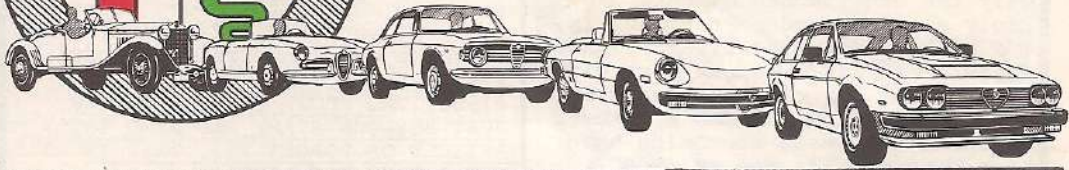


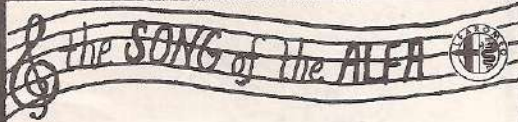


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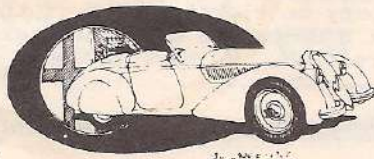
January 1978 I came to my first big AROSC/ARI meeting. Alana had the flu, and when she could not control her cough she went outside and sat in our new Alfa, while I wandered around what I was sure was car heaven. Now, five years later, I still have the Alfa and my wife...and I love them both as much as I did then. I'm sure I don't have to tell you which one costs less to keep running...I guess I really love Alana more than I did then.

I was considering calling this column The Alfa Romeo Gestalt... shades of an old Road and Track test article, shades of "The Midnight Gran Prix", shades of Zen and Fritz Perls, Charles Isbe and Paul Paige. Or, simply put, the end is the beginning or the beginning is the end...anyway, I was running down the road, on the third of my three miles, and I was feeling pretty philosophical. So I started imagining I was doing a lap at Riverside and I flashed that I could really do that, now. The dream had become a reality... the engine purred at 4000...all that from just ONE car...imagine if I owned TWO Alfas?

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JAN 21st - General Meeting at ARI
Guest Speaker: Judge
Robert Polis. 7:30 pm
see page 4 for details
- FEB 1st - Board Meeting at Jim
and Teri Wood. 8 pm
991-3754
- 13th - Valentine's Progressive
Dinner Rallye. 3:30 pm
see page 15 for details
- 25th - General Meeting Alondra
Park. 8 pm. Directions
on page 2
- 26th - 27th - Time Trial at
Willow Springs. see
page 6, 7 and Time
Trial Entry form.
- MAR 1st - Board Meeting
- 18th - General Meeting, 8 pm
- 25th - 27th - Long Beach Grand
Prix. see page 11,

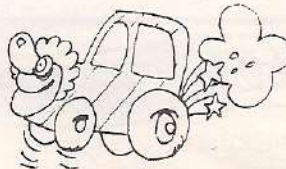


So, here I am, Club President, me and my big mouth, and I want to start out the year by thanking Al Cortes for leaving the club with money in the bank and the issue of affiliation behind us. Only the other Board members can truly see how good a President is, and Al has been a really fine one. I feel that 1982 was the most difficult year our club has faced in the five years I've been a member. National and World economics have been hard on Alfa and on AROSC... and as the year came to an end, I was happy to see that the club has become stronger...members who rarely come to meetings, came out and spoke up about how they liked or didn't like the way the club has been run, new members joined the Board of Directors, and old members became more active in the programs they once helped start. We hosted the National Convention and while we didn't make any money to speak of...I guess the idea was always to have fun and if we make money...well whoopee...and if not, well we had fun.

Yes, there will be a Formula One Alfa (or two?) at the Long Beach Grand Prix. A private team, but one that has been very successful in Formula 3, if you've followed the reports in the National Newsletter. And YES, there will be an AROSC Cocktail Party after the Friday Practice and Qualifying... as last year it will be at the Queens Way Hilton, and it's a No-Host bar, but the food is paid for by your ten percent discount on your ticket to the GP...non ticket holders may come but the price is \$6.50 per person, payable at the door. The last chance to order and pay in full for your tickets is at the February 25th General Meeting at Alondra Park... no money no tickets...and if the check bounces, so does the ticket reservation. We have the best

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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 occasion. 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 NOT A TECH HOT-LINE!!!



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A.R.O.S.C. needs a volunteer to handle the ticket sales...keep track of who paid and how many tickets they ordered...do they want them mailed or will they pick them up at the March meeting (THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL...ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH!!!!!!), etc.

All tickets must be paid for in full at the time the order is received and the price is \$65.00 per ticket (this is a three day ticket). The person who handles the ticket sales is also responsible for picking up the tickets from the LBGP sales office in Long Beach, so if they live in that area, it would be more convenient. Contact John Ireland (213) 841-8939 if you are interested.

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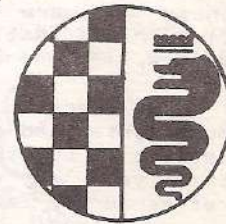
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The January general meeting will be held at ARI Westcoast Headquarters building. ARI is located at 215 S. Douglas St., El Segundo. The Meeting this year will be on **January 21** (That's the 3rd Friday of the month instead of the usual 4th Friday). There will be several rare and exciting Alfas on display. The yearend awards are always a highlight of the January meeting when we honor those who were outstanding in the Time Trial, Rallye, and Concours events.

A special thanks to Craig Morningstar and all folk at ARI for letting us use their facility again this year as well providing the refreshments. See you There!!



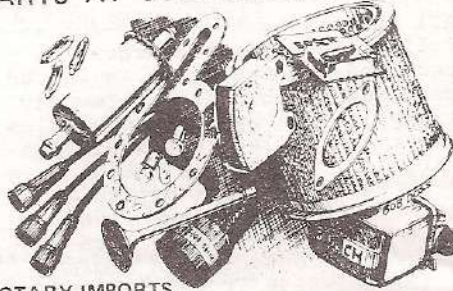
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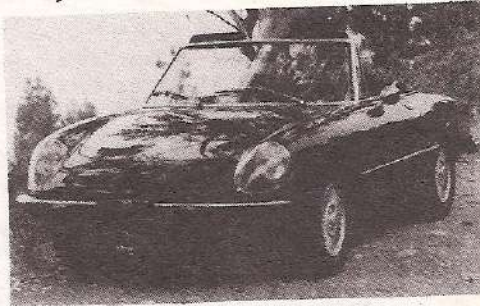
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Quizzzz

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1. Alfa has never used:
 - a) automatic transmission
 - b) column shift
 - c) power steering
 - d) air conditioning
2. The first double overhead camshaft engine was first seen in what make of car?
3. In various guises or disguises, what body has been in production for the longest?

4. What was the last year that bottom hinged clutch and brake pedals were seen imported into the United States in an Alfa?

5. In what year what the Alfa undefeated in Grand Prix racing?

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Answers to Alfa trivia quiz:

1. (c) 2. Peugeot 1912 3. Giulia
4. 1969
5. 1946

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December 10, 1982

TO: All Time Trial Enthusiasts

The 1983 AROSC Time Trial Program is being formulated, and I want to let you know about it so you can make your plans.

EVENTS: The Schedule of events at this time is as follows:

Feb 26-27	Willow Springs, VARA event
April 9	Riverside
June 18	Riverside
Sept 17	Riverside
Nov 26	Riverside

The bad news is that the entry fee will be set at \$55 per driver, \$65 for the VARA event, so that we can meet our expenses, which hasn't been done regularly in the past. The good news is that we plan to have paid workers at all events, if they are available, and thus we will hold one open-to-all practice in the mornings, for about 2-3 hours. This way, we can all have more time to fix problems, make changes, and chase after the driver of our choice. We will also be able to increase novice driving instruction without depriving the instructors of free practice. We plan to have one-on-one instruction during practice, and can offer the same to any driver who wants a refresher on the proper lines or speeds or whatever.

We plan to invite other clubs to attend, such as VARA, to insure a good entry level, and if we do well enough, we can lower the entry fee later. If you have any suggestions or contacts please let me know.

I'm enclosing a sample entry form. You have the event dates, the price, and the entry form, so you don't need to wait for the newsletter, just send it in early.

TECHNICAL: As a result of our recent Time Trial Committee meeting, some changes were made to the code, and other changes expected were not implemented:

1. Roll bars will not be required in closed cars for 1983, but no passenger may be taken on the track without rollbar protection, unless an authorized driving instructor is driving.
2. Anti-submarine belt is required, including passengers.
3. GTV6/2.5 base model points are raised to 195, with the notation that 60 series tires are standard.
4. Street tires with 2 inches or less over stock tread is changed to street tires/70 series (2 pts).

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5. Street tires with more than 2 inches over stock tread is changed to street tires/60 series (5 pts).

6. Street tires recapped with racing rubber is changed to include street tires/50 series (10 pts).

7. Radiator fan removed or altered is changed to 1 point from 2.

8. Added a category: Turbocharger intercooler, 5 points.

9. Added a category: Nitrous oxide, 8 points.

THE CATCH: Now that you don't have to flag corners, would you be willing to help in some other way? We can use volunteers to work tech inspection, registration, and timing/scoring, as well as help in organizing pre-grid etc. Will you volunteer a little time for one of these areas? If everyone does a little, no one is over worked. We are planning to offer pre-tech prior to all events, so we can use help then too.

If you have any questions or suggestions, or want to volunteer, please contact me, or some one on the Time Trial Committee.

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TECH TALK

TORQUE WRENCH BASICS

Torque indirectly measures the clamping force a fastener applies such as a bolt or screw. Through testing and calculation the relationship between torque and tension has been established for fasteners of different size, material and thread type. Granted, torque is an indirect measurement of tension, but direct methods, such as measuring bolt length change are impractical for most applications. Torque therefore remains the standard to determine a fastener's tightness, and manual torque wrenches still prevail as the most common tools to precisely tighten fasteners.

Any good torque wrench should meet certain basic requirements for accuracy, repeatability, and linearity. Accuracy means that a wrench calibrated for, say 100 foot-pounds must accurately deliver 100 foot-pounds within + or - 4 percent. Repeatability means each time it's used the wrench must yield the same force it's set for. This assures the wrench will tighten fasteners uniformly, such as Alfa head bolts. Linearity means the wrench should retain its accuracy over the entire range of settings. The final requirement is that the torque wrench hold its accuracy and repeatability a long time.

Standard torque wrenches used today include three types: the deflecting beam, dial, and 'click' signaling. In deflecting beam instruments, the wrench's long pointer deflects along a fixed scale indicating torque. In dial wrenches the same deflection is geared to a needle that rotates within a calibrated dial. Getting an accurate reading on these two types of wrenches is often difficult because of the wrenches position, poor lighting, or not being able to read the scale straight on.

Today, the 'click' signaling wrench represents the state of the art, meeting the mentioned requirements best of the three types. The operator sets the tool for a specific torque and then runs it up until it 'breaks', indicated by a 'click' at the set torque. Releasing the handle automatically resets to same torque setting. The 'click' eliminates the problems associated with reading a dial or beam gauge, particularly in dark conditions or blind spots, or on vibrating machinery where the scale would jiggle. A micrometer set wrench is even more accurate, remains calibrated longer, and is easier to operate than the others on the market.

Beam type torque wrenches range in price from \$6.00 to \$20.00. While 'click' types range from \$33.00 to \$90.00. Dial types are less prevalent because they cost about the same as 'click' types but are harder to use. A good torque is a very worthwhile investment for the backyard mechanic.

Frank Scholer



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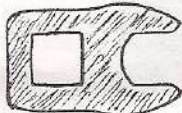
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ENTRY FORM FOR VARA-ARDSC TIME TRIAL AT WILLOW SPRINGS

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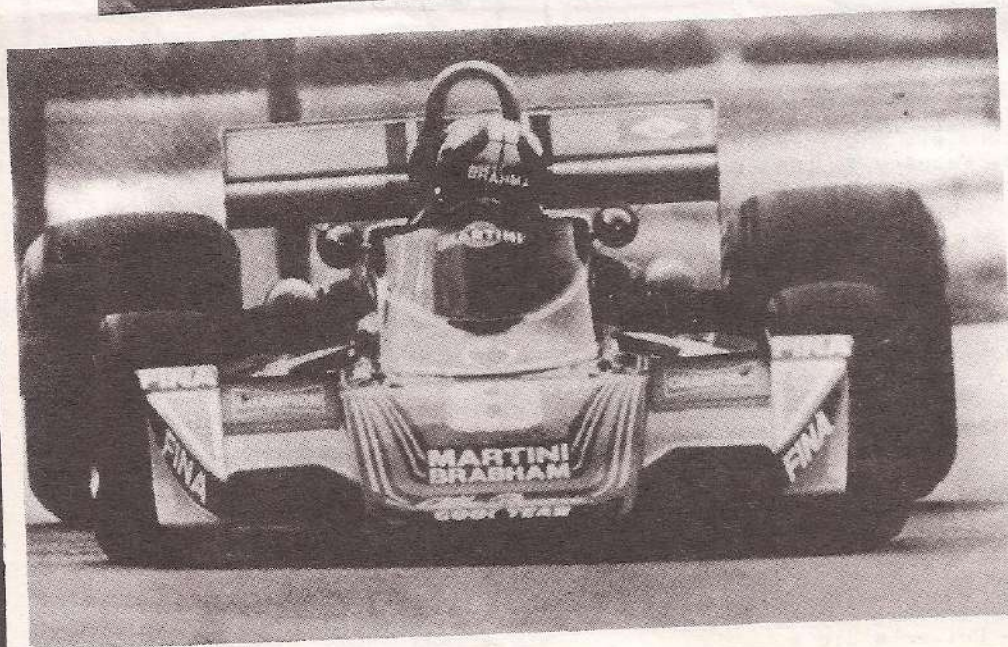
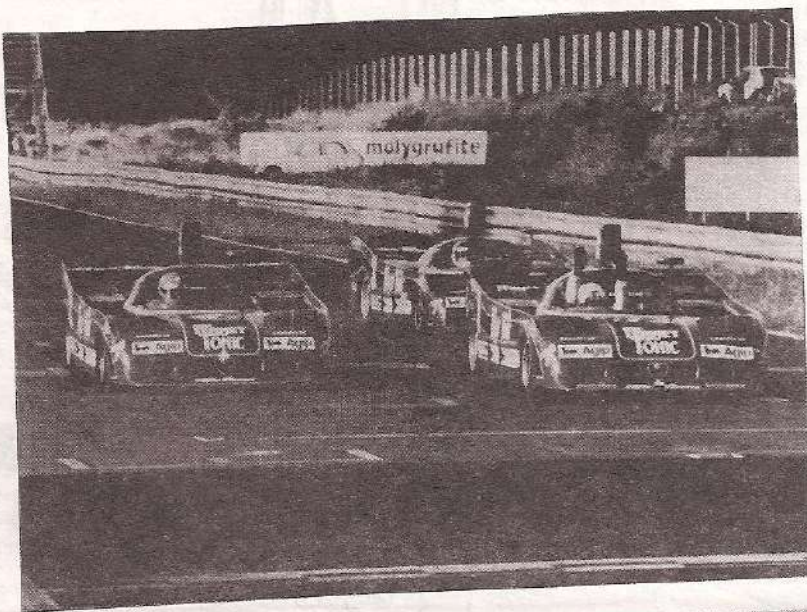
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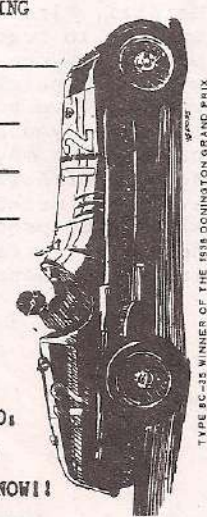
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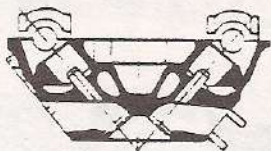
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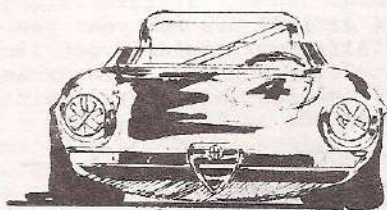
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Valentine's

Progressive Dinner RALLYE

This promises to be the best tasting rallye you've ever been a part of. That's a right! A Valentine's Progressive Dinner Rallye. Which in plain Italian means, AROSC will be having a rallye on Sunday, February 13th and each check point will be a course of our dinner. We will be starting with a salad bar, moving on to spaghetti and lasagna and ending with a make your own Sundae. This rallye will count toward year end points. The details are listed below.

Day: Sunday, February 13th, 1983
Time: check-in beginning at 2:30 pm
drivers meeting at 3:00 pm
first car out at 3:30 pm
Cost: \$16 per car (this includes the rallye entry fee and dinner for two, there is an \$6 fee for each additional person for dinner).
Rallye Masters: Jim & Teri Wood
75 N Oakleaf Ave,
Apoura, CA 91301 (213) 991-3754

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER by February 7th!

Fill out the entry form below and mail it to Jim and Teri with your check made out to AROSC. Feel free to give them a call for more information. The starting place will be at Balboa park in Van Nuys. Balboa exit off the 101 fwy, 1 block north. Look for AROSC check point signs.

VALENTINE'S PROGRESSIVE DINNER RALLYE

Yes, we (driver) _____ and
(navigator) _____

are planning to nib through the streets (and possibly our stomachs).

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AROSC TIME TRIAL REGISTRATION FORM AND TECHNICAL INSPECTION RECORD

Event Location: _____ Date _____

DRIVER #1, Car # _____

DRIVER #2, Car # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

CA Driver's Lic.# _____

AROSC Lic. # _____

In case of emergency, notify: _____

I understand that my entry fee is NON-REFUNDABLE. I understand that this event is governed by the AROSC Competition Code and that in a matter of dispute, the decision of the Competition Director is final. I further understand that any falsification of the Classification Form or failure to update said form will lead to suspension of my Time Trial License for the remainder of the year and forfeiture of all points accumulated for the year.

I, the undersigned, hereby release the Alfa Romeo Owner's Club, its officers, the Alfa Romeo Owner's Club of Southern California, its officers, the sponsor of the event, the management of the track, and anyone working at the event from any liability for damage to my car or equipment, theft of the same, and from any liability relating to injury to me or anyone accompanying me, whether adult or minor, which may result from my presence at this event as a spectator, worker, or participant. I understand the above and of free will and without duress sign below:

Driver #1 _____ Date _____

Driver #2 _____ Date _____

TECHNICAL INSPECTION: (Inspector must check appropriate columns)

Car model, year, cc, color: _____

Base Model Points _____ Mod. Points _____ Total _____ Changed? _____

1. Front Suspension
2. Rear Suspension
3. Battery Mounting
4. Fluid leaks
5. Exhaust mounting
6. Brake pedal travel and light

pass	fail	warning

7. Roll bar (open car)
8. Harness system
9. Fire Extinguisher
10. Clothing
11. Helmet & eye cover
12. Loose objects in cockpit or trunk
13. Seat mounting

pass	fail	warning

Inspected by _____

Payment \$ _____ Received by _____ Date _____

Please return this form to registration for tech sticker.