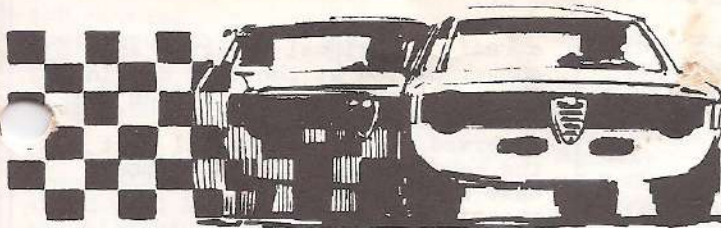


# ALFACIONADA

ALFA ROMEO OWNERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Volume 12, No. 8 August 1973

P.O. Box 261 Los Alamitos, CA 90720

## PRESIDENTIAL PROSE

This column is being written while I am in the middle of the Riverside Time Trial preparations. Our notice in Autoweek has generated several calls from Alfa Owners who had not been interested in the club before. It seems sure that our time trial program will help the club grow. The club needs your support, as a worker or a driver, so these events can continue to develop. By the time you read this, Riverside will be history and I hope you were part of it. The next time trial is Willow Springs; this is the final event of the year and many class championships should be decided there. Jim Neuman ran a great event last year and we can expect another 1st class speed event by Jim. Plan to attend.

The questionnaires are coming in steadily. A preliminary review indicates a few "pet peeve" areas. First on the list is the complaint of noise during the meetings. The cooperation of the members is necessary to solve this. Otherwise, the comments are favorable. A complete report will follow later.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Blake Morris for conducting

(Continued on Page 2)

## Slalom Column

by Jim Neuman

This year, as in previous years, the slalom scene has slowed down somewhat now that vacation time is here. Since we have about a month of "slack time", this is a good chance to get our cars into shape for the upcoming events. If you're like me, your car is never really "finished"--there's always some new idea to try out, to see if it will make your Italian Wonder zip between the pylons just a little bit faster. Unfortunagely, these ideas sometimes have the opposite effect! Oh well, at least it's fun to experiment!

So far this year, we have 17 AROSC members who have competed in SCCSCC championship events. The AROSC point standings, after six events, are:

Dick Harmon	91
Tom Sponsler	66
Rueben Romero	53
Jim Neuman	46
Joe Cannone	39
Rich Payne	32
John Samson	31
Susie Harmon	27
Dave Meredyth	18
Oscar DuFau	17
Martha Franke	13
Neil Meyer	13

(Continued on Page 3)

## The Editor

Due to the many requests by the membership for more club rallies, AROSC is scheduling another rally for Saturday, September 22. The rally will start in the San Fernando Valley and run through some very beautiful countryside ending with a buffet dinner, trophies, and door prizes. As details unfold you will be notified, so mark September 22 on your calendars and plan to attend.

The AROSC Championship Rally for August will be the Saturday Nighter Monte Carlo Rally sponsored by Riverside Foreign Car Club. Meet at Ontario Motor Speedway on Saturday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m. (the rally starts at 7:30 p.m.). Phone (714) 821-5088 for details.

The AROSC Championship Rally for October will be the Pan American Rally. This is a Monte Carlo rally in which you are given maps with each checkpoint location marked and the basic speed limit plus 10 minutes to reach each checkpoint. The rally continues all night with the instructions leading you over the border into Mexico around sunrise. Hoppy Hopkins, our rally-ace, will have more information on this rally regarding the date and entry fee as October gets closer.

For those of you who have gone on our AROSC Championship rallies, don't forget to mail the results to Jim Neuman so you will get credit for the end-of-the-year awards.

I have been approached by several club members who were interested in writing an article(s) for the newsletter. Articles may be typed or handwritten, but please be sure they are reasonably readable and send them to the post

(Continued on Page 3)

(Continued from Page 1)

a real educational question and answer period at the last meeting. The applause given him by the members in attendance was well deserved. This is a vital part of the meetings and one the members have asked for on the questionnaires.

On the racing scene, no Alfa Montreal in Trans-Am or prototype in World Manufacturers Championships. Let's hope the 1974 season is more successful for the "cross and serpent".

Lastly, the Pre-Christmas party should be an exciting and fun-filled gathering. Your fellow members, Bob Doss and Tom Suter are working hard. If you don't attend, you'll regret it later. Alfa talk, gambling, food, and fun for a bargain price. See you there!!

## TECH TIPS

By Chris Boles

In upcoming months I will be bringing to you tips on how to keep your car clean and squeak free. If you have any suggestions on suitable substitutions for various components, waxes, cleaners, etc., send them to Editor in care of the club post office box.

### Tech Tips for the Month

1. To keep your dash and back window shelf sparkling clean use silicone spray. Spray on and wipe around. Leaves dash looking new and will prevent heat cracking.
2. For those of you who want to keep your rims looking new the Northwest club says 1962-1964 Chevrolet Silver Sheen is a close match. Available in spray cans. Check your local paint store for paint.

(Continued from Page 1)

Bob McQuigg	7
Loel Meredyth	6
Bob Barlow	0
Bill Franke	0
Doug Harmon	0

Don't forget to keep November 4th open because that is the date that AROSC will be sponsoring a championship slalom, in partnership with Pacific Sports Car Club. As has been mentioned before, it's important for all those who have been running slaloms to work the event, because SCCSCC will impose a points penalty on those who don't work an event sometime during the year.

If you're going on vacation this summer, have a good one and I'll see you at the next event.

(Continued from Page 2)

office box. Please don't hesitate to submit any articles you feel would be of interest to the general membership. If you have any suggestions and/or comments on the newsletter, please let me know. There's always room for improvement! Remember, the newsletter will be only as thick as the articles we receive to print.



## ORANGE COUNTY

by Tom Sponsler

On July 15, AROSC held its Second Annual Orange County Time Trial at the Orange County International Raceway. This year's event was co-sponsored by Beach Imports of Newport Beach and Parkinson VW of Placentia. On behalf of the club, I have expressed our deep appreciation for the support of these two Alfa dealers for this event. It is only by such sponsorship that our time trial program is able to approach financial viability and I urge all club members to demonstrate their appreciation by giving our sponsors their business.

I would also like to publicly say thank you to the numerous people who made this event a success. Oscar DuFau performed stellarly as our flagman and was able to keep track of all cars on course while dodging those which had an affinity for the dirt near the start-finish line. Hoppy Hopkins did a fantastic job with the timing which was mistake and trouble free. I would also like to thank Blake Morris for his work at Tech and for acting as a representative of our sponsors in the trophy presentation, and E. Barlow who, once again, generously allowed us the use of his walkie-talkies and bull horns. Finally, a very special thank you to Virginia Sponsler without whose patience, understanding and support the event would not have been possible.

It was through the combined efforts of these people and the many others who worked on the event that we were able to allow the 23 drivers three timed runs each and still conclude the event at 3:30. The best time of each entrant is listed below. All runs were made without mishap except to the Cannone engine which is rumored to have swallowed a piston.

(Continued on Page 4)

Fortunately, Karen was able to complete one timed run which was sufficient for first place in her class prior to the engine failure. Poor Joe Cannone was unable to complete a timed run in Class C.

For the first time, most entrants were in Class C which was the most highly contested. Class winner, Rueben Romero was easily the fastest and the smoothest driver in the class. He averaged approximately 65 miles per hour for the 1.6 mile timed run. The GTZ was hitting approximately 105 miles per hour at the end of the long straight, but its drivers were unable to match the Ex-Trans-Am car drivers.

I hope all that participated enjoyed themselves and continue to support our Time Trial program.

AW

K. Cannone	102.84
J. Meyer	114.28

BW

M. Franke	103.76
T. Watanabe	106.43

A2

D. Harmon	100.08
Doug Harmon	104.60
N. Meyer	104.68
R. Barlow	104.88
J. Wakamatsu	106.20

B1

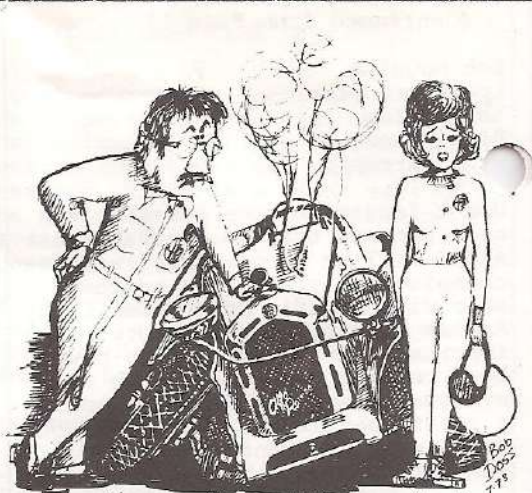
R. Ramirez	100.54
A. Gott	101.94
B. Franke	102.86
E. Barlow	112.42

B2

J. Neuman	101.06
B. Kohl	105.61

C

R. Romero	85.34
T. Sponsler	87.08
J. Samson	87.30
R. Payne	87.64
C. Thieriot	89.51
H. Vasquez	93.12
T. Hines	93.61
J. Cannone	DNR



For those of you that have had enough time trials for awhile....

The Board has come up with a new twist to our "Pre-Christmas Party". We are combining it with a "Las Vegas Night" catered by the Casino Royale Corporation. They are bringing in a Roulette wheel, Black Jack tables and Crap table.

Your \$4.00 ticket (\$7.50 for a couple) brings you script (\$4,000.00 yet!) for a full evening's entertainment and a Dinner Coupon which gets you home-free into the Buffet Dinner. Chips and Script will be counted at the end of the evening with the lucky person holding the highest total getting first choice of prizes.

Since the dinner is catered, we need a count of members to get the right amount of food (we are charged on a per-person basis beforehand). So please call Carol Samson at 424-2401 right away so we can get in the Dinner Count.

The Las Vegas night is by far the best way to learn and practice the casino games. No money is being risked and the professional people brought in by "Casino Royale" are there to help you have a good time.

The Date is August 18th. (Saturday).  
The Time is 7:00 P.M. at John Samson's home at 4419 California Avenue, Long Beach, California.

## ALFAS & NOX

The Truth About Alfas and NOX (smog) controls or: Believe it or not, but the Bureaucracy shows signs of enlightenment.

In response to a recent letter to the Bureau of Automotive Repair in Sacramento, we have definitely been informed that all 1966-70 Alfas (at least all those we know about) are exempt from the forthcoming requirements that older cars be fitted with devices to reduce smog.

Also, your 1955 through 65 Alfas are exempt per executive order G-3 (State Air Resources Board). (Basically, this order states that the above exemptions apply to all cars, and that All 1955 through 1964 foreign made vehicles are exempt. In other words, your 1965 Alfa has to qualify under the 1966-70 exemptions. However, your pre 1966 car only has to be certified upon transfer of registration or initial registration in California (per bulletin BAR-OSP/017).

The information is contained in Information Bulletins numbered BAR-OSP/016 and BAR-OSP/017 (save these reference numbers in case your local smog man hassles you. These bulletins state that the following vehicles are currently exempt from the requirements for NOX device installation:

1. All vehicles having 140 or less cubic inch displacement. (2300cc) (Note, the cover letter stated that this exemption will soon be rescinded.)
2. All vehicles which operate on natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas.
3. All vehicles originally designed and approved as high performance packages, e.g. special manifolds, cold air induction, multiple carburetion, turbocharged.

4. All vehicles with ONLY centrifugal advance distributors.

5. All vehicles with engines having fuel injection.

6. All 1970 GM vehicles except those specified elsewhere (if you have a '70 GM car, call me and I'll read you the list.)

However, if you have a 1966-70 Alfa, you do have to go to your local pollution control device station to obtain an exemption sticker, for which they may charge you a "small reasonable fee". Originally, and according to the bulletins we received, you had to go on the following schedule: July, 1973 if the last number in your license plate is a 1; August if the number is a 2; etc, until April 1974 if the number is 0 or you have all letters on your plate. However, I heard on the radio that this schedule had been delayed until October because of questionable reliability in the devices. I'd suggest sitting tight until you read about a new schedule in the papers (we'll try to keep you informed).

Additionally, the bulletins clearly state that when you obtain an exemption sticker under the mandatory phase, "it is not necessary to inspect or adjust other required devices on the vehicle." So don't let the installer con you into letting him mess up your home super tune.

In other words, we've escaped the clutches of Big Brother for a while yet. If you have any questions, give me a call. (415-854-2527).

Reprinted from the July Edition of the ARA newsletter. Article by Bob Johnson.

**Calendar of Events**

- Aug. 11/12 Clippinger (Solo I School)  
Riverside Raceway
- \*Aug. 26 El Conejo (O)
- Sep. 9 COC/SD (C)  
San Diego Stadium
- \*Sep. 16 C.A.T. (O)
- Sep. 23 BMW (O)
- Sep. 29/30 CASOC (Solo I)  
Riverside Raceway
- Oct. 7 Big Bucks/Z-28 Club  
(C)
- \*Oct. 14 SCOCHN/Solo Racing  
(O)
- \*Oct. 20/21 Long Beach MG  
(Solo I)  
Ontario Motor Speedway
- Oct. 28 Saddleback (O)
- \*Nov. 4 Pacific & AROSC (C)
- Nov. 18 Arrowhead (O)
- Nov. 24/25 M.M.M. (Solo I)  
Riverside Raceway

\* Changes or additions since  
last month  
(C) Championship  
(O) Open

**For Sale**

1961 Giulietta Sprint. This car is clean and in very good mechanical condition. Recent valve job, radial tires mounted on GTV wheels, and reworked electricals. I have invested alot of time and money and believe this car is worth \$1550. If you disagree, make me an offer I cannot refuse! Gary Fortner, Tustin (714) 544-4689.

Limited number of Alfa rug kits available to make your own wall-hanging. Kits include rug backing with pattern, rug hook, yarn, complete set of instructions, and a sample. Finished size is approximately 36" x 36". Kits available are the Alfa Romeo emblem (\$40) and the Quadrifoglio emblem (\$35). Price includes mailing. Contact Chris or Lisa Boles, 420 Fillmore Street, Fillmore, Calif. 93015 (805) 524-0433.

WANTED: A Giulia Super with a good engine. Body isn't so important but would like a clean one if possible. Contact Chris Boles (805) 524-0433.

# SAMERO RACING ENTERPRISES

- Competition Equipment For Car & Driver
- Auto Accessories
- Competition Preparation For  
Slaloms, Time Trials & Solo I

## DISCOUNT PRICES TO MEMBERS

ON EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES.  
BEFORE YOU BUY... CHECK WITH US.

JOHN SAMSON  
RUEBEN ROMERO

CALL: (213) 427-6761

WRITE: 4419 California Ave.

Long Beach, Calif. 90807

LOOK FOR OUR 2,000 GTV AT THE SOLO EVENTS

ALFACIONADA is the monthly publication of the Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California (AROSC).

Subscriptions to this newsletter are included as part of the \$12.50 per year AROSC membership fee. For membership information write AROSC, P.O. Box 261, Los Alamitos, California-90720. Articles, letters, and personal ads are always welcomed for publication and should be received by the editor fifteen days prior to the monthly meeting. Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at Little Lake Park Clubhouse, at 10900 So. Pioneer Blvd., Santa Fe Springs, just north and east of the Santa Ana Freeway, at 8 p.m. For further information, call John Samson (President) (213) 427-6761 or Lisa Boles (Editor) (213) 481-3334 or (805) 524-0433.



FACTORY AUTHORIZED  
ALFA ROMEO  
SERVICE

FIAT-FERRARI-MASERATI



JOE CANNONE, Prop.  
17554 VENTURA BLVD.  
ENCINO (one block east of White Oak)

(213) 783-3512



Alfa Romeo

**SHANKLE**  
AUTOMOTIVE  
ENGINEERING

PERFORMANCE SPECIALISTS

15451-F CABRITO ROAD

VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA 91406

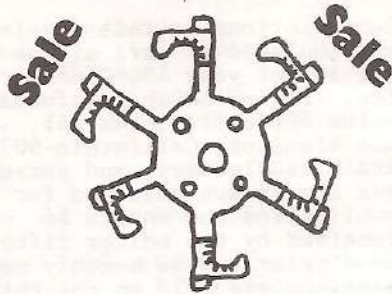
(213) 998-5190

**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS**

**Give Them The Business**

\*\*\*\*\*

ITALIAN ALL-WEATHER SNOW TIRES  
LATEST DESIGN IN TREADS AND RIM  
STYLING



ADAPTERS TO FIT MOST CARS (ALFA'S,  
BMW'S, ETC.) SUPERB TRACTION IN  
MUD, SNOW, AND SAND. WOP-WOP-WOP  
SOUND WARNS YOU OF FLATS. SEE YOU  
LOCAL DEALER FOR SUPERB SALE PRICES

\*\*\*\*\*

AUTHORIZED



**alfa  
romeo**

DEALER

**JIM GRAY IMPORTS, Inc.**  
LONG BEACH

Drop in.....

TEST DRIVE THE NEW 1973 ALFAS AT A  
DEALERSHIP WHERE SERVICE AFTER  
SALE IS A PLEDGE NOT A GIMMICK.

3515 ATLANTIC AVE. • LONG BEACH  
PHONE 424-0951



**AROSC**

P.O. BOX 261 LOS ALAMITOS, CALIF.



Mr. Darold B. Cummings  
608 W. Imperial Avenue  
El Segundo, Calif. 90245