

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

(taken from the October 2017 *Alfacionada*)

Election time is coming! Last year we had nine candidates for nine slots. So far, it looks like we are headed down the same path with nine candidates, including one new candidate. There is still time if anyone would like to run for the Board. Ballots will not actually go out until end of October. When you receive your ballot, please take the time to vote. And don't be afraid to propose and vote for a write-in candidate.

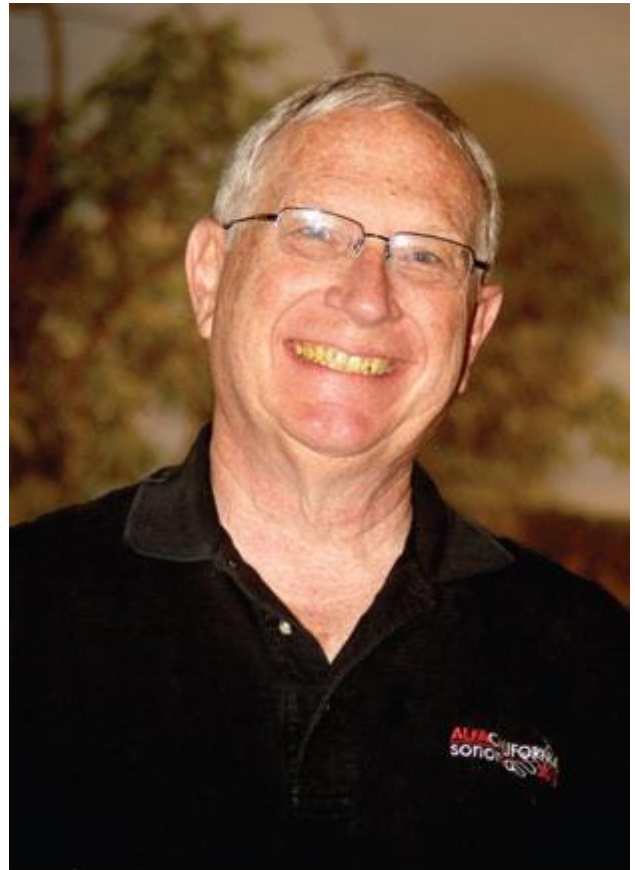
In November the new Board will start putting together our 2018 calendar. Many events are traditional, and will be the same as in prior years, but we always try to come up with something new. This is where I want to remind everyone that this is your Club, and we are always looking for new event ideas and more event owners. A great idea for a new event is wonderful, but it still needs someone to step up and make it happen.

Our early-September activities took place as we were going to press, so expect write-ups and pictures of our Willow Springs competition and Stelvio preview.

October 8th brings up our fourth Club Concorso of the year at Huntington Beach High School (aka HBHS). Make particular note of the date, it is October 8th not October 28th as previously reported. We did this show for the first time last year on the advice of our newest board member, John Britton. It was a success, so we are back again this year. This show attracts a little bit of everything.

Best of France and Italy is November 5th in Woodley Park. This not a formal Club concours, just another great excuse to join the other Alfisti who will be there en masse, as always. I expect we will have a pop-up, a very informal potluck, and a quick general meeting, which will be your last chance to vote in the election. Other than Alfas, my favorite thing about BoF&I is the sheer number of Lancias, Citroens and Fiats. Then again, maybe it is the used parts swap meet area which is too good to miss. Pre-register if you can because that lets you jump the line at the entry gate. If you can't bring an Alfa, just park across the street and walk in for free.

November 11th-12th is our Driving School at the Streets of Willow. The Streets is not a favorite of the wheel-to-wheel racers because there are not many places to pass. On the other hand, the Streets is a highly technical track. That means it has a lot of different kinds of turns and is a lot of



Il Prez, in his new Official Portrait by Ken Sizemore

fun to drive. So if you have been thinking about attending a school, this is a great place to do it and the weather should be good too.

November 26th is the 2018 Board Meeting where we will thank the old Board and swear in the new Board. Then we will get down to the hard work of putting together next year's calendar. Feel free to show up if you think you might have something to contribute or are just curious.

Hey, did anybody/everybody notice the note on the cover of our last *Alfacionada*? Yes, we are going 100% digital in 2018! Saving money was a consideration. Getting the *Alfacionada* out faster was another. But mostly, we wanted to reduce the workload on our Newsletter Editors. Will we use the savings to reduce our club dues? We might, but that is an issue for the new Board. We would also like to modernize and upgrade our website. None of us are web design or management experts, even though we are computer savvy, so here is another area where we could really use some help.

Lastly, be sure and mark you calendars for the December 9th Holiday Party.

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*