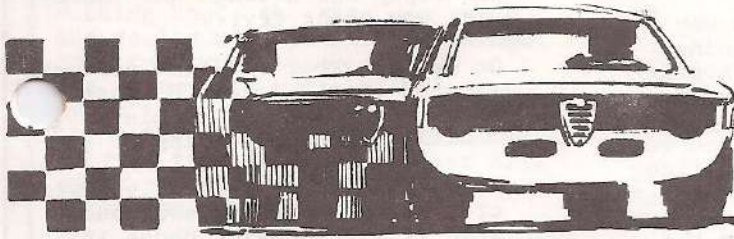


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## Slalom Column

by Jim Neuman

Congratulations are in order for the AROSC slalomists--after the first two championship events, AROSC is in first place in the team standings! Out of the 24 teams competing, several are organized for the sole purpose of winning slaloms. For AROSC, slaloming is just one of many activities, but that hasn't kept the Alfisti from beating the "big boys".

We have been entering two 5-member teams in each event. The team composition is based solely on performance--the top 10 Alfa performers in one event comprising the teams for the next event. The AROSC members who have contributed to the team's success so far have been: Rich Payne, Dick Harmon, Rueben Romero, Jim Neuman, Oscar DuFau, John Samson, Tom Sponsler, Susie Harmon, Bob McQuigg, Joe Cannone, Neil Meyer, Dave Meredyth, Bob Barlow, Bill Franke, and Martha Franke.

Once again, I want to remind you of the Lone Pine Time Trials May 19 & 20. In addition to the

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## DO YOU REMEMBER?

by Chris Boles

Alfa's bring nostalgic thoughts to those that have owned or are presently owners of a marque that bears a history older than most of us. Let's step back in time to some of our more infamous experiences.

Do you remember the day you first saw the Alfa? Sleek, beautiful, with that racy design that looks like it is going 100 mph sitting still. To some it was the ugliest-looking machine that ever sat on four tires. You inquired about the price which seemed so far out of sight your dream just melted like the snowman on a summer day. You were coaxed by the salesman to go for a test

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## MAY MEETING

Don't forget that the May 11th meeting will be held at the Briggs Cunningham Car Museum, 250 Baker Street, Costa Mesa. See the enclosed flyer for more details.



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drive. The price was put way back in your mind after going through that butter-smooth gearbox and soft seats. All your thoughts were aimed for a particular road on a sunny day you've always dreamed about going flat-out on. So you traded in your old jalopy and away you went, not knowing what lay ahead for the unsuspecting owner.

The first thing you found out was REJECTION! Do you remember the first time your friends asked you what kind of car it was and so you layed on them the two words--Alfa Romeo. Their reply was "A what?" with a snicker here and there. There were comments like "I wouldn't be caught dead in one of those" or "What about parts?" Now you never gave thought that it would break and that the dealer is supposed to have all the parts you need.

Do you remember the cold morning you went out to that racing machine and expected that finely-tuned racing engine to spring to life and when you turned the key, NOTHING! You found out that the long battery cable from the trunk was broken.

How about the time you went to the Alfa dealer for some simple part and he said that he didn't have any in stock? So you called long distance to ARI and they gave you the same reply. "It's on back order and we're expecting it to come in on the next ship-load of parts from Italy." All you thought of was that it's on the slow boat from Milano.

Do you remember the time you were told how much it cost for a major tune-up? So, you decided to cut corners and went down to the local auto parts store to get points and filters and other Alfa tune-up goodies. You told the guy

behind the counter what you drove. His reply was a laugh and "Sorry, Mac, you might try..."

Do you remember the time you were stopped by the local CHP just as he could find out what kind of machine you were driving?

Do you remember the time you were cruising down the freeway and some strange-looking dudes in their hopped-up machine checked out the car on all sides with evil stares. So they rolled down the window and challenged you to race. You accepted and said, "Follow me." So away you went. You led them to the nearest offramp with a hairy corner and that's the last place you saw them. Looking in the mirror all you saw was smoke and a car going around and around and around!

Do you remember the time you were cruising down the freeway and everybody stares at you because you drive an oddity. So you cruise by letting them be envious. In your mind rolls around the words, "Eat your heart out!"

How about the time some idiot cuts in front of you on some inside lane and jams on the brakes. You roll down the window and scream Italian obscenities like "Pirelli, Ravioli, Matsa, Pasta," while shaking an Italian fist.

Do you remember the time your friends at work asked you how your new car was and you said it was in the shop for major repairs? That's the last time you will ever say that because from that moment on it was heckling like you never heard before.

Do you remember the time you first heard the word "thermostatic actuator" thrown at you and all you could do was shrug your shoulders and ask if it was something new for the Weber carbs to give you better acceleration.

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Nothing beats the time you go to the dealer with your car attached to a tow truck because it doesn't run. You find out the fuel pump motor is busted and you have to pay a fortune for pump and motor only to find out from another Alfa owner you can rebuild the pump motor for pennies.

Nothing beats an Alfa, whether it be for experiences of handling. You can't trade experiences in an Alfa, you can only live them yourself.

## Editor's Column

The following results are from the AROSC Pomona Slalom:

### Class A2

T D. Harmon	198.85
W. Wilson	205.94
N. Meyer	206.84
R. Barlow	213.12

### Class A3

T J. Cannone	185.92
T. Sponsler	194.18
M. Butler	201.01
O. DuFau	212.10

### Class A2W

T J. Meyer	225.98
V. Sponsler	257.52

### Class B1

T A. Gott	203.66
W. Franke	208.23
R. Eberth	217.28
E. Barlow	258.18

### Class B2

T W. Kohl	203.27
J. Neuman	205.82

### Class B1W

T M. Franke	215.99
T. Watanabe	223.20

### Class C

T J. Samson	178.52
R. Romero	179.69

### Class D

T J. Wakamatsu	219.13
R. Chavez	247.14

John Samson barely beat out Rueben Romero for Top Time of Day and the Checkered Flag Award. It should be noted that this was one of our safest events, with only 2 minor spins on the course. Alan "Bulldog" Gott should be applauded for all the work he did in organizing the event, the workers, for donating their time, and the drivers for helping out when they weren't busy driving. It's teamwork like this that will continue the running of these events and help us all to further appreciate the marque of Alfa Romeo.

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competition, there will be an AROSC bar-b-que party Saturday nite--bring your own portable bar-b-que and food. By the time you read this, the pre-entry deadline will probably be past, but that's no problem, since entries will also be accepted at the event itself. For more info, refer to the flyer elsewhere in this issue. I hope to see many of you at the event!

A separate flyer has been included again this month, listing upcoming slalom events.

Under a new SCCSCC ruling, any competitor not belonging to a club which puts on a sanctioned slalom will receive a handicap in his points total at the end of the year. Therefore, AROSC plans to stage a SCCSCC event this year, probably in partnership with one of the other SCCSCC clubs. More info on this later, as the details firm up. In order to avoid the points handicap, your name must appear on the worker's list for the event.



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