

Yesterday, February 19, 2017, your Board of Directors held its first meeting of the year. Members present were: Dennis Sbertoli, Sandy GaNun, Marco Batistoni, Dave Johnson and Chip Van Sant. Present also were Wayne Seely and Don Brubaker who manage our track and web activities. No other club members were in attendance. The next Board Meeting will be June 11, 2017 and we welcome any member's attendance. Check the web site to verify location and time. We truly want your input.

Matters on the agenda consisted of our calendar, our Blackhawk Farms track event on June 30th, Sotto Veloce, financial condition, officers and directors and the swap meet.

On the selection of officers and directors. Despite the call for nominations circulated last November, no club members volunteered to join the Board. Our officers and directors remain as follows: Dennis M. Sbertoli, president; Sandy GaNun vice president; Marco Batistoni secretary; Barb Carroll, treasurer; George Mikhail, director; Chip Van Sant, director; Dave Johnson director; Gregg Dezutti, director; and Tony Cavaliere remains our executive advisor.

A tentative date of January 27, 2018 was previously set for our 2017 Banquet. The location remains open. Watch for further details as the year progresses.

I have recently registered with AROC so I can post our events to the ALFA Owner, on line and also to appear in the Alfa Owner publication. If you have an event to post, let me know.

Our next event will be Model Car Night, set for the 16th of March at D'Agostinos in Park Ridge (Not to be confused with Augustino's, where we met in the past).

We plan on returning to Blackhawk Farms on Friday June 30th again in conjunction with the Healy folks. Barb Carroll will be unable to serve as our registrar this year so Don Brubaker has consented to take on the role. Don will be processing registrations and payments and I will work the counter on the event day. It was also suggested that we solicit the Healy Club to provide an event day worker as well. It was further suggested that we schedule a meeting with the Healy members to clarify relative responsibilities.

Our annual picnic is scheduled for August 13, 2017 again at Barbara Key Park in picturesque Lake In The Hills, Illinois. Dave Johnson will firm up the reservation with the park district.

After a one year absence we will be doing a swap meet at Basic Motorsport on Sunday September 24th this year.

We are always looking for methods to increase our membership as well as participation. It was agreed that we offer membership considerations to purchasers of a new ALFA through the various dealerships. We expect to work up a flyer to be given to purchasers. Marco will continue to work with AutoBarn in Evanston and Don will continue with Ziegler and possibly the

dealer in Kenosha, Wisconsin. I will reach out again to Bettenhausen, in Tinley Park.

We want to bring back a spring tour, possibly to Starved Rock or Peoria and are looking for a tour leader. If interested drop me a note. Any such tour would be a one day event on a Saturday or Sunday in April or May. If it develops we will post more details.

To the extent that our events are posted with tentative dates watch the CAROC Website for further details. Additionally, we anticipate detailed email blasts to go out in advance of the events.

We are an all-volunteer organization and are always looking for more participation from our members. If you have an idea for an outing or event, let us know. If you have a special skill to contribute, let us know, we need everybody to make it a better group. Please consider offering your service as a board member.

Respectfully,

Dennis