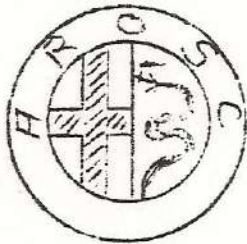

The Alfa's Bark



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ALFA LOTTA NONSENSE: By Bob Nerell

One of the fringe benefits of membership in ALFA Owners, or at least being on the Board, is an occasional invitation to see "how-the-other-half" lives. Case in point was the February 21st pre-press showing of the new Maserati line at Hoffman Motors. As could be expected, the cars were elegant, the drinks excellent, the "hordy-dordys" very tasty, and the models (young feminine types) very lookable in their minks. The Hoffman staff was extremely cordial and put on a good "show"; everyone seemed very impressed, particularly with the Maserati 3500 GT Coupe; a steal at \$12,572. Facing reality, I devoted my attention to the new Fiat 1100-D which looks like a bargain at \$1573., and with proper promotion and service should compete satisfactorily with that "German Make". The 1600 ALFA was also on display and while admiring it I was mistaken by one of the Hoffman people as being on the ROAD & TRACK staff. I hate to disillusion people so I let him carry on with his discussion. At one point he stated, "you should get to know the people in the ALFA OWNERS CLUB, their the most enthusiastic bunch in the country".

WHAT HAS HAPPENED to the "esprit d'corps" (don't know the Italian spelling of this) of the Sports Car Driver these days? Time was, not so very long ago, when we would get a wave, a light blink, or even a bit of a nod from other drivers. No more however, and today not even a flicker of recognition from fellow ALFA pilots.

THE INSTALLATION BANQUET was a very fine affair, in my opinion. The food and service was good, although the clearance at the head table was a bit restricted. The program was quite informal and we hope not too long. We'd like to thank "Robbie", E. Forbes Robinson for his presentation and a special thanks to Sam Goda for making the arrangements. We're all, I'm sure, looking forward to more social affairs during 1963 and to perhaps a bigger Installation in 1964. The group, 39 strong, seemed to have an enjoyable evening but we were sorry that more could not attend.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES are one of the first order of businesses for this year. Arrangements are being made to have a sample made-up for presentation at the Board Meeting of March 8th, and the General Membership Meeting on March 15th at Little Lake Park. Be sure to attend the March meeting and bring all your ALFA driving friends. We hope to have something more

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definite to say at this meeting on the plans for the next few months: Tech Session, Rally, Hill-Climb, and Monte Carlo Run to Santa Barbara for the race week-end, May 25 & 26th.

ELSEWHERE in this issue, I hope, Mike Rubenstein will have something to say concerning the proposed state-wide ALFA Owners Directory. Through Ed Gustin's contacts with the San Francisco Chapter we have received a 'green-light' as far as they are concerned. San Diego region should go along also.

HOW MUCH TORQUE does a standard ALFA put out? Enough to throw you back in your seat? No, you say? Perhaps so, but yours truly had the distinct (?) experience of shearing off the bolts holding down the seat tracks this week upon taking-off with a MG-B. It couldn't have been metal fatigue..... just 'shear' ALFA POWER.

GREETINGS:

To our latest joinees; and WELCOME.

Arnold Sutton, 1665 N. Western Avenue, Hollywood 27. HO-61661
 Charles L. Frusher, 6417-A Corona Avenue, Bell.
 Karl W. Carter, DDS, 5420 S. Vermont, Los Angeles 11.
 Anthony Intiso, 7927 Tampa Avenue, Reseda. DI-23959.

CLASSIFIED:

- For Sale: 1 Giulietta Shop Manual, 1 Owners Manual (gray ? leather) case, 5 gallons Shell Dentax SAE 90, transmission lube. John R. Scopen, 5109 Elton St., Baldwin Park, ED-75775.
- Weber 36DCD: Downdraft carburetor from Fiat 1500 (OSCA), rebuilt, \$35. Replaces Solex on the Standard for some increase in power due to more expensive design. Currently has 23mm venturis which can be replaced with larger size. Technical recommendations for ALFA installation included. Karl Knapp, 1905 S. Santa Anita, Arcadia. HI-62756.
- Sprint Speciale: First SS to come out of the factory, perfect shape, only 9000 careful miles, about \$4000. (This from a fellow member in the Northern California Chapter of AROC). Steve Pierce, P.O. Box 6010, Stanford, Calif.

LITTLE KNOWN FACT:

Did you know that in each 100 miles of driving that your wheels revolve about 83,000 times..... Grease those BEARINGS now and then.

SPORTS TYPE AUTOMOBILE:

Something else to think about as long as we have the gears turning. How about your insurance? Are you sure you are completely covered? Perhaps you signed a waiver on your policy, something that read like, Sports Type Automobile Endorsement, a good idea to check on it, especially those who rally. You may be in a speed contest and not know it.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

March 2-3	Races-Chavez Ravine	SCCA-Cal Club
March 15	AROSC General Membership Meeting On Pioneer Blvd., Santa Fe Springs, 8:00 PM. Just north of the Santa Ana Freeway.	Little Lake Park.
March 24	SCCA School	Cotati, Calif.
March 31	Trouble Shooting An AROSC Technical Event. All Day.	Italiano Motors, Burbank.
March 30-31	SCCA Divisionals	Tuscon, Arizona.
April 6-7	SCCA Regionals	Stockton, Calif.
April 7	SCCA School	Del Mar, Calif.
April 13-14	Races-Pomona	SCCA-Cal Club
April 27-28	SCCA Divisionals	Del Mar, Calif.
May 5	AROSC Event - Navig. Rally "Neophytes Plight" For those without a 'slip-stick'.	
May 11-12	SCCA Divisionals	Cotati, Calif.
May 25-26	Races-Santa Barbara An AROSC Event to the races--- An "ALFA-CARLO".	SCCA-Cal Club
June 9	Championship Races	Laguna Seca, Calif.
June 22-23	Riverside Races- Divisional	SCCA-Cal Club.
August 31-Sept.1	Races-Santa Barbara	SCCA-Cal Club.
Nov. 2-3	Races-Chavez Ravine	SCCA-Cal Club.

THE NEW LOOK:

Coming next month, a new front page, a NEW NAME for our club publication Also, some torque tips for the technical minded. And the answer to this months 64¢ question.

Your on a Sunday afternoon rally, going down a quiet tree lined road, 15 MPH, only 32.08 minutes late and there are 7 pine trees each with 77 branches, on each branch are 8 acorns; How many acorns altogether?

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