



# La Voce

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newsletter of the delaware valley alfa romeo owners club



## Jumpin' June for Alfas

As spring turned into summer, the DVAROC events just got better. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, while some of the club headed to York to join with the Capital and Central PA chapters for the annual Swap Meet, others headed to Philadelphia to join the Fiat-Lancia-United club to enjoy an afternoon of sun, music, and of course, Italian cars.

In its second year, the Italian Car Show at Headhouse Square continued to deliver a great time. This year, the size was more than doubled, as the show took over the entire Headhouse Square area, not just the "shambles." In addition, a band provided background music that left no doubt you were near south Philadelphia. F.C. Kerbeck, local Lamborghini dealer, helped sponsor the event and brought a few of his products to tempt the masses.

About a dozen or more DVAROC cars made the field, including: Charlie Crothers' and Tony LaBella's Giulia Spiders, Quinn deMenna's, Greg Spungin's, Pat Carzo's, Dennis Murray's, Dave Burroughs' and Greg Spungin's Spiders, Frank Taormina's 2600 Spider, Dan Diefenderfer's and Bob Brady's GTVs, Peter Webb's very non-stock Milano, John Madigan's Sports Sedan. For whatever reason, this show seems to draw out the Alfettas. Bill Conway, Henry Wessells and Quinn deMenna brought

theirs. They were joined by another lovely red one from New Jersey.

While the Lamborghinis sat in the shade, the Alfas glistened in the sun. Bill Conway was sweating the fate of his rare bronze Alfetta's paint until it he secured some shaded parking. He was parked a few cars back from the same **yellow!** 2004(?) Spider that has graced our fall picnic in the past. In between the Alfas, were more mundane Italian marques, such as Ferraris, Maseratis, and of course, Fiats and Lancias. There was a pretty Aurelia, looking very much like a 11/10<sup>th</sup> scale Giulia Spider as well as an interesting Fulvia HF, complete with narrow angle V4 (VW's VR6 is nothing new). (Continued on Page 4)

### Mark Your Calendars!

**July 16** Summer Picnic and Rally  
Ridley Creek Park, PA

**August 12** New Hope Auto Show,  
New Hope, PA

## Bob's Babblings

**Events** I can't say enough good things about June. It was really a wonderful month of Alfa events. The rest of the summer will be active, but not quite as jam-packed full of fun. That should give you some time to take some leisurely rides.

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, we'll hold our annual picnic and rally at Ridley Creek State Park. This event has become one of my personal favorites. We always get a great turnout and have a ball vying for the coveted DVAROC Driver of the Year Award. I hope you can make it.

The New Hope Auto Show is back on again, this year. After a several year hiatus, this charming show is returning to its traditional venue, the New Hope – Solebury High School. One change for this year is a limited field of entries, 250 per day. Pre-registration is necessary, and must be received by July 31<sup>st</sup>, so don't delay. The club is planning on attending on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, since Alfas will be judged as a marque that day. The show continues on Sunday, but the groupings are different. Traditionally, New Hope is a pretty laid-back show, so don't fret if your car isn't perfect. Please join us for a sunny Saturday in New Hope.

**AROC Convention** I didn't make the convention this year, but I heard (and saw) that it was an excellent event. If you did attend, please let me know your personal thoughts and if you have any photos, please share them with me. In the mean time, you can view photos at the following links:

<http://www.hallettracing.net>

<http://www.garciaalfaracing.com/news.htm>

**Alfa's Return... Not** Surprise, surprise, it looks like Alfa's reentry into the US market is delayed again. Despite Fiat's CEO stating recently that they would return in 2007, a later report in *Quattroruote* has them changing the date, once again. Now it is "scheduled" for 2010. Don't hold your breath.

**La Voce** You might notice that La Voce is being published a bit more frequently than in the past. That is partially due to the fact that we now have an advertiser. Please check out the ad for Alpine Motorsports Club in this edition. Also, since we've had so many events recently, there's a lot more to publish!

**Thanks!** I want to thank Thad Kirk from the Fiat Lancia United club for inviting us to the Italian Car Show in Headhouse Square again this year. It was great. Also, I want to thank all the DVAROC members who helped out with the show. It was greatly appreciated. I also want to thank Jerry Stahlman for hosting the Tri-Chapter Swap Meet at Autocraft again this year. Pat Carzo deserves extra thanks for organizing the Triple Winery Tour, which was very well attended and a lot of fun. Finally, I want to thank Adam Doherty, Bob Feltoon and everyone else who has contributed to this edition of La Voce. Your contributions make my life much easier.

**Standard web plug and email Address Plea** If you haven't been to our website, please visit it from time to time. Its address is: [www.dvaroc.org](http://www.dvaroc.org). To get up-to-date information on club events, please get on the email mailing list. To do so, contact me at: [mpbrady@verizon.net](mailto:mpbrady@verizon.net)

**Get out and drive! -bob**

## Classifieds:

**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. For more information and photos, see:

<http://www.dvaroc.org/For%20Sale/Bobs%20Sale.htm> \$13,000. Bob Brady, 610-925-1837.

**1974 GTV Race Car... hulk** Here's another one. This one has an SCCA log book going back to the 80's. It has a full cage, new fuel cell and shimmed (nearly locked) rear. Drivetrain is out. It hit a tire wall and rolled. I have many of the body panels to repair. \$1500. Bob Brady, 610-925-1837

**1959 2000 Spider**, Sports and Specialist Cars of Princeton, NJ has a '59 2000 Spider for sale for \$25k. For more information, call 609.466.5305 or see: <http://www.princetonlotus.com/>

**1981 Spider**, runs great, recent inspection, cream with brown interior, no cuts in seats, worn looking...top is good, need window...new tire, new quad rims....118k miles.. call for more info, pics,,, South Phila...Rob Simiriglio 215-380-6143

**1983 GTV-6** 19K miles Silver/Blue, Bill Conway, 973-839-9239 [bilconway@comcast.net](mailto:billconway@comcast.net)

**1992 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce**. It is in FAIR to GOOD condition. (I value it at that so as not to over- estimate it. It runs beautifully, but it does have a chip or two in the paint. Heck, the speedometer WORKS! :-P) You can see some pictures here:

<http://homepage.mac.com/amichalski/PhotoAlbum21.html> Please call me at (877) 444-6188 (That's toll free. I am in Wilkes- Barre, PA.) and we can discuss it. Asking \$8,000

**'91 Black Spider** 23K miles, 2 tops, auto \$10,000 '86 Black Graduate good condition \$5,000 '84 Black GTV6 good cond. \$3,500 '91 164L auto good condition...\$2,500 '69 Jag 2+2 good condition.... \$10,000 2 SeaDoo ('89 & '91) with Trailer...\$3,500, Various Hub caps , Misc. parts – Timing belts, Bearings, Sway bars, Gears, Steering , Glass, Clutch, Shocks, Emblems Send part number of item needed and I'll look it up. Pat Carzo 302.575.0725 or [pcarzo@carzoandassociates.com](mailto:pcarzo@carzoandassociates.com)

**1975 Spider**. good body rebuilt engine. aftermarket headers and rollbar. spare set of camponola 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@zlbbehiring.com](mailto:anthony.villano@zlbbehiring.com)

**Wanted: A 1962-65 Giulia spider or Speciale**. It must be a nice car that I can get into and go for a drive or club activities. I'm too old for another project. This is a very serious inquiry from a Alfa member in N.E.Ohio. Please contact Joe at 440-895-1358 or [jjweh@peoplepc.com](mailto:jjweh@peoplepc.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](mailto:davidbeck@sprintmail.com) \$7500.00.

**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

**NOS Parts** I have hundreds of NOS Alfa parts. Most are 105/115 series parts, but I also some 101, 102 and 106. In addition, I have a couple 1750 engines as well as some spare 5spd transmissions for sale. Contact Bob Brady 610-925-1837, [mpbrady@verizon.net](mailto:mpbrady@verizon.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

## Events Calendar: \* Indicates DVAROC Event

**July 7 to 16 - Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix – Pittsburgh, PA** This is an excellent event and worth the drive. The races at Schenley Park on July 15-16 and feature older cars. There will also be vintage races at BeaveRun race track, nearby, on July 8-9. These will feature newer, but still vintage cars. For more information, see: <http://www.pittsburghvintagegrandprix.com/>

**July 9 - Annual Italian Car Festival – Canton, OH** I have a brochure for this event. It looks like a nice event to attend, but a bit of a distance. If interested, contact Lee Contie at: 330-471-9980 or [lcontie@neo.rr.com](mailto:lcontie@neo.rr.com)

**\*July 16 – Summer Picnic and Rally – Ridley Creek Park, PA** Enjoy an afternoon of picnicking and driving as the DVAROC hosts its fourth 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. Each participant will drive the course and be timed. The course is about a 15 minute drive and will take you through scenic countryside. 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@verizon.net](mailto:mpbrady@verizon.net) by July 15<sup>th</sup> so we know what food to order and how many directions to make.

**August 5 – Glenside Car Show – Glenside, PA** Glenside holds a fun car show each year in the center of town. Show your Alfa and enjoy the entertainment. Pre-registration is required by July 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information, see: <http://www.glensidechamber.org/updates.pdf>

**\*August 12 – New Hope Auto Show – New Hope, PA** After a three year hiatus, New Hope is back. Spend an afternoon among some fabulous cars.... Including your own! The town of New Hope is a short walk from the show grounds and has many attractions. Alfa Romeos will be shown on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration is required by July 31<sup>st</sup>. For a registration form, go to: <http://www.newhopeautoshow.com/> Contact Bob Brady at (610)925-1837 or [mpbrady@verizon.net](mailto:mpbrady@verizon.net) for more information.

**September 1-4 – Vintage Racing Festival – Lime Rock, CT** We might not have the Monterey Historics on this coast, but we have something very close, the Vintage Racing Festival at hallowed Lime Rock Park. Remember, on Sunday they can't race but have a wonderful car show on the track. For more information, see: [www.limerock.com](http://www.limerock.com)

**September 8-10 – SVRA Vintage Grand Prix – Watkins Glen, NY** If you haven't had enough with Lime Rock, go to Watkins Glen for another helping. Porsche is featured this year. For more information, see: [www.theglen.com](http://www.theglen.com)

**\* September 8-10 – 100 Cars of Radnor – Radnor, PA** This is a fabulous concours d'elegance in our back yard. We're going to try to meet up with the Capital Chapter for this one on the 10<sup>th</sup>. See the next La Voce for more info.

**September 17 – 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 1986 or older, show it off! For more information, see: <http://www.hagley.lib.de.us/hagley-car-show-registration-2006.pdf> If you're interested in going, contact Bob Brady at: 610-925-1837 or [mpbrady@verizon.net](mailto:mpbrady@verizon.net)

**September 17 – Buckingham Auto Show – Holicong, PA** If Delaware is the wrong direction for you, consider going to the Buckingham Auto Show in Holicong, PA. For more information, see: [www.buckinghamautoshow.org](http://www.buckinghamautoshow.org)

### 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@verizon.net](mailto:mpbrady@verizon.net)



Dave and Karen West arrive at the Twin Brooks Winery in style.



Not the streets of Rome, the streets of Philadelphia!

### Headhouse Square (Con't from Front Page)

This show was the perfect venue for a lazy Sunday afternoon. As the Alfas arrived, we gathered en-masse and headed out to lunch. Once our tummies were full, it was back to the streets to admire the new and old machinery from Italy.

While some of us swapped stories, others enjoyed the fountains and music. A band entertained us from the stage, while passers by hopped up on stage to give it their all. Surprisingly, they weren't bad and really added to the ambiance.

Thanks go out to Thad Kirk from the Fiat Lancia United club for organizing this event as well as F.C. Kerbeck, who provided some sponsorship and some Lambos.



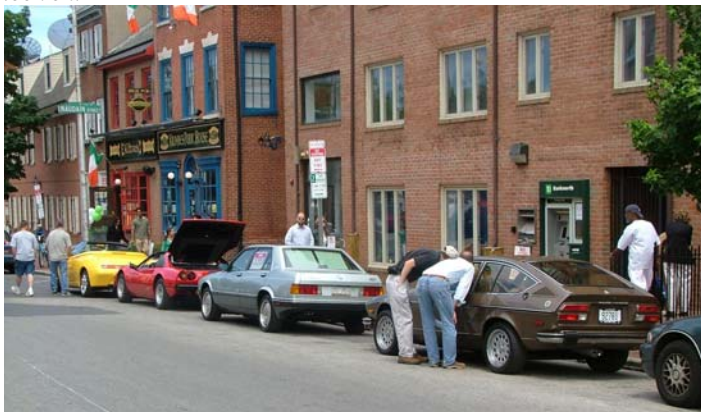
The Burroughs' Spider looks great next to Dan Diefenderfer's beautiful GTV.



People admire John Madigan's Sports Sedan as he and his daughter look on.



The gang enjoys a Cosi lunch: Michelle and Dave Burroughs, Quinn deMenna, Charlie Crothers



A couple peek into Bill Conway's bronze Alfetta



A lady's Fiat with swiveling seats to ease skirted entry.



Rarely seen on these shores, a newer Spider made it to the show

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# Headhouse Square (Con't from Previous Page)



Nancy Wessells examines the DVAROC flyers on the little red GTV; Peter Webb's hot rod Verde looms behind.



Charlie Crothers' Giulia Spider amid the crowd



"La musica è molto piacevole, tesoro"



Tony LaBella's Giulia Spider attracts envious onlookers



Frank Taormina's 2600 made the perfect Sunday cruiser.

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On the Road...

# DVAROC Winery Tour

Bob Brady

Take ten, or so, Alfa Romeos, parade them through some of the country's loveliest scenery, gather them up at some wineries, sprinkle in some delicious cheeses and meats and what do you get? A perfect Saturday afternoon.

That's what Pat Carzo arranged for us on the day before Father's Day. We met at my house, just after lunch, and hit the road after spending far too much time talking Alfas. Once underway, we headed west to our first destination, the Twin Brook winery. Along the way, we made a couple stops as the road we were looking for didn't seem to appear. Fortunately, we were all following each other, so getting lost wasn't a problem... until one unnamed Spider driver broke from the pack and headed back to find the missing road. The Spider was quickly out of sight and myself and the Wessells went looking for the road on our own. Of course, in these days of cell phones, we were in constant communications... except when there was no reception. After leading Henry and Nancy on a bit of a goose chase, we heard from our leader that they had in fact, found the winery, but never found the road. So, we turned around, again, and hot footed it to our destination. A few minutes later, the errant Spider arrived and we were once again, a complete party.

Twin Brook Winery really rolled out the red carpet for us. We tasted nearly ten different wines and grazed on the Italian cheeses and meats that Pat brought along.

After that relaxing snack, some of us had to break ranks and head for other appointments. Dave Burroughs reports, however, that the rest of the tour was just as good and a great time was had by all.

Thanks, Pat, for organizing this event that I hope will become an annual one. Thanks also to all the wineries that participated.



The driveway fills up with Alfa Romeos and their passengers.



Pat Carzo checks out the cars as they arrive.



The crowd gathers at the Brady's to start the tour.



Some brought two cars... one for the tour and another for the highway trip over.



On the road, over hill and dale. Charlie and Martha Crothers enjoy the sun and fresh air as Marie Brady snaps a photo from inside the GTV.

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## Triple Winery Tour (Con't from Previous Page)



While the wine breathes inside, Jim Itin lets his Giulia Sprint breathe outside.



A pallet of Spiders grace the Twin Brooks Winery parking lot

### In the Garage...

## A Great Father's Day Gift

Bob Brady

About a year ago, yes a year ago, I went to move the Sprint in the garage and the brake pedal went to the floor. It would pump up a little, but for all intents and purposes, there were no brakes. So, the car sat... and sat. I figured it was the master cylinder, since I rebuilt it myself some time ago. So, one night, in a fit of ambition, I removed the dysfunctional piece of cast iron and sent it off to be re-sleeved and rebuilt. (Rebuild kits for these Girling cylinders are getting hard to come by.) In about a week, it was back in my hands, fresh and like new. Then, it sat... and sat. Then, along came the Triple Winery Tour. This was the incentive I needed to get it back on the road (nevermind the

water pump that's still held together with a zip tie from the New Hampshire convention.) So, of course, the day of the tour, I'm in the garage putting it back together and furiously bleeding the brakes, to no avail. As the cars started to fill my driveway, I gave up.

The next day, I tried again. Again, I couldn't get a firm pedal no matter how much I bled the brakes. So, I sent the family off to go swimming while I spent some quality time with my toy. In a few minutes, I had the problem solved. One of the wheel cylinders on the front wheel was stuck. After a little work, it was its old self. Then, viola! my brakes were back!

I probably could have avoided having the MC rebuilt, but at least I know it's good now. As soon as the pedal came up, I took a lovely ride in the country, making it a wonderful Father's Day indeed.

### Letters to the Editor...

## Life in England

Bob,

(I've) been meaning to email you for a few months now. In October I moved to Oxford, England, which means a few things. Firstly, I've gotten rid of my rear-ended 164 and good-shape Milano Platinum (both are now at Peter D'Amico's in Vineland NJ if anyone is interested....). I had to move them before I moved myself.... Anyhow, saw that they were still listed from a La Voce in some forwarded mail I received, so just wanted to let you know you can delete them from the "Classifieds" section. Was glad to read up on some of the events going on, and really miss attending—let alone bombing around in my Alfas (my Veloce is still mothballed in NJ, awaiting my return). On the positives, I get to see plenty of new Alfas roaming the Oxford and London streets. The new coupe is just fantastic. I have one of my English buddies, and a curious fan of French cars, converted. His next car is going to be a Brera—so I'm doing good work here. I haven't driven one on the wrong-side of the road as yet, but hopefully soon in some of this great summer weather we're having. Also, one of the good things about the British is that they do indeed love their old cars, and you can see some nice vintage hardware here and there throughout the year. Anyhow, will probably get back on the Alfa Digest just to see what's going on, and in the off-chance anyone is coming this way.

Hope all is well, and "Keep the shiny side up"

Adam S. Doherty  
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Queen's College--Oxford University

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

<h2>July</h2>	<h2>August</h2>	<h2>September</h2>
<p>7-16 – <a href="#">Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Festival</a> – Pittsburgh, PA</p> <p>9 – Italian Car Festival, Canton, OH Contact: Lee Contie (330)471-9980 or lcontie@neo.rr.com</p> <p><b>16 – DVAROC Summer Picnic and Rally – Ridley Creek Park, PA</b></p>	<p>5 - Glenside Car Show - Glenside, PA (<a href="http://www.glensidechamber.org/updates.pdf">www.glensidechamber.org/updates.pdf</a>)</p> <p><b>12-13 – New Hope Auto Show – New Hope, PA</b> (<a href="http://www.newhopeautoshow.com">www.newhopeautoshow.com</a>)</p> <p><b>TBD – DVAROC Event - TBD</b></p>	<p>1-4 – Vintage Racing Festival – Lime Rock , CT</p> <p>8-10 – SVRA Vintage Grand Prix – Watkins Glen, NY (<a href="http://www.grandprixfestival.com">www.grandprixfestival.com</a>)</p> <p><b>8-10 – 100 Cars of Radnor – Radnor, PA</b> <a href="http://www.radnorconcours.org">www.radnorconcours.org</a></p> <p>17 – Hagley Car Show, Wilmington, DE (<a href="http://www.grandprixfestival.com">www.grandprixfestival.com</a>)</p> <p>17 – Buckingham Auto Show, Holicong, PA (<a href="http://www.buckinghamautoshow.org/">www.buckinghamautoshow.org/</a>)</p>
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<p><b>TBD – DVAROC Fall Picnic</b></p> <p>28 – Ferrari Fall Foliage Tour, Charles County, MD</p>	<p><b>TBD – DVAROC Fall Tour</b></p> <p>17-18 – COMSCC Time Trials, Lime Rock, CT</p>	<p><b>TBD – DVAROC Indoor Go-Karting</b></p>



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