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PRESIDENTIAL PROSE

By: Allan Gott

The Nominating Committee is at work building a slate of candidates from which the club will elect next year's Board. I urge each of you to contact the committee with names of potential candidates; better yet, volunteer yourself. A hobby club takes as much effort to organize and keep running as does any other organization, yet the work is easily diffused and not noticed while the fun takes place. The new Board will decide what kind of activities will be next year--please support the elections with candidates and votes.

Many of you may have read about the dealer trip to Italy for the Alfetta introduction. Can you imagine the effort that it takes to organize that many of anything? The fact that the tour was completed without any vehicles damaged, or all the Americans not scattering to the winds, should pass as the 9th or 10th Wonder of the World!!!

The preceeding is written "with Feeling" and based on experience gained from organizing the caravan between El Segundo and the Monterey area. We started about an hour late and the five Alfas in the group proceeded to Santa Barbara where we picked up five more cars from the local club. We accumulated more delay in Santa Barbara, plus some more when we stopped at Denny's in Paso Robles for dinner. "What odd cars" was one overheard comment. Then, we picked up a lovely Spyder (Lisa Boles) as we neared Salinas. After that everyone went their own way to reach a variety of motels.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

General Membership Meeting

September 19, 1975

Alfa Romeo Suspension & Handling

Mr. Trevor Harris of Harris Dynamics Company of Costa Mesa will be our speaker for the September meeting. Trevor is extremely well qualified to talk about suspension and handling as he has spent many years designing all types of race cars. He has recently completed redesigning Alan Ward's 2-liter "DP" Alfa Romeo. Trevor has the answer to your suspension and handling questions from street to racing. He is truly a Creative Engineer.



PRESIDENTIAL PROSE CONTINUED

The next day at Laguna Seca was another story--suffice it to say that the races were fun and the old Alfa's were a blast. In fact, the "Salute to Alfa Romeo" put enough Alfa's on the track so that the lead Alfette made the complete circuit and arrived back at turn nine before all the club cars were out on the track!!!

In route home I can say that: 1. enjoyed a fine handling automobile, and 2. Gawks from the two ordinary Alfa owners we surprised. More about all this at the September General Meeting.

See you There!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Historic Alfas Race at Laguna Seca

By: Hal Croulet

Many of us cherish our little Alfas by the care we give them knowing our cars are from a long heritage of cars which made automotive history. Anything since the beginning of the Giulietta series is common place but we delight driving them knowing that they handle like Alfa Romeos. Any other model of an Alfa which is older or limited production can only be read in auto books or seen in cold museums. It is a rare moment when we have the opportunity to see, hear, smell and touch the Alfa Romeos which have made the heritage of our modern production Alfas.

The time was August 9th at Laguna Seca for the 2nd Annual Monterey Historic Automobile Races. Alfa Romeo Inc. and the leadership of Mr. Mario Silvi used the races to display the past, present and future of automobiles by Alfa Romeo in two ways, riding satisfaction and racing.

Representative of the past was the 1932, 8C-2600 "Monza" and the 1937, 8C-2900B "Mille Miglia" which were driven by Steve Griswold and Phil Hill respectively in the Pre-War Grand Prix Race. The race was won by Phil Hill because Steve Griswold was black flagged for an illegal start which cost him 30 seconds. From last place he caught up to win second in the five lap race. On display and viewing laps were the 1931, 8C-2300 "Le Mans" from Oklahoma City and Auto Expo exhibit and the familiar Briggs Cunningham 1934, 8C-2300 "Mille Miglia". From Denver a 1953 Disco Volante "Superflow" was attracting wide interest.

The cars of the present consisted of the familiar Alfas we see but some of the less familiar TZ's were raced. There were a total of 4 tubular Zagatos, vintage 1964 and 1965. An even more rare 1961, Sprint Zagato owned by Jerry Gamez of Berkeley was on display and raced with thermostat problems which forced him to drop out of competition. Two Sprint Speciales were also represented including Mark Parkinson's beautiful SS fresh from Alfa Pacifica Concours which also ran

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sept 14 | Practice Slalom, O.M.S.
1st car-8AM--3 runs
plus fun runs. Cl order
DEC GBN HPI QKT FLU
JR ASM |
| Sept 19 | AROSC Membership
Meeting |
| Sept 20 | AROSC Casino party |
| Sept 26-28 | Long Beach Grand Prix
Formula 5000 |
| Sept 30 | AROSC Board Meeting |
| Oct 4-5 | Solo I Championship
RIR CASOC |
| Oct 4-5 | SCCA Regional Races
Willow Springs |
| Oct 12 | SCCSCC Open Slalom |
| Oct 18 | AROSC Time Trial
RIR NASCAR Course |
| Oct 19 | SCCSCC Champ Slalom |
| Oct 24-26 | Formula 5000 Races
Riverside Raceway |
| Oct 26 | SCCSCC Open Slalom
ElConejo S.C.C.
Jungleland, 1000 Oaks |
| Nov 2 | SCCSCC Champ Slalom |
| Nov 8-9 | SCCA Regional Races
Riverside Raceway |
| Nov 15-16 | SCCA Regional Drivers
School, Willow Springs |
| Nov 16 | SCCSCC Champ Slalom |
| Nov 29-30 | Solo I Championship
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Las Vegas Night

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The same skilled, dealers from last year's party will staff the tables. Their pleasant help always makes the party an all out success.

The cost is \$4.00 per person or \$7.50 per couple. This includes a complete buffet dinner, mix (BYOB) and the try for the prizes.

Jerry and Cindy Wright have volunteered their home for this year's fun. It is at 943 Caraway Drive, Whittier, California. (See Map)

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COMPETITION REPORT

RACIN' ROUND

By: John Samson

Alfas won first place in every class entered at the August Solo I at R.I.R. In the process of sweeping their classes, two Alfas set Solo I Class Records. Steve Kohl won FP and set a class record; Bill Kohl devastated his Porsche and MG competitors in winning his class; your author, John Samson, edged Jim Neuman out of first place to win class B-Sedan. The Samson 2000 GTV also set a class lap record. The Neuman GTV driven by Jim and Joe Cannone suffered a blown head gasket on their 1750 during the final runs. A 1st in FP, a 1st in EP and a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in B-Sedan clearly showed that 1975 is truly an Alfa year for race success on both big and small scales. There are many slaloms, races and Solo I events left in 1975; join your fellow AROSC members as an entrant, worker, or spectator.

In the last issue AROSC Time Trial lap records were listed for R.I.R. Although not noted, they were for the short course (2.54 miles). At the close of this season I will post the lap records for each course we ran on in 1975.

Don't forget the last Time Trial for 1975 is October 18, Saturday at Riverside. It is sponsored by Parkinson-VW in Placentia thanks to Tony Baumgartner.

Remember the F-5000 series (USAC/SCCA) comes to California in September and October. Even though no Alfas can run the racing will be interesting and close to any auto enthusiast. Long Beach, Laguna Seca and Riverside will be the sights of the races. Hope to see you there. Please refer to the event calander for the dates of all these races.

Because of costs and a small turn-out at the August Time Trial AROSC failed to make a profit. Overall for the year the AROSC program has been profitable but with the purchase of timing equipment, extinguishers and flags the Time Trial fund has a balance of -\$3.00. The value

of the equipment purchased with Time Trial money is approximately \$700.00. Thanks to the support of ARL, event sponsors, entry fees and Alfa Pacifica profit, AROSC has conducted 13 Time Trials, collected the necessary equipment to run them and has essentially broken even financially. We must have at least 25 entries for our last Time Trial in October to stay even. So enter and enter early to save yourself \$5.00.



TIME TRIAL # 3 RESULTS

Class A:

J Samson	2000GTV	2:14.28
D Vegher	1600GTA	2:25.76

Class B:

B Kohl	1750Spider	2:18.73
D Jones	1600Spider	2:22.95

Class C/D:

S Kohl	1300Spider	2:21.46
B Barlow	1600GTV	2:22.51
D Barlow	1600GTV	2:31.24
J Allen	2000Spider	2:37.47

Class EW:

P Gaylord	2000 GTV	2:34.44
K Rice	1600Spider	2:35.18
K Cannone	1300Super	2:36.02

Class E:

J Cannone	1300Super	2:30.05
D Swears	1600Spider	2:31.65
D Rice	1600Spider	2:31.93
A Gott	2000 GTV	2:38.36
B Meadows	2000 GTV	2:39.56
P Guiral	1750 GTV	2:40.27

Class F/G:

L Dowdy	1300 GTV	2:34.64
D Jaharis	1300 GTV	2:35.16
R Smith	1300Spider	2:44.24
C Rocco	1600 GTV	2:52.20

AROSC Time Trial Number 3

By: John Samson

The sun rose over a hazy Riverside to the sound of push-brooms against the asphalt. Once again, the official AROSC sweeping team, Mark and Steven Samson, were taking "hot laps" around turn seven preparing the way for the fearless Alfa competitors. The Kohl's Autostuff van, complete with "porto-potty", was flitting from corner to corner depositing the phones and microphones while Gene Lentz, our new chief flagman, motored his green spider with authority around his domain. With "all" this activity the ambulance-tow truck-mobil school-Chevy suburban toured the course dropping flags at appropriate points. The pits were also a beehive of activity. Allan Gott, knees bared and army boots flying was moving from car to car "teching" them like a humming bird. Carol Samson was sorting out the various forms, numbers and sign-in sheets as registration was about to open. And Charlie Thieriot was conspicuous in his absence.

At the appropriate time all these activities terminated and the raceway was ready for the 4th Annual AROSC Time Trial sponsored by Jim Gray.

The 21 cars and drivers were relatively ready to go at 9:30 AM. The first group of 10 cars were turned loose on the track. On the 2nd lap a silver Berlina limped in with broken ring, blowing oil. Fortunately, the driver, Low Dowdy, had a friend with a 1300 GTV who was willing to let him drive it for the timed runs. (This friendship was really tested as Mr. Dowdy bested his friend, Don Jaharis, for 1st place in class). After one hour of practice, the second group was allowed on the track. This was the faster group and some fun "dices" developed. Bill Kohl fractured a right front wheel, fortunately stopped before it completely separated from the hub. On returning to the pits he realized he had another cracked and was faced with a decision of either not running or trying to lap on 3 wheels. The later seeming ill advised; he sat dejected. Alas, to the rescue came the Barlow Boys, with a set of wheels and race tires. This generous

offer was accepted and not only did Bill run after lunch but won 1st in class. This kind of comradeship is what a club Time Trial is all about.

At 1:15 PM the timers mounted the Winston Tower, energized the timer and Chief Flagman Lentz dropped the green flag to commence the trophy runs. The usual class E "dog fight" followed with Joe Cannone in his 1300 Super out running Don Swears by 1.6 seconds and Dave Rice by 1.88 seconds. Fastest of the fleet of stock 2000's in this class was A. Gott by 1.2 seconds over Bob Meadows.

Class EW was also a close match. Phyllis Gaylord in her properly tuned 2000 GTV vindicated her poor performance in Alfa Pacifica by edging out Kathy Rice by 0.76 seconds. Now that Ms. Gaylord's car is set up properly she will be a tough competitor in class EW.

The best "race of the day" was yet to come ---the Steve Kohl/Bob Barlow dash. After 5 laps of hot pursuit, Steve had nudged Bob out of first place by 1.05 seconds. These two drivers have been battling for the last 7 Time Trials. Thanks for the exciting competition.

Bill Kohl on Barlow's tires beat the ailing Dale Jones' car. It appears that a blown head gasket is a greater handicap than old hard race tires.

Your author drove the Samson Racing 2000 GTV to an easy win in Class A. Thanks to Jim Gray Imports all the class winners received a beautiful trophy. It was a great event. I only wish more members would come out to share the fun. As an Alfa enthusiast you need not drive to enjoy the day. Bring a lunch and enjoy a day at the track with your fellow members. One event is left, October 18 at Riverside. Plan to come and enjoy some real Alfa fun.



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Schedule: Track Opens. 7:00 AM
Registration & Safety Inspection 7:30 AM
Drivers Meeting. 8:30 AM
Novice Orientation 8:45 AM
Track Open to Practice 9:30 AM
Track Closed for Lunch Noon
Track Open for Practice & Timed Runs 1:00 PM
Awards Presentation. 5:00 PM

Please complete the form below and forward with the entry fee to:

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Entry Form: Parkinson VW-AROSC Time Trial

October 18, 1975

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ADDITIONAL DRIVER _____ TELEPHONE () _____

MODEL & YEAR OF ALFA ENTERED:

CLASS:

I MUST CHANGE THE CAR'S CLASS SHEET YES NO

I understand that my entry fee is not refundable and that I will abide by the AROSC Time Trial Code.

_____ sign and date

_____ Date _____

Historic Alfa Race: Continued

very well against Ferraries and Aston Martins. All of the races were paced by Otto Zipper's T33/3 driven by Otto Zipper himself.

The future of Alfa Romeo tradition of fine cars were on display, eight Alfettas which included two Alfetta GT's shown for the first time on the West Coast.

The greatest of Alfa Romeos was the pageant of all the Alfa Romeos in attendance in a Salute to Alfa Romeo. All the Alfas took two demonstration laps around the course. Approximately 75 Alfas took part in the spectacle of the past, present and future to Alfa Romeo. Probably at no other time in American automotive history has there been such a representation of Alfa Romeos in one place at one time.

Thank you Mr. Silvi and Alfa Romeo and all the owners of rare Alfa Romeos for giving us the day of automotive history on display.

FROM THE FACTORY

Alfa Romeo, Inc., announces the following program of cash awards for 1975 to drivers of Alfas:

Adwards

1. \$300 to the winner of any National SCCA race (one in which points are earned towards the ARRC runoff).
2. \$1,000 to the ARRC (SCCA) champion in any class (complete Alfa cars, or SR or F cars with Alfa engines).
3. \$3,000 to any ARRC champion racing an Alfa Romeo Alfetta.

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4. \$2,000 for the 1975 SCCA National Rally Champion who has competed with an Alfa for the complete season.

\$500 for the 1975 SCCA Divisional Rally champion who has rallied in an Alfa for the complete season.

Conditions

1. To be eligible for awards, competitors must drive an Alfa Romeo car or car powered by Alfa Romeo.

2. Awards will be paid promptly upon receipt by ARI of official results sheet. Applicant must note on results sheet his/her name, address and Social Security number.
3. Awards will be paid to entrant only.

Note: Program is retroactive to 1/1/75



1975 AROSC Point Standings

AROSC Time Trial (over 150 points)

1.	B Kohl	300
2.	J Cannone	297.722
3.	D Swears	285.742
4.	J Samson	282.634
5.	D Rice	268.126
6.	K Rice	255.323
7.	R McBride	197.394
8.	R Smith	194.188
9.	B Barlow	191.759
0.	B Ahl	188.127
11.	C Thieriot	180.931
12.	K Cannone	180.602
13.	A Gott	162.508
14.	P Gaylord	160.728

Slalom Category (4 events)

1.	L Boles	25
2.	R Harmon	10
3.	C Boles	1

Solo I Category (5 events)

1.	J Cannone	56
2.	J. Neuman	51
3.	J Samson	51
4.	B Kohl	30
5.	A Ward	18
6.	B Barlow	7
7.	D Barlow	3

Rally, Concours & Race Categories

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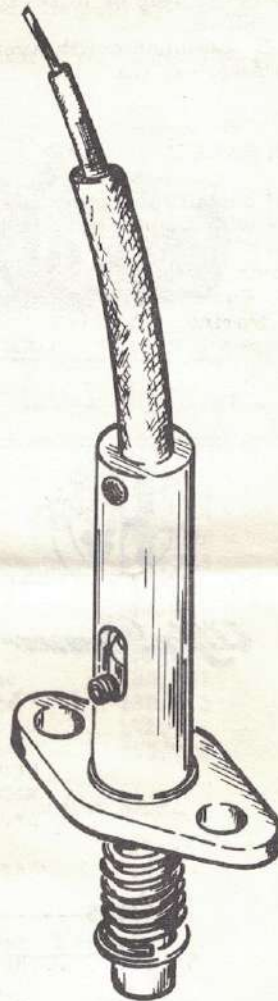
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