



# ARCC UPDATE

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## *President's Letter*

by Alex Csank, Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue

Alfisti,

After a bit of a late start, it appears that the white stuff of winter has landed for a while. With the Holiday season behind us, our days are beginning to get just a bit longer and we can all begin planning for our next season of Alfa activities. Here in Montreal, we have at least one event scheduled per month to keep us thinking about our cars and our club until the Alfa-driving weather returns.

The International Auto Shows will be open in various cities across Canada beginning this month. Look for some of my 'items on loan' to the Alfa display at the FCA section of your local show.

In terms of event planning for our ALFA EXPO 2017, we have the shell of a schedule, a good hotel contracted and a few venues and social events reserved, but there is still a lot left to do! To establish a committee of volunteers, we are well underway, but still have the following positions available:

- Registrations
- Pre-Convention Driving Tours
- Competitive Driving Events
- Social and Dining Events
- Concorso, Models and Art
- City Tours and Concierge Services
- Driving Tours and Gimmick Rally
- Hotel Services and Events
- Sponsors and Vendors
- Website Services

If you would like to help out with the planning for ALFA EXPO 2017, please let me know. We have lots of work left to do. You do not have to live in the Montreal area to help, or to volunteer for one of the above-listed positions.

Rev high!

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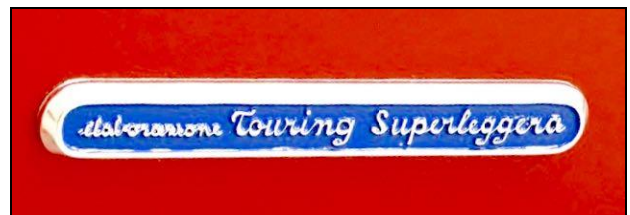
## *Giulia GTC*

by George Beston, Cobourg



*All photos from Hyman Ltd.*

A recent advertisement that was circulated by Hyman Ltd, a classic car dealer located in St. Louis Mo., brought the GTC to my attention last month. I found that just about every Alfa Romeo book has at least one picture of the GTC, but details are few and far between. This model is apparently a conversion starting from the Giulia Sprint GT. I'm particularly impressed by thoroughness and quality of execution of this conversion. One would expect that the chassis would be properly reinforced to make up for the loss of the steel top – and it has – but what impresses me more is the installation of wind-up rear windows and a well integrated convertible top. These details reflect a thorough approach to the GT Cabriolet's design.



*The GTC carries a unique coachbuilder symbol on its flanks.*

The inscription reads "elaborazione Touring Superleggera" which I gather means "developed by Touring Superleggera". Most sources credit Touring with actually doing the conversions, but

Hyman's description of the car says that the design work was done by Touring and the actual coach work was done by Vignale. I'd certainly like to learn more about this Alfa, but my personal library and a quick Internet search were both wanting for detailed information about the GTC. All I could find out was that about one thousand of them were made in 1965 and 1966 including roughly fifty RHD versions. The weight gained from chassis reinforcement was apparently minimal. Fusi reports the same dry weight for the GTC and the Giulia Sprint GT. The development of this car would make for a great story, so I hope that someone comes up with a book on it in the future.



The Hyman ad concludes: "Thanks to its very low production numbers and the beautiful Bertone styling, the GTC has become one of the most desirable of all the 105 series Alfa Romeos."



At a price of \$135,000 U.S., they're out in front of Hagerty's 2014 price guide by about 50%, but there's no harm in asking!

## ***South African Visitor***

by George Beston, Cobourg

Last October, Philip Konig of Pretoria, South Africa contacted the Club to let us know that he was planning to be in the Toronto area on business and would like to get together with other Alfa enthusiasts to visit for an evening. So, we had an impromptu Pub Night on November 19 and invited anyone in the Toronto area who was so inclined to join the party. I'll just say that the group who attended never ran out of things to talk about.

Philip brought two letters of introduction with him, one from the Alfa Romeo Owners' Association of South Africa, and another from the Alfa Romeo Club of Pretoria. It seems that the benign climate makes for Alfa clubs that are active year-round! For anyone interested, you can check out their interesting web sites at [www.arcop.co.za](http://www.arcop.co.za) and [alfaromeoclubsa.com](http://alfaromeoclubsa.com).

I found it most comforting that there is indeed a climate in which Alfas do not rust! Pretoria is at about 26° south latitude, is suitably distant from any ocean, and is at 4,300 feet above sea level. The resulting moderate dry subtropical climate apparently does wonders for preserving Alfas, and anything else that might rust.

We heard a bit about the manufacture of Alfa Romeos in South Africa which was a result of 1960's tax incentives to encourage industrial development. Apparently imported components were used, and final assembly was completed in a couple of different locations over the years up until the mid eighties.

Philip was curious about Spica fuel injection, and was deluged with horror stories which we tried to balance with some discussion of the positive feelings regarding the systems that exist today.

Many other topics were touched on as we talked and traded stories well into the evening. This gathering was most worthwhile, and something we should all try to do when travelling to other countries.

## ***Toronto Chapter Holiday Dinner***

by Anthony Tersigni, Richmond Hill

On Saturday, November 28th, 2015 a group of us got together once again at That's Italian Restaurant in Vaughan to celebrate a fantastic season. As usual the food was delicious and plentiful.



I would like to send out a special thanks to Maurizio Tacchi, who graciously had winter black toques made with the ARCC badge embroidered on the front. Each couple received a toque that

night. You might remember Maurizio and his bright yellow 1974 Spider. He's on the left in this picture, fourth from the front. This year's group was a tiny bit smaller than years past, but nonetheless a good time was had by all.

## ***CARM News***

**by J-M Reysett, Chateaugay**

Aujourd'hui c'est le premier de l'An et je suis devant la porte-patio avec une page toute blanche. Je lève les yeux pour inspiration et voit que Mère Nature nous a finalement aussi servi sa jolie page blanche. D'un Noël tout vert avec des températures printanières à nous faire rugir de savoir nos jouets en hibernation, nous sommes passés en une journée de gazon à un épais tapis de neige de 30 cm pour le Nouvel An.

Je profite de cette tribune, et de ces premières journées de 2016 à titre de nouveau président du Club Alfa Roméo de Montréal C.A.R.M., pour remercier Alex pour tout le beau et bon travail de ces dernières années à remettre le Club Alfa Roméo de Montréal sur ses rails et d'avoir créé une famiglia d'Alfisti enthousiasme à partager et vivre ensemble leur passion pour cette marque marginale de voiture italienne. Sans oublier en plus d'organiser avec différents membres de folles sorties et de plaisantes activités et d'avoir réussi à joindre à la "famiglia" le concessionnaire Alfa Roméo LaSalle. En deux mots, mais combien important : Merci Alex!

Avec l'hiver finalement en place et les froides températures à venir, certains sont maintenant heureux de pouvoir pratiquer leurs sports d'hiver préférés. Pour certains autres, l'attente n'est plus que de 3 ou 4 mois avant de relâcher leur(s) cylindrée(s). Pour nous faire patienter, certaines activités de groupe sont prévues : En janvier on en profite habituellement pour se regrouper pour une séance technique donnée par notre mécano-maison préféré. Février est réservé en l'honneur de nos conjointes de nous laisser vivre certains instants avec nos maîtresses italiennes et de partager avec nous notre folle passion lors de nos rencontres, sorties et événements. Mars, est quant à lui le mois où l'impatience de réentendre le son de nos Alfa commence à nous ronger. Alors, pour calmer quelque peu cette ardeur, quoi de mieux que de se regrouper afin de préparer les mois doux à venir en partageant un bon repas avec ou sans verre de vin.

C'est donc avec une grande fierté que je prends le "volant" du C.A.R.M. pour 2016. Et, c'est sous ce nouveau paysage féerique des Fêtes que je viens souhaiter à tous mes amis Alfisti, et vos familles,

mes meilleurs vœux pour cette nouvelle année. Que 2016 vous apporte la santé (surtout à certains de nos amis qui l'ont eu plus dur ces dernières années), amour (toujours réconfortant à avoir), joie (très plaisant à partager) et de bien belles journées ensoleillées pour nos futures promenades et sorties en compagnie de nos belles maîtresses italiennes (avec l'approbation de nos conjointes).

Bonne et Heureuse Année! *Felice Anno Nuovo!*

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Today is the first day of the year and in front of the blank page I look for inspiration through the patio door at the new white carpet that Mother Nature just dropped on us. From a green Christmas that made us sad to have our toys winterized we woke up the next day with 30 cm of snow for the New Year.

On the first day of my presidency of C.A.R.M., I first wish to thank Alex for the fabulous good work he did through the past years for the rebirth of the Club and making it a friendly "famiglia" of fun fans of a real "unique" car marque. Not to forget, he has, with different members, organized some crazy rides and fun activities, and also has made the LaSalle Alfa Romeo dealership part of our "famiglia". Simple but very important words: Many thanks Alex!"

With the coming winter and its cold weather, some of our friends are now happy to enjoy their winter sports. For others, there are only 3 or 4 months left before we'll be back to hearing the music of our engines. To keep us in touch through those months: January is our technical session by our favorite in-house mechanic, while February is reserved for honouring our spouses' participation and understanding in letting us live our passion with our Italian mistresses. Finally in March, with the enchantments in our heads of the sound of our engines, what can be best to prepare us all for the upcoming season's runs than getting together around a good meal and a glass of wine (or other favourite beverage).

It is with great pride that I take the wheel of C.A.R.M. for 2016. And with this nice holiday scenery, I extend all my best wishes for this New Year to Alfisti friends and family that 2016 brings you good health (especially to some of our friends who have had it hard over the past years), love (always comforting to have), joy (good to share) and nice sunny days to enjoy with our spouses' support for our rides and events with our Italian mistresses.

Happy New Year! *Felice Anno Nuovo!*

## Upcoming ARCC Events

Regional representatives are requested to send your 2016 events calendars to the secretary or the editor for inclusion in the next issue.

### Club Alfa Romeo de Montréal

Date	Time	Event
January 24		Tech Session
February 20		Valentine's Dinner
March 20		Bistro Lunch
April 16		Pizza Night
May 15		Gimmick Rally
May 29		Road Adventure
June 11		Grand Prix Barbeque
June 19		Fathers' Day Veterans Tribute Car Show
August 21		Wine Tour
Sept 10-11		Lake Placid Road Trip
October 16		Fall Colours Drive
November 26		Holiday Party

### Alfa Romeo Club of Edmonton

Date	Time	Event

### Calgary Alfa Marque Society

Date	Time	Event

### Toronto Chapter

Date	Time	Event

### Alfa Romeo Club - Ottawa

Date	Time	Event

### Regional Events – Eastern Region

Date	Time	Event
June 17-19		Italian Car Day, Ottawa
June 12-19		AROC Convention, Nashville
July 3		FIAT Breakout, Montreal
July 15-17		Raduno Estivo, Kingston
July 27-31		Fiat Freakout, Auburn Hills
August 7		Italian Car Day, Woodbridge
September 25		Raduno Montebello

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