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Next Event

AROC-WI Fall Color Tour

Saturday, October 25

Gather 9:00 a.m., Holy Hill Lower Parking Lot

Drivers Meeting and First Car Off, 9:40

Lunch at Gary's Place, West Bend

Email or text Gary Schommer by Tuesday, October 20, to Assure Sufficient Route Maps and Lunch Reservations alfaman@wi.rr.com, or (414)418-0879

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AROC-WI Fall Color Tour

Saturday October 25, 2025

This scenic tour takes us through the beautiful Southern Kettle Moraine. Plan on a relaxing drive with opportunities to stop for photos or visit a roadside stand for fresh apple cider.

If you plan to attend, please contact Gary Schommer at alfaman@wi.rr.com or text to (414) 418-0879, ideally no later than Tuesday, October 20, to ensure that we have sufficient route instructions and restaurant space.

- **Meet** in the lower parking lot of Holy Hill at 1525 Carmel Road, Hubertus, WI 53033
- **Arrive** at 9 AM for Alfa Talk or to climb the church tower for a view of the surrounding area. For a preview see <https://www.holyhill.com/scenic-tower-camera>
- **Gather** for the driver's meeting at 9:40 a.m., with the first car off following.
- **Finish** at GARY'S PLACE, 110 Wisconsin Street, West Bend, WI 53095, <https://garysplacewb.com/>, for lunch: (No, our Gary Schommer has no stake in Gary's Place. The name is coincidental.)
- **Join** us after lunch at the Museum of Wisconsin Art (MOWA). <https://wisconsinart.org/> It's just a block northwest west of the restaurant.
 - ◇ The museum's collection represents more than three hundred artists, spans two hundred years of history, and includes over five thousand works of art that tell the story of the American experience. Artists include H. H. Bennett, Beth Lipman, Truman Lowe, Rosemary Ollison, Edward Steichen, Tom Uttech, John Wilde, Frank Lloyd Wright, to mention just a few.
 - ◇ SPECIAL EXHIBIT: Frank Lloyd Wright: Modern Chair Design is a visionary exhibition that reconsiders the Wisconsin-born architect's innovative and often overlooked contributions to furniture design. While Wright is celebrated for his buildings and his role in shaping an American architectural vision, he also designed more than two hundred chairs over the course of his seventy-year career. This exhibition presents forty of Wright's most significant domestic pieces—several on view for the first time—together with working sketches and archival photographs.
 - ◇ Admission: \$15 single or \$25 for two and provides unlimited access for the entire year, invitations to exhibit openings, lectures, classes, a quarterly newsletter, and discounts at West Bend restaurants, shops, and hotels.
 - ◇ Free public parking is conveniently located just south of the museum. Free street parking is available on Veterans Avenue.
 - ◇ Be aware that the museum closes at 4 p.m.
 - ◇
- **Shop**, if you'd rather. There are a variety of interesting shops on Main Street, just a block to the West. <https://www.downtownwestbend.com/shopping.html> 

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

October 23-26 [Auto e Moto d'Epoca](#), Bologna, Italy
October 25 **AROC-WI Fall Color Tour**, Holy Hill, Lower Parking Lot
 October 31—Nov 2 [Las Vegas Concours](#), Wynn Golf Club, Nevada

2026

Jan 28 - Feb 1 [RetroMobile](#) Exhibition, Paris, France

2025 AROC Convention a Smash Hit With Attendees

The Chicago Alfa Romeo Owners Club (CAROC) hosted the 2025 Convention in Crystal Lake, Illinois, September 15-21, and it was a blast! Although some pedants sniffed that it wasn't really a *Chicago* convention but rather a *Chicago-area* convention, location notwithstanding, at the end of the week the attendees left satisfied.

This was a "full service" convention, with autocross, track, concours, tech, and social offerings to appeal to abroad spectrum of participants. Everything was well planned and executed and came off mostly without a hitch. The weather cooperated, too, although it was unseasonably warm for a September in Northern Illinois.

AROC-WI members pitched in as volunteers. President Randy Swanson mapped out and led the pre-convention tour to Road America and your editors contributed to developing and conducting the Gim-mick Rally, along with dual AROC-WI and CAROC members Bill and Corky Siegfriedt. We were happy to see AROC-WI convention attendees Randy and Drew Swanson, Pam and Tom Heinrich, Celia and Eric Trospen, and Deb and Gary Schommer at the events. (Sorry if I missed other Wisconsin folks.) Pam and I took home a *Certificato d'Oro* for our entries in the *Concorso*. You can read all about it in the December *Alfa Owner*, but until then, here are a few photos:



Eric Trospen with his drink of choice (see below), next to his freshly refurbished GTV.
(G. Schommer photo)



Gary Schommer's '71 GTV was looking sharp, as always.
(B. Trick Photo)



Tom Heinrich with Pam Heinrich's mostly original 1986 GTV6, a *Certificato d'Oro* winner
(G. Schommer photo)

Bob Abhalter's 1968 GT Junior, owned by him for 50 years, now a *Certificato d'Oro* winner
(B. Trick photo)



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This bespoke Alfaholics-built GTA-R attracted a lot of attention. (B. Trick photo)



BS (Bert) Levy presents the “Spirit of Buddy Palumbo” award to our South African guest Jethro Bonner. His tech session recalled his remarkable drive from Dargle, South Africa, to Dargle, Ireland, in a 1964 Sprint GT. (Find him on [YouTube](#).)

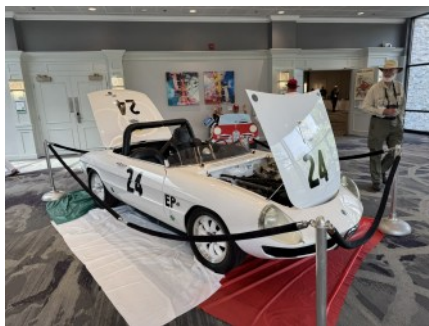


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Check out this brief documentary on Jethro Bonner's trip from South Africa to London.

<https://youtu.be/zewyoiAUEB0>

Not Alfa-related, but definitely a cool story. [A Faster Horse](#).

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

1991 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce



60K miles, new tires. Needs new top and seat covers. Garaged in Eagle River, WI, Asking \$6,500. I only drive it about 20 miles a year in the summer. It's a good easy resto project for someone. Bill Marshall,

bmarsh68@gmail.com
713.252.0423

Three 164s For Sale

I have three 1991 164s I'm looking to dispose of.

1. 1991 164L which was a daily driver until the front head gasket blew externally (no coolant in the oil or chambers) just shy of 200k miles.
2. 1991 164 Base parts car missing injectors, HVAC units and hood (it's on the L)
3. 1991 164 Sport with manual transmission. It was driven here and left. The owner was murdered. I'm told the rear suspension was rusted out. General condition "rough."

All three have tires. The first two hold air, I'm not sure about the Sport.

No offer will be refused. They're worth very little as scrap and I'd rather see them go to someone who cares. Especially the L

The L and Sport are at my shop at:

501A S Nine Mound Rd, Verona, WI 53593

The Base is at my home at W6008 Pioneer Rd., New Glarus, WI 53574

Pat Slattery martski43@gmail.com 608 347-5741

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.

1978 Spider

Texas car, with backdated bumpers, Nardi wheel, and engine build by Stuart Sandeman. Asking \$15k. Gerry Perlman, Waco, TX, (562) 972-0700, gerryperlman@gmail.com



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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SUBMISSIONS

Do you have a story you'd like to share? Have a restoration in progress or finished? Taken a memorable road trip or have a funny car story? Pictures, lessons learned, maintenance tips? Whatever. The *Alfanatic* is always looking for material to publish. Email your submissions to the editor at rabhalter@att.net and share with your fellow Alfisti.

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