

Forza Italiana!

Saturday, August 28, 2004: The Alfa Romeo Owners of Connecticut are pleased to invite you to our annual Driver's School and Practice. This event will be held on August 28, 2004 at Lime Rock Park. In spite of escalating track and insurance costs, we have done everything possible to keep the fee increase as small as possible while still allowing us to impose a car limit per day to maximize your track time.

All Welcome: Our event is open to cars of every marque, although cars of Italian manufacture will be given early registration preference.

Instruction and Practice: This year will be a one-day event only. We will continue our focus on classroom and track instruction for the less-experienced drivers and practice sessions on the track for the more-experienced veterans.

Lots of Track Time: As is our custom, the first group will be on the track at 9:00 sharp, the earliest that local ordinances allow. AROC-CT has the reputation of running the smoothest and safest track event around, and this year will be no different. We will have paid corner workers to reduce down time between run groups.

Tech Inspection: To maximize track time, all cars must come to the track already tech inspected. The full details on the inspection will be provided to you in the information packet we'll send you after we receive your application and check; however, you might begin to consider the following points:

--**Helmet:** You must have a Snell-95 or newer helmet; motorcycle helmets are not acceptable

--**Seat Belts:** Safety equipment (seat belts, roll-bar coverage) must be identical for driver and front passenger

--**Roll Bar:** Open cars will need to have an SCCA-legal roll bar that extends 2 inches above both driver's and passenger's helmets - insurance rules will not allow cars with street roll bars onto the track

Please Join Us: We really want to see you at this wonderful event. Direct any questions (or anyone wishing to volunteer to help) to Mario at (914) 693-7426 evenings, E-mail at MFRMD@aol.com, or fax anytime at (914) 693-1636. See the event information on page 2, and the application form on page 3. Hope you'll be there!

Mario F. Romagnoli, Event Chairman

Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Connecticut

2004 Driver's School and Practice – Event Information

Dates: Drivers' School and Practice - Saturday, August 28, 2004

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.; arrive at 7:30; mandatory drivers' meeting at 8:15

Cost:

	AROC Members	Non-Members
On time (postmarked by July 31):	\$190	\$210
Late (postmarked after July 31):	\$230	\$250

Agenda: Classroom instruction will be available to all drivers who want it, and is required for all novice and intermediate drivers. Selected driving instructors will be available for individual in-car instruction, using helmet intercoms for instant communication between the driver and instructor. Experienced drivers will be given open practice sessions with instructors available for those who would like coaching.

Driver Requirements: You must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license.

Helmets: Snell 1995 or later - we will check for the sticker, so please be certain it's there.

Drivers of open or targa-top cars are required to have face shields.

No motorcycle helmets will be allowed.

Clothing: Long pants and long-sleeved shirts; cotton or wool required, Nomex recommended.

No open shoes.

Car Requirements: Note: safety equipment (seat belts and roll-bar coverage) for driver and front passenger must be identical. You will not be allowed to run otherwise.

Roll Bars: All open cars must have steel roll bars that extend 2" above the helmet (there will be no refunds for cars that show up with illegal roll bars). Note: OEM roll bars such as found on the Honda del Sol, Porsche Boxster, and BMW Z-3 do not meet these requirements; check with the Event Chairman if you have any question on this.

Fire Extinguishers: Highly recommended; must be fastened with a metal-to-metal bracket.

Seat Belts: Standard 3-point belts are allowable. If your car did not originally have 3-point belts, securely mounted factory 3-point seat belts (i.e., the OEM belts for later versions of your car) or a five-point racing harness are acceptable, subject to a satisfactory technical inspection. In all cases, a five-point racing harness is recommended.

Note: seat belts for driver and front passenger must be identical; you will not be allowed to run otherwise (there will be no refunds for cars that show up with seat belts that do not meet this requirement).

Noise: Only stock or street-type modified exhaust systems are permissible. Your car may be subject to a sound-level check by LRP officials before you enter the track for the first time or at any time afterward. If you are black-flagged by LRP officials, your day will be over and no refund for track fees will be made. In other words, play it safe and don't take any chances. In most cases, Ansa or Supersprint-type exhausts are fine; it is only the racing-type exhausts that cause trouble.

Sound levels: Pre-1/1/79 Manufacture: 78dB (stationary at 500 RPM below redline, 50' from track edge)

Post-1/1/79 Manufacture: 74 dB (stationary at 500 RPM below redline, 50' from track edge)

Tires: Tires must carry a DOT-approved speed rating. If you are not sure of the rating on your tires, write down the tire size, e.g., 205-50 VR15, and call a tire store.

Technical Inspection: To maximize track time, all cars must arrive at the track already tech inspected. Any licensed repair shop or dealer may perform inspections. Make an appointment to have your car inspected between August 13 and August 28. Once inspected, it is your responsibility to keep the car in inspected condition. Your car will be subject to re-inspection at the track if it is suspected that the condition of the car has changed. If your repair shop can't inspect your car, call Mario Romagnoli at 914-693-7426 to make arrangements for inspection. (There will be no refunds for cars that do not meet this requirement.)

Other Requirements and Information:

Arrival Times: Cars are required to be at the gate at 7:30; the Park opens shortly thereafter, and the mandatory driver's meeting starts at 8:15.

8:15 Mandatory Driver's Meeting: If you miss it, you will not be allowed to run!

Corner Workers/Flaggers: We will have paid corner workers.

Minimum Ages: No person under the age of 18 shall be on the track or in the hot pits; a parent or guardian must accompany all spectators under the age of 18.

Food: The Lime Rock Café will be open early (in time for breakfast) and will close late afternoon.

Air and Gas: These are usually (but not always) available at the track; it will save time if your tires are properly inflated before arriving at the track (inflate them to slightly above track pressure, then bleed them down to track pressure in the paddock); gas will be available at the track at specific times that will be announced during the mandatory driver's meeting.

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2004 Driver's School and Practice – Application Form

- Each driver must have a separate registration - you may photocopy this form
- Only one car per driver, but drivers may share a car (separate numbers will be issued)

Name _____

Street _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ FAX: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Driver's License No: _____ State Issued: _____

Car (Make): _____ Car (Year /Model): _____

Car Lic. & State: _____ Car Owner: _____

How many times have you driven at Lime Rock? _____

What is a typical Lime Rock lap time for you in this car? _____ Min. _____ Sec.

Please list any other track experience: _____

I have read the Event Information and agree to abide by the standards contained therein. I understand that if my car does not meet the requirements for street-legal exhaust, roll-bar, tech inspection, seat belts, and related matters, and that if I do not supply an appropriate helmet and clothing, I will not be allowed to run in this event and there will be no refund of the application fee which must accompany this application. I understand that if my check bounces and I do not make good on it, the matter will be turned over to a collection agency. By signing this Registration Form, I acknowledge that I understand that a speed event of this type is a mentally and physically demanding activity. I further assert that I have no physical or mental problems that would prevent me from safely participating in this AROC-CT speed event.

Your Signature: _____

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Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail this form (with your check made out to AROC-CT) to: Mario Romagnoli
27 Hilldale Road
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522-2012.

· **Registration preference will be given to Italian cars. Other cars will be placed on a waiting list with confirmation by July 31.**

· **Upon confirmation, you will receive an information packet containing event information, technical inspection forms, directions, maps, track schedules, etc.**

· We hope you will join us for a great time