

Sotto Veloce



THE CHICAGO ALFA ROMEO OWNER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER AUG/SEPT 2015

Alfa's and Austin's Mix It Up At Blackhawk Farms!



"Thanks for a great day of racing!"

Those words were repeated over and over as people left the racetrack for the day. The weather couldn't have been more perfect as two historic nameplates took to the track; Alfa Romeo and Austin Healey. Oh sure, other notable sports cars were in attendance including Corvettes, Vipers, BMW's, MX5/Miata, Panoz and more. But on this day, the attention fell upon the two "A-Class" nameplates, Alfa Romeo and Austin Healey.

This was the first time the two owners clubs came together and created a joint event and the two brands and their members matched very nicely on and off the track....only one black flag was displayed all day.

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The day went mostly trouble free with most cars staying on the track. The only real incident involved a Triumph leaving the course and ending up roof deep in the weeds....that's not an expression, all you could see of the car was the roofline through the weeds. No real damage to the car, but a huge blow to the drivers ego.

All onlookers held their collective breaths as a beautiful vintage '54 Jaguar XK took the course to see what it could do. Thankfully, no damage was done to the vehicle and most other racers gave that vehicle a wide berth.

Over the lunch hour the track opened up for "touring" period where all the volunteers got to take to the track as well as other interested drivers and vehicles. If you've never driven the track at Blackhawk Farms you're really missing a great opportunity so see what your Alfa is really built for....long straightaways, tight turns and plenty of opportunities to pass.

As the day came to a close everyone agreed, the event was a success. As with all events such as this they run on the efforts of volunteers. If you've never helped out at this event before then circle it on your calendar for next year. It's a great way to spend a day!



**Blackhawk
Farms
Raceway**



Road racing the way it's meant to be.



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CAROC Annual Picnic

Damp Start, Sunny Finish, New Friends

You wouldn't think that on a day that started out raining in some parts of Chicagoland the cars in attendance for the annual picnic would be the convertibles. But they were.

"What, is your car made of candy, it can't come out in the rain?" I had to laugh when I heard those words uttered from one member to another when he showed up in an "off-brand" vehicle. Yes, some of us drove through rain to get to Barbara Key Park in Lake in the Hills and we were rewarded with great food, friendly conversations and a sunny (top down) drive home.

The food this year was fantastic. Billy's Catering supplied a menu of mostaccioli, Italian beef and Italian sausage that was so good it was gone in the blink of an eye. Breads and salad rounded out the menu. Dessert was watermelon and a blueberry/blackberry pie that was very tasty.

Ordinarily, our members that come in from Iowa would win the "who traveled the furthest to get here award" but not this year. This year the club welcomed two special visitors; Alan and Cathie Broadhurst from Australia (left bottom).



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Alan and Cathie were in Chicago for the birth of their grandson and being Alfa enthusiasts and having some free time, they looked up the Chicago owners club on the internet and came out to join us for the afternoon. We swapped stories, learned quite a few things about Australia (such as gas is \$6.75 per gallon, YIKES!) and share a common interest in Alfa's.

As the picnic wrapped up everyone pitched in to help clean up and plenty of leftovers were available for everyone to take home.

Next year, bring out your Alfa! It's not made of candy, it won't melt. Come join us for a great day with great friends.

Thank you Barb and all the volunteers for organizing this great event!



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Incredible Car Show Weekend!



If you wanted a weekend full of beautiful Italian cars then August 22 & 23 was your weekend. Starting on Saturday with the Italian Car Show in Oak Brook Terrace (shown above), Alfa's, Fiats, Ferrari's, Lamborghini's and even one Lancia Zagato was in attendance. An exciting collection of old and new celebrating Italian car-making.

Then heading west on Sunday to Geneva for the Geneva Concours (shown below) you would have been rewarded with a palate full of Italian nameplates including the new Alfa Rome 4C!



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CAROC Swap Meet at Besic Motorsports !

Keep Sunday **September 27, 2015** open for the CAROC annual swap meet at picturesque Besic Motorsports.

Come on out and sell that stuff that's been cluttering up your garage or buy those bits and pieces that you know you will absolutely need someday. Or just come out to hang around.



Location: Besic Motorsports, 21 W 167 Hill Avenue, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Time: 10:00 A.M., to 3:00 P.M. (Set up 9:00 AM)

Sellers: Bring your own table, tarp or whatever, to show off your stuff.

Food: Will be served about 12:00 noon.

If you plan on coming please drop Dianne a note at: besic17@comcast.net

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KYLE'S QUEST

While hanging around atop the hill overlooking corners 6-7 at Road America I had the privilege of meeting Kyle Shepard. Kyle is a San Francisco film maker on a quest. He is on a quest to find the 1967 Duetto campaigned by his father back in the seventies. Kyle's father, Glen, drove the car in various SCCA events but it was sold and not seen or heard from in forty years. The car is rumored to have been one of the "Graduate" cars. In the process Kyle did locate the present owner of one of the other "Graduate" cars but not his father's ride. Kyle is making a film of his quest and interviewing various people in the process.

After RA he's on his way to Watkins Glen for the "ALFA's at the Glen" celebration.

He has set up a Facebook page: facebook.com/alfatale.kyle as well as a web site: www.alfatale.com Please check it out and if you have any information please send it to him. Kyleshepard@me.com Kyle, from all of us, we wish you luck in the quest and we will continue to watch in hope of your success. It's just this kind of passion that keeps these cars alive and well. Best of luck

Dennis

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Member Meeting



Sept 17th, 2015

Avanti Caffé in Mt Prospect on Elmhurst Rd, just south of Higgins.

Address: 1900 S. Elmhurst Rd. in Mt Prospect, IL

Upcoming Events:

August 20: Club Meeting, Avanti Caffé in Mt Prospect

September 6: Board of Directors Meeting, Panera Bread—Deer Park

September 17: Club Meeting, Avanti Caffé in Mt Prospect

September 19: European Autoschau 2015 Concours, Village Tavern of Long Grove

September 27: CAROC Swap Meet at Besic Motorsports

October 3: Radical River Rally, Check in at 1:00pm in the McHenry Savings Bank parking lot on Green Street.

Italian Vehicle US Sales by Brand



US Light Vehicle Sales by Brand	July-15	July-14	7-mos. 2015	7-mos. 2014
Alfa Romeo	48	-	368	-
Fiat	3,3235	3,807	25,033	28,779
Ferrari	177	176	1,239	1,230
Lamborghini	63	61	441	427
Maserati	957	1,132	6,621	6,574

Source: Automotive News Data Center

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CAROC Members Classifieds



1991 Alfa Romeo Spider red on tan leather, 22,500 miles, garaged, no winters, rust free, 2dr Convertible 4-cyl. 1962cc/120hp PFI. Clean car, in good shape. Not a perfect car, but good. 5-speed manual transmission, AC, Driver-side Airbag, interior, seats and carpets all in good condition, Kenwood Stereo, with add on amp and speakers. Power Windows & AC. One body issue, a few mechanical issues. Top is in ok shape. This is the special Alfa to use and enjoy or for a collector to finish up to flawless condition. **Asking \$13,500.00**

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