



# Alfaciónada

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## THIS IS IT: By Bob Nerell

New name, new format, and new-more-fully-packed, newsy, ALFA-land sheet.

ALFACIONADA: what's in a name? A great deal in this one, we hope because we feel that in this new name we have a combination of the Spanish of this area and the Italian of our marque. ALFACIONADA, according to the "newly written version of Webster", one who is extremely enthusiastic about things ALFA.

Things are looking up if the turn-out at the March meeting is any indication of the revitalized interest. Now all we need is a few well planned week-end activities during the good weather ahead and we should be on our way to a year of ALFA-joyment. In this light, survey sheets were distributed at the March meeting in an effort to determine the major interest of all members. If you were unable to attend you should receive a copy in the mail. Please complete and return.... your ideas and wishes are important. It may be difficult to fit the interests and desires of all members but we do hope to have something for the majority

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Maureen and Gene Lee for appearing at the March meeting to tell us about their racing experiences (in ALFAS of course) and to show movies of some of the races they have participated in. The Lees have owned three ALFAS, a standard spider, a super spider (which they raced) and a well maintained standard coupe. After hearing Maureen tell about her racing activities we wonder how many of our gals will now have a change of heart and decide to enter our club driving competition; she made it seem mighty easy.

Speaking of driving competition, quite a number of our members braved the storm on March 17th to take part in the Long Beach MG Event in which they had a class for ALFAS only. Unfortunately the weather man had different ideas and the event was finally called....all in spite of efforts to dry out the course (really an impossibility). A shame really because the course was mighty interesting. It is to be rescheduled for a dry season running.

## THIS IS IT (continued)

Preliminary survey of the "interest-inventory" sheet shows that there seems to be an interest in driving type events in addition to social activities and rallies. With this in mind, it is hoped that we may be able to secure a portion of the Pomona Fairgrounds for an event in the coming months. Karl Knapp is investigating for us.

Membership badges have been ordered and should be ready for distribution to all who signed for them at the next meeting, April 19th at Little Lake Park. For those of you who were not able to attend the last meeting the badge is printed in three colors, incorporating the symbolic ALFA grill and trunk medallion, which reads ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB, CALIF. Dimensions are  $2\frac{1}{4}$  X  $2\frac{3}{4}$ ; material is heavy-duty plastic over the club emblem; it features a metal clip fastener for the men, a jewelers pin-clasp for the gals....all this for 75¢. So....buy two, one for you and one for your associate member. Our northern California and San Diego brethren are placing orders so hurry! hurry! hurry!

AN INVITATION TO THE DANCE! Discussion has been going on for some time concerning joining forces with the northern California Chapter of AROC in an activity which might bring together the members of AROSC and ARA (ALFA ROMEO Association....the official name of the Bay Region Group). Thanks to Bill Smythe, 1962 President of ARA; and Ed Gustin, 1962 President of AROSC; we of AROSC have been extended an invitation to take part in their week-end trek to San Simeon where they have made arrangements for a gala affair. Reservations have been made at the San Simeon Lodge for the week-end of May 4th. They plan to have a Monte Carlo Rally down from San Francisco and arrive around 3:00 PM at San Simeon. If we have enough interested in joining the northern group we also can plan a low-pressure drive north for the occasion. Drop a card to Ed Gustin, 1841 S.E. Rainbow Drive, Santa Ana, if you would like to go, as it would be wise to make reservations as early as possible in April. A double room goes for \$12. , accommodations for two couples in a room run less.

REALLY RALLY NOTES: from Here and Their.

The BIG news this month is that one of our members DON DEANE with Dick Phillips as his navigator came in 10th in the recent Championship Event, Computation 11 Rally. DICK MILLER, another member also came in well up in the standings but at this date we haven't his exact place. In the NAASCC rally, "Lost Mesa", in March, Barbara Goldfus navigating for Alan Ward, with a "Big-Ben", brought him in first in the SOP class with a total error of only 1.14 minutes. Florence and Ted Medley managed to finish a ninth with 2.95 minutes error. The Harbor Sports Car Club Rally to Las Vegas on the 29th, 30th and 31st of March; "Reunion Las Vegas 7", was a fine event. AROSC had six cars entered. Bob Greig driving his Blue Sprint with Bob Thompson as navigator took FIRST place in the AROSC standings. We won't mention any times; but we would like to see the silver cup he won at the next meeting. Among the six were three gal members who braved the all night trip to Vegas the "hard-way". Mary Jones, Barbara Goldfus and Flo Medley; and no one seemed to think it was too cold, even in Banning; except Mary and Fenton Jones who we found out later, had their top down all.....the way.

THINK ALFA

TRUE STORIES: By Ed Gustin.

After the March AROSC meeting, old-timers still talking ALFAS outside the clubhouse. Sweet-Young-Thing comes out saying "after all he does have a date with me". Old pros advise her that he has a mistress that's obviously more important. She's a bit startled at this and doesn't really understand when told her name is Giulietta. ERGO: Advice to girls is don't marry ALFA owner --- better buy your own; advice to boys is --- don't marry. (The End)

Heartily concur with Nerell's feelings about non-greeters. Suppose we should point out for the benefit of new ALFA owners that that button in the middle of the steering wheel is FOR GREETING OTHER ALFS ..... The Italians knew what they were about. For the tech minded, pushing this button (1) causes headlights to FLASH on. (2) makes amp meter violently vibrate. (3) deposits thin film of oil on road for cars behind to spin-on. (4) gladdens the heart and brightens the day of the greeted driver, who (a) after an initial shock (b) wonders what kind of nut that was (c) recovers (d) and waves back; causing: a GT dodge, 2 Luh-Mahns pontiacs and a bucket-seated 2-on-the-dash monza to go into the ditch.

ALFACIONADA:

For our new front page we wish to thank Bob Nerell for the "paste-up" and design; and Al Barsh of the Reading Skill Development Center, in Downey, for the printing. Thanks for the cooperation and help.

WELCOME WAGGIN:

Our new members in March; Greetings.

L.E. Chapin, M.D., 1321 N. Harbor, Fullerton.  
Clark F. Adams, 2532 Britain Way, Anaheim.  
Jim Kubota, 2709 Oregon Street, Los Angeles. (1600 Spider)  
L.J. Mikkelsen, 5117 Harold Way, Los Angeles 27.

AROSC QUESTIONNAIRE:

All the Club Members who were present at the March meeting have been exposed to this, and for the Members who were not present we have enclosed with this issue a copy for you. It would be appreciated by the Board if you will complete and return to:  
President Bob Nerell, 4814 Palo Verde Avenue, Lakewood, California.

TECHNICAL: By Alan Ward.

Here is a new and different method for packing bearings, and it works fine. Take the grease and the bearings (one at a time) and put both in a plastic bag, now the grease can easily be squeezed into the bearing by merely kneading the plastic bag.

For SUPER-OWNERS: Bushing the Morelli distributor can be made a lot easier by using a Lucas bearing designed for a Standard; available from any ALFA dealer. The bearing must be cut down approximately .200". This job can easily be done by any competent machine shop. But remember, the lubrication requirements of this porous bronze bearing after the rework.

An apology, as promised last month, cap screw torque data, but the staff has been unable to compile information at this time.

CLASSIFIED:

- 1953 AR Coupe - 1900cc, red, body by Pininfarina, one of six built with this special body. Make offer.  
Alan Ward, 5864½ W. 88th St., Los Angeles 45, .  
Phone: OR-26398.
- 1961 Sprint - 18,000 miles, excellent condition, best offer.  
Dan Ross, 1550 3rd Street, Duarte, Phone: EL-82617.
- 1961 Giulietta Standard Spider - red with black seats, 28,000 miles, new brakes, new Pirelli Cinturatos, has been tenderly loved and pampered, \$2300. or make offer.  
Lincoln Beals, 1605 S. Cabana, W. Covina, Phone: ED-80955.
- 1962 Giulietta Spider - red with black and red interior, 9500 miles, mint condition, \$2495. After 7 PM or weekends.  
E.A. Davis, 7580 Fillmore Dr., Apt. B, Buena Park.  
Phone: 828-9535.

FROM THE EDITOR:

For the benefit of all you smart ones we'll give you the answer to last months \$64,000,000. question first. And the answer was 4,313 acorns. DON'T ASSUME ANYTHING, if the instructions say there are acorns on pine trees then there are acorns on pine trees. But in a more serious vein, Ed Gustin writes (he does) and says "I enthusiastically recommend the March Esquire to all sports and classic enthusiasts. There is a section of pictures on great cars of the 20's & 30's". And speaking of magazine articles; Automobile Quarterly, this last issue has a good story on Pininfarina.....For anyone who needs a battery job, talk to Ray Britton at the next meeting, he has a line on a shop that does a first class job.....And while we are thinking, below is some info for getting info about the club and activities.

Lakewood --- Bob Nerell --- Phone: HA-11336  
Los Angeles 4 --- Karl Flenn --- 1514½ Bronson Ave.  
Santa Ana --- Ed Gustin --- Phone: LI-40026  
Manhattan Beach --- Ted Medley --- FR-48663  
Los Angeles 4 --- Vic Nelli --- 664-4162  
Buena Park --- Bob Burleigh --- 522-6384  
Los Angeles 45 --- Alan Ward --- OR-26398  
Los Alamitos --- Fenton Jones --- GE-01869  
Long Beach 15 --- Bob Greig --- GE-18107  
Los Angeles 56 --- M. Rubenstein --- OR-28890  
Hollywood 27 --- Bob Thompson --- 1336 N. Kingsley Dr.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS: (condensed, see last months)

April 13-14	Races - Pomona	SCCA-Cal Club
April 19	AROSC Meeting	Little Lake Park
	Santa Fe Springs, just north of Freeway on Pioneer.	
April 27-28	Races - Del Mar	SCCA Divisionals
May 12	AROSC Rally (changed from May 5th)	
May 25-26	Races - Santa Barbara	SCCA-Cal Club
June 9	Races - Laguna Seca	Championships
June 22-23	Races - Riverside	SCCA Divisionals