St Louis Alfa Romeo Owners Club



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by Phil Dean, Pres

When Does It Become An Obsession?

St Louis Ferrari Club had an amazing event Sat Sep 17 at Dr Coutney Whitlock's garage full of world (mostly Italian) exotics at his well burglaralarmed estate in Springfield MO. He has about six or seven Alfas, most of which he raced, including one Duetto he burned up, while racing at a vintage car event, (This car was later restored.)

He bought his first car while he was a Neurosurgery resident in Nashville, making about \$ 25 a week in 1960s, It was a small SIATA, blood red in color. He made monthly payments donating "blood money". Fortunately, he had polycythemia, which is an excess of red blood cells, so he had "blood to spare," as a treatment of this condition is blood letting, or leeches, but the latter didn't pay much.

His little SIATA had a Crosley engine modified by Abarth, had no top nor windshield, and that is what he drove to work. (Remember that this was the South). His second car was an Indy white Giulietta Sprint Spider (circa 1957, 4-seater and 2-liter 4-banger continues on page 8 Next Event. . .

Hermann Tour Sept 24, 2005

This is a brand new event carefully put together by Chuck & Sally Workman and Dale & Juanita Dodd. So it should be a very enjoyable event too. Here's the schedule:

10:00 AM $\,$ Meet at the commuter parking lot on the outer road just east of Hwy. 94 at Hwy. 40 (Weldon Springs exit).

11:00 - 11:30 AM Arrive in Hermann. Park in FIRST BANK lot on Alley between East 1st & 2nd.

11:30 AM Lunch at the CONCERT HALL.

1:00 PM Winery tours and tasting at Hermannhof Winery.

2:30 PM Tour of Gasconade County. Neat roads - all paved.

4:00 PM Tour ends at Dale and Juanita Dodd's home overlooking

Hermann. There is a great view of the town and surrounding hills. Bring your cameras. Refreshments and snacks.

Although this is a one day (Saturday) only event, if anyone wants to arrive earlier or stay Saturday night, they must make reservations NOW. Hermann's motels are not recommended. For B&B reservations, call the Chamber of Commerce Tourist Center at 800 932-8687.

RSVP to Chuck (ceworkman@ktis.net (573) 486-2800).

Coming in October . . .

Columbus Day Parade Oct 9, 2005

Who wants to be in a GREAT PARADE?? The Columbus Day Parade this year will celebrate its 138th year since the first Parade was held downtown and led by the Italian-American Cavalry to the statue of Cristoforo Colombo in Tower Grove Park.

'The Hill' sponsors this Parade and the meeting place is Southwest Bank Parking lot (11:00 A M). Our Alfa group meets at the wide entrance to Tower Grove Park (Kingshighway side) at 10:30 A M and we drive in procession two

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Also in October... Fall Ferry Extravaganza Oct 16, 2005

Peak Autumn colors in region is usually Oct 15 to 16 weekend. Clear out the carbs and SPIC A things with drive at 11:00 hr Driver's mtg START at Exit 222 (Burger King Rest/rest-rooms next to QT truck stop/rest rooms on North service road) off of I-70 near Mid Rivers Mall exit (St Peters, MO).

We leave at 11:15hrs sharp..no stragglers!!!!!We gotta beat Church traffic! If you become a straggler, get a map at truck stop, drive fast as hell to Grafton, IL..somehow? Amphibicars anyone?

Intermediate Destination? Calhoun County IL with 2 ferry rides, bring CASH for ferry rides, \$15 may be enough, most likely less, I forgot.