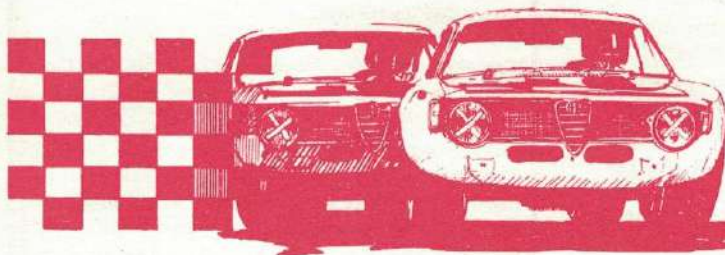


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DRIVER'S SEAT

by Sid Keely

The August meeting of the Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California was held on a hot, sultry, Friday night on the weekend of the historic car races at Laguna Seca. A great many of the Alfisti of SoCal attended these races, however, those of us who didn't get to make it had a chance to get together and discuss Alfas. The meeting was not without its problems. First off we were greeted with an extreme shortage of chairs, but, through the courtesy of Hank Waller and Dick Gebhardt in the use of their cars and all the rest who helped lug them in we were able to resolve that problem easily enough. Thanks people!!! Toward the end of the meeting we ran into another snag with the projector which was fixed by cleaning some sticky goop from the take-up reel drive mechanism by some of our handy Alfisti. If it weren't for these kind of people we wouldn't have the camaraderie we share!!

Anyway we had a resume of the National Meeting at Aspen by our "new" VP Tom Suter. The aspects of the insurance crisis, the acceptance of the Competition code by the Executive Committee, a review of the newsletter workshop, and the fact that next years National meet will be held at Washington DC were all presented. A brief discussion of the costs of operation AROSC was thrown open to those members present.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 23 AROSC General Meeting 8 pm
Alondra Park Clubhouse, Lwndle.
- Sept 24 San Diego Club invitational for picnic, baseball, etc. Carlsbad State Beach. 12 noon.
- Oct 2 SCCSCC slalom, Ontario Motor Speedway, open exhaust, loan helmets etc. Run order: EFGZHPBNACDMSKLTUVIQR
More info Bob Neel 213 988-0248
- Oct 9 SCCSCC slalom Lion Country Safari, run order KLTU HPBN JIQR ACDMS EFGZ (Aug 7 resch)
- Oct 22 AROSC Time Trial Riverside



the award winning Vegher GTA

We learned from a new prospective member from the DC chapter, that is now residing in SoCal, that there is a lot planned for next years National meet. It will be held early in the summer so make plans to attend!

The fact that ARI, New Jersey is promoting membership in National through the sale of their beautiful new Alfas was also taked about. I don't wish for this to sound like ARI El Segundo is not also involved in this national promotion. We here in Southern California look forward to meeting new Alfisti and sharing new and old ideas.

Don't forget the Grape Stompers Rallye to be held September 17th which is sponsored, written and promoted by those two mad rallyists of Upland, Louise and Phil Strona. They have promised us a good, tricky and fun-filled rallye which ends at a winery in the foothills if Los Angeles complete with delectable snacks and many wines to sample and savor. There will be a nominal fee to cover the cost of the event insurance, however, the fun of driving our Alfas and sharing good friendship is what's in the "spirit" of the thing.

The board of director's meeting held Tuesday, August 30th brought forth a change in the coming years membership. After considerable discussion, some of which was rather heated, a decision was made to increase the annual dues in AROSC from the current \$15.00 to a figure of \$20.00 per year. This will be effective upon the renewal of membership for the year 1978. Our treasurer informed us by letter, since he had been out of town on business, that our treasury is very low (approx. \$420.00) and the balance of the year will eat this up in the production of our newsletter. This is why there have not been the usual plans to stage the annual pre- XMAS party and Las Vegas night!

Currently the board has no plans for any Social event in the near future. We are planning the annual White Turkey sale and Swap meet for the month of November.

Start collecting all your spare parts and re-usable for this event which will be announced later for time and date.

Joe Richardson informed us that the Conc event that was scheduled for this month at the Santa Anita Shopping mall is off for this year year due to the mall director having booked all the available dates this year, however, don't despair, we are looking to hold this event during the time of the White Turkey event. Temporary planning is working through Tom Suter to arrange for the use of the facilities at the north-east end of Alondra Park. Tom is not the steering committee for this event, therefore don't expect him to answer all your questions regarding what, when and how! He just happens to have a phone near the park that can be used to call to arrange the date.

The September meeting of AROSC will feature slides of the Aspen event taken by Har and Debbie Labourde and by "Sweet Lou" Liserani, complete with music and narration so don't miss it! He and Debbie really made some efforts to get some great shots.

We currently have very nearly a team effort for the upcoming Pan Am rallye to be held on the weekend of Oct. 8, 9, 10. This is a nearly a 12 hour Monte Carlo style event put on by ISCARA. The event open to pre-entry only at a fee of \$55.00 per car (two people) and includes your motel room, dinner, Margaritas and entry fee. Get in touch with either Phil Strona 714 985-5746 or me 714 892-4986 for further details.

Come on out for our monthly meeting at Alondra Park and enjoy meeting other Alfisti who enjoy thier cars and talking about them. See you there!



ALFAS IN ASPEN

by Beth Keely



Everyone who attended Alfaspén '77 came away with a great feeling of comraderie with other Alfisti: all of whom shared a terrific weekend. The September General meeting will have a special program presented by Lou Liserani and Debbie Laborde on the convention. I am sure these two will have a terrific slide presentation to share with us.



our gang in aspen!

pictured above along with the gang is Dave Vegher's beautiful Giulia Sprint GTA. The trophies are for: 1st place and top time of day in Time Trial, 1st place in slalom, 1st in special group at Concours, and topped with First Place Overall!!

All Right - Dave!!

NOTICE:

Anyone who might be interested in becoming a board member for the year 1978, should contact any present board member for information. The election is traditionally at the November meeting and we will need to get candidates soon. Hopefully a list of duties for each board member will be available for publishing in next months newsletter. Think about it anyway, it can be a very rewarding experience.



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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Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



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.).

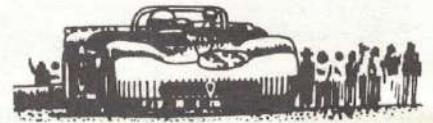


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It seems that the mid summer blues have hit our Time Trial Director and the results of the August Time Trial didn't make it in time for publication. I am sure that Charlie will have it ready in time for the October newsletter.



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



Ads for Alfacionada are eagerly accepted for publication and are free to all AROSC members. Non -members who would like to advertise, please send your ad accompanied by \$2. Anyone who would like a picture as well as an ad should send a black and white print and \$5. Thank you, Sally French- editor
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Slaloms & Such

by Joe Richardson

Those of you who keep refusing to show up at the slaloms missed an unusual one on August 14th. It was held at Speedway 605, Irwindale, and was a benefit for the Muscular Dystrophy Fund. Although the course was somewhat shorter than most, it was still a good one. Personalities from radio, TV, and movies had their own event, competing against each other with Datsuns. There were even some Playboy Bunnies! See what you missed?

I recently contacted Santa Anita Fashion Park in Arcadia and discussed the possibility of having a concours there. The reaction was very favorable, but it seems that they are over-booked clear into next June. However, we will be on file for the first available opening, and there is a remote possibility that there just might be a cancellation somewhere along the line. Meanwhile, I will be looking for other locations and will keep you informed.

Please note that the slalom listed for Oct. 2nd in last month's calendar will not be held at Lion Country Safari. It will take place at Ontario Motor Speedway, on the infield parking lot. Open exhausts are O. K. It will seem like the good old days when our club had up to eighteen entries. (sigh)

With events scheduled for Sept 11, Sept 17, 18, Oct 2 and 9, it looks like I will be busy keeping AROSC alive at the slaloms. I would appreciate a rooting section-how about it?

THE LUNCH WAGON

by Beth Keely

For those of you who have been attending the Time Trials at Riverside, it is no surprise to find hot dogs and hamburgers, cold drinks and hot coffee. At the request of Charlie Thieriot, Beth and Sid Keely, with the help of other AROSC members, have given a trial of this "snack bar" during the past two events at the Riverside Track.

Prices have been established to cover cost and participation, and support has been so good, the club has even made a small profit. The profit is put into the treasury to support further events.

If such enthusiasm continues, the board, and next year's time trial director can plan on whether or not to continue this program.



RALLY CLASS

by Beth Keely

For those who will be going on Pan Am for the first time, or anyone interested in finding out more about Monte Carlo Rallying, Sid and I will be holding a class for both drivers and navigators at our home, Tues. October 4, at 7:30 pm. Please call, or let me know at the meeting if you would like to attend so I can plan adequately. 714 892-4986, 6804 Southampton Drive Cypress.



the Gumball!

by Lou Alaman

First let me say Mea Culpa. For those of you in Alfa land who have been waiting with baited breath wondering who in the heck is Guisseppi Gumballinni and what was his Alfa Romeo, here is the true, uncut and uncensored story. The navigators reported to Diane for their maps then lined up for the Le Mans start. Meanwhile I took the ignition keys from the drivers and hid them. Just as we were about to start a LAPD black and white arrived, nope no tickets, just looking at all the Alfas. Most unwanted attention. Back to the start. The drivers had to wait until the navigator got into the car, the drivers then had to get out and find their keys. Cries of "Move it", "let's go" were heard then came "Where are you going?", "What are you doing you idiot?" were heard. Finally after much milling around the rally was underway.

We gave out maps with points A, B, C, D ect. the object being to go from A to B etc in the shortest distance while answering all sorts of wierd questions some of which didn't count. At the Pizza Palace after a few beers the judging of the rock began. (Originality counts) A rock is a rock, but an Italian rock (Rocky T-shirt brought in by the Strona's was the best. (Wear it wet next year?) All were required to bring something Italian, you'd be surprized how few didn't put down their Alfas in this column.

Seventeen cars entered and all said they enjoyed themselves. No arguments or murders reported. Blake and Gerilyn Morris won and were awarded the Gumball machine trophy. Plans are underway for the Gumball II.



All of you Alfa owners who don't use your cars on Rallys etc. should be ashamed. On a beautiful day, in a fantastic machine and a beautiful companion (or your wife), a rally or any other event can be a lot of fun. With more people participating we can put on bigger and better events. So come on out for the next rally. The worst you can do is finish last and displace my navigator and I from that spot.

See you at the next rally, with beautiful wine, a passionate navigator and the sexiest machine in the world, our Alfas! On second thought, you go, I'll stick with my passionate navigator.



RESULTS OF THE GUMBALL RALLY

Driver	Navigator
1. Blake Morris	Gerilyn Morris
2. Don Ernst	Doreen McIntire
3. Al Cortes	Toni Couch
4. Mark Brugger	Patti Brugger
5. Sally French	Bill Loitz
6. Dan Fein	Debbi Laborde
7. Ken Thomas	Marie Thomas
8. Mike Rielke	Marline Rielke
9. Sid Keely	Beth Keely
10. Wesley Sullivan/	Elizabeth Sullivan
11. Sel Ramsey	Bonnie Ramsey
12. Ray Smith	John Wakamatsu
13. Lou Liserani	Sue Liserani
14. Philip Strona	Louise Strona
15. Larry Kozimor/	Rachel Kuntz
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BEACH PARTY

by Beth Keely

The San Diego Chapter of AROC has invited all members of AROSC to join them for a beach party on Saturday, September 24. The party starts at 12 noon and will be held at Carlsbad State Beach. Families welcome.

We will be forming a caravan for anyone who would like to join us, leaving the Von's Shopping Market parking lot promptly at 10am. This is located on the corners of Lampson and Valley View Avenues. Take the San Diego Freeway north or south, to the Valley View Avenue North offramp. (Bolsa/Chica/Valley View off from the Garden Grove Freeway.) This is located at the San Diego Freeway and Garden Grove Freeway intersect. The shopping center is about one half block north of the freeway.

Anyone who knows they are definitely going to attend, please RSVP by Sept 18 so we can give San Diego an idea how many to expect. Call 714 892-4986 after 5 pm. Plan on bringing your own bar-b-q foods.

Directions to park: South on I-5 to Tamarack Ave. offramp. West to Carlsbad State Beach. Enter Beach Parking just north of jety. Meet AROSCD North of Restroom.



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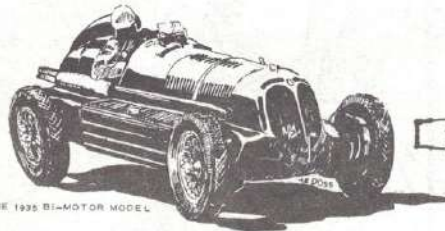
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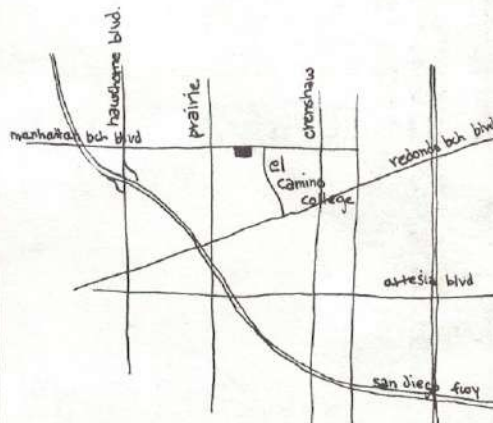
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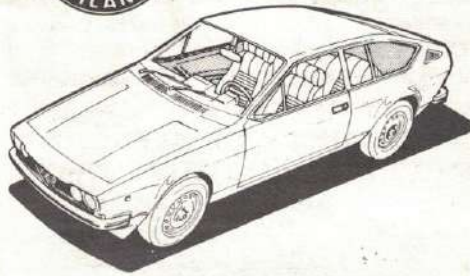


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