

The Alfaholic Newsletter of the DSARC

Welcome to *the Alfaholic*!

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President's Column

Hey Y'all!

I hope everyone is well, and has had a chance to get out and about with the top down. We've had some fantastic weather here in central Mississippi and have put many miles on our two spiders. It's about time to change the oil, check the clearances, and torque the head. It's always something.

I'll take this opportunity to encourage you all to attend our Concourse again this year at St. Francisville, LA. We had a great turn out last year, and a really good time getting to spend some time together and get to know one another better. If all goes according to plan, we'll have some new cars at this year's event: Hopefully, a GTV or two, and a Sprint Speciale.

We have two articles about our two previous meetings and one about our upcoming get together. I hope you enjoy them.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Andy Menapace
President, DSARC

Alfa Romeo Club

February Meeting—Tech Day in New Orleans

By: Andy Menapace

What a time we had at the tech day in New Orleans! We spent most of our time working on Barbara Eiler's spider that was having electrical issues. We found a few loose connections under the dash. Now her lights work! I hear from Barbara that there is still an issue with charging. Maybe a new alternator? I guess it's always something! Oh, we put some new horns on too. A simple job to do if you have triple jointed arms that are ten feet long!

For me the highlight of the day was getting to meet some new Alfa people; some that have joined the club! We now have Jack and Juli Jelenko from New Orleans. Jack has a 72 GTV. Also new are Bryant and Delores Cawfield, also from NOLA. They have a really nice 80's spider that is a deep blue color. We had some other visitors as well. A fellow, I believe, named Paul that used to work on Alfas in and around New Orleans, and a great Alfisti named Gary Trauth. Gary has a lot of Alfas; from a Duetto, to a GTV; from a Milano to a 2600 Spider. He was a great help along with Tim Spruill and Joe Stianche when it came to sorting the cars.

The event was held at a hobby shop for the military. Maybe if we play our cards right, we might gain access to a garage there on the base. Thanks to Barbara Eilers for helping set up the location.

The 3rd Annual Fun Rally- Raymond, MS March 8, 2008

By: Andy Menapace

With the departure of Bob Simonds, I took up the mantle of "Rally Master" this year. I have a new appreciation for the amount of time Bob must have spent work on our first two rallies. Bonnie and I spent hours driving around Hinds county trying to find roads good enough for the rally. I also wanted to increase the number of participants, so I invited some of my friends from the English Motoring Club of Mississippi. Tim and Brittaney invited a couple of car nuts from Baton Rouge and Charlie Durning invited some friends from Magee. All total, we had ten entrants. Only one team missed the start: Dave and Lin Spruill got snowed in at their Oxford, MS home. Happily, they came on down and help keep us company at the check points. I must thank Jack Pool that helped me with the check points. I couldn't have done it without him.

It all began at Potter's Kitchen for lunch on the square in Raymond. Afterwards, the first stage of the rally began with a Le Mans-style start. This stage was a list of 13 questions to be answered in 30 minutes. All the answers were to be found in and around Raymond. It was fun to watch as Alfas, a Ferrari, and various British cars tore around town looking for the answers.



Lunch at Potter's Kitchen.



Getting ready for the Le Mans style start.

Alfa Romeo Club

The second and third stages were more traditional, with misdirections on how to get from point "A" to point "B". Somehow, the team of Dennis Loftin and Keith Anderson (EMC) managed to shave almost ten miles of the second stage! I am not too sure about the accuracy of the gauges on Keith's green Rover. One team doubled the mileage of the second stage; one wrong turn and a heavy right foot!



Dennis and Keith stretch their legs after two stages of the rally.

The third stage ended at our house where everyone relaxed and told the stories of their adventures from the day. Jack Pool and I furiously counted up the points. Turns out that the difference between First and Third place was only three points! At the end of it all, third place went to Keith and Dennis. Second went to Tim and Brittaney, and first went to Pat and Barbara Cashman.



The podium finishers for the 3rd Annual DSARC Fun Rally.

I did almost get run over by one of the guys from the British car club, and was referred to as “punk!” several times. I take those as compliments, of course. I can’t wait until next year. There are many more pictures on our website: deepsouthalfa.org

Second Annual St. Francisville Concourse

Ed Migon has offered to host a concourse for us again this year. It'll be at the park just like last year and we have rooms on hold for us at the St. Francisville Inn again. Get your reservation now, and get your car polished up for May 18th! The registration form is attached.

P.S. Write an article for the *Alfaholic* and send it in! 🌐





Registration Form

2nd Annual Deep South Alfa Romeo Club 2008, 2nd Annual Concours d' Elegance

The Deep South

Please join us on the weekend of May 17th and 18th at the Saint Francisville Inn located in beautiful and historic Saint Francisville, Louisiana. They will hold ten rooms until April 4th for those of us looking for a weekend get-a-away. Talk to Patrick or Laurie and say you are with the Alfa club.

The Concours d' Elegance is open to all Alfa Romeos. Entries will be judged according to AROC rules approved for the current year. Judging will take place on Sunday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address: _____

Registration Fee: \$15.00

Car Information

Release of Liability

I hereby agree to enter the above described Alfa(s) in the Deep South Alfa Romeo Club Concours d' Elegance. In consideration for the right and privilege to enter and participate and other valuable consideration, and intending to be legally bound, I agree to release the Alfa Romeo Owners Club (AROC), the Deep South Alfa Romeo Club and the Concours d' Elegance Committee from any and all liability for injuries, damages or loss arising from my entry and attendance in the Concours.

Signature _____ Date _____

Make Checks payable to the Deep South Alfa Romeo Club and mail this registration form and your check to: Ed Migon, 23 Landsdowne Lane, Destrehan, LA 70047

For reservations, directions, attractions and more information on the Inn go to:
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