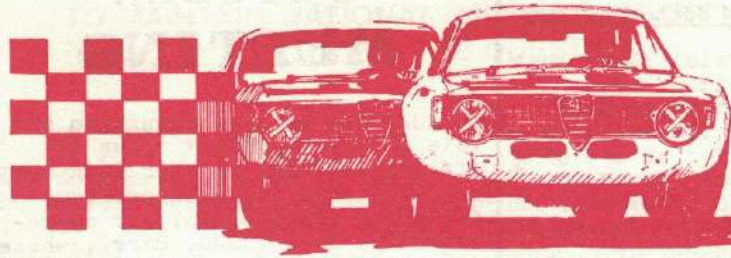


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the ROAR of the BEAR

by Rick "Bear" Clemente

In this edition of the "ROAR", I'll report on the National Board of Directors' Meeting, held in conjunction with Alfantasy '79 in San Diego this summer. The official minutes of that meeting are not out yet, so this report covers only the memorable highlights from a 10-hour meeting.

Our own AROSC Board of Directors has voted to present the general membership of our club with some options which I will cover in a separate article in this issue. (See Page 3).

The following is an outline and some explanations of actions taken (or not taken) by the AROC National Board of Directors this year:

1: Chapter Suspensions

This was some legal housekeeping, suspending several chapters until they properly incorporate, ect. No big deal.

2: Spouse Membership Officially Recognized

This clarified the bylaws and insurance questions. For each National member there is only one National vote; however, every member's spouse and family is a "member" for purposes of insurance. Local chapters may establish the voting-dues policy as they see fit. (Our policy is, and has been, that spouses have a local vote.

3: No "Local-Only" Memberships

Some chapters had two classes of membership. One local-National, and the other, a cheaper "local only" membership. This was in clear violation of the National bylaws and insurance policy. It does not affect us.

4: Competition Code

No action taken; referred to the Competition Committee.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 21 AROSCD vs AROSC BEST DRIVE Challenge Malibu Grand Prix Anaheim. SPECTATORS WELCOME For info, call Sally French at (213) 372-3210
- 26 General Meeting, Alondra Park
VERY IMPORTANT MEETING!!!!
- 28 AROSC "Son of Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia" Rallye
- 30 Board Meeting, Cortes'
- Nov 2 ALFACIONADA Articles Due
- 10 AROSC Time Trial, RIR
- 23 Election Meeting and White Turkey Sale, Alondra Park
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
- Dec 8 AROSC Christmas Party

5: Evan Wilson, Editor of the "OWNER", Dismissed

This was a controversial issue that consumed much time. It is my own feeling that Evan got a raw deal, as most of the criticism surrounding the "OWNER" was for advertising rates (they don't begin to cover their own cost) and content. Neither of which fall within the responsibilities of the editor. Good luck finding as worthy a replacement. I'm sorry to see politics rule over good sense.

6: National Dues Increase

This is always a "hot" issue. The last dues increase on the National level was in 1972. At that time, the dues were increased by an amount greater than the needs anticipated for the following couple of years. The theory being that a surplus could be saved up and, as expenses increased, the surplus would cover a couple of years of deficit spending. This worked very well, and the surplus lasted until this year. The National Board voted this year to follow that same philosophy. The dues "split", i.e. that portion of total dues collected from members of local chapters, will be \$15.00 (up from \$7.50). The dues to "National only", i.e. members who don't belong to any local chapter (approximately one half of the National membership), will be \$25.00 (up from \$15.00).

Local chapters will still charge whatever each chapter decides they need to run their own organization.

7: "OWNER" Ad Rates

Ad rates will be raised so as to cost 110% of the production cost of their own space.

In summary I would like to point out that much of the business of running the National on a day-to-day basis is carried out by the Executive Committee and the Executive Secretary. The function of the National Board is really only to set the policy of the club.

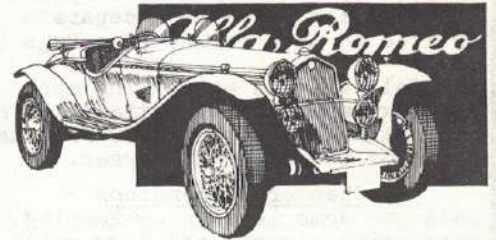
OCTOBER MEETING

In addition to the discussion and vote on the important issue of affiliation, the October 26th meeting will have a slalom program, featuring Barry Klein, our representative to SCC SCC. Barry, whose column "Slaloms and Such" appears regularly in this newsletter, will be showing several movies on this fun sport. If slaloming sounds like something you might like to try, come on out!!!

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING- DO NOT MISS IT!!!

NOTICE:

DUES INVOICES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. DO NOT PAY DUES TO NATIONAL UNTIL AROSC RESOLVES THE AFFILIATION ISSUE.



ATTENTION!

THE ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING AND WHITE TURKEY SALE HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 23rd. SO MARK YOUR CALENDERS, AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING.

TO MAINTAIN NATIONAL AFFILIATION, OR NOT- THAT IS THE QUESTION



by Rick "Bear" Clemente

In a move precipitated by the 100% increase in dues paid to the National, AROC, the AROSC Board voted at their October 2nd meeting to poll the General Membership of AROSC on the issue of chapter affiliation with the National organization.

Here are a few observations of my own, not meant to be pro or con, but only my thoughts and some background on the subject. There will be time set aside at the October meeting for a thorough discussion of the subject and a vote will be taken following the discussion period. The vote will be binding, and the majority of votes cast will be the deciding factor. So, if you feel strongly about this, DO NOT MISS THE OCTOBER MEETING (8:00 PM, October 26th, 1979, Alondra Park Clubhouse, 3850 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Lawndale).

Here are my comments. The direct "visible" benefits to us of being affiliated with the National are: #1. The "OWNER", National newsletter. The quality of the paper is quite good for a 4,000 member club. The content is what the membership makes it. The editor is being replaced, and the National Board has created a committee to improve the "OWNER". #2. The National Convention. This is always a good event, though sometimes a long way to go.

The last visible benefits are: #1. The insurance supplied through National. #2. Across the country, the National provides technical assistance through the "Tech Hot Line" and a good technical library. This service is undoubtedly valuable to those living in the hinterlands, but with our own size and resources, not often of use to us here in Southern California.

The National pays a "rate per member" for the insurance. This same policy is probably available to AROSC at a slightly higher rate (because we have fewer members).

So what we get for \$15.00 per year from the National is the "OWNER" and the spiritual brotherhood of belonging to a National organization. I did not regard this as insignificant.

We will set aside as much time as necessary at the October meeting to fully air the views of our membership and vote on this issue.

If we stay in the National, the combined dues will go up to \$30.00 per year.

If we leave the National, we will be able to provide our own insurance, improve our newsletter, and maintain our other regular activities, and keep the dues at the current \$20.00 per year level.

If we leave the National and some of our members wish to retain their National membership as well as their membership in AROSC, the total cost to such an individual will be \$45.00 a year.

I remind you again that action will be taken, based on the results of the vote. BE THERE!!!



TECHNICAL TIPS

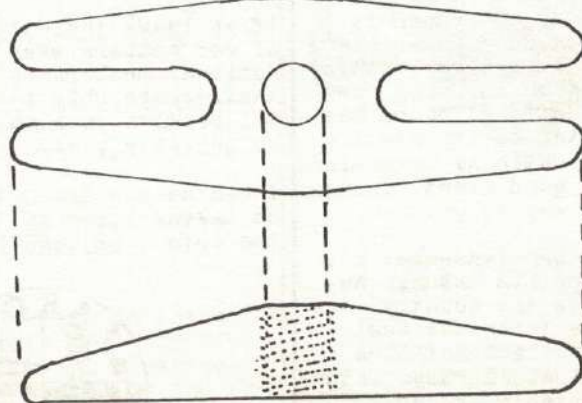
A \$4 Substitute For a \$50 ALFA Tool

by Karl Blasius

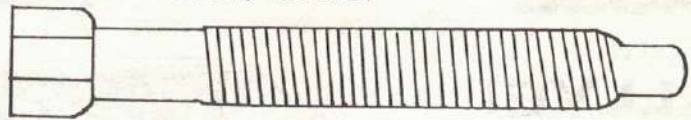
Amateur mechanics who (like me) wish to save a few bucks by changing the fuel injection pump belt on their Alfettas may have been encouraged to give it a try by Dave Vegher's description of the operation in the July Alfacionada. If, however, you pursued the matter beyond reading about it, you may have been shocked by the \$50+ price tag of the ALFA tool "Mr. Wrench" tells us to buy. (Maybe he did warn us, "Now comes the hard part. Buy from your ALFA dealer tool #A-30510..." Back to the point of this article.) That tool is a sturdy gear puller short enough to operate in the 3" of clearance between the front of the injection pump pulley and the back of the radiator. (That's the clearance in my '76 sedan, '78 and later sedans may have more space.)

I've found a substitute tool which should be satisfactory for the occasional mechanic and will only set you back about \$4 plus one half hour in your workshop. The tool is a steering wheel/gear puller marketed by J.C. Whitney for \$2.98 (p. 61 of the current catalog, stock #88-7029X). From the kit you'll use the 3 3/4" long puller main frame (Figure A) and the 1/2" diameter center screw (Figure B). Ignore the variety of 3 1/2" long screws which come with the kit, and buy two 3/8" bolts about 2 3/4" long. For each bolt also buy two heavy duty 1" diameter washers and a nut. These bolts go through holes in the injection pump pulley and the open ends of the gear puller main frame, one washer behind the pulley and one in front of the puller frame (Figure C).

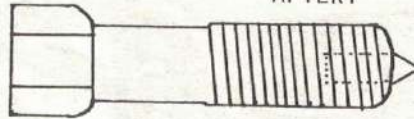
A. GEAR PULLER MAIN FRAME



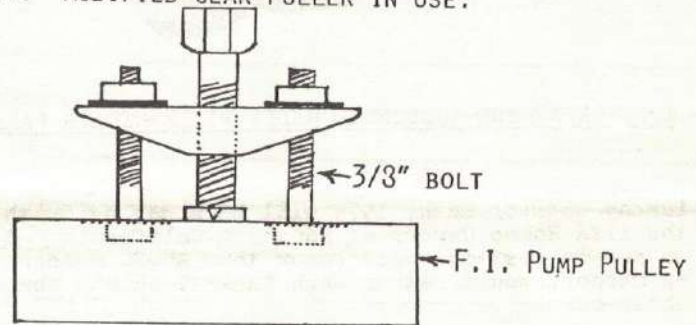
B. CENTER SCREW, BEFORE:



AFTER:



C. MODIFIED GEAR PULLER IN USE:



To fit into the limited clearance in front of the pulley, the center screw of the gear puller must be shortened from $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " to about $2 \frac{3}{4}$ ". This is accomplished by sawing off the end of the screw to shorten it about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " and then adding a new centering guide about $\frac{1}{4}$ " long (Figure B). I drilled a hole in the end of the shortened bolt and inserted a piece of nail with a little silicone chalk to keep it in place.

To engage the gear puller you'll need to push one bolt with washer through the back of the pulley, rotate the pulley 180°, then push the other through. Put the nuts and washers on the ends of the bolts and slip them over the ends of the main frame. With the center screw against the pump shaft (Figure C) a slight turn will pop off the fuel injection pump pulley.

AROSC RALLYE!



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Sunday October 28th, 1979 will be a day of truth for the Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California. A day to put to rest the ugly rumor that AROSC members no es macho...would rather wash their T-shirts than drive their cars.

It will be the day of "the rallye"...a two to three hour drive through the most famous hills this side of Rome...a day to test whether you deserve to own an Alfa Romeo. The rallye will combine Monte Carlo and Gimmick, and just maybe, a leg of TSD. All you need is a couple of pencils, something to write on, a good set of maps, a sense of humor, and.....guts.

You should come with a full tank of gas. That will get you through the day, home, and to work the next day, and probably then some unless you live in the most famous hills east of Hollywood.

ENTRY BY ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY, and must be made no later than October 20th, 1979. Call John Ireland (213) 874-1445 evenings, or (213) 464-0101 and leave message. I will return all calls. The entry fee is \$5.00 per car. The fun you have will be priceless. Everything about this Rallye will be a surprise, so the only way to find out where it begins, or at what time of day to meet, is to call me.



ENTRY FORM FOR TIME TRIAL # 4

Print last name

Date Nov. 10, 1979

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 Nov. 6 (received by AROSC)
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 ***Late Tech Penalty: your fastest lap will be disqualified

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TIME TRIAL REPORT



by Dave Vegher

Our third Time Trial of the year was graciously sponsored by Alfa of Santa Monica. This dealership has filled the void in the West Los Angeles area created by the passing of Otto Zipper. Rolf Keilnecker is the owner of this thriving establishment, and I would personally like to thank him for his consistent support of AROSC as well as the Time Trial Program.

As we drove out to RIR early Saturday morning, intermittent raindrops pelted our van's windshield. This threat of rain obviously kept some of the not-so-stalwart competitors at home. However, over twenty-five enthusiasts showed up at 7:30 A.M. to challenge the curves of the Short Course.

Some new and some old faces appeared at the track that day. Bill Kohl, one of the founders of the Time Trial Program, took over two years to return to RIR with his sleek Class A 1969 Spyder. Verne Cochrane again appeared with his very fast Class D Turbo 1750 Spyder. Allan Gott, who never misses a chance to go fast, also showed up in his 200,000 mile young GTV.

New faces were many, as lots of novices have been trying their hand at high speed driving. Henry Manney, son of the famous writer, arrived in a new Alfetta GT with no safety equipment. Henry borrowed spare belts and shoulder harnesses from

other competitors and drove impressively. Nancy Mueller, another first-timer, was not so lucky. She totaled her 1978 2000 Spyder while negotiating the difficult corners of the famous esses. Her car flipped several times, but she and her passenger both walked away, shaken but unhurt. This speaks very highly for our stringent safety requirements, which have to be met by every car. I just can't see clubs who don't enforce these rules or don't require a roll bar in an open car.

In Class A Bill Kohl and John Samson shared a ride in Bill's car. Plagued with handling problems, Bill turned a respectable if not rewarding 1:47.43.

In Class B Tom Hines bolted some slicks on his 1600 GTA and flew to a Top Time of Day 1:43.65. The two TZs in Class B were nice to watch, but were disappointingly slow.

Tom Hines running again, on street tires this time, drove beautifully to a close win for Class C. Kent Jamison drove a fast, but sputtering 2000 Spyder to second place.

In Class D Verne Cochrane's Turbo just squeaked by Phyllis Gaylard's GTV.

Class E saw the upset of the year. Dan Bernstein, driving with a smoothness and confidence never seen before, outdrove a long-time nemesis Rich Washington. Dan's time was a four-second improvement over his last best time for this same track. Way to go, Dan.

In Class F Andy Steben flew to an easy win with a 1:58.90. And in Class G second-time novice Tom Lipkis, previously called "Spin Out", drove without incident to a win. Charlie Thieriot could do little to stop Tom, as his oil filter spun loose on the second of his timed laps.

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Well, that's about it for this month. Look for news about a big 2-day school and time trial at RIR or Willow Springs in February. There will probably be paid course workers

as well as a qualified instructor for every 2 or 3 students. Look for information on this event; it will be a blockbuster.

See you at the next Time Trial, on November 10, 1979.



AROSC TIME TRIAL #3
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(N) Novice

Class A	Bill Kohl	1750 Spider	1:47.43
	John Samson	1750 Spider	1:53.02
Class B	Tom Hines	1600 GTA	1:43.65 TTOD
	Dave Vegher	GTZ	1:50.29
	Rocky Chisholm	GTZ	1:51.35
Class C	Tom Hines	1600 GTA	1:50.31
	Kent Jamison (N)	2000 Spider	1:52.86
	Scott Gray	1600 GTA	1:55.21
Class D	Verne Cochrane	1750 Spider	1:57.34
	Phyllis Gaylard	2000 GTV	1:57.38
	Allan Gott	2000 GTV	2:00.17
Class E	Dan Bernstein	1750 Spider	1:57.17
	Rich Washington	2000 Spider	1:57.41
	Raul Perez	1750 GTV	2:09.74
Class F	Andy Steben	2000 GTV	1:58.90
	Henry Manney (N)	Alfetta GT	2:01.64
	Bill Biggs	1750 Spider	2:03.24
Class G	Tom Lipkis (N)	1600 GTV	2:03.00
	Charlie Thieriot	Alfetta Sedan	2:03.15

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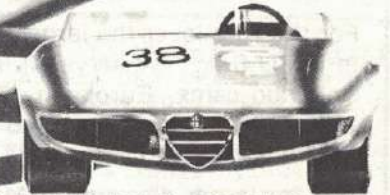
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