com Calendars which I have photographed and produced since 1991, first as a promotional product for Mikuni Carburetors, and then as my own brand since 2001. I am so grateful for all the wonderful motorcycle people, racers and custom bike builders, beautiful models, and exciting places I've traveled to over these years to bring you what I believe have always been the top motorcycle and motor sports pinup calendars in the world.

For the summer of June 2025 I returned to Italy, but this time on a classic sports car tour in old Alfa Romeos with Nostalgic Driving Experience. My favorite Italian Calendar Kitten Sophie Francesconi joining me as my co-pilot / navigator and model for this year's 2027 Garage Girls Calendar. Also joining us on the last day of our Mille Miglia tour photo shoot was another beautiful Italian redhead, Marlet Suarez.

We were based in the beautiful Tuscan resort of Villa Cucina outside the historic city of Siena, and each morning the tour provided us a different classic Alfa Romeo 1600 and 2000 Giulia Roadster to chase the Historic Mille Miglia 1000 Mile Rally with the legendary sports cars that competed in the original 1927-1957 Mille Miglia 1000 Road Race on Italian public roads.

The Mille Miglia's most notable race year was 1955 when England's Stirling Moss won the 1000 Mile (998 mi actual) driving a Mercedes Benz 300 SLR 2979cc prototype in just 10 hrs 7 min 48 secs, achieving an average speed of 98 mph (158 km/h), on rugged, twisty, post war two-lane roads, setting a record that would never be broken before the annual

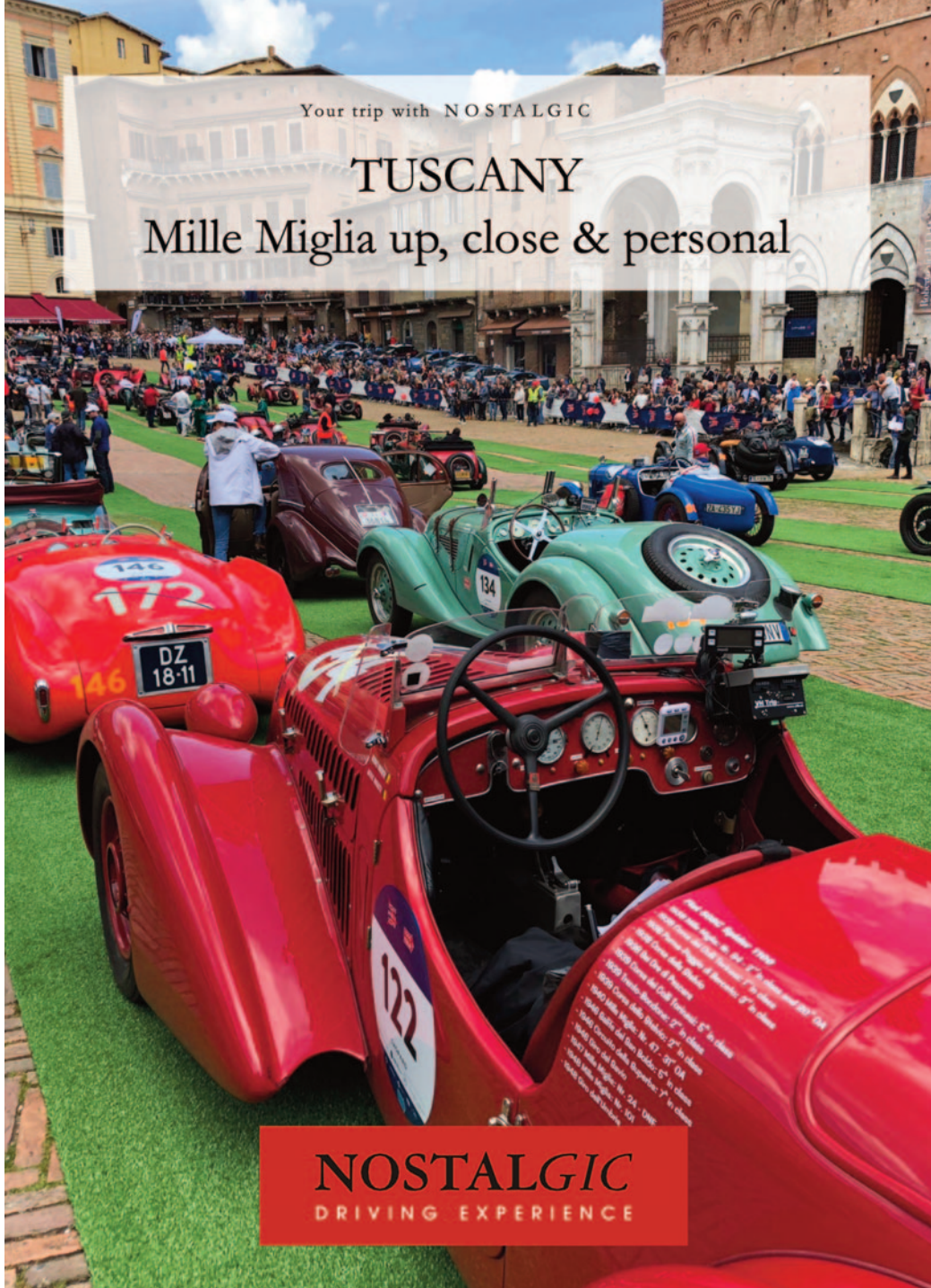
road race ended after 1957 because of its danger. The Historic Mile Miglia 1000 then returned in 1977 as a much safer timed rally for historic race cars at posted road speeds. All the cars competing in the current Historic Mille Miglia must have competed in the original races from 1927-1957 or be the same model car that had competed.

As a life-long sports car enthusiast and amateur racer, it was a bucket list dream for me to participate in the Mille Miglia 1000, to see its historic race cars, and to now share the adventure with beautiful Sophie and Marlet in their home country of beautiful Italy!

Six weeks later, Sophie flew over from Italy to visit me again at my home in Los Angeles for more exciting Calendar shoots and photo adventures. We did a classic muscle car shoot in Hollywood at the private garage collection of my buddies Michael Losmandy and legendary rock band photographer Neil Zlozower, and were joined by new GUESS model Bella Monroe. Then later, Sophie and I drove across Southern California to shoot a iconic photo locations in Death Valley on Route 66, Roy's Motel & Diner, Joshua Tree National Park, and the Sepulveda Dam.

Enjoy our adventures here in the FAST 2026 Calendar Yearbook, and our pictures for the new 2027 Iron & Lace and Garage Girls Calendars!

Jim Gianatsis
Editor, Photographer, Producer



Mille Miglia 1000 Adventure

legendary sports cars & beautiful girls in Tuscany

Story and Photos by Jim Gianatsis

I'm a life-long motorsports enthusiast, racer, journalist, and photographer, with a passion for traveling around Europe. There's nothing I love more than being able to combine all my passions when I go on my annual vacations. I love a curated or organized tour where you get to ride or drive your own tour-provided motorcycle or sports car with a small group of like-minded people, guided by an experienced and knowledgeable tour team that takes you on exciting 2-lane back roads deserted of traffic, to the most beautiful places you'd never discover on your own. All the advantage of staying at the most amazing hotels and resorts, while having a chase vehicle to carry your luggage and be there if you need help. And all at very affordable prices.

For my latest motorsports-themed adventure, I researched and chose Nostalgic Motoring Adventures, owned by Walter Laimer and Gert Pichler, which offers classic sports car tours across Europe and England in open convertibles— classic Alfa Romeo

Giulias and Mercedes SLs. The tour I chose was the 4-day "Tuscany Mille Miglia" in June, driving 1967-1972 Alfa Romeo 1600cc Giulia and 2000cc Spiders. The tour would follow the route of Italy's legendary Mille Miglia 1000 Mile Road Race, which ran from 1923 to 1957 on public roads, after which it was stopped because the cars became too fast and dangerous for both the drivers and the millions of enthusiastic Italian spectators lining the 1000 miles of open roads.

In 1987, the Historic Mille Miglia 1000 returned as an annual timed road rally at legal speeds open to the actual classic cars like Alfa, Bentley, Bugatti, Ferrari, Jaguar, and Mercedes, which competed in the race from 1927-57. Now, most of those cars are immaculately restored collector cars with extensive pedigrees worth anywhere from \$100,000 up to millions of dollars. While the car owners and drivers include royalty, captains of industry, famous racing drivers and mechanics, motoring

Left page: The cover of our Nostalgic Driving Experience Handbook, and the map across northern Italy of the 2025 Mille Miglia 1000, set in stages over 5 days.

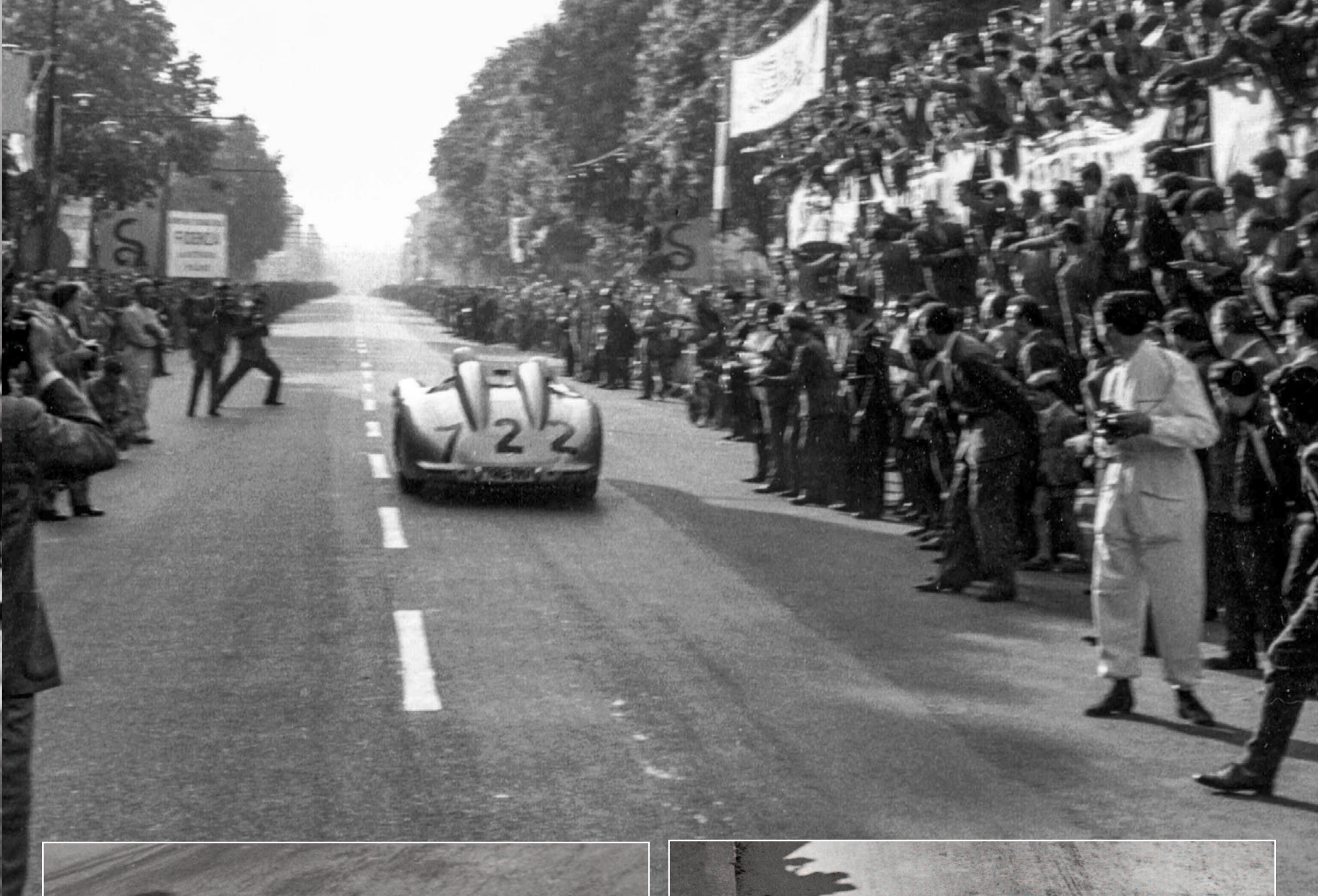
Above: Sophie Francesconi and Marlet Suarez, the beautiful Italian Calendar Kittens joining me on the Nostalgic tour in classic Alfa Romeos and shooting or the Calendar.

Right: Marlet and Sophie look at our pictures during a break in our photo shoot.

journalists, and of course, motorsports celebrities including Jay Leno, drummer Nick Mason of Pink Floyd, and the hosts from Top Gear.

My partner and co-driver for this Nostalgic Mille was my good friend, beautiful red-haired Italian model Sophie Francesconi, who hails from the town of Massarosa in Tuscany, just north of Florence. Sophie has been featured in my FastDates Motorsports Calendars and Books, which we would again be shooting. Sophie's personal car at home is a 4-speed manual Italian compact car that she loves to race around the backroads of Tuscany, so she was thrilled to get her hands on a much prettier, faster, and better-handling classic Alfa Romeo. And even more exciting was the fact that all of us in our tour group, were encouraged to choose between different Alfa Giulia Spider (the convertibles are called Spiders) models and colors each morning from the 12 cars available in our sold-out Nostalgic tour. Joining us on the final day of our tour was another Italian red-haired beauty, Marlet Suaret.

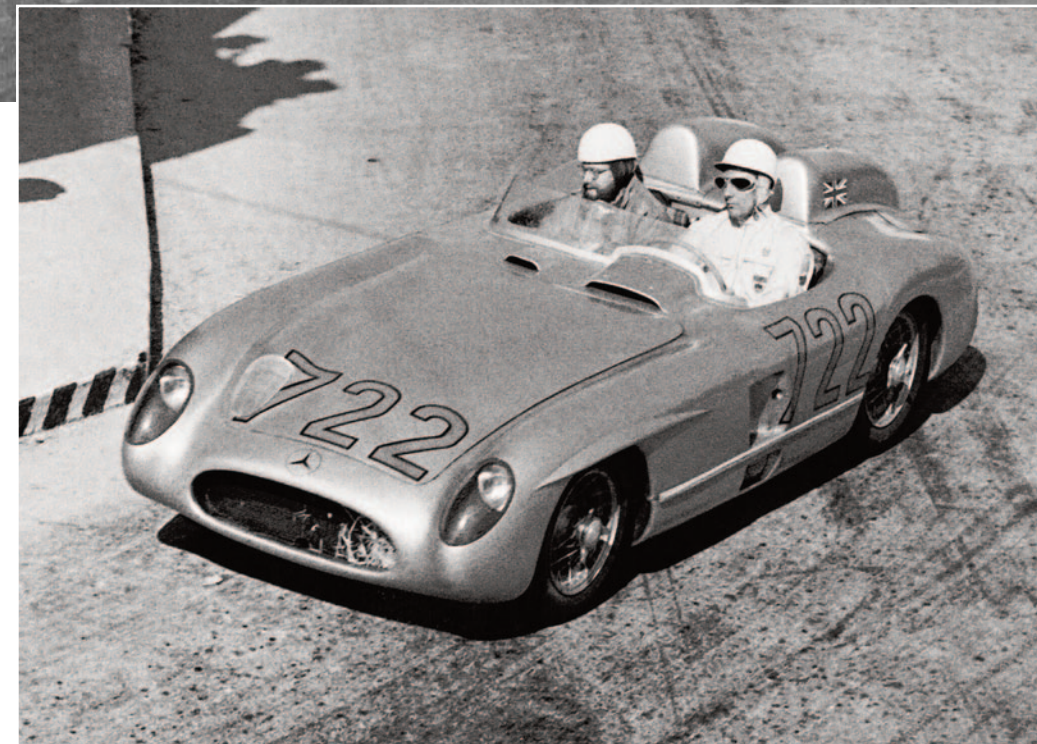




The Mille Miglia was an actual 1000-mile roadrace on public roads across Italy which first ran in 1924. Famed racing driver Stirling Moss, with motoring journalist Dennis Jenkinson as his navigator, won the 1955 race in a prototype Mercedes-Benz 300SLR which was based on their Formula One car (Mercedes-Benz W196), entirely different from their sports cars carrying the 300 SL name. Moss and Jenkinson completed the race in 10 hours, 7 minutes and 48 seconds, setting an average speed of 99 mph that has never been surpassed.

From 1953 until 1957, the Mille Miglia was also a round of the World Sports Car Championship. Racing the Mille Miglia ended after two fatal crashes involving multiple people occurred during the 1957 race. The worst crash involved the factory entered 4.0-litre Ferrari 335 S. Eleven people were killed at the village of Guidizzolo including Spanish driver Alfonso de Portago, American co-driver/navigator Edmund Nelson, and nine spectators, five of whom were children.

Since 1977, the "Mille Miglia" has been reborn as a timed rally for classic and vintage cars. Participation is limited to cars, produced no later than 1957, which had attended (or were registered to) the original race. The route (Brescia-Rome round trip) is similar to that of the original race, maintaining the point of departure/arrival in Viale Venezia in Brescia.





Left: Marlet and Sophie with one of the Alfa Romeo 1600s available on our tour. Everyone was encouraged to choose between different Alfa Giulia Spider 1600 and 2000 (the convertibles are called Spiders) models and colors each morning from the 12 cars available in our sold-out Nostalgic tour. Mandy of our other members on our tour were married couples from across Europe and America. I loved how these well-maintained old 1967-1972 Alfas drove and performed, much nicer than the British MGs I grew up with as a teen. But the MGs were much more common and affordable in America at the time.

Our Nostalgic “Tuscany Mille Miglia” tour would follow parts of the Historic Mille’s road route through the beautiful, winding back roads of Tuscany, and on its 3rd day we would actually join the Rally in route, and follow them into the historic city center of Siena, the legendary shell-shaped Piazza del Campo for the Rally’s lunch break, where we would have chance to see the cars up close and meet the owners and drivers.

Siena’s city center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famed for its well-preserved medieval architecture centered around the unique main square, which is well-known for major landmarks like the Palazzo Pubblico (town hall) with its Torre del Mangia bell clock tower, and the Fonte Gaia fountain. The center of the city which the Rally drives through is characterized by its Gothic style, narrow streets, and historic buildings, and it also serves as the location for the famous twice-yearly Palio di Siena horse race.





Villa Curina Resort In Tuscany

Our Nostalgic “Tuscany Mille Miglia” Tour was based out of the beautiful “Villa Curina Resort” located in the middle of the Chianti hills, with a breathtaking view of Siena about 10 miles away. The resort’s main building was originally an impressive 16th-century villa, and its newer outbuildings, including a restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining overlooking the Tuscany farm lands, and larger room suites, are built in the same villa style, completing the Italian historical impression.

The Curina Resort’s property and rooms offer an excellent view of the legendary Tuscan landscape and impress with traditional elements and a tasteful design. Travelers get their money’s worth in terms of cuisine in the hotel’s own restaurant, which offers regional cuisine with a particular focus on high-quality products from the area. Amenities include a beautiful lap-size swimming pool and patios, tennis courts, a masseuse, and a gym. One of my favorites was the morning full-fare buffet breakfast, including freshly-baked breads and rolls, and two coffee pots marked “Café Italiano and Americano”. A nearby old town which can be reached on foot and is ideal for exploring. And the resort staff was amazing, friendly, and accommodating to all our needs.

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The Alfa Romeo Roadsters 1600 and 2000



Our Tour began at noon on a Monday at the Florence Airport, about an hour away, where our Nostalgic guides picked us up by tour bus to bring us to Villa Curina to check in to our rooms, leave our luggage, and pick out our beautiful little late 1960s to early '70s Alfa Romeos. From there, the afternoon was spent driving to a local winery to get to know each other better, and of course, to sample the local product, Tuscany's famous red wines with assorted cheeses and breads. A classic and definitely the best-known wine is ruby-red Chianti. The winery's golden label depicts a black rooster, "Gallo Nero". Other nearby regions famous for their wines include Montalcino (Brunello), Montepulciano (Nobile), and Maremma (Morellino di Scansano). That first evening after returning to the resort with a chance to relax, we dined on the restaurant's outdoor patio to a wonderful steak dish, pasta, and some local wines, while the summer sun set before us over the rolling Tuscan farm hills with the city of Siena off in the distance. Just amazing!

The 2nd day was our first chance to really get to drive our Alfas with gusto over the winding Tuscan 2-lane roads, which are maintained in perfect condition. We first chose a smaller Giulia 1600cc, which we both took turns driving, and both of us immediately fell in love with. When I was the co-pilot, I had fun filming Sophie smiling with the wind blowing through her hair, changing through the gears, barely braking for the corners as the car seemed to go around by instinct, then accelerated again quickly out of the turns. I had grown up with and owned old British sports cars, including an MG-TC, MG-TD, and an MG-A Twin Cam, but had never driven an Alfa before, and I was blown away by how nicely they handled and performed.







Truffled Steak. Pasta, and Chocolate

The 2nd afternoon drive followed some more beautiful Tuscan roads that, after about an hour, brought us to a historic old granite winery Tenuta di Coltibuono that had been a monastery in centuries past. Most of the tour guests again sampled the wines, but Sophie and I chose to walk the enchanting grounds and gardens. After this we headed back to the Villa Curina Resort to freshen up, have another glass of wine in the pretty courtyard there, before the full-size charter bus came to pick us all up for dinner. The bus

would take us to a hidden gem of a restaurant, "Pensieri di Cavatina" somewhere in the nearby hills, where we would again be treated to gourmet prepared steaks and pasta, complemented by a huge basket of freshly cleaned Truffles, as much as we wanted, sliced to garnish our meal, and to eat just like candy. A couple of the tour guests thought they had died and gone to heaven!



Medieval Adventures

For lunch time we arrived at the historic old town of Pienza. It was Pope Pius II who designed the urban layout of Pienza, the town bearing his name. Enea Silvio Piccolomini, as he was called before he became pope in 1458 AD, had decided to turn his hometown town Corsignano into a prime example of Renaissance town planning. The construction work, which took place from 1458 to 1462, utterly changed the townscape. The geometric perspectives, impressive dimensions of the cathedral and Palazzo Piccolomini as well as perfect utilization of the open space in the medieval town center speaks of this ingenious architect of his era.

Nostalgic provided a local tour guide to walk us around the town and explain its history, then we were let go on our own to find lunch at a café or sandwich shop on the main street. Because it was a hot day, Sophie and I retreated to an air-conditioned Italian gelato café and savored the frozen treats.







On a clear day in Tuscany you can see forever...

Driving the incredible Tuscan roads and passing through small villages, almost devoid of any other cars. Each morning, everyone in the group would switch cars to try something different. The 2000cc Roadsters were larger and more streamlined, they handled more steady than the smaller, quicker handling Giulia 1600cc, but both were just as fun to drive. Each morning our Nostalgic guides would text to our iPhones the day's route which we would click on the link and it would open in Google Maps, showing the day's route from our starting point at the Curina Resort, our full road route for the day, where our

car was positioned on the route, and then leading us back to the Villa in the late afternoon.

Each day we could choose to stay with the tour group, which was led in an Alfa by one of our tour guides, with a second tour guide following at the back. At any time, if we wanted, we could leave the group and go off on our own, knowing we had the Google Map on our iPhones to get us to the tour's next stop or back to the Resort. A couple of times during the days, Sophie and I left the group with our Alfa to take photos at picturesque locations we had passed by.





This afternoon's drive saw us stop by the Nostalgic Driving Experience garage outside Siena for a look at where the cars are kept and serviced when not on the tours. Besides joining a Nostalgic tour, their classic Alfa and Mercedes convertibles can be available for your own private rental in Tuscany on off-tour weeks. In America ten years ago, you could buy these unique 1960s-'70s Euro classics for under \$20,000, but today the collector market has driven them well above \$50,000 in good condition, like our cars were. Baby Boomers will remember Dustin Hoffman driving his father's birthday gift, an Alfa Romeo 2000 across San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge in the movie "The Graduate" (1967) to the tune of Simon and Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson". That memory has lived with me ever since, and model Sophie is our Katherine Ross. If only I had invested in "Plastics", I might now have the larger garage space needed to park all my old classic sports cars, which I wish I had kept, but had to let go, to make room for the next "must have" sports car.





Sienna's Piazza del Campo Mille Miglia 1000 Day 4

Day 4 of the "Tuscany Mille Miglia" was the pinnacle of what we had come for. The actual Historic Mille Miglia 1000 Mile Rally was taking place this same week as our Nostalgic tour with some 500 classic pre-1957 sports cars whose owners had paid a registration fee starting at USD \$18,000. The Rally had also started on Monday, 3 days earlier in northern Italy at Brescia, then diving down central Italy, over to the Rimini coast, down to Rome, back up to Milan, then west to Siena on day 4 with a night stop at Parma, before returning to Brescia on its 5th and final day. We would join the Mille Rally competitors on their 4th day road route in the morning as they drove into Siena's Piazza del Campo for the Rally's lunch break.

I asked one long-time Mille competitor, who was driving a classic 1923 Bentley, who had pulled off at a roadside café where we had stopped to watch the cars go past, if he wasn't worried about staying on his rally time? "No, I've driven this so many years now, I just come to do it for the fun of it!". Nice. Drive hard and fast for a few hours, then take a coffee or restroom break, stretch your legs, then drive wide open again until you get back on your rally time or to the afternoon lunch stop. During this rest stop, the car owner, Mark Hulsbergen, let me photograph Sophie sitting on the front of his classic Bentley, with this photo being my favorite from the trip, which I chose to feature on the cover of the 2027 Garage Girls Calendar.





In Siena, once all the Rally cars began clocking in at the checkpoint and entered Siena's Piazza del Campo paddock for the Rally's 1-2 hour lunch break, it was our turn to get to work and take pictures! Sophie and I were unable to talk our way past the Mille staff to get into the car park paddock without media credentials, so I took us to a spot where we could sneak through the police barriers. Once inside the car park paddock, the Mille competitors welcomed us with open arms. Everyone wanted to show us their cars, answer questions, let Sophie lean and sit on their race cars for pictures, and even sit in the driver's seats! Amazing what a pretty girl can do in exchange for a few selfies with the car owners. Even the public relations guy from the Mercedes factory let Sophie sit in Stirling Moss's priceless 300 SL pre-run car from the 1955 race. The day was epic! After our successful paddock shoot with many of the top cars - our main reason for coming on the Mille Tour, Sophie and I adjourned to one of the surrounding restaurants in the Piazza del Campo to enjoy some well-earned cold drinks and a delicious pizza lunch.





I believe this Mercedes 'Gullwing' Coupe on the 2025 Historic Mille Miglia Rally No. 300 is the most significant of all time. Driven in this year's historic rally by Mattias Bonczkowitz and Stirling Elliot Moss, chassis serial '4500019', whose eventful past includes being the model-launch vehicle displayed by Daimler-Benz at the 1954 Paris Salon de l'Automobile exhibition; the 1955 London Motor Show car displayed at Olympia; and the 1955 'Autocar' magazine road-test car.

Even more significantly, Stirling Moss (Knighted in 2000 for services to Motor Sport) and his factory team navigator – 'Motor Sport' magazine journalist and former World Champion Motorcycle Sidecar racing passenger, Denis Jenkinson – used this car during course reconnaissance preceding their stupendous victory in the 1955 1,000-mile Mille Miglia round-Italy road race – one of the most illustrious and legendary drives in all motor sporting history.

World-renowned in period – and much coveted by collectors today – the 3-litre 6-cylinder fuel-injected 300SL 'Gullwing' Coupe was, from 1954-57, was the world's fastest production supercar. When Mercedes-Benz set out to add the Sports Car World Championship to its Formula 1 World title successes in 1955, the opening race of the series was the astounding Mille Miglia – one lap of a thousand-mile public road course starting and finishing in the northern city of Brescia.

On May 1, 1955, the new Mercedes-Benz team of open-cockpit 300SLR sports-prototype cars simply destroyed their Ferrari and Maserati opposition to dominate the Mille Miglia, scoring an historic 1-2 triumph, with Stirling Moss/Denis Jenkinson winning from reigning Formula 1 World Champion Juan Manuel Fangio. Moss credited much of his

victory to navigator 'Jenks' who, for the entire 1,000 miles, had been able to warn Stirling "...of corners that could kill us, and of opportunities to stay flat-out and so save time".

Their knowledge had been accumulated from painstaking reconnaissance runs around the 1,000-mile course driving this Mercedes-Benz 300SL 'Gullwing' Coupe '4500019' sed by Moss/Jenkinson during this reconnaissance period.

On April 1 1955 they drove it out of Brescia – where the Mille Miglia would start a month later – in company with young German team-mate Hans Herrmann in the first of the full-race 300SLR open-cockpit cars. Jenks's diary for the day records: "Left Brescia 6.30am in 300SL – Herrmann in 300SLR. Averaging 78mph – crash with Army lorry at Forli. All day sorting things out with M-B technicians. Home in 220A" – Mercedes saloon car – "...by 1 am."

On Monday April 18 the duo again left Brescia at "7am in SL and drove to Florence, 1500 kilometres. Terrific fun helping driving on blind corners...Fangio passed in Verona – Herrmann later in SLRs...". Next day "...Left 9am and another good drive back to Brescia". On the 20th Moss/Jenkinson got their chance in the open SLR only for its crankshaft to break at Rimini, while "Fangio had broken SL...".

Jenks's diary entry for May 1, 1955, is astonishingly succinct. It simply reads: "Up at 6am for race day. WE WON. Party in evening with Mercedes-Benz.Bed at 1am". That was, for the team and for its all-British crew, mission accomplished.ley Sears Trophy race at Snetterton in 1959. The car ws later restored to original 1954-55 specification and is as exhibited in the world-renowned Pebble Beach Concours, California, in 2011.





Racing and Prancing Horses in the Siena Piazza del Campo

The Palio di Siena; known locally simply as Il Palio, the most dangerous horse race in the world, is held twice each year, on July 2nd and August 16th, in Siena's Piazza del Campo, where the Mille Miglia 1000 Rally holds its lunch break. Ten horses and riders, bareback and dressed in the appropriate colors, represent ten of the seventeen contrade, or city wards, in a tradition dating back to the 17th century. The Palio held on July 2nd is named Palio di Provenzano, in honor of the Madonna of Provenzano, a Marian devotion particular to Siena which developed around an icon from the Terzo Camollia area of the city. The Palio held on August 16th is named Palio dell'Assunta, in honor of the Assumption of Mary.

Sometimes, in case of exceptional events or local or national anniversaries deemed relevant and pertinent ones, the city community may decide for an extraordinary Palio, run between May and September, such as on September 9th, 2000, to celebrate the city entering the new millennium and on October 20th, 2018, in commemoration of the centenary of the end of the Great War.

The Corteo Storico, a pageant to the sound of the March of the Palio, precedes the race, which attracts visitors and spectators from around the world.

The race itself, in which the jockeys ride bareback, circles the Piazza del Campo, on which a thick layer of earth has been laid. The race is run for three laps of the piazza and usually lasts no more than 90 seconds. It is common for a few of the jockeys to be thrown off their horses while making the treacherous turns in the piazza, and indeed, it is not unusual to see riderless horses finishing the race. A horse is not required to have a rider to win the race.

At right: Sophie would love to jockey this 1953 Ferrari 250 MM Spider Vignale which features a 3.0-liter (2,953 cc) Colombo V12 engine that produces 240 brake horsepower (177 kW) at 7,200 rpm. It is equipped with three Weber 36mm IF/4C carburetors and a 4-speed manual transmission, with only 12 units produced with the Vignale Spider body.

The Ferrari Prancing Horse logo seen on all Ferrari cars originated from the family crest of Francesco Baracca, a famed Italian World War I fighter ace who painted it on his planes. In 1923, Countess Paolina Baracca suggested to Enzo Ferrari that he use her son's black horse emblem on his racing cars for good luck.

When Read heads ruled the Mille Miglia! Sophie with a 1953 Ferrari 250 MM Spider Vignale, valued between \$4-6 million dollars, with only 12 Vignale Spiders built as race cars on the 250 MM chassis. And Sophie? Priceless.





Sienna del Campo Paddock!

The Historic Mille Miglia 1000 Rally paddock at the Diena del Camp lunch stop surprised us with so many rare and unheard of race cars and sport cars. Sophie stands next to a 1949 Veritas Comet RS with its polished and vented aluminum bodywork. The Vertias was built in the Republic of San Marino, a small landlocked country in Southern Europe completely surrounded by Italy. The green car behind it is a British 1949 Nash-Healey Sports 3850cc.





The end of the Tour's 4th and final day saw all of the guests returning their Alfas to the Nostalgic garage, and then taking the big charter bus back to the Villa Curina Resort to freshen up, pick up their luggage, and be returned to the Florence Airport for their flights home. Sophie and I kept one of the cars and extended our stay at the Villa for another day. That evening, we were joined by my second model, Marlét Suarez, who had come on the train from Milan. That evening we enjoyed another wonderful dinner at the Resort.

The next day we went picture taking in the local countryside with a red Alfa Giulietta. Afterwards we had lunch, packed our bags, left the car for Nostalgic to pick up, and took a hired car back to Florence, where sadly, we had to part ways after an incredible week of enjoying classic sports cars, wine, food, celebrating a legendary Italian road race -now a rally, and great company! Look for more of our pictures and the adventure story in the FastDates Motorsports Calendars and FAST Calendar Yearbooks at www.FastDates.com.

I'm already making plans to return next year to Italy for another Nostalgic tour, this one is based at a resort east of Milan on Lake Gardo, and takes in the start of the Historic Mille Miglia 1000 Rally in Brescia. If you enjoy driving classic sports cars through the most beautiful places in Europe, many tied in with legendary motoring events like the Targa Florida in Sicily and The Goodwood Classic Race Car Festival in England, check out the full Nostalgic Motoring Tour Catalog on their website www.Nostalgic.de. – Jim Gianatsis

Above: Sophie with a 1955 Porsche 550 Spyder RS which competed in the 1956 Mille Miglia 1000, half a centry ago.

Right; Sophie with a 1957 Les Automobiles Deutsch and Bonnet (D.B.) Panhard HBR5, and in the cockpit of Stirling Moss' 1955 Mercedes 300SL pre-run car.





Getting Our Kicks on Route 66 in the Mojave Desert

After our week together driving the Historic Mille Miglia in Tuscany, Italy in June of 2025, my pretty Italian red-haired model and good friend Sophie Francesconi joined me for her second consecutive summer in Southern California for more FastDates Calendar photo shoots and adventures. First on Sophie's 'Must Do List' was to go the historic cross country Route 66 Highway and Joshua Tree Nation Park east of Barstow in the Death Valley Dessert. I wonder if Sophie knew he history of Route 66 as America's primary across-county highway before the Interstate Highway systems of the 1970's, and it became famous in the television series "Route 66" during the '60s with actors Martin Milnor and George Maharis finding adventure driving across country in a 1962 Corvette Convertible.

The temperature this August was a body wilting 121° Fahrenheit, but the experience was well worth it! Added bonuses we discovered along the way were the historic Roy's Gas Station & Motel' in the now deserted town of Amboy - once a thriving small town the up to the 1960's, until the new built cross country Interstate Highway system left 2-lane Route 66 and the towns it passed through cross-county from Chicago, deserted ghost tons. The friendly station attendant at Roy's told us on our drive from there to Joshua Tree, to stop at what must have and abandoned movie set where giant 10-foot letters in the desert sand spelled out "THE END OF THE WORLD". It proved to be another incredible photo background for us.



Union Pacific's longest trains, often exceeding 15,000 feet, frequently operate as intermodal "stack" trains through the Southwest desert, particularly along the Sunset Route here along Route 66 between California, Arizona, and Texas. These, often referred to as "monster trains," can stretch over 3 miles in length. The longest ever was a 295-car, 18,000-foot-long test train operated between Texas and California.

Sophie, on the other hand, flew 6,354 miles from Rome (FCO) to Los Angeles (LAX), then we drove 4 hours in the car get to this location east of Barstow, near Amboy, California, to take these classic road trip pictures.





A Visit to Amboy on Route 66 **Roy's Gas, Motel & Cafe**

Roy's Motel and Café is an iconic motel, café, gas station, and auto repair shop on the National Trails Highway, the former U.S. Route 66, in the Mojave Desert town of Amboy in San Bernardino County, California. It had been defunct for years, but is now being restored and is open for business.

Roy and his daughter Betty Crowl, were the first owners of Roy's Cafe. Roy and his wife Velma first arrived to Amboy in 1924 when their car broke down while traveling to Los Angeles. They were not able to pay for their car repair, so Roy had to work as a mechanic, then later as a dragline operator in nearby Saltrus for California Rock Salt. Velma worked as a cook in one of Amboy's Cafes.

Roy later saw a business opportunity and purchased 4 acres of land in Amboy. Roy's Motel & Cafe was first opened as a gas and service station in 1938, on Route 66. Roy and his son in law Buster built the service station and a garage out of railroad tires. Not long after Roy opened a Cafe and 4 to 5 small overnight cabins, who then later became popular landmark on Route 66 in California. Route 66 was the main southern highway across America to Southern California before Interstate 10 was completed in the 1970s.

Roy's son in law Buster decided to build a store room next to the garage to keep spare parts. Roy's daughter Betty then turned the store room into a Cafe, right after it was built. The famous Roy's Motel & Cafe is one of the few buildings that are still operating until this day. Roy and his wife Velma operated Roy's until they retired in 1959. Roy's Motel & Cafe was later than owned by his daughter Better and his son in law Buster through 1959 to 1978. In 2003, Roy's Motel & Cafe was sold to a philanthropist by the name of Albert Okura who bringing Roy's and the town of Amboy back to life as a historic tourist destination. It currently is a working gas station and quick shop with food and souvenirs.





*Not far from Siberia and Bagdad,
on Highway 47 in the Mojave Desert,
between Amboy and Joshua Tree,
we found THE END OF THE WORLD.*



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Upper right: Legendary racer Stirling Moss with his navigator, motorjournalist Dennis Jenkinson, in the Mercedes-Benz 300 SLR Prototype won the 1955 Mille Miglia 1000 mile Road Race in record time. The public road course travels across northern Italy from Brescia to Rome and back. Today's Mille Miglia 1000 Rally follows many of the same roads.

SHOOTING THE 2027 GARAGE GIRLS CALENDAR

I first meet and photographed beautiful Italian model Sophie Francesconi 3 years earlier when I took the Edelweiss World Motorcycle Tour "From Rome to Sicily" across Italy. She met and shot with me at the ride's starting point in Rome, and served as my lovely photo model and tour guide. The story of that incredible tour and my pictures of Sophie in Rome appear in the FAST 2024 Calendar Yearbook.

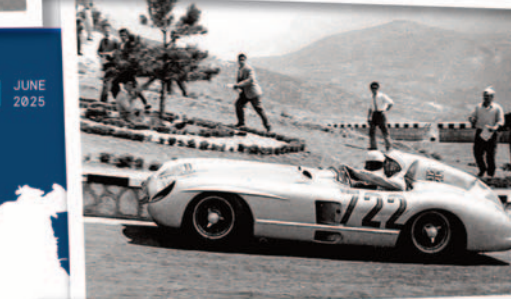
The next time we would meet was in 2024 I when brought Sophie to Los Angeles on her first airplane flight and dream summer vacation in America, and to shoot the 2026 IRON & LACE and GARAGE GIRLS Calendars and FAST 2026 Calendar Yearbook.

For the summer of 2025 I returned to Italy, but this time on a classic sports car tour in old Alfa Romeos with Nostalgic Driving Experience. Sophie joined me as my co-pilot / navigator and model for this year's 2027 Garage Girls Calendar. Also joining us on the last day of our Mille Miglia tour photo shoot was another beautiful Italian redhead, Marlet Suarez.

We were based in the beautiful Tuscan resort of Villa Cucina outside the historic city of Siena, and each morning the tour provided us a different classic Alfa Romeo 1600 and 2000 Giulia Roadster to chase the Historic Mille Miglia 1000 Mile Rally with the legendary sports cars that competed in the original 1927-1957 Mille Miglia 1000 Road Race on Italian public roads.

The Mille Miglia's most notable race year was 1955 when England's Stirling Moss won the 1000 Mile (998 mi actual) driving a Mercedes Benz 300 SLR 2979cc prototype in just 10 hrs 7 min 48 sec, achieving an average speed of 98 mph (158 km/h), on rugged, twisty, post war two-lane roads, setting a record that would never be broken before the annual road race ended after 1957 because of its danger. The Historic Mile Miglia 1000 then returned in 1977 as a much safer timed rally for historic race cars at posted road speeds. All the cars competing in the current Historic Mille Miglia must have competed in the original races from 1927-1957 or be the same model car that had competed.

As a life-long sports car enthusiast and amateur racer, it was a bucket list dream for me to participate in the Mille Miglia 1000, to see its historic race cars, and to now share the adventure with beautiful Sophie and Marlet in their home country of beautiful Italy!- Jim Gianatsis



See our complete Mille Miglia adventure and go behind the scenes for the making of the 2026 IRON & LACE and GARAGE GIRLS Calendars in the 128-pg FAST 2026 Calendar Yearbook available on FastDates.com.

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Sophie

Our second day of following the 5-day Historic Mille Miglia 1000 Rally in Tuscany with Nostalgic Driving Experience saw Sophie driving this beautiful 1971 Alfa Romeo 2000 Spider Veloce. Here we pulled off on a side farm road to enjoy the breathtaking scenery and take some candid photos.



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Sophie

Our fiery red Italian February Valentine, Sophie checks out the cars of the 2025 Mille Miglia 1000 including Dave Simpson's 1957 Chevrolet Corvette in the Siena, Italy, town center.

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Sophie

Driving the Historic Mille Miglia 1000 Rally with Sophie in Tuscany, at the Day 4 lunch stop in the Siena town center with Andrea Bianchedi's rare 1951 Ferrari 340 MM Barchetta Superleggera LeMans Special. The fastest Ferrari of the time with a 4.1 liter V12 with 300hp, this car chassis #118 competed in the 1951 LeMans 24 Hours race. Body by Touring. Estimated value today \$5-8 million.

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Calendar Kitten and GUESS Girl Bella Monroe looks groovy in her retro Mod dress with Michael Losmandy's 1969 Plymouth 426 Hemi Roadrunner. "Beep Beep!"

Bella



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May 2027 Marlet & Sophie

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Driving the historic Mille Miglia 1000 with Sophie in Tuscany, at a coffee stop we got to shoot with Mark Hulsbergen's 1923 Bentley 3.0 Liter Roadster.

Sophie

A woman with long, wavy red hair is sitting on the front of a dark green vintage Bentley 3.0 Liter Roadster. She is wearing a white tank top, red shorts, a denim jacket draped over her shoulders, and black boots. The car has a license plate that reads 'DZ-0-74' and a '1000 MIGLIA' sticker on the front fender. The background shows a stone building and a chain-link fence.

June 2027

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6,000 miles from Tuscany on iconic Route 66 at Roy's Motel Cafe & Gas Stop in Amboy, California.

Sophie

A woman with long red hair is standing on the asphalt of Route 66. She is wearing a black leather jacket, a black bra, denim shorts, and sneakers. Behind her is the iconic 'ROY'S MOTEL CAFE' sign, which is a large red arrow pointing right with the words 'ROY'S' in yellow and 'MOTEL CAFE' in white. The background shows a white building and mountains under a clear blue sky.

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September 2027

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6 Labor Day USA

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Bella

Calendar Kitten Bella Monroe with one of the most beautiful sports cars of all time, Michael Losmandy's 1970 Ferrari Daytona. The 365 GTB/4 gained its unofficial Daytona nickname after Ferrari finished 1-2-3 at the 24-hour race of the same name in 1967. The car features a powerful 4.4-liter, quad-cam V12, capable of 352 bhp, and a five-speed gearbox in the rear for optimal weight distribution. Capable of hitting a top speed of 175 mph, the Daytona at the time was the world's fastest road car.

She didn't need a break-down excuse for pulling off on a remote side road in Tuscany.

Marlet



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31 Halloween



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2 Election Day USA

11 Veterans Day USA

25 Thanksgiving USA

Sophie

Driving the Historic Mille Miglia 1000 Rally with Sophie in Tuscany, at the Day 4 lunch stop in the Siena town center with Belgian rally driver Pieter-Jan-Michel Cracco's rare 1955 Porsche 550 Spyder RS. This was Porches first factory race car and valued over \$4 million. The Type 547 four-cam 1,498cc engine makes 135 bhp at 7,200rpm.



Giovanni Ranica's 1954 Jaguar XK120 OTS Roadster.

December 2027

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25 Christmas 31 New Year's Eve

Sophie

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1951 FERRARI 166M TOURING BARCETTA

One of the legendry Mille Miglia 1000 Rally cars we got to shoot in Siena;s Piazza del Campo for the 2027 Garage Girls Calendar was this legendary 1951 Ferrari Touring Barchetta Superleggera LeMans Special which raced in the 24 Hours of LeMans that year. The value of the car is over \$10 million, with the current owner of the car listed as Andrea Bianchedi.



Chassis no. 0118 A

At almost 250lbs and standing well above six feet, William ‘Bill’ Spear by no means resembled the archetypal 1950s racing driver. But, contrary to his appearance, the wealthy Connecticut privateer was rather a dab hand behind the wheel. In fact, during his five-year foray into the world of international motorsport, Spears scored podium finishes in both the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the 12 Hours of Sebring, in addition to winning the 1953 SCCA National Sports car Championship.

Five thousand miles away in Modena, *Il Commendatore* did not care for the stature or weight of Mr. Spear. What he valued was a loyal customer and an excellent ambassador for his brand – especially in the burgeoning North American market.



Bill Spear acquired this Ferrari in June of 1951 and travelled directly to the Circuit de la Sarthe to contest the 24 Hours of Le Mans

Spear acquired his first Ferrari, a 166 MM Touring Barchetta, from the triple Le Mans winner Luigi Chinetti in December of 1950. Chinetti had only just begun working as a North American agent for his old pal Enzo. And we imagine Enzo must have been thrilled when Spear promptly placed his order for his 340 America Barchetta Touring, the 4.1-litre V12-powered flagship Ferrari of the day.

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Finished not in red, but rather in Spear's striking signature blue and white livery, chassis number 0118 A – complete with additional front spotlights – was one of four new Ferrari 340 Americas entered. And expectations for the model, with its socking-great all-alloy 4.1-litre Lampredi V12, were very high indeed. Rumours were even swirling about a 150mph-plus top speed on *Les Hunaudières*.

Partnered with the Belgian jazz trumpeter-turned-racing driver Johnny Claes, Spear demonstrated deft skill and mature race-craft on his maiden outing at La Sarthe. Alas, the blue number-17 Ferrari was smitten with clutch failure in the 16th hour – a trivial mechanical issue, of which many plagued the Prancing Horses in attendance.



This car was one of only three Ferraris to enter the inaugural 12 Hours of Sebring in 1952

Shortly after Le Mans, chassis number 0118 A became the very first 340 America to make the trip across the Atlantic, where Spear continued to race it over the course of the next 18 months. And with considerable success. In addition to contesting the fiercely competitive SCCA National Sportscar Championship, this car was one of only three Ferraris to enter the inaugural 12 Hours of Sebring in 1952, a race which would soon establish itself as one of the United States' 'classic' endurance motor races.

Spear employed the American entrepreneur and sportsman Briggs Cunningham to partner him at Sebring, marking the beginning of a close and, motorsport-speaking, bountiful relationship between the two wealthy American playboys.



There is an abundance of wonderful black-and-white and colour period photography of chassis no. 0118 A, published in a raft of great automotive books and publications over the years

Spear parted with this 340 America in October of 1952, though he continued to compete with a string of subsequent Ferraris, much to Chinetti's delight. The car's second owner, one Charles E. Brown from Los Angeles, picked up right where Spear left off, returning to a number of SCCA National Sportscar meetings throughout 1953.

And it's this extensive North American competition history which, today, lends chassis 0118 A one of the sweetest strings to its bow: the abundance of wonderful black-and-white and colour period photography, published in a raft of great automotive books and publications over the years.



This Ferrari 340 America remained on the America's West Coast, passing through the stables of a handful of owners until 1988, when it was acquired by the avid Italian Ferrari collector Fabrizio Violati. Heir to a prominent Italian mineral-water and wine empire, Violati kindled his Ferrari collection in 1965, buying of all models a 250 GTO – unbeknownst to his family, who disapproved of his insatiable obsession with motorsport!

Over the decades, he assembled a stunning collection of over 40 significant Prancing Horses (and many more Abarths!), displaying them in the specially-built Maranello Rosso Collection museum in San Marino. Chassis 0118 A remained in the Maranello Rosso Collection for almost a decade, making four outings in the Mille Miglia Storico.



Upon leaving the Maranello Rosso Collection, this Ferrari returned to the United States and has enjoyed only two owners since, the latter of whom took the decision to commission a comprehensive restoration. The exhaustive two-year 11-phase project was undertaken by Patrick Ottis and Motion Products Inc., the award-winning Wisconsin-based Italian classic automotive restoration specialist.

The brief from the outset was clear: to return chassis number 0118 A to the exact specification and livery in which Bill Spear owned and raced it in the 1951 24 Hours of Le Mans. And as the hundreds of photos documenting the process illustrate, no stone was left unturned. The result is, as one would expect, astonishing.

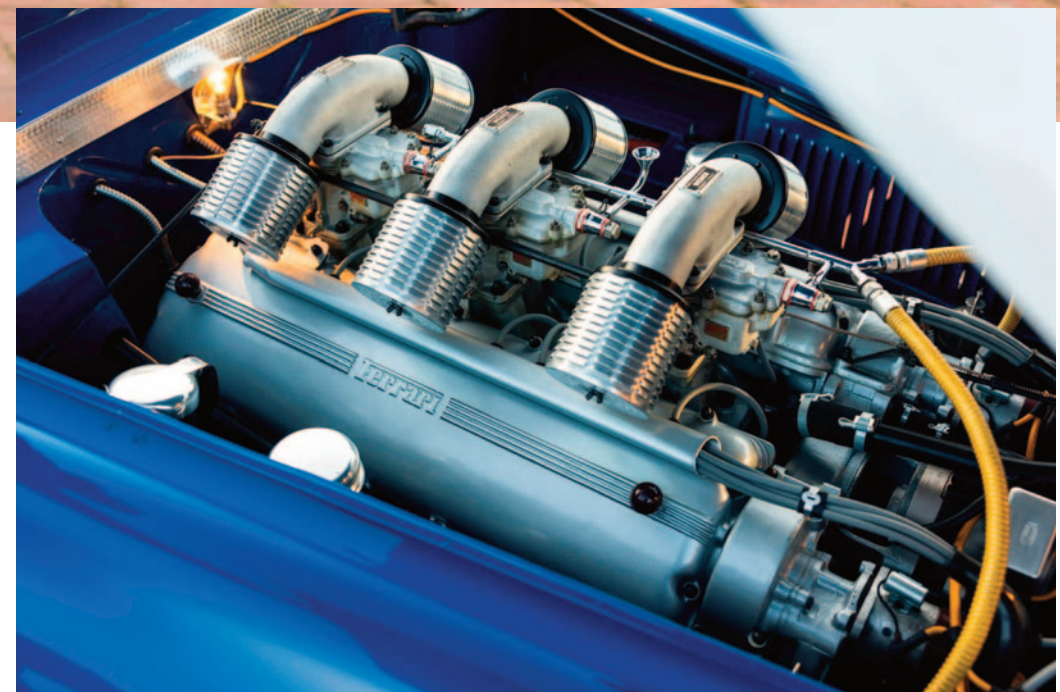


From the dainty bucket seats upholstered in blue leather and the hand-painted 'Superleggera 51 Le Mans Special' signage on the wings to the additional spotlights and the ornate Jaeger dials, every last detail is nothing short of beguiling. Upon completion of its restoration, chassis number 0118 A made its first – and, to this date, only – public appearance at the 2023 Cavallino Classic in Palm Beach.

Retaining its matching-numbers chassis and engine, this Ferrari 340 America is accompanied by copies of its original Ferrari factory build sheets and a report by the renowned Ferrari historian Marcel Massini, confirming the car's clear and comprehensive history.

A scintillating and ultra-rare open 'big-banger' 12-cylinder Ferrari with excellent period competition provenance, including the 24 Hours of Le Mans, chassis number 0118 A is a truly remarkable proposition. Fresh from a zero-compromise restoration and having only been fleetingly seen in public, this Ferrari is a ticket to the world's greatest historic motoring events. From prestigious beauty pageants such as the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este and Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance to dynamic events such as the Mille Miglia Storico and, of course, the Le Mans Classic.

Returning chassis number 0118 A to the Circuit de la Sarthe, 74 years after Bill Spear contested the 24 Hours proper. Now isn't that a tantalizing proposition?



Exile Black Chopper
with Iron & Lace cover girls
Jessica and Bella

by @Jim.Gianatsis / @FastDatesCalendar



The cover of the new **2027 Iron & Lace Calendar** features our newest Calendar Kitten, Bella Monroe, with a Russell Mitchell / Exile Cycles chopper named Jessica. It's crazy to now realize that we have featured over a dozen Exile bikes in the Calendar over the last 25 years, since Russell's first ever custom V-twin bike appeared in the 2002 Iron & Lace Calendar.

Russell Mitchell's unique custom bike building style is immediately recognized by his clean, basic, no frills, uncluttered look. There's no visible electrical wiring, ignition coils, or switch components, with all wiring and cables hidden inside the handlebars and the frame. There are no brake and clutch levers on the handlebars, those functions are taken over by foot controls. The rear sissy bar also serves as a rear fender bracket and seat mount.

One of Exile Cycles more popular parts is the Exile rear sprocket disc brake, which unclutters and lightens up the rear wheel of the bike by using the rear sprocket also as the rear brake rotor.

Russell often begins his builds with a stock Harley-Davidson Twin Cam Softail as a donor bike. Jessica began life as a 2008 Heritage Softail with the frame stretched and raked, and the Twin Cam engine enhanced with an S&S Big Bore Engine Kit. Russell adds to the engine these unique unpainted sand cast Aluminum Valve Covers, Engine and Transmission Side Covers, and the Exile Air Cleaner Cover. Plus those beautiful Exile trademark Shotgun Header Exhaust Pipes with built-in silencing, and the forward billet Aluminum foot controls.



Jessica

the Exile Chopper



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All Brake and Clutch functions are handled by the unique Exile Billet Forward Foot Controls. Changing gears in the transmission is accomplished by the old-school hand shifter extending out over the primary cover.

Check out the full line of Exile Bikes & Parts online at- www.ExileCycles.com



I was happy to help give my good friend Russell Mitchell / Exile Cycle his start in the custom bike building world. Russell had attended one of my Mikuni Iron & Lace Calendar shoots back in 1996 with his then-girlfriend model Nancy who was shooting with me and another builder's custom bike for the Calendar. Russ was watching the shoot and told me he could build a better custom bike than the bike I was shooting! So I challenged him to build his own custom V-twin, saying I would shoot and feature it in a future Iron & Lace Calendar with Nancy. We also shot that bike for the January 1997 issue of Easyrider. Then his next bike I shot with Nancy appeared on the cover and inside the April 1998 issue of Cycle World's Big Twin magazine, and then in the 2002 Iron & Lace Calendar. Russell exhibited at our big annual Los Angeles Calendar Motorcycle Shows, and he helped me by appearing in the Calendar Bike Builder Seminars with other top builders. In the years to follow as Exile Cycles exploded into a huge business, I photographed many more Exile Bikes and Parts for his advertising, parts catalogs, plus the Iron & Lace Calendars and motorcycle magazine bike features. This led to Russell's appearances at International motorcycle shows and starring on the TV shows Biker Build-Off, and Build or Bust. Congratulations Russ!

- Jim Gianatsis



Russell with his son Mitch sitting on Jessica, and Russell on Lydia with his dog Jackie (as in Jack Russell Terrier) who often often accompanies Russell on frequent bike rides.



Bella Monroe

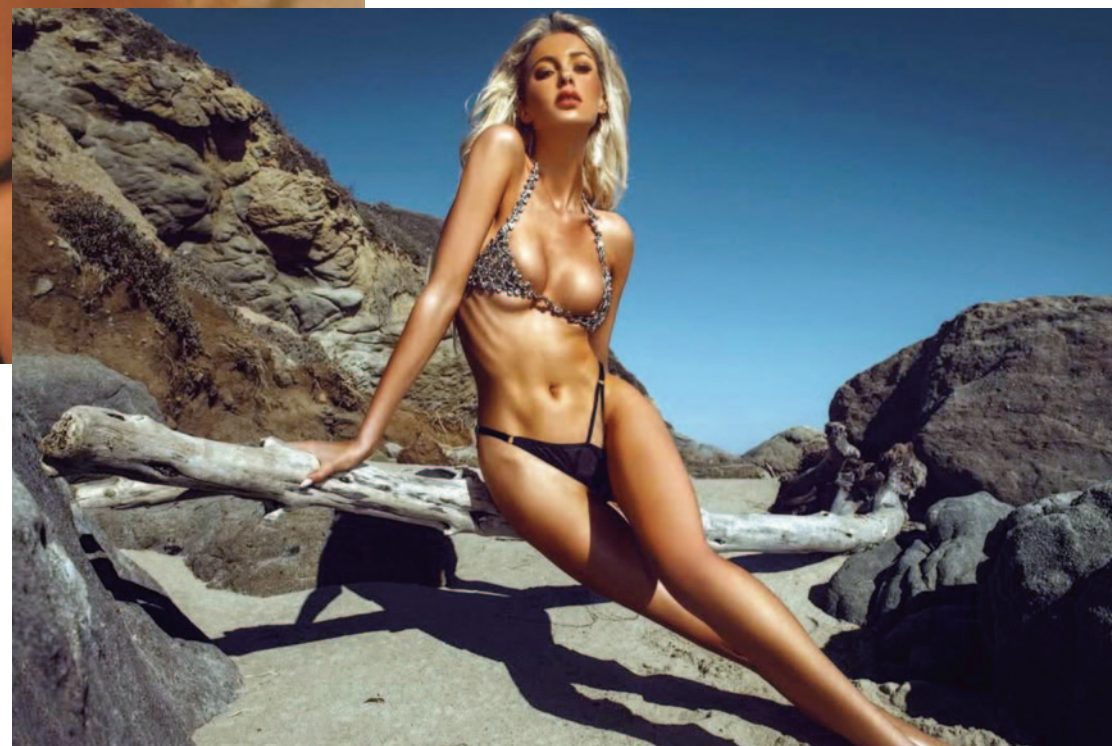
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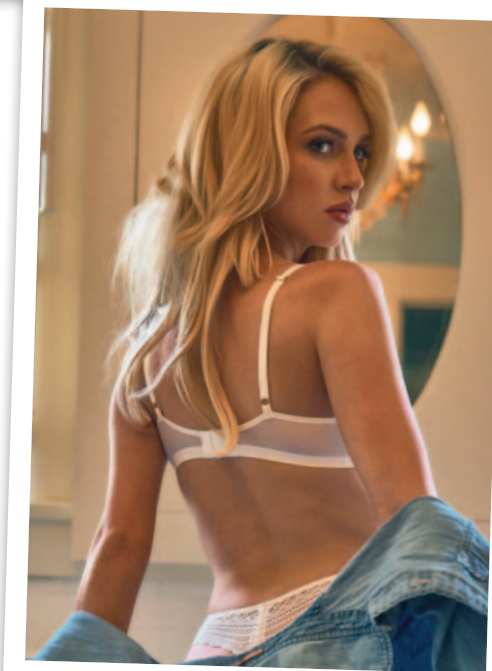
Our newest FastDates Calendar Kitten in this year's 2027 **Iron & Lace** and **Garage Girls Calendars** is the knock-out blond beauty and GUESS girl Bella "Duffy" Monroe from Las Vegas, Nevada. We discovered Bella through model agent Justin Dickey at Pretty Model Management in Los Angeles, who also provided us with previous years' Calendar Kittens Delaney Kluger and Playboy Playmate Monica Sims.

And just like our Italian red-haired Kitten Sophie Francesconi, Bella is attending school to become a professional RN nurse. But in the meantime, Bella is also using modeling to help pay her way through school, and to see the world. She regularly jet sets to Miami, Paris, Milan and the Caribbean on fashion shoots, shooting magazine editorials and features, and for advertising with top fashion brands including GUESS.

For the 2027 Calendars I photographed Bella in our Gianatsis Design photo studio with some cool custom motorcycles for the **Iron & Lace Custom Motorcycle Pin Up Calendar**, with Bella featured on the cover with a sexy Exile Cycle black chopper. Then for **Garage Girls Calendar**, together with Kitten Sophie Francesconi, I shot them with a legendary 1970 Ferrari 365/GT4 Daytona Coupe and a '69 Plymouth 426ci Hemi Roadrunner from the Michael Losmandy collection at his Hollywood Garage.

And our story together hasn't yet ended! We are returning to Italy in June 2026 to again participate in the Historic Mille Miglia 1000 Mile automobile rally in a classic 1969 Alfa Romeo Guilia open top sports car with both Bella and Sophie as my co-drivers and Calendar models. Look for that story and photographs in the next 2028 FastDates Calendars and FAST 2028 Calendar Yearbook.
- Jim Gianatsis







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THE COVER

Calendar Kitten Bella Monroe in the
FastDates Studio with a cool Russell Mitchell
built Exile Cycles Chopper photographed
by Jim Gianatsis.

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Russell Mitchell / Exile Cycles, Paul Yaffee, Russ Tom,
Rooster, Harold Pontarelli, Ron Baldonado,
a Harley-Davidson XR750 Dirt track Racer, plus a
sexy Red Vespa and a Bad-Ass School Girl Custom.

The beautiful Calendar Kittens this year include
Playboy Playmates Anna Marie Goddard and Natalia
Sokolova, GUESS girl Bella Monroe, Allison McCurdy,
Allie Moss, Jessica Kane, Joy Paris, Tiffany Gramza,
and Rebecca Chaney.

GARAGE GIRLS

Beautiful Moto Kittens with Cars & Bikes
photographed by Jim Gianatsis

Our popular Garage Girls Calendar goes
roadracing for 2027 as beautiful red-bair Italian
models Sophie Francesconi and Marlet Suarez
chase the Historic Mille Miglia 1000 Sport Car
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Calendar Kitten
Bella



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This original Harley-Davidson XR 750 Dirt Track Racer comes from the collection of Oliver Shokuh, owner of Sendale Harley-Davidson, CA. Calendar Kitten Allison McCurdy also steps down to the bare essentials.

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Beautiful actress Allie Moss hikes up her skirt to check out the seat height on this Jessie James built West Coast Chopper in his work shop.

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1 New Year's Day
18 Martin Luther King Jr Day USA

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Two breathtaking beauties...
Jessica Kane and renown Calendar Bike Builder
Paul Yaffee Originals' Best of Showing winning custom at
the 1999 LA Calendar Motorcycle Show



February 2027

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1 Photographer Jim Gianatsis' Birthday

14 Valentine's Day 15 President's Day USA

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Calendar Kitten and GUESS Girl
Bella Moore gets back to basics with
this simple yet functional Exile Cycles
Chopper from legendary Calendar Bike
Builder Russell Mitchell.



March 2027

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7 USA Daylight Savings Time Starts - Turn Ahead 1-Hour

17 St. Patrick's Day

20 Spring Equinox

28 Easter Sunday

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From a shoot for the 2001 Iron&Lace Calendar, Playboy Playmate Natalia Sokolova dials up the juice on legendary Calendar Bike Builder Russ Tom's "Green Slice". This beautiful spottbike styled Harley V-twin could easily have held its own against high-end production customs bikes from Confederate and Arch Motorcycles.



April 2027

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1 April Fool's Day 15 Tax Day USA 26 Take Daughters and Sons to Work Day

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From the Vault: This was a photo shoot I did for Larry Flint Publications's magazine Super Cycle back in the early 1990s. The location was Downtown Los Angeles at the 4th Street Bridge, a location used in countless movies and TV shows. Unfortunately I can't find information on the bike or beautiful model.



May 2027

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5 Cinco de Mayo 8 Victory in Europe Day 9 Mother's Day 31 Memorial Day USA

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Calendar Kitten and GUESS girl Bella Monroe takes it Old School with Rooster's Springer Chopper fueled by a peanut gas tank that just might get him to the next bar or gas station.

June 2027

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6 D-Day Remembrance 18 (USA Day Off) - 19 Juneteenth 20 Father's Day 21 Summer Solstice

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This original Harley-Davidson XR 750 Dirt Track Racer comes from the collection of Oliver Stockton, winner of the 2016 Harley-Davidson Calendar Kitten All-Star. McCurdy also tries down to the bare essentials.

July 2027

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4 American Independence Day

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What better way to spend the summer than riding through Florence, Italy on a Vespa with model Joy Paris.

August 2027

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Calendar Kitten and GUESS Girl Bella Monroe knows what she likes, and in this case it's Ron Baldonado's 1953 Harley-Davidson Hydra Glide rigid Panhead.

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6 Labor Day USA 20 Autumn Equinox

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Pretty in Blue!
Long legged beauty Tiffany Gramza straddles a Yamaha Custom Cruiser from legendary Calendar Bike Builder Paul Yaffee.



October 2027

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31 Halloween 31 Daylight Savings Time ends - turn clock back 1 hour

Actress Rebecca Chaney and Calendar Bike Builder Harold Pontarelli were featured in many of the FastDates Calendars during the mid 1990s into the early 2000s. Here is an out-take with Rebecca and an H-D Performance Orange Chopper from their shoot for the 2001 Iron & Lace Calendar.



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November 2027

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Rooster's Knucklehead old school hardtail springer custom

by Jim Gianatsis

Michael Moore is nicknamed "Rooster" after his chopper of the same name. The two Roosters hang with my biker buddies Russell Mitchell of Exile Cycles fame, and rock guitarist Gilby Clark formerly of Guns & Roses, whose bikes I've featured in past Iron & Lace Calendars. Rooster's chopper isn't like the big name builder customs we'd normally photograph for the Calendar, but it's something many bikers might build from scratch and they just love riding them. These Roosters are no exception, they ride everywhere, and are a regular feature at most biker events across the southwest United States. In August they host annual Biker Party at Pappy & Harriet's Cantina in Pioneer Town, CA. The eye-catching hand painted peanut gas tank was done by an artist in France. Calendar Kitten Bella says that hand-paint tank with roses is "really cool".

Left page: The two "Roosters" cruising on Mulholland Highway on their way to our favorite biker hangouts at The Old Place and The Rock Store in the Santa Monica Mountains above Malibu, California. Action photo by Victory Jon / [www. HighwayPhotos.net](http://www.HighwayPhotos.net)

Right: Calendar Kitten Bella has the long-leg suspension needed to ride a rigid frame chopper.





Bella thinks that we are number "1" and who are we, to shatter that fantasy?



Banned at Pebble Beach

A certain motorsports apparel company, which will remain nameless, saw our beautiful and sexy FastDates calendar photos on Instagram and contacted us to offer an apparel sponsorship for our photos of the Calendar Kittens in their apparel, photographed by me, in exchange for a cross-promotion in the Calendar, their print advertising, and social media. We happily agreed, and went and shot their full line of apparel during two expanded Calendar shoots with models Sophie and Bella. It essentially was an advertising shoot that would have cost some \$20,000 if billed to the client without the trade. The best images from the shoot I adjusted in Photoshop, and the entire shoot was forwarded to the client. They said they "loved the shoot."

A few days later the client went to Monterey car Week where they were the official apparel supplier for the Pebble Beach Concours. During the weekend he talked to some people about our cross promotion, and they told him it was a "bad idea" to associate his brand with a pinup calendar. So the next week he calls me a back out of the agreement, after I had incurred the cost and done all the photography work we had agreed to.

So the next time you are shopping for a pair of nice race car shoes, I highly recommend Puma Speedcats as the best race shoe on the market for comfort and price. There may be nicer looking, higher priced leather shoes like GP Originals, but they're all talk, uncomfortable to wear, and won't get you to the finish line.







the Sepulveda Dam
sophie's walk on the wild side



the Boxer

Sophie in the Ring

photos by Simone de Raineri





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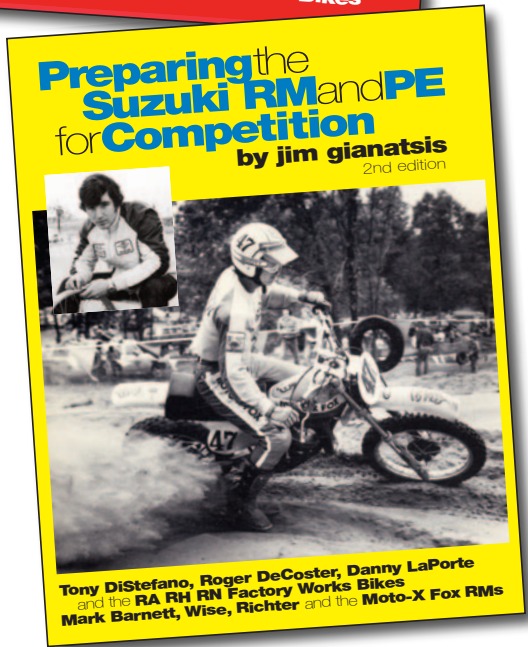
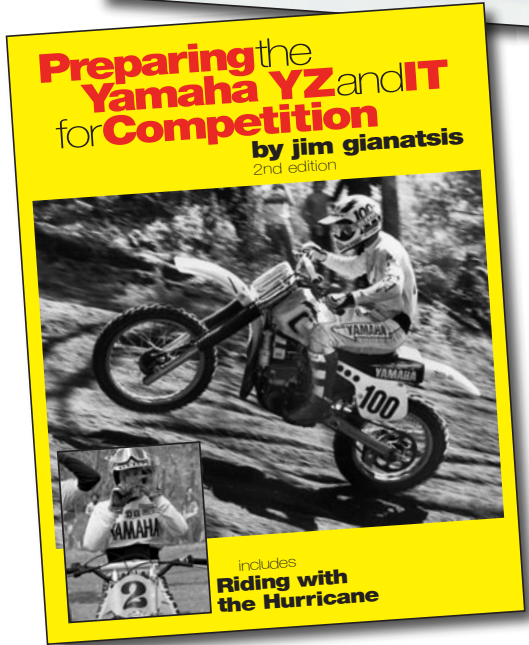
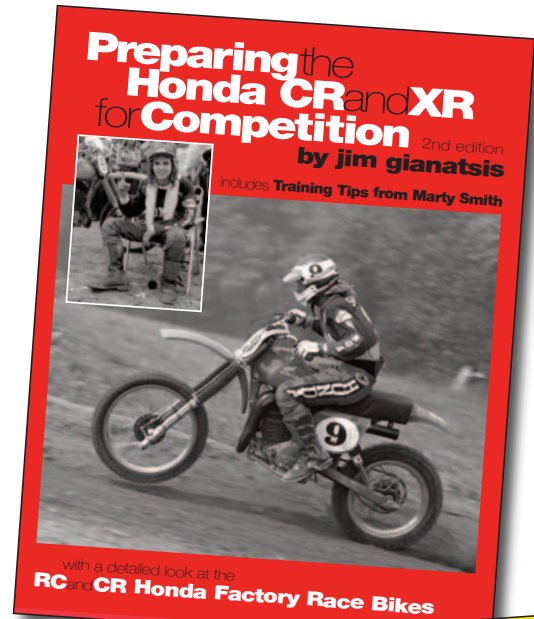
Shortly after Sophie's visit to Los Angeles to finish shooting the 2027 Calendars with us, she returned home to Tuscany, cut her long hair to a short bob, and did this cool photo shoot in a boxing gym with our associate photographer Simone de Raineri. What a Knock Out!



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