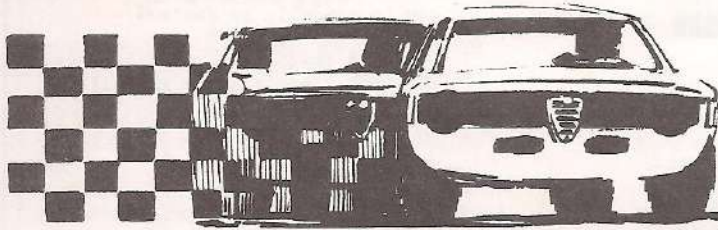


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## RISING SUN

## FALLS

## Calendar

On July 2, at Brainerd, Minnesota, after four unsuccessful attempts, Horst Kwech gave Alfa Romeo its first win of the year in the SCCA 2.5 Challenge. Although always qualifying either 1st or 2nd, Kwech has been plagued with gearbox problems while either leading or challenging the lead.

Armed with such secret weapons as a kangaroo and the word "Oongawa" painted on the doors, Kwech qualified his Pepsi Cola sponsored Alfa 2000 GTV on the outside pole and proceeded to let the Datsuns know he meant business. Finishing second to Kwech was 51-year old Bert Everett, driving his seven-year old GTA. Up to now, Everett's Bobcor Performance GTA has been Alfa's best hope, due to its reliability.

Point standings are now Datsun 1st with 40 points, Alfa 2nd with 23 points, and Ford Escort a distant 3rd with 4 points. It looks like the balance of the series will be exciting, with Alfa playing catch-up in an attempt to win the 1972 2.5 Championship.

July 21	-----	Meeting, 8 PM Little Lake Club- house.
August 6	-----	AROSC Time Trials Orange Co. Racewy. (see insert)
August ?	-----	Summer Party (details to follow)
August 18	-----	Meeting, 8 PM Little Lake
August 19-20	-----	Regional Races, Riverside

Rallies/Slaloms--check LA Times Pitstops

Our July meeting will, as usual, have either a movie or speaker (that's straight from Tom Suter)--followed by coffee and donuts, followed by pizza and beer at the local for those with the stomachs for it.

## Slalom Column

by: J. Samson

I thought you might be interested in the relative times posted by the current crop of SOCSOC stock sedans and coupes competing in the most recent championship slalom. This data will probably not end arguments, but in fact it should provide great fodder for bench racing. Below are the cars and the best time in sec. for the marque:

Alfa 1750 GTV	71.225
Camaro	72.046
Datsun 240 Z	73.072
BMW 1600	73.131
BMW 2002	73.138
AMX	73.167
Triumph GT-6	74.297
Datsun 510	75.265
Mazda RX-2	76.309
Pinto	77.111

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The last two champ. slaloms saw no Alfas in the winners circle. Second, third and fourth places were abundant.

There are nevertheless two note worthy items:

1. Lisa Renfroe is back on the slalom trail driving the Joe Richardson class H Alfa Spider. She is in a tough ladies class, as Karen Smith's Alfa is the combo to beat.

2. Rich Payne's experiment in air intake modification proved to be a loser. He cleverly left a rag in the air intake duct during his two runs at the Orange RWY. slalom. He substantiated the NASCAR results that limiting the air intake into the engine does not increase power. It has been rumored that his next experiment will be running with a screwdriver loose in the cockpit. This was "tried" by Auto Delta this year in Argentina and proved to yield negative results. Will he once again verify previous results or will it cause

him to actually go faster?  
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With 4 champ. slaloms behind us the club standings are as follows:

J. Samson	60
T. Spensler	44
O. Dufau	35
L. Renfroe	32
R. Payne	26
J. Richardson	22
D. Harmon	14
M. Meyer	11
J. Canone	11
J. Meyer	10
J. Neuman	9
J. Karl	8
S. Harmon	6
W. Wagner	5

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COMING CHAMPIONSHIP SLALOMS:

July 30- pre-entry event,  
deadline July 20  
Aug. 13 and Aug. 20.

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REMEMBER THE AUG. 6 TIME TRIALS  
AT ORANGE COUNTY RACEWAY.....  
CLUB MEMBER SPECTATORS WELCOME.

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## Tech Talk

The Alfasud made its appearance in European showrooms the first of July. It has a flat four engine, 4-speed gearbox and front wheel drive. Having internal dimensions similar to the Fiat 128, it delivers in Italy for \$2590.

A highly-praised German auto sport magazine made a test on five European autos- BMW, Ford, Opel, Alfa, Fiat.

The tests involved mostly general evaluation which included: the lines of the cars, the design and position of the seats, interior space, general visibility accessories, and overall quality. The Test proved Alfa to be best of the five.

This test was made in December, 1972. Take a closer look, R & T.

## Editorial

Much to AROSC's dismay, in January '72 ARI announced it would no longer sell parts retail across the counter at its El Segundo facility. This decision was made to help strengthen the dealer network. They assured us that their dealers would improve their parts departments, and we would have no problems obtaining parts from them.

As a businessman, I can commend their logic and reasoning in not competing with their authorized dealers in order to help them do a better job. As a parts buyer/Alfa owner, I have this bad feeling in my stomach--without a doubt, there are some excellent Alfa Romeo dealers who, along with their service department, offer a parts department that is a credit to its dealership.

Unfortunately, these dealers are few and far between. We continually hear complaints from members trying to buy parts from their "local dealer." Seems the standard answer is "we are out of stock, but we can get it in a few days". This is happening on such basic items as gaskets, valve adjusting pads, hoses, and etc.

I feel if ARI's new policy is to be effective, it is going to take stronger pressure upon their dealers to update and maintain their inventories.

Dale Jones  
Editor

## PLAN AHEAD

We've received word that next years Alfa Owner's National Convention will be held in Aspen, Colorado. Let's see--we've had Alfa Expo West (rah!), Alfa Expo East--how about Alfa Expo Aspen?

## QUICKIES

- Anybody know what a "coolie" is?
- Did you know that most people don't have more than one fatal disease in their lifetime? (Ah, trivia!)
- Watch this space for news of Claudia and Oscar's "coming-out" party.
- And here's another political poll for our readers: A survey of Indians on New York State reservations shows that 15 percent think Americans should get out of Vietnam, while 85 percent think think they should get out of the United States.
- Dynamic Duo, where are you?

## For Sale

FOR SALE: 1969 Alfa 1750 Spider Veloce. Red with black top, black interior. 41,000 miles. In excellent mechanical condition. Pirellis, car cover, some spare parts and maintenance manuals. Very clean and runs like new. Asking \$2800.  
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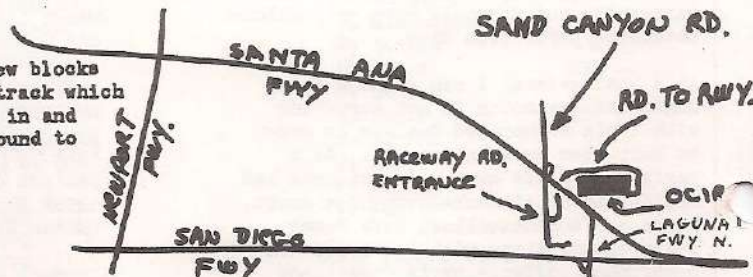
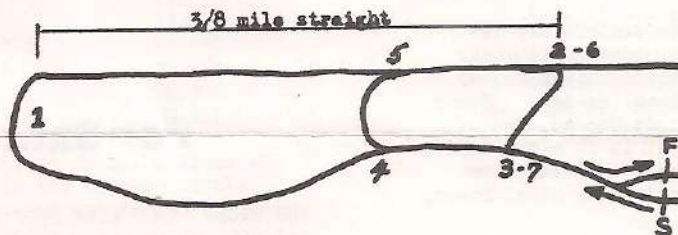
FOR SALE: 4 5.00/8.30-15 Goodyear R-6 racing tires. Better than half thread left. \$100. Dale Jones (213) 596-2687

## ALFA TIME TRIAL FACT SHEET \*\*\* AUG. 6 \*\*\* ORANGE COUNTY INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

- TIME:**
1. Safety inspection will start promptly at 7:30 a.m., this is mandatory.
  2. **MANDATORY** drivers meeting at 8:00 a.m.; if you wish to compete you must be there by 8:00 a.m. Failure to do so will mean disqualification and forfeiture of your entry fee. (The only reason for this policy is to assure prompt starting of the event and thus give all drivers as much driving time as possible. Since drivers will double as course workers when not driving all must arrive on time.)
  3. Practice will start following the drivers meeting and end at Noon.
  4. Timed runs will start at 12:30 and end at 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:****HOW TO GET TO O.C.I.R.:**

Get off Santa Ana Fwy. at Sand Canyon Rd., go South a few blocks to entrance to access road to track which will be on the left side, turn in and follow the road all the way around to the entrance of the raceway.

**COURSE:**

**COURSE :** 1.4 miles

7 major turns

Car leaves start area and proceeds up the long stretch of gentle curving road then makes a sweeping right turn onto the drag chute,  $\frac{3}{8}$  mile later a sharp turn 2 is made followed by a less acute turn to the right at 3, the car accelerates to a quick successions of turns at 4 & 5 leading back to the drag strip and heading to turn 6 (same as 2), a sharp right at 6 followed by a sharp left at 7 then onto the finish line. Two cars can run the course at the same time for a timed run and never come close to each other. PYLONS WILL BE KEPT TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

**FOOD:** Bring your own food and drink, as no concessions will be open. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RACEWAY GROUNDS. If any is found in your possession, you will be disqualified with forfeiture of your entry fee.

**EQUIPMENT:** Bring a helmet if at all possible. No air or fuel is available at the track, the closest service station is  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile away. Folding chairs etc. advised.

**TIMING:** Electronic timing will be used for the official runs.

**AWARDS:** A trophy will be provided for the top time in each class, as long as 2 or more cars are in the class. Men and women will compete in the same classes, except the top time amongst the women will receive a trophy.

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