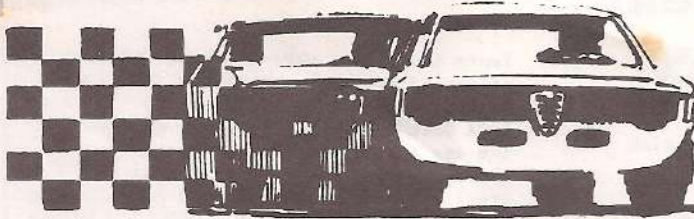


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## Calendar of Events

- September 15 - AROSC Mtg., Little Lake, 8 pm
- September 16-17-SCCA National Races, Willow Springs
- September 23 - AROSC Pre-Xmas Warm-Up Party, 3:00-?, Richard Harmons (See enclosed flyer)
- October 7-8 - SCCA Regional Races, Willow Springs
- October 20 - AROSC Meeting, Little Lake, 8 pm
- October 22 - Minimum Mileage AROSC Rallye (more info to come)
- November 17 - AROSC Meeting, Little Lake, 8 pm--White Elephant Auction, Board Elections for '73
- November 18 - AROSC Willow Springs Time Trials (see enclosed flyer)

Don't miss the September 15th--at long last you will get to meet the infamous "DYNAMIC DUO", hear all about their (separate) vacations in Italy and some on Alfa Sud. And the equally infamous Ettore Marcantoni will be conducting this meeting's festivities!!! Should be a very interesting evening.

## Competition

Due to the small participation of club members in some divisions we will use the following guidelines in awarding trophies:

1. The divisions are as follows:
  - A. Rally - Driver
  - B. Rally - Navigator
  - C. Slalom
  - D. Solo I/Racing
2. A first place trophy will be awarded if there are three entrants in a division.
3. Other trophies will be awarded for every five additional entrants in a division.

## '73 AROSC BOARD

On November 17 we will hold our annual elections. Keeping in mind that you get out of any organization exactly what you are willing to give, and that there are several openings on the Board this year, why not volunteer to help run AROSC? Try it, you'll like it! If interested in doing your bit, contact any of the '72 Board and submit yourself.

## Slalom Column

by John Samson

This past month was quiet on the slalom front. Only one championship event was held. The club was represented by 9 drivers; as a whole, only moderate success was attained.

The event was held at Irwindale Raceway, which resembled a now defunct training base for "Rommel's Desert Corps." Rocks and sand were the descriptor of the day. The track was narrow and only  $\frac{1}{4}$  or the course was visible from the pit-spectator area. If you wanted to see more a hike through the thistle was necessary. During the event a motorcycle club was using the terrain adjacent to the track for high-speed "games". Walking in this spectator area with the cycles "bumping" about was like swimming in a Navy Test Center for Torpedoes.

When all was said and done, many of your fellow members were discouraged. Tom Sponsler would have beaten the Datsuns if it were not for hitting a pylon. Oscar DuFau saved the day for Alfa in class K by finishing 3rd. Class X once again slipped through the fingers of Alfa as two "stock" (?) MGB's finished 1st and 2nd. Lisa Renfree garnered 1st in class Xv with Julianna Meyer finishing 4th.

Although the Smiths do not run for the club (they represent CASOC), their performance must be mentioned. A 1st in class K by Loren and 1st by Karen made the Milano products look good.

The times posted by the AROSC banner carriers were as follows:

D. DuFau	60.61
T. Sponsler	62.43
J. Samson	63.72
N. Meyer	64.26
L. Renfree	65.46
J. Karl	66.42
R. St. John	66.67
J. Neuman	68.94
J. Meyer	70.62

Yours truly plus wife and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the offspring spent a weekend in Phoenix, Arizona competing in an SCCA Solo II event. This was a two day event; the second day was a match race run off which proved great fun and excitement, and gave me some ideas for future AROSC events. The Alfa's did well; a stock 1750 Spyder from Scottsdale won "Stock-D" class on Saturday and Sunday. I was fortunate to place 2nd on Sat. in the "C-Prepared" class and 1st Sun. after 5 elimination match races. I wish more club members could have made it because the Phoenix SCCA "bunch" were very friendly and made us feel very much at home. Dave Meredyth was there with his Time Trial winning 1750 GTV, but found the course tighter than the one we ran at Orange County Raceway. He stated that driving on the slalom course was nothing like the event he won. (This is the understatement of the season. The longest straight-away at Phoenix was 25 yards, and at O.C.R. it was  $\frac{3}{8}$  of a mile.)

Slalom to come:

- Sept. 17 - Champ. event in San Diego
- Oct. 1 - ? Champ. event (check Pit Stops.)
- Oct. 7-8 - SCCA Solo II event at OMS. (refer last newsletter column for facts.)
- Oct. 15 - Champ. event at Riverside

Lastly, Jim Neuman is working very hard in preparation of the Nov. Time Trials for Alfas. Don't miss this event—it will be more exciting than Orange County. Continuous runs for practice, and timed runs composed of two consecutive laps should separate the drivers from the "bench racers". Which are you?

# QUICKIES

-Understand the second half of the Dynamic Duo was rushing home upon his return from Italy and some guy had an absolute "fit" over his Alfa.

-And we received the following from one of our more "notorious" members:

"Heard that the first half of the Dynamic Duo was almost denied entry into Italy last month on account of his past connections with L.A. Mafia's "Piezz' a' Novanta" Dalio "The Hitman" Gionesi and "Consigliori" Tony Markhan. Second half may run into same problem.....

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# AROSC '72 POINT STANDINGS

Rally: (as of August 1)

DRIVER:

L. Bennett	99
J. Sword	79
R. St. John	18

NAV:

K. Ellis	99
H. Sword	79
L. Renfree	18

Solo I/Races: (as of August 1)

K. Ellis	11
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Slalom: (as of Sept. 1)

J. Sanson	73
O. DuFau	57
T. Sponsler	49
L. Renfree	42
R. Payne	30
D. Harmon	18
J. Richardson	18
S. Harmon	15
J. Meyer	15
M. Meyer	15
J. Neuman	10
J. Karl	8
B. Wagner	5
J. Canonne	0
M. Butler	0
D. McDeugall	0



# PS

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*Polish race driver prepares for battle.*

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# AROSC - WILLOW SPRINGS TIME TRIALS

**WHAT:** A "low pressure" time trial event. There will be 4 hours of practice runs and 4 hours of timed runs. Each practice "run" will actually consist of 10-15 minutes of uninterrupted driving on course.

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 18, 1972.

**WHERE:** Willow Springs Raceway in Rosamond, approx. 75 miles north of L. A. Civic Center.

**COURSE:** 2.5 miles, 9 turns, 0.5 mile straight. No pylons will be used on the course - this is not a slalom event.

**ENTRY:** Entry fee is \$15. Pre-entry only, limited to a maximum of 36 entries. All cars must be Alfa's or Alfa powered. All entries must be received by ~~Sept 15~~ <sup>Nov 15</sup> 1972. Entry forms will be available at the next AROSC meeting, on Sept. 15. If you know any Alfa owners who are not AROSC members, invite them to come to the event - if they have a good time, perhaps they'll join our club. If you are not going to compete, but would like to participate as a course worker, call Jim Neuman: office - (213) 481-3225 home - (213) 374-3929. Remember - only 36 entries will be accepted, so register early! Bring your \$15 to the Sept. 15th meeting!

**SPONSOR:** Trophies will be provided by:

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**FOOD:** No concession stands will be open at the track, so bring your own food and drink. **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, gas, or water will be available at the track - the nearest gas station is approximately 9 miles away.

**FURTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING ENTRY FORMS, DIRECTIONS TO REACH THE COURSE, CLASS GROUPINGS, AND COURSE MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE AROSC MEETING ON SEPT. 15**

## ENTRY FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
CAR MODEL AND YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ DISPL: \_\_\_\_\_ cc

CIRCLE CLASS: A1 A2 A3 B1 B2 B3 C1 C2 C3 D1 D2 D3 S

**NOTE:** Drivers will double as course workers when not driving.

I understand that my entry fee is not refundable unless my car is declared unsafe at the track safety inspection.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Make check payable to Jim Neuman and mail to: Jim Neuman, 926 Monterey Blvd.  
Hermosa Beach, Ca. 90254

# Party of the First Part

(better known as our Pre-Christmas  
Warm-up Party)

When: Sat. Sept. 23

Where: Dick Harmon's  
1558 Dover Avenue  
Thousand Oaks  
(805) 495-4580

Begins: 3:00 to ?

Attractions: BBQ - Swimming - Bikinis! - Bench  
Racing (first liar hasnt a chance) - Drinking -  
Eating - Bikinis! - Drinking - RATED - "R"

Food & Mix Provided - BYOB - \$2 per person - RSVP

Directions - Ventura Fwy. West to Route 23 (Moorpark Fwy.),  
North to Janss Rd., left on Janss Rd. to  
Dover Avenue, left at Dover to 1558.

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