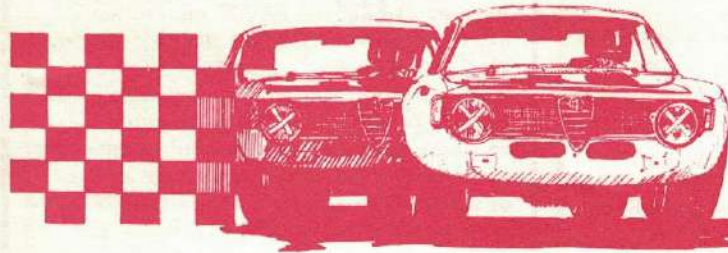


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DRIVER'S SEAT

by Sid Keely

The month of June came and went with such nonchalance I was astounded to realize it was gone! But don't let that mislead you into believing that AROSC didn't have a full and interesting month.

First off during the month was our first annual softball game held at the Alondra Park facilities. More can be read on this elsewhere in this issue. Then came the general meeting held on the 24th with a thoroughly interesting talk by the well-known sheet metal fabricator, Phil Remington. For those in attendance it was a real treat to hear some of the experiences and anecdotes of this well traveled man. We all adjourned for a short stop-over to the local pizza pub since Saturday morning would come early for those of us who took part in the now well known and organized TT's of Charlie Thieriot and Rick Clemente.

The TT's were held at RIR with what appeared to me to be about 22 entries. With the dawning of the sun Beth and I trekked out to the track facilities with out GTV loaded to the hilt with foodstuffs for the participants. With 100# crushed ice in the 2plus 2 rear seat, along with the coffee makings in a large box, the coffee pot was straddled by Beth since

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Who said Prez Sid Keely isn't a swinger! He also made several fine catches in right field, as AROSC swept their recent double header with San Diego.

next meeting

The program for the July General Meeting will feature a talk by Gary Wheeler. Gary is a former Chief Designer at Dan Gurney's All American Racers who left to form his own race-car company. Veteran slalomists may recall the Camaro with which Gary dominated his class a few years ago, trouncing the Corvettes as well as the other pony cars.

DRIVER'S SEAT (cont.)

I didn't have a service trailer to stick her into. We set up shop in the open garage area for what may be a continued effort by the gals to provide a food service for the people who come out for the Time Trials.

I would like to encourage those of you who have not participated in any of the events to come out and see what you have been missing. A lot of effort is put into all the events by those responsible in their making. You can all show your appreciation by participating. Yes, we are always looking for volunteers to help make each event fruitful and fun. For those of you who do come out to just watch we are grateful. Don't hide when you are asked to lend a hand for the experience will be rewarding.

The monthly board meeting was held at Dave Vegher's home. We discussed the upcoming Slaloms, Time Trials, Rallies, and Concourse. Joe Richardson has proposed filming of our next TT with his on-board camera. He will also provide some still shots for viewing too. We were given the new "you are invited" cards recently printed from the artwork of Jerry Wright. They will be available at the general meeting to be passed out for distribution to prospective club members out there. They are business size and very convenient to carry a few in your purse or billfold.

Don't forget ALFASPEN! For those of you going we have a caravan planned. See my number listed elsewhere in this issue for more info. Come on out for the Great Gumball Rally we are running July 24th at 1:00 pm from the Alondra Park Clubhouse. July 22nd is the night of the monthly meet so don't miss talking ALFAs and being affable with fellow Alfisti! See you there.

the Gumball!

By now almost all of you should have heard about the Gumball Rally. Right? Well if not, this is going to be the ? well let's just say you cannot help but have a great time! After all where else can you go to a rally that only costs 50¢ per person, \$1.00 per car, be assured of a prize(yes there will be two prizes awarded for all cars finishing in 3rd through 50th places, and only one prize for the 1st and 2nd finishers).

This rally has even been guaranteed that you won't get lost! So how can you lose?

Come out and join the fun:
SUNDAY JULY 24th, ALONDRA PARK CLUBHOUSE 1:00 pm.
Rallymaster Mike (Lou) Alaman.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 22 AROSC General Meeting
Alondra Park Clubhouse 8 pm
- July 24 AROSC Gumball Rally 1pm
Alondra Park Clubhouse
- July 26 AROSC Board meeting 8 pm
Sally French's
1312 Pine Avenue
Manhattan Beach, Calif
- Aug 5-7 Alfa Romeo Owners National
Meeting Aspen, Colo.
- Aug 7 Slalom, Lion Country Safari
- Aug 13 AROSC Time Trial, Riverside
Short Course
- Aug 21 Slalom, Lion Country Safari
- Aug 26 AROSC General Meeting
- Sept 17 AROSC Grapestompers Rally
- Oct 2 Slalom, Lion Country Safari
- Oct 22 AROSC Time Trial

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

What in the hell is the Gumball?

Looking In

by Leonard Schwartz

In December of last year I bought a used 2000 Spider finally realizing the dream I'd had for years of owning an Alfa. Following the recommendation of my friends Charlie Thieriot and Rick Clemente, I joined AROSC. But the job that I had, kept me from going to the meetings on Friday nights and the Time Trials on Saturdays. So I was forced to enjoy the benefits of my membership through the local and national newsletters. An interesting, but passive involvement.

Well last Saturday, no longer saddled with my weekend job, I went out to Riverside to watch the Time Trials. I got there at 7am with Bear, and we dispersed the flags and headsets at the various turns. Slowly the cars started to arrive and immediately I realized I was in for a very enjoyable day. A couple of old Spider Veloces, newer Spiders, a beautifully restored Sprint Zagato and a variety of Sedans rounded out the line-up. For someone interested in Alfa Romeos it was like being a child at an ice cream shop with 31 flavors to choose from.

It was a very enjoyable day. From checking the cars out in the morning to watching them perform on the track, it was clear that an Alfa was really as fine and well balanced a car as I thought.

Later in the morning Charlie took the novices around the course, stopping at each turn to explain the way to take it and even if I never have a chance to use it in racing, the information I learned will stand me well.

In the afternoon, Charlie took me around at speed and during lunch break I took my car out on the track driving it like I've never had the chance to on city streets what with

Police cars and all the Sunday drivers (out everyday!)

You members who have never attended a Time Trial should make the effort and get out there in August. If you're into going fast, it's a must. If you just love Alfa Romeos you'll see some of the finest examples of the car and you'll be in good company.

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Thank you, Sally French- editor
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WELCOME

As a board member and club newsletter editor I would like to represent the club in welcoming these new members:

Jim & Gladys Sampson, Canoga Park
1974 Spider, prev. owned '57, '67 spiders

Fred & Janice Rognsvoog, Riverside
1963 - 1600 Sprint & 1963 Spider, prev. owned 3 spiders and sprint special

Ian Evans, Riverside, 1961 Giulietta
Sprint, prev. '67 GTV, '59 Giulietta
Spider Veloce

Ernest Carpenter, Downey, 1971 Berlina
prev. '65 spider veloce

Mike & Marline Riehle, San Pedro
1959 Sprint and 1966 Spider

Jerry & Carol Hampton, Pasadena
1960 Giulietta Spider

Ed Worchester, La Mirada, 1961, 1963
Giulietta Spiders

Dixie Sack, Manhattan Beach, 1974
2000 Spider

Brad & Chris Bunch, Studio City,
1972 - 2000 GTV

Dan Graupensperger, Orange, 1974
2000 Spider

The Magic of an ALFA Softball Game

by Sid Keely

Sunday, June 5th 1977, rose with a dismal overcast and the prospects of rain had the enthusiasm of the 1st annual softball game with the Santa Barbara and San Diego arms of the ALFA Romeo Owners not so sure if it would come off.

Debbie recieved a call from Biggs down in San Diego teeling her that it was pouring rain down there. However she convinced them be had no rain and that the ballgame was on for the day. She assured them that the rain would not melt their ALFAs and their paint jobs would not suffer. After these strong assurances a hardy contingent arrived from San Diego to defend their clubs reputation.

Our counterparts in Santa Barbara failed to either call or even show thier faces, so-oo, I assume they got cold feet and stayed home knowing full well that AROSC would trounce them into the little mud-holes they were sure probably existed in L. A.

After a short warm-up for both teams the AROSC team took to the field while the "Dago" bunch swung the bats. There were some pretty strong bats amongst that group and they scored well before three outs

brought AROSC to bat. Lest I sound my trumpet too strongly here the powerhouse AROSC whipped upon that "Dago" bunch without any hesitation.

At the end of the first game we all struck-out around the picnic tables to feast on hot-dogs with chili, chips and soft drinks served up by the gals of AROSC at nominal cost. We learned that there had been a tremendous accident on the South-bound San Diego near the Richard Nixon Freeway that we assumed had delayed the Santa Barbara team. We lolled around hoping they would show, but alas, n-o AROSB. We finally garnered up enough

energy to have a second go at AROSD which ended in a successful day for AROSC. We had defeated them in both games. I must say they were a valiant team for their gals didn't hesitate to play and made a good showing against the guys (mostly) of AROSC.

As the day ended and the AROSD team headed for home I heard them say "let's do it again". If they were as sore as Beth and I have been this past week I'm not so sure that was a strong suggestion! We all had a hell of a good time even though we had to "beat" AROSB by default!

The year 1978 will be here upon us soon so don't let those throwing arms and fast

"skinny" legs get out of shape for I'm sure those "Dago Reds" will be back in force next time to play a little tune up our trumpets. What are you guys up in Santa Barbara going to do next year?

GRAPE STOMPERS RALLYE

Saturday, September 17, 1977, \$1:00 per person. Starting time will be from Little Lake Park in Santa Fe Springs, (Pioneer and Florence, site of the "old" clubhouse)

Join us for a beautiful drive in the country ending with a wine tasting party. You won't want to miss it! See you in September. More details in upcoming issues.

TIME TRIAL #3 RIVERSIDE CAN-AM COURSE

RESULTS: JUNE 25, 1977

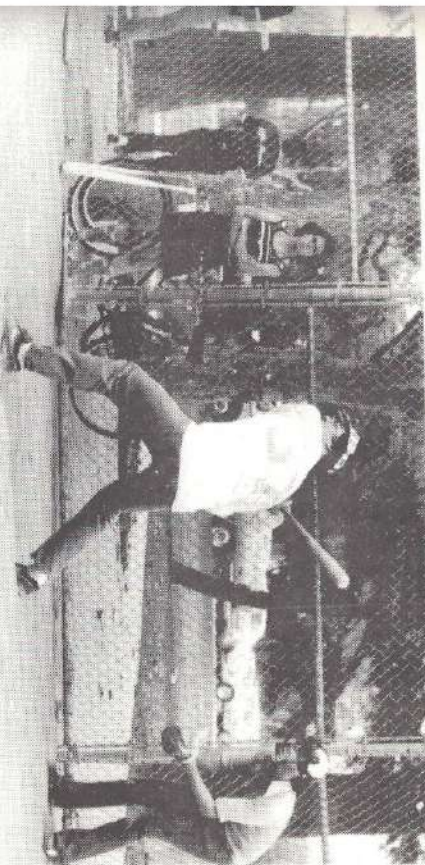
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Class B	1. Don Jaharis	1750 GTA	2:30.85	
Class C	1. Dave Rice	1600 Spider	2:23.27	**
	2. Dave Meredyth	1300 Spider	2:28.21	
	3. Kathy Rice	1600 Spider	2:28.89	
Class D	1. Alan Ward	2000 GTV	2:25.46	*
	2. Bill Henry	Alfetta GT	2:26.45	*
	3. Phyllis Gaylard	2000 GTV	2:27.82	*
	4. Art Canning	2000 Spider	2:30.55	
	5. John Blair (N)	1750 GTV	2:33.87	
	6. Jordan Harris	2000 Spider	2:34.21	
	7. Bob Meadows	2000 GTV	2:34.34	**
Class E	1. Wally Williams	2000 GTV	2:29.10	
	2. Jerry Wright	2000 GTV	2:35.51	
Class F	1. Verne Cochrane	1750 Spider	2:36.79	
	2. Rich Washington(N)	2000 Spider	2:38.11	
	3. Dan Bernstein (N)	1750 Spider	2:44.14	
	4. Ray Evans (N)	2000 GTV	2:49.38	
Class G	1. Don Swears	1600 Spider	2:36.16	
	2. Charlie Thieriot	Alfetta Sedan	2:40.02	
	3. Don Staats (N)	Alfetta Sedan	2:42.99	
	4. Raul Perez	1750 GTV	2:52.59	
Class H	1. Don Peters	1750 Berlina	2:39.46	*
	2. Bill Biggs	1300 Sprint Zagato	2:43.30	*

** top time of the day
* lap record
* novice
(N) = novice

Baseball Challenge

Photos and text by Lou Liserani



Dave Vegher gets ready to lay into one as catcher Charlie Thieriot cringes, --er, crouches-- behind the plate. Note Sid looking on from a safe distance.



With our own man, Dave Vegher, pitching, it was easy to get one you liked.



AROSC 1st baseman, Lou Liserani, tags a San Diego baserunner after being pulled off the bag by a wild throw.



The "Bear" typifies how the participants felt, two games and many hot dogs later.



AROSC natively attired center fielder Lou Alman, check out the pitch or possibly a blond beyond the center field fence.



ENTRY FORM FOR AROSC TIME TRIAL NUMBER 4
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AUGUST 13, 1977 RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY SHORT COURSE

Schedule 7:00 - 8:30 Tech. Inspection (NO LATE TECH ALLOWED)

8:30 - 8:45 Driver's Meeting- MANDATORY

8:45 - 9:15 Track Orientation

9:30 - 12:00 Practice

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 4:45 Warm-up and Timed Runs(5 laps)

5:00 - Awards Presentation and CLEAN-UP

Fee Single \$ 20.00 Mixed Couple \$35.00

*** Entry Deadline - Midnight Tuesday Aug. 9 (recieved by AROSC)
Late Entry Penalty Fee - \$5.00 (Per Driver)

Driver #1 - Name _____
Address _____
Phone () _____

Driver #2 - Name _____
Address _____
Phone () _____

Emergency - In case of emergency, the Club should contact:-
Name _____
Address _____
Phone-Home-() Work-() _____

Alfa:- Year and Model _____ Disp. _____ cc.

Class:- Class _____ Class Points _____
I must file a new class sheet because I have made mod-
ifications since completing the last form.-Yes() No()

I understand that my entry fee is not refundable and I will abide
the rules of the AROSC Competition Code.

Driver #1 _____ Driver #2 _____ Date _____

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TIME TRIAL REPORT

by Charlie Thieriot

Riverside is an exciting track. Imagine a club with twenty-three drivers and one hundred spectators renting a facility normally hosting hundreds of drivers and almost 100,000 spectators. Yet we can do it thanks to the owners and operators of the track and thanks to our event sponsors. Leonard Greenfeld of Rusnak Alfa-VW agreed to sponsor this event and he came out to it with his pretty daughter.

We used the Can-Am course this time, which is a 3.2 mile course employing a fiendish turn (8) before dumping you onto a one-mile straightaway. You enter turn 8 at about 90 mph to find that it is a sharply decreasing radius turn. You have to brake and downshift while turning more and more in order to negotiate the final 40 mph kink at the end. You then exit onto the straightaway on which a stock Alfa will do about 110 mph before reaching turn 9.

It was very foggy Saturday morning with visibility about 50 feet. When I reached the pits, I spotted a thick patch of fog at the Start/Finish Line. Being curious I decided to investigate. In the middle I found Nancy Vegher and Sue Bernstein at the registration table, having been lulled to sleep by the resonant snores of Dave Vegher who was slouched in his Berlina. Luckily Sid and Beth Keely arrived with a huge pot of coffee which was duly administered to the sleeping beauties (and to the beast).

Dave and Alan Ward held technical inspection and after all cars were given a relatively clean bill-of-health, we had the drivers meeting. The meeting was highlighted by Bear's explanation of the white flag

as meaning that he needs a Kleenex. Luckily we never saw the white flag as the last time Bear sneezed the Starter's tower had to be rebuilt. We then spent 45 minutes touring the track and walking turns to show the proper lines and apexes. It always amazes me how much can be learned about a turn by walking it and seeing the line through it from a new perspective. This is the principle reason that we insist the drivers must work the turns between their practice sessions.

When the practice session began, twelve engines fired up and roared onto the track while one fired up and stayed in the garage. It seems that Jerry "put the hammer down" Wright had decided to put the screwdriver down instead. Jerry had just installed two Webers on his previously injected car only to discover that carbs are no simpler to set up than injection. Meanwhile Rich Washington, who has race motorcycles extensively, was out on the track trying to make his '74 Spider lean into turns. Unable to agree with his car on this important point, Rich widened turn 8. Another driver who had a bone to pick with tricky Turn 8 was second time novice Dan Bernstein. Dan, always the practical type and inspired by the last Richard Petty movie he saw, decided that the sharp kink at the exit of Turn 8 was totally unnecessary and that a line straight through the dirt was much more logical. Although sore kidneys were the only consequence, I hear that he is still vacuuming his concourse Spider.

Practice having ended, Sid and Beth cooked a very good lunch. In ten years of coming to Riverside, it was the first time I've had a good meal out there. During lunch the track was opened to touring and many spectators, workers, and closet-Fangios went out on the track at reduced speed. This is a fun opportunity available to everyone at no cost at each Time Trial.

After lunch the timed laps started with a lot of attention being focused on the very competitive Class D. At the Willow Springs Time Trial Alan edged out Bill by 1:08 seconds. Bill narrowed the gap this time to .99 sec. Watch out Alan, Bill's closing. Phyllis Gaylord got a third and once again just missed getting a trophy by letting Alan drive her car. Alan, Bill, and Phyllis all broke the existing class D lap record of 2:29.67 set by Rick Clemente in April of 1976. An even closer race took place among the people with the less-fully prepared Class D cars. At Willow Springs Bob Meadows beat Jordan Harris by just .06 seconds. This time Jordan returned the favor by .13 sec. First time novice John Blair drove very well to beat Jordan by .34 sec. Art Canning couldn't decide which Class D sub-group to be in and split the difference with a time halfway between John and Phyllis. Wally Williams recieved his third first place trophy this year in Class E. Although Jerry Wright was not close to Wally's time, when he gets his Webers set up we may see a good race in this class. Verne Cochran, who won two firsts and one second last year in Class G, won Class F in his first Time Trial this year. Better not relax Verne as Rich Washington, who just recieved his license, is going to be quite fast when he and his car stop arguing. Second-time novice Dan Bernstein drove well to beat first time novice Ray Evans.

Don Swears throughly confused everyone by entering his Class G car in Class F only to switch back to Class G when the results came in. Who knows his reasons but he lives in North Tijuana and I hear that he likes the flies at the bottom of the Tequila bottles. In any event, he precluded Charlie Thieriot's third win of the year in his stock (except for Konis) Alfetta Sedan. Don Staats entered his new Alfetta Sedan as a first time novice. I understand Don raced in S.C.C.A.

nationals over ten years ago. He must be pleased to be back on the track again. Raul Perez, who got a bit carried away at Willow, slowed down this time but was almost a second faster than last year. Don Peters who, was a novice this year, came down from San Jose to win Class H with a very good time. Both he and Bill Biggs broke the old Class H lap record of 2:44.66 set by Bob Barlow in April 1976.

The top time of day went to San Diego driver Dave Rice in his very fast Class C 1600 Spider. Dave Meredyth edged out Kathy Rice by .68 sec. Don Jaharis, the only driver in Class B, scared himself and others when he exited Turn 6 in a cloud of smoke on his first timed run. Luckily the problem turned out to be a blown cam cover gasket dumping oil on the headers. Unfortunately Don was unable to complete any other of his timed runs as a result.

My thanks to the drivers and especially to those people who come out and work the event but don't drive. These people make it all happen. The Time Trial Program also wishes to thank Leonard Greenfeld of Rusnak Alfa-VW for sponsoring the event. I had hoped to get a chance to drive Leonard around the track and scare him a bit, but he bravely substituted his daughter. I think she enjoyed it, but I can't be sure as we found it 100% impossible to communicate with Bell Star helmets on. Leonard is very enthusiastic about Alfas and I think he will do a good job in Culver City. Drop in and see the place, I think you'll find that it lacks the "hard-core" feeling of most dealerships.

The next Time Trial will be at Riverside on Saturday, August 13. We will use the short course and Hollywood Imports will sponsor the event. The entry fee has been raised to \$20.00. Spectators and workers will be asked for a one dollar donation. If you can't enter your car, come out, watch, and tour the track at lunch. A good time is guaranteed.



May-B-I-Can Rally

by Beth Keely

On Saturday, May 14, thirteen darling cars came out to run the second rally of this competition year. It turned out to be a real experience for both the rally master and the competitors.

During the weeks I worked writing and running the rally, I attempted to anticipate every possible problem that could occur. I even marked the "Smokie" traps since I got a speeding ticket on the I-7 overpass leading into Downtown Long Beach. But, as is always the case, the unforeseeable happened. First, someone changed a billboard since I had run the final check two evenings earlier which caused most participants to miss one question. Secondly, an instruction which seemed very clear when it was written, turned out to run the participants around in what could have been an endless circle except that most navigators quickly realized my error and read ahead to correct their course and proceed without further difficulty. Sorry Gang!

I would like to stop and take this opportunity to thank Harriet Lindsey for all her help and companionship and hours of effort put forth towards this event. Without those efforts, I could not have undertaken this project.

The following results are based on equal scoring for correct time and mileage, number of scavenger items collected and number of questions answered correctly. The car with the lowest error was awarded a trophy for first place overall.

Team	Error	Pts.
Brod & Brod	24.1	20
B. Morris & J. Brennan	28.3	19
Keely & Linsey	68.7	18
Croulet & Croulet	78.0	17
J. Morris & B. Brannan	82.5	16
Laborde & Laborde	85.3	15
Ernst & McIntire	94.5	14
Alaman & Alaman	96.1	13
Ramsay & Ramsey	128.0	12
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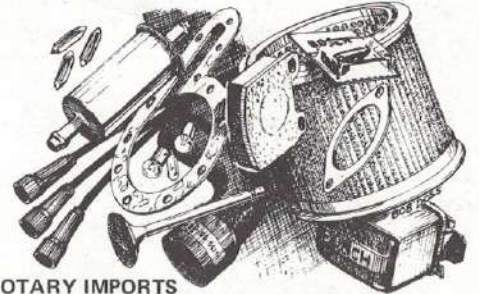
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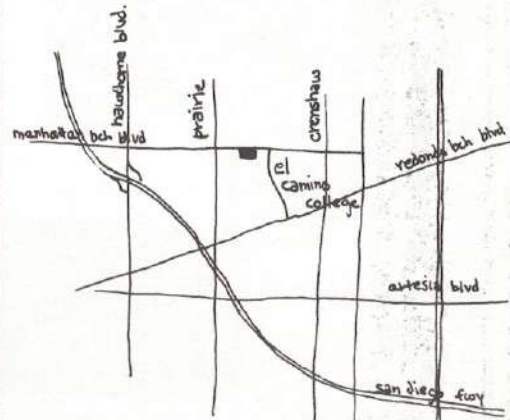
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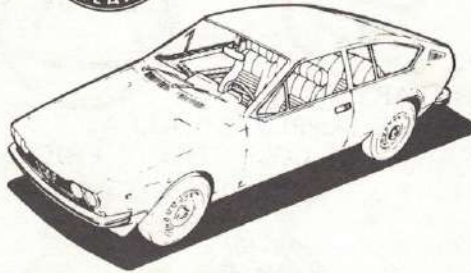
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