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## From the Pits

by Dave Vegher



Hello, Alfa Fans! I hope that you all survived the wet weather of Feb. without a soaked distributor or a bent fender. A great number of old faces showed up at the meeting of Feb. 24; it was really a treat to see such a large turn out again! The guest speaker did a note-worthy job of telling us all about Pirelli tyres. They seem to be the tire to buy these days. I only wish that one could easily afford the beautiful and fantastic P-7's!

March's program will be about Time Trialing. It will feature a very comprehensive slide show put on by Lou Liserani, a couple of competitive Time Trial cars, and a short question and answer period run by Charlie Thieriot and myself. By the way, the next Time Trial, sponsored by Wesco Track and Tire, will be held April 15th at Riverside International Raceway. We'll be running the Nascar course, so strap on your Richard Petty and Cayle Yarborough boots, put in the tall ratio rear ends, and get ready to stand on it!

Remember the Long Beach Grand Prix on April 1 & 2. It's just around the corner, so make your plans for a great Alfa weekend. For those of you who didn't know, the Alfas placed Third at South Africa with John Watson at the wheel. Niki Lauda blew his engine on lap 52. But Niki

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 24	Meeting Alondra Park
April 1&2	Long Beach Grand Prix
4	Alfacionada articles due
15	AROSC Time Trial Riverside
16	SCCSCC Slalom Oxnard Air-force Base
28	Meeting Alondra Park
30	SCCSCC Slalom Lion Country Safari
May 20&21	Lone Pine Time Trials
June 24	AROSC Time Trial Riverside
August 12	Party (tentative)
Sept 30	AROSC Time Trial Riverside
Nov 11	AROSC Time Trial Riverside
Dec 1	Election Meeting Alondra Park (mark this date!)
Dec 16	Christmas Party (tentative)



is now running third in the world championship points... Long Beach could see the Alfa team put it all together! See you there!



TYPE 8C-35 WINNER OF THE 1928 DONINGTON GRAND PRIX

# willow springs



feb  
24-25

by Dave Vegher

Vintage auto racing is alive and well in southern California. Laguna Seca it's not, but you better believe it's fun! Four Alfas from AROSC ventured forth to match their small but powerful engines against the likes of Ford GT 40's, Ferrari GTO's, Porsche RSK's, Shelby Cobras and 350 GT's.

The relay race on Saturday was a real blast! All the Alfas, with the exception of Dave Meredyth's (due to a broken fuel pickup), ran superbly. When the dust had settled, after 64 laps and two hours of driving, the Alfa team breezed to a third place out of twelve teams entered. The only other makes that beat us were the much larger-powered Ferraris and the much more refined Porsche RSK's. Considering that two cars in our team were driven to the track and then home again, you begin to appreciate the accomplishment!

On Sunday we all ran scratch races. In the GT and Sports Classes D & E we saw Tom Hines' beautiful right-hand drive GTA matched against Jerry Rosenstock's just refurbished 1600 TZ. Both cars raced magnificently into Turn One but then the super light weight of the TZ started to show and Jerry slowly pulled ahead. The rest of the race saw the two Alfas lapping most of the field, running flawlessly. The order of finish was Jerry 1st, Tom 2nd!

In my race there were two TZs... One 1750 powered one from up north driven by Marnix Dillenius and Jerry's car seeing double duty with another driver! There were also 3 short wheel-base berlinetta Ferraris, a

Gullwing Mercedes and a 289 Cobra. Marnix' TZ and my GTA were 1 & 2 on the grid. At the drop of the flag, we streaked toward Turn One but again the weight differential of the TZ showed and he was able to slip into the fast line in front of me. From then on, things spread out. Jerry's TZ got by, and then two of the Ferraris nailed me in the straight. We ran this way for about four laps but then the lead Ferrari blew an oil line. He was black flagged, and then the second Ferrari coming hard into Turn Three spun in the oil on the track. I nearly spun also in the same corner but was luckier than our Modena brother, and the Alfa went on to win the first three places!

It was a super event, one that I won't miss in the future! See you at Laguna Seca this summer!





**ERRATUM:** the AROSC November meeting will be held December 1st (not Nov. 17) This is the ELECTION meeting so mark it on your calendar. We will need lots of voters!!!

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## Slaloms & Such

by Joe Richardson

The '78 season is off and running. The big news is that a commercial company, Parts and Polish, is going to sponsor at least eight SCCSCC Champion events to the tune of \$250.00 per event. \$150 per event will be deposited to the SCCSCC year-end trophy fund, and the balance of \$100 will go to the SCCSCC publicity fund. Each competitor will be required to display a pressure-sensitive label that will say SCCSCC CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES-COMPETITOR. These labels are about 4 3/4" x 5 3/4" in size and are an attractive red and yellow. They have both the P&P and SCCSCC logo. Think of it - this means at least \$1200 in year-end trophies! Then think of the fact that this could be in addition to team awards. To qualify as a team it only takes five entrants from one club. Do you think we could muster enough out of our membership to qualify as a team? If you are interested, call me at (213) 442-2331 after 6:30 pm.

On Saturday May 13th, there will be a SCCSCC car show restricted to 30 entries at the Sherman Oaks Fashion Square (Ventura Frwy. to Woodman Ave., Van Nuys). This is a good opportunity for club publicity as this event will be publicised in the San Fernando Valley Press. There will be no prizes but individual stores in the complex will furnish background decorations and professional models for the press photographers! Contact me for further details. I direct your attention to the Calendar column for up-coming events.

## MARCH MEETING



Been wondering what it's all about, Alfi?? This meeting can show you!! You don't even have to drive all the way out to Riverside. Lou Liserani, with the help of photo crazy Alfa nuts, is going to bring Time Trialing right into our own meeting room! Come see the show, listen to the Time Trial sages, and learn what really goes on at the Riverside International Raceway! No cost, no obligation. Just be there - March 24, Alondra Park Clubhouse, 8:00 PM



THIS IS THE END !

If you have not paid your dues, you have already been cut off from the National Club (so don't hold your breath waiting for your March issue of ALFA OWNER). AND, this is your LAST Alfacionada !!! Make sure that you have renewed.....



Several people have been inquiring about the small cutout Alfa symbol that Lou Liserani, Debbie Laborde and others have. There is a place in Colorado that makes these and Alfa jewelry, including rings and large pendants. The cost for the small cut out charm is \$8.00 in sterling silver and approx. \$50.00 in 14K gold. Send requests for more information to:  
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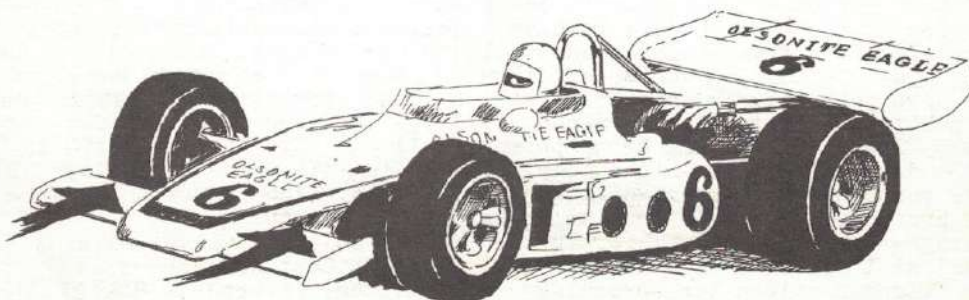
# TIME TRIAL NEWS



AROSC TIME TRIAL #1  
 SPONSORED BY ALFA OF SANTA MONICA  
 RIVERSIDE CAN-AM COURSE  
 FEBRUARY 18, 1978

(N) Novice

Class B	Dave Vegher	2000 GTA	2:22.08
Class C	Tom Hines	1600 GTA	2:23.97
	Pat Garret	1300 Spider	2:35.35
Class D	Al Leake	1300 Spider	2:23.03
	Alan Ward	2000 GTV	2:23.09
	Jordan Harris	2000 Spider	2:26.58
	Phyllis Gaylard	2000 GTV	2:30.57
	Jerry Wright	1750 GTV	2:31.47
	Allan Gott	2000 GTV	2:46.89
Class E	Bill Henry	Alfetta GT	2:23.49 <u>lap record</u>
	Rich Washington	2000 Spider	2:31.13
	Bill Biggs	2000 GTV	2:31.17
	Jim Kubota (N)	Alfetta GT	2:39.42
	Aaron Morinaka (N)	2000 GTV	2:46.89
Class F and G	Dan Bernstein	1750 Spider	2:36.48
	Raul Guidi (N)	2000 GTV	2:40.03
	Raul Perez	1750 GTV	2:49.02
	(G) Mel Butler (N)	Alfetta Sedan	2:49.37
	(G) Bill Henry	Alfetta Sedan	DNR
Class Z	Charlie Thieriot	2000 GTV	2:12.73 <u>TTOD lap record</u>
	Bob Barlow	2000 GTV	DNR



# TIME TRIAL REPORT

by Charlie Thieriot

AROSC's first competition event of the year was a Time Trial at Riverside on February 18th. Once again Alfa of Santa Monica generously sponsored the event which was run on the Can - Am course. Twenty-one Alfas entered, including four novices. It was the most beautiful day I have ever seen there - very green hills and a perfectly blue sky!

Since we have new classification forms this year, a mandatory tech inspection was held at Veloce Motors West to allow enough time to aid people in determining their class. We are cracking down this year on both safety and classification. Every car will be checked at least once to insure correct classes, so if you are unsure of your class consult Dave Vegher or Charlie Thieriot.

It was an unusual day mechanically. I don't remember ever having seen an Alfa radiator problem at a Time Trial. Saturday we had two - one on the track and one driving out to it! Both cars were fixed thanks to Dave and others, Dan Bernstein's in time for him to go out and win combined classes F and G. Dan's winning time was over 7 seconds faster than last June, a good example of how much difference in your driving abilities three Time Trials can make! Jerry Wright slid off the track and sandwiched some sand between his tire and wheel, necessitating a trip to Riverside for repairs. Charlie broke another one of Bob Barlow's spoilers in a ridiculous first lap slide in Turn 8; Al Leake's 1300 Spider gave him some small problems in the morning, but he won Class D by going .06 seconds faster than Alan Ward.

Bill Henry broke the Class E lap record by two seconds in his Alfetta GT. Wally Williams' had held the prior record. The closest race of the day was between Rich Washington and Bill Biggs. Rich won by a miniscule .04 seconds to place second in Class E. Charlie broke the AROSC Can-Am course record in Bob Barlow's Class Z car. Bob missed his timed runs due to a broken oil cooler hose fitting

Rumor has it that a bawdy conversation developed late in the day over the land line (the communication system between turns). It had gotten cold and someone likened it to a part of a tarantula. That triggered a barrage of similar remarks.

It was a fun day for workers and drivers alike. Everyone should thank the workers who do not drive for their dedication to running these events, even if they do have fun at it. We also thank Alfa of Santa Monica for sponsoring the year's first Time Trial.

Our next Time Trial is sponsored by Wesco Track and Tire in Van Nuys. Come out and help, drive or just watch! It'll be fun - Saturday April 15th on the Nascar course at Riverside.



WEAR the ALFA COLORS to the  
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Once again the red Alfa nylon jackets will be available to you at the March meeting! So join the block of Alfa red and get yours now!!!!

ENTRY FORM FOR AROSC TIME TRIAL #2

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Print last name.

SATURDAY APRIL 15, 1978

- Schedule
- 7:15 - 8:30 Tech
  - 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



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Entry Deadline: Tues. April 11th

Driver #1 - Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Driver #2 - Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency - In case of emergency, the Club should contact:-  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

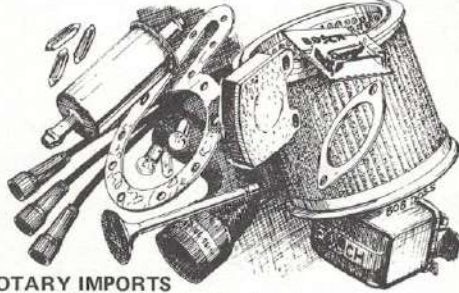
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Garage Sale - lots & lots of parts, engines, and...you name it! Sunday, April 9th, 11am - 4pm. Call for directions. Dave (213) 539-0700, 1969 Berlina - great trans, head just gone thru, needs a home! Call same # as above.

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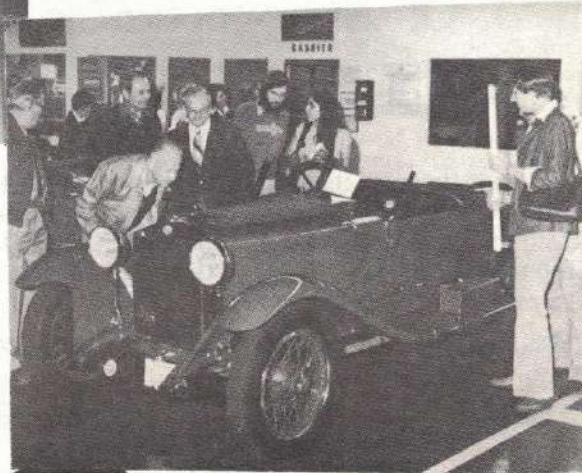
Guest speaker and fellow Alfa owner Phil Hill brought his own 1931 1750 GS to the Jan. meet. He drove it there in normal Alfa fashion (that is, aggressively!) from his home in Santa Monica with his wife hanging on for dear life!



A black and white picture just doesn't do justice to the fabulous red paint job on Jack Becronis' 1928 Alfa. Restoration of this award winning auto was recently completed by Phil Hill's firm, Hill & Vaughn of Santa Monica.



AROSC president Dave Vegher chats with Phil Hill. Dave is the one in the tie for those who didn't recognize him dressed up!



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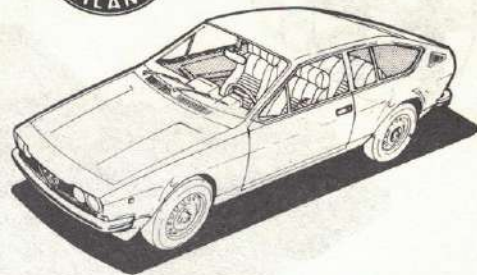


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