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From the Pits



by Dave Vegher

Greetings everyone! The month of August is traditionally a kick-back month for AROSC activities, and this one was no exception. The one activity that did take place was truly fun and relaxed! It was, of course, the party we had at the beautiful home of Dick and Sue Harmon. Aside from swimming in the pool, lounging on the numerous deck chairs, or just totally letting go in the jacuzzi, there was food and drink enough to feed and drown an army! Thank you so much Dick and Sue for your hospitality and a SUPER time!

I would also like to thank Charlie Thieriot and Rick Clemente for running the meeting in my absence. I understand that the general attendance was low (about 30 AROSC members were having the time of their lives in Monterey); however, the people who were there were treated to actual motion picture footage of TZ's running in mid-sixty races. Some of the footage was really good, though the monologue was in Italian! Thanks again to everyone who helped make the August meeting a success.

Now, here is a big announcement. OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ARCO TOWERS BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. That is SEPTEMBER 22 at 8:00 pm. Directions and info can be found inside.

Coming events include the September

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 22 Meeting, ARCO TOWERS, Los Angeles (see inside for directions)
- 30 AROSC Time Trial, RIR
- Oct 1 Championship Slalom, Ventura City Airport
- 4 Alfacionada articles due
- 8 Championship Slalom, Lion Country Safari
- 15 AROSC Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia (see inside)
- 22 Meeting Alondra Park
- 22 Autofaire, Los Alamitos Race Track
- 29 AROSC Concours, Briggs Cunningham Museum
- Nov 5 Benefit Slalom, Queen Mary Long Beach
- 11 AROSC Time Trial, RIR
- 18 Solo I, Willow Springs
- 19 " "
- Dec 1 Election Meeting, Alondra Park (very important!)
- 8-10 Starlite Rallye, Santa Barbara Sports Car Club
- 16 AROSC Christmas Party

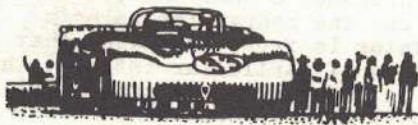
Time Trial at Riverside International Raceway. We'll be running the Can AM course this time and everyone is more than welcome to come and see what goes on. The charge for being a spectator is free! One thing that might be of particular interest this time is the fact that Mario Silvi, Director of Alfa Romeo Inc. West,

(Close Encounters cont.)

Marnix maneuvered to second place! And Dave had one of the best times of his life! Who said number 13 was unlucky? After passing 5 cars, including another TZ, Ferrais and an Aston, he and the Porsche were dueling. Nose in tail behind the black German car for two laps, Dave outhandled him and passed him on the inside of the corkscrew. As they came around the hill with the Alfa in front, we loyal fans set up a clamor reminiscent of a Grand Prix race! Well, it was the last lap! Dave kept out in front around the Turn 9 hairpin right before the finish line. But there was traffic! Ah...the beauty of an Alfa handling and powering out of a tight corner! So number 13 changed to lucky number 7; and Dave had had a great time beating a Porsche, an unusually fast one at that! (...but the owner said his Porsche only had 90 HP!...) I know Dave will never miss one of these weekends now!

Following the race on Saturday, was the famous Concours d'Elegance at the Pebble Beach Golf Course on Sunday. Jack, doing double duty with the help of his famous crew, his wife Barbara and his son Peter, was able to garnish a second in class at this prestigious concours. This is an unbelievable accomplishment to have subjected one's car to the rigors of the track one day and to the unforgiving eye of the concours judges the next. Way to go, Jack and family!

And so the weekend ended. The migration of auto aficionados returned to their homes. And I know each and everyone is already planning for next year's sojourn because the sights and sounds have been engraved in our memories...



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Slaloms & Such

by Joe Richardson

The real "biggie" this month is the official announcement of an AROSC Concours at Briggs Cunningham's in Costa Mesa on October 29th. As the program now stands, this will be a family affair, so a picnic lunch is in order. (Bring a little extra so that everyone can enjoy!) The fee for the special tour is the price of using the grounds and facilities. Since the museum is not normally open on Sundays, you will be treated to rare Alfas (and other makes) being fired up just for us! Truly an unique experience for Alfa buffs. But there is more - sometime before the National AROC Meeting in San Diego next June, we will have another concours at the Santa Anita Fashion Park Mall in Arcadia. Between the two events, we will hone our concours awareness to a fine point for the National concours, and should do very well in all categories. For this reason we are going to impose somewhat different criteria for winners in the next two events. More about this later!

Kent Knoblock is still rolling along with his 1600 Duetto. He has now garnered two first place trophies and one second place in class "T" stock category. Not too shabby for a newcomer to slaloms! (The best I have been able to do is a fifth place in class "E" prodified)

Watch this column for future info on the muscular dystrophy slalom at the Queen Mary. There will be door prizes which include many valuable items from well-known manufacturers. I have tickets at .50¢ each, 5 for \$2.25. There will be celebrities from movies and TV, and much more. Plan to attend - it is a worthy cause, and all proceeds go to Jerry Lewis' kids. More later!

From the Pits (cont. from page 1)

has assured me that there will be available for our personal inspection two or three Alfa Romeo Sports Sedans with automatic transmissions. These cars were recently tested at Sears Point with Bob Bondurant's school, and they came through with flying colors. Make sure you're there to see and drive the first Alfa Romeo Automatics!

The next AROSC event is the Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia on October 15th. This is the last AROSC Rallye of the year and should be a superb event considering the amount of effort John and Alana Ireland are putting into it. Plan to be there!

And last but not least will be the AROSC Concours at Briggs Cunningham Museum in Costa Mesa. This event will also include a tour of the museum itself which is always exciting. So set aside October 29th for this affair; there will be more information in the next newsletter and at the next meeting. See you at the ARCO Towers!

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Learn the real story behind that ARCO-GRAPHITE OIL from a man who knows! John Podlipnik of ARCO will have a film presentation and very informative talk just for us Alfa Romeo enthusiasts. Join us for an informative night on the town! See you at 8 o'clock sharp!

DIRECTIONS for SEPTEMBER MEETING

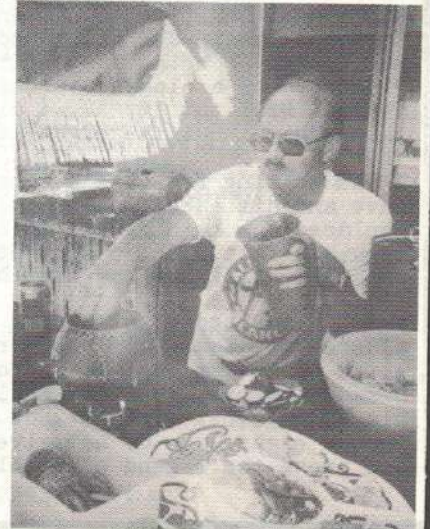
Take the Harbor Freeway (north or south to Los Angeles) to the 6th Street exit going east (towards the city). Turn left on Flower, and then left on 5th Street for underground parking on Level A of the ARCO Plaza.

The meeting itself is in the Community Room of the ARCO Plaza on Level C. The meeting room is located next to O'Shaughnessy's Restaurant in the northwest corner.



Everyone enjoyed themselves at the AROSC party - well, almost everyone!

Host Dick Harmon seems to relish the bountiful eats!



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS of the CAR KIND

by Nancy Vegher
Technical assistance
by Dave Vegher

Every August Northern California is visited by an unique horde of extra-territorial beings who are drawn to a particular valley settled among the hills of Monterey on an Army base. From 1915 Ford Run-Abouts to a 1973 512M Ferrari, a whole congenial conglomerate of interesting automobiles converge for a weekend of fun and races at Laguna Seca. For me it has become an annual happening - something to plan a year ahead.

Two AROSC members entered their cars this year. Dave with his GTA (a first time entrant himself and the debut of an Alfa GTA in these particular races) and Jack Becronis in his fantastic 1928 1500 Zagato bodied Spyder (a first time entrant also). Thanks to Steve Earle, the coordinator for the whole event, we first-timers soon learned the ropes and were able to concentrate on the enjoyment of the meet.

This Fifth Annual Monterey Historic Races was a salute to Mercedes Benz. Well, Mercedes just happened to ship over the famous 300 SLR for the event! This car, never seen in the United States, was the focal point of the race weekend. Not only was it on display, but Phil Hill was its driver! Suddenly a great silence would pervade the crowd - Phil Hill had jumped into the German monster machine and begun to scream it around the track. The only music to be heard was the sound of the car being wound up through the gears at 7500 or 8000 RPMs by a true master. The changing chords reverberated through all who stood nearby - a sound one won't forget, a sight one probably will never see again!

Then it was time for our races. Phil Hill also drove Jack's car! How exciting it must be to see one's car being driven by a World Champion! However, the Spyder developed an intermittent miss at high rpm's and the master had to bring the car in after a few laps. The problem was easily diagnosed as a clogged carburetor main jet, the symptom being purely, as Phil Hill put it, "...a diabolical miss"! Simple blowing out set things right but the eight lap race was already run.

I was waiting for Dave's race to begin. After practise in the morning, Dave and his chief mechanical crew, Dick Gebhardt and Tom Hines, had replaced the head gasket in record time. I couldn't help but wonder how they had felt with so many people looking on, one of which the least was Phil Hill! Now the time had come to race!

There were lots of Alfas and Ferraris, a few Aston Martins in his race, plus a very fast Porsche Carrera. The grid placement must have been decided on an interest basis for the Alfas seemed to be placed at slight disadvantages. Marnix Dillenius in his TZ was set at 7th and Dave in his GTA was set at 13th. But the Alfas didn't let their fans down even though eight laps do not give one much time to move up! And the Alfas did prove the legend of excellent handling, much to others' dismay!

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

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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.

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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

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.

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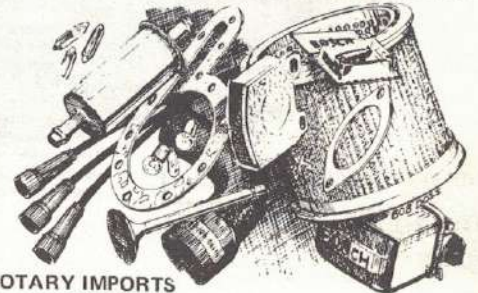
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