



# SottoVeloce



THE CHICAGO ALFA ROMEO OWNER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER MAR-APR 2016

## 2016 Annual Banquet



On a chilly February evening the CAROC came out en mass to Chicago Prime Italian in Schaumburg for feast and fun. The food was abundant, the door prizes were outstanding and the conversations and laughs rolled for hours.

Club President Dennis Sbertoli was presented with the “2015 Alfisti of the Year Award “for his dedication and service to the club.

Steve Crowley was presented the “2015 Go For Broke Award” for his well documented and unfortunate circumstances behind the demise of his



Duetto’s engine at Blackhawk Farms last year.

Plans for next years banquet are already underway, add this outstanding CAROC event to your calendar.



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## **Alfa's at the Chicago Auto Show**



There isn't much FCA has done right with the Alfa Romeo brand lately but they did hit a home run with their display at the 2016 Chicago Auto Show.

The cars, the models and the display were a great representation of the brand. With a mix of vintage Alfa's and a sampling of the new models including the 4C, the 4C Spider and the upcoming 2017 Giulia Quadrifoglio this gives Alfa fans something to get excited over. Judging by the crowds huddled over the display vehicles the future looks bright.



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## ***The Pres Sez-***



Spring is here and we are out, on the loose with our cars again. We plan some enjoyable outings this year.

\* In June there is the annual Father's Day Car Show at Oak Brook Center Mall in Oak Brook. Though not Italo-Centric there are always some spectacular cars on display. With a little hope, prayers and cash, maybe Steve Crowley's Duetto will be back on the sidewalk for all to view.

\* Our big event in July, again is the day of racing and timing a picturesque Blackhawk Farms Raceway in South Beloit. For the second year we are co-sponsoring the day in conjunction with the Midwest Austin Healey Club. A group every bit as enthusiastic and devoted to their classic rides as we are. Whether you are a racer or a polisher there will be some great cars on the track doing just what they were built to do. If you volunteer you will also be entitled to free touring during the lunch break. A great chance to peddle around the track at your own pace. Check the Events Calendar for specifics and come join us.

\* Also, in July we have made a tentative date for our annual Slick Track outing at the Sugar Grove Family Fun Center. Come hone your drifting skills on the Slick Track and take a crack at outrunning Mike Besic. For the younger racers there are also regular go-karts and twin-seat karts.

\* One of our most popular outings will be on Sunday August 14, 2016—our annual picnic/car show at Barbara Key Park in Lake In The Hills, Illinois. This one of our best attended events of the year and we always have a load of cars on display. The menu has always been out of this world. Come join the fun.

\* We are also exploring the resumption of a fall tour through Northern Illinois or possibly a trek down to Starved Rock State Park. We hope to have more details shortly. If anybody is interested in leading a tour or knows a scenic route please step up. We'd love to have your input.

\* It may seem a tad early but we are starting to plan for our annual banquet and are looking to dates that do not conflict with other organization's events. Everybody had a great time at Chicago Italian Prime in Schaumburg so, it's a likely venue for next winter. Stay tuned for details.

\* The Kane County Seat, Geneva, Illinois will again be holding its Concours d'Elegance on Sunday August 28, 2016. Three great marques will celebrate anniversaries Packard Twin Six (one hundred years), BMW (one hundred years) and Mustang Shelby (fifty years).

\* We also have a Summer full of racing events at Road America. The June Sprints, The Redman, The return of Indy Cars, IMSA as well my favorites VSCDA and Spring Vintage Weekend.

If you have an idea for an outing, drop me a line.

Looking forward to a great summer, I remain yours.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Raceday at Blackhawk

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Blackhawk Farms Raceway

Date: Jul 1st Time: 7AM - 5PM



### Fall 2016 Tour - Midwest Rendezvous in Iowa

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 to get to know them and their cars.

Read more.

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.

## Member Meeting



**May 19th 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:

**May 1st** — BOD Meeting—Panera Bread—South Barrington

**May 7th**—New Glarus Hillclimb, New Glarus, WI

**May 19th**—Member Meeting—Avanti Caffé—Mt. Prospect

**June 16th**— Member Meeting—Avanti Caffé—Mt. Prospect

**July 1st**—Blackhawk Challenge , Blackhawk Farms Raceway, South Beloit

**July TBD**— Slick Track Racing, Sugar Grove Family Fun Center, Sugar Grove, IL

**July 21st**— Member Meeting—Avanti Caffé—Mt. Prospect

**August 14th** — Club Picnic, Barbara Key Park, Carpentersville

**August 28th**— Concours d'Elegance, Geneva IL

