



ARCC UPDATE

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Europa Rally 2011

by Anthony Tersigni, Richmond Hill

On Sunday September 25th, 2011 a small but enthusiastic group of Toronto area Alfisti joined the local Ferrari Club to participate in the 2011 Europa Rally.



Photo by Anthony Tersigni.

We could not have asked for better weather. The meeting point was in Milton. We all collected our rally instructions and set out one by one to hopefully reach our final unknown destination! I drove my GTV and had paired up with Frank Scalisi, as my navigator. We started off okay but ran into a very tricky instruction that took us for a loop! The roads and scenery were fantastic. Although we didn't finish near the top, we still had a great time. The route ended up taking us all the way to Ancaster, Ontario. First place went to John Pickering and Family. Brad Golden took Second Place and third place went to Deni and Eileen Bellai. Many thanks to Brad Golden for looking after the prizes and taking care of things on the Alfa side and to Bill Coutts for overseeing the event as a whole and putting together an interesting and challenging route. We hope to be at it again next year.



Some of the Rally entrants waiting for departure. Photo by J.T. Pickering.



Alfa Romeo cousins including Team Pickering's 8C5700 at left. Photo by J.T. Pickering.

Toronto Chapter Fall Tour

by George Beston, Cobourg

You can't go too far wrong being lucky, and that's what we were as far as weather was concerned for our Fall Drive. That's two events in a row! From our gathering point in the morning until we got home in the afternoon the weather was perfect. The turnout was excellent with at least a dozen Alfas present.



Photo by Sean Collins.

Our route was well planned by Anthony Tersigni and Frank Scalisi. We travelled north and west along some very scenic roads that also happened to have a good variety of curves and reasonable speed limits. After a few hours including two stops along the way, passing through Belfountain and a drive along Forks of the Credit Rd, we finally ended up at Flap Jack's on Highway 10 for a hearty lunch.



Photo by Sean Collins.

It was a great pleasure to watch Oliver Collins as he drove amongst us in his beautiful 6C 2500. Sean and Oliver were attempting to get some photos for use in promoting the Alfa Canadese convention next year. As a result our parade featured the 6C passing and re-passing us frequently, all the while being driven with gusto.



Photo by Sean Collins.

Another 'rare avus' worthy of note that was on the tour was Dorien Bertelleti's Junior Zagato. During our break at the Cheltenham Badlands, I got a demonstration of the powered opening feature for the Jr.Z's rear hatch. Previously, I had no idea that the practice of opening the rear hatch a bit to enhance cabin ventilation was actually a built in design feature.



Photo by Sean Collins.

It was also great fun to observe the Fiat 500 belonging to John McLaine's partner Donna during the course of the tour.

ARCC Now on Facebook **by Anthony Tersigni, Richmond Hill**

In keeping with modern day electronic technology, the Alfa Romeo Club of Canada now has a Facebook page!

Some of you may be already intertwined in the Facebook world already, others may not. Whatever the case is, this is something totally new for our club members to explore. Thanks to Alex Csank for setting up this page for the ARCC; he will be maintaining the page as well. There has been great success with Facebook for the AROC USA. The

intent of this page is to keep Canadian Alfisti informed of various Alfa related content, including events. Who knows, if and when Alfa finally does make a return to Canadian soil, it may capture the new generation of Alfisti!

Here is the link to the ARCC Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alfa-Romeo-Club-of-Canada-ARCC/237679526288538>

Alfas in France?

by George Beston, Cobourg

Alma and I spent the last week of September and the first week of October in France. Our schedule didn't allow any time for me to seek out other Alfa enthusiasts, so while we were enjoying the sights of Paris, Dijon and Provence, I tried to be vigilant for Alfa sightings.

Unfortunately there is very little for me to report on. Modern Alfas are represented to some degree so I did see a fair number of 159s, Mitos and Giuliettas, particularly in Paris. It seemed that they were all diesel-powered variants, as were almost all other four wheelers on the road. My observation is that if someone in France wants a high performance vehicle for daily use, they choose one with only two wheels. The variety of scooters and motorcycles on the road was huge. Interesting bikes that I observed included many big BMWs, some Ducatis and even a couple of Moto Guzzis. Oddly enough, there were a lot of Harley Davidsons in service in Paris, including some V-Rods, but mostly they were the more traditional Sportster style.

In Paris, the only interesting vintage car we saw was an AC Cobra that looked like an original 289-engined example. It was spotted in traffic coming off Pont de la Concorde. Other vintage sightings included a group from the U.K. that I spotted passing through Beaune – an early XKE, an Austin Healy 3000, an MGC and a Triumph TR6 – all of them red convertibles.

Also, thanks again to the Brits, we saw a Morgan Plus 8 in Nyons on Market Day.

We were surprised one Saturday to see a gathering of American cars – Corvettes, muscle cars and one enormous 1960 Cadillac convertible – on the roads near L'Isle sur-la-Sourge.

So, where are all the vintage Alfas? The only occasion that came remotely close to a sighting was when I heard a chortle from open carburetors one day in Bonnieux, but it was from a '60's era Lancia that was passing by.

Presumably the Alfas are all in sheltered garages, waiting for their owners to decide it's just the right moment to take them out for a run. More and more, that's what's happening here as well.

Here's a photo of the only interesting modern Alfa I saw during the trip, taken in Avignon. It seemed to be a top-of-the-line version, with a tan leather interior, V6 power and 4-wheel drive. It certainly stood out from the crowd!



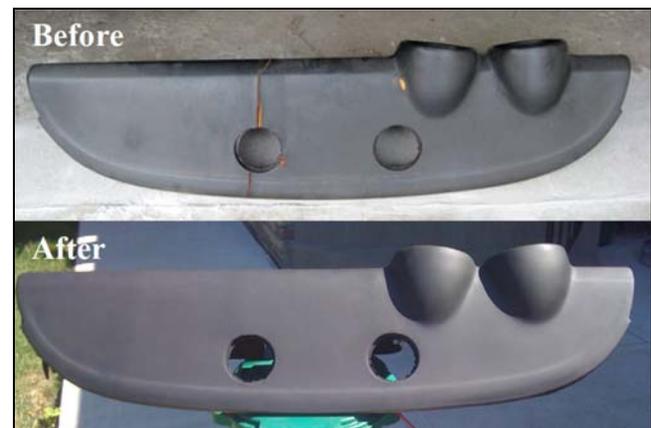
Photo by George Beston.

ARCC Classified

For Sale

1974 Alfa Romeo engine 1600cc. Modified in Germany with 1750 pistons. Has new rings and both chains. New valve job with Giulietta Special cams. Great engine for track. Also for sale is a 2 litre engine totally rebuilt with 105.48 cams. Price to be discussed. Call Ernie at 416 243 1500

Dash Repair. If interested please contact Ernie Francia at (416 243 1500)



Upcoming ARCC Events

Toronto Chapter

Date	Time	Event
March 31	7:00 pm	AGM
May 5	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
May 15	TBD	Sunday Drive
June 2	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
June 5	TBD	Sunday Drive
June 17-19	TBD	Vintage Festival/Drive
July 7	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
July 12-17		AROC Convention
August 4	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
August 6-7		Toronto/Detroit Party
August 21	TBD	Winery Tour
Sept. 1	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
Sept. 17	8:30 am	Creemore Drive
Sept. 25	8:30 am	Europa Rally
Oct. 6	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
Oct. 16	TBD	Fall Tour
Nov. 8	7:00 pm	Pub Night/Directors' Mtg
Nov. 26	6:00 pm	Holiday Dinner

Ottawa Chapter

Date	Time	Event
May 7	3:30 pm	Where are all the Italian cars?
June 18	10:00 am 1:00 pm 1:30 pm 2:30 pm	Italian Day - register Parade Lunch Fiat New & Retro show
June 21	7:00 pm	Annual General Meeting
August 21	TBD	Magical Mystery Tour
Sept. 13	TBD	Pub Night
Oct. 13	3:00 pm	Italian Car Christening Party
Nov. 12	7:00 pm	30 th Annual Potluck

Alfa Club of Edmonton

Date	Time	Event
May 7	11:00 am	Tech Session – Ron G.
May 29	1:30 pm	Apple Blossom Winery
June	TBD	Historic Road Solstice
July	TBD	Race event
August 3-7	TBD	Rock-N-August
August 28		Viva Italia
Sept. 11	1:30 pm	Concours
October	TBD	Amber Brewing Oktoberfest
November	TBD	Italian dinner
December	TBD	Christmas tree hunt
January	TBD	After Christmas party

Other Events of Interest

Italian Car Day, Boyd Park, August 27



Alfa Canadese

Toronto, June 17-24, 2012

The 2012 National Convention for the Alfa Romeo clubs of Canada and the USA.

Early details: <http://alfacanadese.ca>

Volunteers wanted: info@alfacanadese.ca

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