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Next Event

AROC-WI Fall Color Tour Saturday, October 19 Schedule TBA

Deb and Gary Schommer have plans underway for our annual Fall Color Tour. They have chosen a route and are busy assuring that the area's multiple road construction projects don't interfere too much with our driving fun. Save the date and check back next month for the details.



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CAROC Plans Drive to Woodstock Opera House



CAROC is organizing a drive to the Woodstock Opera House, Saturday, September 21. The group will leave from the Butter-milk Restaurant, 7 W. State Street, Geneva, Illinois, at 9:00 a.m. The tour traces a circuitous route covering approximately 150 miles of back roads in Northern Illinois, ending at the Woodstock Opera House for a private tour at 2:30 p.m. A

lunch stop is planned and dinner will be at the More Brewery in Huntley.

The Woodstock town square is notable as the back drop for the movie *Groundhog Day*. The Opera House dates from 1889 and claims to be one of the oldest continuously operating theaters in the country. The building, on the National Register of Historic Places, was restored in the mid 1970's and has stories to tell.

If you're interested, please email Greg Korak greg.korak@gmail.com, so that he can prepare sufficient route instructions and know who to look for in Geneva. 🍀

VSC Announces Vintage Sports Car Gathering—We're Invited

The VSC has invited members of AROC-Wisconsin to its Vintage Sports Car Gathering at Blackhawk Farms Raceway the weekend of October 5-6. The weekend offers a total of 2 hours of track time for group 1 racers, Solo Track Sprints for all comers, and 5 to 6 hours of classroom instruction for interested novices. There will be a car corral set aside for vintage cars and a Saturday picnic. See the next page for more details and contact John Welch at JBWelch@williamblair.com for registration information. 🍀

Brad Trick Photos in October *Alfa Owner*

Last month you saw Brad's report on the Road America IMSA Pilot Challenge Race, accompanied by a link to his race photos. Thinking they might be useful to race reporter Mike Hemsley, we submitted the photos to the *Alfa Owner* editor. Mike had already submitted his copy and photos for the report. The editor did, however, select one of Brad's photos for the report and inserted a nice sidebar on his race attendance. Look for it on page 9.

Brad wrote of the race and his report: "I just felt so inspired to write the story. I was more thrilled about that race than any race I have been at for a very long time." 🍀

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

Sept 13-15	Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend Featuring VSCDA, Road America
Sept 21	CAROC Fall Drive to the Woodstock Opera House
Sept 22	La Macchina Molto Bella Car Show, Bath, Ohio
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 TBA

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

AROC Members Invited to VSC Vintage Sports Car Gathering

We are excited to announce that VSC and Group 1 will be hosting a Vintage Sports Car Gathering at Blackhawk Farms on October 5th and 6th.

This Vintage Gathering of the Faithful is designed to be a low-key, fun-filled weekend with Group 1 Track Touring, classroom driving clinics, vintage car displays, picnicking, and Solo Track Sprints. We have partnered with RevMatch Track Days to organize the event and ensure all necessary safety precautions are in place. This includes ambulances with certified paramedics, tow-vehicles, and insurance coverage, giving us carte blanche to create a fantastic event.

We believe this will be an excellent opportunity for vintage car owners to enjoy track time without the fear of collisions in the corners. Classroom sessions will be included to help educate and boost members' driving confidence.

On Saturday, October 5th, we will host a Member Gathering and Picnic. A designated area has been reserved for vintage car owners to showcase their vehicles, with Group 1 under their usual large tent in the paddock.

Schedule

Saturday, October 5

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Drivers Meeting
 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Vintage Car Gathering and Picnic
 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Open Touring, Group 1 Vintage Rules
 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Drivers Meeting
 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Open Touring, Group 1 Vintage Rules
 6:00 p.m. - Track Walk

Sunday, October 6

9:05 a.m. - 9:35 a.m. Open Touring, Group 1 Vintage Rules
 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Drivers Meeting
 11:50 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Start behind Pace Car, Group 1 Vintage Rules

Total Cost: \$325 per Entrant

Vintage Showcase Paddock Space

Designated area for vintage vehicles only, located across from the pit lane entry (as specified on map, below). We have a prime location for high visibility so all attendees can see the rare collection our members and guests will be bringing. This is an opportunity to host an event inside an event. Cost of \$15 per car, to cover insurance.

Solo Track Sprints

In addition, we have negotiated the ability to participate (both Group 1, and VSC, Wisconsin Alfa Romeo Owners Club Members, and guests) in the weekend's Solo Track Sprints. Standing-start solo laps begin at pit lane and exit to the paddock at turn 5 after the lap has been completed.

There will be two 40 Minute Sessions Per Day - at least 3 laps per session per driver. Times will be posted at end of day.

Solo Track Sprints will be open to all with a cost of \$75.00 per day. Signup will be available online and in-person on the day of the event as long as they have not sold out.

The map for the weekend is below.



Jim and Margie Thiel's Spider Finds a New Home

Tom Henrich reports: "Hey Bob, don't know if you heard but my daughter Liz and son-in-law Aaron purchased Jim and Margie Thiel's 83 Alfa Spider and are going to join the club. New blood!"



Congratulations to all involved! 🍀

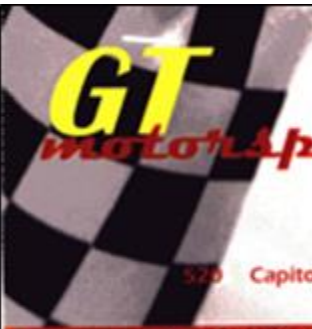
Christie's To Buy Gooding & Co.

According to [Magnetomagazine.com](https://magnetomagazine.com), the auction house Christie's has agreed to buy U.S.-based Gooding & Company in a deal that will close towards the end of 2024. When consummated, Gooding will become the automotive department of the parent company and be renamed Gooding Christie's. The current Gooding & Co. team is expected to remain largely intact.

Christie's, dealing in art, antiques, and luxury goods, was established in 1766 and operates in 46 countries. In 1972, it established a collector car department which it operated until its closing in 2007.

Owners David Gooding and wife Dawn Ahrens founded Gooding & Co. in 2003. Gooding's prior experience included serving as managing director of the International Motor Sports department at Christie's and president of RM Auctions. The company has been the official auction house of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance since 2004.

Christie's and Sotheby's, established in 1744, are intense rivals, vying for the title of largest auction house in the world. Sotheby's acquired a 25% stake in RM auctions in 2015, forming RM Sotheby's. The two companies will now be competitors in the collector car market. 🍀



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Fiat To Pause 500e Production

According to [Automotive News Europe](https://www.automotive-news-europe.com), Fiat will pause production of the BEV



Fiat 500e for four weeks starting September 13 due to slumping market demand for electric vehicles, particularly in Europe. Fiat joins Toyota, GM, and Volvo in making adjustments to its electrification plans. It is now saying that a new hybrid version of the 500 is being prepared for 2025-26 and work is proceeding on new more efficient batteries.

Italy has launched a \$1 billion incentive plan to help consumers ease the transition to EVs, but progress is slow and resistance steady. 🍀

Donation Presented to Alzheimer's Association

By Robert Ludwigson



On August 20, Randy Swanson and I officially presented the money we collected at our Italian Car Show to the Alzheimer's Association. The \$1,300 donation was presented to Rachel Bachhuber at the Alzheimer's Association headquarters. They were nice enough to prepare a large symbolic check for the ceremony. We used Randy's Giulia to make the presentation complete. 🍀

Mille Miglia: The Most Beautiful Race in the World

A Journey Through the History, Cars and Emotions of the Legendary Mille Miglia



By Luca Talotta

From [Milanosportiva.com](https://www.milanosportiva.com)

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The Mille Miglia, also known as the “most beautiful race in the world,” is an event that embodies the spirit and passion for motoring. Since its inception in 1927, this competition has captivated generations of motor-

sport enthusiasts, becoming one of the most iconic and prestigious races in the world. In this article, we will explore the history, protagonists, cars, and cultural impact of the Mille Miglia, offering a comprehensive overview of this extraordinary competition.

The History of the Mille Miglia

The Origins

The Mille Miglia was born in 1927 thanks to the initiative of four young enthusiasts from Brescia: Giovanni Canestrini, Franco Mazzotti, Aymo Maggi and Renzo Castagneto. The race, which covered a distance of 1,000 miles (about 1,600 km), took place on a route that started in Brescia, crossed Rome, and returned to Brescia. The aim was to promote motoring and the skills of Italian drivers and cars.

The Golden Years

In the 1930s and 1950s, the Mille Miglia became an international event, attracting drivers and car manufacturers from all over the world. During these years, the race saw the participation of motorsport legends such as Tazio Nuvolari, Stirling Moss, and Juan Manuel Fangio. The cars that competed were true masterpieces of engineering and design, making the Mille Miglia a showcase for technological innovation.

The Iconic Cars of the Mille Miglia

Alfa Romeo 8C

The Alfa Romeo 8C is one of the most iconic cars of the Mille Miglia. With its eight-cylinder engine and sleek design, the 8C dominated the race in the 1930s. The most famous victory is that of Tazio Nuvolari in 1930, when he overtook Achille Varzi during the night, driving with his headlights off so as not to be seen.

Ferrari 166 MM

Another legendary car is the Ferrari 166 MM, which owes its name to the Mille Miglia. This car won the 1948 and 1949 editions, consolidating the Ferrari brand as one of the most prestigious in the racing world. The 166 MM is known for its lightness and agility, characteristics that made it unbeatable on Italian roads.

Mercedes-Benz 300 SLR

The Mercedes-Benz 300 SLR is famous for Stirling

Moss's record victory in 1955. With a time of 10 hours, 7 minutes, and 48 seconds, Moss set an unbeaten record, driving at an average speed of over 157 km/h. This victory is one of the most famous in the history of the Mille Miglia, underlining the technical skills and determination of the British driver.

The Protagonists of the Mille Miglia

Tazio Nuvolari, known as the “Flying Mantuan,” is one of the most famous drivers of the Mille Miglia. His 1930 victory over Alfa Romeo is considered one of the most extraordinary feats in racing history. Nuvolari is remembered for his courage and driving skills, which made him a legend of motor racing.

Stirling Moss is another name inextricably linked to the Mille Miglia. His 1955 victory in the Mercedes-Benz 300 SLR is still a benchmark for all drivers today. Moss was known for his precision and his ability to maintain high speed for long periods, qualities that allowed him to triumph in many competitions.

Juan Manuel Fangio, five-time Formula 1 world champion, participated in the Mille Miglia several times, always demonstrating great mastery. Although he never won the race, his presence helped to further elevate the prestige of the event.

The Cultural Impact of the Mille Miglia

A Showcase for Italy

The Mille Miglia is not only a car race, but also a celebration of Italian culture and landscape. Passing through historic cities and breathtaking landscapes, the race showcases the beauty of the Italian territory, promoting tourism and international interest in Italy.

A worldwide event

Over the years, the Mille Miglia has become a world-class event, attracting spectators and participants from all corners of the globe. The race is followed with great interest by the international media, helping to spread the passion for motoring and to consolidate Italy as the home of great motor racing.

The Mille Miglia today

The Historical Re-enactment

Today, the Mille Miglia is no longer a competitive race, but a historical re-enactment that celebrates vintage cars and their glorious past. The event attracts

collectors and enthusiasts from all over the world, who participate with their historic cars to relive the emotions of the past.

Innovation and Tradition

The Mille Miglia continues to evolve, embracing innovation without ever losing sight of tradition. The organizers work to ensure that the event retains its unique charm, combining historical heritage with modern needs for safety and sustainability.

The Economic and Tourist Impact of the Mille Miglia

Economic benefits

The Mille Miglia has a significant impact on the local and national economy. The event attracts thousands of visitors, generating revenue for hotels, restaurants, and other businesses. In addition, the race promotes the image of Italy as an ideal destination for motor tourism, contributing to the development of the tourism sector.

Promotion of the Territory

The Mille Miglia offers a unique platform to promote the natural and cultural beauty of Italy. Images of historic cars passing through picturesque cities and landscapes are broadcast around the world, highlighting the country's tourist attractions and encouraging visitors to discover the wonders of Italy.

Conclusion: A Heritage of Excellence and Passion

The Mille Miglia represents a heritage of excellence, passion and tradition. With its rich history, legendary protagonists and iconic cars, the Mille Miglia is much more than just a race; It is a celebration of motoring and Italian culture. Whether you are a fan of historic cars or a lover of cultural tourism, the Mille Miglia offers a unique and unforgettable experience.

The Mille Miglia will continue to grow and evolve, keeping alive the tradition and excellence of Italian motoring. If you are a motor enthusiast and want to live a unique experience, the Mille Miglia is an unmissable event that celebrates the glorious past and the bright future of historic cars. 🍀

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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@ghtmi.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

Clean **1982 Alfa Spider** needs a new home, have owned since the fall of 1987, a little over 67,000 miles, always garaged, original red paint, leather seats, dash and top in good shape, \$7,500. If interested contact jthiel53075@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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