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by John Ireland

Feb. 13th, a dark night, the little red GTV's headlamps knifed their way down the twisting black tarmac, 5000 rpm in fourth gear...check point #2 and a pasta dinner were waiting somewhere up ahead. Rallye Masters Jim and Teri Wood had put together some of the nicest roads Alana and I have ever driven...so good we never even cared if we got lost. Nineteen Alfas made the starting grid, and only one never showed up at Charlie Thieriot's for desert.

Feb. 25th, the last night to buy Long Beach Grand Prix tickets, the first regular General Meeting at Alondra Park. Good people, new faces and old friends...Dave Vegher handled the tech session, everyone got to meet the new Membership Director, Joel Hoffman, Dave Skora put on a beautiful program of incredible films of early Grand Prix racing (made by Shell Oil and all in English). The skinny tires on those old racers made my CN36s look like funny car slicks.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 18th - General Meeting, 8 p.m. (3rd Friday)

25th - Long Beach Grand Prix Party (see page 7)

25th - 27th - Long Beach Grand Prix

29th - Board Meeting

APR 9th - Time Trial at Riverside (see page 10 and insert)

22nd - General Meeting

26th - Board Meeting

MAY 14th - Lutheran High School Concours (see pages 8, 9, 11 & 12)

27th - General Meeting

31st - Board Meeting

JUNE 5th - Swap Meet and Picnic

18th - Time Trial at Riverside

24th - General Meeting



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St. Paddy's

Day!

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Feb. 26th, yee with little faith who fear a little rain, yee with little courage who fear a little pain, yee with little engines who fear a little bigger engine...you should have been at Willow Springs for the first Time Trial of the year. Fourteen Alfas showed up, and were rewarded with a perfect example of "racer's luck." As example of "racer's luck." As soon as we got to the track (both days!!!) it would stop raining, and when we left the track, it would start raining. It was two outstanding days...with 108 octane racing fuel available for those with the bucks and the compression ratio to make it worth while. My faithful Marcello proved he is still more than a match for my driver's skills, putting out a thousand rpm for every ten thousand of his seventy thousand miles. And Andy Steben proved that the second hundred thousand miles are the fast-

Dave Vegher, Scott Gray, Mike Sperry, Dick Richards, Alan Ward, Charlie Thieriot, Tom Lipkis, Jerry Wright, Al Cortes, Phillis Gaylard, John Samson, plus Andy and I, were joined by twice as many VARA drivers all had a perfect weekend, right down to the Saturday night dinner that featured a steak so well done it qualified as an antique. But isn't that was banquets are really for? Sunday night dinner was a country western juke box and roast leg of lamb at Villa Basque. The line of Alfas in the parking lot and the good 'ol boys from the local area grunting in amazement.

The lap times are all here in the newsletter for you to read, and if you are going to be at the Long Beach Grand Prix party on Friday, March 25, you can hear first hand accounts of how each of us broke the lap record set by Alan Jones at Willow. This will be the last Long Beach Grand Prix with Formula One cars according to all the talk going around...the last time you

will have such a good chance to see Formula One Alfas in our part of the world. Even if you didn't buy a ticket through the club, you owe it to yourself to see the race in person. You can still come to the party but it will cost you the price of our ten percent discount, \$6.50...that covers the food, the bar is no-host and additional.

Alfa of Santa Monica brought out a beautiful 1983 Alfa Spider for us to play with at Willow, and every one who drove it was impressed with the improvements. We may be lucky enough to try it again at Riverside on April 9th when we have more track time...but if not, we will have a Ferrari 308 GTB to chase... but you'll have to be there to see the fun.

Remember, the March General Meeting is on the 18th...THE THIRD FRIDAY of the month. 1983 IS STARTING OFF WITH A BANG!!! ALL IT TAKES TO BE PART OF THE FUN IS BEING THERE.

John, Alana, Bruno, and Millie.

Subscriptions to this newsletter are included as part of the \$35.00 per year membership fee. Meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday of the month, 8:00 p.m sharp at the:

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There are many new studies being done on the aerodynamics of cars and Mr. Bill Tidwell of Tidwell Marketing will be with us at the March meeting to discuss just this issue. Specifically, Mr. Tidwell will be sharing about the various KAMI products as they relate to for streamlining our cars efficiency.

It's point to be a preat meeting. You won't want to miss it.

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by Dave Crowley

Last month we spoke about what kind of a race a slalom is. There are basically three types of slaloms: Championships, Opens and Invitationals. A championship is an event in which a SCCSCC I.D. card holding driver may earn points counting toward a year-end award. An open is an event at which no championship points are awarded. An invitational is similar to an open but more flexible in layout, scoring and conduct of the event.

The active participants of slaloms are every bit as dedicated to perfecting their skills and low E.T.'s as are our own time trial hotshoes, so the level of competition is high. But remember, even if you're just starting out anew, yours is the only car on the track so it's not any problem to go a little slower than the regulars. The Alfas will run in classes depending on displacement and modifications. The basic catagories are stock, prepared, prodified and modified in order of increasing modifications allowed, In the stock class, Alfas over 1800cc are in Class P (along with BMW's, Z cars, 4 cyl. Porsches, etc) and the under 1800cc cars run in Class T. For non stock catagories, see me for a SCCSCC rule book. A calendar of events will be published next month, so for now I'll mention a few of the events coming up soon:

April 17 - Los Alamitos Invitational May 1 - Championship - Carroll Shelby Performance Center May 21-22 - Lone Pine

Slalom events will now count toward year end points and awards.



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Class A	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	
Vegher, Dave	1:43.24	1:43.72	1:44.09	1:43.56	1.43.10	
Class B						
Corts, Al	1:58.66	1:56.80	1:56.73	1:55.70	1.55.10	
Gray, Scott	1:46.60	1:45.63	1:45.25			
Sperry, Mike	1:46.33	1:45.08	1:44.70	1:44.75	1:44.97	
Class D						
Gaylard, Phyllis	1:59.12	1:58.52	1:57.47	1:57.55	1:58.36	
Richards, Dick	1:48.34	1:47.76	1:48.17	1:48.24	1:47.92	
Thieriot, Charlie	1:58.29	2:01.90	1:56.28	1:56.23	1:55.22	
Wright, Jerry	2:06.95	2:07.37	2:05.36	2:05.05		
Class F						
Ireland, John	2:02.71	2:03.03	2:02.03			
Lipkis, Tom	1:56.86	1:56.94		1:56.44	7.55.05	
Steben, Andy	1:56.72	1:55.50	1:58.72	1,00,14	1:00.00	
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TECH TALK

DUAL POINTS WITHOUT TEARS by Carey Parks Ohio Valley Chapter

While reading a past issue of the 'Alfetish', I came across the debate about removal of the secondary points from dual point distributors vs leaving them in. Both sides have valid points (no bun intended) However, the reason I bought an Alfa instead of a VW or something was to enjoy the berformance of a car engineered with GDING as the foremost criterion. If I had to spend some time making it po. so be it. Having a weeks off, I decided to make Alfie run like she should.

After removing the distributor I set the coint gads and cooped open a cold one. The debate had soarked a small voice in the back of my brain that kept saying "You've got the cam thing sitting right on your bench and you can't set two points to 3 degrees abart" And you call yourself an engineer?" After punching out the little voice. I decided it would be a service to humanity to devise a workable way to set the ornery little critters to 3 degrees.

The proplem is not how to tell when the points open, people do that all the time with a VOM (volt-ohmmeter) or a little light bulb. The problem is 3 degrees is too small an angle to measure when rotating an item as small as the distributor cam. With the oroblem defined, the solution was obvious -make a bigger cam! (Well , how about just extending one lobe of the cam?) Since a circle with a radius of 19 inches will move one inch when the circle is rotated 3 degrees. I needed to find a device to extend a lobe of the cam to 19 inches. An old telescoping radio antenna was pressed into service as an adjustable length long-straightthing. I Clamped this to the base plate of the centrifugal advance, and adjusted the length to 19" from continued next column

LONG BEACH GRAND PRIX PARTY! DON'T MISS IT!

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Where: Queensway Bay Hilton, Long Beach

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the center of the cam to the tip of the ocinter (antenna). I then clamped the distributor pinch bolt in my bench vice.

I hooked up my VOM (to read ohms) to the primary points and rotated the cam 'til the points opened. I Placed a ruler (propoed on a tool box) with 0 at the opinter tip and ending in the clockwise rotation direction. I then connected the VOM to the secondary points. Moving the cam dicn't open the secondary points for two inches of pointer travel (6 degrees)!! I adjusted the secondary point base so that the points opened with the antenna tip at 1" maintaining the pap within spec. I was done! cops! — don't forget to couble check that the primary points still open at the same place to be sure you didn't bump something. That wasn't to bad, but did it work? Sure did.

For those who do not have an adjustable length long-straight-thing, the calculation below can be used to determine the arc travel for other lengths. Be careful, too short a long-thing will cause the same measurement errors that we are trying to avoid.

To determine the arc movement (D) for a long-straight thing of length

 $D = TAN(1.5) \times L \times 2$ or $D = 0.0523718 \times L$ in my case L = 19", D = 0.995".

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CONCOURS - CONCOURS - CONCOURS

(A commercial-free message from your friendly local concours organizers)

Well, here we are in a new year yet again. The Pebruary meeting is behind us, and before we know it the 1983 concours season will have snuck up and feverish waxing and detailing will be the order of the day once again. In fact, it's those waxing and washing Alfisti we want to discuss - basically, where are you hiding? Where are the proud owners of all those GTV 6's Alfa sold last year and the year before that? Last season, with the exception of the swap meet, not ONE SINGLE GTV 6 showed up at a concours! We can't believe that somebody out there doesn't have a squeaky clean pride and joy to show off to the Alfisti. For that matter, what happens to all those sharp Spiders and Alfettas and GTVs to be seen on the road or in parking lots, but never at a concours? Do they turn into pumpkins at midnight on Friday? Not to mention those of you who are hiding real classics from us - a message specially for you: a) You should be ashamed of yourselves.. b) You can skip the next paragraph.

Perhaps part of the problem is that those of us not fortunate (or is that unfortunate) enough to own real classics don't realize that everyday Alfas can compete very well in concours competition within the club. In case you were wondering:

- Your car doesn't have to be old or a classic. The scoring system and classes cater for both late models and classics.
- Your car doesn't have to be a styling award winner. The judges are not concerned with asthetics as long as the car is just the way Alfa originally built it.
- Your car doesn't have to be specially garaged, pampered and only taken out of mothballs on sunny weekends. Your very own everyday street car can do it! (If you don't believe me, consider that Chuck Hodgson was AROSC concours champion three years running in a Sprint Veloce he drives on the street every day.)

O.K. Do we still have your attention? If so, read on, because here's how it works: First, all the cars entered in the concours are divided into classes. The number (usually no less than three) and make up of the classes depends on the cars entered, but is usually by body style, age, series or combinations of these. First, second and third places will be awarded in each class as well as a single "best of show" for the overall winner. In other words, most of us still stand a chance of a class win even if Jack Becronis arrives in his 6C 1500 !

How are the cars judged? By a team of three highly knowlegable and incredibly picky Alfisti, that's how! Seriously, the judges are not only looking for cleanliness, but also checking authenticity (is the car as near as possible to way it was originally delivered new?) and mechanical condition. As far as mechanical condition goes, no judge has yet been known to show up with a micrometer (although Chuck was seen with a magnifying glass once), but they can, for example, request that the engine be started, and will check carefully for signs of fluid leaks, frayed or damaged wiring, and the like. Luckily for those of us whose Alfas won't start, there is a maximum number of points that can be lost on any one item. A reassuring note on authenticity as well: At the discretion of the judges, a blind eye is usually turned to modifications aimed at removal of unneccessary objects impeding exhaust flow on late model Alfas.

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The actual scoring is done in several categories, with a maximum number of points allocated to each. A typical breakdown might look like this:

	-	5Ø	Trunk/luggage area	-	10
Paint and finish			Engine compartment	1/4	50
Coachwork and top	201	20		_	201
Chrome and glass	0	15	Chassis	-	5
Seats and upholstery	14-1	25	Extras		35
Dash panel	-	10	Age points	100	25

The last two categories need some explaining ... "Extras" are awarded at the discretion of the judges for items such as owners manual and tool kit, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, emergency flares, rally equipment, etcetera. "Age points" are the great leveller - the car is usually awarded one bonus point for each year of age up to a maximum of 25. This allows older cars, which might be expected to have a scratch or a substitute part or two, to compete on a more or less equal basis with late model cars.

Well, do we detect a stirring of interest out there? Here's the tentative schedule for this year for marking on your calendar (no excuses, now):

May 14 - Lutheran High School, Burbank.

(In conjunction with Burbank Car Show)

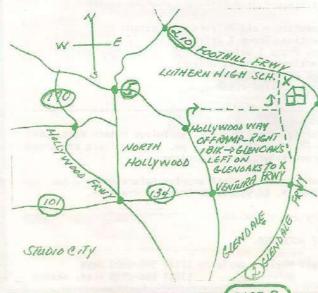
Jul 23 - William S. Hart County Park, Newhall.

Sep 24 - Will Rogers State Historical Park, Pacific Palisades.

Oct 15 - Briggs Cunningham Automotive Museum, Costa Mesa.

We're looking forward to seeing you there - as competitors or as spectators, whichever. Watch these pages for confirmation of the dates, and, of course the entry forms....

Delores Hodgson and Pat Hayes Concours Directors



Don't miss the May 14th Lutheran High School Concours.

Entry form is on page 11.



Keep this map for directions.

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THE GOODIE SHELF - Ooops! The sign-up poster did not make it to the February general meeting but you still have your chance to sign-up to help bring refreshments. The poster will be up and anxiously awaiting your signature at the March and April meetings. If you missed the article last month, I'll give you a brief recap. 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 be reimbursed for expenses) or 2) submitting your favorite non-alcoholic beverage and/or baking recipes for me to use. Remember, this is your club and it is only as good as you make it. Thanks, Nancy Averll

THE GIVAWAY - Do you have something around the house or office that is new or like new and are wondering what you can doe for the club? How about donating your items for the club raffles. Help support club events. Sincerely, Your little 'ol Raffle Chairman, Peter Becronis 449-1665

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PRE-TECH will be held Saturday, April 2, 1983, at Veloce Motors West, 1647 W. Sepulveda Blvd., unit #4, Torrance, 10 am to 1 pm. All drivers are urged to get tech over ahead of the event, especially novices.

ENTRY DEADLINE is at Pre-tech, April 2. Mail entries before April 2 to: Andy Steben, 911 N. Olive, Alhambra, CA 91801, or bring to Pre-tech.

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2nd -	Navigator: Ed Bott Driver: Greg Sawyer Navigators: Dave Skora/G	504 'wie	
3rd -	Driver: Brad Luzius Navigator: Ken Lomaugh	476	pts
4th -	Driver: Phil Guiral Navigator: Lora McCants	475	pts
5th -	D: Al Cortes	456	pts
6th -	N: Ann Westfall D: Diane Alfvin	445	pts
	N: Rick Alfvin D: Mark Moran	441	pts
8th -	N: Larry Albarino D: Mike Sperry	429	pts
9th -	N: Pat Lopez D: Charles Bartholomew	414	pts
10th -	N: Carolyn Bartholomew D: John Ireland	403	pts
11th -	N: Alana Ireland D: Peter Becronis	400	pts
12th -	N: Ron Johnson D: Joe Ngai	378	pts
13th -	N: John Ngai D: Robert Krattiger	360	pts
14th -	N: Christine/Verena D: Ernest Carpenter		
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	Elaine Slipsager & Nick	Berge	er

THE GREAT ALFA PROBLEM Trivia Quiz presented in the February issue had an error. We trust that you will now be able to come to the proper solution.

8. The middle pit uses Autolite Spark

Our apologies for the goof!

Joel Hoffman

81 Alfa Spider Veloce, Ivory with pipskin color interior, electric windows & mirrors, Blaubunkt 2001. w/4speakers, new black cloth too, & cat. converter. Overmaintained. 26000 miles. Joel Hoffman (213) 26000 miles. 994-4730 evenings.

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'71 Jaguar XKE, 4.2 liter. New paint, red interior. \$7,000. Nancy Averll (213) 644-5674.

WANTED: 169 - 171 GTV or Spider. Body must be accident free and rust free. Engine and trans condition less important. Call Bob Braslau, Day (213) 535-7240, Nites (213) Day (213) 535-7240, Nites (213) 375-0142, or write 1624 Dalton Rd, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274.

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