

# *Corsa Rossa*

## *Italian Sports car Club*

### December '09 Newsletter



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

Hope everyone had a good month. We attended the fruitcake run, in Seagrove, with the '02 group, and did a hounds and hare rally through the Pisgah national forest. There was about 15 attendees including 2 Alfa's among the many vintage BMW's. Who knew that fruitcake could be that good.

This is the final newsletter of the year and it has been a pretty good year for us. We did try several meeting places but seem to have found someplace to stay for a while with Big Shotz tavern.

For this next year I will try to keep you informed on upcoming events, and I plan to write about 6 articles for this year which will be more service/technical type articles. I would really like to have a few articles on events from you guys. It is rather easy, if you attend an event take a few pics and give a short blurb on the event. Also if you are doing some work on your car take a few pics and explain what you are doing to the car.

Also we need to start getting speakers for our events. We have the first three months covered, but are open after that.

This month we do have a new advertiser in The "Wheelspin and motorsports Gallery" be sure to stop by to make your holiday gift list for your significant other. I have also added a blurb for Flow BMW as Lee Davis has been a great help over the past year. All advertising is free and just has to pass by me to be approved.

Unfortunately I am going to do something that I have not done in a while in that I will miss two meetings in a row. John Parker will take over and give the presentation. I hope to see you all in January

## Meeting place

Back to Big Shotz again for this month's meeting. This month John Parker will be giving the presentation

This months meeting CORSA ROSSA MEETING is on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

### Future Speakers

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

Dec - John Parker - Wheel Restoration  
Jan - James A. Davis - Restoration Litigation and Contracting  
Feb - VIR Speaker - Josh Lief  
March - Mark Campbell  
Landmark Coatings

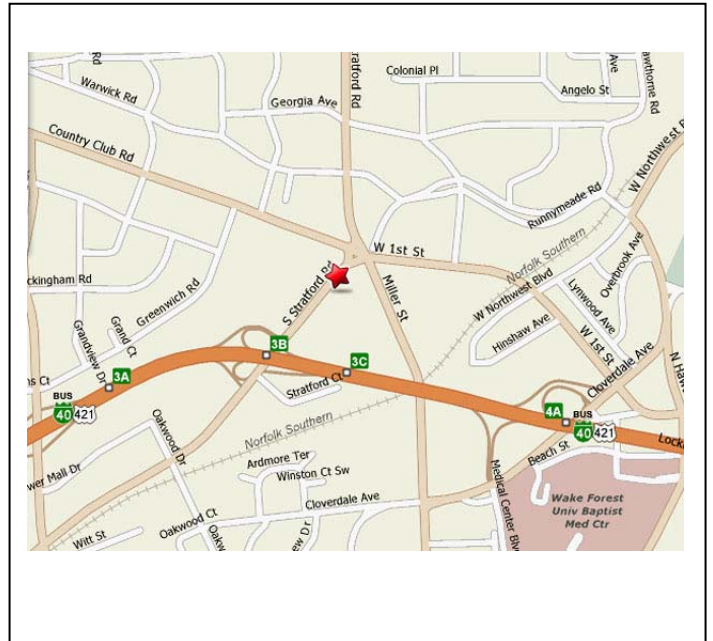
Time to start asking for speakers for next year.

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.



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## Hidden Gems of Mussafah

Richard Hipwood writes to us from Abu Dhabi on car hunting in the desert

We have a industrial area outside of Abu Dhabi that looks like the slums of Bombay with hundreds of small auto repair shops with dirt floors and corrugated tin roofs. I had heard stories of exotic cars rotting away in the desert heat, buried under dust and sand, but I never saw them until today. A British/Iraqi friend by the name of Dominic took me on a brief tour last Saturday and what we saw was REALLY interesting. We first walked into a repair shop which was literally a lean-to with dirt floors. To get into the place we had to walk past an E-type Series III roadster with V-12, and factory hardtop which was covered with a 1/2 inch of dust and bird droppings. Dominic says that the motor is so smooth that you can balance a coin on edge on top of it. We walked into the shop, stepping carefully around the chickens that were running around, to have a look at a 57 Lincoln Continental convertible, which is being worked on, over to a car completely wrapped in plastic which turns out to be a Countach. He found the car in the desert about 5 years ago completely stripped except for the body shell and the engine. He has rebuilt the car bolt by bolt and now only needs a new windshield and the chrome trim around the glass. Just to cut a long story short, we then drove around for another hour and had a look at two Jensen Interceptors; a yellow Series I covered in dust, and a really nice red Series II. We also saw a pristine 280SE Mercedes, a pretty decent MGB GT, and a Jag XJ-12 convertible modified by Lynx. Dominic says that there a lot more cars he knows about and he promises another tour in the near future.



## 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](mailto: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.



## Upcoming events

Hey, It is time to start scheduling your 2010 events. If you know of an event please send it in. The earlier they are added the better our year will be.

**Dec. 5th – 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

**Dec. 5th**

*Triangle Italians*

Welcome Italian automobile & motorcycle enthusiasts! We are the Triangle Italians. We invite all owners and enthusiasts to meet us at Camille's Cafe located in the Brier Creek Shopping Center @ 9:00AM every 1st Saturday of the month.

## 2010

**May 29th** - Vintage at the Vineyards -  
Gathering of vintage BMWs at Shelton Vineyards, Dobson, NC  
[www.vintageatthevineyards.com](http://www.vintageatthevineyards.com)

**Sept. 25th** - Southeast MINIpalooza -  
Gathering of New and classic Mini Coopers at Westbend Vineyards, Lewisville, NC  
[www.minipalooza.zoomshare.com](http://www.minipalooza.zoomshare.com)

**Aug 13-15<sup>th</sup>** – The Highlands tour – Three days of driving trips, which will include Brevard, dragons back, and Cheraw skyway. More information to come.

## 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](mailto:longyard@ix.netcom.com)

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# A winter statistic



**98% OF AMERICANS SAY 'OH SHIT'  
BEFORE  
GOING IN THE DITCH ON A SLIPPERY  
ROAD.**

**THE OTHER 2% ARE FROM North  
Carolina AND THEY SAY,  
'HOLD MY BEER AND WATCH THIS!'**