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PRESIDENTIAL PROSE

By-- Allan H. Gott

AROSC must be coming of age as an active club--believe it or not, there were 14 persons at the last board meeting. A lot of business was undertaken (see minutes elsewhere), but one action deserves repeating: The Board unanimously voted a resolution of appreciation to Jerry and Cindy Wright for hosting and to Bob and Julie Doss for organizing the Las Vegas night pre-Christmas party!! Joe Richardson supplied transportation to bring the tables from Pasadena, and Bob Meadows solved the lighting problems. Many secretaries from Western Gear helped out with the dealing for the event. Thanks to all involved!!!!

The other main item discussed was a revision to the by-laws to allow the membership to have a direct voice in electing a President. This proposal is presented in this newsletter on Page 9.

Looking ahead a little, this year the White Turkey Sale should be something else! None other than Rick "Bear" Clemente has volunteered to serve as auctioneer. If for no other reason than intimidation, he ought to reach record sales.

About a dozen AROSC members attended the inaugural running of the Long Beach Grand Prix. All three days were covered

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OCTOBER MEETING

General Membership Meeting

Friday, October 17, 1975

SCCA PRO RALLY SERIES

Peter Ruiz, one of our AROSC members, is President of Cal Pro Rally Organization and is going to put on a very interesting program on the Pro Rally Series which will include two excellent films. Pro Rallying is performance rallying and is done over dirt or gravel roads and is a great test of car and driver ability. This program also includes an opportunity for a fun weekend at Big Bear during the next Pro Rally Event. See you at the meeting for more details, and a super program.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 18	AROSC Time Trial RIR NASCAR Course
Oct 19	SCCSCC Champion Slalom Canceled
Oct 24-26	Formula 5000 Races Riverside Raceway
Nov 1	AROSC Fall Fun Rally Little Lake Clubhouse
Nov 2	SCCSCC Champion Slalom Canceled
Nov 8-9	SCCA Regional Races Riverside Raceway
Nov 16	SCCSCC Champion Slalom Still No Location Set
Nov 21	AROSC General Meeting Election of Officers White Turkey Sale
Nov 23	SCCSCC Open Slalom El Conejo S.C.C. Jungleland, 1000 Oaks
Nov 29-30	Solo I Championship RIR M.M.M.
Dec 6	AROSC Christmas Party The Hills-Diamond Bar
Dec 6-7	SCCA Regional Races Willow Springs Raceway



REMINDER ???

FALL FUN RALLY

November 1, 1975

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Presidential Prose Continued

Our own Gene Lentz and Dick Harmon served as course workers and have some inside information on how it went with the practice, qualifying and race. Saturday morning, Tom Suter and I spent some time in the paddock--twas a great 'trip' to walk that close to many of the great names in racing--Gurney, Andretti, Unser, Redman--and many others that I didn't recognize. A tag end of that experience came on crossing the course just before the last session started. Andretti and Unser were in their cars being towed into the pits, and the emotions still on their faces were something to behold. How a person can get "up" to drive the way they do is beyond me!

Start cleaning your garages for the White Turkey Sale--and mark your calendar to come out and vote. Tell you more about it all at the October General Meeting.

SEE YOU THERE



ALFETTA REVIEW

By- John Samson

I had the pleasure of spending some time driving the Alfetta at Jim Gray Imports. Many words have been written about this model, yet I wanted to pass on some information and driving impressions that should be of interest: (this is for the sedan) (1) the wheel hub hole pattern is different, thus the 1750/2000 wheels will not fit it. The "mag" wheels of the past will not fit the Alfetta models. (2) The main headlights have a two position lever which allows adjustment when the trunk or rear seat is loaded, thus preventing the "searchlight posture" of the loaded Berlina. (3) The models sold in CA will have a catalytic converter. The demonstrators at the dealers currently are sans converter. Thus the pleasing exhaust note of the '75 Alfetta may change for CA cars. (4) Driving Impressions: The driver's area, even for a 6ft. 3 ins. person, is comfortable. The adjustable steering wheel is the key. The placement of the shift lever was exactly in the right place. The lever throw is short and reminds me of the short lever travel of the Lotus Elan I once owned. The linkage was precise and positive and I don't think anyone will complain, it is better than any Porsche I've driven. The steering is precisely Alfa. I was disappointed to see the car riding on Good-year G800 Radials as I know road adhesion would suffer. Comments on cornering could be of no value. The lateral cornering force would be much better with a stickier tire. The vertical handling is superb, dips and ripples can be taken with abandon, keeping fore and aft passengers in secure comfort. On hard braking, there is far less nosedive than on previous Alfas. Comments on stopping distance are not pertinent in view of the tires. Acceleration is adequate but not exhilarating, primarily because of the "tall" rear end ratio. The engine is willing but it can't move mountains. At 55 mph the Alfetta is doing 2500 rpm in 5th gear. Mileage should be spectacular.

After driving the car for an hour on freeways and in the city, I was impressed that this is a vast improvement over the Berlina or Super and it indeed is a desirable car. I can only dream what it would be like to strip off the "smog stuff", install a 5:12 rear end and mount some wide low profile radials. Never the less, I have no significant complaints about the sedan and recommend you beat a path to an Alfa dealer and drive one for yourself. The silver sedan at Jim Gray's is ready to test.

Now is a good time for us to say thank you, in person, to our faithful Time Trial Sponsors and do ourselves a favor; Drive Their Alfetta Demo.

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COMPETITION REPORT

Racin' Round
By- J Samson

Pardon my error, but the results in the last newsletter are not correct as to one car. I incorrectly put the Barlow Car in Class C, it should be in Class B. Fortunately, it does not alter the trophy winners. It does, however, change the points total. The correct points are:

	Correct Event Points	Correct Year Total
B Barlow	73.476	172.603
D Barlow	16.072	16.072

Sorry for the mistake.

There have been no events since the last newsletter. The second to the last Solo I is October 4, the results will appear in the next newsletter.

The final AROSC Time Trial of the year will be October 18. I hope you've entered by now. The points race is really close, 45 points separating the first 6 cars. It's anybody's championship. Even if you aren't driving come and join us for a full Saturday of Alfa fun at Riverside Raceway. Anyone there will be allowed to tour the course at lunchtime. This is a chance to enjoy Alfa comradship at its best.

It looks like Alfa Romeo will field a Formula I car in '76. A Brabham chassis is going to carry the Auto Delta "screamer". Immediate success is grossly unlikely but it will be exciting just to hear the three liter Alfa twelve. We might even be lucky enough to see one at Long Beach for the USGP West in March of 1976.

Good news for the future, Otto Zipper has agreed to sponsor one of the 1976 Time Trials. The plans for the '76 AROSC Time Trial Program are already in progress. Start preparing your cars now.

For the new members, all you need in a closed car to compete is:

1. 3 inch lap belt
2. 2 inch shoulder harness
3. 2 1/2 lb ABC extinguisher mounted in cockpit
4. Shatter resistant eye cover(sunglasses are OK)
5. The driver must wear long sleeve top and pants that reach to the ankles, made of natural (wool or cotton) fiber or a non flammable synthetic fiber. (Levis & sweatshirt fill the bill)

In a spider, two additional requirements must be met:

6. Roll bar
 7. Goggles or face shield
- A helmet is needed by all but AROSC provides loaners.

The total cost for a closed car:

Belts - -\$35.00
Extinguisher -\$10.00

If you spread the necessary costs over four events it comes to a little more than \$11.00 per event. It's cheaper than CHP citations for driving fast on public high - ways and hundreds of times safer. If you have any questions about competing, ask myself, John Samson or Bill Kohl. This is your only chance to drive an Alfa the way it should be, safely and legally.



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AROSC Las Vegas Night



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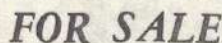
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Minutes of Board Meeting

The meeting of the Board was held 9/30/75 at the Gott Residence.

Peter Ruiz will present program and film of Pro Rally Series for October.

Motion made and carried: J Samson and B Kohl will continue as TT Directors, non-board members for 1976. Five Time Trials will be scheduled.

Report of nominating committee was given. Many people have been contacted and the profiles will be ready for the November newsletter. Elections will be the November meeting.

Motion made and carried: To revise the by-laws. Proposed revision to be printed in the October newsletter and vote of membership to be before the elections in November

"Casino Party" success was discussed. Report showed a good time was had by all.

Dick Harmon reported that the club profit from the "Great California 100" Slalom was \$181.83.

Motion moved and carried: The racing season for 1976 (Time Trial) will have a licensing fee of \$2.00 for each driver to be paid at the first event the driver participates. This fee will help with the cost of processing paper work.

Meeting Adjourned



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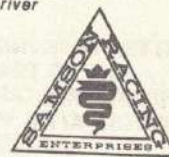
PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The Board of Directors has proposed the following changes for the By-laws of AROSC. These changes will be voted upon at the November meeting.

- (1) Article 5-Board of Directors, Section 2 Tenure and Qualifications.
--Delete the last sentence. "No member of the Board shall be engaged in management, sales, or distribution of Alfa Romeo Automobiles during his term of office."
- (2) Article 8-Report of the nominating committee and Elections. Section 2 Elections.
--Add the following sentence. "Each member qualified to vote, shall vote for eight Board members and one additional Board member who is their choice for President of AROSC."

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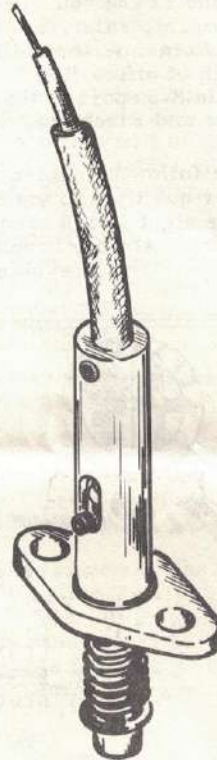
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