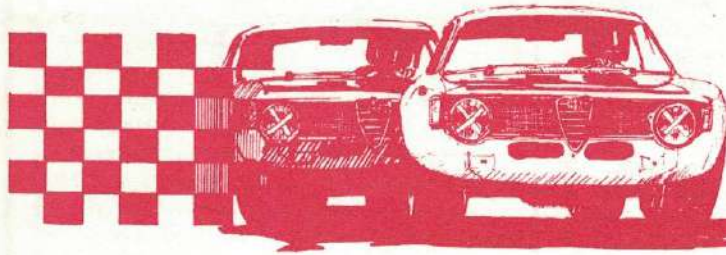


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DRIVER'S SEAT

by Sid Keely

With the "hot July night" of July 22nd came the addicted Alfisti to hear a talk on what can be learned from preparation of a car for slaloming and the lucrative adventure of a man who has profited by these learning processes. Our speaker Gary Wheeler presented an informative talk for the slalom enthusiasts of AROSC.

Beth and I served up "iced tea" along with the doughnuts by Sally to help make the evening cool off. Paul Giural of Rotary Imports brought out his display of "kill start" for those members who joined AROSC since the last demonstration about three years ago. I don't wish for this to sound like a commercial, however, those of you out there who race, drive high speed events, or just plain risk your life on the byways of SoCal should be able to see the benefits of Paul's device. Thanks Paul.

By the time this article will be read, the National meeting of AROC will be history. There has been a lot of planning by the chapter members of Colorado in this year's meeting and I am sure they deserve many accolades from those in attendance. There will be more on the meeting in the next months issue for those who did not attend.

Don't forget the Slalom at Lion Country Safari on August 21. With the pep talk I mentioned earlier in this article I would like to know there are more people getting interested in this type of car event. For those of you who have not seen Joe Richardson's beautifully prepared ALFA you have missed a fine machine. Joe is very apt in slamming it through the chutes and is fully capable of bringing home the bacon.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 26 AROSC general meeting
Alondra Park Clubhouse 8 pm
- Aug 30 AROSC Board meeting 8pm
Dick Gebhardt's
9508 Foster Road
Bellflower, CA
- Sept 17 Grape Stompers Rallye, Little
Lake Park Clubhouse 1:00pm
- Sept 17, 18 Dos Amigos Unidos combined
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- Sept 23 AROSC General Meeting
- Oct 2 Slalom, Lion Country Safari
- Oct 22 AROSC Time Trial, Riverside

Phil Strona and his lovely wife Louise have promised us a fantastic rallye for the month of September. I understand it is full of interesting and really tricky turns through the foothills of SoCal and some of the finest rallye roads leading to a winery where the wine tasting is free and delicious snacks will be served up at nominal cost. Keep the date of Sept. 17 open on your calenders for this event. Look elsewhere in this issue for more info on the Grapestompers Rallye!!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to add my personal thanks along with the thanks of all the members of AROSC who participated in the Gumball Rallye presented by Diane, Steve and Mike (Lou) Alaman! You guys really presented a fun event which caused no real disenchant-ed participants and lots of mind boggling questions that ended in the consumption of the supplies of the local pizza parlor. First place trophy went to Jerilyn and Blake Morris (a for-real gumball machine loaded with gumballs). We were all treated to one of Mike's famous natural ingrediants suckers he had picked up in his travels of his business. With the exception of the costs of the rallye insurance the entire tab was picked up by the Alaman's and put on through there many hours of dedication to fun.

We are attempting to get together a team effort of the annual running of the PanAm Rallye in the month of October, so, for those of you interested please see Phil Strona , Beth or me. There is also a very spectacular "Starlight " rallye in the first week of December which ends up in Las Vegas. It has its beginning in Santa Barbara and requires a \$25.00 up-front non-refundable deposit for which info can be obtained from the above same source.

Come out and join fellow Alfisti doing what we all enjoy most. Talking, sipping coffee, iced tea and snacking on doughnuts while learning more about our second love, ALFAs! See you at the August meeting of AROSC, August 26th at 8 pm.

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EDITOR'S DESK

Alfacionada seems to have a very capable photographer who has been taking very good pictures and generously suppling them for the publication. Lou Liserani came up to me a couple of meetings ago and offered me the use of some pictures he had taken and was going to take. Naturally I was more than happy to have photos and when I saw the ones from the baseball game(July issue) they all had to be published. This month we have again some of his work, this time from the Great Gumball Rallye. We also can look forward to some of his photographs from the National Meeting, hopefully in the next issue. Again I must thank Lou for his wonderful pictures and funny captions!

At the time of this printing I do not have the official results of the gumball rally. I know from personal experience that a good time was had by all and I am sure we will have the official results as soon as possible. (I couldn't resist putting in a couple of pictures now).

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TREASURERS REPORT
by Dan Bernstein

The following table represents a summary of the club's cash transactions for the first six months of calendar year 1977.

The financial records are kept on a cash basis so net balance cannot be inferred from the figures. However, as of the date of this report our bank balance was \$497.66. I will answer any questions at the general meetings.

Income

Dues	2400.00
Dues Split from National	425.00
Advertising Fees	732.50
Door Prize Proceeds	110.60
Jacket Sales	57.00
Competition Events	2030.61
TOTAL	5755.71

EXPENSES

Newsletter printing and mailing	1476.62
Dues Split to National	2197.50
Coffee and Donuts	93.13
Trophies	713.38
Franchise Tax Board	125.00
Legal Fees	316.85
Telephone Bills	58.12
Misc. Postage	91.52
Speakers Fees	50.00
SCCSCC dues	25.00
Competition Events	1656.41
Door Prize Costs	72.10
Misc.	59.40
TOTAL	6934.93



what could all of these Alfa keys be doing on a
Los Angeles road map? (check in next month)



NOTICE:

All members who have never recieved membership cards or competition codes please see the membership chairman at the next general meeting. Also if you have been having problems getting your newsletters, either local or national please see Dick Gebhardt (memb ch.).



I wish to thank the people who have given me information and pictures for this newsletter and I still would like to have more. Thanks again,

Sally French, editor
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Manhattan Beach, CA90266



The dates of the Board Meetings will be announced in the Newsletter and all AROSC members are welcome.



Ads for Alfacionada are eagerly accepted for publication and are free to all AROSC members. Non -members who would like to advertise, please send your ad accompanied by \$2. Anyone who would like a picture as well as an ad should send a black and white print and \$5. Thank you, Sally French- editor
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If you move, the post office will not deliver your newsletter to you unless we have your correct address. Please let us know as soon as possible so you will continue to receive your club's news.



This is a picture of an Alfa Romeo Jeep! Yes, there does appear to be such a thing it is only too bad that you cannot see it in color, of course it is Alfa RED! Found waiting at a bus stop in Florence, Italy by the editor's brother, Bob French

DON'T CALL IT RACING
from RMACCC by Rod Bean

Is it possible in these super safety, anti-car times that we automobiliphiles still possess one last corner of the world where laws of mediocrity may be freely violated?

Could there exist someplace, a sanctuary where a sports car can be used of its intended purpose without drawing pious dagger stares from almost everybody?

You bet!! It's called slaloming (or Autocrossing, or Soloing, depending on where you live), and it involves driving alone (hence "solo") on a miniature road course as fast as you can in competition with similar cars. The idea is to do a (usually single) lap of the course faster than the other cars in your class. You get at least two (usually three) tries at it for the \$5.00 or so it costs to enter. You could spend several times \$5.00 for a speeding ticket and that without the satisfaction of any meaningful competition or assurance of safety.

It may come as a shock to many, but this sport has been in healthy existence in this country for around 25 years, the beginning not coincidentally corresponding to the period when sports cars started arriving on these shores in greater quantity.

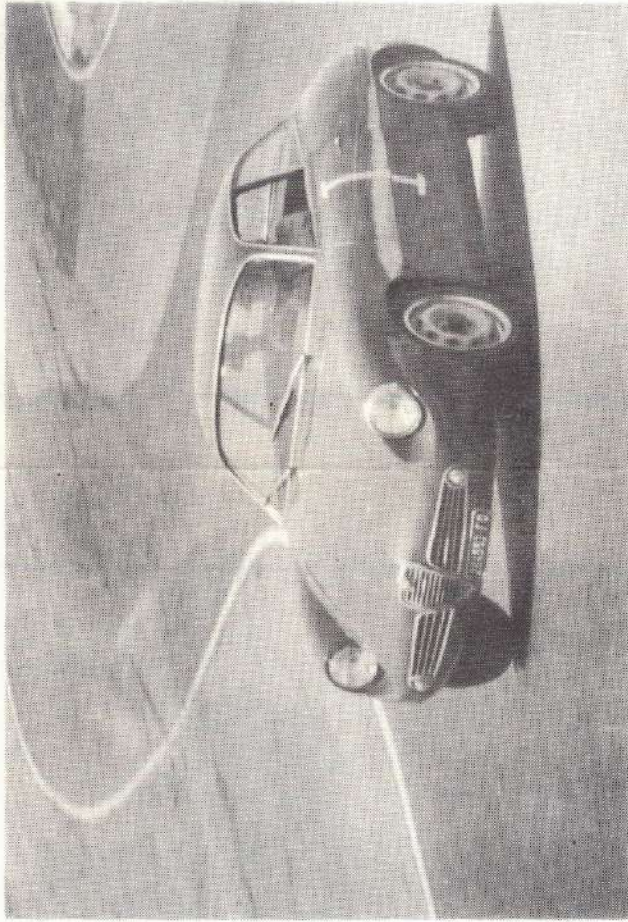


Slaloming really began to get popular in the sixties mainly due to the prohibitive costs of actual road racing. Many would-be road racers felt that slaloming offered most of the benefits of racing of racing without even approaching the expense. And on the other hand, many successful race drivers have used and are using slalom competition as a stepping stone and driver school for racing.

You should now be aware that slalom events consist of some timed runs through a scaled-down road course in competition with similar runs made by other entrants for the quickest time. They are "Solo" events and by definition, not racing. You're not racing with anything except the clock. But don't despair. There is a lot to be proud of as a slalomist.

A premium is put on driver skill. Most rule books try to equalize all other factors so that the best driver wins. In a race, one is sometimes severely limited by his car (actually his budget) so the winner isn't always the best driver. Slaloming, by comparison, is a really low-bucks sport where the little guy with talent can really excel. It's really not necessary to be pretentious around your friends. Call your sport by its correct name and have the guts to defend it on its own merits.

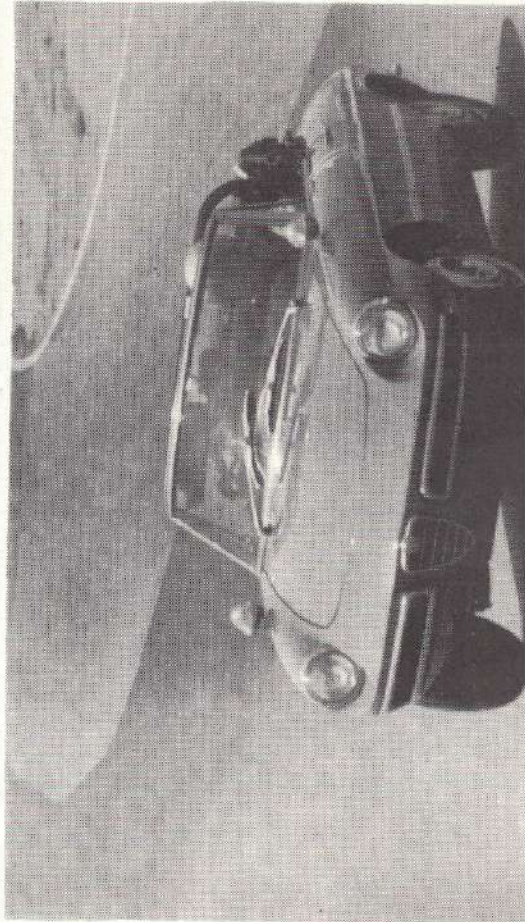
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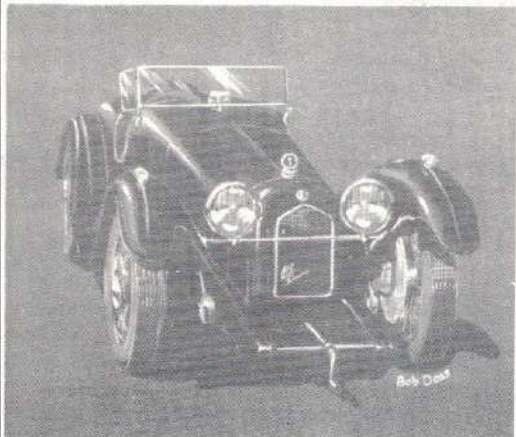


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GRAPE STOMPERS RALLY

by Phil Strona
 Saturday, September 17, 1977
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The rallye will start at 1:30 pm check in will be at 1:00 pm at Little Lake Park, Santa Fe Springs, (Pioneer just south of Florence, site of the "old clubhouse").

This will be a very low key rallye run over some good "Alfa Roads" through the country. We will end this rallye at a winery to enjoy tasting nine wines with salami, cheese, and french bread. Punch will be available for non-wine buffs. For those of you who weren't on the Gumball Rallye and didn't hear the warning, we repeat it here:

If you don't show up at this rallye, surly looking men wearing pin striped suits and carrying violin cases will visit your garage. Your Alfa will be found in a New Jersey swamp with its tires filled with cement. Believe us-attending this rallye is an offer you can't refuse.

Slaloms & Such

by Joe Richardson
 I have a problem - sometimes it is impossible to let members know through this newsletter about up-coming slalom events. It goes like this-AROSC general meetings are held on the fourth Friday of the month, and SCCSCC (where I get the information) holds there meetings on the last Thursday of the month. As an example, last month our meeting was on the 22nd, and SCCSCC was on the 28th, nearly a week later. If I don't get this column to the Editor immediately, it won't make the publication date, which has happened for the last two issues. Last month's column was mailed special deliver and still didn't make it! At least, I can (and do) telephone Sally with items for the Calendar column. If you hear of an event which interests you, and you have not yet recieved your newsletter, call me evenings at 213 442-2331.

September the 17th and 18th will be a two day slalom at Lion Country Safari. It will feature two different courses, over-night camping, and arrangements are being made for Lone Pine type fun (glug!) Pre-entry deadline in Sept. 7th. I will have full details (and entry blanks) at the next meeting. If you wish more info before then, call Bob Langdon, 213 465-8302. It should be a real bash between our locals and the San Diego bunch. Come on out!



THE HIGH COST OF HAVING FUN
by Sid Keely

The year 1977 having brought new experiences for the members of your board of directors has also brought forth a realization that your club is expensive to operate. The rising costs of everything has put a crimp in the treasury of AROSC.

Here are some specifics:

The cost of coffee has risen to a triple cost factor!

The cost of printing the newsletter has risen by a factor of at least 40%.

The costs of mailing the newsletter have gone up with the rising cost of postage.

The recent increase in costs to AROSC in putting on an event through the expense of payment of insurance costs to National.

Now, what to do about it! As you can see there is very little choice in the matter. We must look ahead to an increase in the annual dues assessed each member. There will be an open discussion on this subject at the August meeting of the general membership. Come on out and express yourself in these matters.

We need your help in keeping AROSC alive and well. Some of the costs to AROSC can be lowered by greater participation in the club sponsored events. More volunteers to work the events and one heck of a lot more participants make for a car club that is fun to be with and be in!

The more of you who purchase raffle tickets the more money we can put back into our treasury for the purchase of better prizes to be had during the drawings. The raffle is ran as a self-supporting event that needs lots of money to keep alive.

With the end of summer and vacations upon us and the fall school term just around the corner I can see dollar signs in

each of your eyes but that's what it's all about when you love expensive Italian automobiles! The camaraderie of fellowship in doing things together in the finest sports cars in the world has got to mean more than being afraid to spend a buck for the privilege. I would like to see more of you out there taking part in the event efforts of AROSC. Don't forget the Slalom events heralded by Joe Richardson the upcoming Grape Stompers Rallye in September and the Time Trials of Rick Clemente and Charlie Thieriot! These guys have been working their heads off getting these events set up for you! Don't disappoint them by not showing up.



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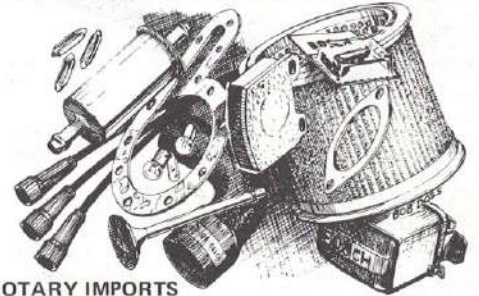
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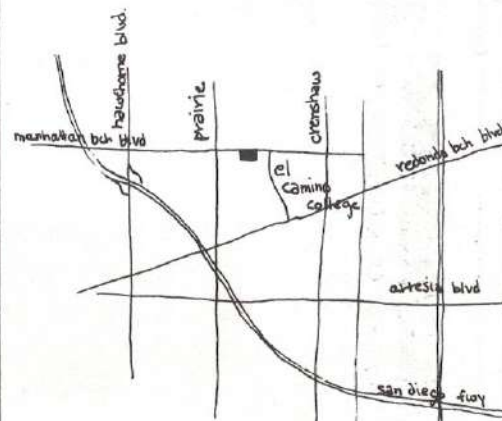
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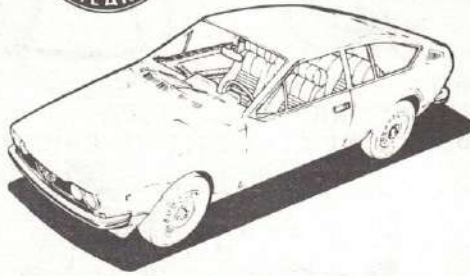


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