



# ARCC UPDATE

May 2010

## ***Tech Session – Pinarello Motori*** by George Beston, Cobourg

The Toronto chapter's first outing of the season was a Tech Session provided by Pino Chiaravalloti at his place of business on Hanlon Ave in Woodbridge. As in the past, the shop is a beehive of activity. While we were there, two Alfa Spiders and a Ferrari 360 Modena were up on hoists.



*All photos by George Beston.*

It was hard for me to divert my attention from the restored 1750 round tail spider body shell that was on one of the lifts. It was completely refinished, but the only mechanical components in place were the front suspension lower control arms. There's something really exciting about a restoration project at that stage – all the dirty work is done and the task of building the car can begin.



There were a couple of 1750 engines on the bench, one of them bolted to its transmission and seemingly ready to go into the round-tail body. It's easy to appreciate Alfa's design features and fine casting work when looking at an engine that's so clean.

Pino discussed a number of topics and answered many questions from the twenty-five people in attendance. In response to some questions, we got a thorough review of the issues that can arise with 105 or 115 series steering boxes, and a discussion of what can be done about repairing them.

After the session, Toronto Chapter president Anthony Tersigni presented Pino with a set of Italian Alfa Centenario postage stamps framed for posterity as a thank-you gift for hosting the club on so many occasions.



## ***Zagato's TZ 3 Corsa*** by George Beston, Cobourg

Well, this car isn't quite as unique as its advance publicity suggested. It turns out to be a one-off variant of the 8C Competizione made by Zagato at the commissioning of a German Zagato enthusiast. It definitely pays homage to the TZ tradition with its styling and with a very low curb weight (quoted as 850 kg!) which of course, does nothing to limit its performance. It may become clear over time what it

means, but for now the construction of the TZ3 is being described as “a mono shell carbon fibre tubular chassis, coupled with a tubular frame and a lightweight aluminium body.” There’s talk of it being a race car, but so far no news as to what, if any races it might enter.



*TZ3 Corsa At Villa D'Este in April. Photo from Press Release.*

## ***Oliver & 6C2500 at Villa D'Este***

**by George Beston, Cobourg**

Our own Oliver Collins has been in Italy for a while and will be there until at least the end of June. He has promised an article for the Update when he gets back, but it’s worth noting that he was awarded the Silver Medal of Honour (2nd) in his class at the Concours D’Elegance. Congratulations, Ollie!



*Photo by Lucie Collins.*

## ***A Primer to the Alfa Dogs 2010 racing Season***

**by Christopher Creighton, Toronto**

The 2009 vintage racing season ended successfully for the Alfa Dogs Team with no one losing an engine or having to do body work over the winter.

The Alfa Dogs Team will consist of six (maybe 7!) race cars for the 2010 season. Five will compete on the Vintage/Historic grid, one entrant will do battle with the (over) abundance of Porsches on the G70+ grid and the final car will run in the CASC GT series.

Most if not all of the cars had some work done on them over the winter.



*All photos by Vic Henderson.*

André Gagne (72 GTV, #44) rebuilt his engine, added new gauges, windshield and hood and had Joe Cannella make a set of custom headers for his car. Once broken in, I suspect that he’ll be considerably quicker than he was in 2009 as he was commenting on how his car was down on power.



Vytas Svetas (Ex Bernie Martinez 67 Giulia Sprint, #23) is so far staying with his set-up from last year and was very quick at the pre season test day at Shannonville.

Editor's Note:

*Vytas has a hilarious story to tell about his experiences being taken for a test run in his race car by its tuner, sitting on the floor on the passenger side while the Expert unexpectedly and boldly drove it down the street, then out onto an expressway, roaring to the next exit and back without being spotted by the law. I couldn't get Vytas to write it up, mostly because he doesn't want to get "somebody" in any trouble! - G.B.*



Doug Paraschuk is back from his year long assignment in Vancouver and ready to fully test the limits of his 1972 Spider, #24. Doug was only able to attend the VARAC Vintage Racing Festival last year so it'll be nice to see his beautifully prepared car back on the grid for 2010.



Joe Cannella (69 GTV, #33) re-built his transmission after losing second gear late last season and all expectations are that he will be even quicker than he was in 2009 – and that was *very* quick!



I did some improvements over the winter to my 72 GTV #105 including a full roll cage (heavy, yes; safer, YES!), very stiff race springs and slightly larger carburetors. My best time in 2009 was just a bit over 1:53 at Mosport so my goal for 2010 is to go sub 1:50. The Shannonville test day proved that the springs were well worth the effort as Fil now corners like a race car should and the body roll is gone.

After a very frustrating 2009, Geoff Layne should be ready to campaign his 1986 Alfetta GTV 6. If this car lives up to potential then the Porsche Cup guys are going to have an Italian intruder in their ranks. Candace Edmunds, spousal unit to Geoff will be taking rides in several of the cars again this season.

Finally, Bernie Betzema will be driving his tube frame Alfetta GT silhouette car in the CASC GT series. At last, someone to cheer for in the GT races!

This is shaping up to be perhaps the best year for Alfa Romeo amateur racing in Ontario for a very long time. That seems appropriate considering that this year also marks the centenary of the existence of Alfa as a car maker and I'm sure that Alfa Dogs will live up to the honour of the marque.

The team would also like to extend an invitation to all Alfisti to come out to see us race. Mosport is only about an hour out of Toronto and tickets for the Regional racing weekends can be downloaded for free from the CASC website: <http://www.casc.on.ca/comptkt>.

You are also welcome to join the usual Alfa contingent for the 31st Annual VARAC Vintage Racing Festival to be held at Mosport from June 18-20: See <http://www.varac.ca/news.html#Festival>. The Espresso maker is always plugged in at the Alfa Dogs paddock.

## Upcoming ARCC Events

### Toronto Chapter

Date	Time	Event
April 24	10 am	Tech Session Pinarello Motori
May 6	7 pm	Cruise Night La Paloma
May 16	10 am	Canadian Automotive Museum / Sunday drive
June 3	7 pm	Cruise Night La Paloma
June 19-20	TBD	Vintage Festival/Drive
June 23-27		AROC Alfa Century
July 8	7 pm	Cruise Night La Paloma
July 11	TBD	Sunday Drive
July 17-18	TBD	Toronto / Detroit Rendezvous - Camlachie
August 5	7 pm	Cruise Night La Paloma
August 8	TBD	Sunday Drive
August 22	TBD	Wine Tour or BBQ
Sept. 2	7 pm	Cruise Night La Paloma
Sept. 10-12	TBD	Alfas at the Glen
Sept. 26	TBD	Europa Rally
Oct. 3	TBD	Fall Tour
Oct. 7	TBD	Cruise Night La Paloma
Nov. 2	TBD	Director's Meeting & Pub Night - Cam's Place
Nov. 27	TBD	Holiday Dinner That's Italian

N.B. – Unofficial cruise nights happen every Thursday at La Paloma during the season.

### Ottawa Chapter

Date	Time	Event
May 8	3:30 pm	Where are all the Italian Cars?
May 30	TBD	Oxford Mills Car Show
June 18	6 pm	Weekend Fest Registration – Frank's
June 19	10 am 1 pm 2 pm 3 pm 6 pm pm	Italian Day parade registration – Frank's Lunch Parade Italian Car Show Banquet

### Alfa Romeo Club of Edmonton

Date	Time	Event
April	TBD	Tech Session - Lionel's
May	TBD	Spring road trip
June	TBD	Rally / Road Trip
July	TBD	European Car Meet Calgary
August 3-7	TBD	Rock-N-August
September	TBD	Fall Road Trip
October	TBD	Annual Italian Dinner
December	TBD	Christmas tree hunt

### Calgary Alfa Marque Society

Date	Time	Event
May 6	7 pm	Cruise Night
June 3	7 pm	Cruise Night
July 8	7 pm	Cruise Night
July 17	10 am	European Classic Car Show
August 5	7 pm	Cruise Night
September 2	7 pm	Cruise Night
October 7	6 pm	Cruise Night

### Events of General Interest

- AROC National Convention. Frederick, Maryland, June 23-27.
- Alfa Romeo Centennario. Milano, June, 26-27
- Ferrari Shell Historic Challenge. Mont Tremblant, July 9-11
- Pittsburgh Vintage GP. July 24-25
- Vintage Grand Prix. Watkins Glen, Sept. 9-11

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