

ALFANATIC



This Month

AROC-WI Fall Color Tour Saturday, October 19

Rain or Shine

Depart: Cabela's, Richfield (Lot D)

9:00 a.m. Assembly

9:30 a.m. First Departure

Arrive: Delafield Brewhaus

3832 Hillside Dr, Delafield 53018

12:15 a.m. Lunch

RSVP Gary Schommer

alfaman@wi.rr.com, or text (414) 418-0879

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2024 AROC-WI Fall Color Tour

Saturday, October 19

Enjoy a relaxing and colorful Saturday drive through the “Lake Country” of the Southern Kettle Moraine. This is a low-key event. You can even use a GPS if you wish. Sufficient time is provided to allow for photo stops, taking in the intermediate stop noted below, and briefly checking out other sights of interest.

Start: Cabela’s (Parking lot D) Cabela’s is located at One Cabela Way, Richfield, WI 53076

<https://www.cabelas.com/stores/Wisconsin/Richfield/018.jsp>

- 9:00 a.m. Arrive in parking lot D (1st lot on the left) for Alfa-talk.
- 9:30 a.m. Short meeting in the parking lot followed by departure of cars spaced 1-3 min. apart.

Intermediate Stop: Spectacular Sculpture N93W29174 Woodchuck Way, Colgate, WI 53017

<https://www.bobrowitzsculpture.com/>

- Check out the many amazing metal sculptures.

Finish: Delafield Brewhaus, 3832 Hillside Dr, Delafield WI 53018

<https://www.delafieldbrewhaus.com/>

- Upon arrival, head to the bar for continued Alfa-talk.
- Lunch for our group is at 12:15 p.m.
- Note that individual billing is allowed.

Please let Gary Schommer know by Saturday, October 12, if you are able to join us.

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This will help ensure we prepare sufficient direction sets and provide guidance in making lunch reservations for our group.

Gary will call the restaurant with the final number when the last car leaves from our starting point.

Running late, last minute decision to participate, or you’re lost? Contact Gary’s cell: (414) 418-0879.

After lunch, there are several area attractions you may wish to visit on your own. They include but are not limited to:

Hawks Inn and Delafield History Center

<https://hawksinn.org/>

Ten Chimneys <http://www.tenchimneys.org/>

(Reservations are highly recommended.)

Lapham Peak State Park

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/laphampeak>

Climb the tower to get a great view of the colorful landscape. A vehicle admission sticker is required, however.

Or revisit in more detail one of the communities we passed through. 🍀

Local, Regional, and International Events Calendar, 2024 - 2025

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

2024

Oct 4-6	SCCA National Championships Runoff, Road America
Oct 5-6	Vintage Sports Car Gathering, Blackhawk Farms
Oct 19	AROC-WI Fall Color Tour, Details Above

2025

Feb 27-March 2	Moda Miami , Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Florida
March 6-9	The Amelia , Amelia Island Concours d’Elegance
April 24-27	Anantara Concorso Roma , Rome, Italy
June 14-15	Le Mans 24-Hour Race
June 19-22	NTT Indycar Series, Road America
June 25	Tom Heinrich’s Howl at the Moon Summer Solstice Happening
July 31 - Aug 3	IMSA SportsCars, Road America
Aug 17	Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance
Sept 14-21	AROC National Convention, Crystal Lake, Illinois

CAROC Participates in Chicago's Columbus Day Parade

Lifted from the CAROC events email

Date: Monday, October 14

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m (staging starts at 10:30)

Location: Eastbound Wacker Drive between Clark St. and Dearborn St. It would be best to enter the assembly area from the west

We are invited to drive our Italian cars in Chicago's Columbus Day Parade on Monday, October 14, 2024 in the caravan led by Giovanni D'Avola, the proprietor of Auto Sprint.

He has led a parade entry for many years. Most driving in it are his customers, but Italian car club members are invited as well.

The [attached form](#) must be completed in advance, and brought with you, together with your insurance card for the car. The form should also be faxed (or a copy mailed) to Auto Sprint.

While the parade starts at 12:30 p.m., we need to assemble by 10:30 a.m.

The assembly point will likely be eastbound Wacker Drive between Clark St. and Dearborn St. It would be best to enter the assembly area from the west.

Bring your Italian flags and banners. And make sure your horn is in good working order - since it will get a workout. (Feel free to bring some food to share before the parade.)

After our 15 minutes of fame driving down State St., the festivities will continue at Casa Italia, on the grounds of the Italian Cultural Center, in Stone Park. Buffet style food will be served, and seating is available in the pavilion. (The most direct route to this venue is via the Eisenhower Expressway.)

If you plan on driving your LIC ("Little Italian Car") in the parade, please send an email to CAROC member Doug G. Clark at mgtbc@sbcglobal.net. He will let Auto Sprint know how many club members to expect.

CIAO!! 🍀

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Alfa's 3rd Quarter Sales Down 29%

On Tuesday, FCA US LLC reported its 3rd quarter sales results. Total sales declined by 20% year over year while total market share increased from 7.2% in July to 8% by the end of September. Inventory decreased by 50,000 units. The company reports that it instituted aggressive incentive program in the quarter which will continue through the end of the year to prepare dealers for the 2025 models.

Alfa Romeo 3rd quarter sales were down 29% year over year and down 10% for the year to date versus 2023. The line's biggest seller was the Tonale, which sold 1,122 units in the quarter. The badge-engineered Dodge Hornet sold 3,848 units in the quarter. A total of 1,296 of them were the hybrid Hornet R/T, which was 5th among the top selling hybrid vehicles in the U.S. 🍀

2024 Alfa Clearance Sale

Buy now!

If you're in the market for a new Alfa Romeo, this might be the time to commit. Local dealers are offering \$3,000-\$8,000 discounts from MSRP on most cars in their inventories. In addition, if you are in the market for a PHEV Tonale, you will be able to take advantage of \$11,000 in tax credits, a point Palmen Motors of Kenosha is eager to make in its vehicle listings.

2025 Alfa Product Line Simplified

MSRP increased



Now, contrast the news above with posts that have hit the internet in the last two weeks about the 2025 Alfa lineup. According to [Carscoops.com](https://www.carscoops.com),

Alfa's 2025 lineup is being "gutted" and getting "huge price hikes." A kinder interpretation would be that model selection has been simplified. Although MSRPs of the "base" Giulia and Stelvio have increased by \$4,515 and \$5,245, respectively, the level of standard equipment has also improved and pricing is still competitive with equivalent BMW models. In addition, based on Stellantis' present sales situation, it's likely that healthy incentives will remain in place.

A visit to the 2025 Alfa Romeo configuration site confirms that the Giulia and Stelvio Ti and Veloce model names are no more. Base models are still available in either RWD and AWD. Veloce is now an available trim package which adds a sunroof, sports seats, limited slip differential, front strut tower brace and blackout body kit with rear diffuser. The brown upholstery option has been dropped, but red leather seating is still available. The only other optional packages are active driver assist and premium interior and audio. That's it.

Each model will have a "Tributo Italiano" model, essentially an "all the bells and whistles" model, with the only option being the active driver assist package, and available colors of red, white, and the new for 2025, Verde Fangio Metallic. This model will be a "limited edition." Tonale will have a similar model lineup and options list. It is expected that the all BEV 2026 Stelvio will arrive late next year. 🍀

Why the Alfa Romeo GTV6 Is Pornography for Engineers

By Davide Cironi, [Petrolicious.com](https://www.petrolicious.com), February 1, 2016

The Alfa Romeo GTV6 is so much more than a pretty face. Underneath its skin, this car is pornography for engineers, and here's why.



In 1980, the Alfa Romeo Alfetta GTV6 came out with a 60° V6 engine from the Alfa 6, fitted on a shortened Alfetta chassis. A transaxle, De Dion rear suspension, and Watts parallelogram linkage worked away together at the back, with wishbone suspension up front. The front brakes had ventilated discs, and the rears were inboard. Even its front camber was increased significantly to reduce understeer, over models fitted with a 4-cylinder engine.

Did you tune out? Here's a three-word recap: it is athletic.

The history of motorsport agrees. The GTV6 won the European Touring Car Championship from 1982 to 1985 against Audi, BMW, and Jaguar. It won the BTCC with Andy Rouse, then France, Italy, Australia...winning everywhere. It plunged into rally with the crazy French ace Yves Loubet, winning its class



four years in succession from 1983 to 1986 in the Tour de Corse.

Its 2,500-cc, 160 horsepower, 0-60 in 8 seconds, and 128 mph top speed is quick enough to make a Porsche 911 SC driver nervous. As a plus, Giorgetto Giugiaro from the newborn Italdesign consultancy drew a totally new line for a four-person GT. Hello, Audi A7, Alfa Romeo did it 40 years ago.

Then you start shifting gears and think: “How is it even possible they worsened the perfect Giulia gearbox with the Alfetta?” On your way down to second gear in the examples I’ve driven, you have to be a good old school manual master if you don’t want to scrape something. This makes it even more of a professional car in my opinion—or maybe that’s just describing a complaint as a strength.



It’s rewarding to learn to extract the most from the car, but if you wanna go faster through the gears, stay with the older

Giulia and GT versions. (It’s a shame the older cars had no V6 engine. Maybe I should build one with a 3.2-litre GTA engine? In Italy, it’s already been done.)

The first two things I love to notice when approaching to the GTV6 are the scent of its interior, which is petrol, wood, and that unique Alfa Romeo smell. Then I enjoy the noise of the door closing from inside. It’s a ritual: sit down, close the door with that nice old sound, take a few breaths, and turn the key.

Then, ok, the show starts: Giuseppe Busso’s violin. There is a specific note this engine can reach, around 5,000 rpm, that is an audible injection of endorphins. Every time, my mind gets drugged when I keep the right foot on that precise note for long enough.

I’m already organizing another test with a very mean and obscure GTV6, only with a tuned engine and approximately 240 horsepower, done in an all black livery and wide body. It goes to show that these cars are still alive—ask the MiTo and Fiat 500 Abarth drivers who tried to pass me during the drive back.

The youngbloods had no idea what they were in for when flying along in formation with this old, gray, loud, and weirdly-shaped car. Now they have. 🍀

1000 Miglia Revives Pre-war Figure 8 Route for 2025 Tour de Corse

By Justin Nguyen from [The CheckeredFlag.com.uk](https://www.thecheckeredflag.com.uk)
October 4, 2024

In 2025, the 1000 Miglia will throw back to the days before the Second World War by racing on a figure 8-style course inspired by the routes used in its early history.

Since its revival in 1977, the race primarily ran a single loop, though the orientation varied each year. For example, the 2023 edition ran clockwise before going counter-clockwise in 2024.

The 2025 race will start in Brescia, from which the route goes clockwise through San Lazzaro di Savena. After that, the route breaks through the Apennines mountains and crosses the Raticosa and Futa passes into Prato. From Prato, the race travels southwards before arriving in Rome to mark the end of the second leg.



The third leg brings the event back north on the way to Cervia and Milano Marittima in Emilia-Romagna. Leg #4 turns competitors southwest where they will cross Prato once again—thereby completing the figure 8’s “overpass” en route to Empoli; a run along the coast takes everyone to Parma. The fifth and final leg concludes the race from Parma back to Brescia.

A figure 8 format was used by the original Mille Miglia from the inaugural edition in 1927 to 1938. World War II halted the race afterwards save for a one-off in 1940, which adopted a traditional loop course that became the norm following the war. The Mille Miglia continued with this layout until its cancellation after 1957, and it remained upon being revived as a vintage race twenty years later.

The 1000 Miglia in its current form is reserved for vehicles whose models, if not the cars themselves, ran the original Mille Miglia from 1927 to 1957. Andrea Vesco and Fabio Salvinelli are the defending winners, having won every edition since 2021 in their 1929 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 SS Spider Zagato. 🍀

Classifieds

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Wanted

Your classified ads! Posted free! Let us know.

For Sale

1958 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider Veloce 750F



Fully restored both mechanically and cosmetically with attention to details. These include the original livery as documented by the Alfa Romeo Certificato Di Origine. More importantly the Certificato validates the present chassis and engine numbers are those the Giulietta left the factory with in 1958. A touchstone piece incorporating Alfa Romeo World Championship winning technology wrapped in timeless Pininfarina coachwork. Selling price \$135,000. Ring or text Kevin Caulfield 612 702 8520.

1969 Alfa Romeo 1750 GT Veloce

USA specification. Very original and complete. Most documentation from new. An unrestored gem, that presents, runs, and drives well. \$46,800. Located in West Michigan. Contact: gerryalbers@yahoo.com

1971 Alfa Spider Veloce

I find myself in the position of having to sell my 1971 1750 Spider Veloce. My husband and I loved the car, (and have been members of the Alfa Club for years) but my husband passed away and it's just too much for me. As you know, Alfas need to be driven and I hate seeing this one just sit. It could use some body

work, but it runs like a champ. The carburetors have been modified but everything else is original, except the brakes have been replaced and just general maintenance. We've owned the car since 1973 so it's basically a two-owner car.

For more details and photo regarding this Alfa, go to the AROC website and check out the Alfa Marketplace. Laurie Larsen (LLarsen@ghmti.gov) (West Michigan)

1977 Alfa Spider Veloce (mid-Michigan)

My 77 Spider Veloce has had the body totally redone and the engine, including the rebuilt Spica pump is great. But some gaskets need replacing and I am too old and mechanically challenged to take that on. Manuals and repair records, as well as several years of the *Alfa Owner* are also included. I will only allow it to be taken over by someone who can give it the care it needs to go the next 100K, and will be happy to talk with any interested and dedicated Alfisti!

We live in Florida during the winter and the car has never seen snow or salt since its complete body restoration a few years back. I have about \$20 grand in the car, but for the right person \$10 grand would be fine.

I am in Haslett, near East Lansing.
Richard Cole
drrichardcole@gmail.com

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 sent you.

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. A Series 2 Windshield, fiberglass bumpers, engine, transmission, door latches, etc. Just ask! Contact Gary at 608-209-2352, or gjtreehouse@gmail.com

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