



La Voce *espresso*

Fall 2009



newsletter of the delaware valley alfa romeo owners club



DVAROC Rises Again!

From the dust on the website and the dirth of newsletters, one could easily get the impression that the DVAROC has gone dormant. Well, while this summer wasn't our most active in years, we aim to make up for that this fall.

First on the agenda is our fall picnic. While we won't be returning to Brookside Farm, we **will** be holding the event at a farm. Through the efforts of Wicker Francis, we have secured a suitable location, at a farm, along the Darby creek in Newtown Square. The picnic will take place on Sunday, October 11th from 12pm to 3pm. Rain date will be October 18th. As usual, lunch will be available. See the Events section for more details.

Next, the DVAROC is teaming up with the local Fiat Lancia United club to visit the Simeone museum to see some vintage Alfas in action. Just about every month, Dr. Simeone takes out a couple of cars from his esteemed collection and drives them around the back of the museum. These events are rare opportunities to hear some of these very special cars at full song. If you plan to attend, just

arrive at the museum before 11am and join the crew around back. See the Events section for more details.

We'll round out our fall activities with a great tour of Bucks County and New Jersey along the Delaware. Jack Stoll has put together another interesting route, full of twists for the drivers and sights for the passengers. In addition, we'll stop in Lambertville for lunch. See the Events section for more details.

Mark Your Calendars!

October 11 Fall Picnic - Newtown Square, PA

October 31 Alfas at Simeone Museum - Phila, PA

November 8 Fall Tour - Washington Crossing, PA

Bob's Babblings

Where's the Club? I know many of you are wondering what's going on with the club. Well, you can point to me as the ball that has dropped. I've really gotten in over my head with a bunch of life's distractions and have not spent the time needed to keep the club going. I apologize, but realistically, for the foreseeable future, I don't see me having much more free time.

I am extremely grateful to several of you who have stepped up to organize events and keep things moving along. Bill Conway, Jack Stoll, Thad Kirk (from the FLU club), Wicker Francis, Jon Klingerman and others have helped tremendously. We wouldn't have had the events we did have without their help. I would like to get a group of members together who can share the load and keep our program more reliable. So, if you have any interest or any time you can share to help the club keep going, please contact me.

The last La Voce? Many of you have suggested that I stop mailing La Voce and instead just do it online. With the costs of printing and mailing escalating, it will likely come to that. **If you want to receive La Voce by mail, please contact me!** Otherwise, I will likely start publishing it only on the web. If and when that happens, I will rely on the email list to notify you. So...**Send your Email address to me!** If you want to stay informed of upcoming events and last minute changes, please send your address to me at: rampbrady@verizon.net Thanks!

This is the best weather of the year, do drive!- bob

Classifieds:

1976 GTV 24K miles, all original, \$15,500, Bill Conway, bilconway@comcast.net

1991 164S Black/black leather interior., 5-speed, AC, power windows, mirrors, locks, sun roof, four heated seats, cd player, rear window shades. Tool kit, & owners pouch w/manuals. 120K miles. All maintenance performed by Algar Ferrari of Phila, sperry cams and valves, stainless exhaust, recent belts, engine balanced and blueprinted & chip upgrade. Everything works. Very fast car, looks and runs great. \$5,500.00 or OBO. Barry barycross@aol.com or 215-242-4726 PA
1983 GTV-6 19K miles Silver/Blue, Bill Conway, 973-839-9239
bilconway@comcast.net

The Bill Conway Files

(Bill is a great Alfa enthusiast. I frequently get tidbits from him. Here is a collection of some of the more interesting ones... - ed)

April 2009

Here is a cinderella story.

I pick up my GTV/6 on Friday from ALGAR as they had performed state inspection. I drive it to my garage. On Sunday, on the way to Easter dinner, I drive to the AM PM next to ALGAR to get gas. On top of the Gas Pump is a GTV/6 gas cap in perfect condition. So naturally, I think it must be mine, thinking I must have left it there Friday after getting gas. Later, I bring the gas cap to the garage and there is my GTV/6 with it's gas cap intact. So, will Cinderella GTV/6 owner please call me

about your gas cap left at the Lancaster Ave AM/PM next to ALGAR. 201-658-0190

ps Bring key so I can verify your lost slipper

April 2009 (again)

Here is a nice article on the GTV/6.

Besides my gas cap incident, I was filing my tax returns records in my drawers and I stumbled across a piece of paper from 1991 which had notes I took from a conversation with Alfa Romeo North America about the GTV/6. I believe I spoke with VP, I did not write down his name. Here is a summary of what I wrote down:

1981 was the first year (for GTV/6's) in US. Alfa made a total of 5,805 cars that year. There were no records of how many US cars.

He stated the most common color was Silver with the Blue Leather Interior. There were very few red cars, which is strange. The original owner of my 1983 GTV/6, Domick Spano, told me the same thing. He looked everywhere for a Red One and could not find one. He gave up and took a Silver with Blue Leather.

1980 was the first official year of production, 1179 cars were made, no US cars. They made two GTV/6's in 1979!!!!!! In 1982, 4,735 were made and in 1983, 4,118. He had no record of 1984, 1985 or 1986, the official last year for the GTV/6. He did however, state that in 1986 there were 671 US cars in 1986.

There were a couple of Blue GTV/6's made some of which (maybe one of which) made it to the US.

Bits and Pieces

Looking for a source for a small **alternator for a Giulietta**? Genuine Denso alternators suitable for 750-101s have become expensive, hard to find, but here is a source that might save you from buying a Chinese knock-off, for only \$132.58:

http://www.ase-supply.com/product_p/nd-100211-1680.htm

This alternator requires a two-prong plug for the IG and L (+12V sense and dynamo lamp) socket, at \$3.75. These wizards are small, light, and produce about 2X the output of the DC generator they replace.

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Events Calendar:

* Indicates DVAROC Event

* October 11th – Fall Picnic – Newtown Square, PA

Our fall picnic is always the highlight of the year. This year, we'll be at a new location, a farm at the end of Paper Mill Road, in Newtown Square. Join us along the Darby creek for a wonderful afternoon among beautiful cars, lovely scenery, and an outstanding group of people. The event will start at noon and finish around 3:00. In addition to gathering our cars together on the lawn and eating lunch, we'll hold our annual elections. Gourmet lunches will be available for \$10. Lunches will include a sandwich or hoagie, a salad and a desert. Drinks will be provided by the club. If you can't bring your Alfa (or don't presently have one), bring a part, picture, or emblem. Please **RSVP by October 10th** to Bob Brady at: (610)486-1132 or rampbrady@verizon.net If you get lost, call me at: 302-420-6529. Don't miss this great event! See directions below:

From the north: Take the "Blue Route", 476 south/west to the Lancaster Avenue (Route 30) exit. Head west on Lancaster Ave. and turn left on to Radnor-Chester Rd. Follow that and eventually make a right on to Newtown Rd. Follow Newtown Rd. and make a right on to Darby-Paoli Rd. Go straight and then make a left on to St. David's Rd. Paper Mill Road will be on your left. Drive (slowly) down Paper Mill until it dead ends. You'll see signs for the picnic.

From the south: Take the "Blue Route", 476 north/west to the West Chester Pike (Route 3) exit. Head west on West Chester Pike and eventually turn right on to Route 252, going north. Take 252 up to the Aronimink Golf Club and turn right on to St. David's Rd. Follow St. David's to Paper Mill Road, which will be on your right. Drive (slowly) down Paper Mill until it dead ends. You'll see signs for the picnic.

* October 31st – Alfas at the Simeone Museum – Philadelphia, PA

Every month Dr. Simeone pulls some of his toys out of his collection, fills them with fluids and fires them up for all to enjoy. On October, Alfaween, he'll be taking out two of his Alfas for some laps around the back of the museum. We'll be joining the Fiat Lancia United and NJAROC clubs to share in the spectacle. The event is informal, just arrive at the museum before 11am and you're your way out back with the rest of the cognoscenti. Admission is \$12 (I think). The museum is located at 6825 Norwitch Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19153. For directions, consult their website at: www.simeonefoundation.org

* November 8th – Fall Tour and Lunch - Washington Crossing, PA

Jack and Sue Stoll have put together a great fall tour along the Delaware River. It will start at end of Lord Sterling Rd (next to public rest rooms)- behind church next to river. This is approx 1/4 mile south of Rte 532 in Washington Crossing State Park. If you're coming east (from Newtown PA) toward the river- turn right onto Rte 32 (River Rd), then first left onto Lord Sterling Rd to end. If coming north on Rte 32 (River Rd)- from Yardley PA, turn right onto Lord Sterling Rd approx 1/4 mile before intersection at Rte 532. From NJ - cross bridge in Washington Crossing NJ, from intersection of Rtes 546 & 29 to first left, then go approx 1/4 mile to Lord Sterling Rd and turn left to end. Please get there no later than 0930 AM Sunday, 8 Nov, 2009 (*can you tell Jack used to be in the Army?*) The tour will last approx 3-4 hours driving time, and will proceed from WC PA into NJ, through upper Mercer County into Hunterdon County, and will conclude at a restaurant in Lambertville, NJ. We have a reservation for an early afternoon lunch at the Lambertville Station in Lambertville (where else!). Their lunch entrees average approx \$10-\$12 per person-less beverage. Please **RSVP** to Jack, no later than 5 PM on Friday, November 6th, to let me know how many people, per car, and whether or not they will have lunch with us at the restaurant. Jack's contact info is: rjs@netcarrier.com 215-343-9165 (land line). His cell phone- (to be used only on Sunday the 8th, since he normally doesn't turn it on) is 215-933-9790. For anyone having problems with directions or any other problems on that Sunday, call his cell phone.

Other Events???

If you have a particular interest, know of an event that might interest other Alfisti, or just want to get involved, please contact Bob Brady at: 610-486-1132 or rampbrady@verizon.net



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