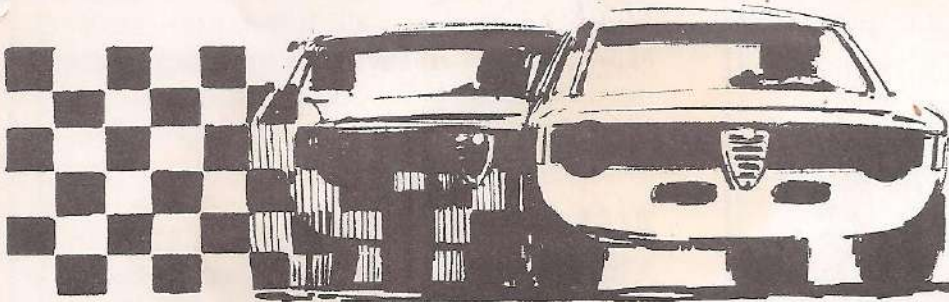


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175 ATTEND JAN. MEETING

Our second annual "at ARI" meeting, held at ARI's El Segundo Facility, proved an even greater success than the first. The 175 Alfisti who attended were treated to a dazzling display of antique and contemporary, street and racing Alfas. And to highlight the evening, Briggs Cunningham, Otto Zipper, and Scooter Patrick joined Mr. Pietro Stoccoro and the ARI staff in keeping everyone fascinated long into the night.

Mr. Stoccoro had some good news for American Alfisti! The long awaited Montreal car powered by a 2.6 litre V-8 located amid ships will be available in the US and should appear at the Geneva show this spring. He declined to indicate the selling price, but it is rumored to be \$7000 to \$10,000 (oh well, I can still dream can't I?) Shortly after the Montreal car, the V-8 will power a line of front-engine cars to replace the sixs. Big news for US buyers is that the new Alfa-Sud cars will be made available here, probably in 1971. These will include a full line four door sedans, 2 door GT and Spider. Engine will be a four cylinder all aluminum twin OHC design, probably with carburetors at somewhere between 1200 and 1600 CC. Best news of all is the price - targeted for \$2000!! Now

if only they'd make enough to go around. On the subject of quantity, Mr. Stoccoro reported that 3,000 Alfa Romeos were sold in the US last year out of a total production of slightly more than 100,000. At less than 3%, you can see why Milan is not anxious to spend much to meet US specs.

Scooter Patrick had some revealing things to say about racing the '33'. Like the car is more reliable than the driver. Did he say that? Well he did say the only race he didn't win in it was Santa Barbara when he had a little on and off course dice with a McLaren. The engine was strong and reliable, Scooter said, and he wasn't kidding. With a 9400 rpm red-line and excursions to 10,200 the car ran a whole season without so much as the heads taken off until Daytona!

Briggs Cunningham certainly has had a variety of experiences in racing. He told us about his LeMans efforts from Cadillacs to Corvettes. I know that air and water make fine engine coolants but have you ever heard of an ice-cooled 'vette? Briggs had one that finished LeMans with periodic ice packing under the hood after it ran out of water (radiators are sealed prior to the 24 hour race). Wow! We really

should all visit Brigg's museum every year or two, so if you missed the club's tour last summer, get out there!

Otto Zipper, who sponsored the winning '33' last year was surprized at our meeting turnout. After years of attending those funny German car club meetings, Otto said he'd never seen a meeting with such a turnout.

Alfa Romeo West's always immaculate service shop conclusively proved itself the ideal meeting place for enthusiasts and fine machinery. Their super-clean facility, which I know personally is always as clean as it was then, is a showplace for auto shops. I am sure that everyone who attended will henceforth want their Alfas serviced there.

SPECIAL EVENT by tom suter

The AROSC special event this month will be a tour of the Holman, Moody & Stroppe go-fast shoppe on Friday, February 27th at 7:45 PM (see flyer).

The entertainment at the regular meeting will be a 28 minute color film entitled "Andretti!" This film offers a fascinating inside look at the life of Andretti, one of the super stars of the sport, as he races through a tough year of competition."

JUNE MEETING AT ARI

AROSC President Vince Giobbe announced to the Board at our Feb. meeting that Mr. Pietro Stoccoro ARI's West Coast Director, has volunteered his El Segundo facilities for a special meeting to introduce new Alfa Romeo models. The new chopped-tail spider and GTV's sporting a new interior are billed for unveiling. But hold your breath and pray to the Italian gods because there

is some chance that the 1300 ZAGATO Junior (not to be sold here) and the V-8 Montreal (which will be sold here later) may be there!! So don't forget to keep June 19th open on your calendar.

ALFA NEWS by mark marcantoni

Alfa Romeo has already started the delivery in Italy of the all new Alfa Junior TZ - (the wedge shaped 1300 coupe by Zagato). It will sell in Italy for about \$3800. Also Alfa has initiated the delivery of the new Spyder Veloce with the new short, chopped back both in the 1300 and 1750 versions. The "1300" will sell for about \$2000 and the "1750" for about \$3800. No news yet when we can expect the "American" version to be ready.

CALENDAR

- Feb 15 - Pacific SCC Championship Slalom at LA Co. Fairgrounds
- Feb. 20- AROSC Meeting at Little Lake Park , 8 PM
- Feb 21- Arrowhead FCC open slalom at Fontana Drag Raceway
- Feb 21- Drivers School at Willow 22 Springs
- Feb 27 - Tour of Holman, Moody and Stroppe facility at 7:45PM
- Mar 1- Mestizo Slalom Practice at Pomona Fairgrounds. GOOD BEGINNER EVENT
- Mar 14- Nat'l Race at Willow Springs
- Mar 15- Open Slalom at Universal Studios Entertainment Center
- Mar 20- AROSC Meeting at Little Lake
- Mar 28- High Speed event drivers 29 school at Riverside raceway

CONGRATULATIONS...

to Gary Boehm and Jamie Crowley who were married on December 27th. Will Jamie still let Gary drive from Oxnard to Santa Fe Springs for our meetings?

SLALOM COLUMN *by loren smith*

Here is a short summary of the 1969 slalom year. I would like to remind you of the great success of AROSC's July driving event. Twenty eight people showed great interest in learning how to drive their Alfa to its best ability. Then came SCCSCC saloming which showed some very interesting course layouts. Out of the 14 events throughout the year, 18 different Alfa drivers tried for the big cup in the sky. Two of the drivers received the cup: myself and wife Karen (Class H and Hw).

A few code changes have been made for 1970:

Tubleless belted tires are now legal.

Stock category automobiles must be slalomed as they are normally delivered to the public, with no options which affect mechanical performance or modifications except those authorized in this article or installed by the manufacturers. (Editor's note - for Alfas this means anything goes!)

The new stock classes for 1970 shall parallel the production classes and be designated by an "S" after the class letter.

Appropriate classes for Alfas are as follows:

- Class D Spyder Veloce (Guilia, Giulietta), Duetto (1600)
- Class E Giulia GTA (1600)
- Class H Normale (Giulietta Spyder & Sprint, and Giulia Spyder & sprint)
- Class K Giulia Sprint GT, GTC, GTVm 1750 GT

Editor's Note----Loren Smith is the AROSC SCCSCC representative for 1970. If you are interested in slaloming you can get SCCSCC cards (which will allow you to run Championship events), code books, and other information from him. (Loren Smith, 9713 Imperial Highway, #203, Downey 90232---923-0273). The first Championship event of the year is February 15th so be prepared. See our Calendar for future events.

JOINT SLALOM for JUNE

AROSC's Board of Directors has concluded an agreement with San Fernando Valley FCCA for a joint open slalom at Irwindale Raceway on June 21st. It will include drag eliminations in slalom classes as well as the slalom, so it should be a real blast. Plan ahead for this one! More details in later issues of ALFACIONADA.

FOR SALE

1958 Giulietta Spider, Limited slip, roll bar, hard top, 6-1/2" wheels/ Goodyear tires, Veloce exhaust. New red paint. \$1000. Ron McDaniel, 2618 Pinelawn Dr., LaCrescenta - 248-7896

1967-8 1600 GTV. Blue. Michelin XAS on 14" wheels. GTA rear sway bar, Blaupunkt AM FM SW. Will discuss price. Michael P. McKenna, 5121 N. Rosemead, San Gabriel 91776 285-1490

Farina Hard Top for 1600 Duetto or 1750 Spider. \$100. See Fred Bonzer at Alfa Romeo, Inc., 215 S. Douglas Street, El Segundo

ALFAS AT HOLTVILLE

Holtville...oh, yes. That's the dusty metropolis somewhere in the obscure south-eastern part of the state - east of El Centro, I think. Yes, that's it. We checked into our abode-for-the-night Saturday the 27th and soon after unpacking, the battle-weary races stumbled in from a day of practice and qualifying.

Well, Hi Alan, how'd it go? Don't ask! The Duetto split its no. 4 liner and Lee Midgely has the pole in Ep with my 1600 Spider.

How's the nice shiny TZ Phyllis? Grumble, my carburetors don't work, grumble, my brand new battery's dead. (What's new?)

Oh, well, good old Fritz is here. How goes it Fritz? No brakes. Oh, humm. Who does that leave? Don Dean and Howard Marshall look OK, but they didn't bring any Alfas. Good greaf. What's tomorrow going to be like?

The weather was beautiful Sunday and several Alfas really did run, even though Steve McQueen stole the show in Vasek Polack's 2.2 litre Porsche (Shreaks of delight from my wife). I guess Vasek got tired of watching Scooter's red tail and decided to go up a class to Asr with the bigger engine. Anyway, Alan Ward became an instant course worker while the nice shiny almost new Duetto sat on it's trailer.

And the races began. Six Alfas ran and six Alfas finished (not all unscathed). One each in classes Gp, Fp, Cp, C Sedan and two in Ep. Guess which one won? Jeff Kline showed those mini's again, and a little to remember him by for the next year. In one of the best efforts of the day, Chet Kline flogged his 1300 normal Spider around the

course in very good time for a second in class.

Fritz finally adjusted the play out of his brakes and charged out from behind the pack. Handicapped by the heavy movie equipment attached to his roll bar, Fritz gamely challenged the lightening fast Sunbeam Alpine of CorbFlick and lost. After all, he couldn't take very good movies if the action was behind him, could he? Then Lee Midgely took to the track in Alan's 1600 Spider Veloce and really did do a magnificent driving job. He was challenging the leader when, snap - another broken axle. Alan's almost getting used to it. Finally, Phyllis Gaylard bravely motored her TZ onto the course behind the flashy Cp cars (her battery set charging all night). She made it unharmed and even took third place ahead of Miles Gupton's ailing Porsche. Not a bad day, in all. Like I said, the weather was good. Oh well, it was probably because we didn't have an Aero Commander or Cessna Skymaster like the Datsun and Porsche teams.---- I'm just looking forward to going back to Holtville next time. If I can find it again.

PHYLLIS SECOND IN CONTEST

AROSC's lone female racer, Phyllis Gaylard, has been awarded second place in the nationwide MacMillan Motor Maid contest for women race drivers. Phyllis has campaigned an Alfa GTZ (which was on display at our January meeting) for two and a half years in the tough C production class against the impossible-to-beat factory efforts of Porsche, Triumph, and Datsun. Last year Phyllis collected 15 Nat'l points in Cal Club region of SCCA placing fourth in class. She will be awarded a \$250 cash prize plus a golden helmet and drivers suit by MacMillan for her second place finish.

FOR SALE

- Good early 1600 block, milled .080", \$75.00
- 10" dia. tires' 2 Pirelli like new, \$25
2 capped Dunlops half worn, \$5. (fit mini cooper)
- Two 40mm Solex single down drafts with velocity stacks (for BMW, VW, etc.) \$10
- 2 oil coolers, adaptable, \$5
- 1600 block with liners, front cover. milled .080".

CONTACT Phyllis Gaylard, (213) 645-0677 evenings

- 2 good 1600 Veloce seats (black) - make offer
 - Alfa speedometer (mph or km) \$10
- CONTACT Alan Ward (213) 645-6945

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