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2007 Spaltalia features the cars of Maserati and will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its title with Juan Manuel Fangio.

Spaltalia, the celebration of Italian style will this year honour one of the most prestigious Italian car company, Maserati and pay homage to its founder Alfieri Maserati.

Alfieri Maserati is born in 1887, just 120 years ago. On December 14, 1914 he created in Bologna his own firm with his brothers Ettore, Enersto and later Bindo, the "Societa Anonima Officine Alfieri Maserati". During these first years of activities the objective was mainly to adapt engines on Isotta Fraschini chassis. The first car they were wholly responsible for was the Tipo 26, built in 1926. The engine was an 8-cylinder in line with a 1.5 litre supercharged displacement that developed 120 bhp at 5300 rpm. Above the radiator a then unknown badge presented a trident that evoked Bologna's famous statue of Neptune. The Tipo 26 made its debut with Alfieri Maserati at the wheel and Guerino Bertocchi as mechanic in the Targa Florio on April 25 1926. It came first in its class, ninth overall. Since then the name Maserati has been always associated with motor racing as it was confirmed last July in Francorchamps when the Maserati MC12 won for the second time the famous 24 hours for GT cars.

2007 is also the 50th anniversary of Juan Manuel Fangio's 5th title in the Formula 1 driver championship on a Maserati ! Useless to say that Spaltalia will attract one of the greater displays of Maserati's in Europe and a special tribute will be paid to the 250F, the best known Maserati of Formula One. Now in its 6th year, Spaltalia has evolved into a must-attend convergence of exception, taste, and affluence. Founded in 2002, Spaltalia is a celebration of Italian style centred on hundreds of Italian exotic automobiles, with annual showcases of one or more legendary Italian marques and designers. The 2007 Spaltalia is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 2 & 3 at the circuit of Spa Francorchamps – Belgium.