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July 6 Foreign Car Cruise Night at Sweet Melody's, Transit Road, Clarence
July 17 Garage Meeting at Phil Pyrce's, 1325 Dodge Road, Getzville at 9:30 AM. BBQ afterward. RSVP with Will.

July 18 Shop Tour at Chris De Minco's, 980 Rush Scottscille Rd, Rush at 3 PM. Park on the lawn, not the street! If in the Buffalo area, join in a country road drive caravan starting at 1:30. Contact Will for the exact starting point and plan on leaving the East side of Buffalo around 1:30. Pizza will be served. Even if not driving from Buffalo, RSVP with Will.

August 1 Pot Luck Dinner at Anita and Ray DeGlopper's, 2198 Fix Rd., Grand Island. Family friendly and open to any car enthusiast. Please RSVP with Anita with the number in your group and what dish you plan on bringing. Anita can be contacted at anitaroma@aol.com or 716-773-4479. 1 PM

August 14 Jay Iliohan Collection Tour in Silver Creek. Meet at the back of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery (on Lincoln Parkway) in Buffalo at 10 AM and driving as a group down the shore of Lake Erie. Arrive at Jay's place at 11 AM. Lunch at Aunt Millie's afterwards. RSVP with Joe Nuchereno at jtnuch@aol.com or 716-553-7174.

September 10 - 12 Vintage Races at Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival on Friday, with the races all weekend. Look for an informal get-together on Saturday night at the track. Alfa is the featured marque.

Short Notice Garage Meetings Contact Will to be added to the contact list for these meetings. An additional two meetings are expected this Summer.

October Fall Drive

November Regular Meeting at My Tomato Pie

December Christmas Party

Chapter events listed in bold.

I wasn't sure what to write for the column this time around until I looked out my hotel window at the convention at my Spider. I hadn't seen my car from this perspective before.



Perspective. I've been a fan of these cars for a couple of decades, but I've been in the club for only about six and an half years. (Has it only been that long?) I don't think my wife thought we would be planning vacations around the club activities when she signed us up. As she sat at the banquet at the convention, she asked me if I thought I'd be surrounded by so many other Alfa crazy people. The honest answer is probably no.

But the biggest surprise is realizing who else is Alfa crazy. Like my wife. She has been slowly falling into the group of Alfa followers. Initially, it was just to show an interest in her husband's activities. But she has increasingly enjoyed some of the activities these people do. We had a great time during the rallies at the convention, and she even contributed to the art competition. She probably got a bigger thrill than me out of watching an old 8C2300 pass a modern Ford pickup.

So while in the past I never thought about joining a bunch of car nuts to travel across the country to celebrate a historic brand, I'm glad I have. As has been indicated before, it's the people that make the cars more special.

FAST FOOD

- If interested, please join Will's email contact list for the latest in Alfa Romeo and AlfaBuff news. All emails are sent out as blind carbon copies (unless I goof up) and your information will not be given out without your permission. You can be removed from the list at anytime you wish. Non-Alfa/AlfaBuff information is not passed along.
- The US F1 Grand Prix is currently scheduled to be held in Austin, TX in 2012. The track will have to be built first. Additionally, Pirelli has won the right to make all the F1 tires in the upcoming seasons.
- VW has bought design firm Italdesign Giugiaro. Actually it was Lamborghini that made the purchase, but Lamborghini is owned by Audi which is owned by VW. VW Chairman Ferdinand Piech apprenticed at Italdesign in 1972. The company was founded in 1968.
- *Autoweek* has started a collector car website called AWCollector.com.



- Frank Porreca's Sprint has been running, but only on one of the two carburetor barrels.
- Panoz may be an American company, bought they thought they would use the name of an Italian region for their latest car, the Abruzzi. (See photo above) Many online comments have not been kind when it comes to the nose.
- The new TZ3 Corsa (see picture to the left) is indeed built on a tubular chassis. But unlike the original TZ and TZ2, this time the chassis is made out of carbon fiber.

