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The Alfa event for April was a bowling-beerpizza-beer blast held April 29 at Rossmoor Lanes and Shakey's. The event got off to a good start - one hour late. During the course of the evening there was some rather heated competition for lowest score between Dale Jones and Bud Sherman, the stakes being a beer. Bud made the mistake of sending Judy in as pinch hitter, only to have her get strikes, and Dale ended up with not one, but a pitcher of beer. One of the highlights of the evening was Lillian Marcantoni's strike, and Mark's subsequent congratulations (it had to be seen to be

believed). Our president, Alan Ward, was high bowler, with Phyllis running a close second. Also enjoying the evenings festivities were Barbara Durrett, Sandy Jones, Tom and Pat Sutter, and Dee and Larry Connors. The party then adjourned to Shakey's for pizza and more of the same (burp), and were joined there by Eric Gilliatt and his wife). After leaving Shakey's it was rumored that three couples decided to brave a trip to Abner's 6 in Lynwood, thereby getting a quick lesson in the art of controlled muscle spasms, and other exotic dances.

RETRACTION

Per the requests of Mr. Mark Barratt of ARI and Mr. Jim Gray of Jim Gray Imports,

Alfacionada, AROSC, and Bud Sherman hereby apologize and retract any real or imagined slights occurring on pages 2, 6, and 7.

Alfacionada has always "called 'em as we see 'em" and meant no destructive, but only constructive criticism. We are as interested in the promotion and propagation of the marque as anybody, and any remarks made are made with best of intentions.

William F. Sherman IV Editor, Alfacionada

VELOCE TRE

Well, gentle reader, the time is upon us again. In August we will be hosting at Veloce Tre, our annual SCCSCC championship slalom.

In the past we've put on well received events at which all participants have enjoyed themselves. The reason we've been so successful is that you, the club member, have donated your time and body to making the event go smoothly.

We would like to ask you to keep in mind the fact that we will need you in the first part of August for a Sunday. Also, rustle up your suntan lotion and authorized Carroll Shelby Cowpoke hat and keep them handy.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR ...

Dear Editor,

When in the course of human events — a child is born — confusion reigns - but when two children are born within a week of each other - forget it!

Mrs. Sherman and I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for our lack of planning in this regard. It was most inconsiderate of us to launch both our offsprings at newspaper time.

Things started out innocently enough. Mrs. Sherman and I were just sitting around doing our pelvic rocks and the next thing you know, Kimberly Louise arrives the following morning (May 3rd). Powerful things those pelvic rocks. The young lady's specs were 7 lbs. $9\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. - 20 ins. long.

Meanwhile back at the homestead, things are progressing micely with Mrs. Sherman. Being a woman of action however, she decides to help Mother Nature along by scrubbing and waxing her kitchen floor, and yes, you guessed it, Jeffrey Scott graced us with his presence May 9th, weighing in at 7 lbs. 12½ ozs. - 21 ins. long.

Those are the facts. The editor, typist, and chief stamp licker were put out of commission. Did you ever try to put out a newspaper with a baby's tac reving at 7,000 rpms?

Again, may I say that Mrs. Sherman and I are sorry about there being no newspaper in May, but we were engaged in a production of another sort.

Alfas' forever,

Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Durrett

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JUNE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 8 pm., June 16, 1967 at Little Lake Park, 10900 So. Pioneer Blvd., Santa Fe Springs as usual. Entertainment will be the 1967 Indy 500. Coffee and donuts will be served. For information call 714-524-1092 or 2130645-0677.

REC IPE

Ladies, here is the recipe we have been promising you for three months. This was the main dish at our last tech session at Fritz'.

(6 persons)

Pork Ragout by Ehlah Gilland

3 pounds pork (butt, shoulder) cut off excess fat

3 pounds onions (chopped)
About 3 Tablespoons paprika
3 Tablespoons tomato paste
Pinch of Cumin or Caraway
Salt
Pepper
Red wine (to cover meat)
1/2 to 1 pint of table cream

Cut pork in about 1 inch cubes. Salt and pepper. Saute onions and meat. Add paprika and tomato paste. Stir well. Add whole peeled clove of garlic and Cumin or Caraway (ground). Cover meat completely with red wine. Let it simmer for about an hour. At last add table cream, but take the meat off fire before adding. Stir cream well to thicken sauce. Put back on fire and bring once more to a boil. Simmer for another 5 minutes. Serve with noodles or over potatoes or rice.

FOR SALE

1959 Veloce. Light blue - Kept in Baggies at night. Call George Eickhoff.

WANTED

Four Alfa wheels - would appreciate them being round and in line - will be a next meeting - Gary Boehm - weeknights 628-7534.

BOARD MEETINGS

You see, every November AROSC gets together and elects itself a board. This board, by virtue of being elected is important. The board then gets together and elects itself a president. He is very important, in fact the most important member of the board, which, by transitivity, makes him the most important person in the club. As a matter of fact, he is properly addressed as "Hey, you important person", most commonly as "Hey, you President", even

sometimes as "Hey, you!" After him, in relative order of importance comes: Treasurer, Vice Pres., Correspondence Sec., Editor's wife, movie chairman, prize and raffle chairman, gardner, parts chaser, slalom masters 1, 2, and 3, Mark's dog, remaining board members, milk monitor, chalk monitor, Editor. So you can see that all us board members are quite important.

And being important, we have our own additional meetings called, strangely enough, board meetings.

At these board meetings, we important members of the board decide important things. You may have noticed that the paper looks somewhat different this month. We've decided to try printing it professionally in order that we may condense it and include graphic material. We'd like your comments on it, and your contributions to it.

We've also decided to revise the Event of the Month. Henceforth they will be known as merely Events. Or maybe Happenings. In any event, we shall not feel compelled to have an event each month, and we feel that this will tend to improve the overall quality of the events, and encourage more people to participate in the club's activities.

Lastly, we'd like to invite any and all members to the board meetings. Your thoughts on any of the subjects under discussion are welcome, as is your attendance. You may contact Alan Ward or Bud Sherman for the time and location of the next meeting.

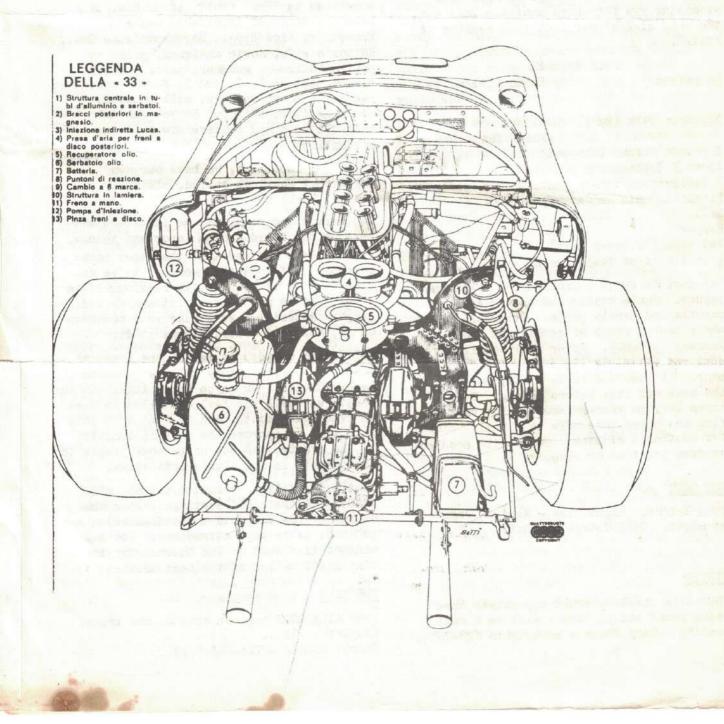
FOR SALE

1960 Alfa 2000 engine, clutch, and trans. Complete. \$325.
Robert Michik - 714-683-6079

THE RUMOR MILL by Bud

More information is now becoming available on the Type 33 racing car. In connection with their withdrawal from Sebring, it is rumored that the cars were removed from the race for engineering purposes, (in order to study failures in progress, as opposed to failures completed). It is unfortunate that the car could not have been more fully tested at this point, as a win in class at Sebring would be a valuable feather in anyones hat.

According to the fuzzy description available, the engine seems to be loaded with real "State of the Art" stuff, such as 10mm plugs, replacable cam bearings, port fuel injection, etc. A glance at the picture will indicate that the rear braking setup is somewhat unusual. There appear to be two inboard discs, per current practice. There also appears to be a small disc brake at the tail end of the transmission a la BRM ca. 1959 in their Fl. Maybe, however, it is only a parking brake to comply with





some silly FIA rule.

I guess by now everyone knows that ex-presidential candidate Dan Gurney and A.J. Foyt won LeMans in a Ford Mk. IV. This makes two years Il Commendatore has been denied his due. He certainly won't be happy with the second and third places he bagged, and one wonders what political shennanigans he will try this year to ensure a victory at LeMans next year. At any rate, it's good to see Dan finally make it after ten years of trying.

The new Group 5 GTA appears to be merely supercharged and not turbocharged. This is unfortunate, as turbocharging has some advantages. Namely, it appears as though one gets something for nothing. While this isn't really so, there is an awful lot of unclaimed energy going out the exhaust in most automotive applications that could be doing useful work. A disadvantage of turbocharging is that it takes some fancy engineering to achieve the response curve a supercharger

will give. Also, on the standard Alfa configuration, the plumbing necessary would be unreal! The superchargers, incidently, are oil driven by a very healthy looking oil pump mounted directly under the distributor on the standard GTA engine. Of course, success is wished.

Not much information is available on the Expo 67 Alfa Romeo. The car was designed and executed with the safety of the occupants in mind. It is also supposed to be producable (we hope it fares better than the Canguero...) and capable of being fitted with the 2-liter V-8. From the looks of the car, it isn't mid-engined, but I hope I'm wrong.

FOR SALE

1963 Spider - 1600 - 5 speed. Good condition Tires etc. H.D. Suspension. \$1200. Dale Jones Days - RA3-8345 Nights - 596-2687

LET'S GET TECHNICAL

This month's column will be primarily concerned with summarizing the little jewels of information that quite inadvertently fall into the hands of the editor.

From Gary Boehm:

Older Alfas (especially those driven with any degree of cojones regularly) tend to squeak and rattle. Tracking down those squeaks and rattles can be a time consuming and frustrating job. Here, however, is a tidbit that may help eliminate an unusually persistant and annoying squeak.

The problem appears to be peculiar to the Veloce breed and appears when the nuts fastening down the rubber mounting flanges for the carburettors. These nuts occasionally work loose and allow air to enter the intake passage with a whistling sound. The natural vibrations of the engine and car combine to make the air leak intermittant, consequently producing a chirping sound.

The solution appears to be simply tightening the nuts. This is, however, easier said than done. The nuts are quite difficult to reach, but perserverance will carry the day.

From ARI:

ARI apparently has a small number of special Bosch racing distributors. Bosch #ZV8/7A2a, ARI #105-1105-01105. These distributors

are water tight, have screwed in HT leads, cast aluminum body, etc. There may still be some available. Naturally, contact ARI for information (by the way, Dan, these ZV8 distributors are 3.82 grams lighter...).

ARI also has put out a list of gearbox goodies for those of you with new style boxes. It is Competition Bulletin #4. The ratios available come as sets, but fortunately, the countershaft presses apart (though not easily, by any means) and hence one can mix and match rations. It's alot of work, but the information is available, and Alan Ward may do an article on this sort of thing in the near future.

FOR SALE

1964 2600 Sprint. Xlnt. Condt. Must sell, leaving country. Make offer. Call 431-3661 after six.

FOR SALE

1964 Lotus Elan - private transportation car owned by little old school teacher in Claremont - willing to kabits on price. Call Gary Boehm. Weeknights 714-628-7534

FOR SALE

Maserati Air Horns. Brand new, require only electrical connection. "MG Mitten" sells same item for \$30.00. Cost: \$16. Call Jack Pritchett at 714-897-0311 ext 3211 or 3208. Home (once in awhile) 962-2916.

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