

Sotto Veloce



THE CHICAGO ALFA ROMEO OWNER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Call for Nominations for the CAROC Board of Directors

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that we are inviting CAROC members to submit names of persons qualified and willing to serve on the Club Board of Directors. Board members are expected to participate in organizing and running a slate of activities to promote the usage and appreciation of Alfa Romeo automobiles in the Chicago area. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested please submit your request to Bob Benisek on or before December 3rd 2011. Send nominations by mail or email to:

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You may nominate yourself or any other current CAROC member in good standing. Please be aware that each member may nominate only one person per Board position (i.e., one nominee for each office other than Trustee, and up to four nominees for Trustee).

The Board of Directors is comprised of the following elected members: President; Vice-President; Treasurer; Secretary; and four Trustees. Please see the Club Biz page on the CAROC website for the current list of Board members.

The Prez Sez

The purpose statement in our chapter bylaws is absolutely clear about our responsibility as Officers, Trustees and to a broader extent our Members. I encourage all who have not done so in a while to revisit same as it will help all of us steer the CAROC canoe in the right direction. And, as we ride along the canoe, I would hope that we have a lot of fun along the way!

In my view that would be the true measure of success for our Club. I don't know if everyone agrees with me but since none of us that I know of are on the Alfa Romeo (FIAT) payroll I can't imagine a good reason for disagreement.

Should we not have fun while searching, resurrecting, maintaining, showcasing, driving, racing, autocrossing, rallying and bench racing our machine? Is this not the reason that distinguishes our passion for Alfa Romeo from a piece of static artwork that merely hangs on our cave walls? Are these activities not the essence for joining a club in the first place?

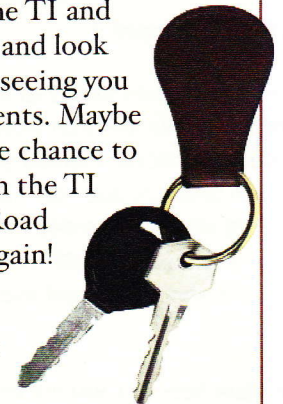
If such is the case, I remain perplexed as to why we have not been successful in generating a greater degree of participation for our calendar of events. From our scheduled monthly meetings, tours, track days, swap meet, field visits, picnic and annual (cont'd)

The Year Ahead

Well, I'm back. After serving as newsletter editor for three years in the late 90's, and as club Prez for three years after that, I'm back on board doing the newsletter. With computer assistance, the job will be much easier than it was before, and I'm committed to improving communication about upcoming events.

I spent a couple of years racing motorcycles with my son, but now I'm back on four wheels. Becky & I still have the TI and the Spider, and look forward to seeing you at more events. Maybe we'll get the chance to give rides in the TI Polizia at Road America again!

Robert
Claus



**Bill McArdle: In Memoriam****Written By Dave Johnson**

It is with great sadness and regret that I must announce the passing of CAROC member Bill McArdle on July 13th of this year. An AROC member since 1999, Bill maintained a passion for both Alfa Romeos and BMWs and owned examples of both. His 1991 Spider Veloce was always polished and turned out immaculately, yet he drove it frequently and it was often seen at our events. He also owned a BMW 2002, and was a keen auto-crosser.

Bill was one of the core members of the club, a regular at our events and monthly meetings despite his advancing age. He was an active and frequent volunteer, helping out at our chapter's 2008 convention, and was often to be found working a corner at our track events before enjoying the lunchtime touring sessions. He did just that at our Blackhawk event this year, less than two weeks before his death.

Bill was a friend as well as a fellow club member, and he was perennially eager to sit down and talk about cars. His enthusiasm for life in general and all things automotive in particular was infectious, and he was always good company. During my term as chapter president he many times brought in automotive magazines containing articles he thought I would find interesting.

As another club member recently said, Bill was truly one of the nicest men you could ever hope to meet. I never heard anyone say a word against him, and I doubt he ever gave anyone cause to do so. Bill was a real gentleman in an age when that is no longer in vogue, and he will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

Rest in peace Bill.

2011/2012 calendar**November 17th, 2011**

Club meeting at:

Spuntino's

516 Higgins Rd

Park Ridge, IL

Come out and join us for food and conversation in a casual setting!

January 2012

Club Annual Banquet

Details TBA

For a list of club officers, disclaimers, membership information, etc., go to www.caroc.com

The Prez Sez, cont'd

banquet one would think that there is a sufficient variety of activity to entice more than a few of us. Considering that our membership is in excess of 150 with probably 300 plus machines in their stable we struggle to entice more than a handful for any given activity. With the exception of our picnic and annual banquet such has been the case.

I can state honestly, without exception, that anyone who has attended our CAROC activities has had a good time. Even the pig at our picnic had a smile on his face! Question is, what is it that we need to do for the rest of you short of coming over and reading you one of Burt Levy's bedtime stories?

Here is my personal challenge to you: Please share your ideas or suggestions with any of us on the board to help us define our calendar for next year. Volunteer to organize a specific activity or run for election. The Board needs some new faces!

Ci vediamo?

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