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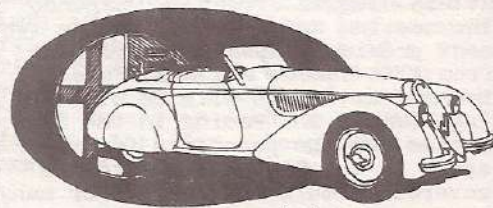
conversations on the **faith**

by Jack Becronis

A very happy New Year to all AROSC members. As ever, we look forward to seeing you - and yours - at AROSC (and other) events during the year and hope that everyone will be able to fit in some enjoyable Alfa Club activities in 1981.

Before leaving 1980 to history: A word of thanks to Charlie Thieriot who once again opened his lovely home to our annual Club Christmas party. A most convivial evening with an excellent spaghetti and meatball dinner. I found myself recruiting a number of the members into accepting chairmanship appointments. John Mitchell agreed to take over the responsibility for the 1981 Concours program and come up with a monthly report for the newsletter... (John, we'll all support your efforts and you'll enjoy the new year). I tried to warm up Bob Doss into coming up with a few new-fresh drawings for the newsletter. Simular to the many original drawings Bob has provided to this publication over the past several years... (Bob, we've appreciated and enjoyed your "Alfa-art" and would be grateful for more

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 23rd. General Meeting at ARI, see notice on page two.
- 27th. Board Meeting, Becronis'.

FEBRUARY

- 27th. General Meeting at Alondra Park, 8:00 pm.
- 28th. AROSC Time Trial #1. See Competition Report on page 3 and entry form on page 13.

MARCH

- 3rd. Board Meeting - TBA
- 12th thru 15th Long Beach Grand Prix, see page 5.
- 27th. General Meeting at Alondra Park, 8:00 pm.
- 28th. AROSC Time Trial #2. RIR.
- 31st. Board Meeting - TBA

Alfa Romeo



JANUARY MEETING

This year's January meeting will once again be held at the ARI facility in El Segundo, January 23rd, starting promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Alfa Romeo Incorporated is located at 215 Douglas Street, El Segundo. The meeting agenda will include two most prominent speakers, Mr. Dent from Alfa Romeo, and also Pete Lyons. Mr. Lyons will be discussing Formula One racing in the Seventies and the prospects for the sport in the Eighties. Pete has covered Formula One racing for many years as a reporter for Autoweek and the British Autosport magazines and more recently as Editor of Racecar.

We also take this opportunity to present the year-end awards and trophies for 1980 Events. This meeting is always one of our most memorable, and we look forward to seeing you there.



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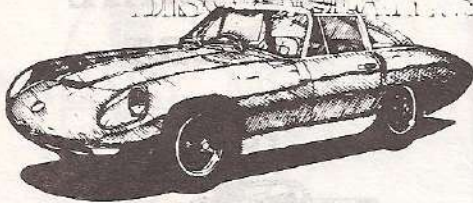
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of the same). I didn't get to corner Charlie Thieriot long enough to see if he would accept the idea of conducting a dyno/tune-up clinic for all members' Alfas during some evening this year. Recently, Charlie became a principal in an Alfa agency and probably knows a few people in the dyno/tuning service business...(How about it, Charlie?).

Driving to the party with our Berlina, occupied by a total of five people, we heard this "wham-bang" sound from somewhere under the hood. A check of the instruments initially indicated nothing was wrong. Probably some rock kicked



up by a truck, hitting the bumper, the front bumper, was the conclusion after an informal poll of the passenger compartment. Making the transition from the west bound Ventura Freeway, onto the south-bound San Diego Freeway, and then up the hill towards the offramp to Charlie's, we noticed the water temperature gauge at an alarmingly high reading...Oh, damn!!! We pulled off of the road and onto the shoulder, and popped the hood. A quick assessment with a flashlight revealed what had made the "wham-bang" sound: The white plastic

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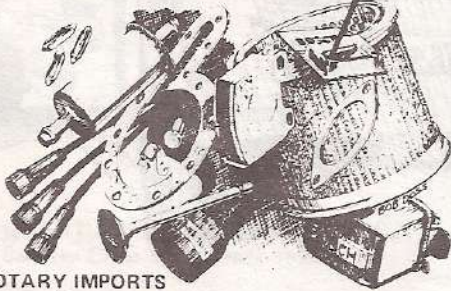
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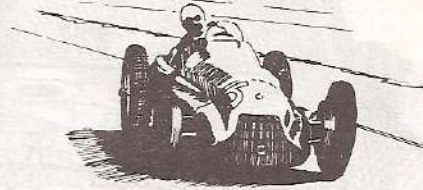
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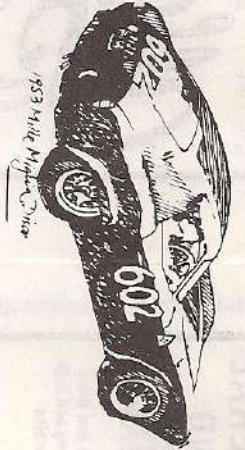
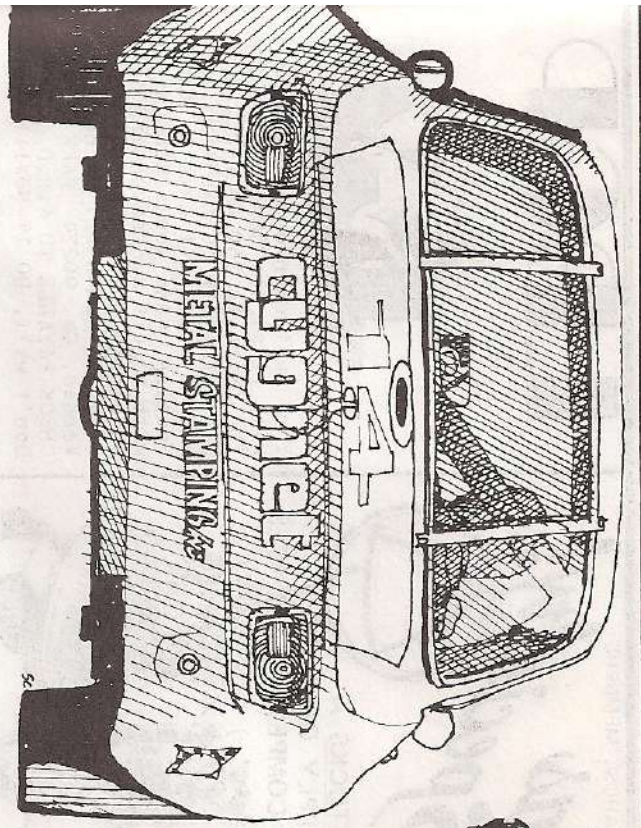


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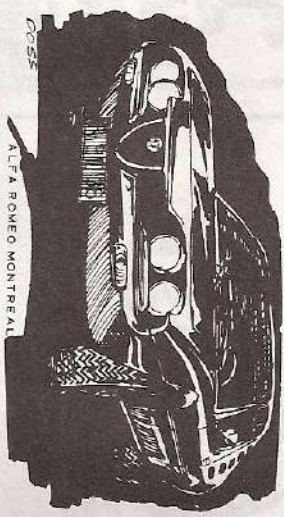
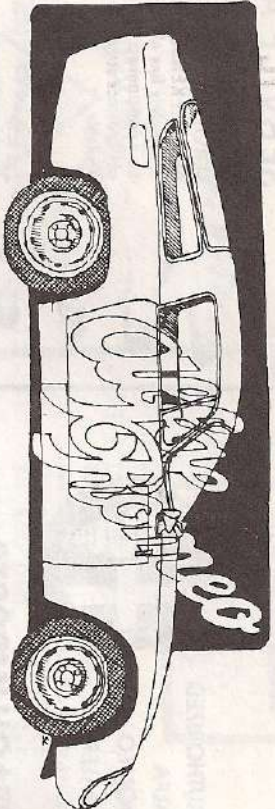
This simple truth is known by any member of AROSC who has edited the newsletter. And it's true for the readers as well.

Two men who have given us millions of words (based on the above standard of measurement), are Bob Doss and J. Scott Carter. In most of the newsletters, their work falls between the words. This month, and in months to come, we want to let their contributions speak for themselves.

And so, we have our first Alfa Centerfold. In future issues we will try to focus on just one car, but to start the new year, we felt the more, the merrier.



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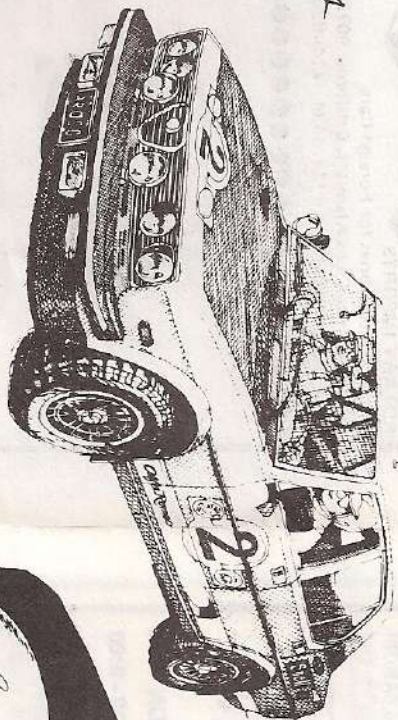


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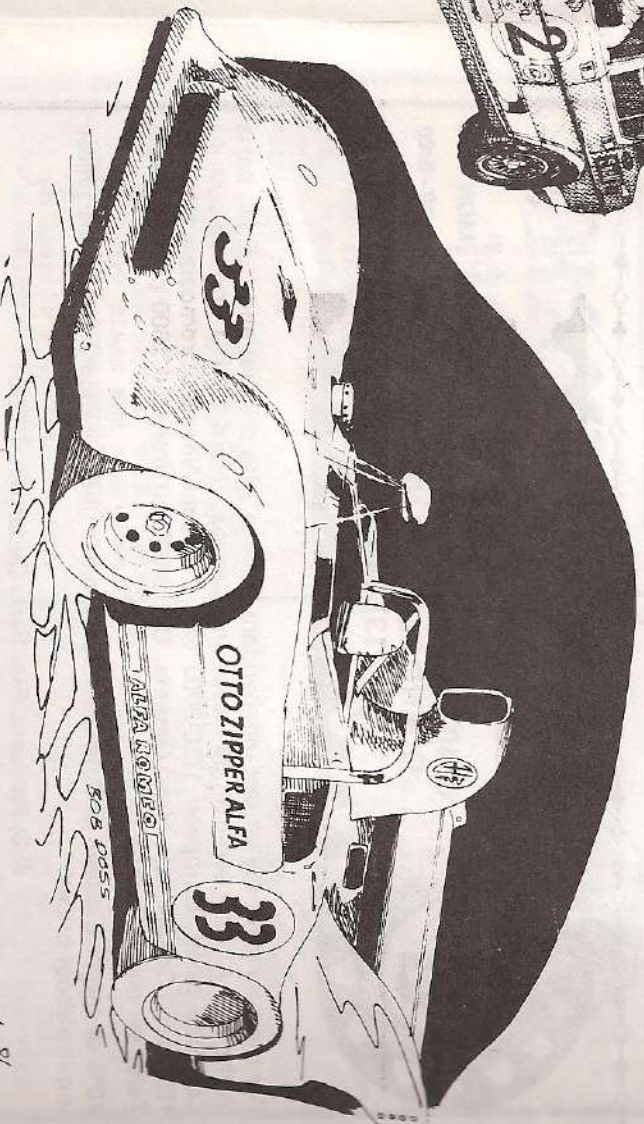
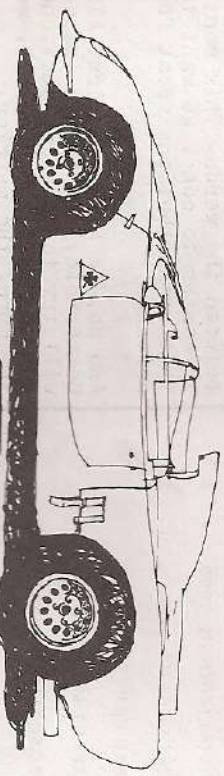
A Salute to Bob Doss



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and J. Scott Carter.





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GIULIETTA SUPER

radiator fan had exploded into a million pieces, some-of-which punched a few holes through the radiator core...Oh, damn!!! What do we do now? We decided to try to make it to the party by trying to pour water into the radiator at a faster rate than it had a chance to run out. For this purpose, we used plastic half-gallon milk bottles. Hey! It worked. We could make two miles or so before we would have to stop and fill the radiator with water. Well, we made it all the way from Charlie's to our house in the San Gabriel Valley (20 miles) on about 12 or 15 water stops. The next day we discovered that not all was well with the Berlina. The water rhythmically surged out of the radiator filler orifice; Blown head gasket...Oh, damn!!! The engine needed a rebuild anyway.



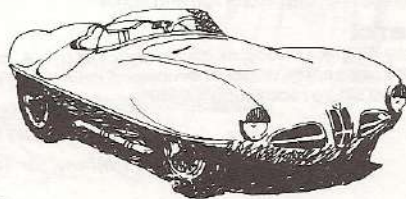
Alfa Romeo Sprint

The January meeting, 8:00 P.M. on January 23rd, will again be hosted by Alfa Romeo Inc., (215 Douglas Street, El Segundo). RACECAR magazine editor Pete Lyons will speak on F1 in the 1970s and the prospects for F1 in the 1980s (Will this be the Alfa Romeo decade?). If at all possible, try not to miss this first meeting of the year.

Also at this meeting, Dan Bernstein will be on hand to offer a last chance to order Grand Prix tickets for the Long Beach event this March. It's more fun viewing this championship spectacle together with the Alfa Club. Don't tell me you can pass up seeing Mario Andretti, (USA) and the little "Panda Bear" Bruno Giacomelli (Italian) in red V12 cars?

Another highlight of the January meeting will be the opportunity for us to meet for the first time Alfa's new U.S. Director: Mr. Joe Dent (most recently with Ford Motor Company in Detroit). We may request Joe to assist in the presentation of the traditional year-end competition events trophies.

I'd like to end the conversation this month by sharing an excerpt from a July 1928 advertisement run by Alfa Romeo British Sales Ltd., "Frankly, if you are content with ordinary, every-day performance, the Alfa Romeo is not your car. But if you want enormous speed capabilities, terrific energy and acceleration, and seemingly unlimited power, then you will like the Alfa Romeo better than any other car in the world. The Alfa Romeo has the world's greatest recorded acceleration. It has won every race for which it ever entered, including the Grand Prix d'Europe twice in succession - itself a feat unequalled, by any other make of car. Your delight at the Alfa Romeo's performance will only be equalled by your surprise at the ease with which you control it. And for what it offers you, its price is almost ridiculously low. Come for a trial run..."



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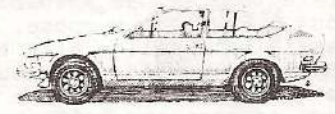
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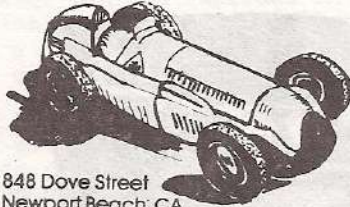
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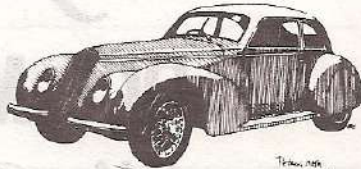
Each year AROSC has a Christmas Party, and for the last two years, we've enjoyed the use of Charlie Thieriot's home.

This is not only a sign of generosity, it is a sign of courage. We won't embarrass Charlie by thanking him publicly at the Jan. meeting, but perhaps if we all save our old spark plugs and send them to Charlie, in some small way we can begin to repay him. We'll publish Charlie's address as soon as he's finished rebuilding.

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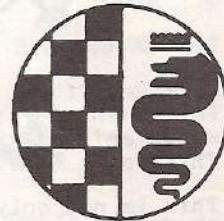
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