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THE CHICAGO ALFA ROMEO OWNER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CAROC Free Picnic and Concours

Sunday August 5th at Barbara Key Park, Lake in the Hills

by Dave Johnson

Our ever popular CAROC picnic will take place on Sunday August 5th at Barbara Key Park in Lake in the Hills. If you haven't attended before, you'll find us at the small shelter at the end of the park road. The shelter is in a lovely wooded spot next to the parking lot, where we'll have an informal car show. Prizes will be awarded for the best cars in several categories, so break out the polish and spiff up your Alfa for the occasion!

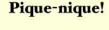
Last year's pig roast was a big hit with everyone, so we have contracted with Billy's to do it again. They slow roast the pig for several hours starting early in the morning before driving it to the park for the final cooking. It smells wonderful, and the meat is so tender it falls apart as it is served. They bring a full selection of delicious sides with them too. Let's just hope they can light the burners without losing any eyebrows this year!

The club is generously providing the food at no charge, and we will have water and soft drinks available in coolers. As before, we have arranged for a liquor license, so you are welcome to bring your own alcoholic beverages. We've always had more than enough food for everyone, but we do prefer to get a head count. If you plan to come (and why wouldn't you, with free food, fine cars and great company in a beautiful location!) please RSVP to Barb or Tony:

Barb Carroll: (815) 675-2309 or email alfalover@rsg.org Tony Cavaliere: (847) 687-5836 or email acavaliere@mail.com

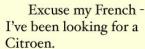
The park includes basketball and volleyball courts, a playground for the kids and offers walks around the lake through an interesting natural glen area. We have the shelter from sunrise to sunset so bring the whole family for a great day out! Food will be served starting at 1 PM.

Barbara Key Park is located at 9191 Pyott Road in Lake in the Hills, IL. From the junction of route 62 and route 31 in Algonquin, take route 62 (Algonquin road) west for 1 mile and turn right on Pyott road. Follow Pyott for about 1.5 miles and the



As I write this, it is 102 degrees in the shade here in the new sunbelt city of Mount Prospect. Yeah, but it's a dry heat, right? It is until we get some rain. However, the forecast for the day of the picnic is sunny and 78 - I just know it! Perfect for a drive through the countryside to break bread and bar-b-que with fellow Alfisti and Alfista. Bring some adult beverages, if you imbibe, your Alfa, and a buddy. This is where you get your dues back!

Bocce, anyone?



Bonjour!

Roberto







Factory promo piece from the 50's

Coming up.. July 19th, 2012

Club meeting (7:00 PM) at:

Spuntino's

516 Higgins Rd

Park Ridge

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

August 5th, 2012

Club Picnic at Barbara Key Park Lake in the Hills (see article)

The full calendar, a list of club officers, disclaimers, membership information, etc. can be found at www.caroc.com



Tony sez "Wad'ya no come to the picnic? Whatsa matta you? Free food! Capische? C'mon, I'll get you a drink."

Project Alfa available

An email came to me from an address I didn't recognize, telling me about an Alfa Spider available in the city. There wasn't a lot of detail, so I called the number that was given to me. I spoke with the owner, Linda, who told me about the '73 Spider in her garage. It belonged to her Dad, who drove it for a few years, and partially disassembled the engine back around '79 when a problem developed. He intended to fix it himself, but never got around to it before he passed away. Now, Linda is ready to part with the car, but would like to see it go to someone who may want to repair it and enjoy it. Her Dad pulled the head off, so it may just need a head gasket. Bad news - he left the head off, so who knows what the liners look like. Maybe they can be cleaned up? The car only has about 41k miles on it, and the interior, body, and top are in good shape - except that both doors are dented.

Two cool things-

There's a hardtop with the car, which she may sell separately. I don't think Alfa offered a hardtop, so it may be aftermarket. A rare find.

Linda's Dad was Martin Wyant, who covered motorsports for the Tribune back in the '70's, and so knew Mario Andretti and others from that era.

Price? Under 1k, negotiable based on your intentions.

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