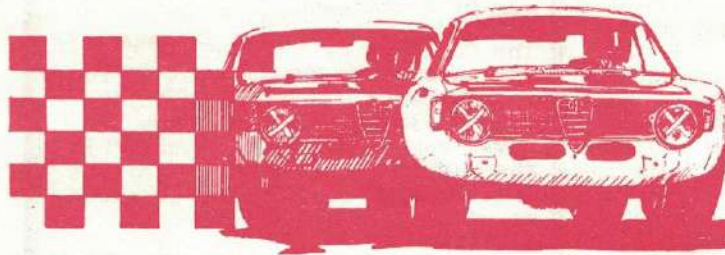


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From the Pits

by Dave Vegher



Well Alfa fans the end of the year is upon us. New officers will soon be taking over the jobs that make AROSC a reality. Members who wish to run for office can be nominated from the floor at the November meeting which will be held December 1, 1978. Along with this meeting will be held the traditional White Turkey Sale so don't miss this one.

This month's Concours de Elegance, which took place at the famous Briggs Cunningham Museum was a great success as you'll read about later in the paper. We also had a Time Trial scheduled for this month but sadly it was rained out. There would have been at least 25 cars in this event.

The next social club event will be the annual Christmas Party. Debbie Laborde has assured me that this will be a party to remember.

Finally our Grand Opening meeting for the year 1979 will take place January 26, 1979 at Alfa Romeo Inc. in El Segundo. Thank you all for a great year.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| DEC | 1 | Election Meeting, Alondra Park (important!) |
| | 1 | White Turkey Sale, Alondra Park (at meeting) |
| | 4 | Time Trial Committee Meeting (Thieriot's) |
| | 5 | AROSC Board Meeting, (Thieriot's) |
| | 8-10 | Starlite Rally, Santa Barbara Sports Car Club |
| | 15 | AROSC Christmas Party, (see details inside) |
| | 16 | OCSCC Moonraker Rallye |
| | 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS! |





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Slaloms & Such

by Joe Richardson

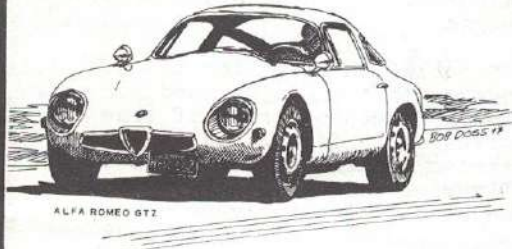
The Concours held at Briggs Cunningham Automotive Museum must be rated as another AROSC success. Unlike some other car clubs, we try to have "something for everybody" in the way of participation. Rallies, time trials, slaloms, or concours—we offer them all, plus social activities.

The weather for the concours was perfect, and 22 of the best Alfas seen anywhere were lined up for inspection and judging by the very knowledgeable judges from "Le Cercle d'Elegance"; and a very good job they did! As a result, all of us (especially me) now know what improvements we have to make for the next concours to be held at Santa Anita Fashion Park Mall on March 18, 1979. We will be deviating from our "low key" policy of past events in order to sweep the AROC concours event at the national meet next summer. The Santa Anita event might be considered a semi-final to the AROC concours. With four months to prepare and with the outstanding advice given us by the Le Cercle judges, it should be outstanding. We have already started preparation of the numerous details necessary to assure a successful event. I first made inquiry as to holding a concours at Santa Anita in January 1977! It has taken that long to get a firm commitment. Through the efforts of Lou Liserani, Jack Becronis, and to a lesser degree myself, it is now a reality. I am hoping that the entry will be double that of the Cunningham event!

A few highlights of the Cunningham Concours: Briggs Cunningham's own 8C 2300 Alfa on display with ours, then driven by Otto Zipper around the short parking lot "course" (at times dicing with our own Jack Becronis' 6C 2500 Zagato). There were too many outstanding cars to mention. The opportunity to mingle, do a bit of bench racing, compare notes on

Alfas, have a family picnic was very enjoyable. Then there was the very informative narratives of the Museum's John Burgess while he conducted a special tour for us AROSC folk.

I haven't said much about slaloms because the championship slaloms for this year are finished. If you are planning to prepare for next year, you have until March to do so. The only thing left to say is let's make '79 a banner year for AROSC. This cannot be done by being a spectator, so let's get into action-participate! We are already the largest ALFA club outside Italy; let's also be the most active. L'Alfa Vince!



RALLYE CHALLENGE

The Orange County Sports Car Club (OCSCC) extends a rallye challenge to the members of AROSC!

The challenge is for the Saturday night Moonraker on December 16, 1978. Registration is at 7:00, first car out at 8:01 from Mervyn's Department Store parking lot, the Courtyard Shopping Center at First and Newport in Tustin.

Moonrakers are 2 hour navigational rallyes. AROSC members will compete for trophies against unequipped OCSCC members. The entry fee is \$4.00 per car and includes a dash plaque or jacket patch.

Sharpen up your "nav" skills and join us. For information, call Phil Strona, (714) 985-5746 after 6:00 pm. See you in December!

CONVERSATION on CONCOURS

by Jack Becronis

John Burgess, the Director of the Briggs Cunningham Automotive Museum in Costa Mesa was overheard to say, "Someone up there must like Alfa Romeos." John made this comment on the occasion of the AROSC Concours, Sunday October the 29th. "It's remarkable," John said. "All this past week, we've had fog and heavy dew every morning...today, the Alfa Club is having its Concours and the day couldn't be clearer or drier." The weather was in full cooperation with one of the more successful AROSC events of the year.

Twenty-two Alfa Romeos on exhibition and in competition - fifteen of these were separate and distinct models and body styles. Fifty years of Alfa history were on display: 1928 to 1978. It was a sight to behold. Prewar Alfas: 6C 1500, 8C 2300...immediate postwar cars: 6C 2500 and 4C 1900...6 cylinder cars of the late fifties in models: 2000 and 2600...most all models of Giulietta and Giulia GTVs and Spyders and Sprints...a beautiful Montreal V8...and a brand new concours-prepared 2000 Sports Sedan.

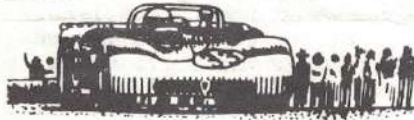
Five judges from Le Cercle Concours d'Elegance Club of Los Angeles gave each car a thorough inspection and awarded points in each of ten judging classifications. Best of show with a high of 222 out of a possible 300 points went to Jack Becronis' 6C 1500 Zagato-bodied Spyder. Class winners were: Don Ernst's 2600 Sprint, Dick Gebhardt's 1964 Giulia Sprint, Ron Damp's 1967 Duetto Spyder, Diro Alfa's 1978 Sports Sedan, David Vegher's GTA and Joe Richardson's competition-prepared Giulietta Spyder.

While the tabulating committee was hard at work sorting the high point cars, many of the participants picnicked on the garden green adjacent to the museum. Entertainment was

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provided by Otto Zipper in the immortal 1934 2.3 litre "Mille Miglia" engaged in a "mini-prix" around the parking lot with a carried-away Jack Becronis in the type 6C Sport. This was followed by a special guided tour of the museum that included the firing up of many exotic racing cars for the delight of all Alfisti. It is safe to say that all who attended had a memorable time. Mario Silvi, director of Alfa Romeo, Inc., generously donated the beautiful first place awards...Grazie...Grazie! Special thanks to our fellow Alfa Owners Club member Briggs Cunningham for presenting the trophies to the winners. And thanks to the Le Cercle judges: Bill Reynolds, Larry Gosh, Jim Weishuhn, and Jack Parker. The learning experience provided by this event should result in a keener competition among our cars at our next concours - March 18, 1979 at the Santa Anita Fashion Park Mall in Arcadia.



LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS

A report on the Hollywood Hills
Mille Miglia

by John Ireland

It was wonderful. I was as pregnant with expectation as Nancy Vegher has been with the next President of A.R.I. Rallye Master of my own... my first... Rallye. Eight cars ran the gauntlet, 51.2 miles that all lead to Baxter Street. As the cars left the staging area, visions of typos all over the instructions haunted me.

But as the first car rolled into my Check Point (#2), my beginners panic left me and was replaced by middle-of-the-rallye panic. New Alfa Owner Marshall Caskey time-trialed his

way to a ten minute early arrival at C.P.#1, and the way he left C.P.#2, I was sure he was going to get to the finish before I was! And as quickly as the others flashed by me, I lost track of who they were... let's see, that was two red GTVs, a silver Spider...no, it was two silver GTVs, two red Alfettas...

The real race was Alana and I trying to get through traffic to reach the Milano Italian Restaurant before the others. I felt as if I were surrounded by a hundred Pintos all driven by Ralph Nader's mother. Alana no longer looks young for her age. And I won, beating the first car in by ten minutes. That's when the trouble began.

"Trouble" is alias for the eccentric system that I had devised for scoring and keeping track of time and mileage. In fact I had to announce that my brain was incapable of figuring the scores out in the two hours in which everyone else ate pasta and meatball sandwiches and pizza and drank wine and ate thick-crust Italian bread with gobs of butter. My spaghetti went well with my spumoni and espresso...they were all cold. Those who weren't reached by phone discovered how well they did at the October meeting.

And for the record, the standings are: 1st Place - Ana Maria Gallo/Kenneth Yapkowitz in a '77 Alfetta Sprint Veloce with 972 points

2nd Place - Sel Ramsay/Joanne Foley in a '69 Spider with 957.5 points

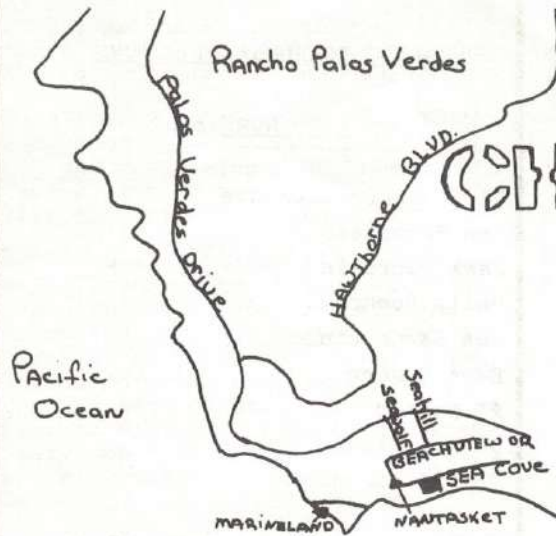
3rd Place - Lewis Coleman/Neerad Varshney in a '74 Spider with 940 points

4th Place - J.Scott Carter/Deborah Wylie in a '77 Alfetta GT with 878 points

5th Place - Al Cortes/Toni Conch in a '64 2600 Sprint with 587.5 points

6th Place - David Hanley/Mike Anderson in a '67 GTV with 581.5 points

7th Place - Marshall Caskey/Sheilah Taylor in a '69 Duetto Spyder with 312 points



CHRISTMAS PARTY



Believe it or not the holidays are upon us again. It seems like only yesterday we were in Cerritos eating spaghetti and dancing the limbo (remember Dan and Jerry).

This years party promises to be even better. We are going to prepare lots of good food, play games, and we even have a few surprises up our sleeves. The party will be held at Diane and Mike Alamans apartment complex in Rancho Palos Verdes. It will be on FRIDAY December 15 (not the 16th). Just look for the "little brown house" on the right side of the street on Sea Cove (see map). The festivities begin at 8:00p.m. the cost will be \$2.50 BYOB and dress comfortably. See you there!

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8th Place - Don Johnston/Scott Johnston in a '76 Alfetta GT with minus 949.5 points
A special thanks for hanging in there to Don and Scott. Do not pour the Poland Water in the radiator!

Next Year I am planning "Son of the Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia" with all new roads, plus a Halloween twist that will make Baxter Street look like El Mirage Dry Lake.

As announced, it was Alfas only, and as Rallye Director I want to amend that for 1979. AROSC members can drive any car, non-members must be Alfas or Alfa-powered. I feel that this allows the members who only own all out competition machines to also participate. And, it keeps the Rallye open to possible new members while emphasizing the Marque of the Club.

Again, Alana and I thank you for making our time and effort worthwhile.

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