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THE CHICAGO ALFA ROMEO OWNER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER DEC 2015

2016 Annual Banquet



Chicago Alfa Romeo Annual Banquet

February 20th, 2016

Chicago Prime Italian

South Room

1370 Bank Drive

Schaumburg, IL 60173

847-240-1414

www.ChicagoPrimeItalian.com

6:00 Cocktails Cash Bar

7:00 Dinner Served Family Style

Caesar Salad, Sausage and Peppers

Cheese Ravioli, Penne Bolognese

Chicken Vesuvio, Tilapia Limon

Roasted Potatoes

Tiramisu

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Gourmet Hot Tea, Iced Tea and Soft Drinks included

\$55.00 per person

Includes Door Prizes, Good Conversation and Annual Awards

Make checks payable to CAROC and Mail to:

Barb Carroll

9704 Bonner Lane

Spring Grove, IL 60081

Or use PayPal

Please RSVP By February 6th, 2016 to alfalover53@gmail.com

or call Barb at 815-675-2309

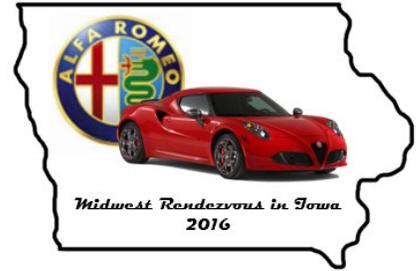
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Midwest Rendezvous in Iowa 2016

Chapter member John Swanson is proposing an event to take place in September. It will be an opportunity for Chicago and Illinois AROC members to meet up with members from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri and other chapters for a three day event of touring eastern Iowa and its historic sights. This mini-convention will explore many little known and unexpected sights and driving roads - a great opportunity to tour with other Alfa Owners, and get to know them and their cars.



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The backroads of eastern Iowa are very entertaining, with many points of interest not just for drivers, but also for those interested in the arts. John has organized over 35 vintage vehicle tours across Iowa and the surrounding states, as well as co-organized two AROC pre-convention tours, so he has a lot of experience to draw on. He also has a beautiful '67 Duetto, and has participated in 6 of the 8 pre-convention tours held.

Possible Dates - September 23-26, 2016, a Friday-Monday format.

Registration Fees

The base fee would be \$125 for the driver and \$85 for the second (or more) rider(s). This would include the reception and banquet (2 drink tickets plus dinner) plus unique registration packet

Participation Fees

- Full-day tour (route guide production & 1 escort) 15.00
- Half-day tour (route guide & 1 escort) 10.00
- Spouses & Partners tour (Guides-admissions per person)
- Concours fee or Autocross fee 15.00

The preliminary schedule of events would include:

Friday, September 23

Noon-5pm Registration at Hotel/Conference Center

Optional Afternoon Activities:

2-hour drive 'Exploring the Cedar River Valley

Kirkwood Campus Tours; options are:

Inside a 2.5 megawatt Wind Turbine,

Truck Driving (get behind the wheel of a Semi)

Vineyard & Wine Production,

Equestrian Center,

Veterinary Tech,

Hospital Simulation Lab,

Welcome Reception (cash bar) on the Hotel Patio or Lobby Bar

Dinner-on-their-own at the Class Act (or recommendations on nearby places)

Saturday, September 24

Full-Day Drive (9-5)'Mississippi River Bluffs via Iowa's Scenic By-Ways' with a lunch stop at Breitbach's, Iowa's oldest continuously operating restaurant and bar having been open since August 23, 1852.

Noon-1:30 Registration at Hotel/conference Center

Optional Afternoon Activities;

Half-Day Drive 'Exploring the Lincoln Highway'

Spouses/Partners Tour 'Grant Wood's American Gothic Close-Up'

Cocktail Hour & Banquet (included in registration fee)

Sunday, September 25

Morning Half-Day Tour 'From Amish Communities to Amana Colonies' with lunch in the Amana's.

Morning Auto Cross (with sufficient interest)

Homebound around 3pm or so

Monday, September 26

Choice of:

2-hour drive 'Exploring the Cedar River Valley or 'Exploring the Lincoln Highway' (possibly self-guided, but with printed directions)

Kirkwood Campus Tours; options are:

Inside a 2.5 megawatt Wind Turbine,

Truck Driving (get behind the wheel of a Semi)

Vineyard & Wine Production,

Equestrian Center,

Veterinary Tech,

Hospital Simulation Lab,

Drive to Iowa City to visit the Iowa Auto Museum or National Advanced Driving Simulator

Homebound after lunch

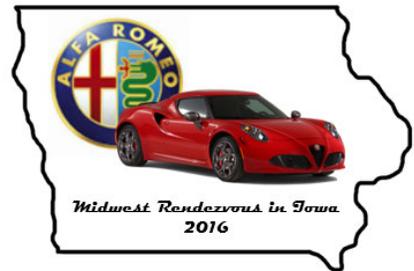
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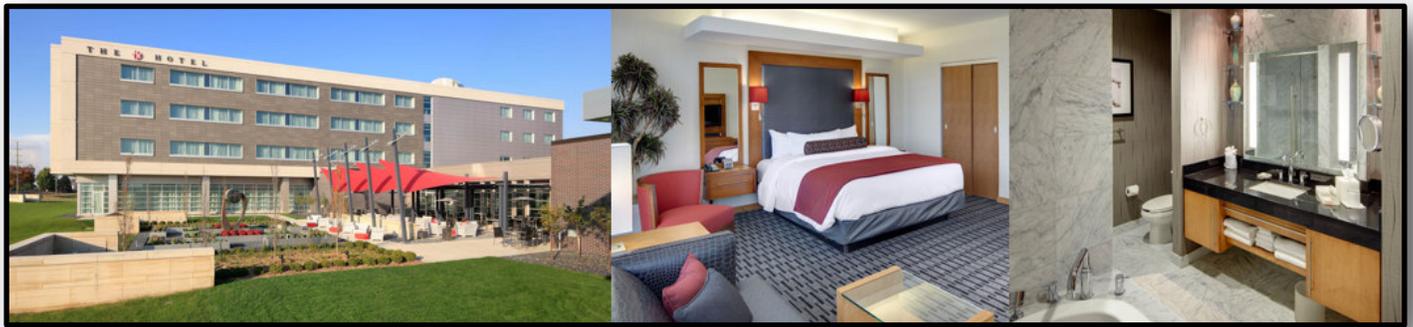
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THE  HOTEL



Primary Accommodations & Event Headquarters

The Hotel at Kirkwood, just south of Cedar Rapids, is a AAA 4-Diamond Hotel and has quoted a discounted rate well below what is normal. The exact rate will be determined by the final dates of the event. Because the hotel is operated by a public college, they are exempt from charging Iowa sales tax. The Hotel at Kirkwood has agreed to work with the other nearby hotels to accommodate overflow guests or those who have specific reasons to stay at one of the other properties.

The cost for registration would be about \$125 for a driver and \$85 for each additional person. Additional tour costs would be about \$15-20 each. Hotel costs would be \$119 per night at Kirkwood (with other options close by if needed). Some meals are included.

If enough people are interested in this, it will happen. Are you? If you think you'd like to meet other great Alfa Owners, see some new sights not that far from home, and experience a fine hotel with wonderful food over 3-4 days in Fall, let us know. With enough interest, the planning can continue. Robert Clauss has volunteered to take the lead on behalf of CAROC. Email your questions and if you are interested in participating, to Robert Clauss - alfauno@gmx.com right away, and we'll keep you informed.



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We have always had a small core group of people who participate in our activities. I would like to take the time to encourage others to come out and join us. You need not be a racer to enjoy a track event; come work a corner, wave a flag or just hang out. You need not be a mechanic to come to the swap meet, come to hang out.

Come out, hang out and make some new friends or reactivate some old friendships, but come out. I know there are many members out there and we try to schedule events in different locations to accommodate everybody. So come on out, you might enjoy us.

December Board Meeting Info.... Visit the CAROC website.

If interested or if you have any comments or complaints, drop me a note at: dsbert4978@aol.com

Dennis

Member Meeting



Jan 21st 2016

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

Start: 7 PM End: 8:30 PM

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

Upcoming Events:

Jan 2016— No special events

Feb 20th— Annual Banquet -Chicago Prime Italian

March 17th— Model Car night to be associated with our regular meeting. Location to be determined.

TBD- We are also looking into a Saturday visit to KDX Auto Painting, in McHenry. It's a quality restoration shop. They have a wide variety of projects but currently they are working on Carm La Spina's Sprint Special. Check them out on Facebook. Check the CAROC events calendar for further information when we finalize plans.

Italian Vehicle US Sales by Brand



US Light Vehicle Sales by Brand	Dec-15	Dec-14	12-mos. 2015	12-mos. 2014
Alfa Romeo	57	67	663	91
Fiat	3,805	3,784	42,410	46,121
Ferrari	177	176	2,124	2,110
Lamborghini	63	62	756	736
Maserati	1,073	1,412	11,697	12,943

Source: Automotive News Data Center