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From the Pita



by Dave Vegher

Another year has passed us by. It is already December and a new Board of Directors has been elected; that is, there were nine positions open and only nine people volunteered to run the club in '79. Your new President is Rick "Bear" Clemente, Vice-president is Dan Bernstein, Treasurer is Sally French, Secretary is Al Cortes, Membership and Newsletter Editor is Sue Bernstein, Competition Director and Tech Advisor is Dave Vegher, Social Chairman is John Ireland, Program Chairman is Jack Becronis and Director-at-Large is Joe Richardson (also our Slalom man!). This is your 1979 Board - please give them your support; they need it to make 1979 a great year for Alfisti.

Speaking of the coming year, things to look forward to will be plenty! First will be the January meeting at Alfa Romeo, Inc. West on January 26th at 8:00 PM. The guest speaker will be Strother Macminn who is a professor of design at the Art Center in Pasadena. Following this big event by a week will be the first Time Trial of 1979 at Riverside International Raceway on February 3rd. The following dates for the time trials are April 7, June 16, and September 29. Remember that August holds a double punch for Alfa enthusiasts with the National Meet to be hosted by the San Diego Club and the Monterey

Vintage Auto Races a week later. There will be a great AROSC Concours at Santa Anita Fashion Mall in March and a second one at the National Meet. John and Alana Ireland are seeing to it that Rallies will play a larger part in this coming year, along with a tour or two! So, make your plans now to enjoy your Alfa in 1979 - you'll have plenty to choose from!

I have thoroughly enjoyed this past year as President. I want to thank all the people who have made this year a reality by donating their time and abilities to jobs that often go unnoticed and un-rewarded. Special thanks go to the whole 1978 Board and to people like Dick Gebhardt, Aaron Morinaka, Tom Hines, J. Scott Carter, Matty Matthews, Jerry Wright, Bob Meadows, and all the other people I've failed to mention. Thank you all.

Lastly, I would sincerely like to thank Mario Silvi of Alfa Romeo, Inc. for all of his help this year. He has given us cars to demonstrate at Riverside and donated trophies for our Concours, just to name a few things. The relationship between AROSC and Alfa Romeo, Inc. reached a new high in 1978. I hope this feeling of cooperation and comradeship will carry on in years and years to come.

See you all at the January meeting!



RALLYE SURVEY RESULTS
AND
THE 1979 SEASON

by John Ireland

The most interesting fact discovered by the Rallye Survey that ran in the August and September issues of Alfacionada, is that most of you don't respond to surveys. Of the almost eleven responses I received, one third were seasoned veterans, one third had modest experience, and one third were novices. And that is about the same breakdown for those who entered the October Rallye. However, the winner had no previous experience.

And that is the big lesson. You don't need experience to enjoy a Rallye, and according to the "old timers" who took part in the October run, it doesn't have to require on-board computers to be fun. As Director of Rallyes, I would like five of you to step forward and work with me to organize the 1979 Rallye Program. It won't require a large amount of time, and it doesn't mean you can't run in the Rallyes. Serving on the Rallye Committee means that one of us must be present at each event, to certify that the Competition Code is followed, and that the winners are properly recorded with the AROSC Competition Director for year-end awards.

Serving on the Rallye Committee means getting together for a review and refinement of the Rallye Competition Code, which is now in Rough Draft form. Serving on the Rallye Committee means creating a momentum that you'll be able to draft in for years to come.

For the 1979 Season, I propose:

1. A total of five Rallyes.
2. A total of two Grand Tours, (more about them later).
3. That the level of difficulty be accelerated with each successive Rallye, so that novices

are encouraged in the beginning, and seasoned, giving them a competitive chance against the more experienced drivers and navigators.

4. That a uniform code of scoring be developed for use in all rallyes; one that recognizes the individual and team results. (Most survey responses favored team scoring).
5. I propose that the AROSC Rallyes be written to test our skills and not our pocket-books; that the road be the challenge, and not the cost of special equipment.
6. I propose that Grand Tours be non-competitive events, designed for the pure motoring pleasure of any and all club members.

These are all proposals, simple words on paper. They can be improved upon, expanded, made more concise, if five of you will take the time to give me some feedback. But they can be nothing more than words on paper unless you also give me a little bit of yourselves.

To kick off the 1979 Season, Alana and I will write a Grand Tour. An all-day affair, fair weather or foul with lunch scheduled in the San Marcos Pass just North of Santa Barbara. We're just starting it, so we can't give you specifics, (the date will be announced after consultation with the Board of Directors), but it will be a freeway-free ride through winter green rolling hills and misty pastures of horses. With a little help, we might make it semi-instructional and have a few Rallye classes at a rest stop or two. But more than that, it's just for the fun of the drive. Grand Touring, a drive on roads that show you what every gear can do, rest stops where the Tour regroups and stretches their legs, or enjoys a view, buys some fresh honey from a farmer, or breaks open the thermos of hot chocolate. Sounds and smells that bring nostalgia to some and

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 26 Meeting, Alfa Romeo, Inc., El Segundo
 Feb 3 AROSC Time Trial, RIR
 23 Meeting, Alondra Park

EDITOR'S DESK

1978 is slipping away and I want to take the time to say thanks to all and everyone who helped me with this, your newsletter. Joe Richardson and John Ireland and Dan Bernstein saved the day more than once with their articles! And the poor President with his monthly articles has probably never been nagged more by me who happened to be editor and wife! Then there are faithful Sue Bernstein and Sally French whose time and patience were extremely appreciated. Perhaps this publication was far from the best of all newsletters, but all I can say is I gave it the best shot! I firmly believe that everyone should be editor once at least! Last of all, I want to thank J. Scott Carter - yes, Scott, I, too, am tired of the same drawings. Thank you so much for all those great pen sketches- my drawing ability leaves much to be desired!

I hope you all will help your new editor by sending in articles and pictures. You are what makes the newsletter interesting and worth reading. Thanks again to everyone. Ciao!
 Nancy



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discovery to others. It's a day long affair that will make you feel like you've just had a two-week vacation. You'll discover places to go barefoot, and places to neck, and places to think. You'll discover places to go fast and places to go slow. It's a ride for playing your favorite stereo cassettes or FM station. So replace that "any day now" fuel pump, get that old Super off blocks, put the engine back in, and get your oil warm. It will be a day for the country, European style. We call it "A Grand Tour for Lovers and Others".

For those of you who will not be serving on the Rallye Committee, do not feel excluded. The Rallyes are for all of us, and you don't have to be on the Committee to write a Rallye. If you don't know how, ask me or one of the Rallye Committee to show you. Any of you that have copies of the Rallye Instructions and/or Directions for previous Rallyes, I would love to Xerox them and create a how-to handbook for club members who are interested. And the same is true for Grand Tours.

One thing that was very clear from the survey is that no one thinks a checkpoint is very much fun. Working a checkpoint in my own rallye was a little hectic, and, I DID find it fun. Maybe it's the sadist in me, but it was fun to see the expressions of bewilderment and excitement and anxiety and fatigue on peoples' faces as they found themselves shooting past me. And I enjoyed the mechanics of clocking them in, recording the time and distance, and sending them back out. It was like being on the pit crew, or working Re-entry and the Time Trials. Well, to each his or her own. I can only say that I've never entered a checkpoint that I didn't see the checkpoint workers laughing.

Well, that's all for now. If any of you have questions and we don't get together at a meeting, call me at home (213)874-1445, or leave word with my service (213)464-0101. And remember, if all you do is enter a Rallye, you've not only made the best entertainment buy in town, you've also helped the club grow with your participation.

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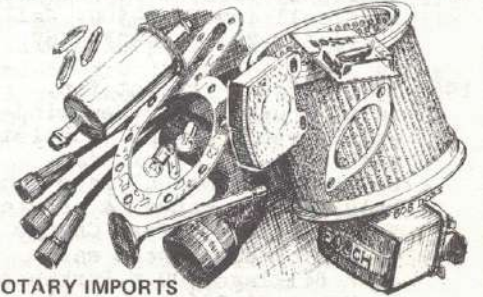


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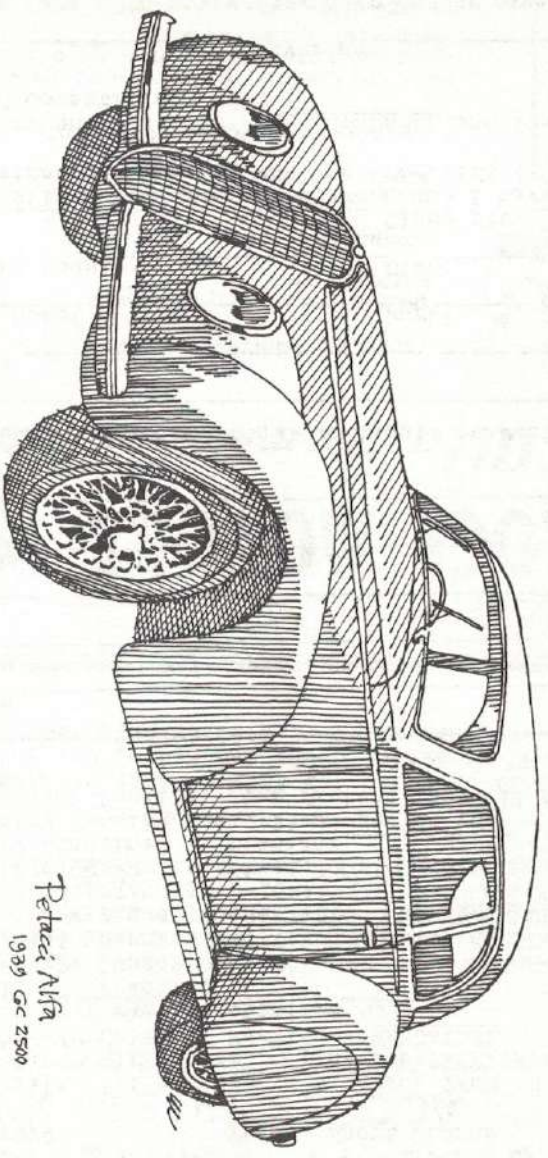
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 9:30 - 12:00 Practice
 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
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