



# ARCC UPDATE

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## *President's Letter*

by Alex Csank, Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue

Greetings!

With the summer in full swing, although it has been a strange season weather wise, I hope that you have been taking plenty of opportunities to exercise your Alfas.

July has been a pretty busy month for the various club activity calendars, with some members even traveling the distance to attend the Alfa Romeo Owners Club (USA) national convention which was held in Detroit this year. The new 4C made a couple of appearances and there were also many spectacular and very rare vintage Alfas on display.

George Beston attended a part of the Directors meeting and the directors were presented a proposal for a combined AROC/ARCC convention to be held in Montreal in 2017. Although the proposal was well received, AROC won't be making a decision until next year and they would prefer to have a convention hosted by a Western AROC chapter, as almost all recent conventions have been held or are planned to be held in the Eastern region of the continent. The AROC Directors hope that after next year's convention in Rhode Island and the following year's convention in Nashville, they will be able to convince one of the Western chapters to host a convention. So, we will wait and see what develops over the coming year.

Regardless of the outcome of their decision, 2017 will still be an important year for all of us here in Canada and especially in Montreal, as it marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Confederation, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our international exhibition at Expo '67 and of course, the unveiling of the original Alfa Romeo Montreal prototype. It also marks Montreal's 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary. That sure sounds like a great excuse for a party, doesn't it?

As always, please send me your feedback and suggestions about this and any other club-related issues anytime. Rev high!

## *2014 AROC Convention*

by George Beston, Cobourg

My own attendance at "Great Lakes Alfa" was limited to the first two days' events due to a conflict with my family's annual cottage week. However, there was a lot going on in those two days.

The track event was at Waterford Hills on Wednesday. It was a good day to observe various Alfas at speed on the track, but in keeping with the more modest goals of this year's convention there was no recording of lap times, official or otherwise. The participants went out in groups according to their relative speed, and passing was allowed under strict conditions.

The highlight of the event for me was to see – and hear – long-time Toronto Chapter member and former President Ken Geiger circulate in the ex-Bobcor right hand drive GTA. The restoration of this historic Alfa has been a heroic odyssey on Ken's part, and his enjoyment of this experience was very evident.



*Ken Geiger and ex-Bobcor GTA. Photo by George Beston.*

Another Canadian entrant in the time trials was Adam DiCarlo with his trusty 1750 GTV, still in Targa Newfoundland livery.

The other event on the Wednesday was the Welcome Reception at the Chrysler Museum. Our corporate parent opened the otherwise private museum to us, generously providing us with hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and staffed the museum with knowledgeable docents to answer our questions. The museum contains many vehicles from the Corporation's past including those from companies such as Jeep and American Motors, and there are numerous displays honouring the drag racing and stock car racing heritage enjoyed by Chrysler brands.

For gear heads such as myself there were other fascinating displays including engines built for the military in the World War II era, including a 30 cylinder tank engine which was really 5 six-cylinder flat head engines attached to a common crank case like a horizontal X with fifth vertical arm. As displayed, this engine was mounted in a square-tube frame, presumably to facilitate mounting it in a tank. An even more unlikely prototype straight 16 aircraft engine was also on display.

Having said that, the main attraction was the product at the front steps. We were treated to the presence of two red Alfa 4Cs and two Maserati Ghiblis. A line-up formed very quickly when it became known that one of the 4Cs would be available for attendees to sit in. Just like most of the folks there, I gleefully joined the line and got my chance. A pleasant surprise was that Jolene Justus (AROC administrator) joined me in the passenger seat.



*Proof that Alfa is back! Photo by Ken Geiger.*

Beyond the enthusiasm of the moment I was quite taken with the 4C. Achieving the presence of a "supercar" is quite a feat for such a small vehicle. The body is well proportioned with its contours and cut lines very well executed. There's a lot more to them than I've observed in any of the pictures in the press.

The assembled throng was also treated to a brief demonstration run by one of the 4Cs present. It's got a loud voice - the "Alfa Song" has never been like this before. The pop (or is it a crackle?) emitted from the exhaust with every shift just has to be deliberate on the part of the designers. One way or the other it makes the 4C even more unique.

Thursday brought the autocross event which was staged on Belle Isle, a State Park island in the Detroit River. The format of this event was arranged to avoid the need for timing equipment. The course had two nearly symmetrical sides to it and was set up so that two competitors started at the same time going in opposite directions and running different sides of the course, crossing over to the other side at the half way point. The start/finish line extended to cover both lanes so that the winner could be declared based on a visual assessment of who got there first. Competitors were grouped and allowed to run within their groups, with the pairs getting up to three runs against each other. The first one to lose twice was removed from the competition round. The winners of each group were then pitted against each other until one winner emerged. To nobody's surprise, John Hoard and George Schweikle were the last pair. It was exciting, but I'm not sure who won - I think George.



*Adam DiCarlo in GTV. Photo by George Beston.*

It was fun to see a number of ARCC members participating. Bob Merchant from Calgary competed in the supercharged Audi sedan that he drove all the way to the convention. It was fascinating to watch the abundantly-powered four wheel drive system work to hold the line in some of the tighter sections. Other entrants included Ken Geiger in his Giulia Super and Adam Di Carlo in his 1750 GTV.

The rest of the day was a bit of a blur, but I dropped some cash off with the vendors in return for some new gear, sat in on the tech sessions, then headed over to the Director's meeting to talk to them about Alex's idea for a Montreal convention in 2017, and finally stayed around for an amazing dinner put on by Andrea Hammond. Lucky me!

## Toronto Italian Car Day

by George Beston, Cobourg



This was not an event I was able to attend, and the weather threatened most of the day. The good news is that Ian White's GT Jr. was judged the Best Alfa despite some pretty formidable competition, i.e. an 8C. Congratulations to Ian!

## Alfas at the Calgary European classic Car Show

by Mark Willis, Calgary



*I spent most of my time at the vintage racing display with my yellow GTV race car. Photo by Mark Willis.*



*The silver GTV in this picture is also mine. Photo by Mark Willis.*



*Finally, it's hard to ignore such a beautiful participant. Photo by Mark Willis.*

## C.A.R.M. News

by Alex Csank, Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue

Sunday, July 8 was the fourth edition of the Fiat club's Fiat Breakout which took place on Dante Street in Little Italy. It was an open air exhibition of Italian cars organized by Club Fiat Montreal. Several members of CARM were present as well as the Alfa Romeo Club of Ottawa. For beautiful pictures please visit the website of Alain Lemire at Lemire Automedia:

[www.lemireautomedia.com/fr/media-auto-info/flat-breakout-2014](http://www.lemireautomedia.com/fr/media-auto-info/flat-breakout-2014)

Our busy August calendar includes a vintage car show in Baie D'Urfé on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, a road tour through the Eastern Townships on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and a Ride to Rigaud on the 30<sup>th</sup> complete with lunch, a ferry ride and some great country roads to let us stretch our Alfas' legs.

The fun will continue into September with our first wine and vineyard tour on September 13. And then, on the weekend of September 26, 27 and 28, Bruno and Linda Orsini will lead us on our third Annual Southern Quebec to Lake Placid Road Trip, which will include a visit to Saratoga Springs in New York to attend the eighth Annual Hemmings Motor News Concours d'Elegance – where the featured marques include Alfa Romeo. For details please visit [www.hemmings.com/events/concours](http://www.hemmings.com/events/concours). Also on September 28 is the second annual Raduno Montebello which will be held at Château Montebello near Ottawa. This event is a gathering of many European (mostly Italian) automobile clubs from Ontario and Quebec.

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## Upcoming ARCC Events

Regional representatives are requested to send your 2014 events calendars to the secretary or the editor for inclusion in the next issue.

### Club Alfa Romeo de Montréal

Date	Time	Event
May 10	TBD	VEA Rally
June 8	TBD	Grand Prix Barbeque
June 14	TBD	Ottawa Italian Car Day
June 15	TBD	Fathers' Day Veterans Tribute Car Show
June 28-29		Raduno Estivo
July 6	TBD	Fiat Breakout - Montréal
July 12	TBD	Sommet des Légendes
July 18-21		Grand Prix of Mosport
July 23-27		AROC Convention
August 3		Baie d'Urfé vintage car show (VAQ)
August 30	TBD	Ride to Rigaud
Sept 13	TBD	Wine Tour
Sept 26-28		Hemmings Concours
Sept 28	TBD	Raduno Montebello
Oct 18	TBD	Fun Rally
Nov 29	TBD	Holiday Party

### Calgary Alfa Marque Society

Date	Time	Event
May 29	TBD	Garage Tour
June 14	TBD	Reynolds Museum Show
July 19	TBD	Stanley Park European car show

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## Toronto Chapter

Date	Time	Event
May 6	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
May 19	9:30 am	Pancake Drive
June 3	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
June 13-15	TBD	Vintage Festival / Drive
June 15	TBD	Yorkville Exotic Car Show
June 22	TBD	Europa Rally
June 28-29	TBD	Raduno Estivo
July 8	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
July 18-21	TBD	Grand Prix of Mosport
July 19	9:00 am	Italian Car Day
July 23-27	TBD	AROC Convention
August 5	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
August 24	TBD	Marque d'Elegance
Sept 2	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
Sept 14	TBD	Fall Tour
Oct 7	7:00 pm	Cruise Night – La Paloma
Nov 29	6:00 pm	Holiday dinner

### Alfa Romeo Club of Edmonton

Date	Time	Event
May 18		Spring Road Trip
June 14		History of Road at Reynolds
June 21		Around Town Rally
July 8		Apex Casino Meeting
July 20		European Car Show Calgary
August 24	10:00 am	Viva Italia
Sept 7		Concours d'Eleganza
Sept 21	12:30 pm	Apple Harvest Leduc
Dec 14		Christmas Tree Slaughter
Jan 2015		Alfa Christmas Party

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