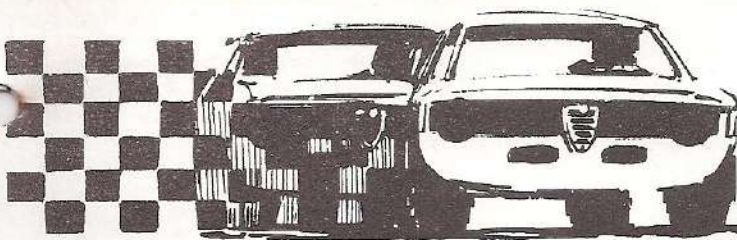


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OUR NATIONAL EDITOR IN ACTION

(Editor's Note: We asked Kalo Piequet, the National Newsletter Editor, for some info for an article in our paper. We're reprinting it verbatim, as we could do no better...)

Under all due protest, I write this "piece" as requested for you Dale, as a personal favor to a fellow editor:

I am your average peremptorily perfect person, my only flaw, if any, being modesty. I have no corns upon my feet and never listen to Lawrence Welk. On the positive side (all Freudian connotations aside) I LOVE my Alfa. Nothing

else in the world gives me such a feeling of well-being as speeding (literally along a la Tazio Nuvolari.

Being your average conservative member of the proverbial establishment (a genuine classic) I take yoga lessons, eat health food, fence (that's with sabre, not hammer), ride and jump horses, enjoy gourmet cooking (ref. Gourmet Magazine), make mod ties for boutiques, belong to an Ecology group (those damn Buicks lay out one hell of a lot of smog--Alfas on the other hand....), teach remedial reading, etc. Suffice it to say, life for me is a real trip (can't think of anything I'd

rather do) which is simply amazing when you consider that I was born in Akron, Ohio (the Valley of Ashes).

The major part of my education was not my graduate work in History but my work in a permanent pit crew for a 906 Carrera (massive ugliness is almost beautiful). Hiss and Boo you say, but no Alfa owners volunteered to pay my way to Sebring, Watkins Glen, Elkhart Lake, Daytona, Mid-Ohio, Limerock, etc. (all their money went to repair costs). I was also involved in the Chicago Sports Car Club of America doing Timing and Scoring and Flagging and Communications. That was one hell of a good bunch of SCCA people (comment by omission).

As for writing, "I does a real fine job with them words." I started the journalistic thing for two University newspapers and progressed to the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Daily News; also a bunch of free lance (they even pay me). I am a member of the Press Club of Southern California. I'd say I sort of fell into this Owner editor-ship, but in all truth I was trapped by the Bull of a Winkel (compellations upon him). What's a nice girl like me doing in a job like this?

Kalo Piequet

LAST MONTH

As usual, any meeting we have at ARI is a great success. With the movie "Racing Scene" and blow-by-blow comments by Scooter Patrick, it will be a meeting long remembered.

And for those who understand Italian, the post-feature, starring Mark and friends from El Segundo would liven up any good event.

As if it wasn't enough, the discussion was continued at the pizza place, where the dynamic duo who stand for life, love and the Italian way, took on all comers.

WE GET LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

It has come to my attention, as it may have to yours, that some of the youngsters attending our February tour of the Road and Track offices behaved in a manner embarrassing to the club, if not to the parents of the offending kids. Let me point out that when we as a club are invited to visit someone's facility, whether it be Bond Publishing or even ARI, we are their guest, and we expect our members, including children of members, to act like guests. Children have always been welcome at club events, but we are expected to keep them under control. It is especially important that children be refrained from their well-known tendency to handle objects in the host's facility. Reports of damaged art work and models at Bond Publishing, if true, point out just the kind of incidents which could force us to restrict such tours to adults only. Enough said, I hope, about that subject.

Another disturbing aspect of the rumors concerning our visit to Bond Publishing is that, like most rumors, they tend to grow like the Los Angeles freeway system. After a frank discussion with Dean Batchelor of R&T, let me dispell a couple of rumors, not freeways. First, if there was any actual damage done on that visit, it was not and still is not known to our hosts from Road and Track. Second, it is not true that our visit had any adverse affect on tours planned by other clubs. In fact, we may have paved the way for other large club visits. It would seem that some of our members need to exert a bit more control on their kids, while others have a similar problem with their imagination.

Tom Atkins

TO THE EDITOR:

My letter to the editor, published in last month's Alfacionada, caused quite a stir. Fortunately the consensus of the majority was favorable. For the record, I would like to add that my letter was written solely by me, and was not prompted nor motivated by other persons or by the club.

A couple of weeks after the letter appeared in the paper the whole personnel of the parts department at ARI El Segundo, went on strike.

Maybe, they too, didn't like the treatment we got and showed their disapproval by striking.

Ettore Marcantoni

Competition

1972 AROSC Championship Points

1. RACE/SOLO I:
No results submitted to date.

2. RALLY: (Feb. Results Only)

DRIVER	
K. Ellis	18
J. Sword	18

NAVIGATOR	
L. Bennett	18
H. Sword	18

3. SIALOM: (No Feb. Event)

L. Renfro	15
J. Samson	15
O. DuFau	11
J. Richardson	9
T. Sponsler	6
W. Wagner	5
J. Neuman	3
D. Harmon	2
S. Harmon	2
J. Karl	1

Calendar of Events

April 21	AROSC Meeting Little Lake Park, 8 PM
April 22-23	SCCA National Races Willow Springs
April 29	AROSC Day at Ontario Bondurant School, 9-5
May 19	AROSC Meeting Little Lake Park, 8 PM
May 21	AROSC Event - Tour & Picnic to Taft
May 27-29	Nat/Reg. Races Riverside

Along with our usual exciting and X-rated meeting, we will have as guest speaker Mr. Carrol Smith. His association in racing includes such names as Carrol Shelby and Roy Woods (Owner of American Racing Assoc. His talents range from team driver to chief mechanic. See you there!

QUICKIES

-Identify the dynamic duo from ARI-- they get along so well together because one can read English and one can speak it.

-Is Scooter Patrick really a charger?

-What AROSC member got low bid on a totaled Spider (would you believe \$1!) and is now trying to take it on installments!!!

-Who missed the races at Riverside because his kid came down with Chickenpox?

-Dale Jones has still not received a National paper!!!!!!

Slalom Column

by John Samson

The CASOC Championship Slalom was so smoothly managed we all got to run before the sunset. The course was tighter than many of us expected but it was a challenge to say the least. Club representation was at an all time high; there were 13 members entered. The largest contingent was in the stock class (K). Oscar DuFau garnered 4th place behind 2 Datsuns and a Volvo in class K. Tom Sponsler, also in class K, suffered acute brain failure on both runs causing loss of time due to loss of traction. During an exclusive post-event interview Tom kept muttering, "a practice slalom and a day at Bondurant before the next slalom ought to make my⁽¹⁾ cerebrum fail-safe".

Class X proved to be a real show stopper. It had all the elements of a NASCAR Grand National. Close competition on the course; allegations of cheating, name calling, the use of "provocative" language and fist-cuffs peppered the pits. (The names will be omitted to protect the innocent.)⁽²⁾ When the dust settled and the last four-letter word echoed off the hills, the Alfas came out second best. An MGB finished first with a time of 60.66 sec. Your author, after a conservative first run of 61.33 sec., fell prey to the maladie that befell T. Sponsler (ie. brain failure) and spun out on the second from the last turn. (Too much "gas", too soon coming out of the corner.) My obviously non-partial pit crew assured me that my second run would have beaten Mr. Russo's MGB. C'est-le-vie! Lisa Renfroe captured 1st. in class Xw with a time of 63.56 sec. This was also the 2nd fastest time of "stock" class X Alfas. Jerry Karl must have been practicing, as he was right on the tail of Dick Harmon. If we gave a MOST IMPROVED DRIVER AWARD, Jerry would have received it.

As I mentioned, the turn-out was great (see the list of drivers at the end of the column). Here's hoping for a greater turn-out at the next slalom. It was to be at Riverside Raceway but it has been rescheduled for Ontario. With the 3 M Club organizing it you can be sure it will be a fast and exciting slalom. It will be the day after the Bondurant School and it would be a good place to apply what you learned the day before. Why not make it a double header weekend; Bondurant Saturday and the 3 M Slalom Sunday, an Ontario Double Header.

The AROSC slalom team was moderately successful at the CASOC event by earning approximately 300 points out of a possible 500. Until the official points are posted I can't give you our position in relation to the other teams.

There are 2 other open slaloms on tap:

Apr. 23, Ontario Spdwy., 1st car out at 7:30 A.M., Tech: 7 - 1, BCDECHKMNSVWXYZ.

May 7, Ontario Spdwy., 1st car out at 8 A.M., Tech: 7:30 - 2, WEXDCYBIMHNSCK.

Lastly, I wanted to list all the AROSC members who ran under the club's name at the CASOC event, and made it the best Alfa participation in a long time.

Driver/Car	Best Time	Class	Class Pos.
O. DuFau 1600 GTV	57.23	K	4th
T. Sponsler 1600 GTV	59.64	K	7th
J. Samson 1750 GTV	61.33	X	2nd
L. Renfroe 1750 Spy.	63.56	Xw	1st
W. Wagner 1600 Spy.	64.08	X	6th
J. Neuman 1750 Spy.	64.23	X	8th

J. Richardson	64.27	H	8th
1300 Spy.			
D. Harmon	64.33	X	10th
1600 Sup.			
Karl	65.00	X	11th
1750 GTV			
N. Meyer	65.68	X	11th
1600 GTV			
M. Butler	66.35	X	15th
1600 Spy.			
S. Harmon	66.40	Xw	5th
1600 Sup.			
D. McDougall	71.12	X	18th
1600 Spy.			

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Tom Hillman
714-494-1563 evenings or weekends

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) "My", refers to Tom's, not the author's nervous system.
(2) This time, "innocent" does refer to the author.

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Pete Puren 665-3414
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Racing

Autodelta, Alfa Romeo's Racing division has entered the 33/3TT, three litre prototypes in the World's Manufacturers Championship. The "TT" stands for telaio tubolare or a tubular frame chassis structure. This all new Alfa racer was unveiled competitively January 9th in Buenos Aires where it finished 4th in the Temporada after experiencing minor difficulties often expected of a new car.

The Alfa Romeo team is headed by Carlo Chiti, managing director of Autodelta, S.p.A., and one of the worlds foremost designer-builders of racing cars.

Mr. Chiti is confident that the minor difficulties experienced in Argentina have been sorted out so that Alfa will give all competitors a run for the money throughout the Manufacturers Series.

Autodelta has fielded a strong team of

international drivers. In car #7 will be this years "Mr. Can-Am", Peter Revson and former Daytona, Le Mans and Targa Florio winner, Rolf Stommelen.

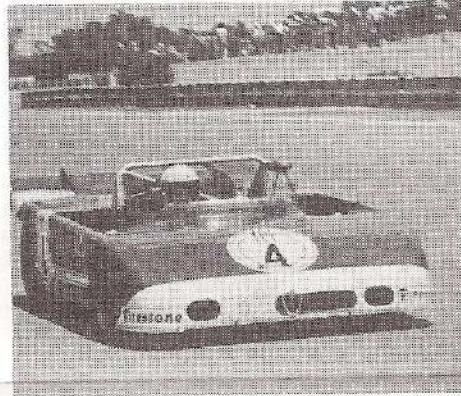
Former Daytona winner and three time Nurburgring champion, the versatile Vic Elford will team with the 1971 Le Mans champion, Helmut Marko in car #5.

Driving car #3 and coming off a great year for Alfa Romeo is the 1971 Watkins Glen 6 Hour winner Andrea de Adamich and last year's 2nd place finisher at Sebring, Autodelta veteran, Nanni Galli.

Specifications for the new cars are:

Displacement.....2994 cc.
 Number of Cylinders.....90°V-8
 Bore/stroke.....86mm x 64mm
 Number of Valves per Cyl.....4
 Valve Angles.....43°
 Number of Main Bearings.....5
 Heads.....Aluminum Alloy
 Pistons.....Aluminum Alloy
 Rods.....Titanium
 Crank shaft.....Steel alloy
 Block.....Aluminum Alloy w/wet iron sleeves
 Horsepower.....440 CV(SAE) @ 9800 rpm.
 Torque.....253 ft. lbs @ 8000 rpm.
 Clutch.....Twin dry plates
 Gearbox.....Aluminum Alloy housing
 Speeds.....5 crash
 Chassis Structure.....Sheet alloy and steel tube
 Width.....72.04"
 Height.....37.80"
 Length.....137.79"
 Wheelbase.....88.18"
 Front track.....59.05"
 Rear track.....57.01"
 Front Wheel.....10L x 13
 Rear Wheel.....15L x 15
 Front tires.....8.6/20 x 13
 Rear tires.....13.5/24x15
 Fuel tank.....Autodelta safety cell aluminum
 Fuel tank capacity.....31.68 U.S. gallons

Cooling.....water
 Oil capacity.....12 litres
 Weight with oil and water....1430 lbs.
 Weight distribution.....45% on front, 55% rear



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