

Corsa Rossa

Italian Sports car Club

August '09 Newsletter



Hi, and welcome to the August 2009 issue of the Corsa Rossa newsletter.

First off a little further down you will note that we have another new meeting place. Let's do our best to fill this place up.

This month's speaker is Steve Jones from Lamborghini Carolina's, aka Sport auto on the fun and difficulties of providing you a super car with today's regulations.

Events – time is running out to reserve your place in the MAARC mille miglia. It is sponsored by the alfa romeo club, but you are not required to bring an Alfa. Check the events section for more info. I do have a couple of special treats that you will not want to miss on this tour
Also don't forget the swap meet this Saturday.

I am lean on stories in this issue, while I am working on a couple you are welcome to contribute. These can be on a multitude of topics – car fix stories – trip stories – why your significant other puts up with your car addiction - please send me some stories. Thanks til next month ...Kevin Harper

New meeting place Again

OK we are somewhat the wandering car club. I have looked at two places with possibilities, the first is called Outwest Steak house in Kernersville and the Second is Big Shotz Tavern in Winston-Salem. My first thought is that Kernersville is close to the center of the triad, but after playing with Mapquest a bit, Big Shotz is only another 10 minutes down the road. It has also come highly recommended by some of our members. Given that I say that we try Big Shotz for at least 3 month's. If it does not work out we can try the K'ville restaurant.

This months meeting CORSA ROSSA MEETING is on the 11th.

The Corsa Rossa group, <http://www.corsarossa.com/> is going to Big Shotz Tavern in Winston-Salem <http://www.bigshotztavern.com/>

Big Shotz Tavern - Winston-Salem Location

109 South Stratford Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27104
Phone: 336-727-4490
Fax: 336-722-4368

Corsa rossa meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Future Speakers

We do have a pretty good selection of speakers to hear. Give them your support.

Aug – Steve Jones – Impact of Govt regulations on developing supercars with emphasis on Lamborghini
Sept – William Longyard - Bill is back from Europe and will speak about visiting the Bugatti factory (old and new) in Molsheim. He also visited the "closed" Alfa-Romeo museum outside of Milan.

Oct – LeMons stories - Denise, Kevin and Blake – Find out how we did and what we did.

Nov – Scott Sturdy – Whatzit competition – Do you know what this goes to?

Dec - John Parker - Wheel Restoration

Jan – James A. Davis – Restoration Litigation and Contracting

Feb – VIR Speaker – TBD

March - Kevin Harper – Alfa Romeo 105 Spider's – History and perspective from an owner, engineer and mechanic

I usually ask for speakers, but right now we are booked out for a while. If you want to speak or know someone who may give a good presentation let me know and I will add them to the list.

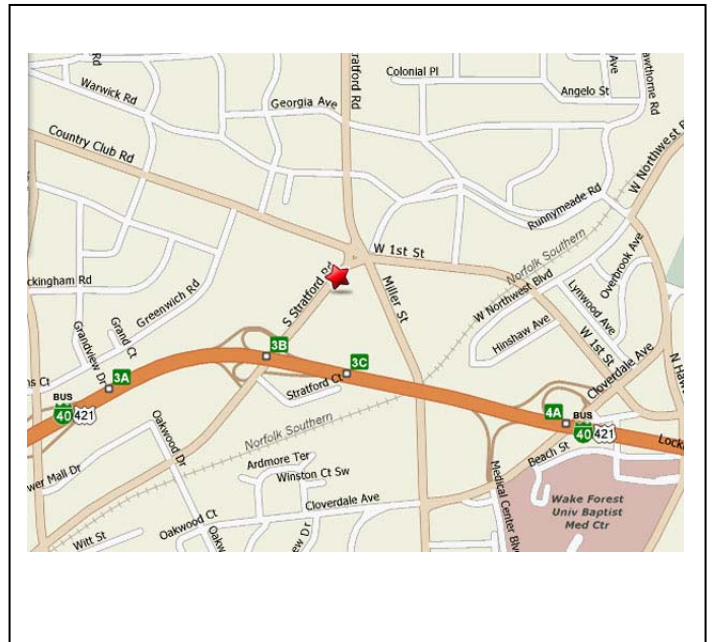
Schedule for the meeting-

Arrive around 6-6:30 and chat in the parking lot.

Around 7 order dinner –

7:15ish speaker will start

All times are to Italian accuracy.



50/50 auction

This is how it works - In order to pay for the meals and expenses of the speakers and to perhaps cover any club incidentals we have a 50/50 auction. We are going to sell tickets through the night, the price of the tickets is 1 dollar per ticket or 7 tickets for five dollars, at the end of the night one ticket will be drawn, and the winner gets half the pot. Please see Jim or myself for tickets.

Upcoming events

Swapmeet

July 25th From 9am to 1 PM Swapmeet in Summerfield with Chuck Biggs owner of "Rover Fixer".

Chuck has offered the use of his facilities for a swap meet or tech session.

Bring your old car parts, magazines, posters, even cars to buy trade or swap. Anything can be sold as long as it is car related. Chuck has a lift so we can have an informal tech session on someone's car.

There will supply of BBQ for lunch available so let me know who all will be there.

KevinHarper1@gmail.com

Rover fixer

5315 Highway US 220. *Summerfield*, North Carolina

Aug 1st – Coffee and Cars — Penny's restaurant in Jamestown NC. Start time around 8AM, finish around 10:00 or so. Take your car off for a little jaunt and Join the Austin Healy/British car club for a morning of coffee and cars. This will get your weekend car addiction satisfied without filling up the whole day.

Penny's restaurant is located at 727 W Main St. In Jamestown NC Tele (336) 454-4818

Aug 14-16 – The MAARC Cinquecento mille – MAARC Mid-Atlantic Alfa Romeo Car club tour in the Mountains of NC/SC – This is a 500 mile tour through the mountains of North and South Carolina.

Starting point will be in Morganton NC, which is about 2 hours west of Greensboro and the ending point will be in Gaffney SC which is about 1 hour southeast of Charlotte. The drive will last three days with approximately 4-4 ½ hours of driving each day.

Each morning we will break into groups of 4 or 5 cars, and leave the hotel in 5 minute intervals. I will try to break the groups up into driving styles for maximum enjoyment.

Everyone will have route notes which will include the directions and points of interest along the way.

The groups will be broken down as such:

- Nuvolari Group – I am a direct descendent of Tazio Nuvolari and Alberto Ascari.
- Roger Goodfellow String back Group – I enjoy a nice drive in the country in a nice sporty car. My speed is limited by how sick I make my significant other.
- Flower group – I not only like to stop and smell the roses I like to inspect the bees.
- Buddy Palumbo Group – aka Sweeper group – I enjoy a nice drive in the country, and though I am not the fastest I do possess tools, parts, skill, and compassion to fix broken chariots along the way. I always start last.

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Schedule of events

Aug 13th - Arrive in the afternoon at the Hampton Inn in Morganton, NC. For those arriving early there is a Fatz restaurant just down the road available for dinner. Cost for the Hampton will be approx 100 USD, breakfast included. – For those arriving on Aug 14th we will leave the next day at approximately 10am.

Hampton Inn Morganton
115 bush Drive
Morganton, NC 28655
828-432-2000

Aug 14th – Breakfast at the Hampton from 8-10 am
Drivers meeting and leave the Hampton at 10am
The drive will be from Morganton to Balsam NC. Total drive time will be 4 hours and 26 minutes and cover 147 miles. There will be a short cut for those who wish which will cut out 28 miles and an hour driving time.

This drive starts easy, for 20 miles or so. Gets pretty twisty around the Lake Lure area, eases up for a bit and the gets real twisty as we go through the Pisgah National forest.

Dinner and the hotel will be at the Balsam Mountain Inn. Cost of the Inn is ~145 USD and up. Breakfast is included, but not dinner.

Balsam Mountain Inn
68 Seven Springs Drive
Balsam, NC 28707
828-456-9498
800-224-9498

www.balsammountaininn.com

Aug 15th – Breakfast at the Balsam Inn from 8-10 am
Drivers meeting and leave at 10am –
This drive will be from Balsam to the Franklin, NC. Total drive time will be about 4 hours, and there are no short cuts.

This drive starts twisty and remains so for most of the day, with a few breaks along the way. It starts in the Pisgah National Forrest goes toward the Dragon's Back in Fontaine and then through the Nantahala national forest. You will have the option of doing the unofficial Dragon's back if you really, really want to, but you will be tired and possibly seasick.

The lodging will be at the Hampton Inn in Franklin – Room cost from 88 USD

Hampton Inn, Franklin

244 Cunningham Rd
Franklin, NC 28734
828-369-0600 Voice 828-369-0700 Fax

Aug 16th – Breakfast from 8-10am – Location Hampton Inn
Drivers meeting at 10am and we may leave a little late today

This drive will be from the Franklin to Gaffney, SC, You will drive though 3 states on this day, NC, Georgia, and SC, with a final return to NC. This day starts on the twisties and then changes to easy

country lanes as it follows the Cherokee trails. In the middle of the twisties is a nice stop in the Highlands of NC.

The end point will probably be Cowpens Battleground National Park. Cowpens national Park is close to Gaffney which offers easy access to interstate 85 for returning to our homes. Gaffney is about 1 hour south west of Charlotte.

So you want to Join us...

What do you need to do?

First, all hotels reservations are **your** responsibility. Tell each one that you are with the MAARC (Mid Atlantic Alfa Romeo Club) group.

Send me, Kevin Harper e-mail kevinharper1@gmail.com or KLHarper@mebtel.net , your mobile telephone number and which group you best fit in. If you feel you are split between 2 groups please let me know also. This will help me split the groups up. The reason for the mobile numbers is not so that I can sell them to a telemarketer, but so we can make a list and keep up with lost people.

I will send you a confirmation e-mail. I will also send out specific route instruction around August 7th so you will know the route beforehand and of course these will be available at the event.

I would suggest sign up by August 1st, you can push it later, but hotel availability and rates may not be there.

You are more than welcome to join us for a single section of the tour also.

Sept 12-13 LeMons south – Carolina motorsports park - There are at least 3 Italian cars that I know of that are prepping for this event. One has an Alfa spider in the Va beach area, another has a Fiat in the Walkertown area and the third has an ugly as hell Milano in Milton. Stories are required from each group.

For those who do not know what LeMons racing is please checkout <http://www.24hoursoflemons.com/>

Sept 26th MINIPalooza (new and classic Mini gathering) at Westbend Vineyards, Lewisville, NC

October 24th - Wooly worm Tour – Elkin NC



Pictures Wanted

Hi, an in effort to get to know people by name and what they drive, and to eliminate those silly name tags, I have a request. Please send me a picture of you and your car. I don't care if it is a garage queen, a daily

driver, or a candidate for junkyard hero. Also if you are like a few of us and you have more than one car, please provide multiple pictures. I prefer JPG format but can work with about anything.

These pictures will be added to a slide show and shown during the meetings. If you do not send a picture I will make every attempt to take a picture of you, in a hopefully compromising position, and post them. So send them in to KevinHarper1@gmail.com

Thanks to those who have sent them in.

Advertise for Free

If you or a business would like to advertise in the newsletter or web page let us know. All advertisement must be car related and is at the discretion of the authors.

For Sale

I have it on good account that Alfa does really stand for Always Looking For Another. Therefore in order to attempt to unload some of my crap, uhh I mean valuable parts, I am going to add a for sale section. While I encourage you to try and sell your stuff in many different places I will take ads and run them for 4 months. This is available to all sports and interesting cars and parts

Bill Longyard is looking for a good windshield for a Fiat 850. 336-768-5996 longyard@ix.netcom.com

Final Notes

I want to thank Denise Burchette for putting on an excellent event, the Dixie Fiat fest. It was well attended, and everyone had fun. There was an autocross, a rally and good company with the event. Hopefully a story will follow in the coming months.

I do want to say that if you do not own the marque that is putting on the event, this does not mean you can't attend. Many clubs charge a minimal fee to make you member for a weekend. For this one it was five bucks. So take you Porsche to the Alfa event, or your Datsun to the Fiat one. While the marque that is putting on the event will have center stage, in general all are welcome.

Finally, if you or someone you know would like to receive this newsletter, please have them contact me with their information. Also if you want off the mailing list just drop me a line and I will expunge you.

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