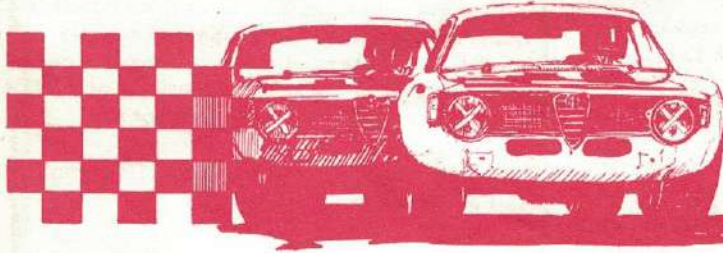


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DRIVER'S SEAT

by Sid Keely

On September 23 the members of AROSC were treated to the wizardry of that neat photographer "Sweet Lou" Liserani, his lovely wife Sue and daughter Christina when they presented a collage of scenes from ALFASPEN 77. With the help of Debbie and Hank Laborde, a tremendously entertaining series of slides were shown for all to enjoy. Thanks and much gratitude are extended to those talented people who gave us a very interesting and enlightening end to our monthly general meeting.

We were also treated to the expertise of our National champ, Dave Vegher, when he provided the answers to our group during the technical question and advice segment of our program. Without this knowledge this man could not have come away with the top trophies he garnered and therefore he is an asset to AROSC as a storehouse of valuable info.

Joe Richardson presented the plans for the up and coming mini-concours to be held hopefully the morning prior to the holding of our annual White Turkey Sale and auction. Look for more info on this in later bylines for these are only tentative plans. Joe also gave us the dates for the slalom events to be held during the month of October. For those of you out there who are into this be sure you look up Joe and let him know

you are there so as to provide the moral support he can use when he's on the track with his machine.

John Hadlich had some of those beautiful cloisonne badges he has promised to be issued to the buyers that were at our meet. If you have some of these on order you can get in touch with John to get yours. You certainly can't beat the price on these emblems for those I've seen in Aspen and heard of in the National newsletter are near double the price and are hurting for quality like those John has to offer.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 21 General Meeting, Alondra Park Clubhouse, Manhattan Beach Bl. and Praire in Lawndale 8pm
- Oct 22 Time Trial Riverside, last Time Trial of the Year, sponsored by Alfa of Santa Monica.
- Nov 3 AROSC board meeting at Charlie Thieriot's 10350 Ilona, Rancho Park 8 pm
- Oct 30 Slalom at the University of Calif Riverside see SLALOM's etc.
- Nov 25 AROSC general meeting Alondra Park Clubhouse/elections&LBGP
- Nov 26 Annual White Turkey Sale and Combination Mini-Concours, location to be announced later.

The crowning glory to this last weekend in September came when we trekked on down to Carlsbad State Beach for some good informal ALFA talk, congenial atmosphere and self prepared burgers, hot-dogs, fried chicken and whatever else we carted down there to have a day with our friends from the San Diego chapter of AROC. I would like to say that the six of us who joined AROCSD had one hell of a good time and look forward to doing it again! We discussed a proposed weekend event with them for the coming year which would include a total encompassing of all types of automobile activities. The thought is to present a gig that lasts two days so that the Slalomists, Rallyists, Time Trialers and concours enthusiasts can get it on for a big bash. (ed. note - all the California clubs would be invited, Nor Cal, Santa Barbara, Central California San Diego and ourselves. The three other clubs contacted at press time were very enthusiastic about our CalAlfa). Somewhere along in this program would come a barbeque and social event to break through the barriers of competition. It will require a concerted effort by the members of next years board and a close knit team effort of the committees established for this purpose. Those of you up in the Central California Chapter who read this are cordially invited to join us in this effort for we can really do it right here in Southern California where the ALFA enthusiast reigns supreme! (Gee don't scare them away, Sid)

Don't forget the month of October brings forth our last Time Trial event for 1977. Keep the date of October 22nd open for this biggy!

I would like to also emphasize that elections for new board members are in the offing in November. If you are interested in a position on the board let Phil Strona or Dave Vegher know. We are in need of new blood to fill the shoes of some of the board mem-

bers who have decided to let others try their hand. There are many talented people in this marquee club who have a lot to offer and fresh new ideas are what makes for a fun-filled chapter. Don't let the political aspects of organizing the functions of AROC hold you from an office on the board.

Come on out October 28th for coffee and ALFA satiation.



Slaloms & Such

by Sally French with information by Joe Richardson

The only news type item that will be able to get to you in time is the October 30th slalom which will be held at the University of California at Riverside. This event which is sponsored by the Car Club of UC Riverside is an event run with open exhaust and to date there is no run order. For more information call 714 685-9547, (there is no name on that number).

One more thing; this year SCCSCC tried a program of running a practice only type Time Trial at Riverside. This went over quite well and they are planning it for next year as well. It would consist of about two and a half hours of driving time for practice with all safety and rules strictly enforced. Keep this in mind for next year it could really help you learn about your car and your driving.



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The dates of the Board Meetings are announced in this newsletter and all AROSC members are welcome to attend.

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	Nancy Vegher	1750 Berlina	2:08.72
	Raul Perez	1750 GTV	2:10.96
Class H	Don Peters	1750 Berlina	2:04.11

EDITOR'S DESK

by Sally French

When I first joined the club there were a few things that I didn't understand. When I attended general meetings the people would talk about things like rallys, Time Trials, Slaloms, words that were completely foreign to me. Rather than seem dumb I just sat there and listened and gradually became aware of there meanings without asking anyone.

Well for those of you, however few or many who maybe don't know all these words or their association to you here is a very brief explanation.

Rally- a event that has what they call a rallemaster, who organizes a route, through streets, dirt roads and the like to get from point a to point B. The object would be to get to point A to point B in either the shortest length of time, in the least amount of mileage or to get there at all. Usually your instructions are given in the form of a word game so you have to figure out what the rallymaster means for the clues given, and then follow them out for your route. If that sounds very confusing, it can be, I sat at the side of the road arguing with the driver of the car as to which way we really should have gone, enough times to know it can be fun too.

Time Trial- This event is run at a race-track, usually Riverside International Raceway, or Willow Springs. It is similar to Indy type racing, (sorry but that isn't real close, maybe Formula 1 would be better?) but the difference is you are racing for timed laps on a race course where there are about 4 or 5 cars running at the same time at different intervals around the track. Your times get comp-

ared with other cars of your same classification to determine the winning car.

Slaloms - this is similar to Time Trialing except that the course is usually in a parking lot or other small area. Instead of high speed corners and long straight-aways, you drive a very twisting route that tests all of your skills from shifting and acceleration to braking.

I hope that these gave some people an idea of what these events are all about. I am sure I didn't do justice to all of there facets of competition but if I had known just that much about three years ago, I would have looked into participating in some of these events sooner.

Another event that sometimes scares people is a Concours. We will be having one of these events coming up in November so maybe I'll touch lightly on an Alfa Club Concours.

For those of our members who have ever been to a Concours such as the one the have every year at Pebble Beach, one would get the impression that all the cars entered get the white glove treatment, undercarriage and all. That is correct. Personally that type of event scares me, I see all these people with mega-bucks showing their cars that they had professionally prepared.

This is not the same type of Concours that our club puts on. The idea with a car club is to get people with the same types of cars together and have fun driving competing and maybe showing off too. If you have a car that you are proud of, clean it up, vacume, wash, wax, steam clean engine and underside, use a little Armor-all and enter your car. What we would like to have are cars that are well taken care of and enjoyed, after all, isn't that what it's all about?

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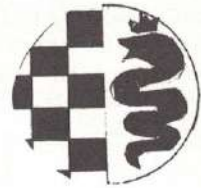
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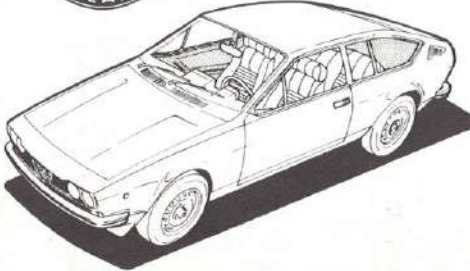


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