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by John Ireland

Rush, rush, rush...work is driving me crazy, just when I want to be driving my Alfa fast. I know, I will sneak away to Monterey, to the vintage auto races...to a place where time stands still and dreams of glory still survive, to a way of life that has no mortgages or credit checks or emissions rules... and once more, mild mannered John (advertising executive) Ireland becomes the one and only, fantastic, brilliant, sexy, devil-maycare, JOHNNY ALFA!!! Yes, Johnny Alfa...defender of the American standard of living and the Italian standard of driving!!!

The little red GTV, now equipped with Ward and Deane springs and rear bar, cuts through the mountains and heads north...the exhaust pipe gurgles a challenge to the Ferraris and Porsches...Johnny smiles at what a little radical timing can do to a stock set of cams... "What is it the old Zen monks used to say...oh yes, Life is a Slalom...Life is a Slalom!"

By the time you read this the races at Monterey will be history, but you can still see history in the continued on page 2



# Calendar of Events

September 11 - Slalom at Indian Dunes (see page 7)

17 - Time Trial at Riverside (see page 17)

18 - Champagne Brunch & Concours at Los Angeles Arboretum (see page 4)

23 - General Meeting

27 - Board Meeting at Ireland's.
Anyone interested in
a board or support position
is invited to come and see
how the board functions.
8:00 p.m. 841-8939

October 7/8/9- Pam Am XXII Rallye

15 - "Picnic in the Country"
Concours and Family Day
at William S Hart Park
(see pages 14 & 15)

28 - General Meeting

November 1 - Board Meeting

20 - Swap Meet/GENERAL MEETING/ Bake Sale, etc. Election of board officers.

26 - Time Trial at Riverside

December 3 - Christmas Party

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making when AROSC has it's grand finale concour at the Los Angeles Arboritum in Arcadia. See more about it elsewhere in the newsletter. The day before, on Sept. 17th, there's the Time Trial at Riverside International Raceway. And the following weekend, on the 23rd, a Friday, don't miss our General Meeting at Alondra Park. If you've ever considered putting an air dam or spoiler on your Alfa, this is a meeting where you'll get to ask a manufacturer just what to look for, and what to look out for when it comes to buying one.

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For those that haven't got the news about ARI's new address, here it is: Alfa Romeo, Inc. Western Division Headquarters
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This new location means they'll have more room for spare parts, but it is also the end of our traditional use of their facility for our January Meeting. Since these first of the year meetings were the key note event of the year, A.R.O.S.C. is now actively looking for a replacement...a place large enough to seat at least 200 people, plus display at least 6 or 7 cars, plus have an area where refreshments can be ser-It should also have the ability to show movies, have rest rooms, and good lighting, and a pa system so our guest speaker does not have to shout. And finally, it would be ideal if it were centrally located so that it is convenient to members If you know of such a place, give me a call. While our big January meeting has always been on the 4th Friday of that month...the Board would consider making a change if the meeting place warrented it.

I'll now get back to being Johnny Alfa...it's more fun to drive than write about it...and while you are still only anticipating the arrival of this lettle journal...Johnny Alfa is up to his ear and crank plugs in V-12s, and Turboed sixes, but they are a match for a good two liter Alfa, driven by a man posessed.

John, Alana, Marcello, Bruno, Millie, and the little red GTV.

#### FOR SALE WANTED

For Sale - '58 Guiletta Sprint for parts or ambitious restoration. Looks terrible but is tempting project. Prefer to sell car intact to make room for another Alfa project. Call or write for whole story best offer around \$400, Alan 750 N. 4th Street, Grover City, CA 93433, (805) 481-7422. Can deliver reasonable distance.

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Program directors special report: by Dave Skora



Within these past few months, I have been involved in pursuing a major career change. Recently an opportunity has been offered to me by Mitchell Manual (a professional oriented repair manual publisher). By the time you read this, I will be working for them as a technical editor in San Diego.

With the help of Lorin my wife and John Ireland I hope to fulfill my obligations as the club program director for this year. I want to thank everyone who helped me this past year and end by saying it has

been lots of fun.

The program for the September 23 General Meeting will be the long awaited representive of Kamei Spoilers. He will talk on auto Aero-

dynamic devices.

The October 28 General Meeting will be presented by the Robert Bosch Corp. They will explain the new fuel injection system found on all the new Alfa Romeos. I have attended a similar program put on by Bosch and it was very professionally done. In November we will be having our annual Swap meet, Bake sale, General Meeting and People's Choice Car Show. To Avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving weekend, this meeting will be held Sunday November 12. Election of new officers will also be at this time.

December will have no General Meeting, but our annual Christmas Party. Watch for details.

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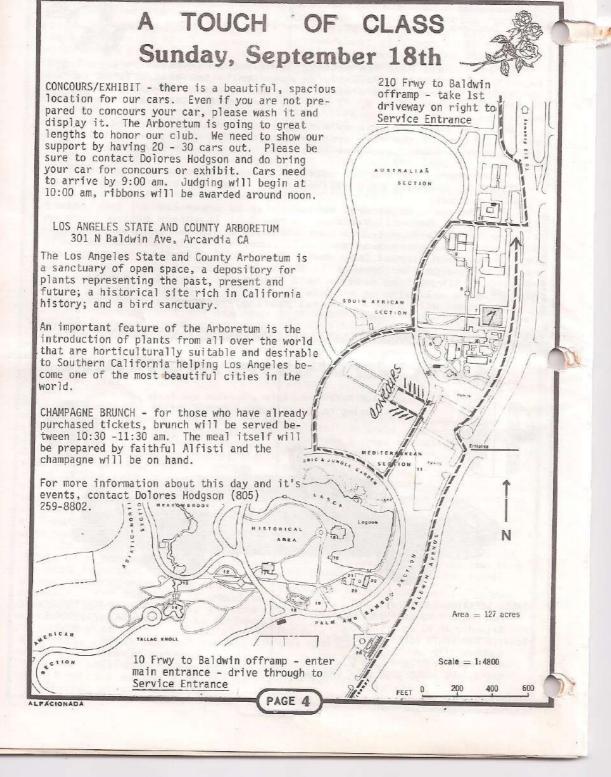
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SLALOM COURSE

by Jim Wood



The Cypress Swizzle slalom on August 21 was truly great fun. The AROSC representation was rather slight, John Ireland, Teri and Jim Wood. It was John and Teri's first slalom in a long time and only my third. But all 3 of us are going to slalom alot more. We were all running in class I, John in a GTV and Teri and I in a 79 Spider. Class I is mostly RX-7s and Datsun Is but the Alfas are quite competitive.

Teri and I also took our 20 month old daughter Beth in our Spider. She watched while Mom and Dad raced the course. So slaloming can be a great family sport. There have been many woman participating at each slalom I have attended.

We hope to see you all out at the next SCCSCC slalom at Indian Dunes. You will see more unusual cars at one of these slaloms than most car shows. Everything from stock econoboxes to custom race cars. So come for the spectacle, the crowds, the smells, but most of all to drive the slalom.

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Malibu Grand Prix

Challenge Results

The club average results for the Lotus West Grand Prix Challenge on August 9:

Guldstrand Racing Assoc. 53.715 Lotus West 54.437 AROSC 55.755 Long Beach M.G. 56.062

AROSC individual results:
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ENTRY FEE:

\$10 SCCSCC MEMBERS

\$13 VISITORS

TECH AND REGISTRATION: 7am to 3pm

COURSE WALKING: 7am to 7:45am; LUNCH

FIRST CAR OUT: 8am

RUN ORDER: HIZ-CDE-AMSN-TUL-QJ(SIT/IT)-KPR

RUNS: 3 TIMED RUNS

EXHAUST: CLOSED

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The Revenge of King 2 slalom sponcered by SCCSCC will count toward AROSC yearend awards. A Classes: Stock - under 1800cc T, over is Q. Prepared-under 1800cc K, over is I. slalom is running a course set up Prodified- class D traffic cones. The course in run strictly against the clock with the

classes. Slaloming in great fun and Alfas are a pretty competitive car. You can come and run any make car you like, and no special equipment is required. Loaner helmets available. Just watching the cars run can be great fun. See you there. Contact Jim Wood (213) 9913754 for Alfa info.

on an open paved area and marked by

cars being divided into several

Directions: Indians Dunes is a Motorcycle park not far from Magic Mountain. Take the 5 FWY north past Magic Mountain. Go west on highway 126 at Castaic junction for 3 or 4 miles. Follow signs to Indians Dunes. At gate ask for directions to slalom

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Listed below are the various board and support positions that need to be filled in order for AROSC to function and offer the variety of programs and events that AROSC is known for. Most of the 1983 Board has been comprised of individuals who have served on the board for 3 or more years and it is time for these folks to take a break and for others to jump in and do their part.



PRESIDENT - maintains communication with the National Owners Club; coordinates the activities of the AROSC board; chairs the general

meetings and board meetings.

VICE-PRESIDENT - fills the duties of the president in his/her absence; takes on special tasks for the club; assists the board members when needed.

TREASURER - maintains financial records for the club; works with the Membership Chairman on "dues splits"; deposit checks and write checks as needed on AROSC checking account.



MEMBERSHIP - keep an up-to-date record of all club members, answer any inquiries about the club and membership; handle club renewals.

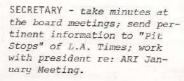
NEWSLETTER EDITOR - obtain articles from the board members and any other interested parties; type copy; paste-up the newsletter; take to printers and stick on labels for mailing. This can be done by several people as has been done this past



PROGRAM - plan and obment (film, speaker, etc.) for each month's General Meeting. Pro-

vide write-up for the newsletter on the meeting's program.

SOCIAL - arrange refreshments for each general meeting; organize Christmas Party, assist in any social events for the club.





COMPETITION DIRECTOR - oversees all competition events; chairs the Time Trial Committee; approves any competition code

TIME TRIAL DIRECTOR - directs all Time Trial activities; works with Time Trial Committee; communicates with Newsletter Editor on upcoming events and results.



CONCOURS - arrange for two or more concours during the year and oversees all the necessary arrangements; makes suggestions for changes to Competition Director; communicates necessary information to Newsletter

SLALOM - encourage and promote slalom activities within our club, and/or encourage participation in SCCSCC events; serve as clubs representative and attend monthly SCCSCC meetings, clear all events with Competition Director; notify Newsletter Editor of upcoming events.

some form of entertain- RALLYE - arrange for two or more rallyes during the year. The rallyes can be done by others and overseen by this chairman, make recommendations for changes of the Rallye Competition Code.

> RAFFLE - pursue prizes, provide tickets, sell tickets at General Meeting breaks and oversee the raffle and prize distribution.

PUBLICITY - arrange for club events to be listed in various publications, assist in creating art work to publicize events.



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#### TECH TALK

Marelli Dual Point Ignition - Check and Diagnosis.

The Marelli dual point ignition was used by Alfa on late seventies models to prevent excessive detonation ("knock") on engines destined for the U.S. (translation: Low quality gasoline) market. Properly set up, it is quite effective - permitting a reasonable degree of spark advance under most driving conditions while still preventing engine self-destruction under heavy load. The problem is that set-up of the system is both time consuming and often poorly understood (even by some dealers). Good arguments can and have been made both ways for retaining or replacing the dual point ignition - I don't intend to enter that debate in this article. However, the fact remains that on cars that do have this ignition, all its benefit is lost if the system is not properly set up.

First then, a quick run down on how the system is meant to work. The fundamental principle is that when two sets of points are connected in parallel to the same coil, it is the set that opens LAST that determines the time at which the spark occurs. Now, referring to Figure 1, the Marelli distributor is equipped with two sets of points designated "primary" and "secondary". The secondary points are set so that they open 6 crankshaft degrees (i.e. 3 distributor degrees) later than the primary set. The primary points are connected directly to the coil, while the secondary points connect via two switches - one actuated by starter current and the other by manifold vacuum. If either of the switches is open, the secondary points are disconnected from circuit and engine timing is that of the primary points. Whenever both of the switches are closed, the secondary points are connected in parllel with the primary points, and their setting determines the timing.

Now, lets follow through a typical sequence to see how all of this works: You get into the car and crank the engine. While the engine is cranking, the start relay is fed with current via the starter and F.I. cold start circuit, opening its contacts. The ignition timing is thus that of the primary (advanced) points for easiest starting. (Notice that the coil's ballast resistor is also bypassed during cranking, giving a good spark even though the battery voltage is reduced by the high current draw of the starter motor.) As soon as the engine fires, releasing the key removes the current to the start relay and its contacts resume their normally closed position. However engine vacuum at idle will now open the vacuum switch, so ignition timing remains on the advanced set of points. Drive off at part throttle, and the vacuum is still sufficient to keep the switch open still running on the primary points. But, whenever that instinctive right foot driver reaction occurs, for example: a) Ugly BMW grille noticed filling rear view mirror; b) Steep hill in front, 2001b mother-in-law in back seat; c) Open stretch of road, not a CHip in sight — vacuum drop will close the switch contacts and ignition timing will change to that of the secondary (retarded) points, preventing detonation at wide throttle and/or heavy load.

Before we get into details on checking out the system, a couple of quick notes: 1) The wire colors marked on my drawings are those found on a 79 Sprint Veloce. These may vary on other models/years - but the circuit is really easy to trace. All of the pieces live on the distributor side of the engine compartment in fairly close proximity to one another. Probably the easiest starting point is the connector labelled A in the diagram - simply locate the wires coming from the distributor, follow them to the connector and trace from there. 2) For those of you of the "disconnect it" persuasion: Eyeballing the system under the hood, the knee-jerk reaction may be to disconnect and plug the hose leading to the

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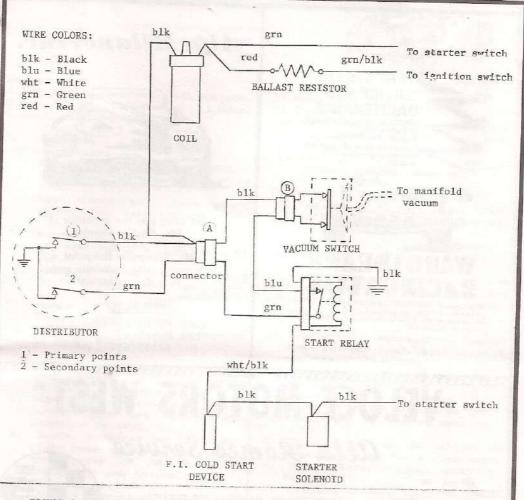


FIGURE 1 - MARELLI QUAL POINT IGNITION WIRING (79 Sprint Veloce).

vacuum switch. This is the worst thing you could possibly do - the engine will run permanently retarded at all times except during cranking! If you do want to experiment with running fully advanced all the time, not even wire cutters are needed - just unplug the connector labelled (A) and leave it to dangle.

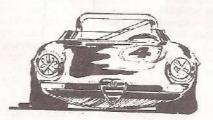
At this point, I've run out of space for this month, so in next months  $\,$  issue we will continue into the detailed troubleshooting procedure.

- Pat Hayes.

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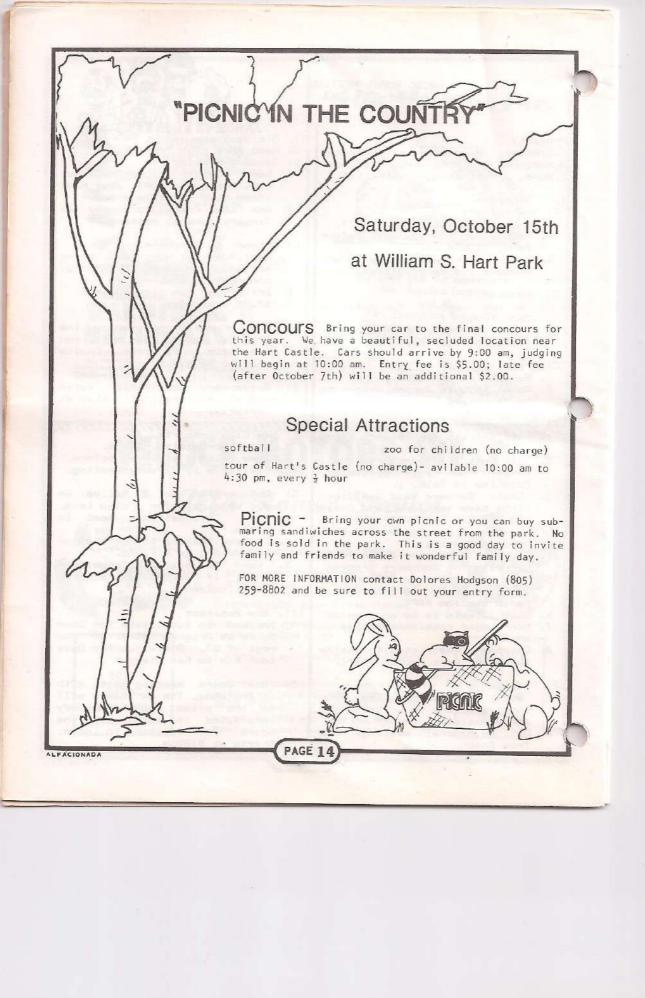
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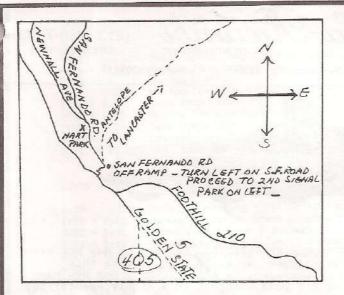
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- Reports:
- A) Newsletter:
- 1. August newsletter cost \$227.
- 2. Newsletter to go out Sept. 11 Slalom. before
- 3. Sept. issue will have board members job descriptions.
- B) Membership:
- i. E new members for total of
- Joel to bring new membership forms to Sept. meeting.
- C) Treasurer
- 1. Balance about \$3200.
- 2. About \$500 in Jacket orders to
- D) Concours
- 1. Need tickets for brunch entry at Sept. 18 Concours.
- 2. Jush Seot. 18 concours, call members not yet repistered. Deadline is Sect. 1.
- Santa Barbara and San Diego clubs have been invited. Craig Morningstar of ARI has been invited. A new Soider and GTV6 to be on display.
- 4. Club to purchase large Alfa umbrella for Concours program.
- Try to get Len Frank to announce Sept. 18 concours on radio station KPFK.
- 6. Club Jackets to be on disolay.
- 7. Non-Judged cars on display to
- 8. Champagne restricted to inside building. Warn brunch goers.
- F) Program
  - Sept. 23 meeting Rep. from Kamei Spoilers to discuss car
- 2. Oct. 28 general meeting. from Bosch.

II. Old Business

- A) Need more club T-shirts.
- B) January Meeting
- Need meeting place, Check out L.A. Arboretum. ARI will host 1. Need if we find suitable place.
- 2. Ask Len Frank to January general meeting. speak
- C) October 15 Concours.
- 1. Family day at Hart park, bring softball equipment. Informal
- 2. Bring your own signic lunch. 3. \$5.00 entry fee.
- D) Nov. meeting on Sunday the 20th, Car show, swap meet, and bake sale. People's Choice award to be piven.
- E) Aniversary membershio down at national, will stay at voted quarterly.
- F) New Club T-shirts.
- 1. Jack Becronis to handle.
- 2. Same color & style as before.
- 3. Available by January meeting.
- 5) October Pan Am 22 Rallye. We need more cars for a club team.
- H) Alfa International meet in
  - i. Ireland talking to Morningstar and friend in Finland.
- 2. Need to start a committee soon. If interested contact
- III. New Business
- A) Ireland to substitute for Dave Skora as Program director for rest of 83. A new job for Dave took him to San Diego.
- B) Next Board meeting Sept. 27th at Irelands. The 84 board will be the prime topic. Anybody interested in being on the board is invited to come. Starts at 8:00om.





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

PRE-TECH will be held Saturday, Sept 10 , 1983, at Sperry Valve Works and Veloce Motors West, 1647 W. Sepulveda Blvd., unit  $\sharp 10$ , Torrance, 10 am to 1 pm. All drivers are strongly urged to get tech over before the event, especially novices. For info, call Mike Sperry (213) 325-7549.

ENTRY DEADLINE is at Pre-tech, Sept 10. Mail entries before Sept 10 to: Andy Steben, 911 N. Olive, Alhambra, CA 91801, or bring to Pre-tech.

Awards presentation, clean-up

ENTRY FEE is \$55.00, late entry fee is \$65.00, make checks payable to AROSC.

NO LATE NOVICE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

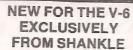
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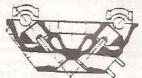
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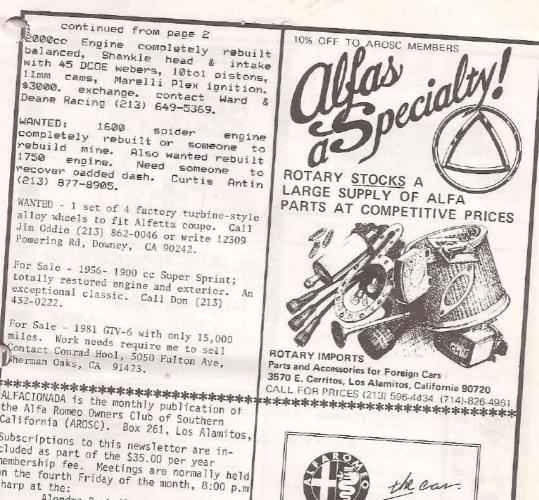
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