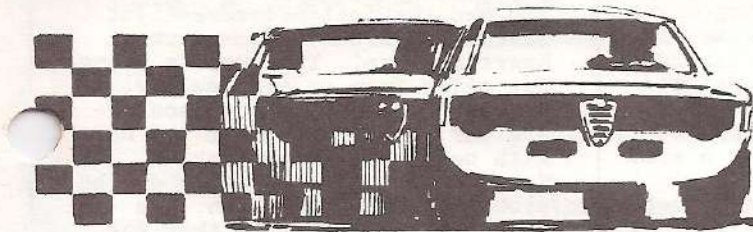


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PRESIDENTIAL PROSE

By John Samson

"Vidi, Vici, Vinci," was the best way to describe the way AROSC took Aspen. I'll let facts speak for themselves:

RALLY:

1st Place-Mr. & Mrs. J. Hopkins
3rd Place-Mr. & Mrs. C. Boles

TIME TRIAL:

1st Place, Class V & T.T.O.D.--
1.9 liter GTV-R. Romero
1st Place, Class III
1750 GTV--J. Samson
4th Place, Class VI
1750 GRV--L. Boles

To put this in proper perspective two of five rally teams won trophies and three of three time trial drivers won trophies.

The tour from San Bernardino to Aspen encompassed four cars--two GTV's, one Berlina and one 5½ cylinder 2600 Coupe. The weather and roads were great! The canyon roads were the most scenic and fun to drive on, next to Calif. Hwy I between Morro Bay and Carmel. No mechanical problems were encountered and the biggest

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ALFASPEN '73

By Chris Boles

After having traversed 4,000 miles in two weeks I feel Alfisty coursing through my blood. My new wife and I set out in Freddy (our blue GTV) to find out how reliable Alfa products really were and how much bravery could be mustered if Freddy every got sick in a small town. We kept a running tally on Alfa's we saw and where. We saw five GTV's (1750's), two Berlina's, one 1600 normal, one 1600 veloce, one 1600 Sprint Speciale, and two 1750 spiders. Six were in Northern California. We saw the SS near Yosemite and a navy blue GTV on Tioga Pass. We didn't see another Alfa until we got to Green River, Utah and saw the AROSC cars. We didn't count AROC or AROSC cars. We cruised up to the Holiday Inn loaded to the gills (with camping gear) and totally freaked out when we saw other brave soles that made it also. Alfa's everywhere!! My wife was so excited I missed both entrances to the Inn as she was trying to get me to look at all the Alfas. Our friend "Hoppy" greeted us like he does at all the local meetings. We settled down to having fun. My wife Lisa was looking so hard at the scenery

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on the way in to Aspen that we were able to figure out some of the answers to the rally instructions we received when we signed in early. We even used a phone book! (More on this later). Next morning we set out at 6 a.m. on this rally with one-half of the questions ready to be filled in upon confirmation by sight. We even filled in a blank on a sign that was laying face down. We drove right by some huge ovens that were next to the side of the road looking for a speed limit sign on the other side of the road. One of their tricks was to get you to look at a machine gun on the left and miss a landmark on the right. We guessed where it was and got it right. We played jeep with Freddy that morning going to breakfast (it was down in a meadow) and we went racing that afternoon. I played worried Daddy that his machine would break with no way to get home, while Lisa went out and took 4th in lady's class. 1st place wasn't decided until the last lady had run. We took home two very attractive trophies.

We tied for 3rd place in the rally because of a fallen sign which the phone book the night before had helped us find. Nobody could figure out how we could get a fallen sign until we told them. We also showed our hook run which we will also show at this next Alfa Club meeting. We cleaned up Freddy and put him in the Concours on Sunday and took 4th in Closed Cars. After we left Aspen on the return trip we didn't see a single Alfa!

Highlights-We were cruising through Yosemite when we got behind a Capri and a Datsun 510 going 10-15 mph up a very steep, windy, grade. Now I know why Capri leads all cars but one! It gets in front on a curvy road where you can't pass and it can't

pass the VW because it's in front going slower. We got some hot gas and the fuel pressure light started to blink at me--instant heart failure! The pump is going out miles from an Alfa dealer! We waited at a rest stop pondering our problem. We started up with no more problems until Grand Junction, Colorado when the problem cropped up again. We found out from sources that the fuel gets hot circulating through the system and the pump loses it's power to pull the expanded gas from the tank. So, when you put excessive demands on the pump the light blinks. Getting the pump and gas cooled off solves the problem.

We cruised 70-80 mph and a bit faster on straight stretches coming back. We averaged 27.2 mpg and no fuel shortages. How many American cars can claim that! I heard that some AROSC cars cruised over 100 mph and were getting 20 mpg--not bad!

Stares--my gosh!! It was as if we were invaders from out of state. Weirdo's with strange machines from parts unknown. Like my earlier article "what's an Alfa Romero?" People would see us coming and watch a blue streak go by with taillights trailing. Maybe that Winnebago was trying to see what kind of cars they were driving. Ask Samson about that!

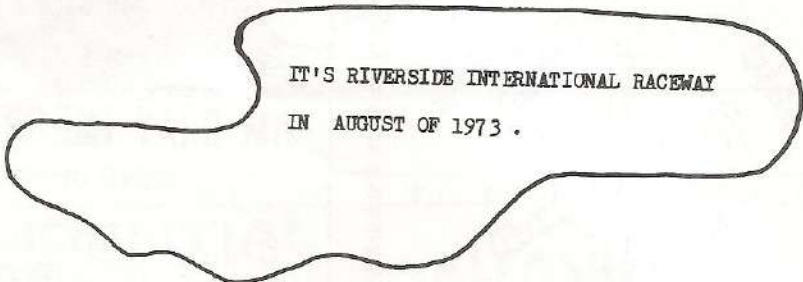
P.S. You missed one helluva good time! Detroit next year. Let's show them what real cars are.



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Slalom Column

by Jim Neuman

The current SCCSCC team standings have just been released. Once again, AROSC is in 1st place. Our club has been well represented all year, in terms of both quality and quantity. Here's hoping that all the team members will continue their great driving, so we'll still be in 1st place when the season ends! I'm confident that we can do it!

Of the most recent slaloms, the most interesting event took place on June 10th at OMS. The course was set up to spell out the word COORS, in fancy script writing. The course was slow, tight, and confusing (especially to your author, who never did figure it out!). Upon hearing many complaints about the course, the slalom master said: "Just wait 'til next year, we're going to do BUDWEISER!"

No date has been selected yet for the AROSC/Pacific Sports Car Club Championship Slalom. I hope to have some information on this at the July meeting.

The latest SCCSCC calendar of events has been included in the newsletter. Also, don't forget the AROSC Time Trial at Orange County Raceway, July 15. See you there!

Calendar of Events

(Slaloms)

July 21	Corvair Society(Closed) Pomona Fairgrounds
July 22	Lotus-West (C)
July 29	Super Bugs (O)

August 5	Pacific Coast (O)
Aug. 11/12	Solo I School & Practice Riverside Raceway
August 19	Corvettes, Ltd (O)
August 26	Pacific (C)* POSTPONED**
Sept. 9	COC/SD (C) Datsun/SD (O) San Diego Stadium
Sept. 23	Super Bugs (O)
Sept. 29/30	CASOC (Solo I) Riverside Raceway
October 7	Big Bucks/Z-28 (C)
October 14	SCOCNH (O)*
Oct. 20/21	----- (Solo I) Ontario Motor Speedway
Nov. 18	Super Bugs (O)
Nov. 24/25	----- (Solo I) Riverside Raceway

(C) Championship

(O) Open

* Changes or revisions since last month

** Pacific championship date will be announced



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crisis the caravaneers had to face was spending an evening in Green River, Utah. That hamlet is not only void of night life but also afternoon life!

Fortunately, one of the quartet saved the night by organizing a game of Blackjack. It was here that a fifth car joined the ranks, at least for the night. Chris and Lisa Boles camped out in the Green River Mosquito Hatchery. They arose before the others and left early. (It is easy to understand why).

The meeting itself was nicely run and the speaker, T. C. Brown, made the Saturday night banquet a "ball." Overall, it was a trip well worth the cost and effort.

The annual Board of Director's Meeting was held the Sunday morning of the weekend. Hoppy Hopkins (proxy for Director-at-Large, D. Jones) and I attended the meeting. The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- 1) The 1974 meeting will be in Detroit, Michigan.
- 2) The Executive Committee of the Board for 73-74 is: Pres.-Ken Askew, Vice Pres.-George Whitcomb, Sect.-Treas.-Jim Bishop, General Committeemen-John Samson and George Bullwinkle.

- 3) The question of raising dues for the National Club was discussed and will be evaluated in the next few months by the Exec. Committee.
- 4) The reason for #3 is because the club is using some of its savings as regular operational funds. (This is not sound business).
- 5) Adds will be run in Road and Track and Autoweek to encourage new members to join.
- 6) A nationwide directory of Alfa service facilities will be developed to help us keep our cars running, no matter where we are.
- 7) Adequate insurance has now been obtained for Solo I type of Time Trials, effective June 1, 1973. This will cost the National Chapter \$1600/year instead of \$900/year.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board will be held in October of this year via a conference call network to discuss the dues problem.

You will note a questionnaire in this issue. Please complete it and send it in so we can pattern our Chapter's activities to fit the wishes of the membership.



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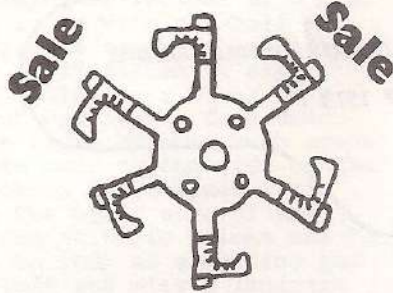
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