



AROC - Wisconsin
Wishes All Alfisti and Their Families
a Very Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year



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Well, That Was Quick!

We hope you didn't wait too long to book a spot at *Alfas by the Lake*, the 2024 AROC National Convention, because the available spaces sold out within an hour of the opening of registration. Attendees will total 142 lucky club members. Don't say we didn't warn you! If you were lucky enough to snare a spot, you are virtually guaranteed a good time in the northern reaches of our neighbor state.

You will have noted the national club's reaction to its success. An email blast from prez Cindy Banzer recently hit our inboxes, reminding us of other opportunities to mingle with our fellow Alfisti.

The mostly-annual (they skipped last year) AROC Board Member's Retreat in Coachella Valley, California, is scheduled for February 3-4. All members are welcome to attend. Diversions include desert drives, social events, and an informal concours. If you want to rub elbows with our AROC board members while escaping the Wisconsin winter, this is your chance.

Also worthy of note is the AROC-organized participation in the Cars & Caffeine event at The Amelia, March 2. Get your car approved for the event, then caravan to the show field with your fellow Alfisti, led by the Northeast Florida chapter. Details on the AROC-USA.org website. 🍀

So Long, Alfa Romeo Racing F1

The recent Abu Dhabi Grand Prix marked the end of Alfa Romeo's 6-year commercial sponsorship of the Sauber F1 team, following a less-than-stellar year of competition which found them ninth in the constructor's championship, besting only the equally star-crossed Haas team.

It was evident that something had to change due to Sauber's deal with Audi which was inked this year. In 2026, Audi's name will appear on the cars. This made extending Alfa's deal with Sauber out of the question.

Alfa has been pursuing a sponsorship deal with Haas since last May, but talks have stalled, in part because Haas already has a firm sponsorship agreement with Moneygram, and also because the price of a principal sponsorship has escalated dramatically since Alfa inked their last deal with Sauber. Failing some magic happening soon, Alfa Romeo appears to be out of F1 for the foreseeable future. The company hopes to announce its next racing venture sometime in December. Perhaps the World Endurance Championship has room for an Alfa-sponsored team, although Stellantis already competes in the series with Peugeot. 🍀

Local, Regional, and International Events Calendar, 2023 - 2024

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

2023

Dec 9

AROC-WI Visit to Cooper Technica, Inc, Bristol, Wisconsin

2024

February 3-4

AROC Board Member's Retreat, Coachella Valley, CA.

Feb 29—March 3

[Moda Miami](#) 2-day Concours event

March 3

AROC-USA at [The Amelia Concours d'Elegance](#), Amelia Island, Florida

May 3-5

AROC-WI, Das Kurze Klausenrennen, New Glarus, WI

May 17-19

SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend, Road America

May 29-June 2

AROC-USA, Alfas by the Lake 2024, Petoskey, Michigan **Sold Out**

June 5-15

AROC Goes to Italy Tour (See AROC-USA Website)

June 6-9

NTT Indycar Series, Road America

June 15-16

Le Mans 24 Hour Race

June 21-23

WeatherTech Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints, Road America

June 28-30

Trans Am SpeedTour, Road America

July 11-14

WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman, Road America

August 2-4

IMSA SportsCar Weekend, Road America

August 16-18

Fanatec GT World Challenge

August 18

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

August 25

[Geneva Concours d'Elegance](#), Geneva IL

Sept 13-15

Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend Featuring VSCDA

1934 Alfa P3 Monoposto with an AROC-WI Connection

Bill Hall reports that the 1934 Alfa P3 Tipo B monoposto, known as the Don Lee Special, recently changed hands.



The Vittorio Jano-designed Tipo B, commonly known as the P3, was introduced in June 1932, half-way through the European racing season. Campaigned by Alfa's works team, and piloted by drivers like Tazio Nuvolari, Rudolf Caracciola, and others, the Grand Prix race car, the first designed as a purpose-built *monoposto*, pretty much cleaned the table, dominating the season's premier European races and winning the Italian, French, and German GPs. The 2.6 liter supercharged straight eight was state-of-the-art for the era. Six cars were built and campaigned by the factory.

After its 1932 successes, Alfa withdrew from factory-sponsored racing in 1933 due to financial issues and a change in ownership. The works cars remained dormant until Ferrari pried them away, taking over as the de facto Alfa works team in 1934. The 1932 cars were retooled and additional models built with wider bodywork to conform to the new formula. With engine size increased to 2.9 liters, the cars enjoyed further success, but the Germans were catching up quickly and the P3s were ultimately outclassed.

Its racing days over, the car was sold in 1935 to 19-year-old Spanish Count Jose de Villapadierna, who

stole and hocked his aunt's jewels to raise the money required for the purchase. He was arrested at the Spanish border and the car impounded while returning from Italy with his new purchase. After obtaining his aunt's forgiveness he set out to pursue a racing career of his own. Unfortunately, his plans were interrupted by the Spanish Civil War.

In 1938 the car was sold to England and shortly thereafter to U.S. enthusiast Frank Griswold, who entered it in the Indy 500, placing 15th in 1939 with driver Lou Tomei. In 1940, the modified and streamlined car was again entered at Indy, this time driven by Al Miller, but it succumbed to mechanical problems. Griswold campaigned the car in several other races, including the New York World's Fair Race, where it placed first, driven by Griswold himself.

Postwar, the P2 passed to Californian Don Lee who entered the car three more times at Indianapolis as the "Don Lee Special."

In the late fifties the car passed to David Uihlein. David, of course, was a prominent Wisconsin businessman, race car enthusiast and collector, well known to local AROC members. It remained in his collection until its sale in 2006, when it went back to England. The English custodians, Hugh and Jennie Taylor, commissioned a mechanical restoration by Neil and Craig Twyman but left the body with its "Don Lee Special" markings, untouched. The P3 has been regularly campaigned at the Goodwood Festival of Speed and was shown in all its patinated glory at the 2020 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.

According to the *Scherer Race & Rally News* post Bill provided, the car is now in the hands of a German collector who exercised it at a lapping day at Donington before taking it to its new home. 🍀



Jokes for Car People

Collected by Kyle Smith,

From [Hagerty.com](https://www.hagerty.com) 10/4/23(edited)

The 10mm Socket



*Where is that socket? How did it get there?
How will I work without it?*

The Old 710 (Or 0170, for Italian Cars)



I lost my 710. Where can i find one?

So, i realised i lost my car's 710. Where can i buy a spare part of it? it looks like this



Ran When Parked

Legend has it that this car belonged to a man who parked in the shade while his wife ran into hobby lobby for just a few things.



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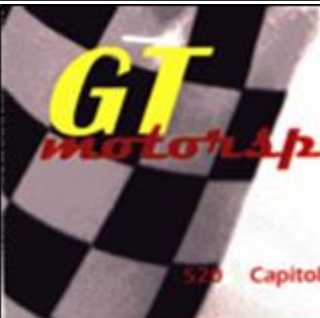
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Minnesotan **Tim Parker** is selling an engine and block. The engine is "a pretty clean 2-liter **Alfetta engine/bell housing** with some ancillaries." The block is a "clean, washed 2-liter **Alfetta GTV block**." Both are ready for pickup at the Anoka, MN, airport and can be easily lifted into a pickup. Tim will provide photos and serial numbers and can be reached at 651-235-2776. When you call, tell him Tom Heinrich referred you.

Jim Thiel is looking for a new home for his red **1982 Spider**. He's had it since 1989 and is the third owner. The car has traveled a little more than 67,000 miles and has always been garaged during Jim's ownership. The paint is original and the top in good condition, with a clear back window. According to Jim, the tires are in good shape. He says the leather seats and the dash have no cracks. If you're interested, you can contact Jim by email at jthiel28@wi.rr.com

Gary Tree is still trying to clean out his garage. He is parting a **1980 Spider** and has many other parts to sell, too numerous to list. An S2 Windshield, fiberglass bumpers, engine, transmission, door latches, etc. Just ask! Contact Gary at 608-209-2352, or gjtreehouse@gmail.com



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