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**ALFA ROMEO TO BE FEATURED MARQUE
AT THE 2005 AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE**

Spring Show Will Also Celebrate The 50th Anniversary Of Chevrolet's Small Block V-8

JACKSONVILLE, FL; August 11, 2004 -- The 10th annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance will feature two distinctly different pieces of automotive history - the spectacular cars of famed Italian maker Alfa Romeo and the Chevrolet small block V-8 engine. The show will be held March 11-13, 2005, at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island.

From the late 1930s through the 1970s, Alfa Romeo produced some of motoring's most exciting street and competition cars and their racing heritage, in particular, was unrivaled at famous circuits like LeMans, the Mille Miglia, Targa Florio, and Sebring. Many of the great drivers of their respective eras piloted the Milan, Italy-built cars, including the legendary Tazio Nuvolari, five-time F1 champion Juan Manuel Fangio, Mario Andretti, and American Peter Revson.

"We are extremely excited at the expanse of Alfas that will be displayed at the 2005 show," says Bill Warner, concours founder and chairman. "For example, the Indianapolis Speedway Museum will be bringing one of only two Tipo or Type C 308 grand prix cars that raced at 'The Brickyard' from 1938 to 1947. This example is powered by a three-liter, supercharged power plant and was driven by Louis Durant to a sixth-place finish in the 1947 race." The C 308 had unprecedented longevity for the period and consistently finished in the top ten of the Indianapolis 500.

The Small Block Turns 50

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the introduction of Chevrolet's small block V-8 engine, a power plant recognized today as a true milestone in engine development. Known primarily for its simplicity and versatility, the small block V-8 was light, featured stamped steel rocker arms - a first in the industry, and was a high revving engine that produced impressive horsepower. Over the years, it was also adapted for use in boats and airplanes.

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"The small block V-8 broke new ground a half century ago and still holds a special place in the history books and among owners," says Warner. "We are really paying homage here to both ends of the automotive spectrum with next year's show and that's what separates the Amelia Island Concours from others." The Amelia Island Concours will hold a seminar with an expert panel devoted entirely to discussing the history, design, and development of the engine.

Since 1996, the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance Foundation, Inc. has annually donated a portion of the event's proceeds to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc., which provides assistance to terminally ill individuals and their families regardless of their ability to pay. Nearly \$1.3 million has been donated since the show began.

The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is one of the nation's most innovative vintage auto shows featuring over 250 rare classics from seldom-seen private collections nationwide. The show is scheduled for March 11-13, 2005, on the grounds of The Ritz-Carlton. For more information, visit www.ameliaconcours.org or call 904-636-0027.

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