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DRIVER'S SEAT

by Sid Keely

The year 1976 produced some very exciting and fun-filled activities for AROSC. 1977 will hopefully be even more so. With the new board taking the reins Dec. 22 came new faces and ideas to meet this challenge. The people you have elected to represent your needs are full of ideas to create a new AROSC. This is to say we will need the help of all the members in putting forth the events we will sponsor in 1977. You can be assured of being asked to give of yourself sometime during the coming year to make an event more exciting and challenging. AROSC is a club run by the people, for the people.

The year 1977 does not come without its faults. The new board is faced with some legal entanglements concerning our corporate status and our tax exemptions with the state and federal boards. Due to these problems our programs for events which would have begun in January 1977 are being delayed. However the situation is well in the capable hands of our legal council and are rapidly being resolved.

Charlie Theriot has a fine program of time trials laid out for us and Joe

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Happy New Year!

JANUARY MEETING AT ARI
by Tom Suter

As has become traditional, the AROSC January meeting will be held at Alfa Romeo, Inc. which is located at 215 Douglas Street in El Segundo. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28th at 8:00 PM. In addition to our presentation of year-end trophies and the latest word from ARI, we will have Jerry Grant as a guest speaker. In addition to being a well-known driver of road-racing and Indy cars, Jerry is a very interesting and entertaining speaker.

Richardson is heading up the 1977 Slalom events. I will be writing a March Hare rallye to start the rallye season. The man who knows more about tours of neat wineries, Tom Suter, is sharpening his pencil. Another concourse event is planned for late summer so get hot on those Alfas and get them prepared for this event. My wife Beth, has taken on the task as club historian and is asking those of you out there who have something in your attics of historical value to please see her so we can all share in the past history of AROSC. Sally French, our editor, says that she can use some help with informative articles, (by the ladies too) for the Alfacionado. I know there are plenty of gals out there who drive and enjoy their ALFAs and have plenty to offer our Alfisti enthusiasts.

As a closing note I would like to offer the thanks of all the members of AROSC to the man who ram-rodged us in 1976, Jerry Wright! His unlimited vitality and enthusiasm made it fun.



COMPETITION REPORT

by Rick "Bear" Clemente

Well Happy New Year gang. You all got your 1977 competition code with the last issue of this rag. Special thanks to Charlie for getting it out so fast. Look over the basic model points and modification listings for changes that affect you. 4.5 (b) 3. is a new rule that affects all Time Trial runners- Anti- submarine belts- easy to afford and install, these goodies are worth having.

Note that the April 23 date for Willow Springs is not a firm date- all the others in the calendar are confirmed. Don't send entries to Charlie until the forms are available.

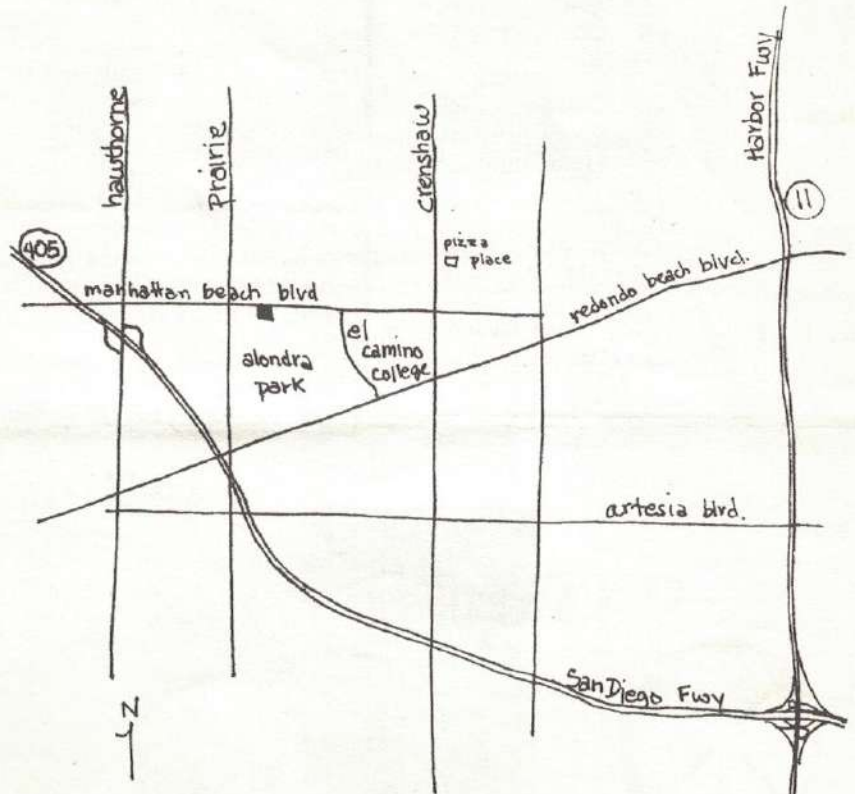
Speaking of Time Trials we need more people to get out and work. Ideally we would like to train three times as many people for key positions as we need; so nobody gets stuck holding the bag- doing the same job all the time! Corner working will be MANDATORY for all drivers next year- no substitutes- We have found that observing is one of the best forms of training; so everyone must work a turn to have timed runs. Exceptions will be made for repairing stuff you break, and that will be by the TT Director or the Director of Workers only.

There will be an opportunity to renew your competition license and car number at the January meeting- bring two bucks. Get your bread into Tom Suter by the January meeting (final deadline) for the tickets to the Long Beach Grand Prix. That is without a doubt the finest racing ever in North America- take advantage of the whole weekend, as as much goes or in practice as in the race itself. By way of clarification- for the Sunday tickets you must buy BOTH a general admission AND a grandstand seat. One gets you into Long Beach, and one gets you to where you can see. Be there or be square.



alfa club is moving!

Population pressure has forced AROSC to move to a larger meeting room. Starting in February, we will meet at 8:00 PM of the 4th Friday of the month at the Alondra Park Clubhouse, 3850 Manhattan Beach Blvd, in Lawndale. Located close to the junction of the San Diego & Harbor Fwys, our new location offers more room, better facilities, and a well-lit parking lot.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 28 AROSC Gen. Meeting
Alfa Romeo Inc.
215 Douglas
El Segundo 8 PM

Feb. 1 AROSC board meeting
1086 Elkgrove Ave Apt 3
Venice 8pm

Feb. 25 AROSC Gen. Meeting
Alondra Park Clubhouse
3850 Manhattan Bch. Blvd.
8 PM

Feb. 26 AROSC Time Trial
Riverside Raceway

Apr. 1 - 3 Long Beach Grand Prix
Long Beach

Apr. 23 AROSC - Ferrari Club
Time Trial
Willow Springs Raceway

June 25 AROSC Time Trial
Riverside Raceway

Aug. 5 - 7 Alfa Club National Meet.
Aspen, Colorado

Aug. 13 AROSC Time Trial
Riverside Raceway

Oct. 22 AROSC Time Trial
Riverside Raceway



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



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meet your 1977 board



Here is your new AROSC board of directors for 1977. They are from left to right: Sally French- editor of "Alfacionado"; Dave Vegher- co-editor and co-technical Chairman; Joe Richardson- Slalom Chairman; Charlie Thieriot- Time Trial Director and Co-Technical; Blake Morris- Membership Chairman; Sid Keely- President; Dan Bernstein- Treasurer and Social Chairman; Rick Clemente- Vice President and Competition Director; Tom Suter- Secretary and Tour Chairman.

Help your club by giving all of these people your support and by volunteering to help whenever possible!

Send in Dues

By now everyone should have received a statement for their 1977 AROSC dues. As noted on the statement, please pay your dues directly to us and ignore the statement which the National AROC sends you. The end result is the same regardless of who you send your dues to, but there is much less work for both us and the National if we collect from our own Chapter members and forward the National's share to it.

I would also like to request everyone to send in their renewals as soon as possible. Not only does it help our unpaid staff; it can also have a beneficial effect on costs for AROSC and AROC. Anyone who is late in renewing costs us money for adding them back onto the mailing list, and every penny is important in keeping our dues stable in spite of rising costs.

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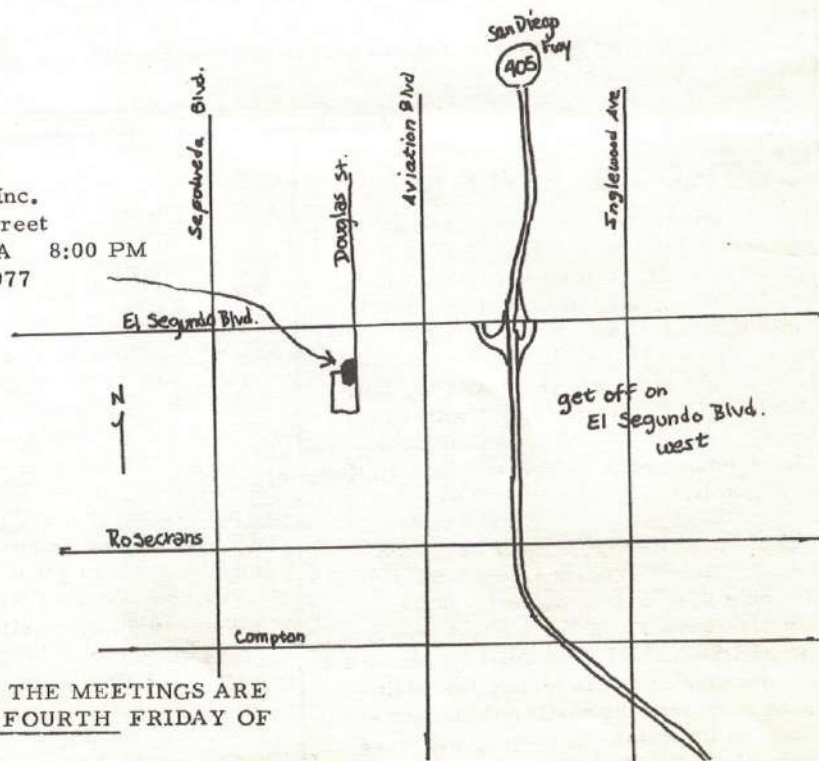
Please I would like to have any and or all of your Alfa pictures, articles, want-ads for possible publication in this newsletter. If I don't get contributions, you are likely to see pictures of my car, since I only have one you might get bored seeing the same car all the time! Send me a picture and maybe something on how much work you have done on it to get it in the shape it's in. (All contributions will be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.) Please send them to me at: 1312 Pine Avenue
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California 90266
Thank You, Sally French- editor

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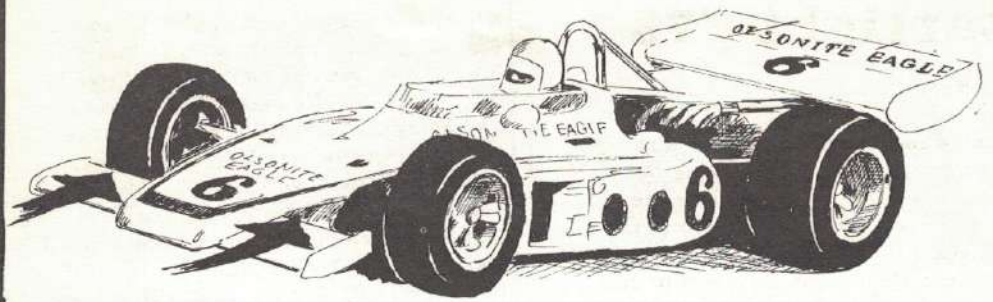
INVITES YOU TO ALFA ROMEO INC.

As usual in January, Alfa Romeo Inc. El Segundo hosts our January meeting in their facility at: 215 Douglas Street, El Segundo. This year we will have an excellent speaker, as well as being able to meet your new board and see all of those Alfas. Please try to make every effort to be there, and remember meetings are now on the **FOURTH** Friday of the month.

Alfa Romeo Inc.
215 Douglas Street
El Segundo, CA 8:00 PM
January 29, 1977



PLEASE NOTE THE MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FOURTH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.



AROSC goes to the LBGP

AROSC is again planning to get a block of seats for the Long Beach Grand Prix to form a cheering section for the Brabham-Alfas. Although April 3rd may seem a long time in the future, ticket sales are already under way and an early purchase is necessary to insure good seats. Accordingly, if you wish to join us, we must receive your check by January 28th. Fill out the form below, and make your check payable to AROSC, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope, and either mail it to: AROSC, P. O. Box 261, Los Alamitos, 90720 or deliver in person to Tom Suter at the January Meeting at Alfa Romeo Inc. in El Segundo on January 28. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

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Starlight '76

by Sid Keely

For those members of AROSC who have been running the Rallyes during the 1976 season, the event sponsored by the Santa Barbara Sports Car Club is the culmination to a fun-filled year. AROSC had no less than eight entries for this Monte Carlo style rallye with its start in the area of Goleta airport near Santa Barbara and ending in the fun-capital of the west, Las Vegas.

The event began for the hardest of our rallye enthusiasts, Phil and Louise Strona, Dan and Sue Bernstein, Steve and Bev Elston (driving a 260 Z?) and Beth and I driving up to Santa Barbara the eve prior to the event. We all met at Dupars in Thousand Oaks and caravanned into the Motel 6 on North State Street in Santa Barbara. After a quick "dump your suitcases" in our rooms we all settled into what all Alfisti do best, have a cocktail party! We settled in for a night's rest and a supposed early morning brunch, but, only the eyes of our purist, Phil & Strona, were even remotely open at 8:00 AM the morning of the rallye day, so he and Louise tripped off to the local Sambo's for breakfast. He dutifully washed his Spyder for the envious to ogle and prepared himself for his first 12 hour Monte!

By about 10:00 AM the rest of the eager Alfisti were raring to have a go at some Western style breakfasts at the nearby Goleta suburb.

After our leisurably consumed feast we all retired to our motel rooms for making preparations for the coming night's event. Numbers were cut and attached to the sides of the ALFAs and our rallye clocks were given a last minute check as well as our interior lights, clip boards, thermoses and pencil supply.

The event was to begin with the first car out at one minute past midnight on December 3, so, our team was at "tech" by 8:00 PM to get our cars through so we could pick-up our maps and instructions and compile our rallye route and the locations of the stand-offs and check points. At tech we greeted other late coming but welcome team members Dave and Nancy Vegher, and Dan Fein and John Gamble. Not to say this was the "it" of our team, but, for the life of me I cannot remember the names of the other team members entered under the AROSC banner. I am not sure if they are AROSC members but we were glad to have them join us. We missed having Craig and Harriet Lindsey in this event but "Paris" was calling.

Everything in readiness, we each waited our turn at the "START". Beth and I executed our start with the normal precision of our team car by promptly feeling we had made a wrong turn in the hills of Santa Barbara and "shot a U-ey" for a rapid retrace of our route only to succumb to my "SWAG" and do another U-ey and finally got back on course. Meanwhile the comments of our fellow team members, as they passed us going the other way, read something like where the hell is Sid going?

After I finally got my act together I pulled a "J. W." and "put the hammer down". We arrived at Stand-off on time, however, a miscalculated mileage check on the old odometer put us into a situation that netted us an error of .80 minutes. Meanwhile Dan and Sue Bernstein casually chalked up a .02 minutes error to lead the team into a SUPER start.

Leg two was much better for us (.05) as was leg three (.02) but our stalwart Alfisti, Bernsteins were continuing to chalk up an impressive low error. The team car of Bev and Steve Elston was right on "ole Dan's buns" and he was showing his cool by executing some neat four-

wheel drifts at speed through the hills of San Bernardino County (I hear from his navigator). However, the SNAFU had hit Phil and Louise Strona when they began to compensate for a 30 second error in Phil's wrist watch. It's a little hard to make a typical wrist watch read WWV time so Phil had a few stumbling blocks to overcome. I hear you add a 30 second behind error Phil! Our other team members were started significantly later times so their trials and tribulations were not known until we were sitting around the dinner table in the famous Jockey Club in Las Vegas Saturday night.

Our breakfast break came in Barstow, where we were forced to wolf down our orders, rush to the gas pumps for a quick re-fuel and pass through Course Control prior to starting Leg #6. Boy does that ever put a lump in your stomach!

Leg #6 was on a lonely road South of Baker. Going into Leg #7 was a real freak-out! This was the first rallye we ever ran on country dirt roads! I am sure glad we were one minute apart for I created one hell of a dust cloud behind me and I am sure no one could have seen where he was going if we had been close. We were headed South into Cima on 4.6 miles of very good dirt road at better than 90 miles an hour. Dan says he ran flat-out until just before he came into Leg #7. I am sure those of us who remember that road just prior to #7 can visualize an ALFA at speed on that road as we whipped through the flash flood ravines. Magic Mountain has nothing to compare!

The final legs really had very little excitement to offer, however, I am sure that Standard dealer in Searchlight, Nevada will probably shut off his pumps if Beth and I ever come through there again. I was running low on go-juice by then and an unscheduled pit stop for

\$5.00 worth of the stuff forced me to blow the doors off Phil and Dan to make up the lost time. Apparently I did it right for Beth and I had our first ever 0.00 leg.

After settling into our suites we all cooled our heels with some liquid refreshments prior to some "crashed" sleep, but, at 6:00 PM we all met in the "pub" to hash the 12 hours of the Monte. When dinner was through the event Rallye-master and two lovely lasses handed out the trophies. As our team had figured it out, the pride of the ALFA driver/navigator crew of Dan and Sue Bernstein netted AROSC a 1st Place trophy. Congratulations for some fine driving and navigation to the Bernsteins. Starlight '77 will see our team again!

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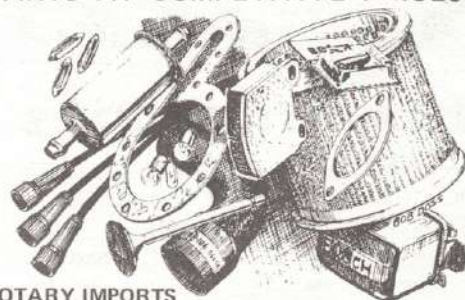
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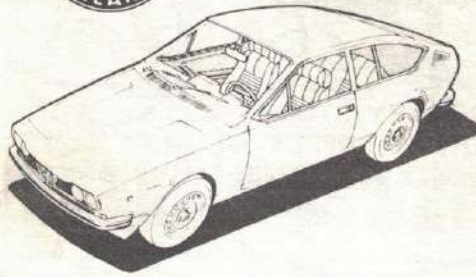
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As you peruse this newsletter elsewhere you will find that our recent erstwhile editor (Tebbie?) has taken up her pen again and has written an article of interest to the ladies of AROSC. They met for the first time to formulate their plans for 1977! The way I hear it you can look forward to the ladies showing us their petticoats in the coming events! I know they are out to raise some money through-out the year to help relieve party costs so lets all give them the support they will need! They are planning a bake-off event for our general meeting raffle this month. The girls say it is to be low-cal(?) Sorry Harriet I forgot you have a weak stomach, recently! They will also write a rallye for the month of May. I imagine I will do poorly since Beth is my navigator on the rallies we run, but she is helping write this one and I am told I will have to fend for myself!

Don't forget the up and coming time trials at Willow Springs in April! Charlie has this event well planned and the Ferrari club will be out to show us their colors too.

See you at the clubhouse for the general meeting March 25th!

Slaloms & Such

by Joe Richardson

My calendar says that March 20th is the first day of spring. It also happens to be the date of the first championship slalom of the '77 season, so come on out and kick up your heels! Those of you who intend to compete will have a chance for those important SCC-SCC and AROSC points towards those coveted year-end trophies. If you are not sure you dig this sport, c'mon out anyway. There is no admission charge for spectators, but bring your own food and soft (no hard) drinks.

It is at Lion Country Safari's parking lot, and I guarantee that there will be no surprises from the lions. I'll be there so look me up.

A slalom for tricycles? I must admit that the first time I heard about such an event, I wondered if everyone had gone bananas. As I heard more about this activity, I became intrigued with the concept of competition tricycles. As a result, I have drawn on my vast (OK half vast) expertise in engineering and design to try to produce a competitive slalom tricycle that will carry the colors of AROSC to the winner's circle. I have some innovations in braking and steering that might lead to superior performance. Work is already underway on the chassis design and the drive train, (front wheels with pedals and fork) is already in my possession. What is really needed is power to propel my creation to victory. Is there among you in Alfa-land, anyone that is of the athletic type to take on the task of letting everyone know that AROSC is an adversary to be reckoned with? If so, you can keep the spoils, I will bask in the glory of a job well done! The big event takes place May 7th and 8th at Bullock's Plaza, Sherman Oaks. The slalom power plant will be required to wear a helmet, but the vehicle will have safety provisions, i. e.: roll bar, safety belt, etc. Incidentally this event will be indoors down the center of the mall.

Along with the tricycle slalom, there will be a showing of slalom cars that belong to clubs affiliated with SCC-SCC. Although loosely referred to as a "concours", it really ain't, because trophies will be awarded by a committee appointed by the sponsoring stores. Each sponsor will provide a live, girl type model to dress things up a bit. If you are interested in entering your car in the show, send a photo of it to Don Hame, 3511 Camino de la Cumbre, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. More about this later. Y'all come!