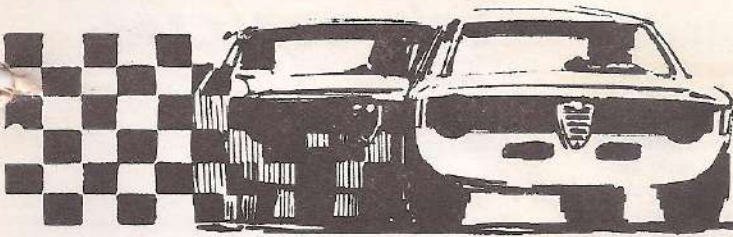


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## YULE PARTY

by Mark Marcantoni

On December 11, our annual Christmas Party was held at the home of Tom & Pat Suter. This time they couldn't say they didn't know what to expect, being that this was the second time they hosted the event. Our sincere thanks to Pat & Tom for their bravery and hospitality and a special thanks to the two charming ladies who helped Pat get the house and food ready, and also cleaned up the mess the next day.

As in the preceding years, the house decorations were done, and I might add with excellent taste, by the noted firm of "Jones & Marcantoni". Food was supplied by a catering firm, and the mix, soft drinks and coffee courtesy of your friendly AROSC club. Yes, due to the unexpectedly low attendance, the club had to foot some of the bills.

We were honored by the presence of some of the A.R.I. executives, such as Director Remo Ragionieri and his charming wife, Mr. & Mrs. Luciano Morra, and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pokorny. A.R.I. delighted us with eighteen bottles of California champagne which we managed to drink to the last drop. They also donated most of the door prizes, such as Alfa models, history books about Alfa Romeo, and last, but not least, the beautiful Alfa t-shirts that fit men, women, and children (one size fits all!).

Guests started arriving about 8 PM in small, furtive groups, clutching brown

paper bags. By 10 PM, everyone felt good and warm, having consumed the warming liquid. And while the ladies were showing off their new attire and talking about babies, past and future, the men were as usual talking about Alfas, engines, racing slaloms and why not? women! By midnight, a lot of food and drink had been consumed, the conversation got a little more brisk, and some of the couples were dancing (Ed. Note: Dancing? There was no record player!? You call what they were doing dancing?). By then the time to serve the bubbly had arrived and we did a fantastic job of cleaning up the whole stock in about fifteen minutes.

Maybe the crowd wasn't too heavy, but there were a lot of "heavys" in the crowd. By 3 AM the party was just about over and most of us left the scene.

And so another Christmas party ended, another year passed for AROSC--a year full of good events, the most memorable, of course, being the "Expo West" national meeting.

## JANUARY MTG. AT ARI

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As in the past, our January meeting will be held at Alfa Romeo, Inc., 215 Douglas Street, El Segundo, on January 21, 1972. Our new President vows that the meetings will start at 8 PM. Our yearly awards will be presented at this time, and there will be a special guest speaker. So special, in fact, I'm afraid to put his name in print. You'll just have to wait until the meeting. We will also have slides of Italy, courtesy of Mark Marcantoni, a word or two from ARI, and our regular business meeting. This should get the new year off to a great start--besides, it will be a good time to pay your 1972 dues!

## Calendar of Events

January 21	AROSC Meeting Alfa Romeo, Inc.
February 6	Championship Slalom See Pit Stops
February 11-13	SCCA Regional/National Races, Riverside
February 18	AROSC Meeting Little Lake Clubhouse
February 20	AROSC Event - Tour of Bond Publishing (Look for flyer on this)
February 26-27	SCCA National Races Phoenix

## DUES 'R DUE FOR '72

by Hoppy Hopkins

Be the first on your block to pay your AROSC dues for 1972. Dues paid by the February meeting will remain at \$10--\$5 AROSC and \$5 National. Due to increases in the cost of printing the paper, dues after the February meeting will be \$12.50--\$7.50 AROSC and \$5 National.

This is permitted under our governments Phase II program.

## IT'S OFFICIAL

by Dale

The first official meeting of the 1972 Board was held at Mark's house on December 1st.

After the usual B-S, our new President Tom Atkins called the meeting to order, the main issue being the elections of the various Board positions. After much deliberation and discussion the positions were finally filled (with threat of divorce by my wife). Your 1972 Board of Directors:

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## COME GET YOURS

The following people have trophies due from Alfa Expo West. These trophies must be picked up at the January meeting at ARI, El Segundo, January 21, or by prior arrangement with Tom Atkins (340-6773 home, 994-4350 work). If not picked up at or before the January meeting, these trophies will be forfeited.

William Jernigan	1st place
Frank Holmes	3rd & 7th
Loretta Holmes	2nd place
Fritz Steppat	2nd place
Barry Thompson	4th place
Maurice Kaplan	6th place
Robert Crane	2nd place

## Slalom Column

by John Samson & Dick Harmon

With a new season ahead we thought it would be interesting to review last season's SCC SCC events and determine a mythical marque championship in the classes in which the current Alfas compete. We awarded 3 points for 1st place, 2 for 2nd and 1 for 3rd. The final standings have been:

Class X		
1st	Alfa Romeo	65 points
2nd	MGB	29 points
3rd	Triumph	17 points

Class K		
1st	Datsun	72 points
2nd	Alfa Romeo	25 points
3rd	BMW	22 points

Class X is for stock cars and Class K for modified production cars. It should be pointed out that the Datsun 510 was a fully BRE modified. The number of entrants was small for Alfa in both classes compared to the other makes. In Class K Tom Sponsler and Oscar Dufau in 1600 GTV's carried the Alfa banner against many BMW and Datsun drivers. In Class X the Alfas were again consistently outnumbered by the herd of MGB's. The stock drivers who regularly competed were Jim Neuman, Lisa Renfro and Bill Wagner in 1750 Spiders, and the authors of this column in a 1750 GTV and a Giulia Super. Our past president, Vince Globbe, entered many events in a 1600 GTA, and Loren Smith successfully drove a 1600 Spider Veloce in Class H.

Everything considered, 1971 was a successful year for Alfa. We had hoped more Alfas would have competed, and feel sure there are many members who would enjoy running in these events.

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If you think you need years of experience to win trophies, take note: the three drivers who won the 1971 AROSC Slalom awards began slaloming in 1971.

The new SCC SCC code will allow you to run in Class X with some changes in your stock car. The major changes are: mag wheels, wider street tires, heavier sway bars, adjustable shocks, and limited slip differential. (For details, contact us at the next meeting)

The best news for 1972 is the granting of championship points for stock classes. This will mean we can now field an Alfa Slalom Team for 1972. Thus, we will need 5 cars per slalom to carry the club's banner. Anyone interested in competing as a team member, please contact us.

The AROSC Slalom and Rally Awards will again be given in 1972. The details will be finalized after the January board meeting.

There are two open slaloms already scheduled for January 9th and 16th at the Ontario Motor Speedway. The first championship slalom is scheduled for February 6th. Please consult the LA Times "Pit Stop" column for details.

Here's hoping for another successful year for Alfa with many more members trying their hand at this challenging auto competition.

## QUICKIES

Ask Mark about his horney toad.

Ask Kalo how December 12 felt--for that matter, ask everybody present at the Christmas Party.

Ask Jerilyn and Sandy about the broad on the wall.

Ask Elinor about her "crush for sure".

Ask Dale about his instant mistletoe.

Award of the Month goes to Phil for putting the most ice cubes in circulation, and out again.

Congrats to Paula & Fritz on their second daughter, born December 10.

The Piequets added nine to their family this year--puppies, that is. Anyone in the market for an Irish Setter?

Congrats to the expectant DuFaus'-- just remember, getting there is all the fun.

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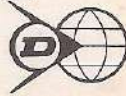


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