



ARCC UPDATE

August 2012



Italian Car Day

by Gord Zimmerman, Bobcaygeon

What a great day we had at the Italian Car Day in Woodbridge. At the crack of dawn Sue and I climbed aboard our cleaned and polished Alfa Spider and headed to Woodbridge. The drive was perfect with cool morning temperatures, cloudless skies and relatively no traffic. We arrived at our planned assembly area with other like-minded Italian car lovers. From here we drove in a parade to the Boyd Conservation Park north of Woodbridge. As we arrived, we looked down at a field filling with Italian Cars of every description. There was a photographer taking our picture as we entered the park. With a preregistration fee of \$20 and \$10 for a T-shirt, we were corralled into our own marque's area. The proceeds of the event went to support Safehaven, a respite centre that cares for children with complex medical needs, while giving their parents a chance to rest.

After exchanging greetings with other Alfisti, we wandered around looking at some great cars. We also visited all the vendors and enjoyed some great Italian food supplied by Cittadini Ristorante.

Photo by Gord Zimmerman.

There were Fiats, Maseratis, Lamborghinis, Lancias and not to be forgotten, those great Ferraris, all parked around the Alfas. It turned out that the Alfa contingent was the largest amongst the marques with about fifty of us there.



All the Red Alfas were parked in a row. Photo by Gord Zimmerman.

The Ferrari Ontario Race team was there with some of their great racing cars and a \$250,000 Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione.



Photo by Gord Zimmerman.

A brand new Giulietta was present and bearing Michigan manufacturers' plates. The driver didn't provide any encouragement that the car would be brought to our market place.



Photo by Gord Zimmerman.



What a great looking grill on the front of the Giulietta! Photo by Gord Zimmerman.

It was my Sue's "big birthday" and she is coveting a 1996 Spider that we might import from Switzerland or Japan as it is more than 15 years old. It looks like her Fiat 124 is for sale (call me if interested) and a newer Alfa may soon be parked in our garage. But it won't be a green one!



Photo by Gord Zimmerman.

Awards were handed out and our President Anthony Tersigni won the top prize for the Alfas with his GTV. Congratulations, Anthony!

Along with some great old cars were some very significant Italian motorcycles and scooters.



*A 3-wheel delivery flat bed with a Ducati on board
Photo by Gord Zimmerman.*

For the second year running, this was a great show. There were a number of very nice cars from out of town, with many Québec plates in evidence. Where else could you go for a great day, good food, lots of friends to chat with, Italian cars to see and a complementary picture of your car and driver arriving at the gate. I'm registering for next year today!

Toronto Chapter Cruise Night

by Anthony Tersigni, Toronto

The August 2nd cruise night was held at a different location this month. Ice Cream Patio was our host. They are located on Hwy. 7 between Kipling and Martin Grove in Woodbridge.



Photo by Anthony Tersigni.

Despite the threat of rain and a date just prior to the August long weekend, the attendance was very good. An interesting mix of Alfas, Fiats and Ferraris graced the parking lot, which was roped off for Italian autos only. I felt as though we were more at home and it seemed a little more private than La Paloma. The exposure is still very good, if not better, as we can be seen directly from Hwy 7. Ice Cream Patio is a legendary place where you can dine in, have a coffee or a nice gelato and enjoy the evening. We will try this again for the next cruise night on September 6, 2012. Come check out this new location and tell me what you think!

Club Alfa Romeo Montréal (!)

by George Beston, Cobourg

Alex Csank, in cooperation with Yves Boulanger, is doing what he can to establish a club dedicated to Alfa Romeo in the Montréal area.

At the end of July, a small group of Alfas and their owners met at the well-known Orange Julep location in Montréal during the weekly "Euro Tuesday" cruise night event. Alex attended, bringing with him no less than old friend and AROC President Dave Hammond, his wife Andrea and their Detroit Chapter friends Dave and Suzy Small who were all visiting the Montréal area at the time.

At this gathering, the idea of forming a Montréal area club was discussed.



Photo by Dave Hammond.

Alex subsequently sent an e-mail to known Alfisti in the area introducing himself and proposing a Saturday morning driving tour to Hudson, QC and back on August 18, weather permitting.

Alex acquired a huge amount of experience in AROC while stationed in the United States by the Canadian Forces, culminating in the chairmanship of the convention organized by the Capital Chapter in Frederick, Maryland two years ago. Since retiring from the Navy, he has decided to return to his homeland and has been living in Montréal for the past year or so.

Let's all wish him well, and hope that the current effort by Alex and others results in the permanent establishment of Club Alfa Romeo de Montréal.

Alfa Keys

by Russ Baer, Maryland

This may be old news for some, but if it isn't, welcome to my discovery.

While looking for something – I can't remember what – I stumbled on an extremely valuable resource: a web site called keys4classics.com. It is a key service located in a suburb of Canberra, Australia that can make Giulietta (and other Alfa) keys from either the key code number or photos of the key itself. They prefer to have both.

My local locksmiths have been no help finding blanks for any of my Giulietta keys. The Keys4Classics' folks have a clearly arranged set of tables that I used to find blanks for every one of my nine different keys. The blanks are "Silca" not "SAFE" or "Magnet Marelli", but they are made in Italy and the shapes are similar.

With my keys in front of me, I took the extraordinary step (for me) of recording code, blank, and related car. Then I put the list away and did

nothing. Three weeks later I lost the solitary set of keys for my '63 Sprint but, luckily, I was able to find the list and order everything. Keys4classics was wonderful to work with. Email response was immediate, and a telephone number was listed on their site. Thanks to the foreign caller's friend, 'Skype', I was able to talk with Stuart in Australia for just 0.09 USD! After about nine days, 13 keys arrived and they checked out perfectly. Cost for all this including shipping? ... US\$92.20

If you only have one set of keys for one of your Alfas, consider yourself warned!

Upcoming ARCC Events

Alfa Club of Edmonton

Date	Time	Event
April 28	11:00 am	Ron's Grease Pit Blowout
May 7	7:30 pm	Speedsters Racing
June 16	TBD	Reynolds Museum
June 23	TBD	Easy Solstice Rally
July 10	TBD	St. Albert Casino
June 17-24		Alfa Canadese
August 7-11	TBD	Rockin' Horse, St Albert
Sept. TBA	TBD	Concourse
Sept. 30	TBD	Pie Run, Stony Plain
Nov. TBA	TBD	Great Italian Eating
Dec. TBA	TBD	Christmas Tree Hunt
January	TBD	Christmas After Party

Toronto Chapter

Date	Time	Event
March 22	7:00 pm	AGM, Scarlett Road
April 21	10:00 am	1st Choice Garage Tour
May 3	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
May 6	TBD	Sunday Drive
June 7	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
June 15-17	TBD	Vintage Festival/Drive
June 17-24		Alfa Canadese
July 5	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
July 8	TBD	Sunday Drive
August 2	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
August 5	1:00pm	RM Tour
Sept. 6	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
Sept. 9	TBD	Europa Rally
Sept. 15	TBD	Alfas and Sevens
Oct. 4	7:00 pm	Cruise Night
Oct. 14	TBD	Fall Wine Tour
Nov. 7	7:00 pm	Pub Night
Nov. 24	6:00 pm	Holiday Dinner

Other Events of Interest

- Members' **Tech Sessions**, whenever possible
- **Italian Day Parade**, June 16, Ottawa
- **Italian Car Day**, July 21, Boyd Park
- **Grand Prix of Mosport**, ALMS series, July 19-22
- **Marques d'Elegance**, August 19, Mississauga
- Non-official **Cruise Nights** happen every Thursday evening May to October at the La Paloma location.

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