

Sotto Veloce



THE CHICAGO ALFA ROMEO OWNER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2012



KARTING SPRING TUNE-UP 3/15/12 7:00 PM **Note - this event is in lieu of the regular March meeting**

Price: \$35. Melrose Park Grand Prix - see calendar for address
CAROC are planning a night of indoor karting. This is an ideal opportunity to meet other drivers, have a fun, competitive day and tune up your driving skills for the summer season. Bring the whole family! We want more women in racing. Start the kids early - minimum age to drive is 13 and they must be 54 inches tall.

The karts are specifically designed for indoor use and are powered by Honda engines burning propane. The engines are rated at 9.5 HP but Brett tells us they are tuned to produce about 13 HP. MPGP also has a lounge facility where food and drink are available.

All drivers must wear driving suits and full face helmets with a neck collar. You can bring your own gear if you have it. If not, MPGP has everything you need. If you use a MPGP helmet, you must wear a head sock (provided). If you use your own helmet, this is not required.

All drivers must attend a driver's briefing before going on-track. After attending the briefing, all drivers will be issued a one-day license.

Registration Instructions for the MPGP Karting event. You can also register when you get there, but you can save some time if you pre-register on line.

- We would recommend you arrive 20 minutes early (if possible) for registration and orientation. Make sure you are wearing closed toed shoes as you will not be allowed to race with sandals, high heels, flip flops, crocs or other incorrect footwear. Also make sure your guests are aware of any age, height, or weight restrictions as they may apply to your event. Please call 708-343-RACE (7223) with any questions prior to your arrival. Track management decision in this regard is final.

- A valid form of ID with picture may be required to race. You can contact the track directly with any concerns at 708-343-RACE (7223) or visit their website for additional information.

- During the winter months and in an effort to keep our pricing aggressive, we do keep the track area climate fairly cool so please prepare accordingly.

- Note that your reservations and time slots are subject to cancellation should the entire group not be present to race up to 30 minutes after your scheduled event time. Make sure you and the group are prompt.

- Please be aware that we reserve the right to make adjustments on the number of racers per group, the frequency of your racing or any other event related activities based on the volume of business that day. Track managements decision in this regard is final.

- Remember that all minors MUST have a Melrose Park Indoor Grand Prix waiver signed by a Legal Guardian to race

We look forward to seeing you ON TRACK!

The new CAROC.com website is up, and Wayne Seely has all of our coming events posted there- check it out! There is also a gallery there where you can post pics of you and your Alfa Romeo loves. Let's get all our cars up there - mine are! It's easy - send an email to wseely@visualhorizonsinc.com and tell him you have photos to post. He'll send you an invite to Dropbox. You put your photos in there, any size, and send them back. Voila, your cars are there for all to admire!

See you at the track!

Roberto



The Prez Sez

The new Board of Directors met for the first time on Feb 19th. I would like to extend my gratitude to all that attended and contributed to a very productive meeting. The minutes are available from our Secretary, Bob Benisek. I encourage everybody to review them to become better informed about the various agenda items discussed. You are encouraged to offer your comments and suggestions.

We are all grateful to Robert Clauss for his help in getting our newsletter back on track. Additionally, I am very excited after reviewing the development website that Wayne Seely designed. Both initiatives will re-establish the vital communications that our Club sorely needs. Carm LaSpina and Kirk Boone supported these activities in the past and we definitely appreciated their contribution and diligent efforts. Thanks !

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Prez Sez - On a separate note, I challenged the BOD and now challenge all of you to consider and support a major initiative that could serve to benefit our members and ultimately a worthy Charity. Thus I ask; Is there any reason with the funds we have available why we could not take on an ambitious restoration project, or a performance build of a 2ltr., trick tranny or slick differential?

I think possible because there is a wealth of knowledge within our individual membership, including ace Technicians and a multitude of Vendors that may be interested in supplying parts. In my view the potential benefits are many:

- Provides a new opportunity to foster, encourage, and promote knowledge of the history and traditions of the Alfa Romeo marque (Our Club mission statement)
- Provide props for numerous tech sessions and a hands on learning experience even to seasoned members.
- Provides an opportunity for our substantial Vendor community to support a worthy cause.

Once completed, we will sell the project and allocate the proceeds to charity or other worthy causes. I am personally committed to initiating formal discussions with our Vendor community and our ace Technicians to determine feasibility and interest. What are you willing to do? By the way, what are your plans for that 2ltr. that's been gathering dust for the past 25yrs?

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. Ci vediamo, Tony

Coming up..

March 15th, 2012

Karting Spring Tune-Up

Melrose Park Grand Prix
2225 North Avenue
Melrose Park, IL 60160

See article for details

April 19th, 2012

Club meeting (7:00 PM) at:

Spuntino's

516 Higgins Rd

Park Ridge

Come out and join us for food and conversation in a casual setting!

The full calendar, a list of club officers, disclaimers, membership information, etc. can be found at www.caroc.com



Barb Carroll took, and shared, these incredible pics of some incredible Alfas taken while visiting the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in Philadelphia.

The museum is a 100,000 sq ft building not far from the Philadelphia International Airport. Dr. Frederick Simeone, a retired neurosurgeon, opened the museum in 2008. The first car was the Alfa Romeo 6C 2500. If you aren't as lucky as Barb to visit in person, you can tour the collection at www.simeonemuseum.org

I wish I had room to print them larger, so you can see the details, but I guess the best thing to do may be to plan a trip east to see them in person. The collection is heavy with Alfas, displayed in vignettes that portray their places in racing history.