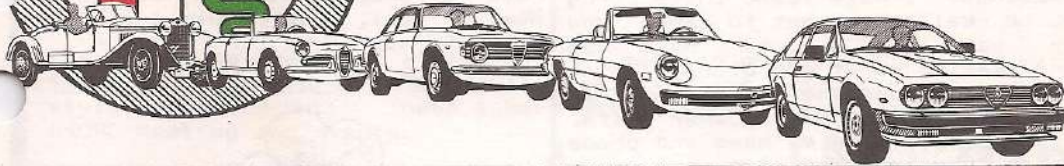




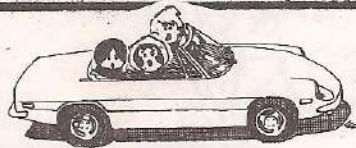
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THE ALFISITI FAMILY

by Teri Wood

The March Meeting was one of the best that we can ever recall. Mike Sperry did a GREAT job. I learned quite a bit about head and valve work so the next Jim wants to have a head job done on one of our Alfas I'll ask him is he wants a short or full job done. Unfortunately, I left Chuck Hodgson's beautiful P3 art work at home so luckily for those of you who missed this meeting you will have one more chance to win this one of a kind masterpiece. It will be raffled off at the April meeting. The Tipo 33 ride went to Joel Hoffman. There will be 2 more winners chosen from the May and June General Meetings. Don't forget to buy your ticket!

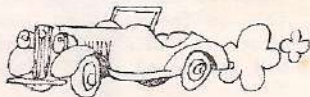
The board discussed at our last meeting the purpose of our club membership card. We could not think of any time that we would use our club car. We all use the national card for discounts on parts, etc. We would like to then discontinue the expense involved with club cards and thus save the club a couple of hundred dollars.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APRIL 1 - FREE Alfa Spiders for anyone who shows up and asks for one. Today only at the factory in Milano
- 14/15- Time Trial at Willow Springs. See March issue
- 27 - General Meeting at Alondra Park. 8PM SHARP!!! Andy has a number of possibilities for this meeting, all of them are primo.
- MAY 12 - FIRST concours of the year at Lutheran High in Burbank. This is a good event to catch even if you don't show your own car. See Page 6,7 for details and entry form.
- 18 - General Meeting at Alondra Park. Moved up a week from normal, partly to confuse you, but mostly to miss the Memorial day weekend. If this is the Ward and Deane program, you should be tarred and feathered if you miss it.
- JUNE Too far away to worry about yet anyway. See February issue for prospective calendar.

We are out of the business style cards that give the basic information about AROSC. These are currently at the printers but will be available at events and general meetings. I have found these cards to be real convenient to carry and an easy way to pass on information about our club. I most frequently use the cards when I am out shopping and see another Alfa. I simply jot down my name and phone # on the back and slip the card under the windshield wiper. Many people I come across are not even aware that there is an Alfa club. You'll be proud of the new art work and the 2 color run will make it something you'll be proud to pass out.

My father has the very rare opportunity to drive in this year's Mille Miglia. For those of you who aren't familiar with this Italian race let me fill you in. I believe that this race styled road rallye is over 60 years old. It covers 1,000 miles of Italian roads through various types of terrain and is run in 2 days. Due to a race related death in the late 60's this race was cancelled. It has now been revived and uses only vintage and older race cars. I hope that my father will be able to come and share about his very special experience with us later this year. I suspect that he will be one of only a handful of Americans that have ever participated in this event. If any of you have more information about the Mille Miglia, we'd sure appreciate getting copies.



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Everything else seems to be running quite smoothly. All of the board members are doing a good job to offer you the best year ever. Be sure to look elsewhere in the newsletter for more details on upcoming events and reports, etc.

Have a great month and ciao for now,
Teri, Jim, Beth & our two litte Alfas.



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PO Box 947, Lawndale, CA 90260-0947

Subscriptions to this newsletter are included as part of the \$35.00 per year membership fee. Meeting are normally held on the 4th Friday of the month, 8:00pm sharp at the:

Alondra Park Clubhouse
3850 Manhattan Beach Blvd
Lawndale, CA

DIRECTIONS: 405 to Hawthorne exit, north a short block to Manhattan Beach blvd, right about 1.5 miles.

For more information call:

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(818) 991-3754
Jim Wood (Membership)

Send articles, letters, ads, etc. directly to the editor by the 1st of the month for publication!

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RETURN of the AROSC T-SHIRT

The famous (infamous) AROSC T-shirt is here again.
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AROSC T-Shirt!!

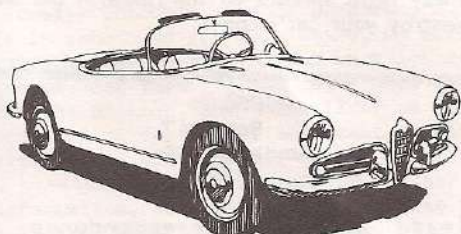
These are made of the finest Quality 100% cotton (HANES beefy T) with
a Four color silk-screened AROSC - Alfa Romeo logo on the front
(see picture)

They will be available at the April meeting on the 27th for a mere
\$8.50, a bargain!!! There will be men's size S-M-L-XL and ladies
style sizes S-M-L. These superb shirts were ONLY be available at
AROSC Meeting and events.

Raffles * Raffles * Raffles

- This Tipo 33 helped Alfa win
the Championship of Makes in
1975. Joe DiLoreto offered as a
fundraiser for the Time Trial
program, 6 separate rides in this
magnificent machine. Each ride is
to be 1 lap around the Riverside
Raceway track during the July 7th
Time Trial. One ride will be
raffled at each of the February,
April, May and June meetings.

HOW TO GET YOUR CHANCE TO WIN -
tickets may be purchased at the
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tickets for \$5.00. If you will not
be at the general meetings, you may
send your money and name, address &
phone number to Sue Harmon, 1558
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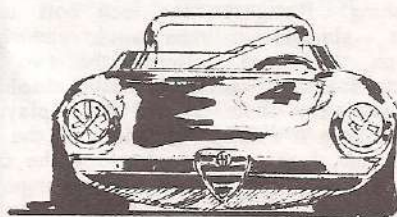
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ALFA
the PUZZLER ?!?

During 1935, Alfa Romeo negotiated to
sell 602300 engines to a famous English
car manufacturer that is still in business.
Although the negotiations were not success-
ful, the possibilities are intriguing.
What is the name of the English company and
why did they want the engines?
(answer elsewhere in this issue)

?!?

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(Courtesy of Ohio Valley AROC)

Chain Tensioner Adjustment: I've said it before and I'll say it again for the benefit of our newer members - I do not recommend using the official Alfa Romeo method of cam chain tensioning that is done with the engine running at idle. Connecticut Chapter President Don Ereminas (of Ereminas Imports) recently wrote in their newsletter about two of his customers who bent valves using this technique (one of these lucky owners went on to drive the car anyway, and destroyed his cylinder head). The first step in chain tensioning is to remove the cam cover and loosen the 14mm lock bolt just enough to allow the tensioner to slide. If you unscrew the bolt too far, you'll really mess things up (the bolt has a little nib on the end that must mate with a hole in the tensioner locking wedge). Don recommends the simple method in which the tensioner sprocket is pushed with a long screwdriver or pry bar while the lock bolt is retightened. Personally, I still prefer to tighten the chain by turning over the engine manually. Remove the spark plugs, and then hand crank slowly and smoothly by means of a ratchet and 1 1/4" socket on the crankshaft pulley nut. If you don't have access to the pulley, you'll have to use the next best method, which is pushing the car forward in 5th gear on a perfectly level surface - there must be no rollback when you stop pushing. Retighten the lock bolt (don't overdo it - aluminum cylinder head, remember?) and check the chain between the two cam sprockets. It should feel tight, have absolutely no sag, and very little up and down play. If you're not sure it's fully tightened, do the procedure again. I recommend checking the chain at least as frequently as every oil change. In fact, it's not a bad idea to combine these two jobs. With the cam cover off, you can do the "purist" oil change - in which the half quart or so of old oil that's trapped in the cylinder head is also removed.

Chain Tensioner Removal/Installation: If you're doing any cylinder head work such as milling or a valve job, you'll want to remove the chain tensioner components. Owners of 2-liter engines are blessed with a convenience here that many are unaware of. The cylinder head has a removable threaded plug at the outside end of the tensioner bore. With the plug and spring removed, reinstallation of the tensioner components is a breeze. The little locking wedge and lock bolt can be lined up visually, with none of the hassle that accompanies this job when the spring is in place. The spring and threaded plug are reinstalled as the last step.

Alumaseal: Several months ago I had to do a fairly major engine repair job that required removal of the pistons and liners. In any job like this, cleaning is usually the most time-consuming task. My cleaning work was made a lot more difficult because I had been using Alumaseal as a coolant additive. Alumaseal is a very finely divided aluminum powder that is designed to plug small nooks and crannies where leaking might occur. I found that it also fills bigger nooks and crannies. Every drilling, corner, dead space, etc. inside the block was filled with a gooey aluminum sludge that was no fun at all to remove. I'm sure Alumaseal is an effective product, but it causes such a mess that I decided not to use it again.

Coolant Mixture: One thing that pleased me during my engine overhaul was my inability to find the slightest trace of any rust or corrosion inside the engine. Also, the coolant was as clear and green as it was when I poured it in two years before. I attribute this happy situation to my use of distilled water in making the 50-50 antifreeze mix. I like to avoid tap water because it contains a small amount of chloride ion - the prime catalyst for rusting, and the same culprit that the Highway Dept. spreads on the roads in the winter to destroy your car's body.



NOW.
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Thank You

CONVENTION UPDATE



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ALFA RAINIER '84

This years AROC Natl. Convention has two very good reasons for you to attend. The first is that it is to be held in Seattle WA. The drive alone should be worth it, whether you take a leisurely drive up 101 thru the Red Woods and on up the Oregon coast, or let your Alfa engine unwind up I-5, you will be sure to catch some of the West coasts more beautiful scenery. The second reason is a first, that is it is the first International convention as the Canadian AROC Natl. Convention will be jointly held. So you can expect to see cars that you have never seen before and met other Alfa Enthusiasts.

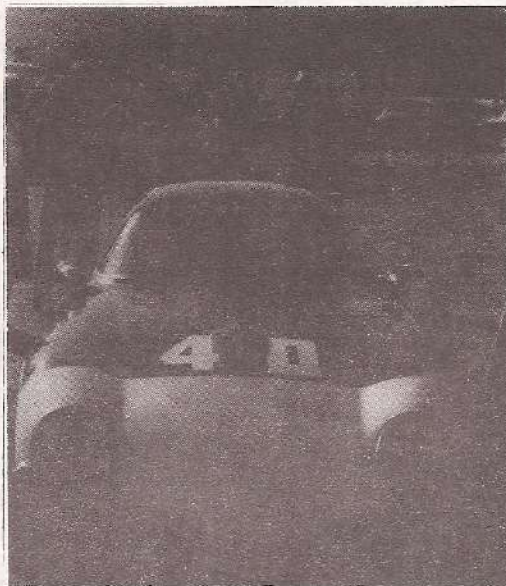
The schedule is as follows:

Thursday- Executive Board Meeting
 Friday- Autoctoss, Rally, Cocktail party
 Saturday- Time trials at SIR, Banquet
 Sunday- Concours, Awards Luncheon.

It is scheduled for July 26-29, so mark your calanders, put in your vacation requests, and then in July put a note out for the milkman, and join all of us who are heading North, for the greatest Alfa event ever, Alfa Rainier '84.

Watch this news letter for further information, or you could always come to a General Meeting.

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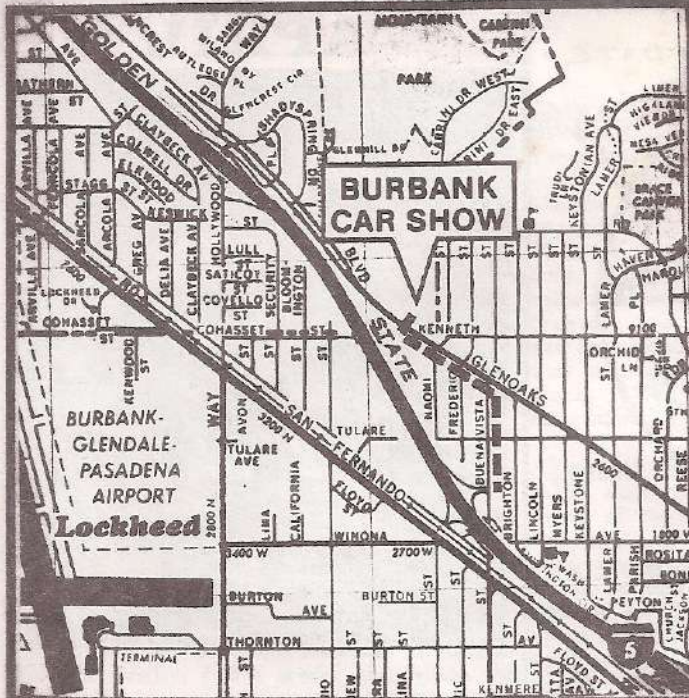
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concours '84

DATE:

Saturday May, 19, 1984.

PLACE:

Lutheran High School,
7500 N. Glenoaks Blvd.,
Burbank.

TIME:

Set up 7-9 a.m.
Judging starts 10 a.m.

ENTRY DETAILS:

Fee: \$10 (see blurb)
Deadline: Fri April 27.
Late entries: \$15
(Space permitting)

QUESTIONS ?????

Pat Hayes
(714) 833 8830 work.
(714) 830 5273 home.

CONCOURS BLURB

Our first concours of the year will be held in conjunction with the fifth annual Burbank Car Show at the L.A. Lutheran High School. To enter, please complete the entry form (included as an insert in this issue of *Alfacionada*) and mail it to me, together with two checks for \$5.00 each: One payable to the Lutheran High School, and one payable to A.R.O.S.C. Entries must be received by me no later than Friday, April 27. Late entries will be accepted on the day of the show, subject to space available and payment of an additional \$5 late fee.

The reason for the "two check" approach is that, since we are holding our club concours as a sub-event within a much larger show, there are two different entry fees to pay. Separating them not only makes the administration easier for me, but also provides you with a record of

the amount paid to Lutheran High, should you wish to deduct this as a donation on your next tax return.

For those of you who have not competed in one of our club concours before, but are thinking about it this year, I have put together an information package containing a copy of the AROSC Concours competition code (i.e. the "rule book"), a sample scoresheet, and a seven-page "tips and techniques" based on my own methods of preparing a car for concours. I have oriented the tips and techniques toward preparing a car that is in daily use, rather than a "show special". If you would like a copy, all I ask is that you pay the postage. Mail me your name and address on a slip of paper together with 55c in stamps (or three 20c stamps) if want the entire package, or 20c in stamps for the Competition Code and scoresheet only. The address is: Pat Hayes, 26451 Avenida Deseo, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

A. C. Cor entrants only.

ENTRY BLANK

Owner's Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 Exhibitor (if other than owner)
 Alfa Romeo _____
 Make of Car _____ Model _____ No. of Cylinders _____
 Year _____ Body Style _____
 Color _____ Body by _____

IMPORTANT

1. Please enclose picture with entry (may be used for publicity)
2. Please sign release below:
3. Make \$5 check payable to Lutheran High School

Mail entry blank to:
 Pac Hayes
 26451 Avenida Desco
 Mission Viejo, CA 92691
 (Including second \$5 check payable to A.R.O.S.C.)

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The undersigned, desiring to enter and participate in the Burbank Car Show to be held at the Lutheran High School on May 19, 1984, does hereby tender his/her application. In consideration of the acceptance by the sponsoring organizations of the application by the undersigned to participate in said event, the undersigned does hereby agree to:

1. Release the Lutheran High School and the organization's respective members, officers, directors and chairmen, jointly and severally from any and all liability arising out of said event.
2. Release all officials, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising out of said event.
3. Warrant that the undersigned has personally read the rules and regulations under which said event will be conducted and will abide by said rules and regulations.
4. Does hereby give permission to use the enclosed photographs and information of entrant's automobile(s) for publicity purposes.

Accepted on above Terms and Conditions by

Owner (please sign)

- Door Prizes
- Entertainment
- Food
- Refreshments
- Exhibits

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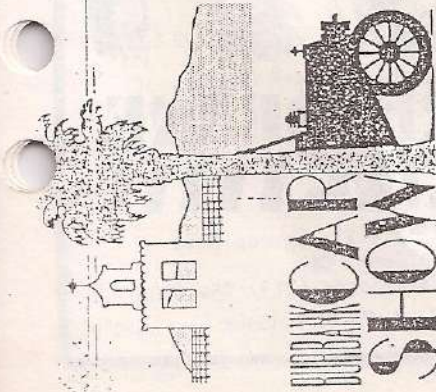
- Chairman's Choice
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- Executive Director's Choice
- Development
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- Ladies Choice
- Alumni Choice
- Burbank Mayor's Choice
- LHS Faculty's Choice
- LHS Principal's Choice
- Car Show
- Committee's Choice
- LHS Executive
- Director's Choice
- People's Choice
- Students' Choice
- Best of Show

One award only will be given in each of these special categories.

No "FOR SALE" Signs on Vehicles.

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\$5 ENTRY FEE

(Includes Driver's Admission and Door Prize Tickets)

Entries must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1984 for listing in the program.

Spectator Admission:

- Adults \$3.00
- High School Students \$1.50
- Children under 12 \$1.00
- Children under 5 Free

Schedule:

- SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1984
- 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Placement of cars on field
- 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. - Gates open to public
- 3:00 p.m. - Awards Presentation

Procedure:

All entries will receive participation plaques.
 Car and Exhibitor must be present to win.

COLLECTOR'S CAR INSURANCE

If you are the recent buyer of a rare, unusual or old Alfa, you may not be aware that a number of insurance companies offer coverage for these cars at much more reasonable rates than the company that covers your everyday car. If the car is used less than 2500 miles per year, is not driven to work, is not used for racing or other timed events and has not been "modified", full coverage can be purchased for around \$200 per year for a car newer than 25 years old. This rate will, of course, depend on how much you are covering the car for since, unlike your normal insurance you declare how much value you wish to insure.

A sampling of companies, along with a typical rate structure is shown below:

\$300,000 liability for \$18/year
\$5,000 medical for \$7/year
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per \$100 of vehicle value comprehensive and collision for \$1.40/year

A sampling of companies are:

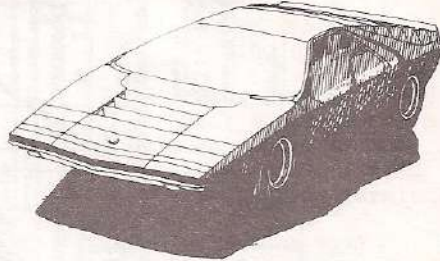
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RALLYE PROGRAM FOR 1984

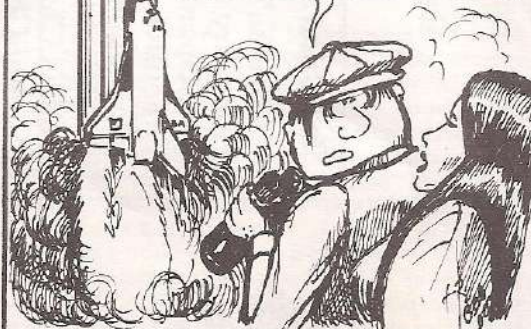
As in years past, AROSC will hold a rallye program. This year, however, we hope to hold more, and higher quality, events. Gary Peterson, our new rallye chairman, has an extensive rallye background. Some of this expertise was shown at our February meeting, where he told us all about rallye basics. In order to help our program out, please call Gary at (818) 761-4782 or fill out the survey and drop it off with any board member at a club event. The survey can be found on page 9.



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Name _____

Model ALFA _____

Area you live in _____

1. Have you ever been in a rallye? YES _____ NO _____

2. As a DRIVER _____, or a NAVIGATOR _____

3. What types of rallyes have you entered? (ie TSD, Monte Carlo, Gimnick, etc.)

4. What did and didn't you like about them? _____

5. If you heard Gary Peterson's talk about rallying, what would you like to hear more (or less) of regarding rallyes?

6. What days of the week and what time of day would be the most convenient for you?

7. How long and how far do you think a rallye should be?

8. Have you ever written a rallye? _____ Would you like to? _____

9. Would you like to work a checkpoint during a rallye? _____

10. Do you have a stop watch? _____ A road Atlas? _____ Piles of other expensive equipment that won't help when you're lost? _____

11. Other Comments and Suggestions

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The ALFABET is a new feature of the ALFACIONADA in which, each month, another letter of the "alfabet" will feature some vignette. These little pieces will all have something to do with Alfas, from ALFA to Zagato and everything in between. Naturally, every series must have a starting point, and so, we start with A (clever choice!)

ALFA CORSE

After the departure of the great engineer, Vittorio Jano and the great driver, Tazio Nuvolari in the thirties, Alfa Romeo decided that, in order to keep racing under control, they needed a special organization to handle Grand Prix development. This organization was to be known as "Alfa Corse". A forerunner of today's Autodelta, Alfa Corse employed some of the best Italian racing people.

Luigi Bazzi and Gioacchino Colombo (later designer of many Ferrari engines) were brought together along with Ferrari himself in order to challenge the Germans for the 1938 Grand Prix season. In pursuit of this end, they ran the 12 cylinder type 312, and then the 16 cylinder type 316. This second car was able to win second and fourth places in the 1938 Italian Grand Prix.

However, Alfa Corse failed in its objective to successfully challenge the German Mercedes and Auto Unions. They had to rely for success on the new type 158, developed for voiturette racing. This car, which was developed with Alfa Corse personnel, was considered a "hot property" by Alfa and the opposition. Because of this, the Grand Prix rules were changed to require these types of cars.

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 broke down.
 Mr. Inman Hunter doesn't explain why they
 vanced stage, the Aston-Martin historian,
 Although the negotiations reached an ad-
 they negotiated to buy 60000 Alfa engines.
 performance engine. In order to save money,
 During 1935, Aston-Martin, who was pro-
 ducing 1.5 liter cars, needed a higher

ALFA PUZZLER ANSWER

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Even this wasn't enough to save the lagging Alfa fortunes. Eight months after the rule change, Mercedes unveiled a new W165 at the Tripoli Grand Prix. The two Mercedes beat the Alfettas at this, their only race. They were then put in storage.

Development work continued on the Alfettas, and they were put in storage when war started. Finally, after WW II, Alfa Corse won its GP championships when the Alfettas dominated racing in the immediate postwar period. By this time, Ferrari was a competitor instead of a collaborator.

Next month: the letter "B"

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March 5	Firebird Lake
April 7-8	Eloy (street race)
May 13	PIR
Sept 23	PIR
October	Open
Nov. 4	PIR
Dec. 2	PIR



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Classified ads are available as a free service to AROSC members, and at a nominal \$2/month charge to non-members advertising Alfa related items. If you wish to place an ad, please send the copy to me, give it to a board member or, as a last resort, send it to the club PO box. Make sure you include your name and phone number with the ad or no one will reach you. Normally, ads should be received by the first of the month to be sure of appearing in the current issue. If you have questions, call Steve Averill at (213) 543-5289.

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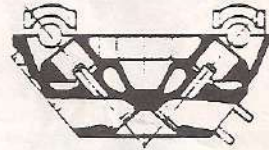
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