

FROM THE TOP ... *the Word from Il Presidente*

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First, I'd like to brag about my Fathers' Day. My son came up, and we drove the Sprint to a father/son event at the Mullin Museum in Oxnard. We parked next to a couple of guys with a heavily modified TVR in the parking lot show and tell. When they talked fuel injection, I referred them to my son. When they switched to talking Webers, he referred them back to me ... Very cute and very fun. Oh yes, we got to see all 55 Citroens that Peter Mullen has acquired in recent years.

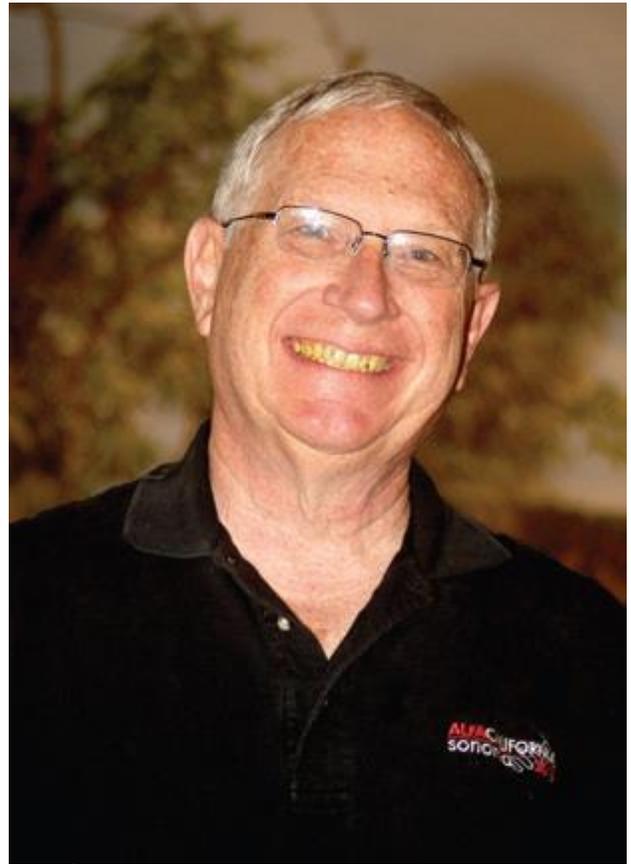
Did everybody see Art Russell's spider on the cover of Evan Klein's *Highway* magazine, the show program for the Franklin Canyon event the Club attended on June 25th? If not, [check it out](#). Art won the right to have his car photographed by winning Best in Class, Best of Show and People's Choice Awards at the Nethercutt Club Concrosos #2. Evan could have put other cars on the cover, but being an Alfisti himself, it must have been an easy decision. Chris and I had a family wedding and couldn't make it to Franklin Canyon.

July 23rd is the [Summer Day Drive](#) in the San Gabriel Mountains. We plan to attack the awesome twisties on Glendora Mountain Road, pause for lunch at a lodge at the Mt. Baldy Lodge and dive back into civilization early in the afternoon.

The Summer Party is Sunday, August 6th, at Chuck and Jan Cline's in Fountain Valley. Start planning what you are bringing for the potluck, and scour your garage for stray parts for the White Turkey Sale (now dubbed the "Clean-Out-Your-Garage Sale"). Maybe you would also like to trim back your Alfa library. Home-grown eggs and fruits and vegetables have proven popular too.

Cindy Banzer, our AROC President, has taken a real interest in Monterey this year. If you are planning to go, visit www.aroc-usa.org, find the Monterey event and click on the two links. Some of my favorite events are the Little Car Show on Wednesday and the Concours D'LeMons on Saturday. Both are informal and free. There are so many events every day it is impossible to do them all, but be sure to schedule AROSC's Thursday Night Dinner. Just decide what you want to do and have a good time (see [DETAILS](#)) and RSVP to Evelyn.

Speaking of the AROC, you might have noticed that the Calendar Section of the Alfa Owner has really come to life thanks to Doug Zaitz. I'm the guy who is supposed to submit our Chapter events and Doug has poked, prodded and helped me every step of the way. Kudos to him.



Il Prez, in his new Official Portrait by Ken Sizemore

September takes us back to Willow Springs for our Fall time trial and race weekend on the big track.

You know how it gets harder and harder to remember things? One of the most frustrating is misplaced Alfa parts. I have fairly old Alfas, and have been squirreling away new and used parts for years. The other day I had a friend over and wanted to show him a new 105 water pump I had purchased. Couldn't put my hands on it and was embarrassed when I finally found it in plain sight. My solution is an Excel spreadsheet. Parts are listed by description, category, location and sometimes with detailed comments. It is all easily sortable. So if I can't remember what is in the Old Blue Footlocker file, I can sort on that and refresh my memory. Or if it's time to do battle with those cantankerous Lucas windshield wipers, I can do another sort and see where my spares are. Actually, I'm not as anal retentive as it sounds. We have been in this house for five years and I still list parts as being Under the Stairs in a house that has no stairs. Nonetheless, it is a helpful system.

Remember, if the women don't find you handsome, they should at least find you handy. And don't forget the duct tape, the handyman's secret weapon.

- Mike & Chris