



ARCC UPDATE

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President's Letter

by Alex Csank, Vankleek Hill

Greetings!

The weather is cooler now, although October has been a pretty good month weather wise here in eastern-most Ontario. October is one of my favourite months, with the explosion of beautiful colours on the trees, the bountiful harvest of vegetables from the garden, spooky movies and Halloween, the family gathering and feast of Thanksgiving ... and of course, the wonderful road experience of an annual Autumn Leaves Alfa driving tour with other Alfisti!

'alfa-expo17' Update

I received some good news yesterday. The track at Saint Eustache (Autodrome) is reserving our track day on their schedule as proposed for July 13 next year. Carl Wener of the ASE Lapping Club will assist Alain Raymond and others in organizing and safely running our track and autocross events. The autocross will be held on Saturday, July 15.

On Sunday, November 13, the AMICI Association of Italian car clubs from Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto will be holding its annual meeting in Kingston, Ontario over lunch to discuss and coordinate club events for the 2017 season. Afterwards, the alfa-expo17 planning committee and those interested in helping out with the convention are invited to join us for a convention planning meeting in Kingston or possibly Gananoque, followed by a relaxed dinner. If interested in joining us for either or both of these meetings please send me an email or call me. We still have lots to do to get ready for next summer and we really DO need your help!

Alfa Romeo News

The 2015 and 2016 4C coupes and spiders are being heavily discounted now, as most of those who wanted and could afford these special cars have already made their purchases. If you were thinking about buying one of these little bombs,

now is a good time to do so. Apparently, as I write this, the first of the Giulia sedans are being delivered, with around seven of the cars having already been delivered somewhere in North America. You should see them in the dealer showrooms before too much of the snow covers the ground. That may not be the best time to sell new Alfa Romeos, but at least they'll be ready to hit the road by the time spring arrives. The Stelvio SUV has been photographed undergoing testing in various places and we may have one at the convention next year.

As always, please keep sending me your feedback, and also your photos, articles and ideas for the newsletter. George Beston is always looking for your input for upcoming editions.

Until next month,
Rev high!

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Toronto Chapter Wine Tour

by George Beston, Cobourg

This year's event was again organized by the Ontario Fiat Club. Sunday, September 11 turned out to be another beautiful summer's day so we met up on schedule at the Roma Italian Bakery in Stoney Creek. After some coffee and cannoli, we all left to climb the Niagara Escarpment and enjoy the view from Ridge Road. We travelled west past Jordan Station, along the Welland Canal in St. Catherine's and then through the heart of Niagara-on-the-Lake on our way to our destination at the Inniskillin Estate Winery.

Before lunch, we were taken on a tour of the winery that focussed on the history of wine making in the Niagara area and how they have developed their ice wine business. The tasting samples were enthusiastically received, especially the recently introduced ice wine made from Pinot Noir grapes.

Lunch was hearty and generous but I was thankful for having eaten that cannoli in Stoney Creek because it was about 2 p.m. before lunch was served!

After visiting with other Alfisti over lunch, I left early due to the distance I had to cover to get home. I was impressed by the hospitality of the staff, particularly the host who walked with me to the parking area as I left and had many complimentary things to say about our cars in general and some insightful questions about my Spider in particular.

C.A.R.M. News

by Jean-Michel Reysett, St-Hubert

Déjà octobre qui vient de s'installer. Malgré ses belles températures qui continuent, ne faut pas se le cacher, l'été à encore passer trop vite. Il nous reste quand même quelques dernières belles balades à faire pour ce mois et celui à venir pour ceux qui ne remettent leur carrosse qu'à la fin novembre.

En fin août, Lucie et moi avons passé 17 jours en France à visiter la famille, à se dorer la couenne sur la plage du Médoc Atlantique et à galvauder dans le Pays Basque, tant le long de la mer que sur les routes sinueuses des belles Pyrénées.

Malgré le large ensemble du parc automobile français peu d'Alfa nous avons croisés. Une belle GTV en sens inverse, deux Mito, quelques GT et 159 mais plusieurs 156 et Giulietta. Pas même une 4C ni de nouvelle Giulia n'ont été aperçues de près ou de loin. Même pas de GTV Spider comme la mienne non plus d'ailleurs. Décevant pour mes yeux d'américain... Le seul concessionnaire Alfa vu en chemin fut celui du Rond-Point de Maignon à Bayonne près de Biarritz. Beau et grand studio associé avec toutes les marques italiennes (Fiat, Ferrari, etc.). Malheureusement celui-ci était fermé lors de notre bref et rapide passage dans ce carrefour giratoire.

Par chance que notre vacance n'était pas pour faire un décompte des Alfa Romeo nous aurions été quelque peu déçus. Avec une superbe belle température avec en prime du champagne, du bon vin et de la nourriture excellente à chaque jour, nous avons eu droit à des paysages pyrénéens à couper le souffle et la chance de nous baigner de l'autre côté de l'Atlantique tant en France qu'en Espagne.

Il nous a fallu acheter une valise supplémentaire pour me ramener seize autos modèle 1:18 que j'ai héritées d'un cousin soudainement décédé il y a huit ans déjà. De celles-ci, j'ai eu droit à 3 Alfa,

une Lancia et deux Bugatti qui se rajouteront à mon autel Alfa.



Photo by J.M. Reysett.

Pendant notre séjour en fin août Roméo, ma GTV Spider 1996, était sous les soins de Patrick, notre mécano préféré, pour se refaire les freins et la suspension avant et arrière ainsi que d'autres petits ajustements irritants. Mais un lot de pièces sur un ensemble commandé en France a été longuement retardé par les douanes. Du coup, à notre retour Roméo n'était toujours pas sur ses quatre pattes. Finalement après les recherches de Patrick, tout est arrivé et Roméo a repris la route pour la fin de la saison.

Côté du Club CARM, les activités pour le mois d'août furent pour le moins tranquille. Avec les vacances et différentes activités personnelles de tous et chacun, il a été assez difficile d'arriver à rejoindre un nombre satisfaisant de participants pour nos sorties/raisons. Du coup, les activités prévues pour le mois d'août ont dû être annulées une à une.

Avec l'automne qui sonne maintenant à nos portes, les week-ends du mois de septembre ont été bien remplis. Le samedi 3 septembre, notre ami et concessionnaire Montréal Alfa Romeo-LaSalle Fiat a eu la grande gentillesse de nous inviter à un Espresso et Biscotti spécial-essai Fiat 124. Plusieurs membres (hommes et femmes) sont venus l'essayer et tous en ont apprécié la qualité et la conduite de cette nouvelle sportive chez Fiat. Mais les plus accros du volant attendent avec impatience l'édition Abarth...

Aussi le 10 et 11 septembre a eu lieu Le Super Auto Show 2016 de Mirabel et le 25 septembre le Randuno 2016 au château Vaudreuil. Entre cela, comme Mère Nature continue de nous gâter comme elle l'a fait ces dernières semaines/mois, quatre de nous avons filés sur nos arrières routes du Nord pour aller manger un hot-dog et des frites à Chertsey et voir le début des couleurs des arbres.



Two Spiders at Raduno Vaudreuil. Photo by J.M. Reysett.

October already! Even though the weather remains very nice summer goes always too fast. The good thing is there are some very nice rides to do in this month and next for those lucky ones who put their toy in storage only in November.

Lucie and I went for a 17 day holiday in France at the end of August to visit the family, get a tan on the beaches of the Atlantic-Medoc and ride the winding roads of the Basque Country to keep our tan along their beaches. In our French stay we did not see many Alfa Romeos. We spotted a nice old GTV, two Mitos, a few GTs and 159s and lot of 156s and Giuliettas. Sadly, I was unable to spot a 4C, new Giulia or even a GTV Spider like mine. The only Alfa Romeo dealer I saw was a very big and nice one with all the Italian models (Fiat, Ferrari, etc.) in Bayonne near Biarritz. Unfortunately, it was closed when we rapidly passed by in the roundabout.

However, our trip was not just about counting Alfas! With the very nice weather, the champagne, the wine and the very good food we had every day, we had breathtaking Pyrenean scenery and the luck to swim in the French and Spanish side of the Atlantic Ocean.

We had to buy an extra luggage to bring back sixteen 1:18 models inherited from a cousin who died suddenly about eight years ago. In the lot I got three Alfas, one Lancia and two Bugattis to be added to my Alfa shrine.

While in France, Romeo, my black 1996 GTV Spider, was in the hands of Patrick, our preferred mechanic, to redo the front and rear brake and suspension and to look at some irritating rattles. But because of some undelivered parts by Canada Customs, Romeo remains on jack stands for a longer period than expected. With Patrick's calls finally all parts were received and Romeo is back on its wheels.

With the summer holidays and various personal activities by one and the other, CARM had to cancel most of the scheduled activities/rides in August.

September was kind of busier. This past Saturday September 3rd, our friendly Montreal Alfa-Romeo/LaSalle Fiat dealership welcomed us for our monthly Espresso-Biscotti meet with a special invitation to test drive the new Fiat 124. Lots of members (both men and women) came and liked the quality and the drive of this new Fiat sports car. The racers in us impatiently await the Abarth Edition.

Last September 10th and 11th was the 2016 Super Auto Show in Mirabel and on the 26th was the 2016 Raduno held this year at the Château Vaudreuil. In between those activities, as weather permitted, four of us did a ride on our Quebec back roads up north for hot-dogs and fries in Chertsey and to see trees starting to change color.



A 4C Spider at Raduno Vaudreuil. Photo by J.M. Reysett.

Toronto Cruise Night

by George Beston, Cobourg

Our last cruise night of the season was held on October 4. Considering the month, conditions were ideal and the turnout was good, about 25 cars. May seems such a long time away ...



Photo by George Beston.

Upcoming ARCC Events

Regional representatives are requested to send your 2016 events calendars to the secretary or the editor for inclusion in the next issue.

Club Alfa Romeo de Montréal

Date	Time	Event
1 st Saturday	Monthly	Alfas & Espresso, LaSalle Alfa
May 15		Gimmick Rally
May 22		St Lambert Antique Auto Show
May 29		Road Adventure
June 11		Grand Prix Barbeque
June 19		Fathers' Day Veterans Tribute Car Show
July 24		Meet with Scuderia Alfa Romeo
August 21		Wine Tour
Sept 10-11		Lake Placid Road Trip
October 3		Vineyard Tour
October 16		Fall Colours Drive
November 26		Holiday Party

Regional Events – Eastern Region

Date	Time	Event
June 17-19		Italian Car Day, Ottawa
June 12-19		AROC Convention, Nashville
July 3		FIAT Breakout, Montréal
July 15-17		Raduno Estivo, Kingston
July 27-31		Fiat Freakout, Auburn Hills
August 6		Italian Car Day, Woodbridge
September 25		Raduno Montebello

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Date	Time	Event

Calgary Alfa Marque Society

Date	Time	Event

Toronto Chapter

Date	Time	Event
May 23	9 am	Victoria Day Pancake Drive
June 5	10 am	Canadian Warplane Drive
June 7	7 pm	Cruise Night
June 17-19	TBD	Vintage Festival & Drive
June 26	10 am	Rattlesnake Run
July 5	7 pm	Cruise Night
July 10	10 am	Sun Collision Event
August 2	7 pm	Cruise Night
August 21	10 am	Italian Gathering
September 6	7 pm	Cruise Night
September 11	10 am	Wine Tour & Drive
October 4	7 pm	Cruise Night
October 16	9 am	Fall Colours Drive
November 26	6 pm	Holiday Dinner Party

Alfa Romeo Club - Ottawa

Date	Time	Event
April 19	6 pm	ARCO AGM
May 28	2 pm	Car Christening and BBQ
October 16	10 am	End of Season Drive and BBQ
February	7 pm	Annual Pot Luck Dinner

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