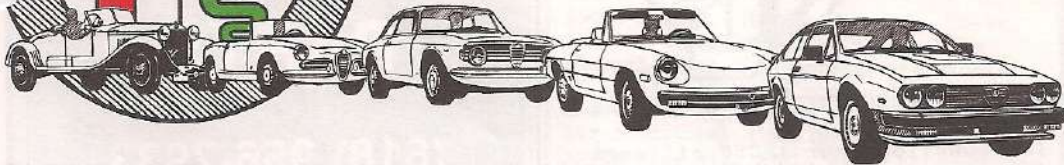




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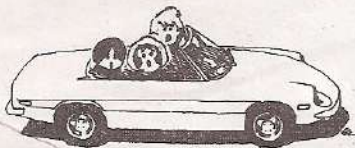


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THE ALFISTI FAMILY by Teri Wood

Of Christmas Past - Well, many of you missed a wonderful Christmas party. Charlie was as usual the perfect host. Joanne Peterson, Alana Ireland and our own Alfa Claus made the evening very special. Thank you all. Also in our recent past was our partially rained out time Time Trial at Riverside. It was well organized and well attended. The Swap Meet in mid-November was a success with a great big thanks to Al Cortes for making the whole thing possible.

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Of Christmas Future - We have our new slate of board officers and I'm glad to say that all positions are filled. We didn't even have to break any arms. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for the complete listing. It won't take long for you to find out that this is a great group of people who will serve you exceptionally well. Also in our future, is our January Meeting. We will again be at the El Camino City College right next to our Alondra Park facility. ARI will be present with their special input, a wonderfully humorous speaker is in the offing and the awards will again be an exciting part of the evening. JANUARY 25th is the next general meeting.

Of Christmas Present - My year is gone. I feel that it has been a good year for AROSC and trust that you all have enjoyed being a part of the club. For the most part, I have enjoyed the presidency but I look forward to retiring. Jim will continue to be active and I hope to come along to events as an Alfa enthusiast. We both hope that your holidays will be filled with special meaning. May God be with you and bless you.

So goodnight to all and to all a good night, from Teri and family!



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EDITOR'S DESK

FROM THE EDITOR —

So long to another year which, like most years, was a mixture of nice and so-so events. Since the purpose of reading this rag is to find out more about Alfas, we'll skip all the international politics, sex and religious issues and get straight to Alfas.

AROSC had a good year last year. We didn't go broke or lose members, and we had a lot of various activities to choose from. Much of the credit should go to Teri Wood, for her tireless work on behalf of club activities (even some she doesn't really care for). Phyllis Gaylard and Pat Hayes also deserve special thanks for being early and very well organized. Finally, thanks to Andy Steben for the many outstanding programs that he arranged this year. Everyone else on the board was also great to work with this year as well. The most thanks, though, go to my wife, Nancy, who helped a lot with printing and mailing of the newsletter. Speaking of the newsletter, my main regret is that I couldn't get all, or even most of the things I wanted to done. Sorry.

A little more mixed than AROSC, is Alfa's performance this year. In Europe, Alfa introduced new models and teamed up with Nissan (on the Pulsar, of all things, one of the ugliest cars ever in notchback form). However, we in the USA are still limited to either an aging Spider or a GTV-6 of spotty quality (not bad if you luck out and get a good one). Alfa dealers are also still mixed, with some long term good ones and some that are gosh awful.

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However, there's maybe a little chick-en-and-egg in all this. Maybe someday we'll look back and see that Alfa's climb up in the US market started in 1985, Alfa's 75th anniversary. Maybe then we too will get gold and green cloverleaf high performance versions of Alfa's newer and more desirable models, and Veloce will again mean more than air conditioning and power windows. Maybe Alfa will again win a Formula One title. Here's hoping. Happy Holidays.

Steve

ALFA the PUZZLER

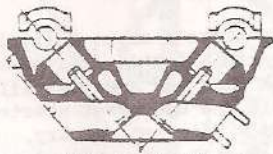
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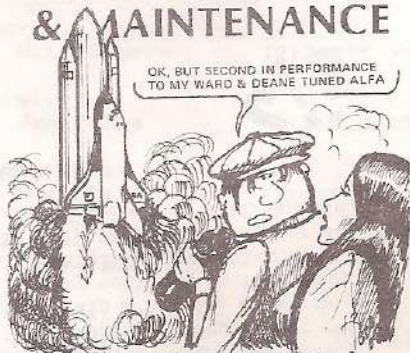
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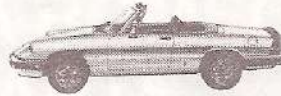
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If you do not renew on time using the bill from AROC you will miss the January issue of the Alfa Owner. However, your membership will still extend for 12 months and for 12 issues of the Alfa Owner and the Alfacionada.

We hope that you, the membership, like this new renewal process. If you have any suggestions please let us know. Also new membership cards from national should be coming out shortly after the first of the year. They will include your membership expiration date

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3. What events would you be interested in participating in?

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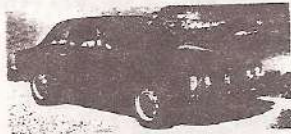
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November 24, 1984

One thing you can say about Riverside in November is that the weather was certainly different from that in July. I said it would be cooler -- it was about 50F; I didn't get a sunburn -- it was cloudy all day; I didn't get dehydrated -- it rained by noon, even though the weatherman said it would start after 6PM. No-one knew an anti-rain dance, so we went home early.

We had 22 Time Trialers and 20 Special Intro drivers come to Riverside, but the day started ominously when the track personnel weren't ready to let us in. As a result, we started late, but everyone got some track time before the lite rain started. When 2 cars spun, it was obvious that the wet was combining with the NASCAR oil from the previous weekend, and it was time to stop running seriously. John Samson decided to proceed with the noon-hour Special Intro practice, with the instructors holding conservative corner speeds but a brisk straight-away pace. The idea was that these people would have to drive home in the rain, and could get some experience in handling their cars at no extra risk. While the time trialers loaded up to go home, the Special Intros splashed about having a great time.

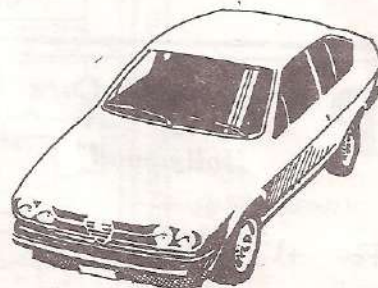
I want to thank the people who came out for the event, both to run and to work. We really appreciate the extra help from those who aren't running a car: John Samson put on a great program, as usual, for the novices and Special Intro drivers, with wife Carol helping registration and son Mark setting up the corners, manning the truck, and making things come together; Dan Hake worked tech and pre-tech, as well as the Tower, where he had quite a baptism by fire (flood?) as John Ireland had to work that day; Bill Sundin and Bill Kohl instructed the Special Intros, and they don't even belong to the club; Ann Steben worked registration without Andy, who helped with tech for the injured Mike Sperry; Randy Bent and wife came out to help on the corners and timing; thanks also to any one I missed. Also, thanks to VARA, Corvettes Limited,

and other friends/non-Alfa drivers, who help keep our Time Trial program going.

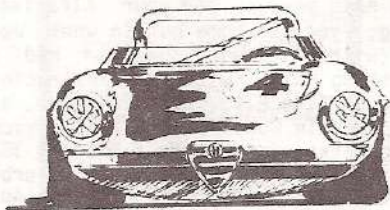
Because of the great positive response to the Special Intro program, we will continue to offer it at our Time Trials next year. If your Alfa isn't running, you can come out in what does run (within reason). We had an interesting mix, with the instructors driving an Alfa GTV, a Volvo wagon, and a BIG Lincoln Continental, and novices driving Alfas, Corvettes, a Mustang 350, a Pontiac 6000 STE, a Maserati BiTurbo, a Datsun 300 ZX, a Porsche 944, an Audi 5000S, a Mazda RX-7, an SCCA Showroom Stock Chevy Citation, a Camaro, and a Lotus 20 Formula car.

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Phyllis Gaylard



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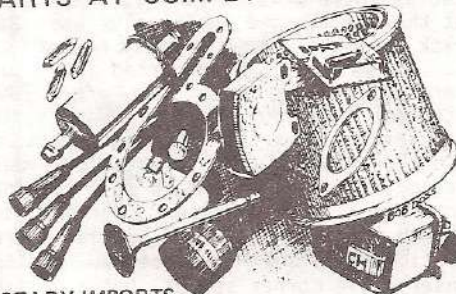
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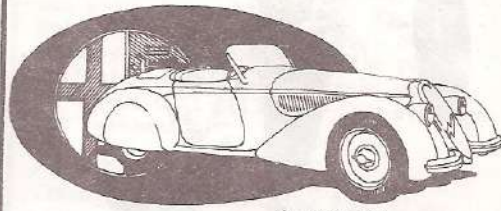
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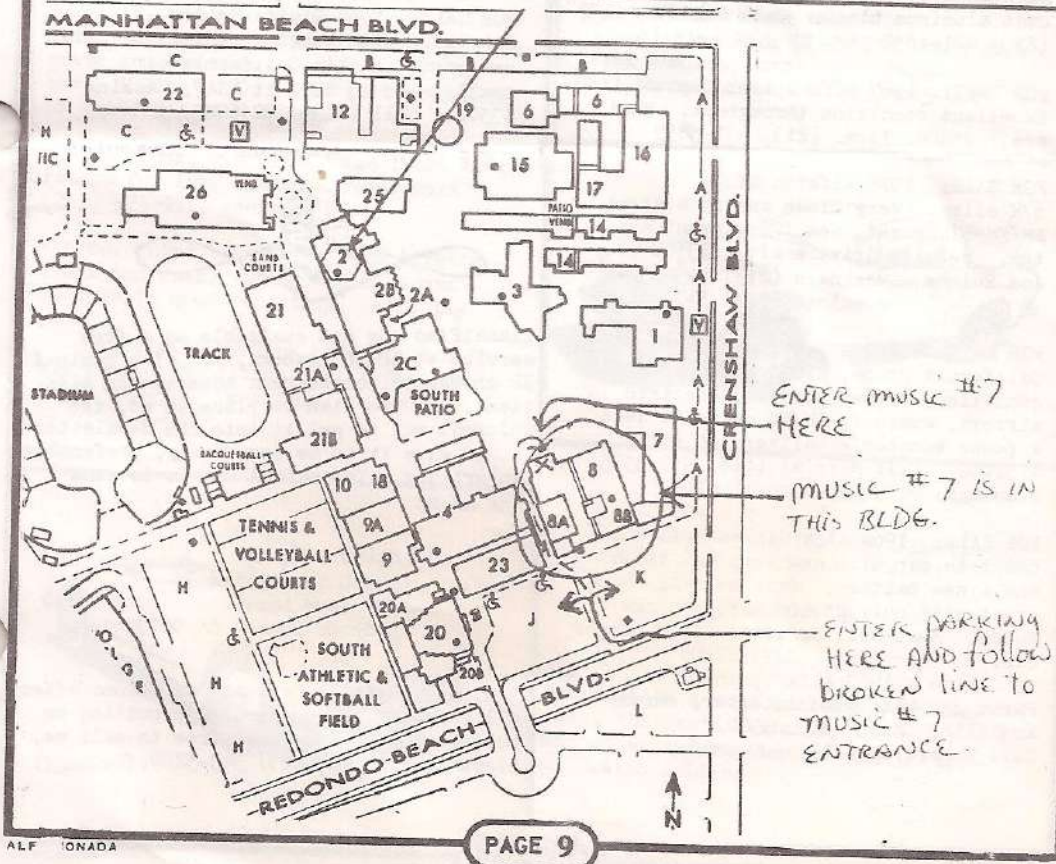
The big January meeting is at the same place as last year - El Camino College. The time is the 24th of January at 8PM. Mark it on your calendar early so you don't miss it! See the newsletter next month for more details, but this is the meeting of the year where we hear from ARI, have year-end awards and lots of door prizes. See the map for the location and remember that it's pretty near our normal meeting place.

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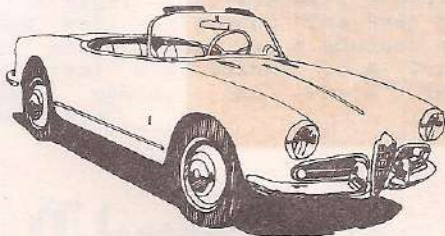
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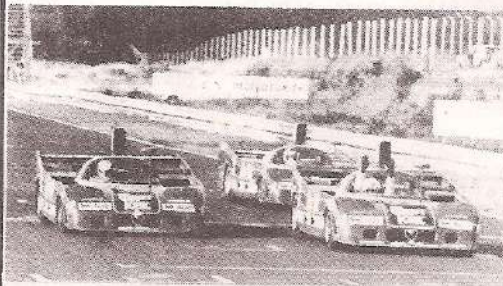
December 25 Christmas

January 1 New Years

6 Board Meeting at the Averills house. 1PM. This is the board meeting for old and new board members. Call Nancy Averill or Teri Wood for details.

24 January Meeting at El Camino College. This is our kickoff meeting for the year. See page 9 for details and map.

February 9 Possible dinner rallye.
Watch next month for details.
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