



La Voce

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newsletter of the delaware valley alfa romeo owners club



Sensational Summer

With the new school year upon us, it's time for us to think about writing those "what I did this summer" essays. Well, by all accounts, no DVAROC member will have trouble with that assignment.

Since the last LaVoce in June, we've blinded the visitors to Headhouse Square with shiny Italian cars, toured (and maybe got lost) navigating our ways through Bucks County's prettiest lanes, returned to New Hope to show and shared more than a few great meals. A few of us have been a bit more adventuresome. Some made it to the 50th anniversary AROC convention, in Chicago. Others, joined the Fiatistas for a weekend of total Italian car immersion in the Poconos. Still others defended the marque by running wheel to wheel with British, American and German competitors.

For many of us, it didn't take traveling from home to be in the thick of the action. It's been an active summer of trading Alfas, fixing Alfas and diving in to some unintended nut and bolt restorations of Alfas. The local fleet has never looked better.

Looking back on the past few months, it's enough to make one drop into an easy chair, reach for a Moretti and collapse in

exhaustion. But, before you do, pick up this La Voce and relive the Fun, Fun, Fun before the action starts up again in the fall!

Mark Your Calendars!

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| September 14 | Radnor and Buckingham Concours' |
| September 16 | DVAROC Dinner – Toscana, Cherry Hill, NJ |
| Sept 19-21 | Vintage Racing and Air Show – Millville, NJ |
| October 12 | DVAROC Fall Picnic – Brookside Farm, Paoli, PA |
| October 26 | DVAROC Fall Tour to Auburn Heights |

Bob's Babblings

Fall, the best time of the year Well, as I try to put the finishing touches on this newsletter, I am reminded that today is Labor Day. Summer is over, and what a summer it was. So much has transpired over these last few months but my list of "to do" items remains largely uncrossed. Despite that, there were plenty of highlights, many of which were spent among Alfa friends.

While the days are getting shorter, the climate is aging towards perfection. There is no better time of the year than autumn, I'll argue. The temperature is perfect, warm days and crisp nights. The landscape explodes in color as the leaves mature to reveal yellows, vibrant oranges and exciting reds. The smell of fall is also wonderful. The falling leaves provide a comfortable aroma and wisps of smoke coming from burning wood provide just the right seasoning. All in all, fall is a perfect season; perfect Alfa Romeo weather.

Fall Events Fall is the time of year to gather amongst friends. The DVAROC calendar is full of events to maximize your enjoyment of the season.

First up are a series of excellent car shows. While organizers apparently didn't talk to each other, their locations make them convenient to everyone. In Chester County, the fabulous **100 Cars of Radnor** will fill the terraces of Radnor Hunt with 100 most beautiful and significant automobiles. They have also expanded to include a lovely display of interesting motorcycles. Radnor also offers plenty of food, vendors, exotic car dealers and, I kid you not, a great parking lot full of interesting vehicles and even more interesting owners. I highly recommend this event.

That same day, in Bucks County, the **Buckingham Concours** will be held. While I've never attended this event, I can see that it has grown over the years while remaining friendly to cars accessible to most club members (i.e. your Alfa needn't be concours perfect to enter). If you are in the area and enjoy showing your car, this is a perfect event for you.

Finally, the **Hagley Museum Car Show** also takes place on September 14th. This one takes place at the excellent Hagley Museum just outside Wilmington, Delaware. It has the most liberal entry requirements and promises to be great fun.

A few days after the car show flurry, the DVAROC will have **dinner in Cherry Hill, New Jersey**. Bob Feltoon and Charlie Crothers organized this event at Toscana, a wonderful Italian restaurant. Dinners have always been enjoyable, if not heavily attended. Please consider sharing a meal with us.

A few days after that, it's back to the race track for the **Vintage Races at New Jersey Motorsports Park** in Millville, NJ. NJMP has just opened up this summer and is now running at full tilt. Come watch the Alfas take on the 510s, Porsches, Brits and BMWs and offer support to your lead-footed club members. We're also looking for some volunteers to help man the flagging stations; no experience required. Call me if you can help.

Pasta Fazoom Rally For many years, the AROC of Central New York has held a great rally called Pasta Fazoom. This year is apparently it's last. While it is a bit out of the way for many DVAROC members, I highly recommend making the trip, if at all possible. The event will take place on September 27-28. Registration is required. For more information, contact: Calvin Crouch at 315-691-9718 after 8pm, or at calvincrouch@hotmail.com. A registration form can be found at: <http://www.apollo19.com/pfr/>

If you can't make Past Fazoom, consider the **Hudson Valley Tour** the following Saturday. This is a one day drive and looks like great fun. You might remember the organizer, Scott Klion, who owns a superb 1957 Alfa Romeo 1900 coupe.

You'll want to reserve your calendar now for October 12th. That Sunday, we'll have our final **Fall Picnic** at Brookside Farm in Paoli. Most, if not all of you, are aware that Henry Wessells passed away this August. In his honor, Nancy Wessells has offered the farm to us for one final picnic there before it passes hands to new owners. We are grateful to Nancy for her generosity and want to make this the best picnic ever.

October finishes with another tour. This time, we're going to **Tour to Auburn Heights**, which is the former home of a local industrialist who had an affinity for steam power. Our starting point is still being worked out, but will likely be at a diner near the Blue Route. From there, we'll enjoy the fall driving on our way to the museum. At the museum, we'll enjoy the collection of Stanley Steamers, miniature steam railroad and antique car show. This should be a wonderful day. Don't miss it!

In November, we'll have a final dinner for the year. If you have a preferred venue, let me know.

Finally, in December, we're planning to visit the **Frederic Simeone Foundation Museum** in Philadelphia. Fred owns one of the finest and significant car collections in the world. The Alfas alone are enough to make your jaw drop. He finally relocated the sixty plus cars from a parking garage in south Philadelphia to a museum near the airport. He went through great lengths to provide backdrops which highlight the vehicles' historical significance. Don't miss this great opportunity to share the collection with your fellow Alfisti.

Thanks This newsletter is truly the work of everyone but myself. Jack Stoll, Ed Jones, Greg Shpungin and my son Matthew provided nearly all the content, for which I am grateful. Thanks all, and keep it coming. I've received articles from others, as well, which will make it into future LaVoces (thanks, Dave Miller!). I also want to thank Jack, Charlie Crothers, Bob Feltoon and others for picking up the baton of organizing events. I can't tell you how much I appreciate that.

Henry Wessells As you know, AROC member #124 died this August. Our most sincere condolences go out to his wife Nancy and their family. Please take some time to read the memorial handout in this newsletter. I think many of you will be surprised with just how remarkable Henry was. He was truly an exemplar for all of us. Join me in celebrating his life.

Send me your Email! When events change at the last minute, I rely on email to get the word out. I know I don't have everyone on my distribution list. I try to respect everyone's email and make sure not to send out notes unless they are absolutely necessary. If you didn't receive a notice about dinner in March, you're probably not on the distribution list. So, please send your address to me at: rampbrady@verizon.net Thanks!

It's fall, get out and drive! -bob

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Events Calendar:

* Indicates DVAROC Event

September 4-7 – SVRA Vintage Grand Prix – Watkins Glen, NY Watch great vintage racing in a wonderful setting. This year's feature is Formula 5000 cars. Bring your earplugs! For more information, see: www.theglen.com

*** September 14th – 100 Cars of Radnor – Radnor, PA** This is a fabulous concours d'elegance in our back yard. The setting is lovely and the vehicles that make their way on to the lawn are truly spectacular. There is always something special that shows up. This year, we don't have anything special organized. Just show up and meet up with fellow Alfsti.

*** September 14th – Buckingham Auto Show – Holicong, PA** If you prefer Bucks County, consider going to, or entering your Alfa in, the Buckingham Auto Show in Holicong, PA. For more information, see: www.buckinghamautoshow.org

September 14th – Hagley Car Show – Wilmington, DE This is a lovely car show on a wonderful site, home of the original DuPont powder mills, which are restored and open for touring. If your Alfa is 1988 or older, show it off! For more information, see: <http://www.hagley.lib.de.us/hagley-car-show-registration-2008.pdf>

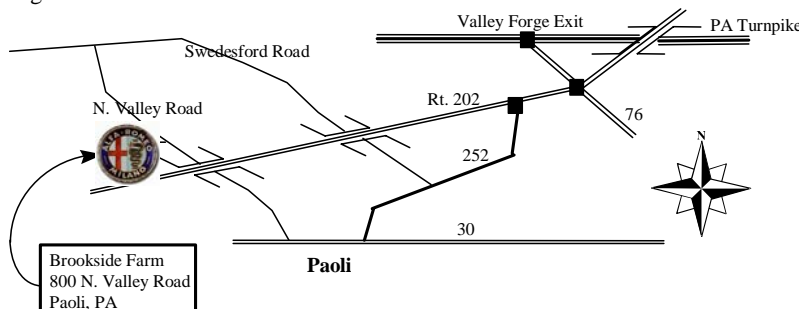
***September 16th – DVAROC Dinner – Toscana – Cherry Hill, NJ** September's monthly dinner is moving to south Jersey and will be held at Toscana, a great Italian restaurant. It is located at 1990 Marlton Pike in Cherry Hill. Their phone number is 856-486-7373. Bob Feltoon and Charlie Crothers are organizing this event. Please RSVP to via email at: mf22@earthlink.net or charles@crothersfamily.net respectively. Alternatively, you can call Charlie at: 856-428-1631

***September 19-21 – Vintage Racing and Air Show – Millville, NJ** The Vintage Racing Group (VRG) will be having vintage races at the new New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville, NJ. I know at least two DVAROC members who will be racing their GTVs that weekend. If watching vintage cars isn't enough for you, the SCCA will also be having races on the adjacent track. If that's not enough, the annual Millville Air Show will also be taking place. So, come watch the Alfas on the track and the airplanes in the sky. For more information, contact Bob Brady at: (610)486-1132 or rampbrady@verizon.net

October 4th – Hudson Valley Tour – Sloatsburg, NY The NJAROC will hold its 4th fall tour of the Hudson Valley. This year's tour will be a single day event with a dinner in the evening. Activities will include a tasting of wine and other spirits at a vineyard, sampling of artisanal cheeses and breads at a dairy farm, lunch at a historic hotel, shopping at a quaint Sullivan County village, and dinner at a landmark Italian restaurant. For more information or to sign up, contact Scott Klion at: 212 852-5441 or skli@escadausa.com

*October 12th -DVAROC Fall Picnic – Brookside Farm – Paoli, Pa

Thanks to Nancy Wessell's generosity, we'll be returning to Brookside Farm for one last fall picnic there. As you know, our fall picnic is our premier event. Join us at the farm for a wonderful afternoon among beautiful cars, lovely scenery, and an outstanding group of people. The event will start at 12:00 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. Or, borrow one of my Alfas for the event.... Seriously!. Please **RSVP by October 11th** and place your lunch orders with 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 PA Turnpike:

Take the Valley Forge exit. Go South on 76 and quickly exit onto 202 towards West Chester. Exit onto 252. At the light, go left and under 202. Just after the underpass, 252 veers right. Follow 252 South to Swedesford Road (traffic light). Turn right onto Swedesford road. Drive under 202 again. Turn left on North Valley Road. 800 N. Valley Road is about ½ mile on the right. If you get to another underpass, you went too far.

From South and West:

Take 202 north. Exit on to 29 north (second exit for 29). Turn right at the light. Turn right at the next light (WaWa on right). Turn right at the next light, on to Swedesford Road. Continue straight past office park and past church on left. Turn right on to N. Valley Road. 800 N. Valley Road is about ¼ mile on the left. If you go through an underpass, you went too far.

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***October 26th – Auburn Heights Fall Tour – Chester County, PA** Please join us for our fall driving finale. This year, our destination will be Auburn Heights in Yorklyn, DE. Auburn Heights is the home of a wonderful collection of Stanley Steamers and other interesting steam engines. They have a mini steam railway, as well. In addition, on this day, they will be having an antique car show. We'll start around 10am with some coffee or breakfast somewhere near West Chester, Swarthmore or someplace convenient to most (to be determined). From there, we'll tour some lovely byways and arrive at Auburn Heights for the steam show and antique car show. As you can tell, details are still being worked out. If you're interested, please contact: Bob Brady at (610)486-1132 or rampbrady@verizon.net so I can keep you informed as the tour plans develop.

***November 18th – DVAROC Dinner – Location TBD** Mark your calendar now for our final dinner of the year. Location is still TBD. If you have any suggestions, please contact: Bob Brady at (610)486-1132 or rampbrady@verizon.net

November 28-30 – Turkey Bowl Vintage Racing – Summit Point, WVa. This is the last chance of the year to watch Alfas on the track. If you're interested contact Bob Brady at: (610)486-1132 or rampbrady@verizon.net

***December 14th – Simeone Museum Tour – Philadelphia, PA** Imagine yourself among over sixty of the most significant automobiles in history, all under one roof. The Simeone museum opened up this year and houses the collection of Dr. Fred Simeone in period dioramas. Among Alfa are: a 6C1750SS, an RL, an 8C2300, a 33TT, a Monza, an 8C2900A, and others. If you're thinking that this place is special, you are making a great understatement! Tour details are still being developed. Contact Bob Brady at (610)486-1132 or rampbrady@verizon.net to stay informed.

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

On the Road

AROC National Convention

Ed Jones

(Ed Jones continues to do a great job representing the DVAROC at events as well as providing reports on them. His summer was quite busy, attending both the AROC National Convention in Chicago as well as the Fiat Freak-Out in the Poconos. Thanks, Ed, for the great work! – editor)



Cars line up for the start of the Fangio Tour

Chicago Alfa Romeo National Convention a big Success

Set in beautiful Marriot Hotel in lovely Oak Brook, Illinois, the 2008 Alfa Convention was a great success. Among the best events was the Fangio Tour which provided three great days touring the beautiful Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin countryside.

Despite the recent flooding (one of the tour co-leaders, John Swanson, Director of the Science Museum in Cedar Rapids, Iowa came despite the fact that his museum was in nine feet of water at the time), the tour was spectacular. For Alfisti who have never done one of these – I'd highly recommend it. It's the best way at a convention to get to know a small group of dedicated Alfisti very well. There was loads of driving, and great fun. Ed and Carolyn Jones and Jim and Jude-Anne Itin represented DVAROC on the tour and at the convention. The convention itself, which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the AROC, was great, not surprising since it has been planned for years. If you've never been to a National event – don't miss your chance for one in your own backyard, in Baltimore in 2010!



Jim Itin advises the tour leader on the joys of replacing a master cylinder on his '64 TI



On the Road

Headhouse Square Italian Car Show

Bob Brady

The Italian cars took over Headhouse Square again this year. The streets overflowed with Fiats, Ferraris, Lambos and of course, Alfa Romeos. This year, it was more than just a good time. It helped raise money for Alex's Lemonade Stand which supports research to cure childhood cancer.

The DVAROC had a great showing, with one of Bill Conway's Alfetta GTVs (the sun-safe white one), Charlie Crother's Giulia, Dan Diefenderfer's GTV, my own Giulietta Sprint and a plethora of Spiders provided by: Dave Miller, Trent Hoilien, Greg Shpungin, John Madigan, Al Will, and I'm sure, a few other's I've not mentioned. In addition, there was an SZ, a lovely white Giulietta Spider, a 2600 Spider, a Milano and a bunch more Spiders from others.

While the weather was sweltering, there was shade and more importantly, free pints thanks to Kildare's Pub. Perhaps the highlight of the day was our takeover of the pub for an extended lunch in the chilly air conditioning.

Once again, this event delivered a wonderful Sunday afternoon for all. Special thanks go to Thad Kirk and the Fiat Lancia United club for organizing the event.



Trent Hoilien and his son strike a pose next to Greg Shpungin's Spider



You never know what will show up to this show – a surprise SZ



A sequence of Spiders in a line



Frank Taormina's 2600 Spider attracts some admirers

On the Road

Summer Picnic/Rally

Jack Stoll

It was a small but enthusiastic group of Alfisti that took to the bucolic back country roads around Lake Nockamixon, in upper Bucks County, to contest this year's DVAROC annual road rally. Il Presidente Brady determined that too many contestants were becoming too expert in negotiating the traditional course at Ridley Creek State Park in Chester County, so he put out "feelers" to see who would plan an alternate course for the '08 event.

As luck would have it, a similar rally was run two years ago in the same area. With some modifications this became the basis for this year's event.

Competent driving by new club member Trent Hoilien, in his very pretty metallic blue (I'm sure Alfa has a more Italianesque name for this color) 1983 Spider, and sharp navigating skills by his son Hunter, enabled them to clinch first place with a time of plus 4 minutes over the target time of 68 minutes. (They will be awarded the coveted DVAROC Driver of the Year award at the fall picnic, when Bill Conway returns it!)

Hot on Trent's heels, on a different course, was father/daughter team of Alan Aptner and Sam in their beautiful black 1987 Spider, with a final time of plus 7 minutes over a target time of 71 minutes.

Unfortunately, our President got a little too enthusiastic in his quick, little Pininfarina Red Giulietta Sprint. As a result, Team Brady (Bob and daughter, Emilie) brought up third place with a time of minus 17 minutes against the target time of 71 minutes. Better luck next year Bob; maybe we'll need to put a governor on that engine!

Greg and his wife Natalie Shpungin, in their exquisite red 1969 Spider Veloce 1750 (not a Duetto) did not contest, but chose to enjoy the unusually nice weather and entertain their miniature poodle, Phoebe, in a leisurely tour of one of the courses.

Unfortunately, the father/son team of Frank and Frankie Taormina got some bad directions to Lake Nockamixon from the "tour guide" (the guy should be fired!) and arrived too late to compete in Franks' handsome 2600 Touring Spider. (Apologies to Frank and Frankie.)

As some of the members noted, it was good to see so many youngsters participating with their parents and taking an interest. Let's hope we can continue to foster interest in our young people in these healthy and worthwhile pursuits. I'm trying to get my grand-children interested- I have hopes for the youngest.

We often comment about how often Mother Nature favors Alfas, but this year truly made a believer of this writer. It was uncanny that, considering how many heat waves with accompanying very uncomfortable levels of humidity, and rain and heat just the previous day, Sunday's event was held in almost picture perfect weather. We found a picnic table in the shade by the lake and enjoyed our box lunches with a very comfortable breeze, with the sailboats bobbing in the background. To cap off a perfect day, Alan Aptner supplied the perfect fruit cobbler desert, transported in his (what else?) Alfa Romeo baking pan!!

LIFE IS GOOD!



A lovely picture-perfect display of Alfas on a lovely picture-perfect day



Trent and Hunter Hoilien accept the congratulations of Jack Stoll



Frank Taormina and Alan Aptner in action

On the Road

New Hope Auto Show

Jack Stoll (with input from Ed Jones, Greg Shpungin, Bill Conway and Frank Taormina)

Sunday started as a very nice day, weather-wise, with many great looking cars, including our favorite marque. However, as the last of the Alfas were arriving, so did the clouds.

It was a very respectable showing of Alfa although not as many as last year. (This writer can remember the "old days" when not more than one or two Alfas would show up.) DVAROC was well represented by four cars: Greg Shpungin with his 1969 Spider Veloce 1750, Frank Taormina with his 1965 2600 Touring Spider, Bill Conway with his white 1976 GTV 2000, and Ed Jones with his 1967 Duetto (those of us who read the August 08 issue of the "Alfa Owner" will recognize Ed's car, 2nd from right in the wide shot of the Fangio Tour, on page 6).

Although this writer left before both the rain and final announcement of awards, it has been reported by "un-named, highly placed sources" that three of the four DVAROC cars were recognized. It probably would have been four out of four if one member decided he wanted no part of a potential deluge (which was being forecast), having the better part of a two hour drive ahead of him. Of the remaining intrepid three, Bill Conway took home 1st place in the closed cars (Alfas only) category with his white coupe. In addition, Bill had entered this car the previous day in the open to all marques Cars of the 70s, in which he won an enviable 3rd place behind some very stiff competition from US muscle cars with 1st place going to a 1971 GTO Judge (Pontiac-of course). Greg Shpungin won 2nd place in open cars (Alfas only) category, and Frank Taormina got Honorable Mention in the same category (I think-apologies if any of the above is incorrect). Congratulations to all the winners! Hopefully none of the cars or their occupants got permanently soaked. My most significant accomplishment was to finally (after two years!) connect my digital camera to my computer. Look out world- Next year I'll be loaded for bear!



Spiders and a Montreal line up for judging at the New Hope Auto Show



Ed Jones beams in his Duetto, next to Bill Conway's award-winning Alfetta GTV



Contestants prepare their cars for the careful eyes of the scrutineers. Judging was improved this year. Next year's New Hope Auto Show promises to be even more Alfa friendly as there will be an Alfa-specific division.

On the Road

Fiat Freak-Out 2008

Ed Jones

I joined FLU (Fiat Lancia Unlimited) just for this event, and this was my first Freakout. But since I have many Fiat friends, and the event was in my back yard – it was not to be missed. The event exceeded expectations. It was different as Alfa National Conventions – less formal but well organized around the car show event, tours of the countryside, and many blow out social events. Ed and Carolyn Jones and Mario Martellaccio represented DVAROC, and because FLU welcomes all Italian Cars, there were 8 Alfa's at the Car show. Ed's Duetto won third in Class. Freakouts are held in the same location for two years, so hope to see Alfisti in the Poconos next year. It is an event worth driving to attend.



Ed Jones (right) and Mario Martellaccio (left) show off their Spiders



Ed (far left) accepts 3rd in class with his Canadian Friend (far right) Marc Grenier, who one first with his "perfect" '74 Alfa GTV



Cars on tour – see the lone Alfa – Ed's Duetto

On the Track

PVGP- BeaveRun

(The Bradys go racing, again – Part 1)

By Matthew Brady

Thursday

Around 6:30 we left our cozy home in Embreeville for the deserted town of Big Beaver Borough, outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. With the white Suburban packed with a plethora of tools and supplies, and a track ready Mack Truck blue GTV in tow, we headed for the open road.

This was to be our second family vacation in three days. Not even a week earlier we returned from our Canada/ New England Tour, and here we were headed off to go racing. We stopped by the local Landhope for the car's life water (gas), and then continued to BeaveRun. The groggy crew of three fell asleep for the remaining hours of the long and perilous journey, but awoke refreshed upon arrival.

Nearly 7 hours later we landed in Big Beaver. When looking at the town of Big Beaver one would wonder how the place even had a dot on the modern map, so we took a few seconds to check our heading before we continued down the tiny two lane road. Past a few hotels that still belong in the 70s, two little old restaurants, and finally we made it to the turn in for the track. A small sign guided the way down an unmaintained road that appeared as though we were going to end up at a 90 year old man's log cabin in the woods. Of course we were wrong, being that a few thousand feet later appeared a giant chain-link fence, a for sale sign (odd?), and eventually the oh-so traditional banner of checkered flags. "Woohoo!" shouted the crew.

The truck pulled up to a little shed referred to as "Check-In", and we were all greeted by a large man in khaki shorts and a white t-shirt. He provided us with four wristbands of assorted colors, charged us for not staying in a hotel, and then let us by.

The truck, trailer and crew continued driving into what the track knew as the "paddock", though it was nothing more than a field with a bit of stone and a trailer on stilts used for timing. Past the aging MG owners we went, stopping to greet a few along the way. Through the grass, being sure to avoid the giant ditch we'd been warned about, then ultimately to our self assigned parking space with the glorious track-front view. The crew immediately fled from the tow vehicle, and went looking for activities to partake in, sights to see, and in search of the restrooms (now a necessity in order to avoid bladder dysfunction).

Now I wouldn't call these facilities state of the art by any means, but for the next four days they would be "home". (Continued on Next Page)

The Brady's do BeaveRun (from Previous Page)

As we unloaded the car from the trailer, a familiar face from New Hampshire showed himself. Frank Grimaldi decided to place his extraordinarily fast, extraordinarily loud, purple American Camaro next to our contrasting blue Italian Alfa. He brought quite the entourage along with him: a box truck full of supplies, an enclosed trailer for the car, and a few vintage men to crew his vintage sports car.

Okay, so we weren't the best equipped team, but Team Brady had a fighting chance via their world class driver, Bob Brady. On our other side, a few other friends from New Hampshire pulled in Paul Trout and Vic Shuster in their MG B GT, and Turner Mk III. We said our hellos and discussed the drive, then got back to our respective business. For Paul it was unloading and setting up his canopy, but for Team Brady it was building a home in the form of two tents, and a large canopy which wasn't going to provide much shade as we had forgotten to bring the all-important tarp. So, choosing protection from the sun in lieu of protection from wet ground, we decided to use an ill-fitting ground cloth as a roof. It wasn't pretty, but at least it provided some shade.

The loudspeaker then crackled with a call to the registration building. While in line, we overheard the registrar telling another racer that the track would be open around 5:30 for "familiarization" drives. Dad asked how "open" the track time was. The registrar replied that anyone in any vehicle was allowed.... "just keep it under control." So, after getting his tech sticker, Dad piled up Team Brady into the big white Suburban for some spirited laps of BeaveRun.

After we were thoroughly familiar, we headed off to dinner, and in search of a proper tarp for our canopy. Dad, picked the venue, a small Italian joint not far from the track, and conveniently near a Wal-Mart and Home Depot. After a filling meal, we got the bill, and with great pleasure paid. Dad was amazed by how for such a relatively small price, we received such a hefty amount of food. It was very contrary to the case in Canada where we got little food for a big price. Before leaving the only rightfully called town near the track, we hit up the Wal-Mart, and Home Depot to find a tarp, to no avail of course. Then around 8:30 we returned to the track for a little more talk, then a bit of shuteye.

Friday

The crew and driver awoke around 7:30 on Friday to the sound of roaring engines, and the light of a midsummer morning. Before hitting the track, there was the customary inspection checklist.

"Wheels torqued?"

"Check"

"Tire Pressure at 34 psi?"

"Check"

"Gas tank full?"

"Check"

The car was good to go, but what about the driver? Had he even gotten his suit on yet? Where was he?" A few minutes later we found him racing back to our piece of heaven asking what run group he was in. After learning that his group was already on grid, Driver Brady dove into the tent, threw on his suit, and then blew out of our makeshift garage. He got to grid with a few minutes to spare. Around the track for session 1 he went, before returning to our temporary residence 20 minutes later in a respectable 12th place. These races didn't matter though, so it there was still hope for Team Brady.

After about three runs, Test and Tune Friday was completed, and with no breakages or abnormal leakages (by Sunday we had certainly left our mark in our section of the "paddock"). Team Brady hit up the crude bathing facilities then received word of the VRG snack. We went dressed in our finest shorts and t-shirts, and were greeted by what could be best described as a buffet style dinner, and much less a "snack". I chowed down on cheese, chicken, shrimp, and assorted fruit, while the rest of the team enjoyed some of the finer delicacies offered, such as stuffed grape leaves, hummus, and some other odd looking foods.

Again, as now seemed customary, whenever we saw anybody, we sat and talked for a few hours.

After snack, The Driver and I took a tour of the paddock to view the vast variety of automobiles from all eras on display. There were everything from MGs to Abarths, from Formula Fords and Crossles to Datsuns and American Big Bores, and of course everything in between. It was interesting to see how each person set up *their* piece of heaven away from home. A few people brought their home theaters with them; others brought nothing more than a few board games. Dad's favorite activity was watching the true vintage races on the side of an MG owner's enclosed trailer, but my favorite was watching the previous week's F1 race at another enclosed trailer. At 10:00 we headed back, and hit the sack for another night of rest. (Continued in the next LaVoce)

Classifieds:

1976 GTV 24K miles, all original, \$15,500, Bill Conway, 973-839-9239 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 barrycross@aol.com or 215-242-4726 PA

1991 Alfa Romeo 164L 120,118 miles, 2.5l v-6, 5spd. with short shift & mahogany knob. Paint was 1 year old when stored 4 years ago but garaged. New Michelin Pilot, clutch, starter, timing belt, etc... (see web ad at www.dvaroc.org for more details). I have put a lot of time and tons of money into this car. I don't know why. It's a hoot to drive I can assure you. Asking \$2500 Contact Chris Morrison: 610-255-1301 or cmorrison773@msn.com

93 Spider Veloce - 51Kmi, bought new from Algar and serviced there, header, Ansa, K&N, dash cracked, mech. excellent, 90% cosmetically, new tires, clutch, red with tan leather, black top, garaged, no rust, \$12K obo, 484-832-2220 - Nick Mongoni

1986 Spider Quadrifoglio - 78K, original red paint, Nicest Quad you'll find. Multiple first place winner. Looks new, runs great. Hard top and boot included. Convertible top in excellent condition. Nice Pirelli tires. Meticulously maintained. Garage kept. \$21,500. Southern NJ. Phone: 856-261-9490. dennismurray00@yahoo.com Pictures: <http://home.comcast.net/~denmurray/alfa.html>

Alfetta Front Bumper 1975 - 1979 Alfetta Stainless Steel Euro front bumper Never used \$400, Call for pictures. Quinn (609) 206 0694 or qdemenna@comcast.net

81 Spider Veloce- 85k mi red, great condition. Garage kept. Rebuilt spica FI last year. Great runner. Hate to lose her but want someone who will cherish the car. **New Price!** \$7500 Charlie Mest- 215-816-2479

1974 GTV Regretfully, I am offering my little red GTV for sale. It is a fast, competitive, reliable time trial car as well as a lovely street car. Excellent condition \$13,000. Call Bob at: 610-486-1132.

1983 GTV-6 19K miles Silver/Blue, Bill Conway, 973-839-9239 bilconway@comcast.net

1975 Spider, good body rebuilt engine. aftermarket headers and rollbar. spare set of campagnola wheels.\$5000. Randy (609)-261-7547.

1984 Spider Veloce Silver w/ blue leather, 5 spd, 42K miles. . good condition, Same owner since 1994. Recent full service by Falcone. New canvas top, leather seats and clutch. Paint good, some minor chips and dings. Some rust on rockers. \$5900 OBO. Call for pictures and records. Tony (610)878-4547. anthony.villano@zlbbehring.com

1993 Alfa 164 L, Dark Green/Tan. Auto, 100k mi, Purchased new from Algar, all service done at Algar or Sals w/ recpts, car is in exc shape cosmetically and mechanically, paint looks new, no accidents. Dave 302-993-7800 or davidbeck@sprintmail.com \$7500.00.

Giulietta, Giulia Spider, Sprint, SS Parts: Engines, Veloce bits, trim, body, interior. Call for details. Jeff Kollar, 610-746-0317

Mark Your Calendars! (**bold** = DVAROC Event)

July	August	September
<p>15 Monthly Dinner – Casselli’s – Roxborough, PA</p> <p>18-20 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix – Pittsburgh</p>	<p>1-3 Das Awksfest – Macungie, PA</p> <p>3 DVAROC Summer Picnic/Rally – Lake Nockamixon Park, PA</p> <p>7-10 SVRA Vintage Races – Millville, NJ</p> <p>9- 10 New Hope Auto Show, New Hope, PA</p> <p>29-1 Rolex Vintage Festival – Lime Rock, CT</p>	<p>4-7 Zippo Vintage Grand Prix – Watkins Glen, NY</p> <p>14 100 Cars at Radnor</p> <p>14 Buckingham Concours d’Elegance, Buckingham, PA</p> <p>14 Hagley Car Show, Wilmington, DE</p> <p>16 Monthly Dinner – Toscana, Cherry Hill, NJ</p> <p>19-21 VRG Vintage Races – Millville, NJ</p>
October	November	December
<p>4 Hudson Valley Tour – NJAROC</p> <p>12 Fall Picnic – Brookside Farm, Paoli, PA</p> <p>26 Fall Tour to Auburn Heights Steam Trains and Antique Cars, Yorklyn, DE</p>	<p>18 Monthly Dinner – Location TBD</p> <p>28-30 Turkey Bowl – VRG Vintage Racing, Summit Point, WVa</p>	<p>14 Simeone Museum Tour – Philadelphia, PA</p>



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