



Ohio Valley Alfa Romeo Owners Club

FEBRUARY 2025 ALFETISH

FRIDAY 2/21/2025 AT 6:30pm ALFA ROMEO OWNERS DINNER AT THE VINOKLET WINERY

Welcome to all the new members who have just joined us and thanks to all who have renewed your membership in the past 30 days. We appreciate you all very much. Thank You! We have now 100 members in the Chapter. The 100 members we have now represent a growth of 67% since March 2023. Here below some interesting facts of the AROC USA and our OVAROC metrics:

1. We have 49 Chapters in AROC USA. 3 Chapters are in Ohio.
2. AROC USA had 4,832 members by the end of 2024 (versus 4,850 member by the end of 2023)
3. The biggest Chapter is 316 members.
4. The smallest Chapter is 9 members.
5. 18 Chapters are ≥ 100 members. The OVAROC is #18 in terms of number of members.
6. By the end of 2024, the OVAROC was the #4 Chapter in terms of growth with 33.8% in 2024. In 2023 the OVAROC was #1 in terms of growth with 23% during 2023.
7. 19 Chapters of the total 49 Chapters showed growth during 2024.

Our Chapter's goals are to **Participate** in as many Club events as possible, **Share** our Alfa Romeo passion with everyone and **Enjoy** each other, our friendships and our engineering masterpieces. Our **Growth Target for this year (2025) is 25% so we want to have by the end of 2025 125 members** in the Club and we want to celebrate that milestone in the 2025 Christmas Dinner !!!!

As shared in the January 2025 Newsletter, we are planning for 2025 a lot of events and our hope is that many can please attend, participate, share and more importantly, have fun. This below is a general idea of the events we are going to have this year.

- Monthly Get Togethers at the USB Cars & Coffee.
- Spring and Fall Driving Tours.
- 2025 Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance.
- Summer 2025 Racetrack Driving Experience.
- September 2025 National Convention in Chicago.
- 2025 KARS-OVAROC Fall Picnic
- Annual Christmas Dinner.

I missed the deadline in December to publish the events starting with the February 2025 AROC USA monthly magazine but, these events will start to show up in the March 2025 AROC USA monthly magazine. In any case, in a monthly basis, you all have the calendar of events in this Newsletter.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS Please Book Your Calendars!

February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025
Friday 2/21/25 at 6:30pm at Vinoklet Winery (11069 Colerain Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45252) Alfa Romeo Owners will meet the British Cars Club guys for a cars enthusiasts dinner. Come and grill your own steak.	Saturday 3/15/2025 from 9:30am to 11:30am at Torque Motor Suites (4310 Glendale Milford Rd., Blue Ash, OH). Tour the Model Unit. Coffee and donuts will be offered.	Saturday 04/05/2025 at 9:30am. OVAROC 2025 Spring Driving Tour. Saturday 04/12/25 at 9am – 11am Get Together at the USB Cars & Coffee	Saturday 05/10/25 at 9am – 11am. Get Together at the USB Cars & Coffee	2025 Cincinnati Concurs d'Elegance on Sunday, June 8, 2025, from 10 am to 4 pm at Ault Park Saturday 06/14/25 at 9am Get Together at the USB Cars & Coffee.	Saturday 07/12/25 at 9am – 11am. Get Together at the USB Cars & Coffee TBD 2025 Summer Racetrack Driving Experience.

We will start the 2025 Events and Activities with an Alfa Owners Dinner at the Vinoklet, on Friday 2/21/2025 at 6:30pm. **PLEASE RESPOND TO ME VIA EMAIL (OR PHONE CALL) TO RSVP BEFORE 2/15/2025 IN ORDER TO COORDINATE THE LOGISTICS WITH THE RESTAURANT STAFF.** It will be about \$50 per person which includes a full meal and ½ bottle of wine per person (or a bottle per couple)

Progresses have been made on the Club to be current and in compliance with the Ohio and Federal laws. We have now a legal EIN and an official Bank Account under the Club name. We also have approved the official By-laws of the Club (attached) and in this sense, Congratulations! to Gary Kestin for his assignment as one of the OVAROC Directors, together now with both Dave Jarman and George Schweikle. As you see from the new By-laws, we are now looking for two (2) more directors to fill the 5 (five) directors required in the document. **Please provide candidates and/or propose yourselves who will be approved immediately.** We are currently working on the 501(C)(7) designation which is the only open item we have. Lynn Grimshaw will be leading and executing this effort. Special thanks to Lee Scovanner, Steve Hawkins, Gary Heskin and Lynn Grimshaw for their support and work on all this.

The Alfa Romeo sales in the U.S. continue its negative trend and only 8,865 cars were sold in 2024. The new Alfa Romeo North America chief Chris Feuelli said this month that **ICEs are staying**. Alfa Romeo intended to go fully electric by 2027, but not anymore. The new goal is to offer gas, electric, and plug-in hybrid vehicles. Common sense is back. We will continue to see and enjoy the Giulia and the Stelvio with ICE powertrains in the long haul.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total Yr</u>
2015	97	47	73	38	40	25	48	75	54	65	44	57	663
2016	67	49	53	60	44	36	43	37	41	23	23	52	528
2017	108	443	555	677	919	1,017	1,225	1,140	1,268	1,205	1,440	2,034	12,031
2018	1,648	1,568	2,576	1,847	2,377	2,249	2,016	2,240	1,639	1,737	1,957	1,946	23,800
2019	1,150	1,362	1,774	1,584	1,572	1,595	1,418	1,588	1,304	1,629	1,689	1,629	18,294
2020	1,202	1,557	943	672	1,494	1,569	1,773	1,576	1,707	1,707	2,055	1,688	17,943
2021	1,487	1,487	1,673	1,695	1,629	1,695	1,529	1,472	1,529	1,529	1,352	1,352	18,429
2022	1,052	1,052	1,184	1,054	1,015	1,015	1,132	1,175	1,132	1,011	970	1,051	12,843
2023	786	755	849	780	750	780	926	1,000	967	1,088	1,088	1,131	10,900
2024	752	752	782	809	842	842	674	752	621	2,039			8,865

I found these at Kroger. It would be great to see some Spiders and Giulias in Hot Wheels.



The OVAROC Web Page is alive and active. It is part of the AROC-USA Web Site, and it can be reached via <https://www.aroc-usa.org/oh-17-ovaroc/>. You can also please scan this QR Code below to link you directly to our OVAROC Web Page.



Please remember to look at your AROC membership expiration dates and if possible, renew your membership. Please call me or email me if you have any feedback and/or questions.

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