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From the Pits



by Dave Vegher

The month of July is gone and it had a full calendar of Alfa Club events; the first was the Annual Baseball Game between AROSC and the San Diego Club. The visiting team left the smog of L.A. to journey in caravan to cool San Diego. We took it to them again this year with clutch hitting and fielding by Bob Medows "The Stick", "Powerhouse" Dan Bernstein, and Lou Liserani "the Handyman". Final score was 13 - 9, AROSC the victor!

The second event of the month was the regular AROSC general meeting, and it was quite a success. Lou Liserani, who is just around the corner from signing a contract with George Lucas for film making, dazzled the entire audience there with an hour slide show depicting his family's trip to Italy. Lou set the tone with his Italian songs, and garlic bread! The pictures of the Alfa Romeo Factory, the Museum, and the Italian country-side were right out of a guide's handbook - 100% professional. One enthralled Alfisti turned to me and remarked that he thought he should have paid to see such scenery! Thank you very much, Lou, for your superb effort!

The third event was the Midsummer Madness Rally. This rally which was put on by Sue Bernstein and

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Aug | 25 | Meeting Alondra Park |
| | 26 | Monterey Historic Races, Laguna Seca |
| | 27 | Pebble Beach Concours |
| | 29 | Board Meeting (Laborde's) |
| | 31 | Alfacionada articles due |
| Sept | 10 | Championship Slalom, Lion Country Safari |
| | 22 | Meeting, <u>**location TBA</u> |
| | 30 | AROSC Time Trial, RIR |
| Oct | 8 | Championship Slalom, Lion Country Safari |
| | 15 | AROSC Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia (see inside) |
| | 22 | Autofaire, Los Alamitos Race Track |
| Nov | 11 | AROSC Time Trial, RIR |
| Dec | 1 | Election Meeting, Alondra Park (mark this date!) |
| | 16 | AROSC Christmas Party |



Nancy Vegher was enjoyed by the 10 cars that participated and also by the seven people who manned the checkpoints. Sel Ramsay enjoyed the view so much he neglected to swerve in order to avoid hitting one of the "local" critters - luckily for him the skunk didn't perfume his Duetto! There is only one rallye left this year, so be sure to get ready and plan on running the Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia put on by John and Alana Ireland.

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Coming events will include a few slaloms (consult the Calendar for dates and places), a Time Trial at Riverside on September 30th, and a Concours, a very big concours coming up soon and to be announced as soon as possible, so get your cars clean and ready!

This month's program will be "Friday Night at the Movies". Lou Liserani dug out some old films at ARI that show racing footage of TZ's and GTA's, and Alfetta construction and performance. Don't miss it! See you all in September.



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Dan Bernstein

The following is a summary of the club's expenses and income for the first six months of 1978:

INCOME

Dues	\$3405.00
Dues Splits from National	712.50
Social Functions	249.95
Competition Events	2179.00
Advertising Fees	750.00
Merchandise Sales	485.00
Miscellaneous	101.25
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$7882.70</u>

EXPENSES

Dues Splits to National	\$2092.50
Printing and Mailing	1920.45
Social Functions	330.29
Competition Events	1376.37
Merchandise for Sale	777.33
Trophies and Awards	746.12
Miscellaneous	205.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$7448.06</u>

As of June 30, 1978 our bank balance was \$1992.66.

Slaloms & Such

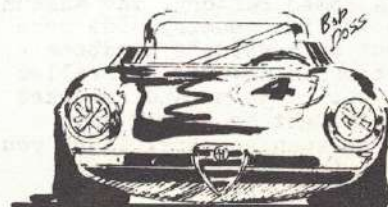
by Joe Richardson

There may be a few of you who missed my presence at the last two general meetings, not to mention the lack of information in the Calendar. I can only say that after 24 days spent in two hospitals, and a major operation to remove some of my plumbing, I am now back in service and pushing right along.

I received a letter from Dave Robertson announcing that the next Autofaire is scheduled for Oct. 22. I attended the last one (I also had my Alfa on display) and it was an interesting event what with the buying and selling of parts, cars, and a Concours hosted by the Ferrari Club. This time the Concours will be hosted by the Vintage MG Club, and should be very interesting. It will be held again at the Los Alamitos Racetrack parking lot. For more details, either contact me at (213)442-2331 or Dave Robertson at (213)923-3310.

It was my pleasure to present a first place trophy to new member Kent Knoblock for his Class T win at the June 25th slalom in his Duetto Spider. He also won his class again at the slalom held on June 11, but the trophy for that one is taking a little more time. Nice going, Kent! I hope you have many more wins in the future.

For up-coming events see the Calendar Column. Again, if there are any questions, contact me!



Race Prepared Cars

A PSYCHO-ANALYSIS OF A
MID-SUMMER'S MADNESS

by John Ireland

The great dome of Rolling Hills filled the distant horizon as my right foot took the Alfetta's engine to 6000 rpm. Shifting into fourth, I glanced at my wife/navigator and knew that this one, we would win. With the ease of a surfer, I guided my '77 Sedan through the continuous wave of Saturday evening traffic... no cops in the mirror... up to 65mph just like god intended. Deep inside my skin encapsulated ego, I chuckled. Sue Bernstein and Nancy Vegher just didn't know who they were dealing with. Why I used to go to Army Reserve meetings in this neck of the woods...in 1968.

The freeway ended and we began using surface streets, first down into the San Pedro "valley", then up...up... up... over the crest. "There's the Korean Bell", my wife shouted. We were making great time. My only regret was that, as the first car out, I'd miss seeing all those other poor devils struggling to keep up with us. The clock ticked away the remaining sun light. Alana and I looked at each other. We had to compliment Sue and Nancy...it was a beautiful ride. Pink clouds streaked across the sky like cake frosting at the bottom of the bowl. Through the downhill esses my right foot ached to touch the floor board. The warning signs that reminded us of the jerk who invented radar began to look like my mother. "Okay now, we're looking for the first Stop...where we'll turn right.

8:30 pm...damnit, we're lost. The ticking clock now became the metronome of our defeat. It got darker and darker. My wife became silent as my instructions to the Alfetta got more frantic. Three Alfas passed us, each going in a different direction. My hair began falling out for the first time since I quit therapy. Drool collected in my beard and my eye teeth grew to three inches.

9:30 pm... I felt like Nicki at the Long Beach Grand Prix. It was all over. We pulled into a Seven Eleven and Alana bought two more packs of cigarettes while I called my analyst. We'll never know where the first two Check Points were. Somehow we found our way back on course. At the third checkpoint we learned we were the eighth car through. "I love you," I said to Alana. "I love you too," she said to me.

Dave Vegher was already in his pajamas when we reached Check Point Four. He smiled kindly and waved us on. Gone was the thrill of knowing everyone would see our Alfetta as they pulled into the parking lot at Two Guys from Italy. Gone was the thrill of raising my beer in greetings to all those who were to arrive, brushing my dust from their jackets. As Alana and I entered the restaurant, people greeted us with recommendations of what to have for dessert. Nancy and Sue were still totaling the scores, a process made difficult from the blood on their hands. I smiled at them...took a seat next to my wife, and began sharing our experiences with the others. It was when I overheard someone asking the waitress to remove the sharp instruments (silverware) from my place setting, that I realized, I really wanted to win. I mean, I REALLY WANTED TO WIN!

Finally it was time to go home. Our Alfa was happy...our stomachs were full...our marriage was intact. And...the next Rallye, we were writing. The arch of my left foot was whispering "get revenge, get revenge"... but my wife said, "you know, these Alfa meetings are kind of like going through est. They create a space for us to have fun in, for us to have new experiences in...so let's keep that in mind as we finish writing our Rallye."

Ahhh...the wisdom of wives. She reminded me of my own experiences in

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a Gestalt Therapy Group. "The price of winning is the risk of losing", my therapist said. And as I thought about it... I hadn't lost. I had only gotten lost. And that's the challenge of any Rallye worth the price of gasoline. That's what it's all about. That's the thrill, the sport, the risk and the reward.

So join Alana and I on October 15th for the Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia. It is not a revenge rallye... it is for your fun and enjoyment. And ours. We don't want you to get lost and some of you will. Because that's what a rallye is all about. Trying not to get lost... and having a chance to enjoy your Alfa Romeo, to drive it legally and aggressively. To find new roads and see the diversity of Southern California. To experience "the neck of the woods" that your co-members of AROSC live in. To bring your fantasies of victory to the seat of final judgement... an Italian restaurant. And to drive home with one eye on the oil pressure gauge... a constant reminder that every engine has a red line.

Thank you Nancy and Sue for a wonderful evening. Thank you members for coming out and making it a reality. We look forward to seeing you all on October 15th as once again, men, women, and metal face terror on the tarmac... and the spirit of A Mid-Summer's Madness returns, in the Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia.



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MIDSUMMER MADNESS RESULTS

Driver	Navigator	Points
Toni Slavich,	Marco Socolich	92
Cliff Foehl,	Nancy Marra	90
John Moynes,	Kitty Ruf	89
Paul Micco,	Paul Micco, Jr.	88
Mike Riehle,	Geno Pekich	85
Sel Ramsay,	Joan Foley	81
Lori Doleman,	Mike Skora	60
Al Cotez,	Toni Conch	40
John Ireland,	Alana Ireland	35
Randy Raycroft,	Susan Raycroft	15
Barry Harrow,	Nettie Harrow	DNR

Thanks to everyone who participated and drove their Alfas (albeit in circles) in our rallye. Our special thanks to Bob Meadows, Jerolyn Giesy, Matty Matthews, Dick Gebhardt, the Quass family, and our husbands Dan Bernstein and Dave Vegher who all worked check points en route. All this co-operation and willingness to get involved make this club what it should be! See you at the next event!

Sue & Nancy



THE FIRST ANNUAL AROSC
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 1978

A RALLY over roads worthy of an Alfa Romeo, roads for those who feel that motoring is an art form.

NO TRICKS or gimicks. Time and distance will be the only basis for scoring.

AND, there will be plenty of opportunity for drivers and navigators to enjoy the ride and views.

GREAT PRIZES!

First Place - Trophy, Second Place - Alfa Tee Shirt or hat, Third Place - Genuine Alfa Romeo Napkin, Last Place - Porsche 924 or bottle of Poland Water depending on availability.

IMPORTANT ITEMS TO BRING:

1. Good Maps, pen or pencil, clipboard.
2. Stop Watch.
3. Full tank of gas (to be safe).
4. Good flashlight.
5. Empty stomach (enjoy eating together later).

THE FUN BEGINS AT: The Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia Staging Area, Cheviot Hills Recreation Center 2459 Motor Ave. Take San Diego Freeway to Pico Blvd. Go East on Pico to Motor (opposite the entrance to 20th Century Fox Movie Studios). Turn right on Motor Ave (south) and drive to 2nd entrance (look for mail box with address on it). Enter and turn right in first parking lane, pull to end of lane and register.

REGISTRATION BEGINS at 4:20 pm (first cars in will be first cars out). Drivers/Navigators meeting at 4:50 pm. First car out at 5:00 pm SHARP.

NOTE: If you own an Alfa Romeo, then we assume you are into driving. This Rally is designed to test your skills without rattling your nerves (too much). It will be FUN and FAST, but not foolish.

DON'T BE AFRAID!!! JUST FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS AND LET YOUR ALFA ROMEO DO THE REST! NEW OWNERS AND NEW MEMBERS...THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO LEARN YOUR CAR. For info call, John and Alana Ireland, (213) 874-1445 or leave message at (213) 464-0101 and we'll get back to you.

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THE AROSC RALLYE SURVEY



Please tear out and return to: John & Alana Ireland
7149 Woodrow Wilson Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90068

Name _____

Model ALFA _____

Area You Live In _____

1. Have you ever been in a rallye? YES _____ NO _____
2. As a DRIVER _____, or NAVIGATOR _____
3. What types of rallyes have you entered? (i.e., Navigational, Gimmick, etc.) _____

4. What did you like about them? _____

5. What didn't you like about them? _____

6. Do you participate in other AROSC events, and if so which ones? _____

7. If you entered a Rally, what day of the week & what time of the day would be the most convenient for you? _____

8. How long and how far do you think a rallye should be? _____

9. Do you feel that the Driver and the Navigator should be scored as a team or as individuals? _____
10. Have you ever written a rallye? _____ Would you like to? _____
11. Would you enjoy working a checkpoint during a rallye? _____
12. Do you have a stop watch? _____ A Road Atlas? _____
13. Would you enjoy competing against other clubs? (i.e., Alfa, BMW, Porsche) _____
14. Would you enjoy a 12 hour rallye? _____ a 24 hour _____
15. Open Forum (tell us your comments or suggestions about rallyes)

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DATE: Sept. 30, 1978 TRACK: Can AM COURSE, RIR Print last name.

SCHEDULE 7:00 - 7:15 All Novices in line for TECH INSPECTION
7:30 - 8:15 All others in line for TECH INSPECTION***
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 \$20.00 Mixed Couple \$35.00

*** Entry Deadline - Midnight, Sept. 26, 1978 (Received by AROSC)

Late Entry Penalty Fee - \$5.00 (Per Driver)

***Late Tech Penalty: your fastest lap will be disqualified

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:

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TIME TRIAL # 4

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1979
may be your year! The Nominating Committee is looking for members to run for election to serve on the AROSC Board of Directors for 1979. Please contact any present Board member. The club can only function if there are enough interested people to run it! Remember, the CLUB is YOU!

.....Baseball Challenge.....

AROSC WINS THE BIG ONE 13 - 7
drops nightcap 4 - 6

If you weren't at the June meeting you missed out! That predominating red swarm spotted on the San Diego Freeway late Sunday morning July 16 was not an invasion of the much feared Japanese beetle but rather a dozen AROSC Alfas caravanning down to San Diego for the Second Annual Soft Ball Game with the Alfa club of San Diego.

Why weren't you among the 25 AROSC members and family who played, watched and picnicked? It's because you weren't at the general meeting when plans for the June game were announced. All we can say is, boy, did you miss out! The San Diego Club also had a good turn out, and Crown Point Shores, on the grass by Mission Bay, was a great spot to beat the heat of L.A. We saw a lot of new faces at this event and hope that yours will be one of them next year!



MANY OF THE AROSC STARS POSE FOR A GROUP PICTURE - WE HAD 14 PLAYERS ON THE FIELD!!!



Steve Bruno makes one of many diving stabs at a ground ball!



Claude Smith belts a long one during warm-up.



John Ireland brought an AROSC watermelon for all to enjoy.



Bear arrived with enough chicken to feed an army...himself!



Bob Meadows anxiously awaits lunch as Jeri gets it together.

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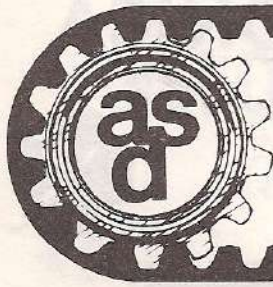
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