

ALFANATIC



Next Event

Das Kurze Klausenrennen

The 36th Annual New Glarus Hill Climb

New Glarus, Wisconsin

May 2-3

AROC-Wisconsin invites its members, invited guests, and members of the VSC, CAROC, Stella del Nord, and the American Bugatti Club to its annual spring kick-off event in Little Switzerland.

The hill climb is open to licensed road cars with no deviation from stock except for factory options available for the car in period.

Eligible cars include:

- Four, straight-six, and eight cylinder Alfa Romeos
- Pre-WWII automobiles
- Invited guest cars

Members should have received their emailed invitation from Kevin Caulfield in early March. Others who wish to attend can contact Kevin at kevincaulfield@crc-mn.com or 612-702-8520. Spectators are welcome, and volunteers are needed to man the course. Chalet Landhaus is the host hotel for the event. Come out Saturday and see what it's all about.



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Volunteers Needed

By now you know that the National Convention will be hosted by CAROC, the Chicago chapter of AROC-USA, this September. The April *Alfa Owner* has the registration information and the website went live April 1.

CAROC needs volunteers to help with hosting the event. They have a couple of events which will extend into Wisconsin. A gimmick rally will start at the convention site in Crystal Lake and end at the Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay. The Pre-Convention tours will go to Road America and to the Johnson Wax Headquarters in Racine—one day to RA and the other to Johnson Wax. There will be an outing to Lake Geneva with a lunchtime cruise. They need starters and “sweep” drivers to pick up stragglers, as well as other duties.

They are also looking for people to provide general help at the convention site to help set up the concours, swap meet, carwash, and midnight car show,

etc. Take a look at the signup sheet and pick an event or two to volunteer for, then contact one of the co-chairs, Dennis Sbertoli at 708-579-9724 (dsbert4978@aol.com) or Steve Crowley at 708-380-2532 (ducktoe@icloud.com). They’ll be glad to hear from you. 🍀

“Mother May I?” Returns



AROC-WI member John Ehle is back with the 13th running of his “Mother May ?” spring tour, Saturday May 10. The event is a charity fundraiser for the benefit of Parkinson’s Disease research and patient support.

This year he’s headed for the area around Baraboo, WI. A lunch stop is scheduled and a wrap-up dinner is optional. For more information follow this link: drivetowardacure.org 🍀

Local, Regional, and International Events Calendar, 2025 - 2026

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

2025

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 johnhehle@comcast.net
May 16-18	SVRA Spring Vintage Weekend, Road America
May 17	Festa Italiana, The Automobile Gallery , Green Bay, Wisconsin
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 22-27	2025 Kenosha Homecoming Car Show, Kenosha Lakefront
July 25-27	Gridlife Summer Apex Music & Motorsports Festival, 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	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
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2026	Moda Miami. Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Florida

Help Gary Clean His Garage

Faithful readers may have noticed AROC-WI member Gary Tree's long running classified ad. Gary wrote me this month to say he's *really* serious about cleaning out his garage and needs your help.

Says Gary: "My garage is over full and I need to purge some of my ALFA Spider parts.

I have two complete engines, sans transmissions, 1974 and 1976 2L Nords, both SPICA driven. I would like to get them in the hands of someone who can use them for parts, etc. The heads are in good shape, one recently had a valve job before I took it out of service. I don't want to throw them away, but need to clear out some space.

I am over in Blue Mounds about 20 miles west of Madison. A year or so ago someone from the Milwaukee area reached out to me looking for some heads he could work on for his 2L track car. I lost his contact information."



The car above is Gary's '74 Spider. He says he bought it in 2012 in Mississippi and restored it using parts from two other Spiders, a '74 and a '76. He says he still has "a ton of parts" from these parts cars that he wants to move on.

If you're interested, give Gary a call on his cell at 608-209-2352 or write him at gjtreehouse@google.com

Alfanatic Goes International

We were recently contacted by Mia Stevens, the editor of the New South Wales, Australia, Alfa Owners Club magazine. In March she visited Appleton and hoped to meet to share experiences. Although we couldn't meet in person, we are now sharing copies of the *Alfanatic* with her, as well as the *Alfa Owner*. I'm looking forward to seeing the AROCA magazine.

Road America Adds Events to Vintage Weekend Program

Historic F1 and USRRC cars to be featured

Road America recently announced additions to its popular Weathertech Vintage Weekend with Brian Redman. The 2025 event will be held July 17-20. Comedian and Car Guy Adam Carolla will appear Thursday, July 17, for a night of comedy. In addition, he will show his documentary, *24 Hour War*, on Saturday night.

According to Road America:

"Renowned as a comedian, actor, and podcaster, Adam has been a driving force in American entertain-



ment. His acclaimed "The Adam Carolla Show" set a Guinness World Record in 2011 for the most downloaded podcast. Beyond the airwaves, Adam's passion for racing is well-known, making his appearance at our historic track all the more special. Join us for a night where high-octane motorsport meets high-energy comedy, promising revved-up punchlines and full-throttle fun!

"Adam Carolla will take the stage for a one-night-only comedy show on Thursday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m. Additionally, fans will have the unique opportunity to experience Carolla's acclaimed documentary, *24 Hour War*, during a special screening on Saturday, July 19 at 8:30p.m."

Both events will be held at Road America's Tufte Center.

"This year's featured marque will highlight a breathtaking collection of Historic Cars of Formula 1 alongside an exclusive United States Road Racing Championship (USRRC) invitational. The USRRC was a sports car racing series organized by the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) from 1963 to 1968, featuring iconic American and European sports cars competing on challenging road courses across the country. Renowned for its high-speed battles and legendary drivers, the USRRC laid the groundwork for future endurance racing events in the United States."

Kenosha Homecoming Returns



It's not an Alfa event, nor even one for foreign cars, unless you include the occasional Nash Metropolitan or Renault Alliance in attendance. The Kenosha Homecoming is a singular event for lovers of cars built in Wisconsin. The nominally triennial gathering of Nash, Rambler, AMC, and Chrysler products is one big show, a celebration of 100 years of automaking in Kenosha. It's scheduled for July 22-27.



The Saturday, July 26, car show is the main event, stretching the length of Kennedy park, just north of downtown Kenosha. A field of 750 cars and 250 parts vendors can

be expected. Cruises, swap meets, and block parties run Tuesday through Friday preceding the show. Sunday's drag racing at Great Lakes Dragaway closes out the event. Drive on down. For a complete schedule of events go to [2025 Kenosha Homecoming Car Show | Dates & Events](#) . 🍀

Guests Celebrated at Our Winter Banquet

By Bob Ludwigson

Our winter banquet was held on March 22 at Maggiano's Little Italy at Mayfair Mall. Everyone enjoyed the food and companionship. A total of 19 people attended. The guests had a choice of meals, including steak, chicken and veal parmesan, and salmon. The veal parmesan was a surprise as it consisted of a large portion of veal (with bone in). Some of us thought that their portion was to be shared with several people.

After the meal, club president Randy Swanson confirmed that all the current officers will remain at

their posts during 2025. He did call for a volunteer to oversee our web site. In addition there was a selection of books and other Alfa materials for guests to pick up and enjoy at home.

Unfortunately, events and membership chairman Gary Schommer and his wife Debbie could not attend due to a family emergency. We are all wishing for a successful recovery. 🍀

Pics from the winter banquet... Good service and good food, plus a private bar—what else could you ask for?



Links to Like

Petrolicious is back on line with a mix of interesting videos and articles. This particular one is notable because the owner of this lush Daytona Spider gives shout-outs to our own Kevin Caufield and premier Ferrari restorer Motion Products Inc. Nice car, too.

<https://youtu.be/kgkKCyrjKd4?feature=shared>

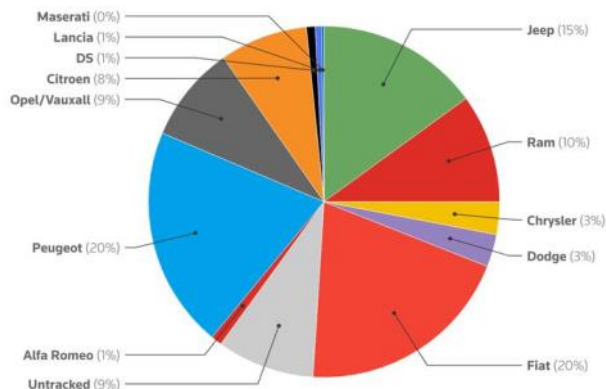
Gary Schommer sent along this link to a Sheboygan Press article about Elkhart Lake history, pre Road America. It features 42 period photos from the days of open road racing around the old circuit.

<https://search.app/TyQJiFooM7gizbhA9>

Between CEOs, Stellantis Grapples with Its Portfolio

Stellantis' global sales by brand

The group sold about 5.5 million new vehicles globally in 2024.



Source: Reuters calculations based on company reports and official data. | By Giulio Piovaccari and Alessandro Parodi.

The pie chart above, from a Reuters article at [Automotive News Europe](#), illustrates the dilemma facing Stellantis board chairman John Elkann as he searches for its new CEO to replace Carlos Tavares.

“A source familiar with Elkann’s thinking told Reuters that the topic was a priority, and that any applicant for chief executive without an idea about the brands is not the right candidate.”

While it is unlikely that any of the company’s U.S. brands would disappear entirely, there could be some consolidation. The company’s problems in Europe are more complicated. Premium brands Alfa, DS, and Lancia all have their supporters but tiny market shares and strong competition. Peugeot and Opel have overlapping product lines. Stellantis has plans to launch 20 new or updated models across its 14 brands before the end of 2026.

For Alfa Romeo, the picture is unclear. The article quotes automotive consultant Marco Santino as suggesting that it could become a niche sport brand but feels expanding its share in the premium segment would be a tough job. Only time will tell. 🍀

Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Wins Amelia Concorso d’Elegance

A 1938 8C 2900B with a cabriolet body by Stabilimenti Farina was named best of show at this year’s Amelia Concorso d’Elegance. The 8C was entered from the Keller Collection of Petaluma, California. The late Arturo Keller was a successful businessman who amassed an impressive collection of Italian and German cars, kept at his museum, The Pyramids, sited in his vineyard in Petaluma, California.

The car was built on a long chassis version of the 8C. First registered to Alfa Romeo, the second owner was the future 1950 Formula 1 world champion Giuseppe Farina. He sold it only a few months later. It then passed through the hands of several Italian owners before WWII. After the war, the car came to the U.S., purchased by the colorful California businessman Tommy Lee who carried out its first restoration, changing the color from blue to gray and repairing some accident damage.



Upon Lee’s death in 1950, the car passed among other owners and dealers, was repainted Alfa Red, and appeared as the cover car on the October 1951 issue of *Road & Track*. By 1964 the car entered Bill Harrah’s Collection in Reno, Nevada, where it stayed until auctioned off in 1983. After passing through the hands of several other American and European collectors, the 8C was acquired, partially disassembled by Arturo Keller, who finished the restoration and showed the car at Pebble Beach in 1995. He followed that appearance with a visit to Villa d’Este in 1996 and was awarded best of show at the concours following the 1996 Monte Carlo Rally. Mr Keller continued to show the car, including a prior appearance at Amelia Island in 2005. He passed away last year. This year the car was presented by his grandson, Alejandro Tonda Keller.

The body design was a one-off by Stabilimenti Farina, founded by Giovanni Farina, father of Giuseppe. The chassis was thought to have been a prototype for the 1938 Mille Miglia cars, but that is not the case, according to 8C authority Simon Moore. The car’s shape is somewhat similar to those produced by Touring, but is distinguished by a grill with a more prominent vee shape and a squared-off top. The engine hood is amply louvered and the interior is distinctively upholstered in Manta Ray hides. 🍀

Photo courtesy Hagerty. Historical tidbits from “*The Immortal 2.9*,” revised edition, by Simon Moore.

Klausen Race Revival Planned for 2026

As mentioned before in these pages, our own *Kurze Klausenrennen* takes its name from the original Klausen hill climb held in Switzerland from 1922 to 1934. Billed as the toughest mountain test in Europe, the event pitted cars and motorcycles on a 13.4 mile gravel road over the Klausen pass, 6,400 ft. altitude.



Increased world tensions and WWII kind of spoiled the party but the memories lingered, resulting in revivals between 1993 and 2013, amounting to five memorial races.

A successful centennial event in 2022 brought out “several hundred classic vehicles” and kindled the organizer’s thoughts of creating an annual vintage event. So now the newly formed Klausen Historic GmbH has been formed to produce an annual vintage event, running the traditional route from Linthal in the Glarus Canton to the Klausen pass.

Scheduled for 25-27 September 2026 and open to approximately 250 cars built before 1945, the organizers plan to mix technology (GPS, video streaming) with tradition to present a stellar international event, with a side benefit of generating tourist dollars for the community. Wish them well. 🍀

You Still Have Time to Buy a Gas-Powered Giulia or Stelvio

U.S. Sales will continue through 2026

According to [Motor 1](#), in an interview with Ron Kikino, Alfa's Senior Manager of Product Communications, the current model Giulia and Stelvio will be available at least until the end of 2026. Although the fire-breathing turbo V-6 Quadrifoglio versions are now out of production, the 4-cylinder model availa-

bility will continue until the new Stelvio becomes available.

The STLA Large platform on which the new Giulia and Stelvio versions are based are “multi-fuel,” meaning that they are scheduled to be available in both all-electric BEV versions or as hybrids, according to the company.

It’s also reliably reported that the second-generation Giulia will not be a traditional sedan configuration. This has been widely interpreted to mean it will be closer to a crossover in style. There are myriad “concept renderings” by would-be designers available on line. We prefer to wait for the real thing.



We do, however have an idea of how the new Stelvio will look, as it was spotted in testing recently. Although camouflaged, the basic shape is discernible, and it appears the front fascia is a riff on the Junior. We’ll be waitoong for the details, apparently to be released on Alfa’s birthday June 24.

V-6 not dead?

According to Cristiano Fiorio, head of Alfa Romeo’s marketing and communication department, the V-6 may live on. He told [Car](#) that “everyone expresses the fact that they want an Alfa Romeo with a Quadrifoglio. This is pretty clear because Quadrifoglio is the pinnacle of the brand and we will continue to have Quadrifoglio forever. That’s a no-brainer. Personally, I do not see a Quadrifoglio EV. I see a Quadrifoglio which has the sound of a real engine as of now. Maybe in five years, things will change. But as of now, the Quadrifoglio to me - to us - should be something with a roar.”

Enthusiasts have interpreted his comments to mean that the twin-turbo V-6 will live on in special editions. It may mean something else entirely. The interpretation is up to you. 🍀

Classifieds

Alfanatic will post brief non-commercial classifieds for members and friends at no charge. Email the [editors](#) to make a submission.

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

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