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If the Alfa Owners Meeting at ARI's Western Division Headquarters on January 21st was a look at where the mood of the country is heading, chen look out because America is turning the corner. And if Alfa sales can match the enthusiasm that was felt at our first meeting of the year, then Alfa Romeo's day may be sooner than you think. Yes, the meeting was about a half hour long...and they always are. Such is the nature of big, once a year gatherings such as ours. The only answer is to let those who have to leave early, do so. My thanks to Judge Robert Polis, our speaker, and to Craig Morningstar of ARI, our host.

I promised the Judge that we would keep him advised on all our activities. And I promised Craig that this would be a year when A.R.O.S. C. would dig a littler deeper than we have in the past, to see how we can be of help to Alfa Romeo. How? Well, maybe having some of our better looking cars displayed at the new "exclusive" dealership that is planning to open in Pasadena... or helping them man an Alfa booth at next years Auto Show...or just

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being more positive and afirmative about the very car we drive. I'm open to any ideas you may have... all I do know is that whenever we get together, we all seem to have fun...and if the car is the reason we all get together, well, let's make sure we don't keep the good news a secret...

I see that my job this year is going to be trying to keep up with the plans the Board have been working on for the club. I hope this all reaches you in time for you to join your club in it's first Rally of the year on Feb. 13th. Followed two weeks later by the General Meet at Alondra Park (see elsewhere in this newsletter for Program Notes) starting at 8:00 PM SHARP!!! YES, SHARP! Give or take a few minutes.

The tradition of the past few years has been that becoming President is the beginning of your last year on the Board. For some it is burn out and for others it is a chance to do other things, such as entering the events instead of running them. don't really know what I'll be doing a year from now, but I do know what I would like to do with the year that I am President ... and that is to see A.R.O.S.C become a club that turns all of you on, and gets you involved. I hope that each of you who enjoys just going out for a fun drive, will take some of those drives with us...on Rallyes or to a Concours or to Pizza after the General Meeting or even all the way to Willow or Riverside, just to watch those of us who are "crazy take our chances on the track. I hope you'll join us at the Long Beach Grand Prix and cheer the Alfas and all the cars...because we all share the same love for a machine that our generations may be the last to enjoy in it's true state. I hope you'll all realize that it isn't me or anyone else on the Board that makes AROSC a special kind of club ... it's you.

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I am slowly compiling a file of, Alfa tech articles that I will try and edit into a shadetree mechanic roadside emergency-cum-high performance manual for every occassion. If you have a favorite, send it to me c/o John Ireland AROSC 834 N. Reese Place Burbank, CA. 91506...NO PHONE CALLS - EITHER JUST BUY THE STAMP AND SEND THE ARTICLE OR FORGET IT...THIS IS



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Time Trial Tech Your Car by Dave Vegher

Well it's again the time of year that dreams of Time Trial victories and Too Time of Day award are on every Alfa sceed enthusiast's mind. With the February 26-27 dates at Willow Springs looming ever closer its time to pive the old track chariot a little inspection. This inspection should insure your safety as well as your car's.

First let's look under the hood. Make sure, if its an unsealed type, First let's that your battery water level is 1/8 to 1/4 inch of not too high. 15 the OVER plates sufficient. Anymore and sufficient. Anymore and you could possibly lose some battery acid under hard cornering or braking. If you need to remove some pattery fluid, a normal rubber and plastic turkey baster works preat. This is just a small item but it often saves a mess.

While we're looking at the pattery check and make sure that its noiddown hardware is in good shape. If its not replace it with new stuff. All Alfas come from the factory with battery hold downs so excuses at tech about missing or badly corroded ones will fall on deaf ears. Why, say you, the big deal about a simple battery hold down? Well, just imagine if your car were to go on its roof with you inside of course. Without proper support your battery terminals could easily come into contact with a hood or trunk lid simultaneously producing a very hot soark. Of course pas is usually leaking out of the carbs as well as the tank and all of a sudden you've got a big problem. Tire. You'd be surprised at how fast a car burns. So blease, have proper pattery hold downs when you come to tech.

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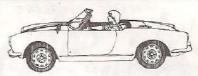
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Keep this NEW Map and Schedule for handy reference.



Saturday, March 19 Charity Concours d'Elegance Sunday, March 20 Charity Chili Cook-Off and International Food Festival Tuesday, March 22 Charity Golf Tournament

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Wednesday, March 23 Concert Thursday, March 24

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Friday, March 25
Practice & Qualifying for:
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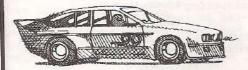
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Look your throttle linkage over and make sure you have full throttle when you step all the way down on the gas pedal. Don't forget that fragile throttle caple on the injected models. It frays and breaks with great regularity. Try and change your experience. and change your engine oil before the event. Use a good grade 20/50 or even a "straight 40" if a thorough warm-up is in mind. 50w is a little too thick for the climate we'll be encountering. One last thing before closing the hood. If you drive a 2-liter, make sure that your spin-on oil filter is very tightly screwed on. It seems every year someone dumos 1/2 a crankcase of oil on the track because of a partially tightened filter; don't forget!!



the rest of the Now let's look at car. Jack up the front end of your bomb and check your wheel bearings. This is done by grasping the top of the tire in one hand and the bottom in the other. Alternately push in with the too hand and oull out with Receat back and the bottom one. forth. If you detect any slop you have a loose wheel probably Your front wheel bearings bearing. are of a tapered roller type and are designed to be installed with "0" to .002" pre-load. Slop in these bearings means the rollers are not coming into proper contact with their respective races. This situation causes additional heat to build up helping the bearing to die at an early age. While we're talking about wheel bearings, when was the last time you had yours repacked?? I recommend a 50,000 miles schedule for 105 and 115 models and 30,000 miles on the 116 models.

both your nanos 90 Now rotate deprees on the wheel are VOU checking and again move them in and out. Look at your steering wheel while doing this. If it stays still while you detect movement you've probably not a bad steering rod end. Get it fixed now!! Your precise Alfa steering should be a source of pride to you, con't source of oride to you, con't degrade your car's performance as well as your safety through negligence.

I also commonly find, especially on late model 115 series cars, loose pitman arm nuts. That is, the nut which secures the steering arm on the bottom of the steering box is loose. Sometime VERY loose. The remedy is to pull the cotter Din and then use a 1 1/4 in. socket and tighten the hell out of that nut. Align a cotter oin hole and then re-insert the oin. That's all there is to that.

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Now let down the front and jack up the rear end. Soin your tires, the rear end. Spin your tires, pive them the front wheel bearing check and ask someone knowledgeable if you notice a difference from one side to the other. Your rear bearings are of the ball type and some slop is normal.

Lastly, your belts should be in as new condition. They get brittle with age. Your old belts can be re-webbed for under \$20.00. All new belts are dated so you won't be able to use them for more than 3 years. Your helmet should have at least a 1975 Snell sticker or later. Your head is a pretty irreplaceable item. It's your 1975 Smell sticker or endice so con't be swayer by false economy. Finally, please don't economy. tace your fire extinguisher to your hand brake handle. It won't bass tech. It wast be mounted securely to something solid.

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Your I want to hear from you. little ol' Raffle Chairman, me. Peter Becronis. (213) 449-1665.

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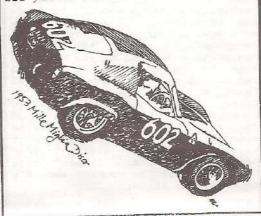
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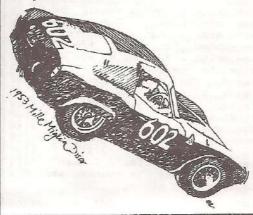
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We hope that you have noticed there have been no donuts served the last two years at the general meeting. The Social Chairman and the board from those two years trust that you have enjoyed the various homemade goodies. But now it is your turn to help in the refreshment area.

We would like you to be a part of the refreshment aspect of the general meetings by 1) signing up to bring baked goods for one meeting of the year (you would of course be reimbursed by the club favorite non-alcoholic beverage no General Meeting in December due and/or baking recipes for me to to Christmas Party. for expenses) or 2) submitting your with the general meeting dates with space for individuals to sign up to RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP bring a beverage or baked goods available at the February meeting. I am listing the dates below as well so you can be thinking about month you would like to which contribute. Should you not be able to make the February meeting but would like to sign up, please give me a call and let me know the date you have in mind.

Remember this is YOUR CLUB and it is only as good as you make it. The board is here to represent you and help activities come together, but it is your club. Let's all work together to make this year an outstanding year for AROSC.

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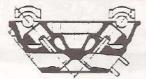
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