



# ARCC UPDATE

July 2013

## *Tour to the VARAC Vintage Festival*

by Tony Adams, Ballantrae

As in previous years, the Toronto Chapter organized our annual tour to Mosport, aka Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, to attend the VARAC vintage festival on Sunday June 16. In past years we have taken a route that included a lengthy stretch of Taunton Road. However, this section is now 4 lanes, is rapidly being developed, and has many traffic lights and is busy – it could hardly be considered “scenic”! Consequently we checked out some other roads more suited for a “Tour”. All are good paved roads, with pleasing scenery, light traffic and a few “twisty bits” thrown in! All we needed to make the day was fine weather – alas, the weather man could only deliver rain with some fog thrown in.



*Rain and fog limited ARCC participation. Photo by George Beston.*

Nevertheless, two dedicated cars assembled at the meeting point: Barb & I in the PT Cruiser cum Alfa and one GTV (thanks, Derek!). We left the assembly point at 9:30 am and arrived at Mosport at 10:35 am, (this duration is similar to previous years). On the positive side, the small group was easy to keep together! Once inside the track we met up with other members who had arrived by more direct routes. One of the features of the Sunday events is the assembly of sports cars displayed by marque, at the inside of corner 8. This year the display was titled “The Field of Dreams”. However due to the weather this was washed out. The lunch

hour parade laps did go ahead at no charge, much to the delight of members. The weather steadily improved as the day wore on and we had a pleasant drive back home.

**Editor’s notes:** Tony’s efforts to organize and lead the tour are much appreciated despite the weather-induced poor turnout for it. There’s nothing we can do about the weather except, perhaps, to enjoy the fact that this is the first time in many years that this has happened. Also worth mentioning is the fact that the VARAC organizers worked very hard to make this year’s event memorable and their best efforts to date were met with an incredibly low turnout due to the aforementioned weather issues. Those efforts were certainly appreciated by those who did attend, and I wish all of us better luck next time.

As the day unfolded, I spotted five other club members there in their Alfas including myself. Add that to the seven Alfa race cars present and you could argue that Alfa Romeo was very well represented on the day.

Another point that should be made is that this is a weekend event with practice and racing activities spread across three days, all of them worth attending. Something to do next year!



*Saturday, the Alfa Dogs at rest. Photo by George Beston.*

I encourage anyone who hasn’t done it yet to take their next opportunity to attend some kind of event at “CTMP” and take in the development of the track by its new owners. I particularly appreciated

the new parking area in the outfield at corner four which provides a really good vantage point from along the fence, and is a short walk away from the corner five spectator area.



*Joe Canella and Vytas Svedas in fast company approaching turn five. Photo by George Beston.*

Roads approaching the track were under construction at the time of the Vintage Festival, but re-paving has since been completed.

## ***Toronto Chapter Cruise Night***

**by George Beston, Cobourg**

On our second attempt to have our cruise nights on Tuesdays, things worked out well. We had lots of interesting cars turn out and a few hours of visiting while we checked out all the Alfas. It seems as though Tuesdays will be our day for cruise night until further notice.



*Photo by George Beston.*

Here's one of a limited number of carbureted Alfas that crept into our market in the early 1970's. In this case a Kamm-tail Spider Jr., purchased new at Gyro motors and still in the hands of its original owner. Upgrades from the (also 105.91) round tail Juniors include head restraints on the seats, and a

couple more warning lights on the Duetto-style dashboard.



*Photo by George Beston.*

## ***Italian Car Day***

**by George Beston, Cobourg**



*The view from the hill. Photo by George Beston.*

This year's Italian Car Day took place at Boyd Park in Woodbridge as it has for the last few years now. Gloriously warm and bright weather was with us all day, and fortunately there was some shade under the trees and in the dining area for those of us who get enough of the sun after a few hours.

The organizers undertake an ambitious schedule for this day including a pre-event rally, a car and driver picture taken as participants enter and a judging of the cars followed by an awards ceremony. Also, a band was playing and an "engine start" was held in honour of Safehaven, the children's charity that this event supports.

Overall attendance was excellent even if it seemed down a bit from last year. Alfa Romeo participation left nothing to be desired, with at least thirty Alfas present. It was great to visit with old friends from the Club and also to meet a few Alfa owners for the first time.

This is a judged show. Trophies are awarded for each marque and ribbons are handed out. Notable among these were a ribbon for Faisal Huda's GT Jr.

for best paint job and a trophy and ribbon for Bill Moffett's Giulietta Sprint for Best Alfa Romeo.



*Top: Bill Moffet receiving his trophy. Bottom: Faisal Huda receiving his medallion. Photos by Christopher W Langley.*



*I was reminded of the competitive aspects of this event when Team Lus descended on the pretty Giulia Spider parked beside my Alfetta. Photo by George Beston.*



*As you'd expect at such a gathering, automotive eye candy was abundant. Here's a 916 spider opened for spectator viewing and judging. There are lots of modern details on this car. Definitely not your father's Alfa! Photo by George Beston.*



*It was wonderful to see a well turned out Giulia Super from the early 1970's with the owner choice plate FMYLKAR. Photo by George Beston.*



*Finally, it was a real pleasure to see a Lamborghini Miura there. Truly a most elegant and timeless design. Photo by George Beston.*

## Upcoming ARCC Events

Regional representatives are requested to send your 2013 events calendars to the secretary or the editor for inclusion in the next issue.

### Alfa Club of Edmonton

Date	Time	Event
March 12	7:00 pm	AutoObsessed
March 19	7:00 pm	Go Kart Racing
May 25	11:00am	Lift Day
June 9	8:30am	History Road - Reynolds

### Toronto Chapter

Date	Time	Event
May 2	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
May 4	9:30 am	Pinarello Tech Session
June 6	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
June 14-16	TBD	Vintage Festival / Drive
July 2	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
July 20-21	TBD	Montreal/Ottawa Rendezvous
August 6	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
Sept. 3	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
Sept. 14	TBD	Rendezvous with Detroit
Sept. 29	TBD	Europa Rally
October 1	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
Nov. 30	8:00 pm	Holiday Dinner

### Club Alfa Romeo de Montréal

Date	Time	Event
April 20	7:00 pm	Supper Seminar
May 18	10:00 am	May Flower Fun Rally
June 15	TBD	Introduction to Autocross
June 22	10:00 am	Summer Driving Tour
July 7	TBD	Fiat Breakout
July 20-21	TBD	Toronto/Ottawa Rendezvous
Sept. 15	TBD	Introduction to TSD Rally
Sept. 29	TBD	Italian Car Day
Oct. 19	10:00 am	Autumn Leaves Tour
Nov. 30	Noon	Holiday Party Lunch

### Other Events of Interest

- Members' Tech Sessions
- Sunday Drives
- Exposition de Voitures Anciennes, Laval, May 26
- Italian Car Day Parade, Ottawa, June 15-16
- Italian Car Day, Boyd Park, Woodbridge, July 6
- Grand Prix of Mosport, ALMS, July 18-21
- Unofficial Cruise Nights occur every Thursday evening at La Paloma, May to October
- Italians at the Julep, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, May to October, 7:00pm



*Note to Countach owners: your classic powerhouse might come across a little busy and aesthetically curious when parked beside a Miura! Photo by George Beston*

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