

A note from the president.

On December 7th your board had its final meeting of the year. We also had the pleasure of meeting with John Saccameno who operates a high quality restoration shop and also has significant involvement with Healey Club.

Items on the agenda consisted of; 1. The event calendar in general; 2. Continuation of and changes to our Blackhawk Farms Track day; 3. Pay Pal account; 4. Spring Tour; 5. Annual Banquet on January 24, 2015; 6. Promoting the club to car dealers in consideration of ALFA's return to the US market; 7. Nuvolari Award; 8. Go For Broke Award; 9. Alfisti of the Year Award; 10. Trustee/Officer nominations; 11. Sotto Veloce; 12. Web site changes.

1. Our banquet is January 24th at Pescatore Palace, 3400 N. River Road, Franklin Park. Dave Johnson, Sandy Ganun, George Mikhail and Marco Battistoni are working on procuring some nice door prizes. Tony Cavaliere plans to dine at the restaurant in the near future so we can come up with a menu. We expect price to be about \$40.00 per person with cash bar. You should be able to register and pay via Pay Pal on the web site.

We anticipate a Spring Tour on Friday May 1st with a stop at John Saccameno's shop in Durand, Illinois. All in connection with the New Glarus Hill Climb in New Glarus, Wisconsin.

We anticipate 4 board meetings in the coming year but no dates have been set at this time.

2. Blackhawk Farms. We always have close and scary margins on financing track events. Blackhawk 2014 left us about \$1,715.00 short of break-even. A decision was made to co-sponsor the event with the Healey club. This was the main reason John participated in our meeting. It was decided that John would orchestrate a meeting with the Healey principals and several of us to work out details.
3. Pay Pal. Issue finally resolved.
4. Spring Tour. No leader selected. Always looking for a leader. See also, my note above.
5. Banquet. See comments in item 1 above.
6. Promoting club to dealers. One thought was to participate in a dealer "kick-off" event by bring our older cars to the dealer. Something of an "old welcoming the new" theme. Marco indicates Autobarn expressed interest but I got no response from Bettenhausen in Tinely Park. This issue will be revisited in the future when more cars hit the area.

7. 8. & 9. Nuvolari, Go For Broke and Alfisti of the Year. It was decided suggestions for these awards should be sent to Marco. If you have somebody in mind, send in a name.
10. Officer/Trustee nominations. None have been posted at this point. I encourage all members to become a greater part of the club. We have a couple people who can no longer serve on the board due to work and family commitments. Please throw your hat in the ring.
11. Sotto Veloce. It was decided to publish electronically only. Largely do to the high cost of printing and posting. Additionally, we could use an editor as Robert Clauss has done it solo for the past several years.
12. Web site. We know have a Pay pal link on the web site. It was decided to list merchandise such as shirts and hats for purchase.

We also discussed the possibility of structuring an automated reminder from the web site to remind people of upcoming events. All geared towards boosting attendance at more routine events.

Respectfully,

Dennis M. Sbertoli