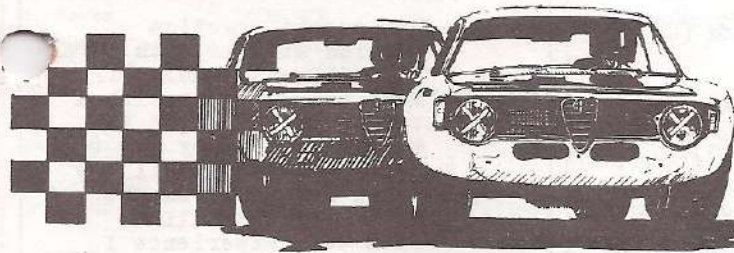


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## PRESIDENTIAL PROSE

Due to my two articles in this issue, I will only use this space to wish Tom and Virginia Sponsler a "Bon Voyage" as they depart for a year in England. We will miss Tom at the Board Meetings.

### RACING 'ROUND RIVERSIDE

By John Samson

When the dust settled and the "sick" cars were pushed out of the way, a third driver stepped up to accept T.T.O.D. honors. Each of the Time Trials has seen a different driver seize top honors. Tom Hines drove his greatly improved 2-liter GTA into the top spot. His four leading competitors were burdened with faltering machinery. The TZ of Payne and Sponsler could not get the engine to run above 5500 rpm and the Samero GTV ate up 3rd gear. Nevertheless, he who keeps his car running well wins and this Mr. Hines did. Fritz Taggart came out of retirement to drive a 1300 Spider into 3rd place in the unlimited class. The fastest street legal car/driver com-

## Slalom Column

Since my last column, there has been only one event--an open slalom at Jungleland on Aug. 26. Only two Alfas were present--a Giulia Super driven by Dick Harmon and his son Doug, and your author's 1750 Spyder. Unfortunately, an MGB took 1st in class, but at least Dick and I took trophies for 2nd and 3rd, respectively. That brings the AROSC slalom trophy total to 42 so far this year! Doug Harmon is a newcomer to slaloming, having competed in only a few events, but he has shown some definite signs of ability, and with a little experience should be pretty tough to beat, just like the other members of our team. If you want to see your name in the newsletter, come on out and I'll write about you, too!

Now that the vacation season is over, the slalom schedule will be getting back into high gear. I have listed in the Calendar of Events Column all the remaining events for the year, both in slaloming and in other forms of competition.

Speaking of upcoming events, don't forget Nov. 4th, the date of the AROSC/Pacific Sports Car Club co-sponsored slalom. I hope to have more info on this at the next AROSC meeting.



<u>Class A2:</u>		
Fortner	1600 GTV	121.84
N. Meyer	1600 GTV	122.19
Honey	1600 Super	126.87
gnovocog	1600 Sprint	128.85
Gold	1750 Berlina	engine failure

<u>Class A3:</u>		
J. Cannone	1300 Super	116.11
D. Meredyth	1600 Spider	engine failure
Griffith	1600 Spider	engine failure

<u>Class B1:</u>		
Gott	2000 GTV	123.62
Burns	1750 GTV	127.00
Kaplan	1750 GTV	129.03

<u>Class B2:</u>		
B. Barlow	1750 Spyder	119.70
Neuman	1750 Spyder	121.90
McQuigg	1750 Spyder	123.20
B. Franke	1750 Spyder	123.87
Kohl	1750 Spyder	124.00
E. Barlow	1750 Spyder	144.26

<u>Class B3:</u>		
Claente	1750 Spyder	122.42
Cappalonga	1750 Spyder	crashed

<u>Class C:</u>		
Hines	2000 GTA	105.13
Romero	2000 GTV	105.38
Taggart	1300 Spider	106.98
Theriot	1600 GTA	108.18
Samson	2000 GTV	108.31
Spensler	TZ	114.20
ne	TZ	119.39

<u>Class D:</u>		
Wakamatsu	1300 Sprint	135.03
Hradecky	1300 SS	135.44
Smith	1300 Spider	engine failure

<u>Class Dw:</u>		
K. Cannone	1300 Super	123.68

<u>Class Aw:</u>		
J. Meyer	1600 GTV	139.41
L. Meredyth	1600 Spider	engine failure

<u>Class Bw:</u>		
M. Franke	1750 Spider	124.00
Watanabe	1750 Spider	127.51

## LET THE CHIPS FALL...

By John Samson

The Pre-Xmas Party is now history; to those who attended, a happy memory and to the club treasury, a "reud" memory. From the response on the questionnaires asking for more parties one would have thought the house would have been bursting at its seams--but alas, only 75 came. We had hoped for 100. The club members who worked so hard to provide an active and different party, may find it hard to work so hard again.

The door prizes were voluminous and I think everyone received something. The grand prize winner parlayed her \$4000.00 into \$40,000.00 by the time the games were closed. Many in attendance, including your author, turned the \$4000.00 they started with into a big fat ZERO. C'est le vie!

The party goers kept the roulette wheel, the craps table and eight black jack tables constantly busy. The buffet was superb and the 75 in attendance got to eat for 100. There was obviously food aplenty. Either Mr. Marcantonio is a shrewd better or lazy, as he stayed at the roulette wheel all night putting chips on the same four numbers. The question may be answered as he performed the same magic as I did, he made \$4000.00 disappear. Loren Smith will never become a Vegas dealer as the house would go broke. He was the dealer at the table from where the grand winner came. In contrast, Reuben Romero's 21 table saw many a player bite the dust sans chips.

I think I can safely say that those who came had a good time and a real bargain for their \$7.50.



## Calendar of Events

- 9/9 San Diego Stadium (C)  
GDAMSJLKEFCBHN
- 9/16 Irwindale Raceway (O)
- 9/23 OMS-inside lot (O)  
SMHBNCGLFKEDAJ
- 9/29,30 Solo I, Riverside
- 10/7 OMS (C)  
GHJSDEFEMCLKAN
- 10/14 (O)
- 10/13,14 Can-Am at Laguna Seca
- 10/20 AROSC Time Trial  
Willow Springs
- 10/20,21 Solo I, OMS
- 10/28 (O)
- 10/27,28 Can-Am and Penske Race  
of Champions  
Riverside
- 11/4 AROSC and PSCC (O)
- 11/18 (O)
- 11/24,25 Solo I, Riverside
- (C) Championship Slalom  
(O) Open Slalom

bination went to Bob Barlow in his father's blue 1750 Spider. Karen Cannone took top female honors in her 1300 Super.

The event was accident free save for the white Spider of Mr. Cappalonga, who re-arranged its front end on the turn 6 wall. Fortunately, the driver was unhurt.

Everyone had the chance for 60 minutes of practice timed plus the two timed runs. Despite all the driving time the trophies were being presented when the clock struck 5:00 p.m.

The event had its unusual happenings:

- (1) The second practice session started with turns 7 and 7B unmanned. Off went several cars with a Volvo Station Wagon in "hot" pursuit; by the time I reached turn 6 all the Alfas had received the red flag at the S/F line. From this experience I found that the Volvo is not capable of "hot" pursuit; even if the Alfas are on a warm-up lap.
- (2) One of our instructors proved the parable of casting your bread upon the water and having it return in many fold. He gave his student a spin-out at turn only to receive two in return, at turn 7 and 9, on the same lap. When the car stopped gvrating in turn 9 the instructor was heard muttering, "For goodness sake, do as I say, not as I do."

I would like to thank our two sponsors, Jim Gray Imports and Econo-Alfa of Riverside for making this event possible. Special thanks must also be extended to:

Chief Flaxman--Oscar DuFau  
Chief Timer--Hoppy Hopkins  
Safety Inspectors--Blake Morris and Reuben Romero  
Instructors--Allen Ward, Vic Provenzano, Chas. Theriot and Reuben Romero

And to all the members who came to work and spectate.

From a financial standpoint the club finished in the black by approximately \$60.00. I hope all the members who attended enjoyed themselves as much as I did. The final standings, showing the driver's fastest run are listed below:



The success of the party is directly due to the work of two members; Tom Suter and Robert Doss and to the sponsors who generously gave:

- Alfa Romeo--A giant box filled with goodies
- Blake Morris--Free labor on a tune-up
- Shankle Engineering--\$25.00 gift certificate
- Dale Jones--One sway bar
- Samero Racing Enterprises--\$25.00 gift certificate
- GTA Sports Car--Merchandise
- Anonymous contributors through the auspices of Tammy Watanabe.

Please support the people who support us--get your Alfa things at the firms listed above.

The party may have been a financial bust but it was an aesthetic winner. If any of you who did not attend would like me to erase the check you put in the "more parties" box on the questionnaire, please let me know. I hope those of you who checked "more rallies" used a truer pen. You will have your chance to stand up and be counted come September 22 in the San Fernando Valley.

### TECH TIPS

This month my tech tip covers oil filters. Yes, I know many of you know that your local Alfa dealer has what you need, but just suppose you're out in the sticks and you're due for an oil change. So, with this listing you can go to a local parts store and can get a suitable replacement. I would recommend that you put a spare oil filter gasket in your first aid kit as the filter doesn't come with a gasket that fits your Alfa. These are for 1600's and 1750's only.

Powerflow	625	BAF	205P
A C	AC34B	Iurolator	F10L
Fram	CH993PL	Grosland	403
MAIA	1183	BAF/GEON	403
Hereford	205F	Foyze	RP26

What would you do if some night you were on your way somewhere and your throttle cable snapped? Suggestion--go to your Alfa dealer and buy a spare throttle for \$3.50 and put it in a safe place in your first aid kit. Two 14 mm wrenches will change it. If you don't have a spare throttle cable and your only one breaks, take two or three strands of the broken one and make a make-shift cable strong enough not to pull apart and reattach at both ends and test before driving anywhere. Drive carefully. If the make-shift cable breaks, use more strands from the old cable.

### For Sale

1961 1300 Sprint. Recently rebuilt engine, AM-FM, Michelins, excellent condition. \$1000. Mike Heckrotte (714) 536-4762.

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Alfa Spider parts (60-66). High quality vinyl top complete with bows, \$40. Complete windshield and frame, \$35. Two 5 1/2 x 15" minilite wheels and chrome lug nuts, \$100. Miscellaneous body parts. Darold Cummings (213) 322-5080.

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1750 Spyder, new 10/70; red/black interior; Blaupunkt AM/FM with 2 speakers; full tonneau; 13,000 miles on complete rebuilt engine (by Joe Cannone) including new pistons, liners, clutch, and balancing; limited slip; Konis; oil cooler; aeroquip oil and brake lines; custom steering wheel; roll bar; car cover; ANSA exhaust; all receipts, service records; price depends on options selected as to: wheels, tires, sway bars, spares, etc. Jim Neuman 926 Monterey Blvd., Hermosa Beach 90254, (213) 374-374-3929 home; (213) 481-3225 office.

## The Editor

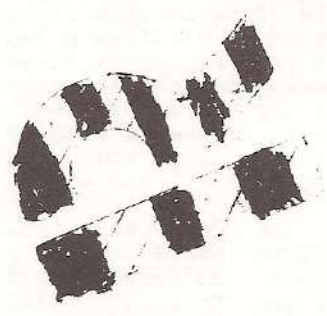
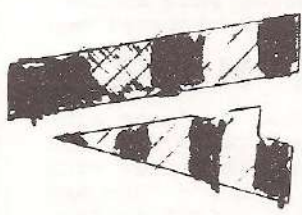
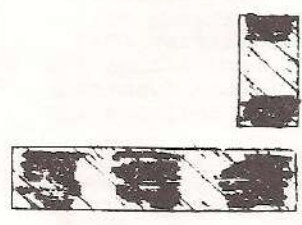
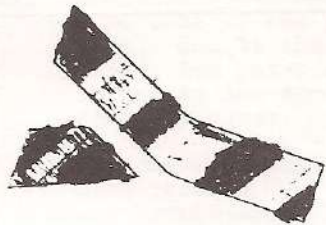
In response to those of you that feel that the drive to Santa Fe Springs is too far, you might as well resign yourself to the drive. A survey was made using your mailing address according to the membership listing. A map of L.A. County was used and pins were stuck in it according to each address. Using the meeting hall as a point to divide, the map was divided into 4 quadrants. The pins were counted. It even included Florida and Arizona. The results are as follows. West 63, North 32, East 49, South 47. If you divide north and south you come out at 95-96. So the present meeting place is ideally suited as being freeway close, centrally located and free use of the building except for a \$10 annual deposit which is refundable.

### ARA 2nd Annual Concours

By Chris Boles

The Alfa Club in the Bay area will be sponsoring a concours for Alfas only on October 7, 1973, at Huddart Park outside Woodside, Calif. Food, beer and soft drinks will be provided by the club. Trophies for class winners will be given. I'm taking my GTV and if anyone wants to caravan with me you're welcome to come along. I hope to show NORCAL that So. Calif. has some clean Alfas.





Come to the next AROSC Rally.

DATE: September 22, 1973

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Sepulveda Dam  
Recreation Center.  
Take the Ventura Frwy  
to Balboa Blvd. Go  
north past first signal  
and get into the left  
turn lane and turn into  
the parking lot next  
to the tennis courts.

COST: \$3.00 per car. This  
price includes the  
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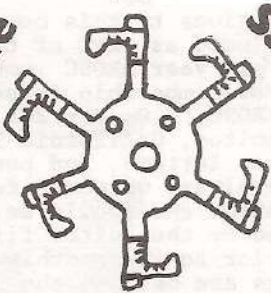
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