

Article Title: 2003 Driver's School at Lime Rock Park

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The Alfa Romeo Owners of Connecticut are pleased to invite you to our annual two-day Driver's School and Practice. This event will be held on April 25 and 26, 2003 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.

Unchanged this year is the requirement for a Snell-95 or newer helmet; also, we reiterate that safety equipment (seat belts, roll-bar coverage) must be identical for driver and front passenger. Those of you with 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 no longer allow cars with street roll bars onto the track.

This year, we continue our traditional format of two track days. Friday's focus will be classroom and track instruction for the less-experienced drivers and practice sessions on the track for the more-experienced veterans. Registrations will be limited to 75 drivers.

On Saturday, to maximize track time, the limit will again be 75 drivers. All cars must come to the track pre-tech inspected. As is our custom, the first group will be on the track at 9:00 sharp, the earliest that local ordinances allow. ARO-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.

Please join us for 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!

# Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Connecticut

2003 Driver's School and Practice

## EVENT INFORMATION

**Dates:** Drivers' School and Practice - Friday and Saturday, April 25, 26 -  
7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

**Cost:**

	AROC Members	Non-Members
<b>On time</b> (postmarked by March 31)	\$310	\$350
<b>Late</b> (postmarked after March 31):	\$375	\$410

**Agenda:** Classroom instruction will be available to all drivers who want it, and is required for all less-experienced 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, instructors available.

**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!

**Clothing:** Long pants and long-sleeved shirts; Cotton required, Nomex recommended. No open shoes.

**Minimum Ages:** No person under the age of 18 shall be on the track or in the hot pits.

**Car Requirements:** Note: safety equipment for driver and front passenger must be identical. **You will not be allowed to run otherwise.**

**Roll Bars:** A 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 may 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 is 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)

Post-1/1/79 Manufacture: 74 dB (stationary at 500 RPM below redline)

**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 April 13 and April 25**. 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 both days.

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

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

**Minors:** a parent or guardian must accompany all spectators under the age of 18.

**Food:** A concession stand will be open early (in time for breakfast) and for the whole day.

**Air and Gas:** These are usually available at the track; it will save time if your tires are properly inflated before arriving at the track; gas, when available, is race fuel, typically 110 octane.

# Alfa Romeo Owners of Connecticut

## 2003 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other track experience:

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**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.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

(make checks payable to "AROC-CT")

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 the March 31 registration deadline.**
- **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