



ARCC UPDATE

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Canadians at Alfa Miglia Nordest

by George Beston, Cobourg

It's been pointed out to me that In the July Update, I failed to specify that Alfa Miglia Nordest is the name of the 2015 Alfa Romeo Owner's Club (U.S.A.) annual convention which was held between June 24 and June 28 in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Thanks to Gord Zimmerman and Sue Ferguson for having someone push the shutter button to capture the following image. It was our attempt to gather all the Canadians present for a group photograph. I know we didn't get everybody, despite the announcement on the convention's public address system that it was time for all the "Hosers" present to congregate. It was all in good fun, but not necessarily the clearest way to communicate to our group. We'll probably never live down that 1980's comedy sketch featuring Bob and Doug MacKenzie.

I'm sure there was a "point" here, but I can't remember what it was!



Photo by Gord Zimmerman.

Last month I attempted to recall any notable results in the competitions during the convention. One major oversight that I'm aware of was the performance of Sam Di Michele's amazing 1970 GTV in the Concours. It scored 98.5 points in the *Cetificato d'Oro* "Closed" class and was ranked second.

Of course, there was a full slate of activities rounding out the convention including a time

distance rally and a gimmick rally. Alternate activities included full day coach excursions to Boston and Newport.

To top it off, weather during the convention was excellent, which made our drive home through intermittent rain a trivial distraction.

Take note, the 2016 AROC convention is in Nashville, Tennessee from June 16 to June 19!

President's Letter

by Alex Csank, Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue

Alfisti,

It's been a crazy summer! The weather has been playing tricks on us all across the country. We have seen tornadoes touching down in both Ontario and Quebec; hail storms; damaging winds; dry conditions; forest fires; heat waves and cold spells ... and even flash-floods! All these conditions remind me that it is important that you take good care of where you park your Alfa, and that you might want to check up on your insurance and make sure that you have good coverage in the event of weather damage.

By the time you read this, most of our summer events will be behind us and we'll be getting ready for our early autumn events, like the *Raduno Montebello* and our local "Fall Colour" drives. I hope that you get more than a few chances to drive your Alfas in company with other Alfisti and wish each of you a terrific end to the summer!

Please keep sending me your feedback, and also your photos, articles and ideas for the newsletter. George Beston is always looking for your input for upcoming editions.

Rev high!

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Alfas at the Glen 2015

by Elio Comello, Camlachie



Three stories GTAs. Photo from www.racer.com.

With a strong love of Alfas and economy in mind we sought to relive the 2010 Alfas in the Glen and celebrate the GTA's 50th anniversary. On Friday, July 24, Pat O'Reilly and I drove east on the 401, meeting my son Mike at a carpool park and then on toward the duty free shop at the Peace Bridge.

Wow, 3 cases of 24 cans of Canadian beer for \$56.00 CAD including deposit!

We avoided the toll route and headed to the Glen to pick up our pre-ordered weekend tickets and visit the cars and the track. Then we checked in to an affordable cabin at a lakeside camp in nearby Alpine, NY. After a short rest we made for Seneca Lodge so we could enjoy their famous roast prime rib!



Pat and Elio. Photo by Mike Comello.

Saturday at the track we enjoyed the cars. To name a few: Joe Canella's masterwork '84 6C twin turbo Spider Veloce and the Tipo 33s brought out by Jay Iliohan.



V6 in Joe's turbo Spider. Photo by Elio Comello.

There were also a couple of historic unmolested barn finds in the Alfa Pavilion. Fiat Chrysler America had a representative there who brought out an Alfa 4C for us to ogle. I relayed to him my disappointment at the lack of a manual transmission option, hoping that I and others had been heard. "Won't happen" he stated. Only 1500 examples of the 4C will be made ... period. Truly, I was disappointed and still wonder how Alfa's NA presence will look. I wish the new Giulia slated for 2016 success, but neither the 4C nor the new Giulia is the DNA I recognize.

We watched some very exciting races. In one of them a yellow TZ lapped most of its competition with Joe Canella in his #33 GTV pushing hard in second place. At the end of the race the TZ won and Joe secured 3rd place.



Joe's GTV chasing TZ. Photo by Elio Comello.

On Saturday we attended the Driver's dinner at the track Media Center. The food was excellent and Bob Little was the after dinner speaker with his slide presentation of his time working at Autodelta back in the days of GTAs and Tipo 33s. Bob stayed on and entertained questions long into the evening.

Unfortunately time constraints cut our day short on Sunday and we reluctantly missed some racing as we had to head for home.

Some observations: Watkins Glen is still a magical place, but the grandstands are aluminum so they reflect noise and resonate, and the metal gets hot. The track is now retrofitted with curved post barriers and metal barrier fencing as required for NASCAR racing ... safer but it reduces the visibility we used to enjoy affecting spectators and photographers alike. All this results in the Glen's ambiance being somewhat diminished.

Italian Car Day

by Anthony Tersigni, Richmond Hill

We had great weather for the Italian Car Day gathering in Boyd Park. The Alfa Romeo marque had a strong turnout of more than 25 cars. There were a lot of things going on including a lunch tent, vendors, and fund raising activities for The Safehaven Project for Community Living.



Some of the Alfas on display. Photo by Anthony Tersigni.



A well-chosen Ontario plate. Photo from the ICD facebook page.



Something outrageous – LaFerrari. Photo from the ICD facebook page.

C.A.R.M. News

by Alex Csank, Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue

In early August CARM members were hosted by our local Alfa Romeo dealership at LaSalle Alfa Romeo, where we enjoyed a relaxed BBQ summer meal and some great company, among several new 4Cs in various colours. The Pearlescent red and white are beautiful colours to see in the flesh!



Photo by Alex Csank.

We are looking forward to the remaining August events and hope to see many of you in Kingston.

Upcoming ARCC Events

Regional representatives are requested to send your 2015 events calendars to the secretary or the editor for inclusion in the next issue.

Club Alfa Romeo de Montréal

Date	Time	Event
January 24		Annual Meeting and Lunch
February 21		Tech Session
March 28		Cabane à Sucre
April 18		Lunch Meeting
May 9		Springtime Tour
May 23		Laurentians Fun Rallye
June 6		Grand Prix Expo (Club Fiat)
June 7		Grand Prix Expo, Barbeque
June 21		Fathers' Day Tribute Car Show
June 20-21		Ottawa Italian Festival
June 22-28		AROC USA Convention
July 5		Fiat Breakout - Montréal
July 25		Mid-Summer Drive
August 8		Italian Car Day, Woodbridge
August 22-23		Raduno Estivo, Kingston
Sept 12		Super Auto Show, Mirabel
Sept 19-20		Lake Placid Road Trip
Sept 27		Raduno Montebello
October 3		Vineyard Tour
October 17		Fall Colours Drive
November 28		Holiday Party

Alfa Romeo Club of Edmonton

Date	Time	Event
May 2		Tech session – "up your hoist"
June 14		Reynolds History Road
June 20		Solstice Rally
August		Viva Italia
Sept 12		Concourse

Toronto Chapter

Date	Time	Event
May-October, First Tuesday	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
May 18		Victoria Day Pancake Drive
June 21		VARAC Vintage Festival
June 22-28		AROC USA Convention
June 28		Rattlesnake Point Run
August 8		Italian Car Day, Woodbridge
August 22-23		Raduno Estivo, Kingston
Sept 27		Raduno Montebello

Calgary Alfa Marque Society

Date	Time	Event
May 24		Airport Tunnel Car Show
May 29		Garage Tour
June 14		Reynolds Museum Show
July 19		Stanley Park European Car Show

Alfa Romeo Club - Ottawa

Date	Time	Event
May 9		Springtime Tour
May 23		Laurentians Fun Rallye
June 20-21		Ottawa Italian Festival
Sept 27		Raduno Montebello

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