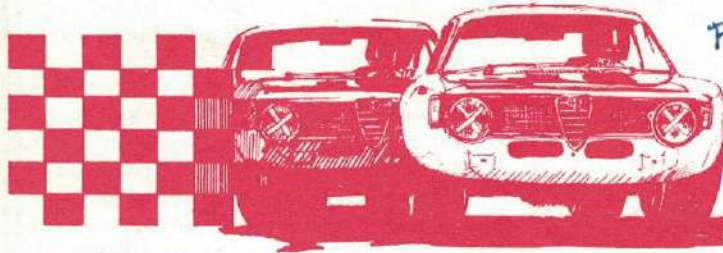


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## DRIVER'S SEAT

The month of February was another of those fabulous AROSC months with the start of our general meetings at the freshly painted and neat new meeting facility in Lawndale! We met many new faces and renewed our friendship with the old ones. I am sure the location will prove to satisfy the needs of AROSC.

The general meeting brought forth some interesting questions for the board of AROSC to resolve and for those of you who were not there I will enlighten you. Firstly, there will be an annual report published, soon, reflecting our budget for 1977 and our total expenses for 1976! Secondly, Gerry Tewinkle, our retained legal advisor, presented the status of our corporate situation with the state of California. I can say at the moment of this writing that the work of your board is to put the club onto a clean slate with the IRS, thus, we will have resolved the deficiency we were faced with when we assumed our chairs on the board to serve the club.

For the rally enthusiasts of the club there will be a March Hare run on Sunday, the 27th of March. The event will begin with registration at 12:00 noon in the parking lot of the Alondra Park Club house located at 3850 Manhattan Beach Blvd. A driver's meeting will be held at 12:30PM. The rally will last

## MARCH MEETING

March 25 th 8:00 pm  
Alondra Park Clubhouse



approximately two hours and will end with a steak and trimmings BBQ up in the vicinity of Marine Land! It is necessary to have a pre-entry fee to cover the costs for the purchase of the steaks, etc., so get your entries in early so we can know ahead of time how many to plan this for! For those who wish to indulge, you should plan to bring your own libations!

Since I am on the subject of parties I wish to know the feelings of the general membership for our annual Christmas party. The board is currently investigating the use of the fantastic facilities of the CPO Club at the U.S. Navy station on Terminal Island! We can have a complete sit down type of dinner in a secluded room off of the main ballroom with dancing to a great orchestra and super bar service. (the bar-tender pours a mean toddy) I would say this will require all of us to put some money up-front just prior to the date! Please give this event some serious thought, no and look forward to a tremendous party this year.

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## DRIVER'S SEAT (cont.)

As you peruse this newsletter elsewhere you will find that our recent erstwhile editor (Rebbie?) 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 Hime, 3511 Camino de la Cumbre, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. More about this later. Y'all come!

## WILLOW SPRINGS

### TIME TRIAL - Apr. 23

This Time Trial will be a joint event to which AROSC has invited the Ferrari Owner's Club. Entry will be limited to 25 cars from each club, allocated on a first-come basis with a fee of \$25 per entry. Technical inspection will be done BEFORE the event on the night of the entry deadline, Wednesday April 20 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at Charlie's house in Rancho Park and Dave's shop in Torrance. Contrary to earlier announcements, novices will be allowed.

April 20 - Pre-Tech Locations 5:30-8:30  
Charlie Thieriot  
10350 Ilona Ave.  
Rancho Park, CA 90064  
213 556-2991

Velcce Motors West  
1647 W. Sepulveda Unit 4  
Torrance, CA 90501  
213 539-0700

## COMPETITION REPORT

by Rick "Bear" Clemente

February saw a succesful Time Trial at Riverside put on by Charlie, Dave and me; see Charlies Time Trial report for all the details.

**WINNER BECOMES LOSER:** It doesn't always pay to win! 1976 F production National Champion Dick Blizzard finds his 12 year old Alfa 1600 (101) spyder has been bumped by the powers behind SCCA classification committee ( \$\$\$ ) into class E production for 1977. You cannot fight city hall, but this move underscores again that the successfull SCCA competition begins not in the garages of clever racers, but in the vaults full of dollars and backrooms of SCCA's Denver headquarters.

AROSC-Ferrari Owners Club Time Trial, April 23rd. - Willow Springs International Raceway. I'm really looking forward to an AROSC return to Willow Springs!! Tune up your brakes everybody- Willow gives you the chance to use it all, go, stop and turn. Viva Alfa! As in all our sped events, entries are limited- the difference this time is that we anticipate reaching the limit. First come first served, so get your entries in fast. We can't afford (\$again) to run Willow without teaming up with another group- and the screaming machines from Modena should be fun to run with! Note: for this event there will be an increase in entry fee- stretch those short arms down into those deep pockets- it won't hurt.

Some of the gals hope to set up a lunch center for the Willow Springs event. Watch your newsletter to see if they get the ok from the track management. I hope it works out, they want to raise some bread to improve the social functions, and I'm always too sleepy to fix my own before leaving for the track.

This event should be fun to watch as well a run, so those interested in "what's it all about" come on up!

G-PROD  
U-CLASS 165 TIRES JACK, SPARE, TOOLS

20% FROK START.  
8:30 A.M.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 20 SCCSCC championship slalom, Lion Country Safari, Run order LKJIHGECAMSNBDFPQRTU Closed exhaust-checked at 95 decibels at 3500 rpm. at 50 feet.
- Mar 25 AROSC General Meeting, Alondra Park Clubhouse 8pm
- Mar 26 AROSC March Hare Rally
- Mar 27 1st annual San Buenaventura Benefit Concours d'Elegance and Historic Car Show for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Ventura County, Ventura College Practice Field, entries closed.
- Mar 29 AROSC board meeting, for info. Joe Richardson 213 442-2331
- Apr 1-3 United States Grand Prix West, Long Beach, Calif.
- Apr 22 AROSC General Meeting, Alondra Park Clubhouse 8pm
- Apr 23 AROSC - Ferrari Club Time Trial, Willow Springs
- Apr 23-24 Solo 1 Riverside Raceway
- May 7, 8 SCCSCC Concours and tricycle slalom, Bullocks Fashion Center. For more info: Don Hume, 3511 Camino de la Cumbre, Sherman Oaks, Ca 91403, (213) 783-2421.
- May 21, 22 Lone Pine Time Trials
- May 27 AROSC General meeting
- Jun 18, 19 Solo 1 Riverside Raceway
- Jun 25 AROSC Time Trial Riverside Raceway.
- Aug 5-7 Alfa Romeo Owners Club National Meeting, Aspen, Colo.
- Aug. 13 AROSC Time Trial Riverside Raceway
- Oct 22 AROSC Time Trial Riverside Raceway.

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## WANTED

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  
Manhattan Beach,  
California 90266  
Thank You, Sally French- editor

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



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.

## AROSC LADIES

On Monday Feb. 28 we had our first AROSC Womens' Auxiliary meeting at Beth Keely's home. Several AROSC wives were in attendance and lots of good ideas were discussed, such as: A softball challenge (AROSC against AROSB against AROSD)

Ladies we need you and your ideas . Please fill out this form and return it to us either at the general meeting or to the P.O. Box, OR give us a call: Debbie Laborde 898-5834 (714) Harriet Lindsey 646-8423 (714).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Our next meeting will be at Harriet Lindsey's on April 25th at 7:30 pm. Hope to see anyone interested there!!



This is a photo of a 1949- 5 passenger Sport Cabriolet by Farina. This is one of the two the owner Nort Newman knows of in the country. He has spent 3 1/2 years restoring what was originally described as a "junked parts car". It is now completely finished and was on display at the AROSC concours last September at the Puente Hills Mall. He naturally came out first in his classification, but his car was perhaps the most widely drooled over, (pawed over too) and is what he describes as a "real good amateur restoration". I would say that was an understatement!

**TIME TRIAL**  
**No. 1,**



FEB 26, 1977

RESULTS OF THE B-C-D TIME TRIAL # 1 RIVERSIDE- SHORT COURSE

Class C	1. Don Jaharis	1750 GTA	1:52.30
	2. Crawford	1750 GTA	1:55.07
	3. Pat Garrett	1300 Spider	2:12.06
	4. Paul Zabel	1300 Spider	DNR
Class D	1. Bill Henry	Alfetta GT	1:53.05
	2. Art Canning	2000 Spider	1:54.11
	3. Phyllis Gaylord	2000 GTV	1:55.56
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Class P (Pantera Club)			
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	4. Jim Clarke	Pantera	1:56.65
	5. Gary Parker	Mangusta	1:57.52
	6. Tom Phipps	240 Z	DNR

ENTRY FORM FOR AROSC TIME TRIAL # 2

Date: APRIL 23 Track: WILLOW SPRINGS

Print last name.

Schedule 7:30 - 8:30 Late Tech. (NO LOCAL CARS)  
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 \$25.00 Mixed Couple \$45.00

\*\*\* Entry Deadline - Midnight APRIL 20, 1977 (Received 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 modifications 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with the entry fee. Make check payable to A.R.O.S.C.

Send to: AROSC T.T.  
c/o Nancy Vegher  
1721 Marine Ave.  
Wilmington, Ca. 90744

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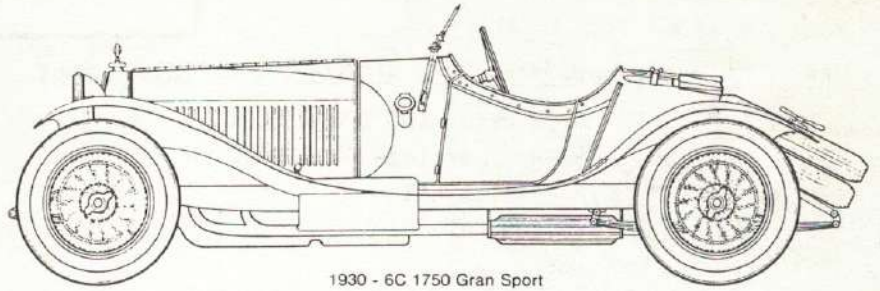


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1930 - 6C 1750 Gran Sport

#### WHERE DOES MY MONEY GO? by Tom Suter

At the risk of beating a dead horse, I'm going to write a few words on a subject which has been discussed a number of times before and as recently as my Competition Report article in the November, 1976 Alfacionada. Normally I would hesitate to be so repetitious but a discussion at the February General Meeting indicated that some memories are short and/or some people have been passing over my golden prose in favor of mundane material like Playboy and Penthouse.

A question was asked regarding the percentage of a member's annual dues which goes to support the AROSC Time Trial program. The correct answer to this question is that not one penny of your dues goes toward the Time Trial program unless the program's expenses exceeds its income, which has not happened to date. Getting down to dollars and cents; a separate record has been kept of the Time Trial cash flow and as of March 1, 1977 shows a positive cash balance of \$54.13 with \$200.00 in accounts receivable from an event sponsor. This is the status after five years of events and does not include the approximately \$1000 of assets paid for by the Time Trial pro-

gram but available for use at any appropriate club event. These assets include an electronic timer, fire extinguishers, etc.

Another point which should be made (again) is that the Time Trial is not unusual in its financial aspects. Every reasonable effort is made to insure that AROSC events are self-supporting, whether they are Time Trials, parties, rallies, or whatever. Since many events have costs which must be fixed in advance and income dependent upon the numbers of people who show up for the event, some individual events lose money and some make money. On the balance however, most of the \$7.50 which AROSC receives out of your annual dues goes towards printing and postage for "Alfacionada".

As I said in my article last November, your Board of Directors has always attempted to operate the club on a basis of "you pay for what you get!" So that no member is subsidizing other members' enjoyment.



# TIME TRIAL REPORT

by Charlie Thieriot

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The first AROSC Time Trial of the year approached under the shadow of the Club's incorporation problems, and the board voted that it could not be an AROSC event for liability reasons. So a couple of brash fools names Bear Charlie and Dave took over the event, called it the B-C-D Time Trial, and held it anyway. Faced with the prospect of a large loss due to the lack of entries, it was decided four days before the event to invite the Pantera Club to join us. Being a very enthusiastic bunch, they responded quickly with six entries.

Although it had threatened to rain ( we run anyway if it rains), Saturday was beautiful. There were twenty Alfa entered, four Panteras, one Mangusta, and a lonely 240-Z. Morning practice went smoothly. Don Jaharis (fastest Alfa of the day) got his GTA stuck in the mud at turn 7 and had to be towed out. Phyllis Gaylord showed up with racing slicks and gold springs but could not keep up with veterans Art Canning and local Alfetta promotor Bill Henry. Wally Williams, who has missed getting first-in-class by a few hundredths of a second many previous times, edged out Bill Henry by a whisker to win class E.

Lunchbreak was highlighted by timed quarter-mile drag races. The main event was between Don Jaharis' now muddy GTA and Bear Clemente's freshly painted icebox white Giulia Super. Halfway down

the strip they were even, but then Don increasingly pulled away, probably due to the areodynamic advantage of having so many holes in it.

The Panteras performed very well with Tony Ward's beautifully prepared and driven Pantera taking top time of the day. It was a diverse event- fun and safe.

## RALLY

This rallye is a low-key event for the purpose of congeniality and fun for all! The cost of your entry includes the price of the steaks, salad, rolls and beans, PLUS, two cans of beer or soft drinks for the driver and his navigator. Additional guests and children 12 years and older will be at an additional cost of \$2.50 each. Children under 12 will be \$1.25 each. The ladies will have a beer and soft drink concession operating for those who wish more than they get for their entry fee! There are three classes. Women, Men and Mixed!

Pre-entry fee for driver and his navigator is \$6.00 per car PLUS the additional costs of guests or small children. Post-entry will be \$7.00 per car and \$3.00 for guests.

Driver \_\_\_\_\_

Navigator \_\_\_\_\_

Type of vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

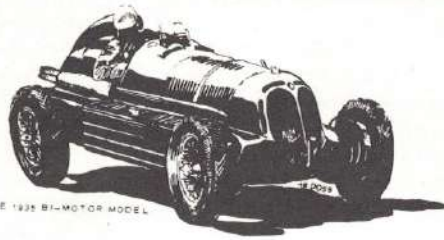
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No. of children under 12 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of driver \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of navigator \_\_\_\_\_

GET YOUR ENTRIES IN EARLY AND SAVE!



## Famous AROSC Alfa Enthusiasts

by D. Laborde

In working with the newsletter last year, I know what it is like to be short of articles. So, I thought I might help Sally out by writing some articles. I realize that there is only so much that can be written about Alfa engines, maintenance or repairs of Alfa's etc. I thought it might be interesting to write about some of our own esteemed AROSC members and their experiences with their Alfa's.

I thought I would start with Sid Keely. Sid bought his Alfa Romeo GTV in March 1970. He attended his first AROSC meeting 3 months later in June and joined AROSC in July. Sid remembers his first National meeting-"Alfa Expo West" held in Anaheim in 1970. The "Expo" had much to offer from a rally ( prepared by our own Tom Suter) to a time trial at Ontario Motor Speedway, to an Alfa "drag race" ( hey doesn't that sound fun). Sid's dedication proved true from the very beginning. He attended to the Expo Time Trial with an injured back. He couldn't even get to the track in his Alfa. ( he was unable to get in it) so he went in style on his Honda motorcycle.

Sid, as you probably all know, is into rallying. He first got interested in rallies when Hoppy Hopkins ( a long time AROSC member and a great rally organizer) asked Sid to work a check point. He enjoyed the experience and thought it might be fun to enter a rally. So Sid and his "special girl" Beth ran their first Pan Am rally with only a 31.13 minute error? They ran rallies on and off in 1971 and 1972. They ran the Pan Am again in 1972 and then their first Starlight rally ( Santa Barbara to Las Vegas) in 1972 or 1973. Sid says they prefer to run long rallies ( 7 or 8 hours). He says you meet lots of nice people on such rallies and there is more time to get acquainted. Sid has an excellent rally record. He has finished every rally he has ever started and his error time has dropped to a little over oneminute! Not only has Sid's, and of course Beth's, skill improved but so has their equipment. They started with a wristwatch and a borrowed stop-watch. They now have a "Keely" Super Duper Deluxe Rally box instruction reader and elapsed-time timer. The Keelys have put a good deal of time and money into rallying but they say it has been well worth the investment.

As for Sid's two year reign as a board member, he first ran for the board in 1972 with barely an honorable mention. Then last year Dale Jones asked Sid to run again. He was elected and given the job of secretary and of course this year he became our president. Sid worked very hard last year and has already gotten many projects started this year to make this one of our best years ever. Sid says " by becoming a board member he has been highly enlightened regarding the operation of AROSC as he is now in a position to know what is really going on and that running a club is not just fun and games, it's a lot of hard work." Obviously AROSC is in very capable hands.

## FOR SALE

1971 Alfa Romeo 1750 GTV, silver with black interior, AM/FM tape, pan guard, Maserati air horns, pirelli 185/70 SR 14 radials on BWA alloy wheels.

1967 Alfa Romeo 1600 Duetto Spyder, red with black interior, factory hard and soft tops, AM/FM radio, maserati air horns, Carello plastic headlight covers, Pirelli 165 HR 14 radials on stock wheels.

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Military transfer forces sale. \$3800 each. Capt. C. P. Downer, 511 Third Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.  
213 376-3131.

1966 Autodelta GTA - 1750 single plug engine, headers, oil cooler, close ratio trans, limited slip, slipping block, knuckle risers, 6" Campagnolo wheels, full roll cage. Alfa top time of day at Riverside in February Time Trial. It is street legal and fast! \$3500.00  
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with no engine \$3100.00. Good un-sprung trailer \$175.00. Don Jaharis 110 N, 101 Encinitas. 714 436-5766.

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Gene Olsen, 1149 E. Rovey, Phoenix AZ, 85014 Evenings 602 263-8081.

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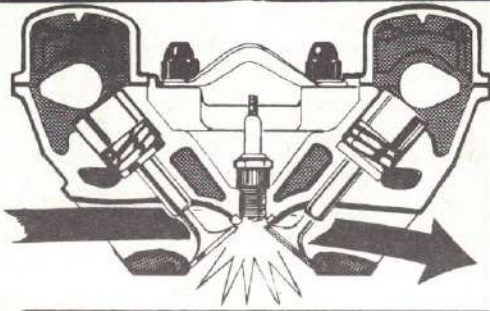


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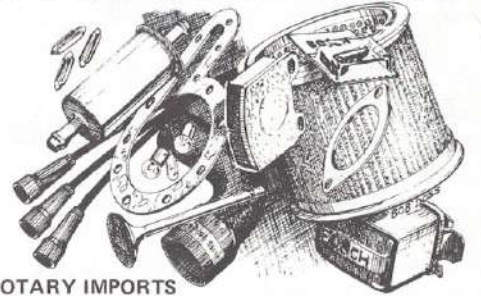
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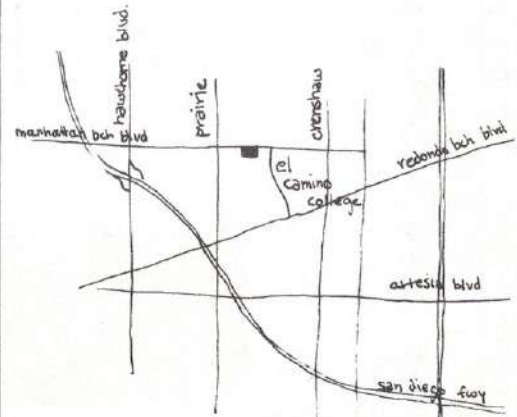


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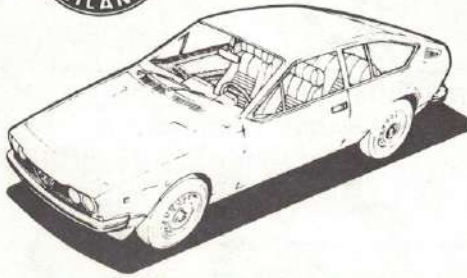
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