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## the ROAR of the BEAR

by Rick "Bear" Clemente

The first of this year's Time Trials at Riverside International Raceway was a great success! Following the coldest, wettest week in memory, the weather smiled on AROSC with a magnificent "Chamber of Commerce" day, snow-capped peaks and all.

Jack Becronis is to be congratulated for organizing the fine program given by Strother MacMinn at the January meeting at ARI. This is just a sample of what Jack has planned throughout the year; so let's see some more of those big crowds turning out for the general meetings.

This month we will have the AROSC "Lovers and Others" Grand Tour. It is scheduled for February 25th, and the event masters will be John and Alana Ireland. It promises to be a fun day, so plan to attend.

March will be a blockbuster of AROSC activity. The 18th is the last chance to polish up your Concours Alfas before the National Convention in San Diego this summer. The Santa Anita Fashion Park is a great indoor setting for our spring "low key" concours.

The following weekend, Sunday March 25th, we will have a Malibu Grand Prix preliminary runoff to establish

our top ten drivers to answer the challenge from Santa Barbara. The AROSC-Santa Barbara Malibu Grand Prix challenge will be held on Saturday, March 31st.

Then, April will be the real thing. The Long Beach United States Grand Prix West. Watch your March newsletter for details of the Grand Prix Party Saturday night of the race weekend.

See you all at the February meeting!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|-----|---------|---|
| Feb | 23      | General Meeting, Alondra Park   |
|     | 25      | AROSC "Lovers & Others" Grand Tour (Details inside)                             |
|     | 25 & 26 | Vintage Auto Races at Willow Springs  |
|     | 28      | Board Meeting (Bernstein)   |
| Mar | 18      | AROSC Concours d'Elegance Santa Anita Fashion Park Mall (Details inside)        |
|     | 18      | Championship Slalom, Lion Country Safari  |
|     | 23      | General Meeting, Alondra Park   |
|     | 25      | AROSC Runoffs for <u>BEST DRIVER</u> Challenge, Malibu Grand Prix in Northridge |
|     | 31      | AROSC vs. AROSB <u>BEST DRIVER</u> Challenge, Malibu Grand Prix                 |
| Apr | 6-8     | Long Beach Grand Prix   |



# Slaloms & Such

by Joe Richardson

This column has not appeared in the last two issues of this newsletter for two reasons; first, this is the off-season for slaloms; second, the important events of November and December (White Turkey Sale, elections, ect.) took precedence. Now the season for slaloms is about to start, the first championship event of '79 to be held at Lion Country Safari on March 18th. (Run order: AGQ BHP CIR MNS DJT EKV FLV. Call (213) 966-2734 for info.) If you new members are not familiar with this activity, come out and see what it's all about. There is no admission charge. Our regulars will be there to give a good account for AROSC.

For those of you that did not attend the January meeting at ARI, this is the last column that I will be writing for some time. I have accepted a responsible position with a large manufacturing firm located in Bowling Green, Kentucky. My present plans are that I spend the next two years there, then return to California. My duties as slalom chairman will be in the capable hands of Barry Klein, and I am sure that you will give him the same support that I have had. To say that I am going to miss the great friends I have met, and all of the club activities, is an understatement. Even though I won't be here, I will continue my ten-year membership in the best damn Alfa club in the U.S. of A.!! I love you all, and wish you all a great Alfa year. So long for now.



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sally French

The year 1978 ended quietly, and as 1979 started we had a checkbook balance of \$1678.00. This included a \$600.00 deposit to the Long Beach Grand Prix Association for the April 1979 race. Totalling all the money in and out for 1978, we come up with the following:

### INCOME

Dues	\$5570.00
Dues Splits from National	735.00
Social Activities	470.50
Competition Events	2808.00
Advertising Fees	935.00
Merchandise Sales	590.00
Miscellaneous	101.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11209.75</b>

### EXPENSES

Dues Splits to National	\$2347.50
Printing and Mailing	3233.59
Social Activities	1053.75
Competition Events	2819.72
Merchandise Sales	777.23
Trophies and Awards	1986.19
Miscellaneous	230.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11548.08</b>

As this is my first month as treasurer, I will be happy to try to answer any questions you may have. I would like to thank Dan Bernstein, the outgoing treasurer, for keeping such clear records. Hope to see you all in '79!

A vacancy on the AROSC Board of Directors has been created by Joe Richardson's departure. If you would be interested in serving on the Board, please contact any of the Board members.



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## the AROSC LOVERS & OTHERS

by John Ireland

## GRAND TOUR



This is it! Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 25, 1979. Pump up your tires, change your oil, put the spare fuel pump in the trunk, wash and wax your little beauty, make a Thermos of hot chocolate or Irish coffee, and get ready to ride. It's Alfa weather and Alfa roads. And Alfas or Alfa-powered vehicles only.

New members, this is a chance to get into your car, to see how and where all your money went, to test the name "Alfa Romeo" on two-lane blacktop. Imagine the rain-washed skies and dark, damp tarmac. The air is brisk and the engines love it. This is a Grand Tour; an Alfa Romeo parade through some of the finest back roads that Southern California has to offer.

Rain or shine, the Tour goes on. Nothing can stop us!

So, forget about time and distance and the six o'clock news, and surrender yourself to the road. Women, this is your chance to get him alone. Men, this is your chance to feel that old magic when you have all the time in the world and all the privacy, and just the two of you. Lovers of all persuasion, this is the chance to explore the magic of motoring as landscapes rush by to the sound of your favorite stereo cassette, or to the solo song of the engine, or the symphony of wind and rubber and road, or the laughter of a friend, of memories and dreams, of the moment. Take your time and wonder about the late lunch/early dinner that waits for you in the San Marcos Pass (priced about the same as the Chart House).

This isn't a Rallye and it isn't a race. It's motoring in the Grand Style, dressed to the hilt in your best Alfashions. With a Thermos filled to meet the chill of the early-morning gathering at the Santa Monica Pier, where it all begins. (See the attached entry form for complete details). You will be given Route Instructions, and maps are always helpful but will not be necessary. The Rules of the Road will apply and the only request is that you show up for dinner.

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"LOVERS" cont from page 3

The Grand Tour is by advance reservation only, the entry fee is \$3.00 per car, and all cars should be in good mechanical condition or risk breaking down far from home. Auto Club of Southern California will be alerted to our presence, but unless a Berlina passess by, you're on your own.

It will be the day Southern California trembles at the awesome thunder of AALLLFFFAAAAarrRRRROOOOMMEEEEOOoooo! Send in the attached registration form now or phone it in...but the DEADLINE for your reservation getting to me is February 23rd at the Monthly Meeting.

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AROSC AND MAIL WITH THIS FORM TO:  
John and Alana Ireland, 7149 Woodrow Wilson Dr.  
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Here is my check for \$3.00, entering me in the LOVERS AND OTHERS GRAND TOUR. I agree to be at the Parking Lot just North of the Santa Monica Pier on February 25, 1979 (that's a Sunday), at 8:00 AM, wearing my best Alfa Romeo outfit, and ready to do some serious driving.

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P.S. - Rallye enthusiasts, mark these roads; you'll meet them again later in the year. New owners, now that you've mastered supermarket parking lots, learn what your car is really all about. Men and women of Milano, arise and unite. The road to Rome is ours!

# BEST DRIVER Challenge



AROSC has been challenged by the Santa Barbara chapter to a **BEST DRIVER** competition; their ten best drivers against our top ten drivers. This event will take place on Saturday, March 31st, at a Malibu Grand Prix, whose location is, at present, **UNDISCLOSED!**

Each driver will run five laps in two different cars, ten laps in all, with the top five laps counting. There will be a trophy awarded for 1st place.

Having accepted the challenge with utmost pleasure, we now must make ready. SO.....

COME ONE, COME ALL!!!!..To the AROSC Intramural Runoffs to establish the Top Ten Drivers...To be held at the Malibu Grand Prix in Northridge on Sunday, March 25. (Time to be announced).

All you Time Trial-ers, closet racers, and just plain speed freaks, **BE THERE!!!!**...for a super fun time and for a chance to represent AROSC in the **CHALLENGE!!!**

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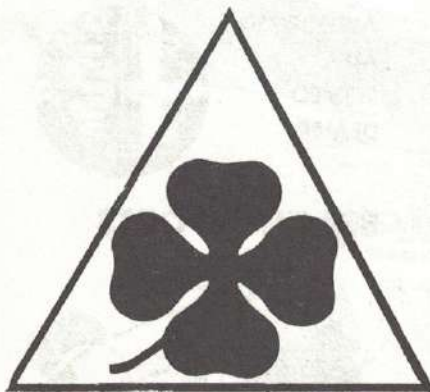
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MR. ZIPPER WAS A GREAT FRIEND OF ALFA ROMEO  
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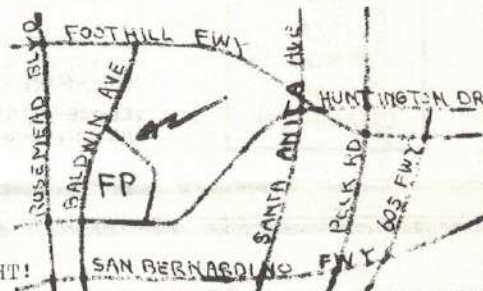
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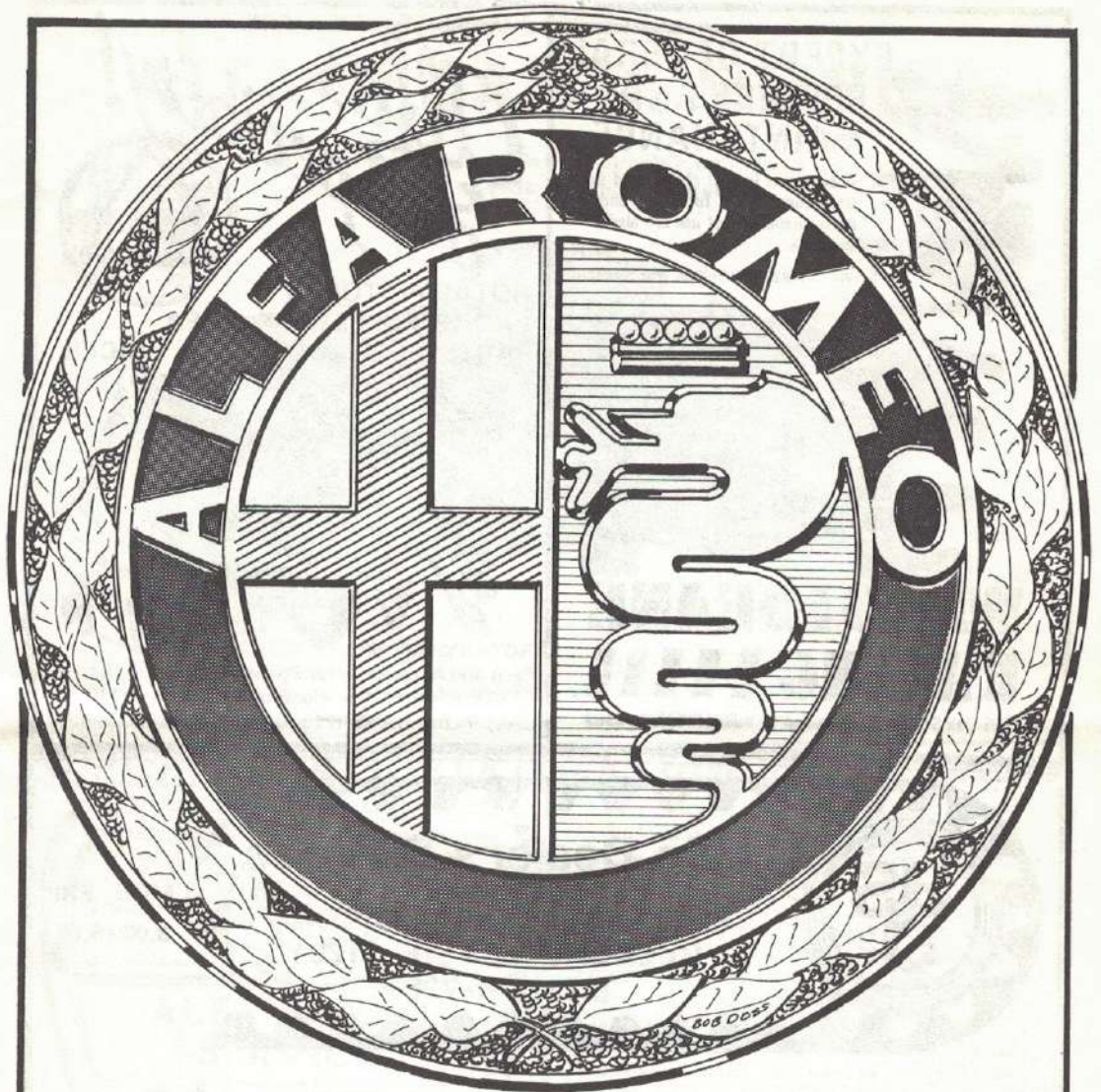


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