

ALFANATIC



Next Event

AROC-WI Annual Meeting and Winter Banquet

Saturday, March 22

Maggiano's Little Italy

Mayfair Mall

2500 N. Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa

Social Hour: 5:00 - 6:00

Cash Bar

Dinner: 6:00 - 7:30

Meeting and Door Prizes: 7:30

See Dinner Selections and Signup, Page 3

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Winter Banquet Plans Completed

By Bob Ludwigson

Plans are complete for our winter banquet. This year we will return to Maggiano's Little Italy, located in the Mayfair Mall, 2500 N Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, conveniently located near US highway 45 and North Avenue.

We will again have a private room with a cash bar. After the meal we will have a short meeting to elect club officers. There will also be door prizes featuring Alfa related items. If you have any questions you can contact me at Rludwigson@aol.com.

Please note that the meal price will cover soft drinks and coffee. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

I hope you can make it. This will be a fun evening.

See the next page for signup and payment

Menu

Starters (served family style)

- Calamari Fritte
- Truffle & Honey Whipped Ricotta
- Italian Meatballs

Salad (individually plated)

- Chef's Signature Caesar Salad

Entrée Choice

- Center Cut Filet with Asparagus and Garlic Jus
- Chicken Parmesan with Provolone Cheese and Marinara Sauce
- Atlantic Salmon with Asparagus and Lemon Butter Sauce
- Veal Parmesan with a 14oz center cut (bone in) piece of veal
- Mom's Lasagna Seasoned Beef and Italian Sausage

Dessert

- New York Style Cheesecake and Vera's Lemon Cookies



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

2025

February 8-17	Chicago Auto Show, McCormick Place, Chicago
Feb 22-March 2	Milwaukee Auto Show, Baird Center
Feb 27-March 2	Moda Miami , Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Florida
March 6-9	The Amelia , Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance
March 22	AROC-WI Annual Meeting and Winter Banquet, Maggiano's, Wauwatosa
April 24-27	Anantara Concorso Roma , Rome, Italy
May 3	AROC-WI Das Kurze Klausenrennen, New Glarus, WI
May 10	John Ehle's "Mother May I?" Spring Tour johnnehle@comcast.net
May 16-18	SVRA Spring Vintage Weekend, Road America
June 6-8	WeatherTech Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints
June 11-21	AROC Goes to Italy, Steve Austin's Great Vacations
June 14-15	Le Mans 24-Hour Race
June 17-21	1000 Miglia , Brescia-Rome-Brescia
June 18	Tom Heinrich's Howl at the Moon Summer Solstice Happening
June 19-22	Indycar XPEL Grand Prix, presented by AMR, Road America
June 21	CAROC Annual Track Day, Blackhawk Farms Raceway
June 27-29	Cheese Capital Cup featuring Trans Am Speed Tour, Road America
July 17-20	WeatherTech Vintage Weekend with Brian Redman, Road America
July 31 - Aug 3	SportsCar Weekend with IMSA, Road America
August 15-17	GT World Challenge America, Road America
August 17	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
August 24(t)	Geneva Concours d'Elegance, Geneva, Illinois
August 30	Kenosha Classic Cruise-In, Kenosha, WI
September 12-14	Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend with VSCDA, Road America
Sept 15-21	AROC National Convention, Crystal Lake, Illinois
October 3-5	SCCA National Championship Runoffs, Road America

Alfa Romeo Going Battery Electric Only? Not So Fast!

For a year or more now we've been hearing that Stellantis' direction for new Alfa models would be solely BEV-powered by 2027. Things like 1,000 hp, fast charging, and extended range were on the menu, while 4 and 6 cylinder gas engines were on the way out.

Lately however, U.S. management appears to be changing its tune. [Motor1.com](https://www.motor1.com) and other sources quote Chris Feuell, Alfa's U.S. brand CEO, as saying the shift to an all-electric product line would be too restrictive for its 110 dealers. The same may be true in Europe as automakers are struggling to economically justify meeting the upcoming EU emissions goals.

The new Stelvio and Giulia models are based on the Stellantis STLA Large platform which is capable of housing both electric and gas powertrains, so its reasonable to assume that a gas or hybrid version of those models would follow close behind the electric versions. In the meantime, there's a healthy stock of 2024-25 models to choose from. Expect discounts, incentives, and lease deals soon. 🍀

Next-Gen Giulia a Crossover?

...That's the speculation generated by a [French magazine's](#) interview with Santo Ficili, appointed last October as Alfa Romeo's boss, succeeding Jean-Philippe Imperato, now head of Stellantis Europe. He stated that the second generation Stelvio is on schedule for 2025 introduction and that the new Giulia will have "a new design and a new type of bodywork. Its platform will be the same as that of the Stelvio. So you can imagine what kind of vehicle we will offer." His statement has been widely interpreted to mean the new Giulia will skew more to a crossover design.

Ficili stated that the basic STLA Large platform has been modified to suit Alfa's needs but the article's author observes that the basic dimensions of the platform dictate that the Stelvio and Giulia will be larger overall than the models they replace.

As to electrification, the author observes that Stellantis has announced that the upcoming Lancia Gamma and DS model N°8. will be "multi-energy" vehicles. It's highly likely that Alfa Romeo will follow suit. 🍀

Annual Banquet Registration

Yes! Sign me up.

Names _____

Contact Information: (phone or e-mail) _____

Choice of Entrée
(quantity)

- _____ Center-cut Steak Filet served with Roasted Garlic Jus
- _____ Chicken Parmesan Baked with Provolone Cheese
- _____ Atlantic Grilled Salmon served with Lemon Butter Sauce
- _____ Veal Parmesan with Sliced Mozzarella
- _____ Mom's Beef and Sausage Lasagna

Payment

Total Cost of Dinner-\$75.00

_____ @\$75.00 = _____

Make checks payable to:
Alfa Romeo Owners Club
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Remembering Roy Ferrari



Our friend and fellow AROC-WI member Roy Ferrari passed on January 9, 2025, just 10 days short of his 94th birthday. Roy and Marion joined the Alfa Romeo Owners Club in July 1991. Over the years they made many dear friends. Marion very much enjoyed her 164 and Roy his 1993 Spider Veloce. Roy served as our AROC chapter president in 2009 and 2010.

After graduating in 1952 as an Industrial Engineer, Roy joined the Air Force as a cadet to become a pilot. Following flight school in Florida and then Oklahoma, he found himself flying the F-86 Sabre jet. He was set to go to Korea, but the conflict ended first.

After honorable discharge, Roy started his career as Transmission Engineer for Massey Ferguson Tractor Company in Detroit. He soon moved on to a position as Sales Engineer for a Detroit area conveyer company where he stayed for 12 years. From there his career advanced in progressive sales positions with other companies dealing with automated retrieval and storage systems. This required family moves from Detroit to Cleveland to the Milwaukee area, to Chicago and finally back to the Milwaukee area where he ended his career with Harnischfeger as Sales Director.

Befitting Roy's successful career in technical sales, the January 2010 *Alfanatic* posted his Spider for sale in the following classified ad:

1993 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce Up for adoption from long-term, caring home. Striking Alfa Red over black leather, Alpine stereo, fitted car cover, original paint, always garaged, 51k miles, 2nd owner, fastidiously maintained with references available. Glorious top-down Italian motoring for the price of an ex-mental Kia.

Roy was a sports enthusiast having played baseball in high school and college. He was offered the opportunity to go into the minor leagues as a third baseman but his parents said no, much to his disappointment. He played tennis and golf most of his life but enjoyed downhill skiing the most. He won two or three gold medals in his age group for competitive downhill slalom ski events sponsored by *NASTAR*.

I remember Roy's story of skiing in Aspen, Colorado with a group of friends. They were waiting to be seat-

ed at an area restaurant when basketball player Michael Jordan came in with what appeared to be three bodyguards. Jordan and his group were immediately seated. As Roy was the owner of a Ferrari 308 GTS and a member of the Ferrari Club of America, he knew that Michael Jordan was also a Ferrari owner. When Roy's group eventually got in, he went up to Michael, presented his business card, and said, "Michael, I know you have two Ferraris but you've probably never met a real Ferrari." The three guards were giving him dirty looks. Michael got up and shook his hand (which Roy said felt like shaking a first baseman's glove) and said, "No, you're wrong, I have three Ferraris."

Roy was a true car guy who could relate well to all people. He will be missed, but his warm caring nature will never be forgotten.

Gary Schommer 🍀

Roy was a truly great and kind man. Had many great times with him and Marion at AROC events since the 1980s. Roy would always recount the tale of how he let me drive his then new M3 in an autocross event, with him as a passenger. The entire time it was Roy yelling with glee things like "whoa, we're really sliding now! Wow! We slid all the way through that one! I'm glad you're driving!" I will remember Roy fondly for his unbridled enthusiasm for everything and everybody. Rest easy, old friend.

Colin Comer (from Facebook) 🍀

The 2025 Detroit Auto Show

By Doug Clark,
CAROC & AROC-WI member



**DETROIT
AUTO SHOW**

Formerly known as the North American International Auto Show, the renamed

event returned to its traditional January dates for 2025 after taking a break in 2024. The 2022 and 2023 shows were held in September following two years of Coronavirus-related June show cancellations. The venue was Huntington Place (Cobo Hall, renamed) in downtown Detroit - the only part of the United States directly north of Canada.

After entering the hall, one was struck by the wall lined with vendor booths and tables, which was enticing for all wanting to troll for freebies, but surrendering email addresses and contact information was part of the deal. Long gone are the days of glossy over-

sized car model brochures, hence no clutter.

The main aisles in the exhibition space were wide enough, and when I arrived at opening time it was not overly crowded among the individual show cars. I have never seen so many Detroit Lions jerseys, sweatshirts, and hats, worn by fans supporting the team's playoff run. While some manufacturers (e.g. GM, Ford, Stellantis, and Toyota) held much of the floor space, all car makers were represented.




Giulia and Stelvio at the show



This 8C Competizione was shown among the exotics

Each auto show, in addition to the usual and expected vehicles, features some special cars - concepts, customs, and collector cars. Concept cars included the Cadillac Opulent Velocity, the Chrysler Halcyon, the Buick Wildcat EV, and the Ford Electric F150 Lightning Supertruck EV Demonstrator. Minority-owned customizer Foxxteca had two low-rider vintage Chevys on display, and the local collector car dealer Vanguard Motors had several cars from the 1950s and



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Worth Watching

This short piece on the Mille Miglia from a recent CBS Sunday Morning Program is worth your time.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/italys-1000-miglia-road-race-where-the-car-is-the-star/>

1960s. Hagerty Insurance, brought some television cars and movie or movie-inspired cars.

Crowds gathered around the rotating platform with the Ford Mustang GTD Performance Supercar, "Spirit of America" (800+ hp, 200+ mph, \$300M+). "Oowdee and Trailer" was a curiosity from Audi, and a Toyota Tundra featured an outer swiveling driver's seat and a wheelchair lift, as an example of their "Mobility Adaptive Solutions."



A Tonale fronts the large Alfa Emblem at the Detroit Auto Show.

I stopped at the Alfa Romeo space to look at the 2025 models, and to speak awhile with the company's representative. I explained that I am a member of two active clubs (in Illinois and Wisconsin), whose members own vintage and modern Alfas. I did make a point of showing him pictures of my two Series 3 Spiders, including those I took while at Chicago's Columbus Day Parade. I think - no, *I know* - I made him jealous. :>)

In a separate section was The Gallery of "Ultra Luxury Vehicles." As one might expect, Ferrari, Maserati, Aston Martin, and Lotus, among others, were neatly arranged in rows for the great unwashed to ogle as they strolled by, perhaps while wondering how hard it could possibly be to hot-wire them. (Impossible.)

German-based Benteler showcased its automotive technology and components. A driverless vehicle, "Mover," from the U.S. / Israeli company Mobileye was interesting. These are indications of things to come, most likely.

The Detroit Grand Prix, an IndyCar Series event, had a presence, with a winners podium for picture-taking, and many colorful posters from previous years' races mounted to pillars. Adults and kids alike waited in line to attempt to squeeze into a race car.

Some show-goers opted for a ride on one of the test tracks. The sound of squealing tires from sharp turns could be heard throughout. While the speeds were not that high, the acceleration was very quick. Jeep's "Camp Jeep" and the Ford Bronco "Built Wild Track" offered man-made off-road experiences with various steps, ramps, and inclines - up, down, and sideways, almost like a slow-motion roller coaster.

Vendors abounded in the lobby outside the main hall, and in the lower hall were rare and in some cases, highly customized cars owned by members of the community. This resembled a very large, climate controlled, cruise night - sans owners in chairs.

As previously noted, the show was not held in 2024. The September date was skipped to allow time for planning a return to January in 2025. According to the Michigan Business column of the *Detroit Free Press*, the event organizers were pleased with the show's return to January, and optimistic that reclaiming its position as the year's first auto show in North America will lead to continued success. 🍀

"Mother May I?" Returns

Club member John Ehle has announced the running of his popular "Mother May I?" spring drive, Saturday May 10.

John writes:

Save the date for this year's MMI Tour being held on Saturday, May 10!

Back for its thirteenth running, this year's tour will return to the spectacular roads west and north of Madison with our northern-most destination being in the Baraboo area. Our morning point of interest stop will be a car museum with a unique focus, followed by lunch and a short drive to an afternoon stop that's just plain unique. As always, we'll close with an optional dinner, this one being in the Madison area.

Once again we'll run in support of our charitable partner, Drive Toward a Cure for Parkinson's Disease (www.drivetowardacure.org). This event has raised nearly \$15,000 for Parkinson's Disease research and patient care through our partnership with DTaC, and we look forward to another great year of support!

There's no response necessary at this time. Look for an email from me in March with detailed information on the tour and registration. In the meantime, think spring!

Thanks,

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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

Alfetta Engine

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.

Garage Cleanout

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

Memorabilia For Sale

Forwarded by Gary Schommer from **Bob Birmingham**, sent on January 21:

Thank you to those who visited me last year and purchased sports car memorabilia. Have put together another offering to include:

- About a dozen 50s, 60, 70s & 80s Road America programs
- Various race entry blanks, results and Steward reports from RA, Wilmot, Lynndale, Fair Park and Meadowdale
- Dash plaques and pit passes
- 1960 Milwaukee Drifts; mostly 60s, a few 70s and even one of the earliest from 1956.
- SCCA's monthly Sports Car magazines from the 60s.
- USAC Indy 500 programs from 70s and 80s
- State Fair Park USAC Indy Car and Stock Car race programs
- GoodWood Revival programs
- Sebring race programs
- Monterey Program
- 2000 Formula 1 race program encased in plastic to include other related guest items that were provided to me that helped make it an even better weekend
- Road America professional 50 year disc purchased at RA
- Cartridges to include movies Winning with Paul Newman, Le Mans with Steve McQueen combined on 1 cartridge, Grand Prix with James Garner, Days of thunder with Tom Cruise plus a few more.
- Hard cover books
- Brooks Stevens Excalibur, Museum and other items
- Glossy and other 8" x 10" and 6" x 8 " race photos RA, Lynndale, Wilmot, Fair Park and Meadowdale

And a whole lot more.

Feel free to refer others if you have someone in mind.

If interested in sorting through any of these or other items call first: 262-238-8773

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