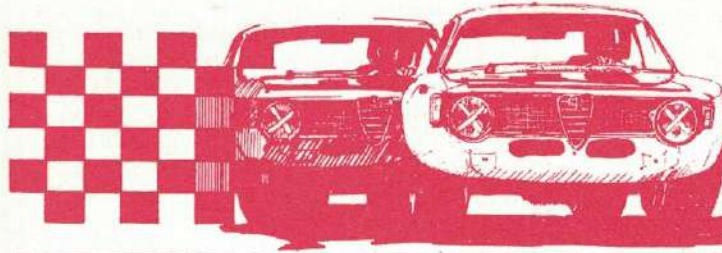


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DRIVER'S SEAT

by Sid Keely

The month of April came and went with a very poor turnout for the general meeting of AROSC. It is difficult to tell if the lack of interest is due to spring fever, or the lack of a reminder through your newsletter.

If the latter is the problem I will take this opportunity to apologize to those of you who recieved your newsletter late! The delay came from our label printing company having to update our mailing list by better than 50 additional names just prior to printing our labels and thus causing a weeks delay!!

I would say there was a damn good Time Trial up at Willow Springs this past month enjoyed by those who ran, worked or just plain watched! How does the course look in the counter-clock-wise direction Jerry? Alan, the efforts of mechanics on a hot dusty pit area seemed to have paid off in the turns for Pnyllis! She had that ALFA stuffed right up that Ferrari's exhaust! This being my first time out to attend one of our Time Trials I was astounded at the attentive efforts of the tech crew, flagging and timing crews and the joint efforts by opponents to help each other make their machines go faster!

MAY MEETING

Since our speaker for the April meeting was forced to cancel at the last minute, he has been rescheduled for the May meeting. As mentioned in last month's paper, his name is David Loring and he was recently hired as a driver by Dan Gurney.

David's talk should be of particular interest to Alfa owners since he has spent the last two years as an instructor at a school of performance driving which uses Alfas for the on track instruction. In addition, just before coming out here David was responsible for making a turbo charger installation on an Alfa, so he has a good "hands-on" familiarity with our cars.

The results of the Christmas party questionnaire in last months Alfacionado resulted in a big fat "0". It was therefore considered to be a forgotten effort by the AROSC board members in-so-far as a dinner, dance thing. Those of you out there who are afraid you will be asked to work on a committee to provide activities for the club or are just not interested will find it less entertaining in the future because your board can't do it all!

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Don't forget the ball game with AROSD and AROSB on June 5th at Alondra Park! You will see particulars on this event elsewhere in this newsletter. We need people who have unusual cars who are willing to show them for a couple of hours at a mini-concours this date also. Get in touch with Debbie La Borde at 714 898-5834 if you can provide!

This months raffle will be another of those super bake sales as provided by the ladies of AROSC. The proceeds of this raffle are to be used for upcoming party aid so help support the ladies efforts. Buy lots of raffle tickets!!

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Dick Gebhardt, our new membership chairman to the board. I can see lots of enthusiasm in this gentleman and that's what we need to make AROSC fun! While I'm at it I would like to also welcome all the people to AROSC who remitted their dues to National and are just now being put on the rolls of SoCal.

Come on out and join us at the general meeting May 27, at 8 pm.



NOTICE:

FOR OWNERS OF 2000 and 2600 ALFAS

A register of owners of 2000 and 2600 models has been compiled by Malcolm Harris of the AROC Northwest Chapter. Anyone interested in looking at a copy of this register should contact Tom Suter at the monthly meeting or at 714 842-5824. Note that these are the older models called 2000, and do not include the recent 2 liter cars.

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EDITOR'S DESK

There she sat in the driveway, my imagination was running rampant as the owner pointed out fine points. She had to be one of the prettiest (even though she was silver) little sprints I had seen. I paid the man his money and she was mine. Driving home glancing over my shoulder to make sure she was still attached to the tow bar, I kept saying to myself, "I own an Alfa! I own an Alfa Romeo!!"

Restless with anticipation my friend and I worked fervently at her vital engine parts. We would fix one thing and then it would lead the way for the next. (I swear I still am going to make a pendant out of the partially smashed nut I found in one combustion chamber.)

After purchasing the car in September, one thing or another kept me from driving her to an Alfa meeting. January I finally got to show her off to fellow Alfisti. After all El Segundo was so close I could almost push her! The only problem was the dense fog and lack of windshield wipers that made for a slow drive home with hands out the window wiping a viewing area.

Well now, after more than two and a half years I no longer feel afraid to drive her any farther than I would like to walk home. She has been re-painted, re-head-gasketed, re-chromed, rebuilt, re-head-gasketed, ^(five times) and, well, she's almost new again. I have put more miles on her in the last few months than she made in the the whole first year. I enjoy the strange looks I get from people; I can see them ask each other 'what kind of car is that?!

What started out as a 19 year old girl selling her '56 bug and buying a 1961 Giulietta Sprint is now a 22 year old Alfa nut with a fun, dependable(?) car that is more of an unseparable friend than just transportation.

-SALLY FRENCH

COMPETITION REPORT

by Rick "Bear" Clemente

WILLOW SPRINGS- Most improved driver award ought to go to Raul Perez, here is a guy who has developed consistent lap times and kept his wits about him in a spectacular off course "excursion" at Willow's turn 9, nice driving Raul! For more on the "Wonderfull Willow Invitation-al" see Charlie's Time Trial report.

DR. JOHN SAMPSON has a leg in a cast but the Samko screamer, along with the brand new Alfetta racer of VIC PROVENZANO, and the blue bomber of BOB BARLOW, were all headed North for an IMSA weekend at Laguna Seca as this was written. Good luck to all of you guys.

At the last SCCA National (Willow Springs) ALAN WARD went off the road with adhesion problems and wound up stuck in the sand right in front of my observers position. Tough break for old number 38 which is soon to be replaced with an all new "fastest production Alfa", watch out for blizzards Alan.

I haven't heard even a rumor from a little bird, but the new Can-Am rules say '5 litre stock block engines (formerly formula 5000 cars) or 3 litre racing engines in the familiar Can-Am body work...' I know of some really neat 3 litre flat 12's and the late type 333p was built for flat 12's... ah, but I'm just dreaming.



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Famous AROSC Alfa Enthusiasts

by D. Laborde

This month's article is about someone we all know.. I call him the "Doctor" of the Alfa club because someone is always asking him about a certain "pain" in their Alfa. He is, of course Blake Morris, one of our expert Alfa mechanics

Alfa enthusiasm runs in Blake's family. His father started it with the purchase of a 1959 Giulietta Sprint. Blake had the car apart before he could drive. Blake's father then purchased, and still owns a 1963 spider.

Blake is the proud owner of four Alfas: a '67 Giulia Super, '65 spider veloce, '73 GTV and his distinctive "pruned" colored Alfetta GT. He has worked on Alfas since he was a boy. He worked for ARI for about a year, in a partnership with a friend for a while, for the House of Imports and then where he is now at Beach Imports.

Blake has been in the club a long time and has served on the board on and off since he joined. He keeps busy helping fellow club members with their cars. It sure is nice to have him around.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 21, 22 Lone Pine Time Trials
- May 27 AROSC General meeting
- May 29 Softball practice for June 5th game- La Mirada Park.
- May 31 Board meeting 8 pm Tom Suter's 17332 Avalon Lane, Huntington Beach, CA
- June 4-5 Combined SCCSCC and San Diego area sports car clubs slaloms at the San Diego Stadium.
- Jun 5 Softball game- challenge match with San Diego and Santa Barbara Alondra Park Clubhouse
- Jun 18, 19 Solo I 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.

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



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
1312 Pine Avenue
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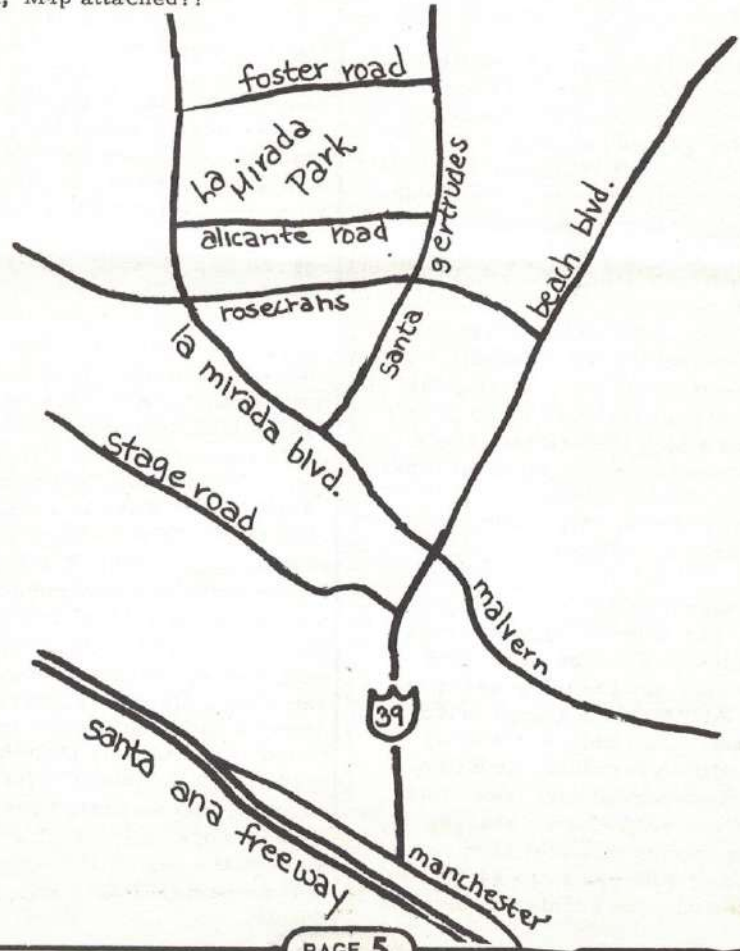
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P.S. Every Alfa Romeo Owner should have one!

THE AROSC CHALLENGE

At the time of the year when the Angels and the Dodgers are warming up their practice bats and throwing arms, the AROSC "jocks" are digging through the cob-webs in the back of their ALFA lore for their mitts, balls, bats and shoes! AROSC has challenged AROSD and AROSB to an afternoon of softball - and we need all the help we can get!!!

On Saturday June 5th, beginning at 11am, AROSC team will face their opponents across home plate at Alondra Park. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be available, at a small donation, by the ladies of AROSC. Everyone who would like to help whip the opponent, cheer the team on, or just enjoy an afternoon of fun with other Alfisti is encouraged to come out and support the team to Victory! A practice session will be held on Sunday May 29, 1977. We need gloves, bats, mask, etc, so, bring them with you when you come!! Practice will be held at La Mirada Park, Map attached!!



TIME TRIAL REPORT

by Charlie Thieriot

Willow Springs has always possessed a certain Black Magic. Autosport is a blend of history, fantasy and stark reality. The morning of a Time Trial at Riverside when all is quiet, one can still feel the presence of roaring crowds watching newspaper-headline drivers creating history. Riverside is a place of victory and fantasy.

Willow Springs is a place of reality. It is a utilitarian track about 10 miles north of Lancaster in the desert. There are no grandstands, garages or billboarded retaining walls. But Willow is where all the Southern California teams have done their testing. After a long winter of developing and building a race car, this is where it is first tested. Touring the track in the early morning, there is no echo of past crowds- only a stark sobering silence. The outside of the track is strewn with parts- each one representing the extreme disappointment of many people who worked a long time to have their effort temporarily end in failure. There are velocity stacks, pistons, valves, oil pan pieces, pulleys, etc. sitting in desert from who knows how long ago.

Willow is also a driver's track. Whereas Riverside has only two highly critical turns, Willow has maybe five. The terrain is hilly and the turns are more difficult. At Riverside a good driver can go a lot faster than normal for a lap or two for qualifying purposes, at Willow Springs it is much harder. How much faster can one go through a sharply decreasing-radius turn that is normally taken at about 100 mph in an Alfa? How much faster can one accelerate up a hill

so steep that most Alfas cannot pull it in 3rd gear? How much faster can one go down a steep hill into a sharp reverse-banked turn? Willow Springs is a driver's track.

This Time Trial was conceived as an invitational event for the Ferrari Owners' Club. There were to be twenty five cars from each club. For a variety of reasons six Ferrari Club members entered. There were two Abarths, one 280Z, one Maserati Bora, and one 1964 Ferrari Lusso. Very disappointing. Twenty-four Alfas entered, almost all of whom were our "regular runners". A total of 147 people came to the event, a respectable turnout even by SCCA regional standards.

After 45 minutes of instruction, there was two hours of relatively uneventful practice. Don Jaharis retired with his GTA gearbox seized in third gear- it must have been a long drive back to San Diego. Joe Creveir's beautiful Maserati Bora retired in a cloud of steam with a broken thermostat. The car seemed to say, "you dona bora me and I dona bora you". Sorry about that. The two Abarths left after lunch to make an afternoon appointment in L. A. All of the normal Alfas ran beautifully and seemed to enjoy the day's rigors. Jordan Harris debuted his new 2000 Spider. Alan Ward captured "Top Time of Day" in Phyllis Gaylard's 2000 GTV. Phyllis had a good race with Robin Adrian in his Ferrari Lusso. I have never seen so much cheering and excitement at a Time Trial. Robin won the Ferrari class and his quite competent wife Shelley recieved second place in the same car. Jerry Wright "put the hammer down" a little too far and turned the slowest timed run of the day (3:29:91) by detouring through the desert. Raul Perez discovering that an early apex in Turn 9 doesn't work and he took a 100 mph ride through the desert scattering dust, rocks, old car parts, snakes and the occasional coyote.

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Since this is the first Time Trial we have had at Willow Springs since our new system of classifying cars in 1974, all class winners fastest laps are class-lap records. My congratulations to all drivers for a very safe event and my thanks to all of the people who came out to volunteer to work. Without these people, we could not hold an event.

The next Time Trial will be at Riverside on June 25 on the Can Am (long) course. Rusnak Alfa in Culver City will be the event sponsor.



Time Trial Number 2 April 23, 1977

WILLOW SPRINGS TIME TRIAL RESULTS

Class C	Dave Rice	1600 Spider	1:52.78
	Paul Zabel	1300 Spider	2:01.67
	Don Jaharis	1750 GTA	DNR
	Tom Jaharis	1750 GTA	DNR
Class D	Alan Ward	2000 GTV	1:50.72 TTD
	Bill Henry	Alfetta GT	1:51.80
	Phyllis Gaylard	2000 GTV	1:54.11
	Art Canning	2000 Spider	1:56.66
	Dave Meredith	1300 Spider	2:00.23
	Bob Meadows	2000 GTV	2:02.95
	Jordan Harris	2000 Spider	2:03.01
	Allan Gott	2000 GTV	2:07.91
Class E	Wally Williams	2000 GTV	1:55.25
	Bill Henry	Alfetta Sedan	1:56.83
	Jerry Wright	2000 GTV	2:03.20
Class F	Don Egle	2000 GTV	1:59.10
	Rich Washington	2000 Spider	2:02.39
	Dan Bernstein	1750 Spider	2:10.25
Class G	Charlie Thieriot	Alfetta Sedan	1:59.67
	Fred Zimmerman	1600 Sprint	2:02.25
	Bill Biggs	1750 Spider	2:03.53
	Don Swears	1600 Spider	2:08.52
	Raul Perez	1750 GTV	2:13.38
Class H	Don Peters	1750 Berlina	2:07.77
Class Ferrari	Robin Adrian	Ferrari Lusso	1:56.19
	Shelley Adrian	Ferrari Lusso	1:57.05
	Eric Laetsch	280Z	2:01.23
	Joe Crevier	Maserati Bora	DNR
	Carlo Frosini	2000 Abarth OT	DNR
	Don Dierking	1300 Abarth Simca	DNR

ENTRY FORM FOR AROSC RUSNAK ALFA TIME TRIAL

Print last name.

Date JUNE 25 Track: RIVERSIDE CAN AM 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 \$17.50 Mixed Couple \$30.00

*** Entry Deadline - Midnight June 21 (recieved by AROSC)
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Driver #1 - Name _____
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Driver #2 - Name _____
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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 _____

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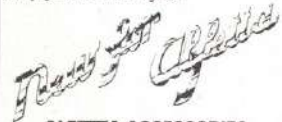
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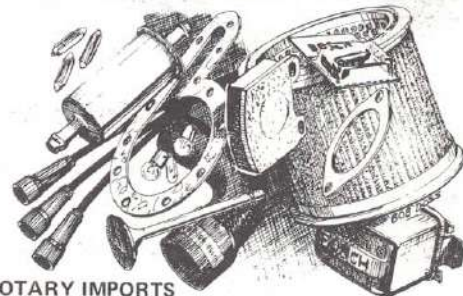
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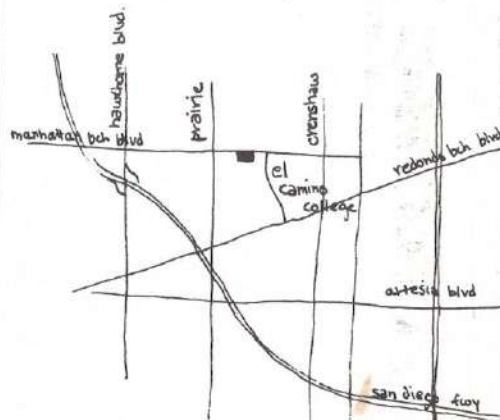


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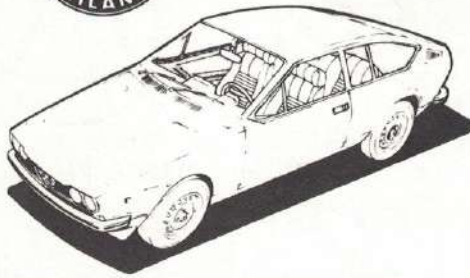


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