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at random...

by Dan Bernstein

For those of you who chose to watch "the" hockey game, or just didn't want to get up early on a terrific Sunday, you missed an exceptional rallye. Tom Lipkis and the Alfvins, Rick and Diane, did a great job in writing an interesting and challenging rallye, which took almost three hours to cover about 60 miles. With the assistance of the Irelands, John and Alana, they staged the event, manned the checkpoints, and even took some movies of the goings on. Great job, guys.

Remember everybody, the March general meeting will be held at Alondra Park on the 21st, the week before the LBGP. Tickets will be handed out at the meeting for those who chose not to have them mailed. Mail order tickets will be mailed during the 1st week in March. Also at the March meeting the movies taken at the recent rallye will be shown. We may also get to see the time trial documentary film the club has been working on.

April 12, 1980, is the date of the first time trial at Riverside. All novices and first time entrants are required to attend an orientation session at Veloce Motors West on Wednesday, April 2, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. All prospective time trialers should also attend.

With the assistance of ARI, a Grand Prix party has been planned for Friday, March 28, 1980. Similar to last year, the party will be at the Hilton in Long Beach, and will feature a no-host bar, and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. The party will be in one of the banquet rooms, and will start about 7:00 p.m., and last about two hours. Invitations will be mailed to all ticket holders

See you at the March meeting and at the Grand Prix.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| March | 21 Meeting, Alondra Park |
| | 22-23 Classic Sports Racing Group, Sears Point |
| | 28-30 Long Beach Grand Prix |
| April | 1 Board Meeting, Becronis |
| | 2 Novice drivers meeting, Veloce Motors West |
| | 12 AROSC Time Trial, RIR |
| | 25 Meeting, Alondra Park |
| | 29 Historic Motor Sports Association, RIR |
| May | 23 Meeting, Alondra Park |
| | Slide show of the 1979 Riverside Historic Automobile Race presented by VARA members. |

DRIVERS SCHOOL... A MUST!



Time Trial Driving School
by Dave Vegher

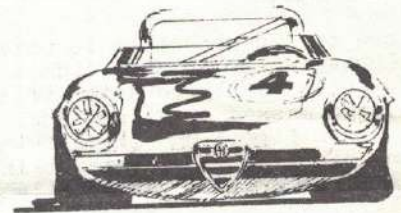
We will be holding our first time trial of the year at Riverside International Raceway, April 12th, 1980. Anyone who wishes to compete in this time trial, who did not compete in, and complete two time trials in 1979, must attend driving school.

Competition Director, Dave Vegher, will be holding a driving school Wednesday, April 2, 1980, at:

Veloce Motors West
1647 West Sepulveda (unit #4)
Torrance, Ca.
(213) 539-0700
[NE corner of Sepulveda and Western]

The class will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. Please call Mike, before March 26, 1980, at (213) 539-0700 to notify him that you will be attend-

ing driving school. Bring the car you are planning to time trial, with properly installed competition seat belts and shoulder harness. You need to have a 2.5 lb. automotive BC fire extinguisher securely mounted in the cockpit area. Also bring your helmet, proper eye protection, and leather or preferably Nomex driving gloves. Roll bars must be installed on all open cars. Your safety equipment will be inspected at the class. See you there!



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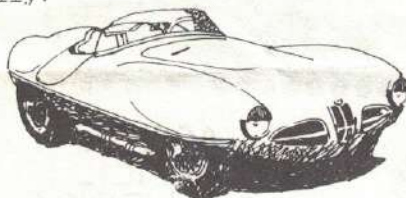
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the SONG of the ALFA



by John Ireland

To discuss owning an Alfa Romeo, one must throw aside the prune juice mentality that counts cost per mile. Because Alfas are built to be driven, not audited. Still, how can one do a 35,000 miles owners report without speaking in terms of money. Money spent on repair and maintenance. How much you would spend depends on your willingness and ability to do much of the work yourself. When I first bought Marcello, I had no real experience in what made the car go, or what it would cost to keep it going. In fact, I hadn't worked on a car since high school auto shop. In fact it wasn't a car, it was a dump truck. Really.



The owners manual for a '77 Alfetta sedan says, "service the the car every 5,000 miles". I could find no difference, from a service point of view, between the '77 model, and the '76 model (which recommended service at 3,000 mile intervals), so I decided on 2,500 miles for oil and filter, and 4,000 miles for the rest. Why? Because I hate breaking down. I accept that it can and probably will happen. And, I prefer to fix things before they fail.

A large portion of the money I've spent in the last 35,000 miles (2 1/2 years) was non-repair/maintenance. Yet every bill usually combined a service visit with a performance visit. Breaking it down by date, mileage, and money, 35,000 miles has added up to:
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MARCH MEETING

The general meeting for March will be held Friday, March 21st, 1980, at the Alondra Park clubhouse. Tom Suter will be distributing LBGPTickets for those of you who purchased them through the club. John Ireland will be showing movies of our recent Alfa in Wonderland rallye, and we may even get a sneak preview of the time trial documentary film being produced by the club. Mark your calendar, we'll see you there at 8:00 p.m.

and the winner is....

	Alfa in Wonderland Rallye	
	<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Dan & Sue Bernstein	977
2nd	Dave & Nancy Vegher	912
3rd	Roger & Linda Perales	884
4th	Ernest Carpenter & Ernelyn Gail	864
5th	Ken & Patte Swenson	843
6th	Cliff Foehl & Nancy Marra	DNF



Conversation on Concours

by Jack Becronis

Entering a new decade is always time to review your goals and objectives. And so too, must a single marque car club, or for that matter any car club. Newspapers, magazines, radio and TV speak of a current and future decline of the gasoline internal combustion engine, the personal transportation vehicle and motor sport. Yet, a look at some easy-to-come-by facts discloses instance upon instance of stronger than ever concern and interest in the automobile. Witness the ever growing attendance at auto shows and Concours d'Elegance...The replicar fad...Historic and Formula One automobile races...More efficient and better handling cars, etc. Although there is some slight variance of opinion, in general the bulk of interest falls in the area of automobile type that's typified by our Alfa Romeo.

One objective for a one marque club is to spread the "gospel" of its car and have FUN doing it. One of the best ways for a club to gain public awareness and exposure is via a Concours d'Elegance competition.

It is in this spirit that AROSC is planning toward THREE concours events during 1980. The first one is scheduled for Sunday May 25th, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Briggs Cunningham Museum in Costa Mesa. This will be a private picnic and in-club warmup with a unique general election secret ballot to arrive at the class trophy winners.

You should enter your concours, semi-concours, plain cleaned-up street or competition Alfa voluntarily, or committeemen Al Cortes, John Ireland or myself will pressure you into having a memorable day via a personal phone call.

(Entry form on page 5)



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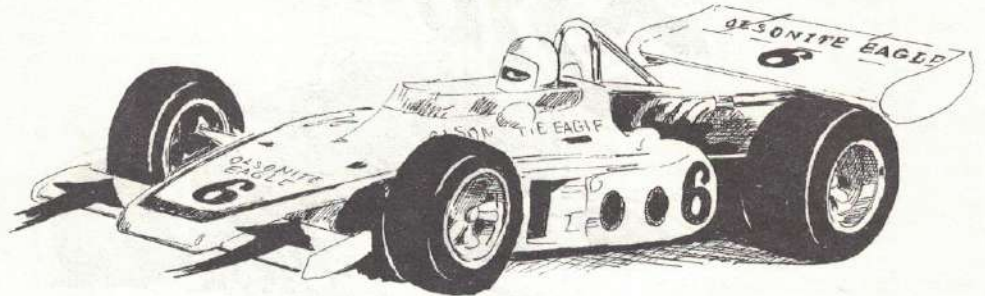
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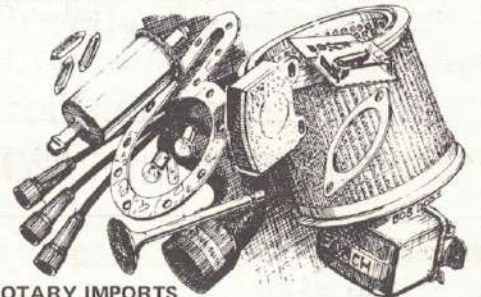
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ENTRY FORM FOR TIME TRIAL # 1

Print last name

Date April 12, 1980 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 \$25.00 Mixed Couple \$45.00
 ***Entry Deadline Midnight April 8 (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 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

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Service/Cost</u>
10-20-77	898	- 1,000 miles service - \$43.
11-25-77	3,000	- 5,000 miles service - \$110.
12-27-77	4,000	- adjust FI mixture, detail work - \$32.
3-8-78	6,200	- lube, oil, filters (fuel and oil), change coolant - \$63.
4-24-78	7,500	- 10,000 miles service, plus new front brake pads, check wheel bearings, new air filters, tune-up - \$214.
6-20-78	9,000	- oil and filter, throttle cable, install competition belts, detailed inspection of entire car for potential failure of any and all components. Rear drive shaft donut found cracking - \$102. (Donut was replaced 3 weeks later by dealer at no cost).
9-5-78	10,000	- 15,000 miles service, plus install Konis on front - \$421.
11-6-78	12,200	- oil and filter, lube, remove gas filler neck plug, retune engine for premium gas - \$71.
12-20-78	14,500	- 20,000 miles service - \$66.
1-3-79	15,000	- new head gasket, before it put oil in coolant - \$253.
1-31-79		- no mileage recorded/install mechanical oil pressure guage - \$23.
2-28-79	17,600	- oil and lube, install Konis on rear - \$158.
3-5-79	18,000	- replace right front spindle, wheel bearings, etc., etc., etc., - \$296.
3-21-79	18,300	- 25,000 miles service - \$59.
5-29-79	20,250	- complete inspection of engine/drive train, suspension, brakes, change oil and filter, tune engine on scope - \$138. (front donut starting to crack).
6-6-79		- no mileage recorded/replace tach - \$100.
6-15-79	21,200	- install new master brake cylinder - \$145.
7-19-79	23,500	- 30,000 miles service - \$153.
8-28-79	26,000	- replace front brake pads, change oil and filter \$50.
10-1-79	27,300	- new valve stem seals, and cam cover gasket - \$52.
10-31-79	28,000	- 35,000 miles service, repack front wheel bearings, change coolant, replace all three drive shaft donuts, replace injection pump belt, adjust valves, new trans mount - \$520
11-30-79	29,000	- install heel and toe kit, inspect and replace hoses and clamps as necessary, clean engine, perform other minor detail work - \$100.
12-11-79	29,500	- new starter solenoid - \$74.
1-22-80	30,000	- pull pan and inspect crank plugs - \$160.
2-11-80	30,500	- install oil cooler, and related work - \$373.
2-18-80		- mileage not recorded/replace injection pump belt - \$58.

TOTAL COST OF ALL ABOVE SERVICE ON CAR - \$3,800.00 (more or less)

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Yes, that's a lot of money. And yes, I could have saved a lot of it, if I had the time and/or the skill to do some of the work myself. The fact is, that I do expect the cost for the next 30,000 miles to be less, because I've learned to do some of the

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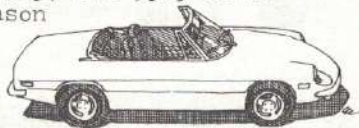
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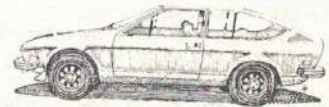


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