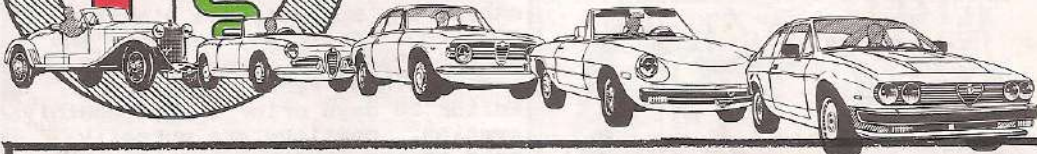




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ALSALFA

The month just passed featured two "big" Alfa events, the LBGP with the Friday night party and the third time trial of the year held at Riverside.



I arrived at the Hilton for the LBGP party about seven o'clock and already there were early party goers which because there was no one at the door to take party tickets or money had entered and were milling about. I posted myself as ticket taker and cashier, announced that I would take tickets or money, fashioned a makeshift sign and we were in business. It's always interesting to observe the "human condition" or loosely translated, which people always try to get in without paying. One individual from up north thought that he should be a guest by simply announcing that he was an Alfa club member thinking that it would impress me and thereby allow him in. After assuring him that I was duly impressed, I bowed deeply and respectfully requested "five bucks pal."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

28th - General Meeting at the Alondra Park Clubhouse. BRING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FOR BIG SURPRISE IN THE PARKING LOT!!!!!!!!!!

JUN

1st - "Alfa Romance" SPECIAL MEETING !! All who are interested are invited. Meeting to be held at Jack Becronis' 1558 Wembley Rd. San Marino, Ca. 91108 (213) 449-1665

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JUL

23rd - General Meeting at the Alondra Park Clubhouse 8:00 PM Sharp
27th - Board Meeting at Julio's

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20th - Historic Car Races & 21st - Pebble Beach Concours Don't forget to make Reservations for the Campground Lodging.



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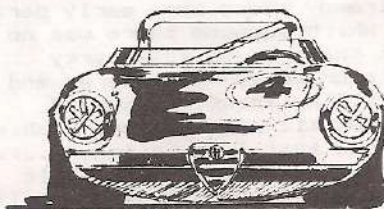
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Time Trial #3 proved to be a very sobering event. Pete Stader totaled his GTV when he got sideways exiting turn 2, spun to the inside and rolled, became air born, and landed on the roof! Pet is alive and well, with a broken shoulder and that is a miracle because... Pete's GTV did not have a roll bar. They have not been required in the past for closed cars, and they are not required at this time. They are required on all Spiders and open cars, and we have had three spiders flip and been totaled in the last three or four years and every driver has walked away. Pete was rolled away in the ambulance and was a very swollen and very sore person when I drove him home later that evening.



AROSC has been criticized by other chapters for having the roll bars in spiders... "over cautious" they called us. Well this is to alert all of our Time Trial participants that the Time Trial Committee is seriously considering making roll bars mandatory in all cars beginning next year. We will soon begin studying the designs of the coupes and sedans and will make a decision shortly, in order to give all of you plenty of time to meet next years competition code. The current cost of a first rate roll bar for a GTV is about \$350.00 dollars. It's your life, so you tell me if that's too much money.

No sooner had we resumed practice when Marc Trout missed a shift in turn 5 and went into the wall about

half way up the hill to turn 6. His GTV kissed the wood head on and Marc walked away to find his car 4 or 5 inches shorter. The car was rolled back to the pits and the coolant was cleared off the track. In addition to the two crashes, Jerry Rosenstock and Mike Sperry withdrew with mechanicals, Al Cortes just wasn't happy with the way his new RHD GTA was working and Roger Torgeson passed running to spend his time shooting video tapes to be used at the June event Novice School. And poor Phyllis Gaylard had her fi begin a death rattle that may have also been the problem at the last event, only now it was nearing the complete failure stage. The car became un-racable as she completed her warm up laps, and work as she did, the car had to withdraw at the last minute. So 19 out of 26 cars made it to the green flag.

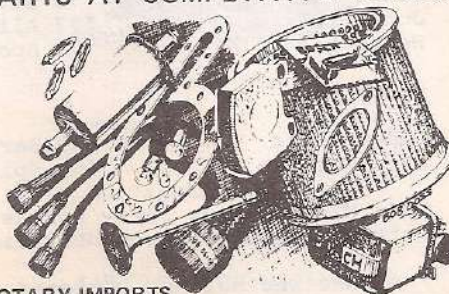
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A.R.O.S.C. TIME TRIAL #3
RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

May 1st, 1982

CLASS A

John Samson (N)*	'72 GTV	1:43:23	T.T.O.D.
Joe Dykzeul	Lotus 11	1:45:08	
Scott Gray	'66 GTA	1:45:16	

CLASS C

Marc Ashton (N)	'70 Jr Zagato	1:44:46	
Jack Becronis	'67 GTV	1:51:56	
Larry Kolisnyk	'72 GTV	1:54:04	
Hans Conried (N)	'72 GTV	1:55:58	
Bevin Chu	'74 Spider	2:04:45	

CLASS D

Dick Richards	'67 GT Jr.	1:53:06	
Jerry Wright (N)	'71 GTV	2:05:36	

CLASS E

Phil Guiral	'74 GTV	1:54:25	
Bob Braslau	'69 GTV	2:03:88	
Jackie Kurman	'73 Spider	2:05:43	

CLASS F

Tom Lipkis	'67 GTV	1:55:15	
Vince Kwan	'73 GTV	1:57:66	
John Ireland	'77 Alfetta Sdn	1:59:27	
Henry Riggs (N)	'79 Sport Sedan	2:06:10	

CLASS G

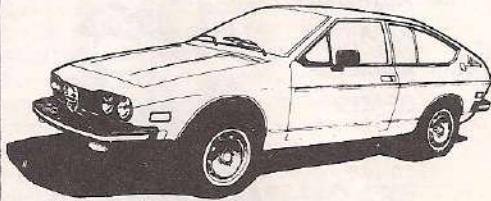
Andy Steben	'73 Berlina	2:01:02	
Dave Mericle (N)	'58 Spider (G)	2:10:56	

DNR: Mike Sperry, Jerry Rosenstock, Marc Trout, Pete Stader, Al Cortes, Roger Torgeson, Phyllis Gaylard.

* Anyone who has not competed in an AROSC Time Trial for at least two events the previous year is automatically given Novice status regardless of their racing experience.

ALSALFA CONTINUED

Other individuals tried to get in by casually standing just outside the door while pretending to be looking for someone and then quietly stepping in when I wasn't looking, and on, and on and on..... The party once underway was enjoyable and the food good. The highlight of the evening, a Tahitian belly dancer, was presented by Alfa of Santa Monica. She had to do her thing accompanied by a recalcitrant sound system. I understand that the dancer actually works at Alfa of Santa Monica chasing parts!?!?!? Jack Becronis exhibited his keen marketing skills by hawking Alfa t-shirts which were the official National meeting t-shirts. I understand that Jack hired a marketing consultant to help him with his approach and, after much rehearsal came up with a polished, highly original "wanna buy a t-shirt?" Rumor has it that those shirts are Brooks Brothers approved. The party ended with a mini party aboard the Alfvins' beautiful sailboat moored right near the hotel. It's a riot to see tipsy people trying to climb into and out of a rubber dinghy. The



Alfvins were gracious hosts, serving Old Baileys and other fine booze. Alas finally we stumbled on and off the dinghy again and went our separate ways home, except Julio and I who had our own GP down the San Diego Freeway (at 55mph OF COURSE !). The following two days were beautiful, watching the GP circus and accompanying T&A show. When Alfa led the GP for the initial laps of the race I actually (I fared better than some people who sadly had real problems.)

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felt a twinge of pride! All in all a good weekend. The time trial on May 1 was very exciting with a record turnout, good practice for the "big meeting" coming up. See John Ireland's column for full details. So for me it was my 3rd time out and the first time out for my recently acquired Auto Delta GTA. The car ran fine except for a cracked fuel line and undiscovered loose distributor which caused the car to falter just before my timed runs. So again I wasn't able to get through a time trial without something mechanical going awry.



During practice I spun in the esses and wound up in the dreaded soft inside dirt. Luckily I had scrubbed off enough speed so that the car didn't catch and roll which is what the soft dirt to the right of the esses can do. Roger Torgeson elected not to run his car and he installed his video camera

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The score sheet shows the results but I must single out a very fine first time showing by Hans Conried using Larry Kolisnyk's quick and black and blue GTV. Also joining us for the first time was a hot blue Jr Zagato with a screaming Jafco Turboed two liter motor, driven by Marc Ashton who came all the way from San Carlos to set up the car for the June 19th event. This Jr will be more than a match for the older TZ's and will be up against them in the June Timed Runs. Gary Fortner of Jafco was there and told me that Alfa Speciale will be joining the Time Trial Society in time for the June Event. (But is this the car that will be representing their shop in the unofficial inter-shop challenge cup I'm trying to prompt into existence. And will Charter member in the Society, Alfa of Santa Monica, be sending out their colors on Bruce Nole's black GTV-6? Will Dino Crescentini carry the colors of Alfa-Ricambi? As the membership of the Time Trial Society grows, I'll keep you informed.)



Another drive that must be mentioned is John Samson's scorching return to the Time Trial Program (he was a big part of it's beginning) with a First in Class A, and Top Time Of the Day. Oh yes, and Andy Steben borrowed Mrs Steben's Class H '73 Berlina and found himself running against the lone Class I '58 Spider of Dave Mericle who proved that the older cars can still cut it.

The rest of this column is the long way of saying "thank you" to; Mike Sperry for working full time, all day, after his own car broke and couldn't even get to practice...to my wife Alana for her handling of registration and working Timing and putting up with the Time Trial Director...to Jackie Kurman for helping with the timing and finding it was fun and saying she'll be back in the tower in June...to Julio Ramirez for coming out to work a corner and bringing three friends who also volunteered to help (their efforts made a big difference in the day's successful conclusion and I hope they'll be back and as entrants) ...to Peter Becronis for driving Novices during the Track Orientation and for working the crash truck at reentry and working a corner and bringing his friend Gary (who also worked a corner)...

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INCOME

Dues	9,608.00
From National	145.00
Competition	6,442.10
Advertising	1,445.00
Merchandise	107.00
Social Events	794.32
Miscellaneous	132.34
Total	18,673.76

EXPENSE

Dues Split	7,825.00
Newsletter	4,994.89
Competition	4,989.71
Trophies	2,457.60
Social Events	1,736.77
Total	22,003.97

All transactions throughout the year are recorded in a ledger, which is retained by the treasurer. Please direct any questions regarding the club's finances to the treasurer.

BLOOD SPORT CONTINUED

and Barbara Becronis who worked with Start/Finish keeping track of the laps during the timed runs. To this, I must also mention the other members of the Time Trial Committee, who once again did an excellent job in this, our first year as a team...Tom Lipkis, Phyllis Gaylard, Phil Guiral, Andy Steben, and Al Cortes.



The June 19th event should be an event worthy of paid attendance, and it's absolutely free...so come out and watch the racing legend that lives in your Alfa...you will see some of the best racing and street machines to be found in this country! If you missed this year's Long Beach Grand Prix, don't miss the June 19th Time Trial during the National Convention.

Alana and I are sorry to announce that Doggie passed away Tuesday morning, May 4th. She was our good friend, we loved her and will miss her.

LAGUNA SECA

Talk about planning ahead... the Historic Car Races & Pebble Beach Concours will be August 21st & 22nd and you need to start planning for accommodations. The club, as a service for you, has reserved 10 campsites at Laguna Seca Recreation Area which is part of the track facilities. Reservations cover Friday & Saturday nights (20th & 21st) and costs \$16.00 for the 2 nights. Hook-ups are available for campers and RV's. Be sure to get your reservation in right away while there is still room. Call Jim & Teri Wood (213) 991-3754.

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in mine and I got some nice footage when running during practice. If we can work it out, we'll show it at an upcoming meeting. The potential of video becomes apparent for novices; a good way to demonstrate the proper way to run Riverside. Perhaps we can work on something to that end. What do you say Roger?

Well my fellow Americans my monthly exhortation to prepare for the national meeting is just a month away! See yall May 28th.

Ciao,
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