

# Sotto Veloce



THE CHICAGO ALFA ROMEO OWNER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2011

**Annual Banquet - Saturday, January 21, 2012 6:30 PM**

**Pescatore Palace**  
3400 North River Road  
Franklin Park, IL 60131  
847-678-0895



## Served Family Style-

- \*Focaccia & Bruschetta with cocktail hour
- \*Antipasto with assorted salumi & giardiniera
- \*Fried calamari
- \*Rigatoni with tomato basil sauce-al dente
- \*Italian salad with mixed greens tomato & olives
- \*Bistecchina ai ferri (Grilled beef tenderloin) with mushroom sauce
- \*Chicken Vesuvio
- \*Vegetables: Roast potato, green beans with oil/garlic
- \*Dessert: Nocciola gelato and assorted pastries
- \*Coffee: Espresso/cappuccino/regular
- \*Dinner wines: Chianti and a Pinot Grigio

**\$50/person -please send in your reservation by January 14th,  
to Tony Cavaliere, using the enclosed form.**

Lots of door prizes and giveaways! Come out and join your friends and fellow Alfa Owners for an evening of colloquial camaraderie.

## The Prez Sez

Come out to our next monthly meeting. What can you expect? You can expect vigorous debate on all that is automotive and, more specifically, an explanation as to why anything other than an Alfa Romeo is worthy of our affection. In short, total objectivity in this regard. There are often numerous languages being spoken at any given time - none of which is Italian but always fun! At times there is a nostalgic video of automotive content which often fuels colorful disagreement. You would rather stay home and do the bills? (The foods not bad, either - ed.)

Ci vediamo?

Tony Cavaliere

Well, what do you want in your Sotto Veloce? Keeping it simple makes it easy to produce, so that we can make sure we serve the primary mission - keeping in touch about club news.

This simple format is produced at about 1/3 the cost of the past newsletters. We can add a couple of pages, though, if you want to see more articles, photos, etc.

We intend to make sure that you know what's coming up, and have coverage of what's happened. Do we need classified ads? In the Alfa BB and the Alfa Owner, you can reach a larger audience. Let me know what you think.

Robert Claus

PS-no Jan newsletter





### CAROC Ballot for 2012 - A Ballot form is enclosed

Three ways to vote:

1. Mail ballot back with/without your banquet reservation
2. Vote on-line at <http://www.visualhorizonsinc.com/CAROC/Ballot/ballot.php>
3. Vote at the Banquet

#### Nominations

President - Tony Cavaliere	Trustees (Vote for 4) -	Marco Battistoni
Vice President - Dennis Sbertoli		Barb Carroll
Secretary - Bob Benisek		Robert Clauss
Treasurer - Dan Romeo		Jay Ogorzalek
		Mike Pranka

Ballots submitted by mail or on-line must be received by January 20, 2012. Ballots will also be accepted at the Annual Banquet on January 21, 2012.

#### 2012 calendar

##### **January 21st, 2012**

Annual CAROC Banquet  
Pescatore Palace

##### **February 16th, 2012**

Club meeting at:  
Spuntino's  
516 Higgins Rd  
Park Ridge, IL  
Come out and join us for food and conversation in a casual setting!

For a list of club officers, disclaimers, membership information, etc., go to [www.caroc.com](http://www.caroc.com)

### Competition Chair Needed

After a number of years in the position, Wayne Seely is stepping down as the club's Competition Chair. He has done a great job, but now it's your turn!

Well, somebody's turn - why not you? We need a volunteer(s) to accept responsibility for organizing and running our track events. Running an event is done by committee, with several people each taking a piece of the job, but there needs to be someone to oversee the efforts. The position of a Chair for each event could work as well, and would require a concentrated effort for a shorter period of time. We need someone right away to run the upcoming Blackhawk Farms event in July, and we'll see what other opportunities arise. You don't have to be on the Board. Contact any officer with your interest.

### Fiat in Nova Scotia



Becky & I celebrated our 25th Anniversary with a trip to NS & PEI, Canada in September. We rented this Fiat 500 for 10 days, racked up about 2500km, and found it to be an enjoyable companion. The Sport suspension was a bit harsh on secondary roads, but the six speed auto trans was surprisingly good! Just enough room for two people and two suitcases, but not cramped at all. Although I didn't measure the fuel consumption, it seemed quite miserly. Would I buy? Yes, but surprisingly, I'd go with the base model, automatic, and sunroof! RC