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## DRIVER'S SEAT

by Sid Keely

The month of May was a good month for the AROSC. The general meeting was a huge success as far as membership and guest turnout. We were glad to see some old faces at the meeting. Some upcoming events with an exciting and fun-filled nature are in the offing.

The first event coming off during the month of June is the first annual softball game with the members of AROSD and AROSB which was held on June 5th at Alondra Park. The ladies of AROSC have spent numerous hours in preparing for this event and they deserve a huge hand of appreciation for their efforts! Thanks gals!

The second event scheduled for June 25th is the Time Trials at Riverside Track. This event is for the high speed enthusiasts

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 18, 19 Solo 1, Riverside Raceway
- Jun 24 AROSC general meeting, Alondra Park Clubhouse, 8pm
- Jun 25 AROSC Time Trial, sponsored by Rusnak Alfa Culver City, Riverside Can Am course
- Jun 28 Board meeting, Dave Vegher's 1721 Marine, Wilmington, CA
- July Slalom date to be announced
- July 22 AROSC general meeting
- July 24 AROSC rally ( Lou Alaman's)
- Aug 5-7 Alfa Romeo Owner's Club National Meeting, Aspen, Colo.
- Aug 7 Slalom, Lion Country Safari
- Aug 13 AROSC Time Trial, Riverside
- Aug 21 Slalom, Lion Country Safari
- Oct 2 Slalom, Lion Country Safari
- Oct 22 AROSC Time Trial, Riverside

### June Meeting - June 24

Our speaker at the June meeting will be Phil Remington, who is one of the legendary figures in the world of auto racing. A very limited sample of Phil's accomplishments includes turning 150 mph on the dry lakes 30 years ago in his own flat-head Mercury convertible and work on the Reventlow Scarabs, the Shelby Cobras, the Ford GT's, and the Gurney Eagles.

Although he is best known as an incredibly good metal fabricator, there is nothing related to automobiles and auto racing which Phil has not done, and done well. In addition to his racing experiences, Phil has a wealth of other stories, such as the time ( in 1958) that the advertising department of Ford hired him to prepare and drive a new Ford sedan from London to Saigon.

## DRIVER'S SEAT (cont.)

who really haven't gotten into full blown racing. The event coordinator and ram-rod is Charlie Thieriot who is super competent in this realm and has promised another of his spectacular trials for the enthusiasts! Let's all make this an interesting event by participating in the days activities.

The month of July will be presenting a rally written by Mike (Lou) Alaman and ballyhooed as The Second "Great Gumball Rallye" (?) IT will take place on July 24th with the time and starting place to be announced later. Keep it in mind!

The Slalom of consequence to the members who are into this sport will take place at Lion Country Safari parking lot on August 21st. The event is sponsored by SCCSCC and our club representative, Joe Richardson, has promised this to be one of the usual hard charging slalom events put on by that group. We were entertained by the film of an event with an "in car" camera aboard Joe's spectacular slalom machine at our last general meeting. I'm sure that had it been 3 D, the effect would have been stomach churning for the position of the camera made an interesting flick. For those of you who are yearning to go quick in relative safety the slalom can be your bag of thrills for it requires skill to negotiate those chutes without getting a cone!

The board has set final plans for the printing of new "You are Invited" cards to enlist new membership to AROSC. They will be of a convenient billfold size and should be available in the near future for distribution by clubmembers and Alfa dealers. Tom Suter is hard at work on this now with help from Charlie Thieriot.

Don't forget the upcoming general meeting on June 24th! Come on out and join the coffee and doughnut session with fellow Alfa enthusiasts talking ALFA's!

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Is as funny as a tumor,  
But a poem is devine,  
No matter the license,  
It is the essence  
Of making words rhyme.

If your mentality is such  
That puns are too much,  
At peotry take a run,  
Be a he-she poet and  
You will know it-  
It's easier on the buns!

-Joe Richardson

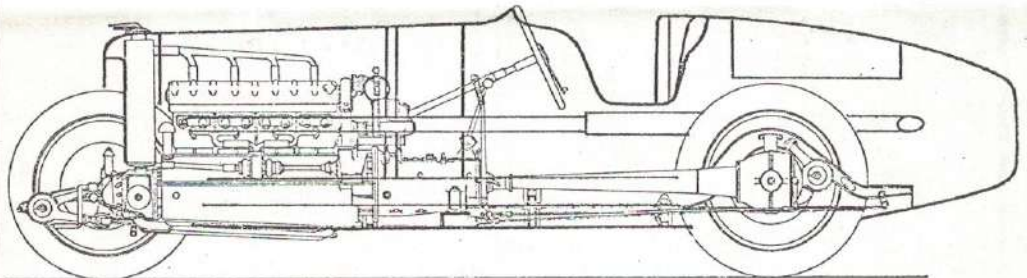
## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Dan Bernstein

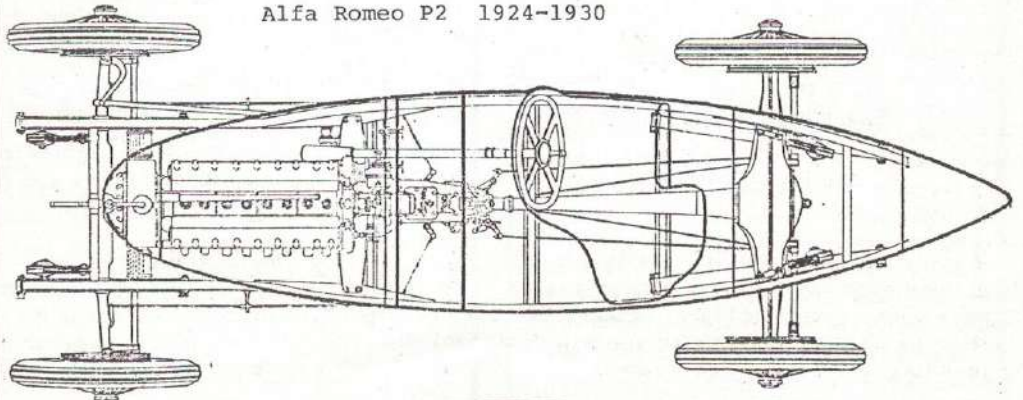
The following tabulation reflects the club's income and expenses for the calendar year 1976.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Dues	3217, 50	Newsletter	2602, 60
Sale of Merchandise	244, 00	Postage & Telephone	263, 86
Advertising Fees	828, 00	Door Prizes	168, 43
Casino & Christmas Parties		Coffee & Donuts	127, 43
	291, 00	Trophies	707, 91
Competition Events	2272, 04	Misc. Printing	132, 94
Event Sponsorship	779, 10	Casino & Christmas Parties	
Misc.	28, 00		471, 50
	7659, 64	Competition Events	1761, 56
		Misc.	75, 00
			6311, 23

Over the years the club's books have been kept on a cash basis, so the report merely represents cash flow for the calendar year 1976. I have a detailed breakdown of all transactions and will be prepared to answer questions at the next general meeting.



Alfa Romeo P2 1924-1930



## NOTICE:

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



All members who have never received 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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## Slaloms & Such

by Joe Richardson

April 17th - The second Championship Slalom of '77 was quite a success; good weather, a well laid-out course, and a good turn-out of contestants. My spyder was ready to go this time, and it was great to hear "driving an Alfa for the Alfa owners' club" once more over the p. a. system. After the long winter lay-off, I was very rusty, and I just didn't have the old "feel" back. I hesitate to tell you, but, if I had pushed the spyder around the course, I wouldn't have finished any worse! A few Alfa members came for a look-see, but Barry Klein went a step further - he entered the family Fiat in the "Showroom Stock" class U, and in spite of the fact that he had never run a slalom before, he won his class! (He has an Alfa in his garage that will be running for AROSC some day.)

May 1st - The Third Championship slalom of 1977 was again a good example of good weather and even a better course than the previous go-round. I did much better this time, but not good enough. There are three Datsuns (1600cc, I'm 1400cc) that constantly came in 1-2-3 as a team in my class (E prodified). I am moving up on them, and by the next event, June 12th, I hope to at least make a dent in that combination. I let Barry Klein drive my spyder in the "fun run" at the end of the day, and he is really hooked now! At the last meeting, I showed movies taken from a camera mounted on the roof bars of the spyder - it might give you an idea if you got a chance to see it.

The Tricycle Slalom and car show is being negotiated again. It looks like it just might take place sometime in the middle of September. More about this later. See you at the next event!

ONE VIEW POINT ON ALFA CAMS  
by Tom Suter

Since one of the common questions asked by Alfa owners concerns the possible use of "hotter" cams, the following article should be of interest to many owners. We are re-printing it from the newsletter of the Alfa Owners of British Columbia but cannot be sure if this is the original source, since it is obvious from the Alfionada articles which they have re-printed that their policy on technical articles is to copy without credit and to insert minor changes which create the impression that it is original material.

Regardless of the source, the combination of subjective comments and objective data seems to present an interesting summary. Worthy of note are the comments about the "around town" drive-ability of the hotter cams, which points out that you can't get something for nothing.

The first part of the article explained the reasons for deciding to install hotter cams and described the trials and tribulations of getting the parts and installing them. Finally everything was together and the engine started.

"What's that noise? The new cams were considerably noisier at lower speeds and idle, more clatter.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Here are the facts:

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Lobe Centers	Int 99.5	Ex 99.5
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Dyno test	RPM	HP at wheels
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	3000	45
	4000	60
	5000	78
	5500	90
	6000	105

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Timing	29-66-64-27	
Lobe centers	Int 108	Ex 108
Duration	Int 275	Ex 271
Cam lift	10.2mm	
Dyno test	RPM	HP at wheels
	2500	40
	3000	50
	4000	75
	5000	95
	5500	110
	6000	125

Driving Impressions

At first I thought 'God-this is no good', because there was a considerable drop in low end torque. It was really noticeable in stop and go traffic. Once I had a chance to wind it out on a good open road my feelings were somewhat changed. It came on much faster and stronger in the upper revs, 4000 and up. Beautiful noises!"



The next Time Trial coming up is on June 25th. It is the first one that has had a sponsor. Rusnak Alfa in Culver City has graciously offered to sponsor this event which will help the economic factor. They are the area's newest Alfa dealer and are really trying to involve themselves with all Alfa owners so stay by there so they can keep up the good job.

If you have never been to a Time Trial, now is your chance to go out to Riverside International Raceway and be a course worker, (learn to work the flags or monitor the emergency communications system) take pictures, or just plain watch. AROSC rents the track for the day, so we will be the only ones out there. You can go where you like on the track and get good views on all the corners. When I say anywhere on the track, that doesn't mean "anywhere". Your safety and those of the cars on the track are of utmost importance, so please stay out of range!

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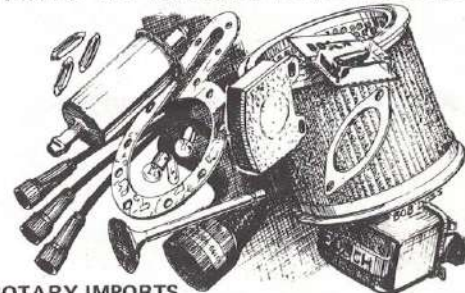
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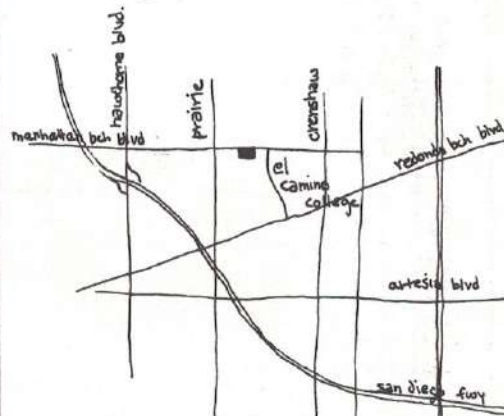


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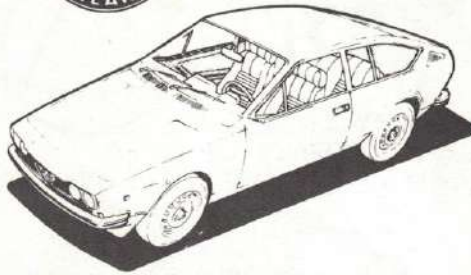


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