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## NEWS

### Where are they now.

Those that have been involved in the local racing scene a few years will remember so of the fabulous cars that graced the local hill climbs in the 60s, 70s and 80.

One car with quite a bit of history was the ALGA. The Alga was built in the late 60s at Ingeneere Ignazio Serra's garage in Catania. It got its name from its owner Alfio Gambero, an interesting and colourful character who I recently heard had been found murdered a few years ago. I can't say I was completely surprised! Gambero had participated in the Targa Florio with the Alga in 1972, coincidentally in the same class as I was entered. It had a 1300 twin cam Alfa Romeo engine.

Some years later Gambero sold the car to Alex and Walter Zammit, who both ran it regularly in local hill climbs, before selling it on to Vince Borg (Belula). Vince in turn sold it to an enthusiast in Scotland, from where it was sold to its present owner Michael Roeder in Germany. Michael is presently in the process of restoring the car to its former specification and hopes to race it in Historic events in Europe.



### Kart Endurance Race MILANO GIUGNO 2008

Following to the races of June, MCMXXXVI and June, MCMXXXVII, the organizers are proud to offer interested Karting teams the opportunity to test their skills at the Circuito di Milano- Coppa della Campionaria". A new 1,250 miles (2020 meters) track, right in the heart of Milan City Fair will be prepared on purpose for this special event, which is held with the MCMXXXVIII edition of the "International Car Exhibition" (Milan City Fair 4th Pavillon)

The "Coppa della Campionaria" will be held on Friday 27, Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 of June, MCMXXXVIII. Team Managers can register their Team for Race-1 and/or Race-2. Both have 120 mins of Practice, 30 mins Qualifying and 12hrs of race.

Racetrack length: 1,250 miles /2020 mts)  
For detailed information, race program and much more visit [www.karttrace.it](http://www.karttrace.it)



### Joseph Zammit. (Nannu Guzi).

Most readers will have heard of the recent passing of Joe Zammit, father of racing brothers Walter, Alex, Joseph and John. Joe was in his early 80s.

I have known Joe almost as long as I have known his sons Walter and Alex, and always envied them for the fact that their Dad, unlike mine, "played" with motorcars like they did. He loved cars and rarely missed a hill climb, or an opportunity to get involved and dirty his fingers! You could say he was one of the pioneers of motorsport in Malta, and he retained his infectious enthusiasm right till his last days. When I started presenting my programme on Formula 1 on Smash Television, Joe's was the first letter of encouragement I received. I still have it and treasure it.

He was a keen Ferrari fan and as I am not, we often enjoyed a bit of a wind up, but always in a friendly and gentlemanly way. Joe will be sadly missed by all motorsport enthusiasts who knew him, but especially by his wife Josephine, and his children Walter, Alex, Jenny, Simone, Joseph and John.

May he rest in peace.

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