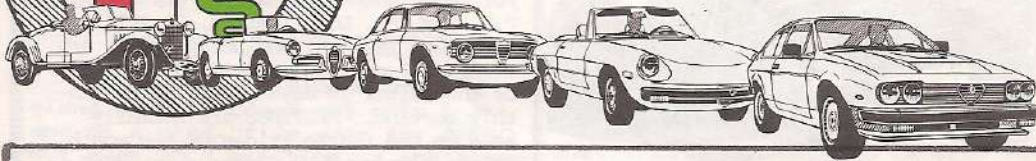




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As I sit in my garage wondering what on earth to write as your new President, perhaps a reflection on 1981 is appropriate.

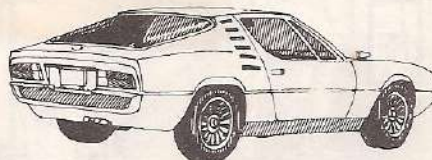
Having been an Alfa Club member on and off since 1963, I contend that 1981 was a banner year for the Alfa Club with all events having excellent participation. The Long Beach Grand Prix party and race week-end is usually attended by a large Alfa contingent and by other Alfa Clubs bar none. Last year's party was a blast, and this year's promises to be even better, (We've reserved a bigger room, relegating the Ferrari Club to the small room we had!)

The time trial program was well attended with what I believe was an increase in attendance over previous years even though economics dictated an increase in fees. This year, the June time trial coincides with the National Meeting, so those of you who plan to participate be sure to attend all the time trials so that SOCAL will be adequately represented and our "reputation" upheld. The concours events in 1981 were also well attended with some new locations (Lutheran High School, San Antonio Winery) to add interests. The rallies were, as

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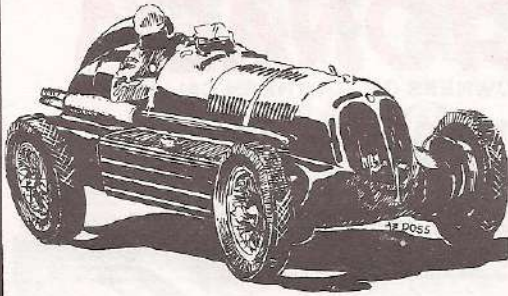
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JAN 22nd - General Meeting at Alfa Romeo's Western Division Headquarters in El Segundo; See Pg. 2 inside.  
26th - Board Meeting - TBA
- FEB 26th - General Meeting at the Alondra Park Clubhouse. See BLURB on page two.  
27th-28th- AROSC Time Trial # 1 w/VARA at Willow Springs Raceway. See page 12.
- MAR 2nd - Board Meeting TBA  
6th - AROSC Time Trial # 2 at Riverside International Raceway. See page 15.  
26th - General Meeting at the Alondra Park Clubhouse.  
30th - Board Meeting - TBA
- APR 1,2,3,4 - Long Beach Grand Prix See ticket form on pg.4  
23rd - General Meeting at the Alondra Park Clubhouse.  
27th - Board Meeting - TBA



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# JANUARY MEETING



The January Meeting promises to be very exciting indeed. Year end trophies will be awarded to those who competed in the Rallies, Concours, and Time Trials.

The guest speaker will be Thomas Bryant, Associate Editor for Road & Track magazine. He will show a short film on road testing and will explain how Road & Track evaluates cars they are testing.

Also on the agenda ..... DIRECT FROM ITALY ..... A Mystery Alfa Romeo film. Lotsa Alfa Owner celebrities will be on hand. Who knows maybe even Phil Hill. Special Alfa Romeo cars and their owners will also be appearing indoors @ ARI!!!

SEE YOU THERE AT 8:00PM SHARP!



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The year 1982 is upon us, and along with it comes not only the end of a productive year for AROSC but even more exciting, a whole new year ahead of us to ALFANTASIZE with our club, our cars, and ourselves. As your proud new Editor, and a relatively new member to AROSC, I am looking forward to maintaining a newsletter which is both informative and interesting to the members. I would like to point out that this newsletter is the voice of our club locally and abroad. It is important to get maximum participation from all club members, as this variety adds to the excitement and appeal of our publication!!!!!! Enough about business.



Now let's socialize... I am the happy owner of a silver 1971 GTV 1750 which will get not only a complete engine overhaul, (It now has over 117,000 miles) but a Ward & Deane street suspension in the coming year as well, hopefully before the National Convention. I am happily married to Sherry, a wonderful person and also an Alfisti. We are the proud parents of Jamie Lynn, now 4.5 months old. We own a home in Gardena just a few blocks from our meeting place. Our hobbies include ALFAS, motorcycles, raising Doberman Pinschers, & home computers, which brings us to the next point.

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As you may have noticed, the type of print used in this newsletter is different from that of past newsletters. That is because instead of a typewriter, I used an EPSON MX80F/T printer linked up to an Apple II Computer. It gives me nine different kinds & sizes of print for varying needs and I think enhances the appearance of the newsletter.

In closing, I would like to say that I am very happy to be your new Editor. I want to put out the kind of newsletter that everyone can enjoy and I ask you, THE CLUB MEMBERS to feel free to call me or write if you have any good ideas that you would like to share with me or see implemented in future newsletters. Please send any letters to the Editor addressed as follows:

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always quite challenging (frustrating) with yours truly always managing to finish near the bottom or not even finishing. The last rally (an Ireland creation) resulted in a jammed transmission shifter after an Andretti-type shift from 4th to 3rd gear on Franklin Ave. That fiasco cost about an hour....Regardless of whether you finish first or last, the rallies are excellent social driving events and a good way to enjoy your Alfa. The tour to Merle Norman's Tower of Beauty to view their collection of restored classics in a regal setting was an unforgettable event which bears repeating and who can forget the once-in-a-lifetime coach builder's exposition, "Carrozzeria Italiana" which was embellished by an after-the-show winery party. All of this was topped by the Christmas party held at Charlie's house. The highlight of the party was a mysterious swimmer which, I found out later, was just a neighbor, who happened by to borrow a cup of sugar. (Shades of Flamingo Road!)

Changing the subject a little... These past few weeks, ex-pres. Jack Becronis (a tough act to follow) has been forwarding to me last minute Alfa correspondences addressed to the President. A lot of the material was dry business but a few letters were interesting if not irritating reading. The gist of it all is inconsequential politics which has nothing to do with owning or driving an Alfa - the very thing that we joined the club to enjoy. "Nuff said?"

I'm happy to say that at the local level, our club has little of the political stuff. I hope it stays that way.

Our club has the largest membership of all the Alfa Clubs with only a relatively small contingent which always attend the

meetings. I would like to see more new faces and hereby invite you to attend and participate in the club's activities. The club Board of Directors are still looking for a Secretary. The job entails taking the minutes at the Board Meetings and notifying the LA Times once a month, the Tuesday after the club



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meeting at one of the board member's homes. The meetings are held at alternate homes so that you meet at a new place each month. The line forms on the right. C'mon you volunteers!

The highlight of 1982 will be the National Meeting, a whole weekend of Alfas and Alfisti from all over the country getting together. Make plans now to attend, it promises to be an excellent weekend and will be held in Costa Mesa at the Southcoast Plaza. Check your newsletter for upcoming information. Thanks to Jack Becronis and to the previous board for a job well done.

Happy New Year to everybody!

Regards,

Al Cortes



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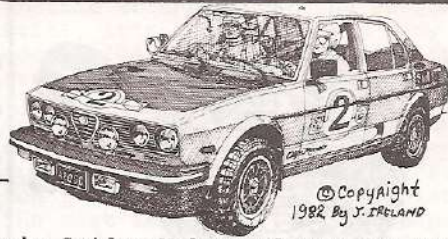
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# "THE MIDNIGHT GRAND PRIX"

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CHAPTER NINE: "The winner is..."

Johnny's Alfetta and the old man's Spider Veloce played cat and mouse on the remaining miles of gravel road. What had happened to Falona, Johnny could only guess. Just as the rock and gravel portion of Mulholland returned to pavement, Johnny saw the Alfa V6 and the 924 Turbo sitting by the roadside...their P-6's torn to shreds by the off road miles. A hundred yards farther on sat the Lola T160, it's body coming apart at the seams, the driver using a giant roll of duck tape to make repairs.

At the cross roads of Mulholland and Topanga Canyon, the Spider and the Alfetta were suddenly staring at six highway patrol officers and their cars and motorcycles. At the side of the road sat the earlier arrivals, the Turbo CArerra, the Ghibli SS, the Mine Cooper, the Ferrari GTO, the 427 Cobra, the '63 Vette Gran Sport, the 280ZX Turbo, and now Johnny and the old man in the spider. It was quick and painless. The smiling faces and casual manner of the CHP's reminded Johnny of the smiling officer he had seen earlier, and how curious he found the man's smile. The officer approaching Johnny and the Alfetta was chewing gum and had that same...silly...smile, and he wore his gun slung low, like a wild west lawman. "You can kill your engine.." said the officer.

In Johnny's rear view mirror another set of headlights arrived... it was Falona, and her Porsche was missing the right front fender, the hood, the front bumper, and windshield. "You eleven cars are the only ones left. You got ten minutes to make any repairs, then we're gonna release you at twenty second intervals," said the CHP officer. "Huh?" said Johnny in surprise. But the cop was already walking back to 924 and Falona. "My God," snapped Johnny, "they're all course workers!!" The driver of the old spider was out of his car and walking back toward Johnny's. Johnny leaped from the Alfetta and checked the tires, the rear would last, the front were badly cut and would be changed. The old man followed Johnny as he made the change. "What is this, a Rallye? I like to drive but not in Rallyes, I like to just get in my car and go...I got up at seven this morning and took 23 north to Ojai, then took 33 over the Los Padres Forrest, then cut over to 101 and came back to LA...well I ate lunch at Pirates Cove and looked at the nudists (lotta Italians) then I decided to drive from one end of Sepulveda to the other. But I got lost and then I saw you and just started following...and now this!" said the old man. "Oh yeah," he added, "I been hearing about this race on the radio...you seen any of them?"

"Better gas up, mister," said Johnny to the old bald man with the old bald spider, "you are now in this race." Johnny threw the best of the two old tires into the Alfetta as a spare. Popping the hood, he took the dip stick and saw that a half quart of 50W was in order. All the belts and hoses looked good as new. He took the two gallon can of

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BLOOD  
SPORT  
BY  
JOHN  
IRELAND (and Gertrude Stein)

OK sports fans this is the competition column. Space is short and there's lots to tell.

The Pre-Tech Inspection on Saturday Feb. 20th will be held at EXOTICAR thanks to Al Cortes. This pre-tech will also be an official meeting of the Time Trial Committee, at which we will check out procedures and equipment. Failure to be at this pre-tech without authorization from the Time Trial Director (see the entry form for Time Trial #1 for details) will cost you your fastest lap at Willow Springs. The tech will be between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and during this same period, 1982 Time Trial Licenses, Novice Applications, and Car Classification Forms will also be filed. It is important that we do this here and not have to do it at the track. The 1982 Time Trial License Fee is still \$5.00.

VARA has arranged for rooms (at a very good rate) at the Antelope Valley Inn and Convention Center, 44055 North Sierra Highway, Lancaster, CA. 93534. You may write them ATTEN: Reservations Manager, or, (and I have done this), call them at (805) 948-4651 to make your reservation. The rates are \$28.00 for one person, \$32.00 for two persons, plus \$4.00 for each additional person over twelve years of age. This applies to reservations received by Feb. 19, 1982. After that date, regular rates apply, and add 6% bed tax. Rooms will be held only until 6:00 pm date of arrival unless guaranteed. YOUR ENTRY ACCEPTANCE BY VARA DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOU A ROOM...MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS!

BIG EATS are being held at the Inn on Saturday night the 27th. But entry in the time trial does not

include attendance at the Banquet. Still, it's good food at a very good price, with lots of room for everyone. But don't expect to buy tickets on Saturday...there may be one or two available due to drop-outs...the time to order is when you send in your entry form. But don't send them to the same place. The cost is \$11.00 per person per ticket (meal) and that includes the tax. Send for your ticket request and a check for the total amount (made payable to VARA) to Jerry Rosenstock c/o VARA GRUB Rosenstock & Rosenstock 6922 Hollywood Blvd. Suite 612 Hollywood CA. 90028. You don't have to be entered in the Time Trial to go to the Banquet...you can just come for the fun and people. This is a great weekend if you like watching cars go fast, and the price is right.

It's early to tell, but if you come to race or watch, bring warm and waterproof cloths just incase.

AGAIN PLEASE NOTE THAT ENTRY FORMS TO THE WILLOW SPRINGS TIME TRIAL SHOULD BE SENT TO VARA, WITH A COPY OF SAME BEING SENT TO AROSC C/O ME.

I picked the title for this column because we have a tremendous program planned this year. In order for these events to come off and meet all of our expectations, if will take an extra 10% effort from all of us. Yes gang, we are all wheel bearings in the great race of life...and if one of us starts to squeek...well, maybe this isn't a good analogy...anyway, I'm going to need everybodys help. The six hour enduro Rallye will be in the Fall, but I want a Volunteer to write one for...how about March 27th or 28th?

Call me if you have a question about any AROSC Competition Event. John Ireland (213) 841-8939 evenings.

Anyway, I picked the title for this column because we have a tremendous program planned this year and it will



THE MIDNIGHT GRAND PRIX - continued.

spare gas and added it to the tank. As a last thought, he checked his battery. Bad news, one cell was losing it fast. Johnny started the Alfetta while he still could, he'd have to use the electrics as little as possible and save the power for the spark.

Falona wasn't as lucky. Her steering was as vague as the Mona Lisa's smile, her brakes were as blue as a pit boss's vocabulary, her tires were as bald as Sterling Moss. "Can I help?" offered Johnny. "You have any extra oil, I'm losing it fast from a rear seal. Johnny gave her his last two quarts. "Lotta good metal is down and out," he said, "and we're at the back of what's left". "You trying to say it's a long shot we'll both make it to the finish?" He nodded, "It could be a long time before either of us gets to collect our little side bet, even if we both do finish." Falona smiled, "I'll be very disappointed in you Johnny, and in your Alfa Romeo."

The sound of the front runners starting their engines ended all words. He hoped she would make it, hoped they all would, and knew it could not be. All the cars were ready, engines revving, inching forward to the two CHP look-a-likes who held a green flag and stop watch. Each thirty seconds another car screamed into the darkness. The Carrera w/ its whistle, the Ghibli with its sheer raw power, the Mini Cooper w/ its stiff upper lip as the only English car left in the running, the Ferrari GTO with its understated confidence at 11,000 rpm, the Cobra with its pompos torque, the '63 Vette with its twitchy overkill, and the 280ZX Turbo with its stereo drowning out the sound of its automatic transmission. Next went the little old bald man in the little old spider veloce. To everyone's surprise, the little old man made a sudden left turn on Topanga and headed toward the beach, once again writing his own course. Thank god the course workers didn't make the Alfetta wait a full additional thirty seconds. As soon as they saw the old man go his own way, they waved Johnny to take off after the 280ZX.

The short ten minute rest made Johnny and the Alfetta feel like they were brand new. A hundred miles per hour along Mulholland was easy...the new rubber on the front and good pavement under them made the whole thing seem like a trip to the market. It was four thirty in the morning...in the east the sky was beginning to give a hint of dawn. Johnny tried to use only his low beams, but his speed was just too much. Tail lights appeared up ahead...he was closing on them fast and slowed as he saw the Datsun 280ZX driver jumping around his car waving a warranty over the smoking crater that was his engine compartment. Mulholland quickly became narrow and twisty...second and even first gear, 5000 to 7000 rpms...ouch...it became a 5 mile slalom that had two hundred foot drops as the course markers instead of orange cones.

Johnny could smell the ocean, and now they were heading there well before the road gave any hint. A lonely course worker greeted Johnny as he turned from Mulholland onto the Pacific Coast Highway, south. The course workers sign board said "+ :40 sec". Johnny smiled, he had over taken the Datsun on the clock and was now moving up on the '63 Vette.

NEXT MONTH: Chapter Ten: "The real end"

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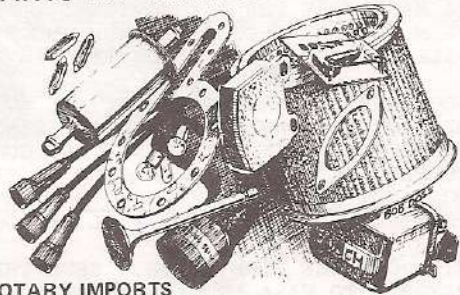
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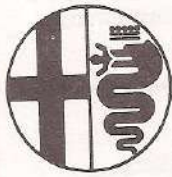
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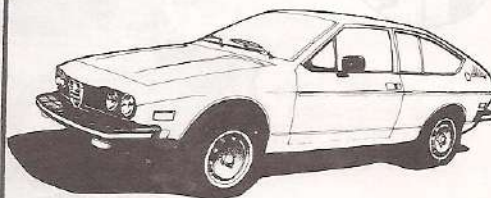
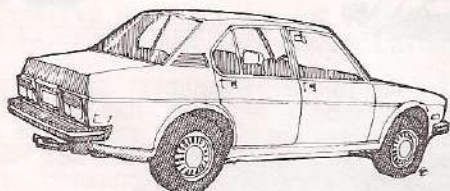
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Date: March 6, 1982 TRACK: RIR SCCA COURSE

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 - 9:45 Track Orientation

10:00 - 12:15 Practice

12:15 - 1:15 Lunch

1:15 - 5:00 Warm-up and TIMED RUNS (5 laps)

5:00 - Awards Presentation and CLEAN UP

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 ENTRY DEADLINE: Midnight Monday March 1st, 1982 RECEIVED BY  
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CLASS Class \_\_\_\_\_ Class Points \_\_\_\_\_ I must file a new  
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I understand that my entry fee is NOT REFUNDABLE and I will abide by  
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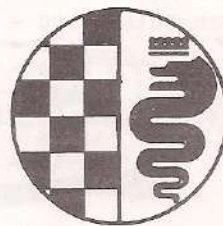


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