

# Sotto Veloce

 THE CHICAGO ALFA ROMEO OWNER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Belvidere Assembly Plant Tour - June 10th

from Tony Cavaliere

Rumor has it that Alfa Romeo DNA can be found within an hour's drive from Chicago. All Die Hard Alfisti are encouraged to join an expedition to determine if the rumors are based on fact or merely wishful thinking on the part of a few recovering AlfaHolics.

After much gentle persuasion our request for access to the Chrysler plant in Belvidere Illinois has been granted. The VIP guided tour will start promptly at 9:00AM on Monday, June 10th and it will end at noon. A detailed itinerary will be sent to attendees at a later date.

**If you wish to attend the tour you will need to call or email me by May 17th with the number of slots required.** CAROC members will be given priority to be included on the attendee list thru May 17th. Thereafter, the opportunity will be offered to other affiliates.

Would it not be great to dust off the quadrifoglio and invade Belvidere? I'll be there!

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Wow - Quite the Coup!

Tony pulled off the almost impossible - arranging a plant tour of Belvidere. This is a VIP only opportunity, and not available to the general public. The Alfa Romeo based Dodge Dart is built there, along with a couple of Jeep models.

Fiat has made substantial investments in the Dart and in the plant. It will be interesting to see how much automation is utilized to provide a consistent product.

Space is limited, so be sure to reserve a spot if you'd like to go. We're just getting back from a trip the night before, but Becky & I will be there!

Roberto



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The answer? Come and find out!



**Blackhawk Farms Time Trials & Touring Coming up on July 5**

Mark your calendar and plan to join the club for this great experience. Don't want to drive the track? Come out and volunteer - work a corner, or just hang out and watch the action.

Have friends who'd like this? Tell them about it! If there's someplace to put up a notice, contact Robert Clauss (alfauno@wowway.com) to get a poster or two to post. Everybody, and every car, is welcome.

**Yeah, it rained. So what?**

If you passed on the opportunity to go to New Glarus for the Hillclimb, you missed a good one. We had a spirited drive up on backroads past Rockford. If you don't like driving in the rain, then you don't like driving. Hit the gas, and slide it around the corner. Empty roads with lots of curves. A lot of members took advantage of the chance to attend this once-a-year event. There were Chicago club members working the grid, working tech, and manning the finish line, as well as running the hill in their cars. Afterward, a drive to Mineral Point for dinner capped the day, and most came home that night.

A few showers blew through on Saturday, but in the half a dozen times I've been up there, I've never seen as many cars make the run up the hill.



New Glarus 2013

Photos by Dennis Sbertoli



Coming up.....

**May 16**

**Club meeting at:**

Spuntino's  
516 Higgins Rd  
Park Ridge, IL

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

Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

**June 10th**

**Belvidere Assy Plant Tour**

You must be pre-registered for this event - see article

**July 5**

**Blackhawk Farms Time Trials and Touring**

Details available at the CAROC website. Put it on your calendar now! Invite your friends and family - all makes welcome at this event.

For the full calendar, a list of club officers, disclaimers, membership info, as well as tech info and photos, go to **caroc.com**