



# ARCC UPDATE

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## Canadian International Auto Show

by George Beston, Cobourg

I took advantage of "Zoomer Day" at the start of this show to get in at a favourable admission rate. Time was limited so I took a quick tour of all of the new car exhibits pausing only to peruse the always entertaining displays of cutaway engines by manufacturers Fiat, Mazda and Ford. They sure make our beloved Alfa engines look very simple, but no less elegant. From the perspective of us Alfa Romeo enthusiasts, the highlight of the show was the exotic car display that contained two really nice Alfas. I don't know for sure, but I'm guessing we can thank Remo Ferri or his organization for this, since they appeared on the same stand as the current range of Ferrari products.



Photo by George Beston.

An 8C coupe and a Giulia SS were on display looking very attractive in their respective shades of red. All we can do is hope that this appearance is a harbinger of things to come, and that we really do have something to look forward to next year.

## 4C Introduction at Geneva

by George Beston, Cobourg

Well, it's finally happened. The production version of the 4C was on display at the Geneva show. It appears to be true to the original prototype that we've been seeing and hearing about for a couple of years now. Even more encouraging is the promotional video that can be found which displays a white 4C tearing around some desert roads in California. Additional reports have come out concerning the actual U.S. introduction in late 2013.



Alfa Romeo video frame.

The big question is, will the 4C be successful? It's a tough call, because success can be defined in so many ways. It's hard to imagine that it will be a huge commercial success if production is capped as reported at 3,500 examples. For me, the best question to ask is, will it be a terrific sports car regardless of commercial concerns?

The most outstanding positive feature of the 4C is its ultra low weight. In an age when sports cars with great reputations and marketplace success weigh well over a ton and a half, there certainly is room to try a different approach. Weight and the inertia it creates at speed are the enemies of good response to the helm. Given a state of the art suspension system and lots of power relative to its weight the 4C should impress. If that's the case, it won't matter that it is very small and "only" has a four-cylinder engine. If it is lacking in any significant way in comfort, ergonomics, dynamic

properties or utility, the going could get tough. If it gets relegated to the status of a “track-day” car as the Lotus Elise did, that would be disappointing. All we can do is wait with baited breath to see how well it is received and hope for the best. So far, there is no word about examples of the 4C getting into the hands of the automotive press, so watch for news in that regard.

Ideally, the 4C will be seen as a groundbreaking sports coupe, with all of the everyday performance one could ask for and an appetite for lapping days. Its carbon fibre construction and overall sophistication should appeal within the competitive set. Delivering better performance numbers than others in its price bracket would be a definite asset.

An official web site has been established for the 4C at <http://4c.alfaromeo.com>. One can learn a lot about the 4C there and sign up for further news from Alfa Romeo.

## ***Touring's Disco Volante Revival***

by George Beston, Cobourg

Recently a segment appeared on the Discovery Channel's Daily Planet regarding Touring's recreation of the Disco Volante. The piece was heavy on the creative styling process and noticeably light on the specific details of the car, but the bottom line was that the new Disco Volante is now available and orders are being taken by Touring. The commentators said that the price will be “more than \$100,000”. My assumption is that price would be in addition to a donor 8C chassis if you could buy one.



*Photo from Touring web site.*

## ***Club Alfa Romeo de Montréal (CARM) News***

by Alex Csank, Kirkland

### **New CARM Logo**

The new CARM badge has been designed with the help of Fabrizio Sciola from the FIAT club, and with the input of our members. It incorporates the Montreal flag in place of the usual red cross, but with a quadrifoglio in place of shamrock to make it more ‘Alfa Romeo’.



We’ve ordered some cling stickers for car windows which will be given free for each paid CARM membership, with additional stickers available for low cost. We’re also looking into using the design to create embroidered badges or apparel items.

### **Technical Seminar 23 February**

A small group of brave Alfisti challenged the snowy roads to attend a technical seminar about the Bosch L-Jetronic fuel injection system, presented by club member and professional mechanic, Murray Hickman. Murray covered the common maintenance and troubleshooting techniques as well as discussing those things most likely to cause problems. A big thank you to Murray for coming out to meet with us and for doing such a great job! Murray is a long-time and well known Alfa Romeo enthusiast and mechanic who runs his own repair facility (Garage Hickman Et Fils Inc. at 554 rue Knowlton, Knowlton, QC JOE 1V0 450-243-0763), where he and his team perform repair, maintenance and modifications to Alfa Romeos and many other vehicles.

## ***Toronto AGM***

by Anthony Tersigni, Richmond Hill

Ocean Drive Motors in north Toronto will generously host this year's Annual General Meeting! The location is 315 Deerhide Crescent, which is off Arrow Rd., south of Finch Ave. (just west of Hwy 400).

We will have a short formal meeting to kick off the 2013 club year. Find out what the club has planned for the coming season! This is also an ideal time to provide input to those responsible for organizing your club events.

Enjoy the fellowship of other Alfa enthusiasts and enjoy an evening of exciting Alfa talk. In addition, as some of you may or may not be aware, Ocean Drive Motors is a dealer of quality pre-loved Alfas! You can see what Alfas are available in their current inventory, right on the showroom floor while enjoying the wonderful ambiance that surrounds you.

## ***Alfa Canadese Concorso***

by Richard Diver, Mississauga



*Richard as Concorso judge. Photo from [Mississauga.com](http://Mississauga.com).*

Call it magic! How else do you explain how so many more cars than planned managed to fit onto The Old Barber House parking lot? And who pulled all these great Alfas out of their proverbial hat? Well, these are Alfa people after all. In the Italian spirit of squeezing a few more in at the dinner table, it all seemed to work out.

Three cars and their drivers, out of many cars and drivers, stuck with me. Glen Drew's white '59 Giulietta Spider was driven up from Maryland, ran the Maple Leaf Mille, took first in class at the concours, took Best In Show and then, because of that, took the Ken Mackey award for Giuliettas. Glen is clearly in the "drive it, don't hide it" camp when it comes to his Alfa.



*Best in Show – Glenn Drew's Giulietta. Photo from [Hemmings.com](http://Hemmings.com).*

Next was another Giulietta, this one belonging to Bill Moffet of Toronto. I learned that weekend that Bill is the original owner of his '58 Sprint, though I've known Bill and his car for years. Chatting with his wife, Anne, she recalled how much they loved the Alfa, but the time finally came when "... with two babies, it just wasn't working as a family car any more." That visual – Mom and Dad and the two kids in the back, the thought of a Giulietta Sprint as a family car – I just had to shake my head and laugh. How things have changed!



*Bill Moffet's one owner Giulietta. Photo from [TNAIfa.com](http://TNAIfa.com).*

Finally, Tahir Ahmed was telling me it was his brother who told him about the convention, "...and by the way it's in 2 weeks." Tahir is an Alfa Club old-timer. How old? Lets just say his ARCC membership number has only 2 digits. Short notice or not, the results speak for themselves - 1st in class for his '73 2000 GTV, the same one he owned in those early days.

Enjoy the pictures that follow!



*The TZ3, on display at Barber House, front and centre. Photo by George Beston.*



*Our Most Historic trophy winner, Jay Ilohan's T33/2.5. Photo from [Velicissima.com](http://Velicissima.com).*



*Other Zagatos on display included Phil Gicante's SZ ... Photo from [Velicissima.com](http://Velicissima.com).*



*These three 101 series Alfas presented very well in their beautiful original colours. Photo from [Velicissima.com](http://Velicissima.com).*



*... and Bob Davy's nicely presented Jr. Zagato. Photo by George Beston.*



*A fine gathering of Giulias in recognition of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Photo from [TNAIffa.com](http://TNAIffa.com)*

### *Alfa Canadese – Concorso Results*

<b>Class</b>	<b>Car</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>Special Interest</b>	27	Philipp Duffy	Brossard QC	1972 Montreal	88.6	1
	92	Bill Mandell	Thornhill ON	1965 2600 Spider	73.8	2
	116/1	Philip Gicante	London ON	1971 Jr Zagato	70.3	3
<b>750/101</b>	70	Glen Drew	Rockville MD	1959 Giulietta Spider	102.6	1
	138/2	Jacob Ilohan	Silver Creek NY	Giulietta SZ Coda Tronca	99.4	2
	37	Bill Moffet	Toronto ON	1958 Giulietta Sprint	94.3	3
<b>Giulia Sedans</b>	126	Robert Abhalter	Kenosha WI	1966 Giulia Super	98.1	1
	33	James Brown	Cortland NY	1965 Giulia Super	96.4	2
	87	Jon Bernheimer	Rockville MD	1966 Giulia Super	91.0	3
	26	Bill Gillham	Jefferson OR	1967 Giulia Super	89.4	4
<b>Giulia Coupes</b>	185	Joseph Rubenstein	Lake Orion MN	1965 Giulia Sprint GT	92.0	1
	198	John Wright	Erie PA	Giulia GTA Stradale	84.0	2
	64	Michael Di Panfilo	Woodbridge ON	1970 GT Jr 1300	83.8	3
	46	Faisal Huda	Oakville ON	1969 GT 1300 Jr	70.5	4
<b>Spiders</b>	230	Loyd Heimbruch	Barnum MN	1978 Niki Lauda Spider	95.7	1
	203	Henry Shershen	Yonkers NY	1972 Spider 2000	91.0	2
	200	John McLaine	Ancaster ON	1989 Spider	88.8	3
	49	Larry Seager	Toronto ON	1972 Spider	84.5	4
	60	Michael Davias	Stamford CT	Duetto	84.5	
	112	Jose Joga	Alexandria VA	1986 Quadrifoglio Spider	81.8	5
	63	Charles Patnode	Norfolk VA	1967 Duetto	61.9	6
<b>105/115 Coupes</b>	238	Tahir Ahmad	London ON	1973 2000 GTV Euro.	95.7	1
	135/1	Greg Stidsen	Andover MA	1974 GTV 2000	92.5	2
	28	John Justus	Kansas City MO	1971 GTV 1750	91.0	3
	104	Adam DiCarlo	Toronto ON	1970 1750 GTV	71.0	4
<b>Transaxle Coupes</b>	24	Les Neidell	Tulsa OK	1984 GTV-6 Callaway	101.5	1
	143	Sam Di Michele	Toronto ON	1983 Alfa GTV6	101.1	2
	225	Joe Rea	Montreal QC	GTV-6	98.9	3
	120	Brad Mellor	Vienna VA	1985 GTV6	97.1	4
	116/2	Philip Gicante	London ON	1990 SZ	91.9	5
<b>Late Sedans</b>	204/1	Anthony Tersigni	Richmond Hill ON	1989 Alfa 75	95.5	1
	135/1	Greg Stidsen	Andover MA	1994 164 Q	86.8	2
	240	Michael Bange	Huntington NY	1991 164S	83.7	3
	17	Hans Milo	Smyrna GA	1985 Alfa6	83.4	4
	100	Maurizio DiStefano	Woodbridge ON	1987 Milano	76.1	5
<b>Special Zagato Class</b>	138/2	Jacob Ilohan	Silver Creek NY	Giulietta SZ Coda Tronca		1
	116/2	Philip Gicante	London ON	1990 SZ		2
<b>Best in Show</b>	70	Glen Drew	Rockville MD	1959 Giulietta Spider		
<b>Pat Braden Award</b>	138/1	Jacob Ilohan	Silver Creek NY	T33/2.5		
<b>Ed Mackey Award for Giuliettas</b>	70	Glen Drew	Rockville MD	1959 Giulietta Spider		
<b>HVA/FIVA Trophy Most Historic Alfa</b>	138/1	Jacob Ilohan	Silver Creek NY	T33/2.5		

## Upcoming ARCC Events

Regional representatives are requested to send your 2013 events calendars to the secretary or the editor for inclusion in the next issue.

### Alfa Club of Edmonton

Date	Time	Event
Jan. 26	5:30 pm	ACE Christmas Dinner
March 12	7:00 pm	AutoObsessed
March 19	7:00 pm	Go Kart Racing

### Toronto Chapter

Date	Time	Event
Feb. 9	9:30 am	Planning Meeting
March 20	7:00 pm	AGM, Ocean Drive Motors
April 13	TBD	A.E. Shop Tour
May 2	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
May 5	TBD	
June 6	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
June 14-16	TBD	Vintage Festival / Drive
July 4	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
July 21	TBD	
August 1	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
Sept. 5	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
Sept. 29	TBD	Europa Rally
October 3	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
October 6	TBD	Fall Tour / Rendezvous
Nov. 30	8:00 pm	Holiday Dinner

### Club Alfa Romeo de Montréal

Date	Time	Event
Jan. 26	7:00 pm	Potluck
Feb. 23	TBD	Tech Session
March 23	TBD	Sucrerie de la Montagne
April 20	TBD	Dinner and Presentation
May 18	TBD	Mayflower Fun Rally
June 22	TBD	Summer Driving Tour
July 21	TBD	Introduction to Autocross
August 24	TBD	Introduction to TSD rally
Sept. 29	TBD	Italian Car Day
Oct. 19	TBD	Autumn Leaves Tour
Nov. 30	TBD	Holiday Party

### Other Events of Interest

- Members' Tech Sessions
- Sunday Drives
- Exposition de Voitures Anciennes Laval, May 26
- Italian Car Day, Boyd Park, Woodbridge, July 6
- Italian Car Day Parade, Ottawa, June 15-16
- Grand Prix of Mosport, ALMS, July 18-21
- Unofficial Cruise Nights occur every Thursday evening at La Paloma, May to October

## Velocetta at Alfa Canadese



Doug Paraschuck's *Homage to the Roundtail* as seen at Alfa Canadese. The car features a custom body over a Cobra replica frame and a Maserati V8 engine. *Photo by George Beston.*

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