



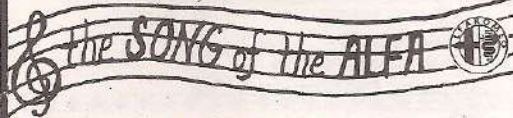
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by John Ireland

November already, huh? Well all of you should have received your flyer on the big November Swap Meet/General Election Meeting/and all around good time on Sunday the 20th. We have a full Board of Directors for 1984 EXCEPT for Newsletter Editor. I hope you will all come to the Swap Meet to show your support for the new Board, and I hope that one of you out there will consider joining the Board in the above mentioned vacant position. AROSC has always been known for having one of the best newsletters in the country...it will be a sad day if we have to cut back to a one page monthly flyer. It will be doubly sad because the job of newsletter editor has never been easier...thanks to the organization brought to it by this year's editor, (and your 1984 President) Teri Wood. If I have aroused your curiosity give Teri a call and find out if it is a job that you might find more fun than you imagined.

Dates to mark on your Alfa Calendar in the weeks ahead are, in addition to the Swap Meet on the 20th, the 1983/84 Board Change Over Meeting on Nov. 29th, the AROSC Christmas Party on Saturday Dec. 3, and for race drivers and fans, the final AROSC TIME TRIAL of the year, on Saturday November 26th, at Riverside Raceway. The tech inspection for this event will be on  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 20 - Swap Meet, November General Meeting and Car Show. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (see page 3)
- 26 - Time Trial at Riverside. It's not too late to enter (see page 5 and insert)
- 29 - Board Meeting at Dave Crowley's. Old & New board members should be present. 8:00 p.m. 789-5707
- December 3 - Christmas Party at Charlie and Susan Thieriot's. 7:30 p.m. \$5 per person (see page 3)
- No December General Meeting
- January 27 - General Meeting with ARI. See December and January newsletters for more details.



# NOVEMBER



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Saturday November 19 at Mike Sperry's Valve Works. See the entry form in this newsletter for more details.

1984 promises to see AROSC become more interactive with other car clubs. In the area of slaloms, we have had several members running in the SCCSCC events, and we have had a growing number of Alfa drivers entering Monte Carlo type Rallyes such as the Pan Am and Starlite. At the same time, clubs such as the Vintage Auto Racing Assoc., the Morgan Owners Club, the Pantera Club, Lotus West have been joining us at our Time Trials, and inviting us to share their track time at their events. It is important that all car enthusiasts come together in the next few years, to protect their opportunities to enjoy their hobby, their cars. We MAY be looking at the last couple of years that Riverside Raceway will exist. That will leave only Willow Springs in the Southern California area.

Somehow, Malibu Grand Prix just doesn't make it as an alternative to a real car on a real track. Anyway, the point is that, in a free enterprise system, it is important that track owners be able to make money from our use of their track and it is important for us to keep the cost of our hobby down so we can enjoy it more often. The answer seems to be "time sharing"...just like in those vacation condos...and SCCSCC, the Southern California Council of Sports Car Clubs, has proved it can work. AROSC needs someone who can go to the SCCSCC Meetings and report to the club at our own General Meetings. We have had SCCSCC reps in the past, but the problem is always the distance we must travel to go to SCCSCC meetings. Jim Wood and Dave Crowley have been our most recent AROSC reps, and if you would like to take over where they left off, talk to them at the Swap Meet. It isn't a lot of work, but it is very important to the future of AROSC events.

As the end of my AROSC Presidency draws near, I realize that at last I will have time to work on "Alfa del Monde"...which is still an unofficial event, but one that I feel can become a reality. This would be a world meeting of Alfa Clubs

in Milano in 1985. It will be impossible to find a set of dates that will be convenient to everyone in the USA or in other countries...but my guess is that between the last week of June and the first week of September is the ballpark. Now I must get the National Club, and Alfa Romeo of America...and of Italy to also become involved. I already have interest from the President and the 160 members of Club Alfa Romeo Finland, so the rest should be easy. But I would like to hear from all of you out there in Alfa World, who get this newsletter... not just our local members, but all of you, from Northern California to Australia to Canada to Italy...and all the American Chapters who receive this...write me with your ideas and suggestions to:

ALFA DEL MONDE  
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USA

I won't be able to write you all back but I'll report to you in these pages, and as the event grows, I'll send out special reports. Well, on to 1984!

JOHN

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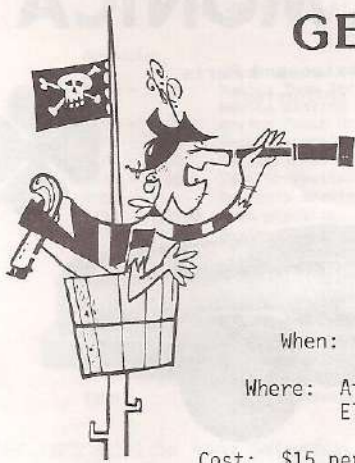
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# GENERAL MEETING - SWAP MEET - CAR SHOW

When: Sunday, November 20, 1983 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: At the parking lot next to 610 South Douglas St,  
El Segundo, CA 90245

Cost: \$15 per entrant (each entrant receives use of two parking stalls, normal size), \$5 - car show only

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

7:30 p.m.

As has been the success the last few years, we will continue to have finger foods, make sandwiches, etc. available. We've had lots of good goodies to eat.

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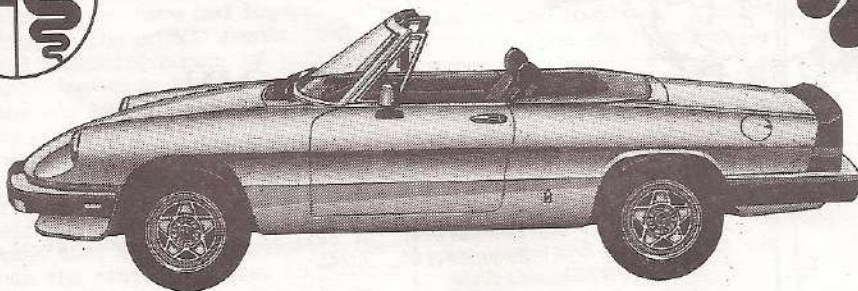


There also will be a number of prizes again this year. So come early in the evening and be part of all the fun. Remember the evening begins at 7:30 p.m. and will go until Charlie & Susan kick us out.



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Schedule:

7:00	Track opens, Registration opens
7:15 - 7:30	Novice Tech Inspection
7:30	Novice meeting
8:00 - 9:00	Novice Track Orientation
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7:30 - 8:30	Tech Inspection
9:00	Driver's meeting - all drivers must attend
9:30 - 12:00	Open practice, all cars, including lead & follow novice training.
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch	
1:00	Driver's meeting - all drivers must attend
1:30 - 2:00	Warmup practice, Group I drivers
2:00 - 3:00	Timed runs, Group I drivers
3:15 - 3:45	Warmup practice, Group II drivers
3:45 - 4:45	Timed runs, Group II drivers
5:00	Awards presentation, clean-up



PRE-TECH will be held Saturday, November 19th at Sperry Valve Works and Veloce Motors West, 1647 W. Sepulveda Blvd, #10, Torrance, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All drivers are strongly urged to get tech over before the event, especially novices. For more information call Mike Sperry, (213) 325-7549.

ENTRY FEE is \$55.00, make checks payable to AROSC.

For additional information, call Phyllis Gaylard, (714) 556-2800 days, (714) 536-2089 evenings and weekends.

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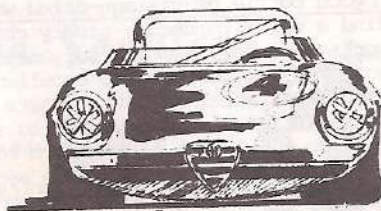
FOR SALE: '78 Sprint Veloce, air, stereo, alloy wheels, brown with beige velour interior, 60,000 mi. \$6,900. Steve Sloan (213) 991-6191.

FOR SALE: parts for '67 Duetto - 1 set Dunlop calipers & rotors, \$100; 1 set stock springs, \$40; 1 front stabilizer bar center only, \$10; 1 emergency brake cable, \$15. ALSO '66 steering wheel, \$50; & '69 steering wheel, \$35. WANTED: Duetto hardtop. Matt Carroll (213) 372-8976 home, (213) 217-3750 work.

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One of the most commonly neglected areas of Alfa maintenance concerns the removal/replacement of the small bulbs illuminating the rear license plate. In addition to being a legal requirement, proper lighting on the Alfetta GT series helps to retain that "long, low, Hollywood look" so vital to the performance of the later Alfettas or Sprint Veloces. Those owners with vanity or personalized plates should be especially concerned with proper lighting of their plates and thus avoid the painful embarrassment of being considered "uncool" among fellow Alfisti.

### Location

The most critical task is to first locate the license plate lights. On most Alfetta GT's these may be found at the rear of the vehicle just above the license plate frame and below the rear decklid release button.

### Tools

The tools for bulb replacement are common yet critical. They include:

- 1) A small Phillips screwdriver. A Sears Craftsman or plastic-handled Proto is adequate. Polished or plated Snap-on or metric screwdrivers may be used but are definitely "overkill".
- 2) A good bottle of vintage-dated wine. I find a white Bordeaux, nicely chilled works well for this job but one should not overlook some of the excellent red wines available. Alfetta owners with personalized plates may wish to simply pick up a six-pack of Buckhorn beer and proceed to the applicable section on procedure. (I'll try to keep that in mind Phil, "MILANO", aka Ed.)
- 3) A corkscrew. The best is the old-fashioned T-Screw: look for one with a long stem (great wines have long corks) which is rounded - not sharp enough to break the cork. Avoid fancy corkscrews with all kinds of levers. These are all right for young wines but not for old ones, where the cork is likely to crumble.
- 4) (Optional) Ice Bucket. A large salad bowl full of crushed ice may be substituted.

### Procedure

1) Chill the (white) wine. One to two hours is sufficient. 40° to 50° is an ideal serving temperature. Red wine, of course should not be chilled as a rule though some Beaujolais may be chilled and served like a white. Generally, young and fully-bodied red wines should be uncorked several hours before serving.

2) Cut the capsule and tinfoil below the tip, use a clean cloth (not a shop rag) to remove the mold which usually forms under the capsule; draw the cork and then carefully clean the lip of the bottle inside. (Do not use your tongue for this!) Be sure to smell the cork to ensure that it smells of the wine and not of itself.

3) Pour some wine into a large glass. The best glass is large and tulip-shaped, clear and thin, without markings. Do not pour the wine into your glass-bottomed stainless steel Alfa mug or from an MG Mitten shot glass. Never drink wine directly from the bottle.

4) Now, take the screwdriver and carefully remove the two screws holding the license plate light housing to the bodywork.

5) Remove the old bulb and replace it with a fresh unit.

6) Re-install the light using the screwdriver and the original screws.

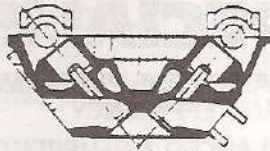
7) Turn the vehicle lights on using the switch provided by the manufacturer and located behind the steering wheel on the left side of the steering column. (If having trouble with this step, ask Mary for help. Ed.) This should cause the license plate lights to illuminate.

8) Repeat step three (3).

It is important to note here that such self-maintenance such as that discussed above may violate your warranty. It is suggested you check first with your Alfa dealer and your favorite wine merchant before embarking on such a project.

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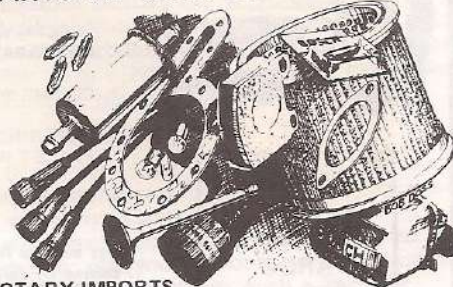
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The William S. Hart park in Newhall saw our last concours for 83 on Saturday 15 October. The turnout was fair, the weather kind, and Delores relieved that it was finally all over for the year. Speaking of Delores, we all owe her a very big thank you for the effort she put into making this year's concours season such an enjoyable one.

Best of show went to Ken Kaskie, who has been steadily improving all year and now has a Duetto that is a beauty to behold. Ken also won the peoples choice award, going home with THREE ribbons for his collection - well done! Newcomer Wendy Furth took a third in the closed class with her 2000GTV and promises to be back next year - watch out, Pat and Teri!

Without further ado, here are the full results:

Best of show:

Class A: Closed:

Kaskie, Ken 67 Duetto

Hayes, Pat	79 Sprint Veloce	1st	195 points
Wood, Teri	79 Sport Sedan	2nd	187 points
Furth, Wendy	74 2000 GTV	3rd	177 points

Class B: Open:

Kaskie, Ken	67 Duetto	1st	197 points
Lindgren, Sten	67 4R Zagato	2nd	194 points
Hoffman, Joel	81 Spider Veloce	3rd	177 points

Peoples Choice:

- |  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. Ken Kaskie, 67 Duetto   | 4. Pat Hayes, 79 Sprint Vel.   |
| 2. (Tie)<br>Teri Wood, 79 Sport Sedan<br>Joel Hoffman, 81 Spider | 5. Sten Lindgren, 67 4R Zagato |
|  | 6. Wendy Furth, 74 2000 GTV    |

FOR SALE: 1956 Alfa Spider spare parts; carburetors, trans, diff, extra windshield, hood, brake and drums & shoes, wheels, 1001 carb and manifold, distributors, cam covers, int & exh manifolds, hubcaps (glass), etc. \$1200 takes all. Call Joe 787-3141.

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