

ALFANATIC



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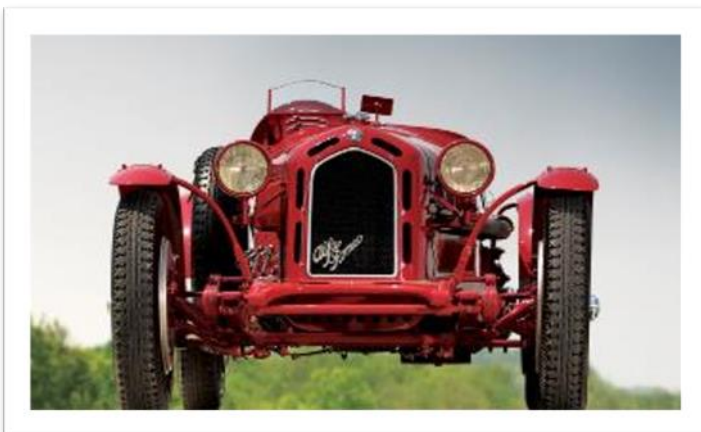
Annual Banquet and Business Meeting Saturday, April 2

Bravo! Italian Kitchen
Brookfield Square
95 N. Moreland Road
Brookfield WI

The schedule:

- 5:30-6:00 Cocktails (cash bar)
- 6:00-7:45 Dinner in the Sunshine Room
- 7:45-8:15 Short business meeting, door prizes, and continued socializing

Please see the next page for the menu, pricing, and other details.
See page 3 for registration form.



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Banquet Details

Available menu items:

Choice of Soup or Salad

- Italian Wedding Soup
- Insalata Della Casa

Entrée Choices

- Lasagna
- Chicken Parmesan with herb linguine
- Grilled salmon with seasonal vegetables
- Filet Mignon (**Extra charge applies. See below.**)

Freshly baked Focaccia bread and unlimited soft drinks, coffee, or tea are included.

Dessert is available. If you decide to indulge, the club will pick up the tab..

Pricing

\$40.00 per person.

For the filet add \$6.50 (\$46.50 total).

The price includes taxes and a service charge.

Please fill out the registration form on the next page and send it with your payment no later than March 20, 2022, to our club treasurer. (Address on the registration page.)

Those interested in Bravo! Can get more details at [their website](#).

Local, Regional, and International Events Calendar

Something missing? Send dates for events we've missed and we'll include them in the next calendar. email: rabhalter@att.net

April 2	AROC-WI Annual Banquet and Business Meeting, Bravo! Italian Kitchen
May 7-8	AROC-WI Das Kurze Klausenrennen, New Glarus, Wisconsin
May 20-22	SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend, Road America
June 4	CAROC and Lotus Corps Track Day, Blackhawk Farms Raceway
June 6-16	AROC Goes to Italy Tour #4
June 9-12	NTT Indycar Series, Road America
June 11-12	24 Hours of Le Mans
June 13-19	AROC-USA National Convention, Coronado, California
June 17-19	WeatherTech Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints, Road America
June 30-July 3	NASCAR Cup and Xfinity Series races, Road America
July 14-17	WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman, Road America
August 4-7	IMSA SportsCar Weekend, Road America
August 7	ICAMS, AROC-WI, Sussex Village Park, Sussex, Wisconsin
August 19-21	GT World Challenge America, Road America
August 20	Concorso Italiano, Monterey, California
August 21	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Pebble Beach, California
August 28	Geneva Concours d'Elegance, Geneva, Illinois
September 16-18	Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend w/VSCDA, Road America
Sept 30-Oct 12	AROC Goes To Italy Tour #5
October 20-24	AROC Goes to the F1 USGP, Circuit of the Americas, Austin, TX

2022 AROC –Wisconsin Banquet and Business Meeting

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Bravo! Italian Kitchen
95 Moreland Road
(Brookfield Square)
Brookfield, Wisconsin
(262) 785-0858

Schedule:

5:30 - Cash Bar and Socializing

6:00 - Dinner

7:45 - Business Meeting and More Socializing

Questions?

Bob Ludwigson - 262-527-2396, or rludwigson@aol.com

Registration

Please register before March 20

Yes! Sign me up.

Name(s) _____

Menu Choices:
(indicate quantity)

Starters

___ Italian Wedding Soup
___ Insalata Della Casa

Entrée

___ Lasagna
___ Chicken Parmesan with Herb Linguine
___ Grilled Salmon with Seasonal Vegetables
___ Filet Mignon (Extra Cost - \$46.50)

Payment:

___ @ \$40.00 = _____

___ @ \$46.50 = _____

Total _____

Make checks payable to: Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Wisconsin.

Mail to:

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Cedarburg WI 53012

Banquet Update

By Bob Ludwigson

As reported in the last *Alfanatic*, we will be holding our annual banquet and business meeting on April 2. Since then Gary Schommer has informed me that there will be door prizes to give out during the banquet.

For those of you who may not have heard, the banquet will be held at the Italian restaurant at Brookfield Square called Bravo! We have reserved a private room called the Sunshine Room, which is separated from the main part of the restaurant. Seating will be at circular tables which hold about 6 people per table. Please see the signup sheet located in this *Alfanatic* to make your food choices and then send that in to Randy Swanson.

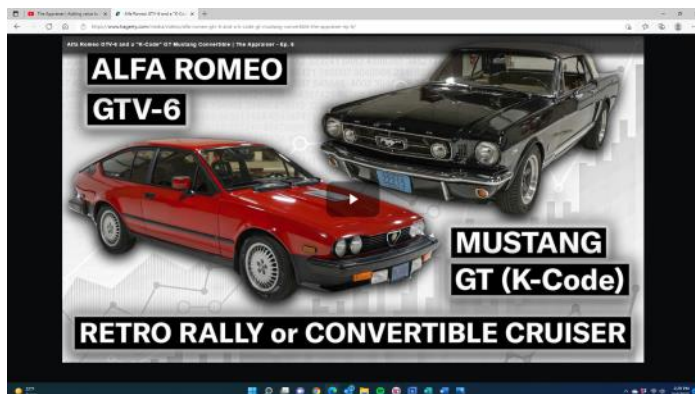
The meeting will also be our opportunity to elect the club's officers. I expect that all the current officers will again accept to continue their respective functions with one exception. Steve Wirtz has indicated that later this year he and his family will be moving to Montana, and so we need a new club president. We are hoping that one of you will step up to fill this function. The job may seem like a lot of work, but it really isn't as the other members are always eager to step up and help out. Functions that I see as part of this job are: planning which events to have, helping to recruit new members, and generally promote the club whenever possible.

I hope to see you at the banquet! 🍀

Heinrich and His GTV6 Star in Comer's Hagerty.com YouTube Series

If you surf the web at all, you know that AROC-WI club member Colin Comer is a presenter for various Hagerty.com productions, the most recent of which is *The Appraiser*, a weekly YouTube series in which Colin presents and evaluates various collector cars. For his 6th episode, Comer drafted fellow club member Tom Heinrich for an evaluation of his beautiful red 1986 GTV6. (Click on the photo to link to the full presentation.)

In the series, Colin and the owner briefly review the car's history. Then, with the owner absent, Comer reviews the unique features, plusses, and minuses of the current example. The owner returns to hear Colin's value appraisal.



In this episode, we learn that Tom has owned the car since 1988 and has driven it about 80,000 miles. We also discover that Tom has given the GTV6 excellent care over the years. We are introduced to Colin's paint gauge and learn that there may have been some touchup performed on the passenger side front fender. Tom says this was done prior to his ownership. Overall Colin rates the GTV6 as a solid number three condition car and suggests a value for it somewhat above what you might find in the Hagerty.com evaluation tool. The series is entertaining to view. Perhaps we'll see other Alfas reviewed in future episodes. 🍀

Hillclimb Invitations Sent

Invitations have been sent for this year's New Glarus Hillclimb, *das Kurzer Klausenrennen*, to be held May 6-7. AROC-WI members in good standing should have found the email in their inboxes Tuesday, March 1. The low key driving and social event is open to all AROC club members and members of the Vintage Sportscar Club. Others may request an invitation.

Eligible entries include stock, street-licensed Alfas ("classic" four, eight, and straight-six models), pre-WWII cars, and invited guests.

Event headquarters is, as usual, the Chalet Landhaus on Wisconsin route 69. The traditional event schedule includes Friday arrival, setup, registration, early tech inspection, and socializing, with dinner on your own. The Saturday tech inspections and drivers' meeting precedes reconnaissance laps and speed runs on the 0.7 mile Kubly Road course. An evening president's reception followed by traditional entertainment and a banquet at the Landhaus caps the official schedule.

Those who wish to request an invitation, or who missed their emailed invitation should contact event director Kevin Caulfield at kevincaulfield@crc-mn.com or 612-702-8520. 🍀

2023 Alfa Romeo Tonale Debuts

February 8 saw the international debut of the Tonale, Alfa's long-delayed and much-anticipated entry into the compact luxury SUV market. The C-sized SUV (one size smaller than the Stelvio) is scheduled to appear in European showrooms in June. The car will come to the States sometime later as a 2023 model.

The Tonale first appeared as a concept in 2019 and the production version is faithful to the original design in most respects. See the images below for a comparison.



2019 Tonale Concept



2023 Tonale Production Version (courtesy Stellantis)

The Tonale is billed as the marque's first C-SUV and its first hybrid-electric offering, supplied in the U.S. as a PHEV, powered by a 1.3 liter turbo four augmented by a 90kW electric motor and 15.5kWh lithium battery. The combination provides a best-in-class 272 hp and an electric-only range of 30 miles. For those not wishing to plug their SUV into a wall socket, a 2.0 liter turbo four producing 256 hp with 295 lb.-ft. of torque will also be available.

Both versions will be equipped with AWD. The PHEV will have a 6-speed automatic while the gas-engined version gets a 9-speed. Both will have the standard DNA performance control, allowing selection of economy, normal, or sporty performance settings.

At least some of the new model's release delay was the result of some serious reworking of the driver experience. New parent Stellantis billed the Tonale's introduction as "La Metamorfosi," the leading edge of the metamorphosis of Alfa into a supplier of cutting-edge (read electrified) luxury sporting cars—thoroughly modern, yet still connected with its heritage. To this end the Tonale comes loaded with tech and convenience features.

Alfa bills the Tonale as the first car to have its own NFT (non-fungible token). This electronic record is unique and tied to the individual car at its birth. It lives in "the cloud" and can be updated throughout the car's life. I suppose you could think of it as a virtual service record.

The driver has access to a long list of safety and autonomous driving features and an improved U-connect, Android architecture infotainment system, with both Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity. All this is displayed on a 10.25 inch center touchscreen and 12.3 inch "driver's cluster." If you get lonely, Alexa can be your driving companion and your smartphone can substitute for your key fob, allowing locking, unlocking, and remote starting features. Similar features are expected to appear in the facelifted 2023 Giulia and Stelvio models.



Three trim levels will be offered—Sprint, TI, and Veloce. Early adopters can begin placing their orders in the fourth quarter, with initial deliveries slated for the first quarter of 2023. Pricing has not yet been announced. 🍀

Alfa Romeo Racing Unveils 2022 F1 Entry



Alfa Romeo F1 Team Orlen was the last team to reveal the livery of its 2022 entry, the C42. The new car, designed to conform to the revised rules, was unveiled in Barcelona following the completion of testing, during which the bodywork wore camouflage. Its striking red and white livery displays a bold Alfa Romeo logo on its engine cover, reminiscent of Alfa racing cars of the 1920s. Never ones to miss an advertising opportunity, Alfa's Centro Stile included the Tonale logo below the main script.

Rules changes for 2022 include larger 18-inch low profile tires and changes to ground effects and aerodynamics. The design team, led by technical director Jan Monchaux, claims the car is a radical departure from the past, taking full advantage of the possibilities allowed by the revised rules. An upgraded Ferrari – sourced power plant will provide motive power;

The driving team of the veteran Valtteri Bottas, newcomer Zhou Guanyu, and reserve Robert Kubica, had



an opportunity to exercise the car during pre-season testing in Barcelona. The first day of testing was less than ideal, with teething problems evident. Kubica completed only 9 laps in the morning. Bottas did somewhat better in the afternoon. All told, the team completed 32 laps in the first day.

Says Valtteri Bottas: *“It’s always nice to get back behind the wheel after the winter break, especially with a brand new car like this one. I am facing this round of tests in Barcelona with a new team and a lot of news from a regulatory point of view. I enjoyed driving the car, even though we suffered from problems which proved to be quite time-consuming. The important thing, however, is that we managed to understand them.*

The first impressions of the car are positive and so far I haven’t heard any big differences between the new generation cars and those of last year. Driving style needs to be changed a bit, but nothing too drastic.”

All told, the team completed only 175 laps over the three days of tests. Much work remains to be done to get the car ready for Bahrain, but the team is optimistic.

One issue experienced by all teams to some degree is the issue of porpoising, the front to rear motion of the cars when at speed. This phenomenon is a byproduct of the new ground effects rules. Airflow under the car pulls the chassis close to the track, up to the point when downforce is lost and it springs back up. That cycle then repeats itself. Some feel that ride height adjustments will overcome the problem, but this move would compromise performance. 🍀

Andretti Frustrated in Attempt to Buy Sauber F1 Team

Michael Andretti attempted to buy control of Sauber last year, but the deal was undone at the last minute. Negotiations came close to signing before Sauber changed the rules, according to Andretti. Money was no problem. The issue was control of the team. Two days before the signing Sauber insisted on maintaining creative control and veto rights over all decisions. This was a non-starter for Andretti, who says he wasted a lot of time with no result. The sale would have affected Sauber’s relationship with Alfa Romeo.

Andretti has also attempted to buy the Haas team, but those efforts have also come up empty. He intends to apply for a new 2024 entry, but sources say that an approval by the present ten F1 teams is not likely to be forthcoming. 🍀

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Wanted

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Parts Not Sold by May Will Be Scrapped!

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- 1 ea. V6 Oil pan complete
- 1 ea. Spider Oil pan complete
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- 2 ea. Spider Idler assemblies
- 1 ea. Spider driveshaft
- 2 ea. Bins of 74 spider parts
- 1 ea. Spider Clutch disk New Valeo
- 2 ea. Spider Transmission
- 1 ea. Spider transmission without Bell housing
- 2 ea. 74 spider doors
- 1 ea. Left rear quarter panel new for 70's spider
- 1 ea. lower nose panel 70's spider New
- 1 ea. 4 cyl Engine mount for engine stand
- 1 ea. Sperry Head with 11mm cams
- 2 ea. Spider 2.0 Crankshafts
- 2 ea. European 4 cyl cast y exhaust manifold set
- 1 ea. European 4 cyl 40mm carb intake with mounts
- 1 ea. European 4 cyl 45mm carb intake w/o mounts

For more information, email Steve Wirtz
(swirtz@charter.net)

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