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the ROAR of the BEAR

by Rick "Bear" Clemente

The first thing I want to do as the 1979 AROSC President is to thank Dave Vegher for the super job he did in 1978. That will be a difficult performance to follow. Dave, of course, cheated...he used his not so secret weapon, Nancy. We all owe our thanks not only to Dave and Nancy, but also to everyone who worked so hard to make the last year the success it was. Fortunately, many of last year's board of directors, as well as some fresh enthusiastic new people have teamed to put together the 1979 AROSC programme. I'm really looking forward to a great year.

The January meeting (January 26th, at Alfa Romeo, Inc., 215 Douglas St. El Segundo, 8:00 pm) should be special. Strother Macminn will tell us why cars look the way they do and wax eloquent on the forms and function and safety rules of modern automobile design.

Also at the January meeting will be the trophy presentation for all the year end competition awards. And AROC National President Tom Suter will be on hand to take orders for our 1979 Long Beach Gran Prix tickets. AROSC put down a large deposit early last year to guarantee that we get the best block of seats possible! The Long Beach Gran Prix

is clearly the finest racing in North America - don't let this one slip by!

The 1978 Board of Directors established a new classification of membership - "The AROSC Life Member". This is to be awarded at the discretion of the board of directors, and only one such membership per year may be awarded. However, the board is not obligated to make even one such award. The benefit to the recipient of a "Life Membership" is that his/her membership in both AROSC and AROC is dues-free forever! Plus the recognition of fellow Alfisti.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the first AROSC Life Membership will be awarded to Hoppy Hopkins. Hoppy and Anne have been members of AROSC from the start and contributed significantly to the success of this organization over the years. Congratulations!

Happy New Year, everybody - here's to a lot of fun in '79!

Send in Dues

Send your dues in NOW! Not tomorrow, but TODAY! Do not send them to National, but DO send them to AROSC, P.O. Box 261, Los Alamitos, CA 90720, attn. Sue Bernstein. Fees are \$20.00 for the year and include your spouse. Don't wait until you do not receive your newsletter! Do it Today!

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 put down a deposit on a block of grandstand seats. Our Grandstand
 will be high up in grandstand #28 ! (Watchout Ferrarri Owners!)
 Our early reservations gave us the 10% discount Plus Garage passes
 at \$2.50 rather than \$7.50. The 10% discount savings will be used
 for a Grand Prix Party Saturday night before the race and after that
 days doings in Long Beach. This is truly a time to enjoy!

So fill out the order form below and bring it to the January meeting.
 Once again Tom Suter will be taking care of the tickets and forms, so
 be sure to see him!

TICKET ORDER FORM FOR LONG BEACH GRAND PRIX, APRIL 6, 7 & 8, 1979

Name _____

Address _____

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I want:	()	Adult tickets for all 3 days	\$35.00@	Total	\$ _____
	()	Age 13 - 18 Jr.	" "	\$27.50@	\$ _____
	()	Age 12 or under	" "	\$18.00@	\$ _____
	()	Adult tickets for Sunday Only	\$30.00@		\$ _____
	()	Age 13-18 Jr.	" "	\$24.00@	\$ _____
	()	Age 12 or under	" "	\$18.00@	\$ _____
	()	Garage Passes	reg. \$7.50 \$ 2.50@		\$ _____

() Mail my tickets to me
 () I will pick them up at the March meeting

TOTAL \$ _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan	26	General Meeting - Alfa Romeo, Inc., El Segundo, 8:00 PM
Feb	3	AROSC Time Trial, RIR
	23	General Meeting, Alondra Park
	25	AROSC "Lovers & Others" Gran Tour
March	18	AROSC Concours d'Elegance, Santa Anita Fashion Park Mall, Arcadia
	23	General Meeting, Alondra Park
April	27	General Meeting, Alondra Park
May	25	General Meeting, Alondra Park
June	16	AROSC Time Trial, RIR
	22	General Meeting, Alondra Park
July	27	General Meeting, Alondra Park
August	24	General Meeting, Alondra Park
Sept	28	General Meeting, Alondra Park
	29	AROSC Time Trial, RIR
Oct	26	General Meeting, Alondra Park
Nov	30	Election Meeting, Alondra Park

COMING SOON

A MONTHLY ARTICLE IN WHICH A FAMOUS WRENCH UNWINDS THE ANSWERS TO YOUR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS! SEND YOUR QUESTIONS TO:

AROSC
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If you would like a personal answer, include a self-addressed envelope. Questions used for the article will be based on universal interest.

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JANUARY MEETING

Featuring

Strother Macminn, a renowned expert in Automotive Design. Besides teaching at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, he is now associated with Calty Design Research, Inc. which studies advanced design and development for Toyota.

Let Mr. Macminn take you on a tour of your automobile's landmarks in the history of design and give you an insight into the future for Alfa Romeo has always been a leader of rather prestigious position in design history!

there!

8:00 PM on Friday, January 26th at Alfa Romeo, Inc., 215 Douglas, El Segundo, CA.
(Take the San Diego Frwy. to the El Segundo Blvd. off-ramp west. Turn left on Douglas St., and the building will be on your right.)

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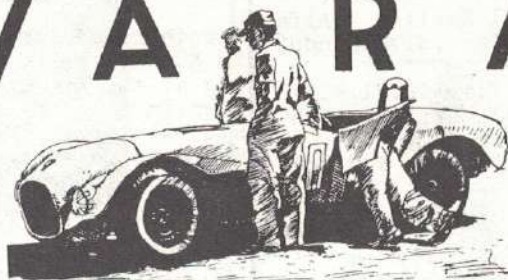


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SATURDAY WILL FEATURE THE SECOND ANNUAL VARA 2 HOUR TEAM CHALLENGE RELAY RACE. THE RELAY RACE SHALL FEATURE 12 TEAMS OF 5 CARS, EACH CAR WILL DO ABOUT 12 TO 14 LAPS DURING THE 2 HOUR EVENT. CAN PORSCHE BEAT COBRA AND FERRARI, WILL LOTUS OR ALFA ROMEO UPSET THE FAVORITES?

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ENTRY FORM FOR TIME TRIAL # 1

Print last name

Date Feb. 3, 1979 Track Short Course

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 Drivers' 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 (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 () _____

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 Phone home() _____ work() _____

ALFA Year and Model _____ Disp. _____ cc.

Class Class _____ Class pts. _____
 I must file a new class sheets because I have made modifica-
 tions since completeing the last for. YES () NO ()

I understand that my entry fee is NOT REFUNDABLE and I will abide by the rules of the AROSC Competition Code.

Driver #1 _____ Driver #2 _____ Date _____

Please return this form with entry fee. Make checks payable to AROSC.
 Send to: Nancy Vegher
 2012 W. 234th St.
 Torrance, CA 90501

TECH TALK

How to Install a Mechanical Oil Pressure Gauge

by Dave Vegher

A while ago I gave you a brief insight into what oil pressure is. In this article I will tell you how easy it is to install a Stewart-Warner mechanical oil pressure gauge.

This type of gauge actually measures the exact pressure of the oil coursing through the oil galleries of your engine. It is unlike the stock gauge in a late model car which utilizes a sending unit that is screwed into an oil gallery. This sending unit, through electrical impulses, relays messages to the gauge on your dash. Your gauge interprets these coded impulses and gives you a reading. The accuracy of this type gauge is dependent upon the sending unit's ability to put out proper impulses and the gauge's ability to read these impulses properly. Any breakdown in either gauge or sender will result in incorrect oil pressure readings. Either it will show sky-high pressure or the needle will barely get off the peg! (Of course, the problem might not lie in your gauge or sender, so it is best to have your oil pressure checked mechanically before putting in a new gauge.)

If you have a 1600 Duetto Spyder, 1750 Spyder or Berlina, 2000 Spyder or even an Alfetta Sedan (1976-77), you can easily install a Stewart-Warner # 284-D, 0-100 lb oil pressure gauge. Other gauges fit other cars, but they are too numerous to mention here. This is the most used gauge. For this model, you will need installation kit #366-PF or #366-HM and lighting kit #366FK.

Installation of this gauge is almost self-explanatory but some advice might be necessary. First,

disconnect your battery. Next, remove your air cleaner box if your car is fuel-injected. Remove your oil pressure sending unit which is located just to the engine side and to the rear of the starter; the sending unit is characterized by a red and black lead going to it. The thread size in the block is almost exactly the same size as the adaptor in the SW kit. Wrap pipe tape around this fitting and insert it into the block. Follow the SW directions for the line installation. (I usually run the nylon hose through the rubber grommet which surrounds the heater hose as it passes through the fire wall on the intake side of the engine.) Now you have your adaptor in the block, and your hose-end connected and tightened in the block with a good length of hose going into the passenger foot-well area.

Next, remove the old oil pressure gauge. This will take some cramped fingers but you can do it! Discard the gauge, but save the angled bezel around it. This bezel will go around your new SW gauge if you gently scrape or grind out of the inside a very small amount of material. With this done, route your nylon tubing and fit to length desired. Next, hook up the back of your gauge, connect battery and start your engine. Check for any leaks. If ok, then install your lighting kit using the old gauge's hot lighting wire and remember to ground your new gauge. (You can also use your old gauge's black ground wire for this.) Re-install your assembled unit, remembering to hacksaw the SW mounting bracket so that it will hold your gauge firmly in place on the dashboard. You are now ready to enjoy the comforting feeling of exact oil pressure reading no matter the ambient temperature, phase of the moon or mood of your electrical system. The job should take one to two hours. Good luck!

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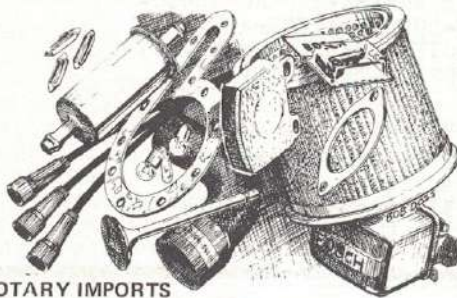
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