

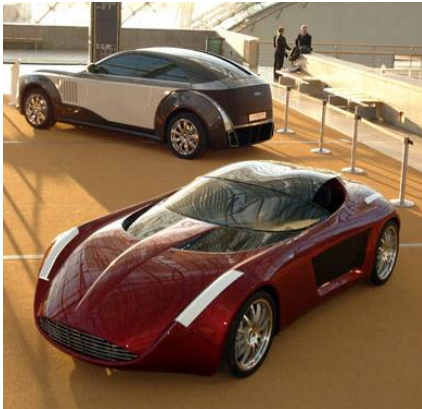
SpaItalia

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 June 2009

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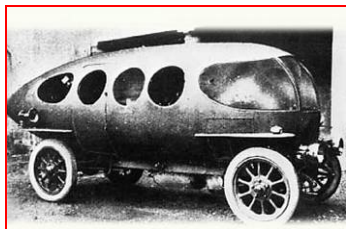
Style, prestige & Imagination come to power !

For its eighth edition, **SpaItalia** will pay a tribute to one of the most important Italian coachbuilder. Not through its production figures but certainly by the exclusive character of each piece of its creation. Every car coming out of the Carrozzeria Castagna was and remains a superb piece of stylish craftsmanship. It is indeed to a prestigious cultural and artistic discovery that the organizer of **SpaItalia** will have the pleasure to invite the Italian style lovers. This will take place at Spa-Francorchamps, the world's most beautiful track, on June 13 and 14, 2009.



The Theme

Established during the 19th century, the **Carrozzeria Castagna & Cie** immediately set itself apart by the stylishness and the prestige of its achievements. Working to measure for the greatest names of the Italian aristocracy, the company left us numerous unique art pieces as the legendary **Alfa Romeo 40/60 HP Aerodinamica**.



After WW2, the factory encountered some difficulties, as lots of small workshops dedicating their talent to the manufacturing of rare pieces.

Vanished in 1954, the name **Castagna** made a conspicuous come-back by the end of the 90's and now devoted itself to fulfill the mobile dreams of people looking for some exclusivity for their Maserati, Mini, Bentley or Ferrari.

Most of the original surviving pieces from the early ages are now making the pride of the greatest Concours d'Élégance.

From **Pebble Beach** to **Villa d'Este**, those excellent pieces of design always make great impression upon juries, trusting awards and trophies around the world.



The Castagna Gathering. A World Premiere !

Not only some important **Castagna** historical models will be on display at **SpaItalia** but the event will be the theatre of the brand's very first assembly, with most of the cars coming from Italy.

This world premiere will give visitors the opportunity to be in close contact with models usually only visible on Californian greens or along the Como lakeside.

All Italian Beauties !

As always, **SpaItalia** will not forget all the other transalpine makes or designers. Fiat Group Automobiles Belgio will reinforce its participation, offering the possibility to discover the latest **Lancia** and **Alfa Romeo** new models, on track or on roads. **Ferrari** aficionados will have the chance to uphold their annual date with Francorchamps in participating to free laps sessions or to the Grande Parade. On its way to Torino, the Fial Club UK will more than probably pay a visit to the event, meeting there other clubs, faithful participants for years to **SpaItalia**.

Lastly and as every year, hundreds of **Abarth**, **De Tomaso**, **Iso**, **Lamborghini** or **Maserati** owners will of course not want to miss this annual Italian celebration.

Activities

It is undoubtedly the diversity of activities proposed to the participants which makes the success of **SpaItalia** every year. On the Saturday, a **touristic rally** will take them to discover the most beautiful Spa surrounding roads.

Other traditional activities like the **Grande Parade** on the track, the **First or Free Runs** for sports cars will naturally be renewed.

However, this year, the **Concours d'Élégance** will deserve a very special attention. Indeed, no doubt that **Castagna**, as an exceptional theme, will attract exceptional cars !

To be informed about this unique event in Europe, news will be regularly posted on the website or sent by e-mail.

So, pencil today in your sports diary the date of the week-end of **13 & 14 June 2009** in order not to miss the appointment !



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