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DRIVER'S SEAT

by Sid Keely

The year 1977 has not been without its many problems, however, none have been unsurmountable. I can reflect on the many good things that have come out of efforts of your 1977 board. We are legally and financially in very good shape. There have been many good events this year and the finale will be our annual Christmas party to be held Saturday, December 17, 1977 beginning with a cocktail hour (BYOB) and a scrumptious repast to be served up by some of the ladies of AROSC. Mark the date on your calenders and come on out and relax in an atmosphere of Alfisti and beautiful automobiles.

Our last event of the year had 10 beautiful machines on display for judging November 26 in the parking lot of the Home Bank in Los Alamitos. The Alfa with the most sensuous appeal I personally ogled was the 1928 Zagato brought out for us by Jack Becronis. It is trully a machine that reflects loves labors.

A brief encounter with Mr. Silvi on the 28th tells me the White Turkey Sale - Auction was surely a tremendous success too. I am sure there are those of you out there who got the hand-me-downs you were aspiring to acquire.

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR



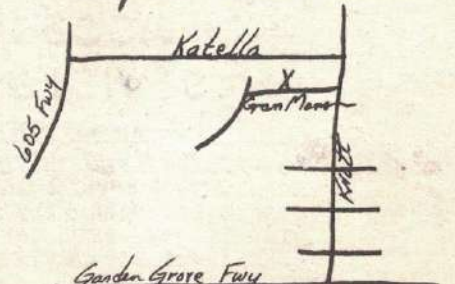
Christmas Party
Dec 17

7³⁰ Cocktails 8⁰⁰ Dinner

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Fun! BYOB games!
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Gran Manon between Katella
and Oranewood in Cypress

As most of the people who showed up for the general meeting soon learned we had to cancel the November elections of officers due to a fluke in the mailing of our newsletters. As of the date of this writing I still don't have my copy. However, you will note that your newsletter contains a ballot with the names and positions of the board needing to be filled. Your vote will be tallied upon return of the ballot if recieved before December 29th. You also will have a space for write-ins.

I wish to thank all the wonderful people of AROSC who have lent their time and energy to the events of 1977. These fine people have worked hard to give you a little something for everyone. We can all look forward to a bigger and better 1978 and a spectacular summer bash in the form of Cal Regional.

A very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year is wished for all the Alfisti.

Don't forget the New Year begins with the first meeting of 1978 to be held at ARI, El Segundo on January 27, the fourth Friday.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 17 AROSC Christmas Party, see front page
- Dec 29 Last day to get in ballots
- Jan 4 Joint Board meeting of 1977 and 1978, Papachoux Restaurant 1925 W. Olympic, Los Angeles 8pm
- Jan 27 General Meeting, Alfa Romeo Inc. El Segundo, CA 8 pm
- Feb 18 Time Trial
- Apr 15 Time Trial
- Jun 24 Time Trial
- Sept 30 Time Trial
- Nov 11 Time Trial

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LBGP '78

by Tom Suter

AROSC will be purchasing a block of tickets for the Long Beach Grand Prix on April 2nd to root for the Brabham-Alfa team. We will again be requesting seats at the end of the Queen's Hairpin, where we saw Andretti pass Scheckter to win the epic 1977 race.

Admission and reserved seating for Sunday only will be: \$25.00 for adults, \$19 for age 13-18, and \$13 for age 12 and under. Tickets valid for all three days are: \$30 for adults, \$22.50 for age 13-18 and \$13 for age 12 and under. Garage passes good for all three days are \$7.50.

Clearly printed orders should be accompanied by a check payable to AROSC and sent to:
AROSC - att. Tom Suter
PO Box 261
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Orders must be received by January 29, 1978. We THINK that orders received by December 28, 1977 will receive free parking. Anyone not willing to trust his tickets to the U. S. Mail can pick them up at the March 24 General Meeting. Based upon past experience, we will probably receive the tickets from the LBGP in early to middle March for mailing to individuals.

Ticket Order Form for the Long Beach Grand Prix
please print clearly!!

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() Age 12 and under " " at \$13.00 _____
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() Age 13 - 18 " " at \$19.00 _____
() Age 12 and under " " at \$13.00 _____
() Garage Passes at \$7.50 each _____

TOTAL _____

() Please mail my tickets to me

() I will pick them up at the March 24th meeting.

an Alfa

by Nancy Vegher

T'was the night before Christmas when through the garage
Not an engine was roaring, nor one turbo charged

The tires were hung by the benches with care
In hopes that St. Romeo soon would be there.

Alfisti were nestled, all snug in their beds
While visions of Grand Prix danced in their heads.

In red Alfa T-Shirts and red matching caps
We'd just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the street there arose such a clatter
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter!

Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutter and threw up the sash

When what to my eyes did I see from afar
But a red, green and white chariot pulled by six cars!

With a driver who apexed corners like Fangio
I knew in a moment it must be St. Romeo!

More rapid than Porches or Datsuns they came
And he honked and he gestured and called them by name.

Now P3! Stradale! and Giulia TZ!
On GTA! Montreal! and T33!

Revvng to 7 and shifting once more,
I could feel the vibration under my floor!

Down round the corner sliding into the alley,
I thought he was in some kind of speed rally.

Christmas

And then in a twinkling I heard in the back,
the screech of the brakes as they stopped in their tracks!

I sneaked out to the garage as fast as I could
And watched old St. Romeo there as he stood.

He was dressed all in Nomex from his head to his toes,
And his helmet bore decals with Alfa logos!

He had a broad face just like Mario Andretti,
And when he laughed, he shook like spaghetti!

He spoke not a word but filled all the tires
With spare Alfa parts, Lambrusco and pliers.

He left for a moment and then re-appeared
Revvng an engine so that everyone could hear,

When LO! and BEHOLD! for this scene's best finale,
Tied up with a ribbon, he drove in the Stradale!

He jumped out of the coupe, and took one long last glance,
At the personal license plate that said "NANCE" !

He sprang to his chariot and started the engines,
Laying rubber for yards with all tires spinning!

I stood in bewilderment, my face just a-glow
As I looked at the coupe tied up with a bow...

But I heard him exclaim ere he raced out of sight,
Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!



These two men have been actively involved in many of AROSC's activities. The fantastic slide show of the Sept. meeting was put together by Lou and of course the LBCP films were organized by Mike. These two would co-share the program

Jack Becronis - Vice President
Jack actively participates in concours events with his 1928 6C 1500 Zagato Spider, attends every meeting with his son Peter and has a strong desire to support AROSC in its programs.



Dan Bernstein - Treasurer
Dan was treasurer in 1977, and took care of preparing the annual statements and reports required by the IRS and state concerning AROSC as a corporation. He represents our club in outside rallies and because of his participation in all club Time Trials he has been asked to serve on the TT board.

Sue Bernstein - Membership
Sue is a long time member known for her quick wit, and has helped with registration at every Time Trial. She has the work experience and desire to cope with the position.

Rick (Bear) Clemente - Vice President
Rick was Vice President in 1977 and has been active member for 13 years! He has been active in Time Trials as a chief starter, is a Time Trial board member, and can be seen working the course at the LBCP.

Al Cortez - Competition
Al is currently involved in concours and rally events. His red 1900 placed first in it's category in the concours at Alfasper, ran the slalom event as well.



Sally French - President
Sally has been this years newsletter editor and ad chairperson for same. Mostly known by her red Ghinietta Sprint, she has supported Rallys, Time Trials and Concours.

Beth Keely - Secretary
Beth initiated the ladies segment of our club that sponsored a rally and Time Trial lunches. She assisted the pres. at every meeting with coffee and rattles as well as early membership problems.

Sid Keely - Editor
Sid Keely was your 1977 president and did much to restore AROSC's corporate status. He represented our club in outside rallies as well as writing one AROSC rally and attending the rest. He initiated the forthcoming Cal Regional.

Debbie Laborde - Social Chairperson
Debbie assisted in the forming of the ladies auxiliary and has supported their events that included Time Trial lunches Bake Sale raffles and Christmas party. She was newsletter editor in 1976.

Craig Lindsey - Membership
Craig has been actively involved in many of the rallies sponsored by AROSC. He helped organize joint softball game and has been a past board member.

Phil Strona - Treasurer
Besides running outside rallies, Phil organized and wrote this years Grape Stompers Rally. He also entered the remainder of the club rallies. He has served as a treasurer of a social club.



Charlie Thieriot - Competition
Charlie was the Director of the Time Trial program for 1977 and is again revising and editing the AROSC competition code along with the rest of the Time Trial board. He has answered "tech" questions at most of the meetings.

Dave Vegher - President
Dave was an AROSC and Time Trial board member in 1977. He teched all the cars at Time Trials as well as running his National Champion Red GTA/V. Active in concours, slalom and other club events.

Nancy Vegher - Editor
Member of Time Trial Board and in charge of registration at every Time Trial this year, besides running her own car. Though not a current AROSC board member, she gave her help and support to the editor. Worked at ARL.

Since the elections were not held at the November meeting and you all will not be able to see the familiar faces of those who are running for 1978's board, this list has been provided for your consideration.

We apologize to the candidates for not being able to write their own little history. This was done with the hopes of being as fair as possible to all candidates.

BE SURE TO CAST YOUR BALLOT!!!



VOTE BY MAIL TODAY!



Slaloms & Such

by Joe Richardson

This is the "and Such" time of the column season. The slalom season will be resuming in February of next year. There are, however, items of other interest, namely the mini-concours event held in November. Despite the small ten car entry, all the suspense and drama of a larger affair was present. The judges Bear Clemente, Sally French and Charlie Thieriot did an outstanding job in evaluating all entries very fairly. The outstanding car of the affair was never in doubt. The 1928 6C Spider of Jack Becronis was a real treat for true Alfa enthusiasts.

The program for next year, by popular demand will have two concours events along with Time Trials, Rallies and Slaloms. Let it not be said that we are not an active driver-oriented club! Hopefully next year we can get a team of drivers competing for the 1978 Slalom program. There are a number of changes in the Slalom Code for next year which should make things more interesting.

Best wishes for a joyous Holiday season and I hope to see all of you next year.

Results of the Concours

750 and 101 series 1300cc models
1st Dick Gebhardt Giulietta Sprint
2nd Emil Kopach
3rd Phillip Newman

105 series 1600 and 1300 cc models
1st Ron Damp Duetto
2nd Randy Bent
3rd Mark Mericle

Classic and Rare Models

1st and Best of Show
Jack Becronis 1928 6C Zagato Spider

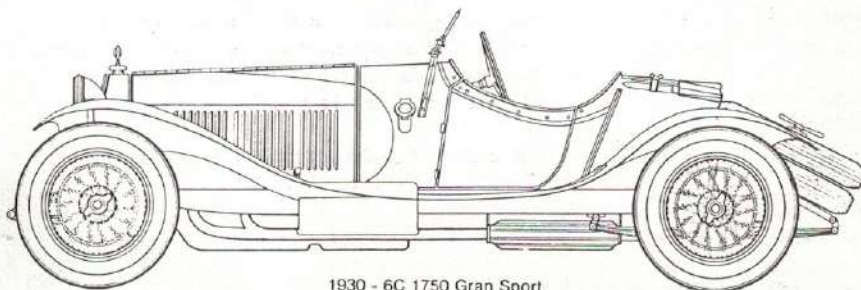
Race Prepared Street Licensed

1st Dave Vegher GTA/V
2nd Tom Hines

Race Prepared Non-Street

1st Joe Richardson Giulietta Spider

(editor's note) This listing of cars for publication was not including the types of cars that each person owned. This is the reason for not putting the car next to the entrant's name. I put the winners in each category in as I remember them. It was a pleasure to judge these cars and it was nice to see so many older cars turn out. There were no 1750 or 2000 recent cars entered. No Alfetta's for that matter either. Any comments on the scoring systems from entrants are certainly welcome, as this was a trial run so to speak. -Sally French



1930 - 6C 1750 Gran Sport



Mark Parkinson's beautiful Sprint Special
at Laguna Seca Historic Car Races 1976.
Photo by Randy Bent.

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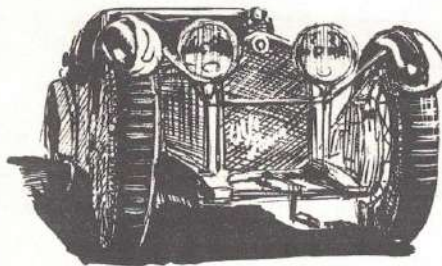


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1959 1300 Sprint Coupe. Never wrecked, engine and drive train out. Needs paint, uph. and trunk floor. Make offer. 714 726-0056 Noon to Three. Karl Morin, 1077 Crestview, Vista, CA 92083.



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EDITOR'S DESK

by Sally French

I wish to thank those people who have contributed material for this newsletter and would like to continue to encourage anyone to send stories, photographs, cartoons, classified ads and anything related to Alfa's. These contributions make your newsletter more interesting as well as make the editor's job much easier.

For those of you who may have missed any 1977 issues of Alfacionada, I have some spares for some months. Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a list of the month(s) missed and I will be happy to send you whatever I can. This is, of course, on a first come, first serve basis.

It is encouraging to see so many people running for board positions this year. All these people are anxious to give their club some of their time. This perhaps is one of our most precious commodities and I am glad to see so many people anxious to help out. To all the people who don't win a board position, I hope they will continue to support club activities. There certainly will be plenty of other openings for organizers and committee people to plan 1978's California Alfa Owner's meeting.

I wish all the candidates the best of luck and thank the general membership for letting me serve as the newsletter editor this past year. I would also like to apologize for my spelling and mistakes. The post office in general will speak for itself as you will probably receive this in January. I hope to see all of you at the Christmas party, December 17th and for those of you who don't make it, best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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