



La Voce

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Lehigh Concoours Lite

Sunny Swap Session

The turnout for the tour to the Concoours d'Elegance of the Eastern United States was lighter than expected. Most likely, it was the threatening skies that kept the Alfas in the garages. Impending rain was no reason to stay home for Peter Kon and his son, however, who drove their Milano Verde an hour and half to meet us for breakfast in Horsham. Arthur Jones, sans Alfa, rounded out our small, but enthusiastic entourage.

Because of a late start, the low turnout and the potential for rain, we opted to forego the traditional covered bridge tour through Bucks County and instead took the direct route. Even so, we got our fill of entertaining roads and beautiful scenery on the way up. When we arrived, the Alfas among us drove right up to the top of the hill and pulled into our designated club parking spot. There, we joined Ned Parks' time capsule Spider.

We all thought this year's show was a bit lighter than normal. The feature was race cars and there were about a dozen on display. They were primarily domestic midjets and sprint cars from before WWII. Although they were interesting, they bore more of a resemblance to agricultural implements than their contemporaries from the other side of the Atlantic. They may have been crude, but they were effective. Roger Ward once put an entire field of Europe's finest to shame in an Offy midjet. The year was 1959 and it was at Lime Rock Park in a formula-libre (anything goes) race. Examining the race cars on display gave us an appreciation of how brave (or crazy) race drivers had to be in those days. Every one of them had rotating parts, hot exhaust, tires or all three within inches of the driver. (Continued on Page 5)

The three-chapter swap meet on the Sunday following the Lehigh Concoours was a wonderful way to cap off a Fathers' Day weekend. The dearth of Alfas the day before was eclipsed by the great turnout at Autocraft in York. Once again, Jerry Stahlman hosted a super event that included a massive buffet lunch, Alfamobilia and of course, lots of junk (ahem, I mean valuable and rare Alfa Romeo components). The event drew from a wide area, with a contingent from the Capital Chapter, several DVAROC members as well as a large crowd from the Central PA Chapter in attendance. In addition to the usual Spiders, there were two Sprints (Jim Itin's and mine), two Montreals, a 2000 Spider and a rarely seen Lancia Fulvia Berlina owned by Jay Hinton. (Continued on Page 5)



How often do you see two Montreals in one place?



The parking lot at Lehigh: Bob Brady's Sprint, Ned Parks Spider and Peter Kon's Milano Verde

Mark Your Calendars!
August 17 – Summer Picnic and Rally
– Ridley Creek Park
September 14 – Radnor Hunt
Concoours d'Elegance

Bob's Babblings

Bob Brady

August! I can't believe it's already August. I hope you are having a great summer and hope you get to enjoy what's left of it. Like everyone, the DVAROC was affected by the terrific rains of early summer. The New Garden Air Show was cancelled, and few opted to risk the weather for the Lehigh Concours. The Swap Meet went off without a hitch, but the Tech Session tentatively planned for July never materialized. The latter was a victim of my unusually busy July, fortunately it was busy with vacations and fun, not work.

I didn't have the opportunity to attend either the National Convention or the "Italian Cars at Pocono" (formerly known as Le Belle Macchine d'Italia). If anyone got to either event, please let me know how it was and, if possible, send photos!

As I write this newsletter I have to apologize for the late notice regarding the August Rally/Picnic. We'll repeat the Ridley Creek venue of last year, but will try to mix up the route a bit. We had a great attendance (and a great time) last year. I hope we see a repeat of that. Charlie Crothers will be relieved to know that my daughter can now read, so she'll be that much more effective at navigation this year! Come out and try to capture the coveted DVAROC Driver's Trophy.

After the August Rally, we've got the Radnor Concours coming up. I received word from Henry Wessells a few weeks ago that this is turning into quite the Alfa gathering. So, if you haven't had a chance to witness the impressive heritage that Alfa Romeo represents, this is your chance.

We're also working on a lunch to be held at Alison at Blue Bell some time in September, or October. This restaurant was recently written up in the Inquirer and is the latest venture of former Striped Bass founder, Alison Barshak. Coincidentally, she, as well as her boyfriend, are Alfa fans. Look for updates on this in a forthcoming La Voce.

We're also still working on setting a date for the fall picnic as well as the fall tour. Again, look for a future La Voce for details. Or, you could consult the DVAROC web site.....

Web Updates I realize our web site, www.dvaroc.org is a bit out of date... to say the least. With everything else on the table, it's been a victim of "ruthless prioritization." That said, with the help of Fred Sacks' son Howard, I managed to at least update the calendar. I'll try to keep this up to date as well as update the other elements as time permits. If anyone can offer some help in maintaining this website, I'd certainly appreciate it. As it turns out, our current webmaster, Dan Scolaro will be parting the Delaware Valley this fall for greener pastures in Virginia. Hopefully, we'll be able to convince him to keep at least one of his Alfas. Alternatively, if you've been looking for a Milano, a 164, or a beautiful 2600 Spider, now might be your opportunity.

The People I was really saddened to hear that Dan and Jackie Scolaro will be leaving the area. They were regulars at many of our events, and Dan served on the Events Committee. We'll all miss their company and friendship. On behalf of the entire club, I wish them all the best in their new adventures (and hope Dan comes to his senses over the thought of trading Alfas for wooden boats!).

Dan and Jackie represent what is effectively the glue that holds this club together, i.e. the people. Without the relationships we build by meeting and seeing one another, the club would wither. So the next time you attend an event, remember that not only are you treating yourself to some fun, you're also building the strength of the club. It's also critically important that we continue to cultivate new members. Fortunately, that appears to be healthy.

Over the last few months, I've been delighted to get several inquiries from people interested in joining the club as well as some returning members. So, I'm sure you'll be seeing some new faces soon. One of those new faces will likely be my neighbor.....

Small World, Part 2 As you might recall, when I moved to Kennett Square a few years ago, I unexpectedly found myself a near neighbor to friend, fellow Alfista and fellow red GTV owner, John Jefferies. "It's really a small world," I thought at the time. You might also recall that John and his family moved to Connecticut a while back. Well, in a case of *deja vu*, I received an email from Bill Conway the other day that he had sold an '83 Spider with 13,000 miles to a woman who he thought lived near me. As it turns out, Mary Ann Gorko, the new owner, lives right behind me. So, once again, I have an Alfa owner close by.

Racing Canceled I was excited to learn a few months ago that a Vintage Grand Prix was being organized for the Camden water front area in October. Unfortunately, it appears to be postponed until 2004. In addition, the opening of Rausch Creek raceway in central Pa. appears to have been delayed... again. It was to open in September but the wet spring forced construction equipment to be sidelined for a while. They're predicting a 2004 opening. Rausch Creek is beginning to look like the return of Alfa in its annual postponement.

New Alfas I have stopped paying attention to the reports of Alfa's return to the U.S. First it was 2004. Now, it's 2007. I'll believe it when I see it. It was both encouraging and depressing as I witnessed a flourishing Alfa Romeo marque while on vacation in Guadalupe. The current 147 is a winner. Its taut sheet metal and brilliantly designed interior had me ready to trade in my WRX, if it were only that simple. With the demise of Autodelta, the U.S. firm that had been selling rebadged Alfas, my hopes for a new one grow even dimmer. If you haven't heard, the owners of this import company are facing fraud charges for importing cars that don't meet U.S. emissions regulations. There are a couple of glimmers of hope, though. I recently received some photos of one member who now has a current generation GTV sitting behind his Bertone GTV. And, if that wasn't enough, I've also heard that someone in the Philadelphia area is working to import 166s and even 147 GTAs. Perhaps if you attend the Radnor Hunt Concours you'll find out more information on that.

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I hope to see you at the Rally or the Concours. Even if you can't stay long, take the opportunity to get out and drive. Both you and your car, as well as your club, will appreciate it. – bob

Classifieds:

1971 Alfa Romeo GTV 1750 - Butterscotch Yellow over Black - 76,000 miles. Looks and runs great. Nice older restoration, with a generous amount of new parts. Spec fuel injection was recently rebuilt,

car is running at its best. Asking \$8000 Any questions please call me at 215-783-3225. Bernie.

1984 GTV 6 Maratona - Silver Black as they all are, everything power with sunroof, factory ground affects, 33,000 original miles. Car has been repainted but hard to notice. Excellent job was done. Excellent condition inside and out and is in great running condition. In my opinion this is one of the nicest GTV 6 out there right now. It took me two years to find one that would suit me and unfortunately I am forced to sell it. Asking Price \$ 8500 Call Bernie at: 215-783-3225.

1989 Milano (Gold) 110,500 miles Silver/Tan cloth. Expertly maintained. New timing belt, water pump, brake pads. Recent battery, radiator, etc. Repairable rust on both rear wheel arches. Best offer. John Blankin - Tel (267) 250-6520.

1964 Giulia Sprint Speciale Resto needs to be completed. Solid body, in primer. 95% of chrome done. \$10K obo, Jeff Kollar, 610-746-0317

1962 Giulia Spider needs total restoration or for parts. \$1000 obo, Jeff Kollar, 610-746-0317

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

1988 Milano Verde Parts: Parting out '88 Verde. Engine, front Recaros and window switches gone. Many good parts left incl: doors, hood, trunklid, flares/skirts, spoiler, etc [Dan Scolaro](mailto:Dan.Scolaro@msn.com), 215-782-1478

1976 Alfa Spider: Restoration in progress. Engine and transmission rebuilt, seats upholstered, body work completed, ready for final paint, parts rechromed, new windshield. Over \$8,000. invested; asking \$6,000. Call 610-933-7171 or E-Mail: whiteleila@msn.com.

1974 GTV: disassembled, custom cage & flat floors with bars for seats and undercarriage bracing by S&W in Spring City, PA. All parts are boxed and will go with car. 5 new OEM steel wheels widened to 6" with Stahlflex 3011. In storage for 15 yrs. Rebuilt engine (Spica) with maybe 5kmi. Extras available incl: (will not be sold separately until car is sold): pair 45DCOE's w/manifold, Spruell headers (new), Switters close ratio gear box, SAFE fuel cell and Life Line Halogen fire system both SCCA legal) Sparco seat Brembo lightweight calipers (new), Car is at Nick Falcone's, Bala-Cynwyd, PA, 610-664-0944

1963 Giulia Spider bare metal restoration, acid dipped body, all components rebuilt or replaced, completely original and correct, driven in '92 California Mille Miglia, '98 Greenwich Concours award, '98 Lehigh Concours award, \$25K. Josh Landsman (973)334-3360.

1983 GTV-6 19K miles Silver/Blue, Bill Conway, 973-839-9239 Bill.Conway@neclease.com

NOS Parts I have hundreds of NOS Alfa parts. Most of them are 105/115 series parts, but I also have some 101, 102 and 106 series parts. For an inventory and some prices, go to:

<http://members.bellatlantic.net/~mpbrady/newpartsinventory.htm>

In addition to the new parts, I have a couple 1750 and 1600 engines as well as some spare 5spd transmissions for sale. Contact Bob Brady 610=925-1837, mpbrady@bellatlantic.net for more information.

Car Storage: I have Barn Storage space available for rent. Winter storage for your Spider or that project car you don't have time for. Dry, clean and secure at \$95 a mo. Located south of Bethlehem just across the Bucks County line. Domenick Billera, 610-838-9970

Wanted: 1967 GTV, prefer original car. The nicer the better. Will pay market price. Day(908) 686-8236, Evening(973) 635-1932, email MWSINC2426@aol.com



What's this? A new GTV in the Delaware Valley? Be on the lookout for it on the streets of Philadelphia.



Another ultra-low mileage, Bill Conway special makes its way to the DVAROC fleet. It now resides in Bob Brady's neighbor's garage. We hope to see the owner, Mary Ann Gorko join our support group soon.

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Events Calendar: * Indicates DVAROC Event

*August 17 – Summer Picnic and Rally – Ridley Creek Park, Pa.

Enjoy an afternoon of picnicking and driving as the DVAROC hosts its second annual summer picnic and rally. We'll meet at Ridley Creek State Park at 10am. Drive to the Bishops Mills Historical Institute Headquarters on Sandy Flash Drive, off of the West Chester Pike entrance. From there, look for signs to our picnic site. Once we get together, we'll give each participant a rally map. Each participant will drive the course and be timed. The course is about a 15 minute drive (at posted speed limits... really) and will take you through some scenic countryside. After the first run, we'll picnic and then do a second run. The winner of the rally will be the driver who most closely matches his/her time. The coveted DVAROC Driver's Trophy will be awarded. Lunch (hoagies and chips) and drinks will be available for \$8/person. Please RSVP Bob Brady at (610)925-1837 or mpbrady@bellatlantic.net by August 16th so we know what food to order and how many directions to make.

August 29 – Sept. 1 – Lime Rock Vintage Festival – Lime Rock, Ct. Not at DVAROC event, but a great event nonetheless. There will be an Italian Car Corral on Labor Day in which the NEAROC will participate. If you are interested in registering, contact Tim Beeble at tbeeble@aol.com or 203-743-4954. Contact Bob Brady if you are interested in attending the event or want to caravan up.

September 5 – Roadster Tour at U.S. Vintage Grand Prix – Watkins Glen, Ny. A new event, open exclusively to drivers of sporting roadsters, is being added to the variety of "driver-participation" events of the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival this year. This new event is open exclusively to participants driving sporting roadsters of any vintage (top down, of course). Registration fee of \$40 (\$98, if purchased with 2 weekend General Admission tickets for the Zippo U.S. Vintage Grand Prix at Watkins Glen International with special Corral parking for all roadsters while at the track) includes lunch for 2 at Knapp Winery and Restaurant, lake country road tours, a bottle of commemoratively labeled wine, 2 laps of the original 6.6 Mile Grand Prix course through the streets of Watkins Glen, and reserved downtown parking for the festival. Registration begins at 11am at the Knapp Winery. Participants traveling to Knapp Vineyards from points south will reconnoiter at International Motor Racing Research Library in Watkins Glen followed by a caravan tour to Knapp Vineyards for registration. This event is limited to 100 cars. If you own a roadster and thrive on top-down driving, this one is for you! Additional information on this NEW event can be found at www.grandprixfestival.com/roadster.html or by calling Jim Lehman at 607-546-7208. Registration forms can be downloaded from the web at www.grandprixfestival.com/gpformkw.html or by writing Bev at promotions@watkinsglen.com.

September 6-7 – Alfas Roaming VIR – Danville, Va. The Mid Atlantic Alfa Romeo Club (our neighbors to the South) will be conducting a Performance Driving School for all Alfa Enthusiasts on the South Course at Virginia International Raceway (VIR), near Danville, Va. More info and register at the MAARC web page. Call Charlie Weill, (919) 469-0736 / itsracer@mindspring.com; or Bob Breed, (919)-846-4098 / rbreed@mindspring.com

***September ??? – Lunch at Alison at Blue Bell – Blue Bell, Pa.** We're currently organizing an end of summer lunch and Alfa show at Alison. Look for details in an upcoming La Voce, or consult www.dvaroc.org

***September 12 -14 – Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance – Radnor, Pa.** Alfa Romeo will be a featured marque this year. So, you can expect to see some beautiful pre-war as well as some "newer" models there. I've also been informed that there will be a special gathering of 1900s, some from great distances. On Friday there is an informal barbeque being co-hosted by the 1900 club. The Concours will take place on Sunday. See: www.radnorconcours.org/ for more information. If you are interested in going, contact Bob Brady at: 610-925-1837 or mpbrady@bellatlantic.net

September 14 – Hagley Museum Car Show – Wilmington, De. If you've never been to the Hagley, this is your chance. In addition to the cars, the museum is incredibly interesting.

September 14 – Buckingham Concours d'Elegance – Buckingham, Pa. A little lower on the food chain than Radnor, Buckingham is a great event to attend. Next to New Hope, this is the one to see in Bucks County. Since New Hope is cancelled this year, this is **the only** one to see. For more info, see: <http://207.218.99.170/>

September 26-28 – Vintage Races – Summit Point, Wva. I'd love to have the DVAROC attend this as a group. See historic Alfas competing in beautiful West Virginia countryside. Camping at the track is a great way to attend this event. If you are interested in going, contact Bob Brady at: 610-925-1837 or mpbrady@bellatlantic.net

***October TBD – DVAROC Fall Picnic and Annual Meeting** Our premier event. In addition to the picnic and cars on display, we'll hold our annual meeting, which includes elections. So, if you've ever considered holding office in an esteemed organization, now's your chance. Stay tuned for details.

***November TBD – DVAROC Fall Tour** Nothing is firm yet. If you have some suggestions, contact Bob Brady.

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: 610-925-1837 or mpbrady@bellatlantic.net

Lehigh Concours (Con't from Front Page)

That coupled to the fact that none had side or roll protection, let alone seat belts made it clear why so few race drivers lasted until retirement.

Perhaps the most impressive vehicles there were the grand coaches from Rolls Royce, Packard, Issota Fraschini, among others. One particular Rolls Royce's cabin was designed as a Victorian drawing room. Though fit for a Queen, its intended occupants were the family of a department store executive.

Overall, it was a worthwhile show, though it was clear that it lacked the corporate sponsorship and cache it attracted in years past. The 2004 show has already been scheduled and will feature "200 of the rarest, most elegant automobiles ever produced." I guess we'll find out.



A Rolls Royce fit for a Queen, or at least a department store executive.



A magnificent Isotta-Fraschini sits proudly on the Concours lawn.



A Bizzarini sits poised to pounce among the American iron

Swap Meet (Continued from Front Page)

I managed to reduce my parts inventory slightly without succumbing to the temptation to increase it. Dave West managed to unload an item or two. But mostly stories were exchanged, not parts. Regardless, the weather was beautiful, the food was great and the people were terrific.



"Hey Mista, I'll give you a great deal on a Berlina hood hinge"



Jay Hinton's '69 Lancia Fulvia Berlina, one of 2(?) in the U.S.



Autocraft in York, emptied of cars, filled with Alfa memorabilia and Italian food.

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See if you can guess what's wrong in this photo. Read all about it in the next La Voce...



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