



#### NEWSLETTER MARREYT CLASSIC CARS SEPTEMBER 2021

In 2020 Alfa Romeo celebrated the 110-th anniversary of the birth of the A.L.F.A. company.

At the same time this also marked the 70-th birthday of the 1900 model series.



This series was launched in 1950 and became an important milestone for the further post war development of the Alfa Romeo brand as the mark's first car built entirely on a production line and first production car without a separate chassis. It was also the first Alfa Romeo offered with LHD.

Iginio Alessio, the then general manager of Alfa Romeo, was concerned for the viability of the independent Italian Coachbuilding industry, Alfa Romeo had closely collaborated with in the pre war period.

In the past, Alfa Romeo had built the entire chassis including all the technology, which was then delivered to coachbuilders such as Touring, Pinin Farina and Zagato to subsequently be completed with bodywork according to customer requirements. The advent of the unibody chassis design on the new 1900 was threatening to put these *carrozzerie* out of business. Thus, from 1951-1958 Alfa Romeo built five different variations of the 1900 unibody chassis specifically for independent coachbuilders.

Marreyt Classics is proud to show from this week on, two exceptional examples of this Italian coachbuilding craftsmanship on Alfa Romeo's innovative post war 1900 platform in our Knokke Experience Room.

#### Alfa Romeo 1900L Farina Convertible 1953



This is an example of the "Lungo" 1900 chassis, specified by the "L" following the 1900, on which Satibilimenti Farina created only 48 examples.

Imported in 1989 from the USA back to Italy in a derelict condition, it took a while before someone wanted to tackle this challenging restoration.

Finally, in 2014 Marreyt Classics bought this shabby Alfa Romeo, convinced a little bit later a German customer and friend of the house, to start the restoration together.

After an in depth research with the information obtained from "Automobilismo Storico Alfa Romeo" and from the chief of the technical committee of the RIAR, we could execute a thorough restoration respecting the authenticity and originality into the smallest details.

Special thanks to our Italian colleagues Carrozzeria Dimar for their guidance in this challenging process.



Please come and admire this rare Alfa Romeo Convertible. We will be proud to show you the standards of our work.

#### Alfa Romeo 1900 CSS Touring 3-rd series Coupé 1956



This is an example of the "Corto" 1900 chassis, specified by the "C" following the 1900.

"SS" stands for the powerful "Super Sprint" version when the engine capacity grew from 1884 cc to 1975 cc. This sought after typo 1308 engine produces 115 HP and coupled to a 5-speed gearbox allows this Superleggera Coupé version by Carrozzeria Touring, thanks to the excellent power to weight ratio, to flirt with the magic 200 Km/h benchmark.

This 1900 CSS 3-window Coupé can be considered as the epitome of the 1900 model and the basis for all future aerodynamic Alfa Romeo Coupés.

A Belgian classic car connoisseur organised for the 1900 CSS Touring Coupé, we exhibit from today in our Experience Room, a long and very detailed restoration and finished his Alfa Romeo in the attractive duotone combination of Verde Oceano with Verde Scuro. A beauty!

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For those who don't like this duo-tone colour combination, we can already announce that Marreyt Classics is at the moment finishing the restoration of an Identical Alfa Romeo 1900 CSS. Being an original Belgian "Imperia" assembled Touring 3-rd series Superleggera, we bring this Alfa Romeo back to her original colour combination of black with green interior. Stunning! Please inquire for further details.



**Come and admire these exceptionnal Alfa Romeos in our Knokke Experience Room!**

We are 100% sure you will agree that with these two Alfa Romeo 1900 models once again Marreyt Classics has brought together two exceptional coachbuilt Alfa Romeo 1900 variants, which are well worth viewing.

We look forward welcoming you in the Marreyt Experience Room in the heart of commercial Knokke Zoute.



Reasons enough to come and visit us in our Experience Room

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