



Alfa Romeo



By Joel Hoffman

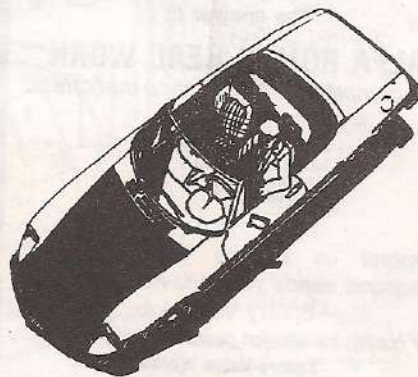
Well, 1984 is over and while big brother never materialized neither did any new Alfas. We're expectantly awaiting the announced arrival of the 235 HP twin turbo GTV-6, as well as a more modern spider, but we won't hold our breath for the latter.

The start of my affiliation with Alfa Romeo began more than eleven years ago. Even though the New York metropolitan area ranked 2nd or 3rd in Alfas sold there was no local AROC chapter. Except for attending the '76 national convention held in Connecticut, I could only read about club chapter activities in the ALFA OWNER.

When I moved here in 1982 I joined this chapter right away. Not having any friends or relatives here I figured at least I'd get to meet some people. I volunteered in '83 to be the membership chairman and I met many of you while filling that position and again last year as vice president.

Now that 1985 is here let me tell you some of what I and the AROSC board are planning. For starters, this month's meeting at El Camino College will feature Len Frank, host of KPFK's "The Car Show". He's a terrific speaker as those of us who heard him at Ward & Deane can attest. Ed Torcello, District Sales Manager and Ken Tinton, District Service Manager, will tell us of ARI's plans.

We'll be continuing the half-price introductory offer at time trials. As the old T.V. commercial went, "Try it, you'll like it!". For those of us not ready for long or overnight rallyes, we're hoping to have another 2 or 3 hour progressive dinner rallye.



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This months Technical Stuff article by Guiseppe Cappalonga of Targa Florio is the first of many "What do I do when my Alfa stops working?" articles.

I'm really happy to be a part of AROSC's increasing activities and membership (314 at last count). Time trials, meetings, rallyes, concours and demonstrations are just a part of what is available to us. Contact me or anyone on the AROSC board when you have an idea for an event, activity or anything else.

Joel

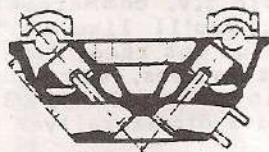


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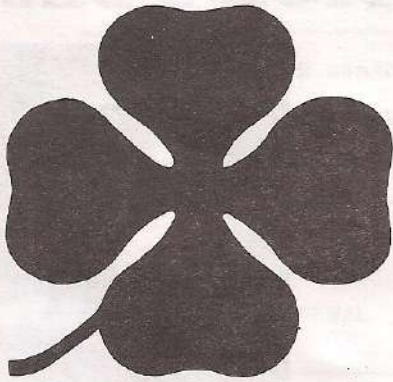
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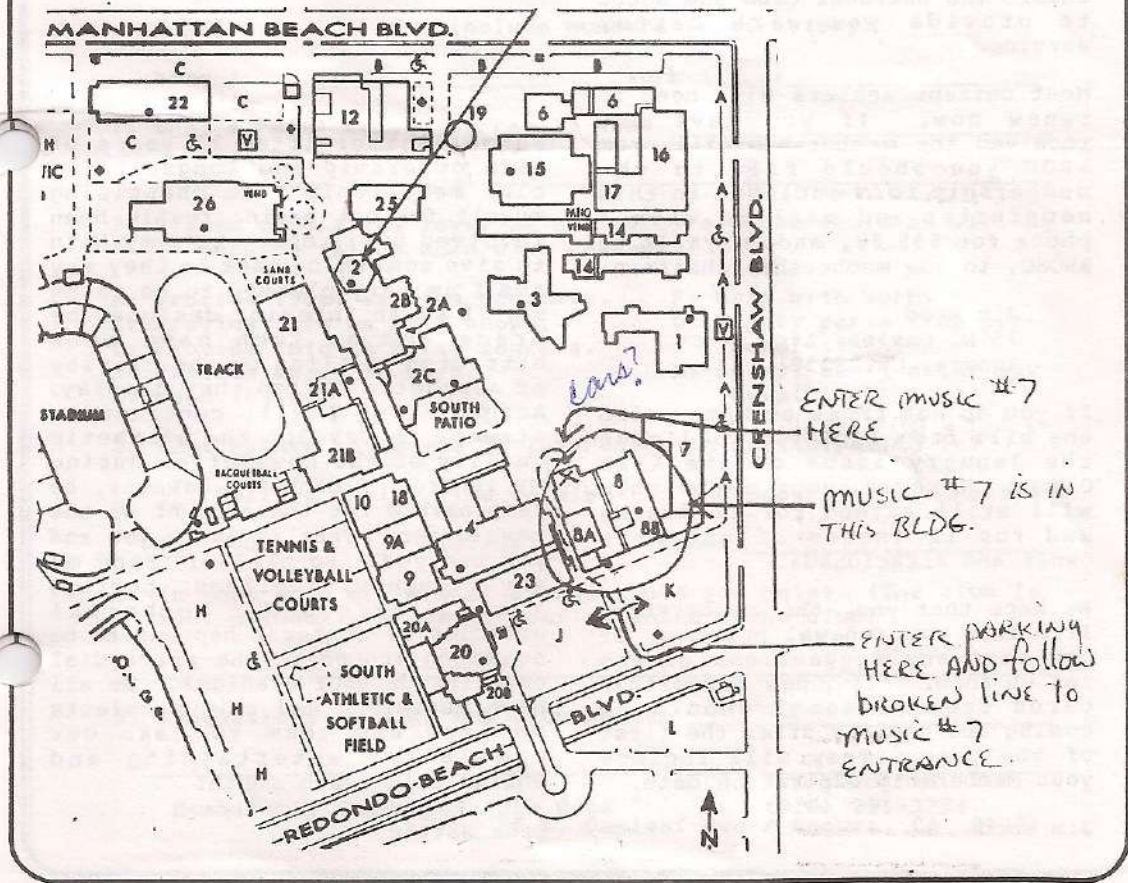
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EDITOR'S DESK



For 1985 the membership renewal system has been changed. Members should receive a preprinted computer generated bill from the national club about a month before their renewal date. Please use this new form. This new membership renewal process should enable the national club and AROSC to provide you with better service.

Most current members will need to renew now. If you have not received the membership bill from AROC you should fill in the membership form included in this newsletter and mail it with a check for \$35.00, made payable to AROSC, to the membership chairman:

Jim Wood
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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 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.

Jim Wood

Shame! Shame! After 13 years of Alfa ownership and longstanding club membership I am chastising myself for not having really been involved until now. It's my turn to give something back as they say and I am very pleased to be doing so. I am an interior designer by trade and as such have been attracted to Alfas by the clarity of aesthetic design they display. Accordingly, I will continue to attempt to develop the aesthetic quality of the newsletter during my tenure. I cannot, however, be responsible for the content of the newsletter. That is up to you and you and you! So please! Send me any thoughts, feelings, poetry, jokes, cartoons, technical articles or whatever happens to be swimming around in the primordial ooze inside your craniums. We all have marvelous and unique talents so lets use them to make our newsletter entertaining and enlightening each month!

Gene Zettle

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- A: Provide local service contacts.
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3. What events would you be interested in participating in?

- Rallies
- Time Trials
- Concours
- Parties
- Tours
- Slaloms
- Other _____

4. In what ways or in what events would you help? (The club is YOU, without your participation there is no club)

5. Suggestions to make the club better _____

Membership Chairman: Jim Wood (818) 991-3754
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TENTATIVE 1985 CALENDER

January 25 General Meeting

February TBA Possible Time Trial with VARA.

22 General Meeting

March 22 General Meeting

29, 30, 31 Las Vegas Rallye

April 13 Time Trial Riverside Raceway

26 General Meeting

27,28,29 Equinox Rallye

May 11 Time Trial Riverside Raceway

18 Concours - Lutheran High in Burbank

31 General Meeting

June 8 Rallye or dinner rallye

23 Time Trial Carlsbad

28 General Meeting

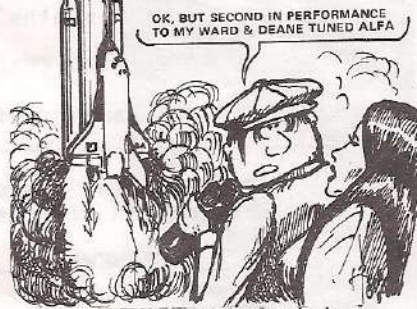
July 14 Concours Location - TBA

26 General Meeting

August 3 Rallye or dinner rallye

23,24,25 Historic Auto Races at Laguna Seca. AlfaRomeo to be honored marque. Club rallye here to there. Don't miss! (No General Meeting this month)

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September 15 Time Trial Carlsbad

27 General Meeting

October 5,6,7 Pan Am Rallye

13 Concours Location - TBA

25 General Meeting

26 Time Trial Riverside Raceway

November TBA Warm up for Starlight Rallye

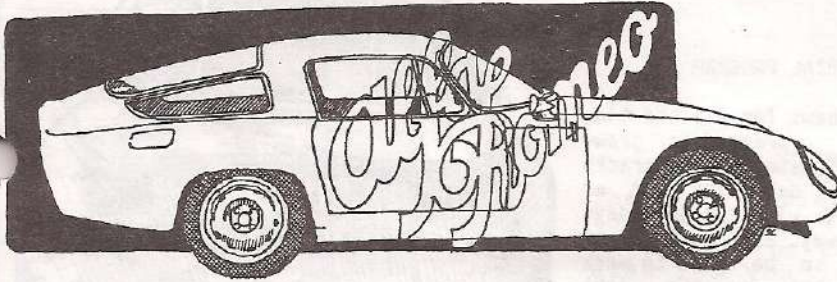
17 Swap Meet

22 General Meeting

December 6,7,8 Starlight Rallye

14 Christmas Party (No General Meeting this month)

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Some suggested locations for making reservations are the Vagabond in Salinas, and the motels in and around Pacific Grove. All have good access to the track and are far less costly than accommodations in Carmel. (If you can get them at all!) Rooms book up quickly and long in advance so HURRY!

Practice at the track is Friday, August 23. (A good day to tour the pits since the crowds are smaller) Racing takes place on Saturday the 24th and Sunday the 25th. Gary Peterson is going to try to organize a rallye for the trip up.

Ed.

1985 TIME TRIAL PROGRAM

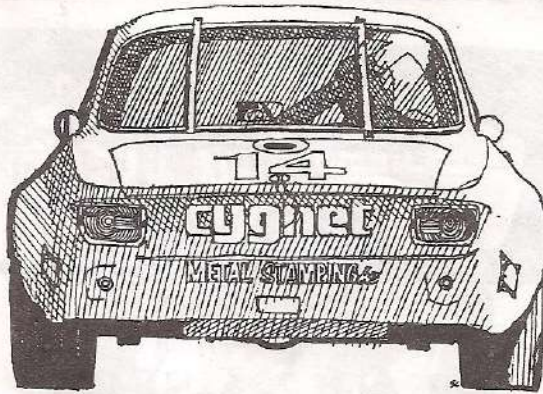
We've got good news for all the time trial enthusiasts: our program is growing for 1985, with 5 dates at two tracks and a possible joint date with VARA at the third track. We will run Saturdays at Riverside Raceway, and Sundays at Carlsbad Raceway, so be sure to mark your calendar correctly for the right day.

Saturday, April 13 -- Riverside
Saturday, May 11 -- Riverside
Sunday, June 23 -- Carlsbad
Sunday, September 15 -- Carlsbad
Saturday, October 26 -- Riverside

Due to the unprecedented popularity of our Special Introductory Sessions, we will continue to offer them at each of the above dates. This means that anyone in any reasonable car (Alfa or not) can run in the instructed sessions, with only a seat belt and a helmet. Loaner helmets are available, so this means that there is no need to lay out big bucks for the competition safety equipment before getting exposed to the race track, and getting a feel for driving at relatively moderate speed.

There is more good news: there is no plan to change (raise) the price of entry for 1985, as the costs are projected to remain about the same as 1984. Thus, time trial entry will be \$65, two drivers entered in one car will be \$100, and Special Intro entry will be \$25. As in 1984, other clubs and drivers on non-Alfas are welcome, and we encourage you to tell your friends and neighbors. The San Diego Owners Club will join us at Carlsbad, and are always welcome at any other events.

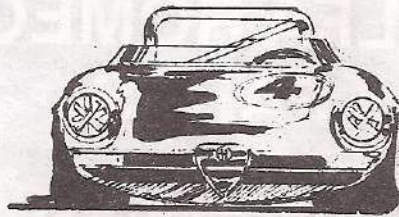
The two-day event at Willow Springs in conjunction with VARA is uncertain at this time. There are some problems, but I hope to work them out soon. We should know by the January meeting if this 6th date is on or not.



We are always looking for workers as well as drivers, so if you want to come out and enjoy some fresh air and watch the cars go around, please let me know. If you have any questions or suggestions please call me at home only:

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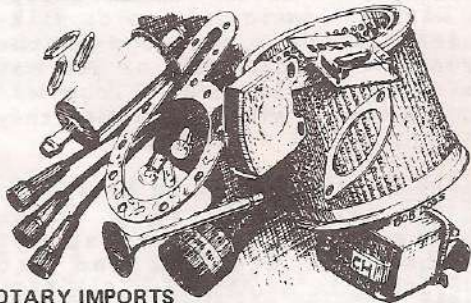
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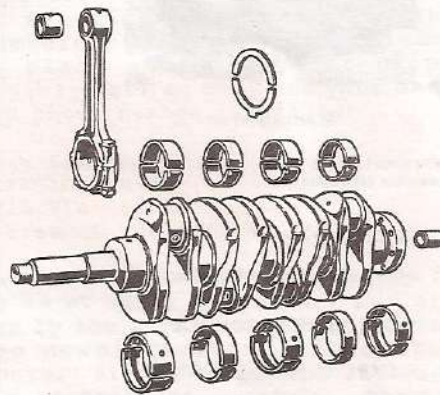
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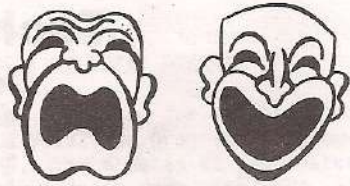
The sun is shining, the spider's top is down and a smile is on your face. As the tach needle nears 6000 rpm you drive over a big bump, the fuel pressure light comes on and the engine dies. You crank and crank the engine but it just won't start. Don't despair!

Pop open the hood and find the gray cylinder shaped inertia switch. It's about 4 inches long and the diameter of a quarter. Press down on the button on top of the switch and try to start the engine. If this doesn't work then pull off the two gray wires from under the inertia switch. Use a knife or wire cutters and peel off the coating on the wires. Splice them together to a bobby pin, nail or metal connector. The engine should start now. If it doesn't, yell VA FAN'culo and kick the Pirellis.

Giuseppe Cappalonga
Targa Florio
Van Nuys, California



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It seems there was a Texan and his family on a motoring trip through New England. They stopped at a local roadside apple stand in the back country of Vermont as all good tourists do, and the Texan got to talking with the Vermonter behind the counter. "Y'all grow yer own apples son?" said the Texan. "Aayep." replied the Vermonter. "Where y'all grow 'em?" asked the Texan. "'Cross the road there - nearly two acres!" answered the Vermonter. "Why son," said the Texan, "I got me a ranch down in Texas and I can get in my car and drive 5 hours east, turn south and drive 7 hours, turn back west and drive 6 more hour and still not be off mah ranch!" "Aayep." said the Vermonter, "Had me a car like that once."

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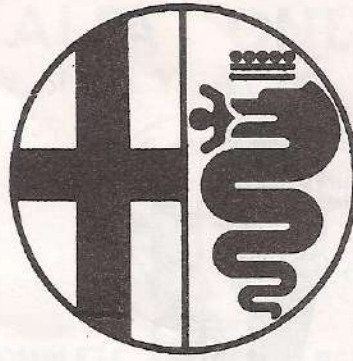
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