

Sotto Veloce



THE CHICAGO ALFA ROMEO OWNER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 2012

Spring Tour to Galena on Sunday June 3rd!

Come out and join your fellow sports car enthusiasts for a beautiful drive to Galena IL on Sunday June 3rd. For the last few years, Carm LaSpina has organized this event to benefit the National Association for Down Syndrome. NADS (nads.org) was founded in 1961 to serve individuals with Down Syndrome and their families in Illinois. This tour is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a drive on some of the best roads that Illinois has to offer, and also to give back to the community. Each car is asked to make a tax deductible donation to NADS, but this is entirely optional. Over the past couple years, we have raised over \$3000!

We'll meet at the Oasis on I-88 just before Annie Glidden Road (31 miles west of Winfield Rd). Plan on being there between 8:45 and 9:00am. We'll start off and try to stay together as a group, but will have a set of maps for each car just in case. We will also be stopping at a TBD location near the Rockford area for those of you who would like to meet us further north.

In Galena, we will be gathering at "One Eleven Main" for lunch. It's a great restaurant on Main Street right in town. Over lunch, we will be raffling off three \$50 gift certificates to Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant! With numerous locations around the Chicago area, there is sure to be one close to you. After lunch you can roam the beautiful streets of Galena, and get lost in their many shops. Stagecoach Trail coming out of Galena offers fantastic scenery and curvy roads. What a great way to work off lunch and give your car a good workout too!

Please let us know if you can attend so we can make reservations at the restaurant.

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See you there!

Well, you missed the New Glarus Hillclimb again - I know, 'cause Becky & I were there. Really can't blame you, as it is kind of a secret event, and attended mainly by the same crowd each year who just know where to be on the first Saturday in May.

However, I have found out about more hillclimbs - in Alma, WI (9/21-23) & Hastings, MN (7/28) this year. Also, an autocross/high speed run at the airport in Amery, WI (8/25). You can contact the MN Austin-Healey club (myliberty@comcast.net) for details. They sound like fun events. Spectators welcome.

Have fun,
Roberto



Photo: Robert Keeling

The Prez Sez

The date for the tour to Galena (6/3/12) and our annual banquet (1/12/13) were finalized during our BOD meeting on April 29th.

Join in on the tour to demonstrate your support for NADS, a worthy cause, and if you enjoy the sound of exhaust notes with an Italian accent!

Robert Clauss agreed to coordinate the annual banquet (thank you!). The details include a change in venue and a more favorable price point (\$59/couple). The BOD also did their part to insure a successful year end celebration by allocating \$500. for prizes to supplement prizes contributed by traditional sponsors and individual members. Should you require an additional incentive to attend there is a strong rumor that someone will wear a funny hat!

The project charity initiative has been downsized from attempting a full blown restoration project. Instead, the focus will be to build a slick tranny that will take the abuse of a track day, provide a prop for a couple of tech sessions and hopefully generate some funds that can be donated to charity. As such, I will draft a formal RFP to qualified Tech's to do the build and tech sessions and I will reach out to our Vendor community and membership for sponsorship and contributions. Please email or call me directly with your comments, suggestions and pledges.

Ci vediamo, Tony

Coming up..

May 17th, 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!

Sunday, June 3rd

Spring Tour to Galena

See article for details

June 21st, 2012

Club meeting at Spuntino's

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



At the starting line - New Glarus Hillclimb, 2012

