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Coming Up

Festa Italiana

Saturday May 17, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

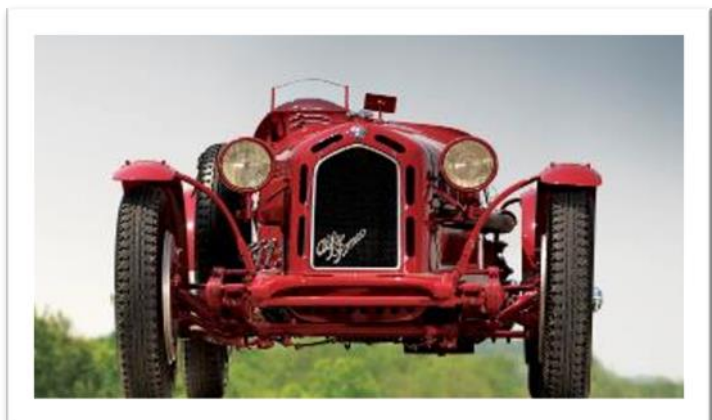
The Automobile Gallery and Event Center
400 S Adams Street, Green Bay, WI 54301

\$15.00 per person

Tickets Here: [Festa Italiana - The Automobile Gallery](#)

The North Central Region of the Ferrari Club of America has invited us to join them for a drive from Manitowoc to Green Bay the morning of the show. The group will gather at the Starbucks on Calumet Avenue at 11:30 and depart Manitowoc at noon, arriving in Green Bay at 1:30. Visit the event's [Facebook page](#) for further details. If you contact the organizers by May 9 (I know, short notice) you may be able to take advantage of the Ferrari club's reserved parking and admissions deal.

To RSVP or ask questions, call, text, or email Randy Tess,
randy@tessfamily.com, or 920 217 0010



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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. 🍀

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

May 10	John Ehle's "Mother May I?" Spring Tour johnnehle@comcast.net
May 16-18	SVRA Spring Vintage Weekend, Road America
May 17	Festa Italiana, The Automobile Gallery , Green Bay, Wisconsin
May 18	Glenview Luxury Import Car Show , Glenview, IL
May 26	Detroit AROC Lapping Day at Grattan Raceway , Belding, MI
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 24	Alfa's 115th Birthday. Drive your Alfa!
June 27-29	Cheese Capital Cup featuring Trans Am Speed Tour, Road America
July 9-13	Fiat FreakOut , Wisconsin Dells, WI
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 27	ICAMS, the AROC-Wisconsin Italian Car and Motorcycle Show
July 27	Italian Happening, Rochester Municipal Park, Rochester, MI
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

2026

Feb 28-Mar 1	Moda Miami. Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Florida
Mar 5-8	The Amelia, Amelia Island, Florida
May 1-2	AROC-WI Das Kurze Klausenrennen, New Glarus, Wisconsin

Upcoming Events

Glenview Luxury Import Car Show 2025

Sunday, May 18, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Church St. and Colonial Court Parking Lot ,
1757 Glenview Rd, Glenview, IL

<https://glicarshow.com/>

Entertainment by Brass From the Past
Free admission for all spectators

Our Cause

In these last few years we have really come to know the importance of First Responders and the sacrifices they make for us. On May 18, we are hosting our 4th Charity Exotic Car Festival for the benefit of The 100 Club of Illinois. The 100 Club of Illinois provides resources, several forms of financial support, access to training, and moral support to both the families of first responders killed in the line of duty and active duty first responders throughout the state of Illinois. All sworn federal, state, county and local first responders stationed in Illinois are included.

Registration Contribution for car show entrants is \$60.00. All proceeds go to the 100 Club of Illinois. Join others in showing your car in support of all our First Responders 🍀

CAROC and Lotus Corps Present the Annual Drivers Education and Lapping Day

Saturday, June 21, 2025

[Registration Page](#)

Please join us at Blackhawk Farms Raceway, as CAROC and Lotus Corps are proud to join forces in presenting the Twenty-Second Annual Carl Grabowski Drivers Education and Lapping Day.

All vehicle makes and car clubs are welcome. This is *NOT* an exclusive event for Lotus or Alfa owners.

You'll be able to:

- Drive your car closer to its limits
- Learn how to drive fast SAFELY
- Hone your skills at one of the best tracks in the Midwest
- Enjoy the company of other sports car nuts

For whom is this event intended?

This is a day for all levels of driver skill. Depending upon experience, you will be placed in one of three run groups:

- Green Group C – Drivers with moderate to no track experience. In-car and classroom instruction will be provided.
- Yellow Group B – Fairly experienced drivers who have attended quite a few Driving Schools or track events; very experienced drivers in slower cars.
- Red Group A – Very experienced drivers who have attended many Driving Schools, track events, or those with race experience.

What kind of car do I need to participate?

Make of car does not matter. You can come with your daily driver, your sports car, or your race car. As long as the vehicle meets the requirements in the Tech Inspection Form, you will be allowed to run. (Blackhawk Farms Raceway does not permit electric vehicles on track, however.)

The minimum safety equipment that is required is:

- Helmet with a Snell rating of SA2010 or later – No DOT or motorcycle helmets (e.g. Snell M2015) allowed.
- Long sleeve shirt made of cotton or fire resistant fabric.
- Long pants made of cotton or fire resistant fabric.
- Closed-toed shoes.

You are encouraged to bring any other safety apparel you have!

Most importantly, bring a good attitude. This is an Educational Event—not a race, not a time trial, not a competition. You will get plenty of track time.

What will it cost?

The base entry fee is \$349, which includes 2.5 hours of total track time in SEVEN track sessions for experienced drivers, as well as lunchtime touring. Early-bird and club discounts may reduce this cost. Novices and first-timers will receive classroom instruction and two hours of total track time in six sessions for \$299. A late fee will apply within two weeks of the event. For those who only wish to do lunchtime touring, the cost is \$49 in advance, \$50 day of the event.

In a hurry? If you already have a MotorsportReg account, go straight to the [registration page](#) 🍀

Das Kurze Klausenrennen No. 36 a Success

By Bob Abhalter

After a rainy Friday night in New Glarus, Saturday, May 3, dawned cool, bright, and dewy. A smallish field of 17 entrants was preregistered for the event. Although there were some no-shows among the registrants, the parking lot of the Chalet Landhaus was still filled with sportscars of all descriptions driven by members of AROC-WI, the VSC, and their guests.

The impromptu car show that doubles as the event's morning tech section was enhanced by the appearance of a beautiful red and black 1931 6C 1750 Gran Sport and an elegant black and silver Frazer Nash BMW 328, driven to the event by Iowan Denny Holloway, with the assistance of Avery Reed. The pair drove the cars from Dubuque to New Glarus for the event.

Following John Koziol, Jr's rousing National Anthem performance and Gary Schommer's traditional driver's briefing, the group moved across Highway 69 for their reconnaissance runs on Kubly Road. Bob Ludwigson described the course:

"South of the main part of the town is Kubly Road, a winding and hilly road passing through farms and fields. The hill climb itself, 7 miles long, covers the part closest to town. It is steep at the start and finish, with a saddle midway. It is long enough to be challenging but has no surprises. The road is closed to the general public during the event."

With all volunteers finally in place, starter Graham Welch flagged off car No. 1, Richard Flynn's 1933 Morgan Super Sports, to start the event. A total of 16 cars made official runs. Notables included Colin Comer, whose children Remi and Briggs alternated as co-pilots in his Giulietta Spider Veloce. (Rumors have it that he was consistently fastest up the hill, but we can't or won't confirm that, as this is a non-competitive event.) Other outstanding entries included Keith Pickard's Bentley Mk VI Special and Bob Lederer's massive American LaFrance roadster special.

AROC-WI entrants included Aaron Anding's battle-tested Fiat Spider, Mark Whipple's Silver Spider, and Bob Ludwigson in his white Giulietta Spider. Tom Heinrich's Giulietta Sprint Veloce was a DNS, so he and Pam made the trip in his GTV6. Dual CAROC – WI member Bill Siegfriedt drove his P-Car, but we won't judge. Gary Schommer and prez Randy Swanson ably assisted as course marshals.

After an afternoon of dining and shopping in New Glarus and environs, the group reconvened for the president's reception and dinner at the Chalet. We were entertained by event regular George and his Alpenhorn, accompanied by a delightful yodeling accordionist. Gary Schommer presented a check for \$2,500 to benefit the New Glarus Youth Baseball Association's summer league.

Following Sunday's breakfast the troop wished each other safe travels and headed home. Join us next year, May 1-2, 2026, for the next running of Das Kurze Klausenrennen. 🍀



Tech inspection was handled by Graham Welch (r), ably assisted by his friend and neighbor John Owen (l). Seen with Major Domo John Welch (c). Bill Siegfriedt Photo



John Welch helps with the tech inspection of Bob Abhalter's Giulia Super.

More from New Glarus



Resident rocker John Koziol, Jr., opens festivities with a rousing rendition of our National Anthem.



Gary Schommer briefs the drivers.



Keith Picard's beautiful hand-built Bentley MK VI Special.



Denny Holloway's 1931 6C1750 Gran Sport



Frazer Nash assembled these BMWs under license in England prior to WWII.



Colin and Briggs Comer being flagged off by starter Graham Welch. Bob Ludwigson photo

*New this year was this attractive event emblem coordinated by John Welch.
Bill Siegfried photo*





Where's the fire? Bob Lederer's American LaFrance Special lost its hoses and ladders.



Gary presents a check for \$2,500 to coach Eric Spanton to benefit the New Glarus Youth Baseball Program's Summer League.



Chief Steward John Welch (l) monitors the start line.



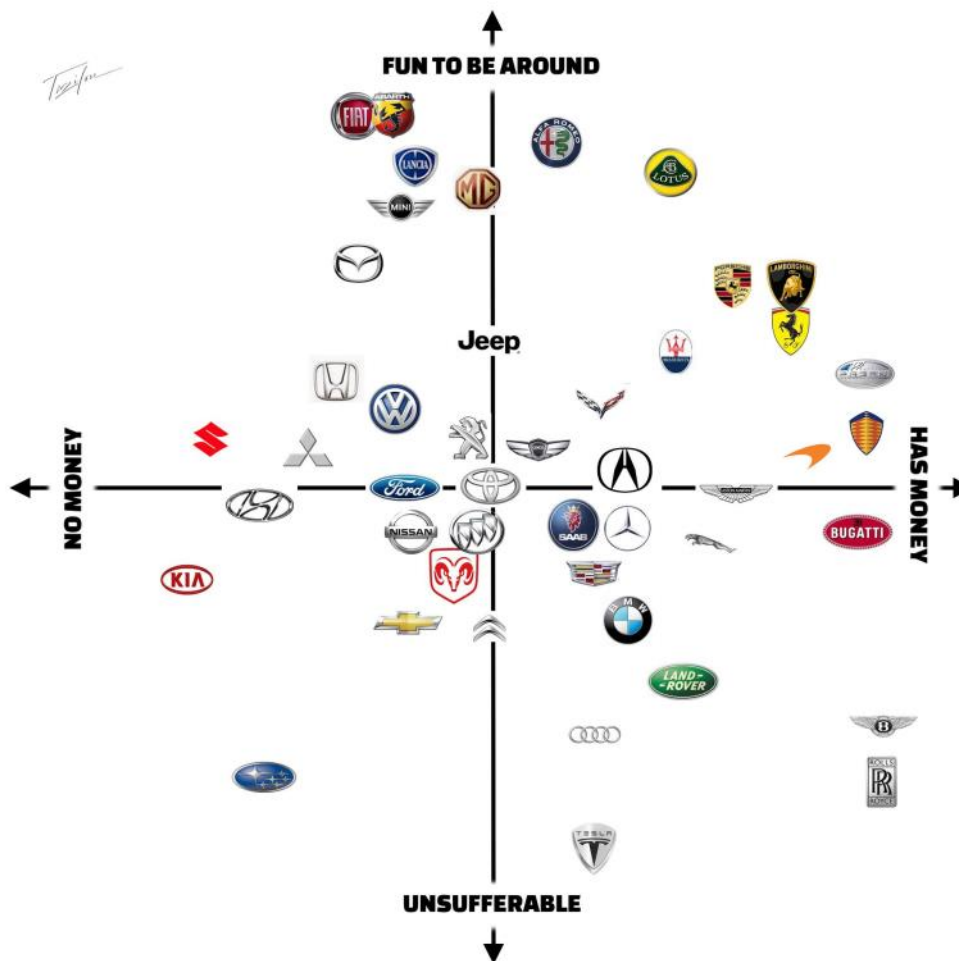
Hill climb regular Mark Whipple awaits the starters' flag.



Kevin Caulfield presents Tom Schmock (right) with a plaque in recognition for his years of service organizing the hill climb.



Yodeling for our dinner



I found this plot of car owner characteristics on the Internet. Do you agree?

ICAMS Set for July 27

Bob and Gary are finalizing details and preparing the registration forms for this year's Italian Car and Motorcycle show, to be held Sunday, July 27, at Sussex Village Park. Details next month.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks again for never missing a great newsletter! My toy poodle, George, had a chance to jump start his driving at the mall yesterday! Motor on!

Marica Morris



Links to Like

Hagerty's Jason Commisa may just be able to tell you some things you didn't know about the Alfa 164 and its development siblings from Fiat, Lancia, and Saab—yes Saab. All were a part of the *Tipo Quattro* program. For an overview, watch this YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/G71uIVvnzvw?feature=shared>

For a longer discussion of the cars, including driving impressions, watch this longer podcast:

<https://youtu.be/sJqQ6J8xQfE?feature=shared>

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

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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