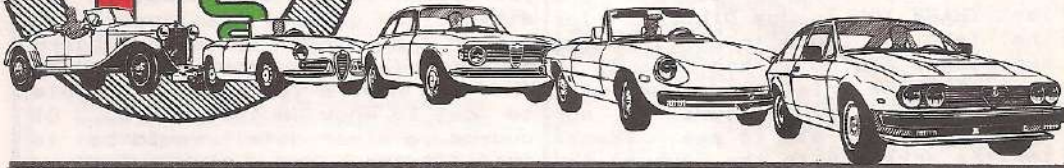




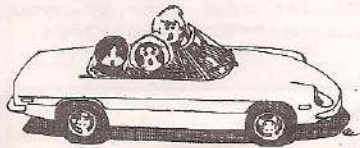
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Did the summer fly by fast for you? It did for us. And I'm sure that we are all looking forward to cooler day.

Looking Ahead! Yes, we do have some great things coming up. The next general meeting will be on **SEPTEMBER 28th**. Meet us at the club house in Alondra Park as Andy has arranged another great program for us. The following day, **SEPTEMBER 29th** will be our 2nd Monte Carlo Rallye prepared by our own Gary Peterson. Gary's expertise helps make these rallyes very special. **OCTOBER 14th** will bring our concours picnic. The San Diego Chapter will be apart of this event with us at Briggs Cunningham Museum. Did you catch Pat Hayes slogan for the day "HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR ALFA TODAY?" Look elsewhere in the newsletter for the details on these various events.

We are on the lookout for any independent Alfa shops that you use an AROC/AROSC poster. AROC has designed a nifty poster. I talked with Barbara Becronis who bumped into other Alfisti at a nearby independent shop for parts. She was horrified to discover that these folks didn't even know there was such a thing as an Alfa club. We need to get out there and make ourselves known. We need to tell our friends, mechanics, parts dealers, etc. that AROSC is alive and well. This isn't something for just the board to do, we all have to spread the word. We certainly don't want to end up on the endangered species list!

Speaking of board members, did you know that to be a board member all you have to do is: 1) love Alfas

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THE ALFISTI FAMILY  
by Teri Wood

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This about wraps it up for now. I can't close however without one last THANK YOU to Joe DiLoreto for the fabulous once in a life-time experience riding in his Tipo 33 in the July Time Trial. Joe we will be hanging that picture in our family room for all to see. Thanks for the donation to the club as the proceeds from the raffle went to the Time Trial program.

See you soon and Ciao for,  
Teri, Jim, Beth and our 2 hard working Alfas



SWAP MEET!!!!!!!!!!!!

Start planning now for our annual AROSC swap meet and November general meeting. You sellers, clean up those parts and get 'em ready. You buyers, you've got plenty of time to save up for those needed parts if you start now. Watch next month's newsletter for more details but don't get too booked up for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. For those of you that haven't gone before to one of these things, it's worth your annual dues for this event alone. After all, how much would you pay new for some of those trim, interior parts or gages (if you could find them)?

# Alfa Romeo

(that shouldn't be too hard since you are already a club member. 2) attend the general meetings. 3) attend a once a month board meeting (actually these are quite fun; we have a lot of nice people to get to know on the board. Of course a minor detail would be to fulfill your board duty, but in my 5 years on the board this hasn't been too tuff. **WE NEED YOU!** Please search any board member at any upcoming event to find out the vacant spots for next year or you can give me a call (818) 991-3754.



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## TECHNICAL TIPS

### HEATER VALVE REPLACEMENT

By Bill Winkler (Courtesy of Ohio Valley AROC)

After a hot run at the May autocross, my right foot felt a little warm. I would've liked to believe it had something to do with my competitive driving skill. But, unfortunately, my soaked, green Nike belied the true circumstances. My heater valve had failed and leaked Prestone all over my foot. As I was to quickly learn, there is an easy emergency fix to get you home or back on the track until a proper repair can be accomplished. Both the fix and the repair are relatively easy tasks.

The emergency fix (courtesy of Don Silver) can be accomplished simply by bypassing the heater. The only tools needed are a screwdriver and a knife or shears sharp enough to cut the heater hosing. Just follow these steps:

1. Disconnect the heater inlet hose from the rear of the manifold directly above the intake horns. Save the clamp.
2. Next, if you have a C-clamp or helper with a pair of pliers, clamp the heater outlet hose that leads to the water pump. This will minimize the loss of coolant during the next step. If you have neither luxury, just move quickly.
3. Sever the heater outlet hose about 3 - 5" from the firewall and connect the end running from the water pump to the manifold fitting from which you disconnected the inlet hose in step 1.
4. Fix the clamp on the new connection and you can drive home.

Obviously, this procedure damages the heater outlet hose. Functionally, this can be remedied later when you reconnect the heater by simply splicing the severed hose with 3/8" copper tubing and two hose clamps. Alternatively, you can replace the whole hose or, during the emergency repair, you can disconnect it from the heater core in the passenger compartment. However, since the hose is full of coolant, be prepared to catch the drippings.

Now for the real repair. First, it's important to note your heater valve may not be at fault. It may simply be the gasket. However, since the repair procedure requires some contortionist acts under the dash, it may be simpler to replace both the valve and the gasket at once to avoid having to do it twice.

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# RALLYE!

There will indeed be a rally during September. This month's rally will be a second Monte Carlo style rally. For those of you that went to the last club rally, it's like that. For those of you who didn't show up, well - COME ON DOWN!!!!!! The rally will be held on SEPTEMBER 29TH. That's the Saturday after the general meeting. The first out will leave at 1:01 PM. The driver's meeting, at which you will find out all the details of where we're going and what the rules are, will be at 12:30 PM. Keep in mind that more time to study the instructions and directions would be helpful, so don't be too late since registration starts at 11 AM. There will be entry classes for beginners, non club entries, and for experts. For details like where to show up at (probably the clubhouse) and what to bring along, call Gary Peterson at (818) 761-4782, or come to the general meeting on the 28th and hear more details there. For the real rally enthusiast, this will be a good warm-up for the Pan Am XXII, held on October 5th, 6th and 7th. The Pan Am is a 12 hour event with the first car leaving at 10:01 PM on Friday night. For 12 hours you get to drive over the greatest sports car roads in Southern California in the company of some of the nicest competitors and slowest cars around. Watch out for silver slugs in the road!!!!

- Gary Peterson

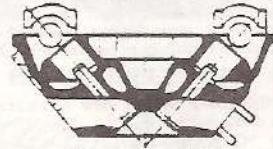


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**PRESIDENT** - maintains communication with the National Owners Club; coordinates the activities of the AROSC board; chairs the general meetings and board meetings.

**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 year.

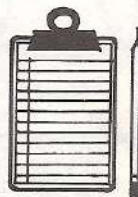


**PROGRAM** - plan and observe some form of entertainment (film, speaker, etc.) for each month's General Meeting. Provide write-up for the newsletter on the meeting's program.

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



**SECRETARY** - take minutes at the board meetings; send pertinent information to "Pit Stops" of L.A. Times; work with president re: ARI January Meeting.



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

**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 Editor.

**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.

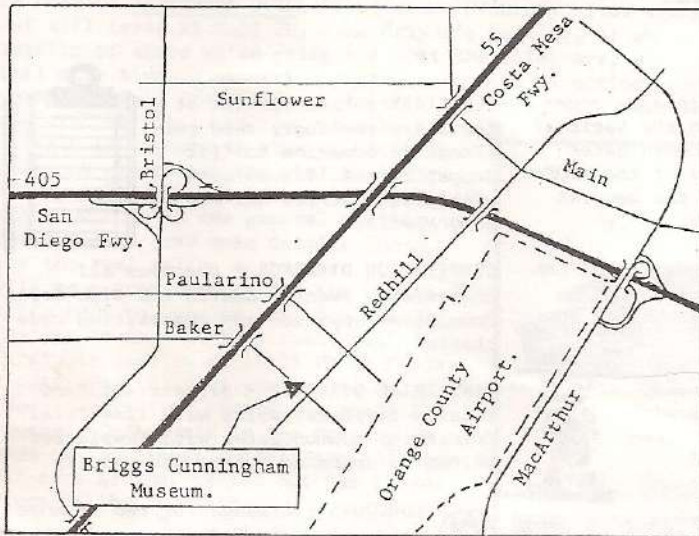
**RALLYE** - arrange for two or more rallyes during the year. The rallyes can be done by others and overseen by this chairman, make recommendations for changes of the Rallye Competition Code.

**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.

# CONCOURS . . . . . October event

\* SPECIAL CATEGORY FOR FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS ... SEE BELOW ! \*



**DATE:**  
Sunday, Oct. 14, 1984

**PLACE:**  
Briggs Cunningham  
Automotive Museum,  
250 Baker Street  
(corner Redhill),  
Costa Mesa.

**TIME:**  
Set up 9 - 10 a.m.  
Judging starts 10 a.m.

**ENTRY DETAILS:**  
See entry form in this  
issue for details.

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

**BLURB .. BLURB .. BLURB:** Our final concours for 1984 will be held at the Briggs Cunningham Automotive Museum in Costa Mesa. If you have never visited it before, plan on allowing some time to tour the museum (between bouts of admiring the Alfas in the parking lot) - it contains some of the rarest and most valuable cars in the world. Bring a picnic lunch, as we will have use of the museum's private picnic area.

This concours is also unique in another way - for the first time ever, we will have a special class for people who have never competed in a concours before. Clean up that trusty old everyday Alfa, bring it along and see how it stacks up against it's sisters! If you are entering for the first time, just check the box on the entry form and I'll put you in the novice class. Cars are scored on a basic 200 point plus bonus system, with points allocated as follows:

<b>Exterior:</b>	<b>Interior and trunk:</b>	<b>Chassis:</b>
Condition - 50	Condition - 24	Condition - 20
Cleanliness - 15	Cleanliness - 8	Cleanliness - 5
Authenticity - 15	Authenticity - 8	Authenticity - 5
<b>Engine:</b>	<b>Operational functions:</b>	<b>Bonus points:</b>
Condition - 24	Engine start/run - 3	Functional extras - 5 max
Cleanliness - 8	Lights, horn ,etc - 7	(see note below)
Authenticity - 8		Age (1 point/year) - 25 max

Note: Functional extras are items such as fire extinguisher, first aid kit, tool kit, emergency warning flares, owner manual, etc.

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Even though the repair may cause some slight discomfort, it is not as difficult as it first appears when you gaze under the dashboard.

1. Drain the coolant with the heater valve open.
2. Remove the defroster duct (driver side) using a 7mm wrench.
3. Loosen the clamp on the inlet hose.
4. Remove the nuts holding the valve in place with a 10mm wrench. Pull the valve off the studs.
5. Now you have a choice. Either (a) loosen the set screw attaching the actuator cable to the lever arm on the valve (7mm) or (b) take the lever arm off the valve (8mm). I chose (b) because I didn't have the 7mm wrench.
6. Pull valve off of the hose.
7. Remove the old gasket from the studs on the heater core. It's probably hard and brittle, thus one source of leakage.

Reassembly with a new valve and gasket is accomplished by reversing the procedure. The following hints may be useful:

1. It may be a good time to replace the inlet hose. The original is molded and expensive, so replacement with a universal hose may be less expensive. Your choice.
2. When reattaching the lever arm to the valve or fixing the set screw, be careful to do it at the full closed position. The lever action is longer than the cable travel, so it's easy to get it misadjusted. My first attempt yielded settings of hot and hotter.
3. When replacing the heater outlet hose, a little vaseline on the inside of the hose and on the heater core pipe will aid feeding the hose onto the pipe. Otherwise, you may be all day - remember the contortionist positions.

Now simply replenish the antifreeze and enjoy your heater again. Until the next time your foot gets hot, green, or both.

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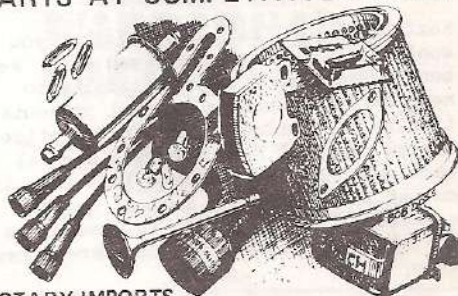
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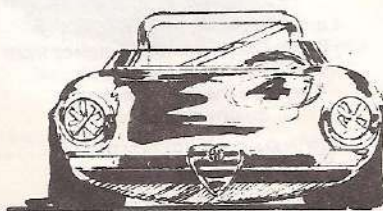
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# MEETING

This month's meeting will cover mostly what we were going to cover last month since things went all wrong. For those of you that missed it, they forgot to open up the clubhouse because of the early meeting and we met on the baseball bleachers nearby. Definitely different! Well, at least the pizza place was open. Slide shows and other events are planned for the evening so mark the 28TH of this month (September, if you're asleep) at the Alondra Park Cubhouse.

Next month will be a meeting that you won't want to miss. Why, you ask? Well, because it's your big opportunity to hear Ward and Deane's special presentation on suspension theory and practice. If you remember Mike Sperry's special meeting in March, you know that this is one of those meetings that is extra special. One thing that is special is that it will be at Ward and Deane's new shop.

# ALFA the PUZZLER

?!?

For this month's Alfa Puzzler, something not too obscure. You've heard the name Duetto, right? Well, where did it come from and how did Alfa happen to pick it? Hint: it wasn't named after the Duetto brothers, Carlo and Rossi.

Answer elsewhere in this issue

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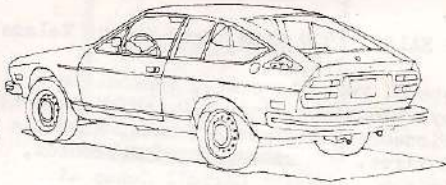
### CONTINUED RETURN OF THE AROSC T-SHIRT

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These beauties will be available at the September meeting on the 28th for a mere pittance of \$8.50. These shirts are not, I repeat not demos, but are new and are available in men's sizes S-M-L-XL and in ladies sizes S-M-L. These superb shirts are ONLY available through AROSC meetings and events





**NOTICE**

Alfa Club membership is changing to an annual basis. This means that memberships will run for 12 months starting with the month that the club is joined. In the old method all memberships ran from January to December with new members joining initially for only a partial year. We will no longer have partial year memberships. Most current members will still renew in December. Your membership expiration date will appear on the label of every issue of both the Alfa Owner and the Alfacionada.

Approximately 2 months before your expiration date you will receive a renewal notice in the mail for the next years membership. This form of renewal system greatly decreases the dues confusion for new members in that there will be just one amount to pay and no back news-letter issues to worry about. If you do not renew by your renewal date you will stop receiving both the Alfa Owner and Alfacionada until you have renewed. Then your renewal date will be the month that you rejoin the club. No free back issues of the Alfa Owner will be mailed. Back issues will be available, However, for an extra fee. If you have any questions about the membership renewal please feel free to call me. The board is trying to run the club to the best service of the membership. We feel that this change will help us do that.

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Well, this turned out to be confusing  
since the new car was totally different  
than the old 1600 Spider. As a result,  
Alfa decided to have a "name-that-car"  
competition (sounds a lot like what they  
did when they brought out the GTV-6 to  
one) with the prize, one of the new cars.  
The contest was won by someone from  
"I.I." It was an  
expensive contest for Alfa since they  
dropped the new name when they squared  
the car's tall anyway.

ALFA PUZZLER ANSWER

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 28 Meeting at the Alondra Park clubhouse. This is a meeting that Andy Steben says you won't want to miss. See page 8 for details.

29 Rally. This will be our second club sponsored rally of the year. Called the "September Stroll" by Gary Peterson, see page 4 for details

OCTOBER 14 Reserve this Sunday for a special day at the Briggs Cunningham Museum in Costa Mesa for our final club sponsored concours of the year. Judging starts at 10. Details on page 6. Entry on the insert.

20 2nd Annual Northrop Charity Auto Show. Event is at the parking lot at 120th and Aviation Streets in El Segundo at 10AM. \$3 entry donation to show your car. Call (213) 416-3096 for details (Ask for Roy Houghton)

26 Special Ward & Deane meeting at their shop. See page 8

NOVEMBER Swap meet and elections. See pages 2 and 5



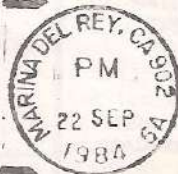
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