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AROC NATIONAL BOARD **ELECTIONS**

Your board of directors, in their infinite wisdom, have at the behest of Delta Sierra and, we hope, with the cooperation of the wonderful folks in San Diego, decided to support Steve Barber for election to the national board. Steve is one of our most active members. He was an early member of AROSC, a founder of the San Diego chapter, founder of Delta Sierra, owner of the famous Barber's Shop Alfa Romeo, of Guido Veloce exotic cars and helped organize the Alfa Corral at the 1985 Monterey Historics. (whew!) The list goes on. Just suffice it to say, he has done a lot for the Alfa Romeo club. Steve's primary purpose in running is to secure the 1990 National convention for the San Francisco area. We on the AROSC board give him our unanimous support and ask that all our members do the same. VOTE FOR STEVE BARBER NATIONAL BOARD DIRECTORS!!!!



Cover girl Ilona Esther Shillman (see article page 8) before the start of "La Carrera III". Photos courtesy of Petersen Publishing Co. we'll also have the third installment of Paolo Gambini's Italian lessons.

least 14 couples coming from just come to watch, then slip The meeting was arranged by possibility of adding another suggestions for a site. hotel. If you have a chance of the way, it isn't true that Al Cortes Sally), on September 4. will try out his Halloween costume hot dates and hot cars; ya' can't good friend in March, Henry meeting, give me a call. beat it with a stick.

near you.

Scuderia Frigo's own Dan Ritter and Chris and their familiv. will be bringing us the first contents. feature a string quartet playing been decided April 9th and 10th. So, remember, when next you again.

NEW BUSINESS

A suggestion has been made that we combine Alana Ireland's Most important, we are going to idea of the sauce cookoff

joining us on this trip, do so; it's Kate and I have finally set the hope to have meetings in going to be a lot of fun. And by date for the wedding, (sorry various parts of the "city" so

Manney III passed away. He was not only one of the finest HECTOR Museum as the climax. A power Mille Miglia, you'd have gotten a tive and worth the wait! packed, action adventure for feeling of what this lovely man the whole family. Don't miss it! was like. All of us at the Alfa Coming soon to an Alfa club Romeo Owners Club of Southern California extend our deepest sympathy to our friends Henry

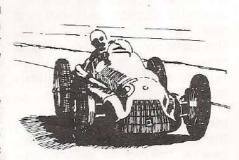
Concours of the season on May The racing season has finally 22 at the beautiful Will Rogers arrived with La Carrera Classic State Park and John Ireland will having been run in March (see be in charge of the next Illona Shillman's account in this I issue) and by the time you read understand this meeting will this the first VARA race will have Maserati in May". Leave the kids we're just waiting for Charlie to tell big race. at home Martha, he's loose us where to go next. Looks like a great year (at least from this Ciao!

computers viewpoint, not having actually raced yet this year).

EVENTS PAST

have the Benson-Ireland wine meeting in the late afternoon with Our first dinner meeting of 1988 tour on Saturday April 30th and an earlier Concours the same (and for as long as this reporter Sunday May 1st, not the day day at someplace nice like has been a member) took place before we announce it, as had Descanso Gardens (or??). Bring on Friday, March 25th at been rumored. There will be at yours cars to the Concours, or Michael's restaurant in Los Feliz. that other club in Northern over to a great meeting with our new events chair, llona Esther California to meet with us in Avila good food and friends. Sound Shillman. The 40 members that Beach. I'm told by that Benson good? I Give me a call and let attended had a terrific time woman that most of the hotel me know how you feel about the talking Alfa Romeo and trying to rooms are gone but there is a idea, or give me some learn Italian. It was nice to see some members who can't make the Alondra Park meetings. We more members can attend and enjoy the fun. If you have an in the hot tub. Oh boy, hot tubs, On a sad note we lost a very idea as to a spot we can use for

AND Next up in May will be the long automobile journalists to ever put EUROPEAN MOTORCAR clinic awaited FIRST AUTO-X OF 1988 pen to paper, but he also loved was finally a success. Due to starring Sgt. John Shiller. The Alfa Romeos. And if you've ever prior commitments I was unable scene will open May 15 at March heard his son Henry Manney IV to attend, but Ex-officio Joel Air Force Base with the Auto-X talk about his father's exploits in Hoffman stepped in for me. By and then a tour of their great Air his Veloce Spider racing at the all reports the clinic was informa-



Puccini while John screens his The time trial program is in full see an Alfa Romeo go by, tip favorite Italian movie - "Mussolini swing with the April 16 event your hat. It might be Paolo and Madonna at Monza with already in the books, and now Gambini on his way to the next

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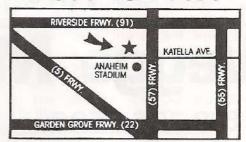
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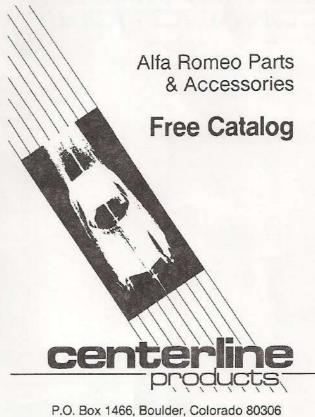


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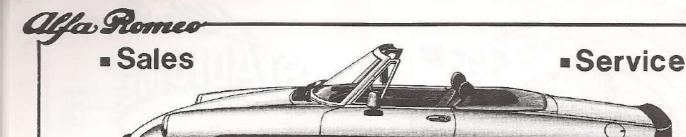
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CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Greetings to all Alfa fanatics! The beginning of the 1988 Concours d'Elegance for the Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California is upon us. I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a special invitation to participate in one or concours events scheduled this year. By now you are involved in preparing your machine and have already mapped out strategies to elevate your Alfa to the level deserving of such an honored maraue. The concours event has a class and level of competition in which every member can participate. For the first-time participant, the Novice class may be for you; however, the seasoned veteran can expect a fierce competitive spirit amongst the other classes. The concours sites are usually in relaxing serene and

surroundings where lavish picnic lunches are "de rigueur". Again l look forward to an exciting concours season and seeing all of those lovely Alfas.

As yours truly steps aside from Concours Chair the responsibilities and move into the Competition. Directorship, the Concours Chairperson vacancy has yet to be filled. There have been volunteers to help with the coordination of some events, and these people should be lauded, however no one has stepped forward in taking on this important Please let me responsibility. know if you are interested in this rewarding Board position.

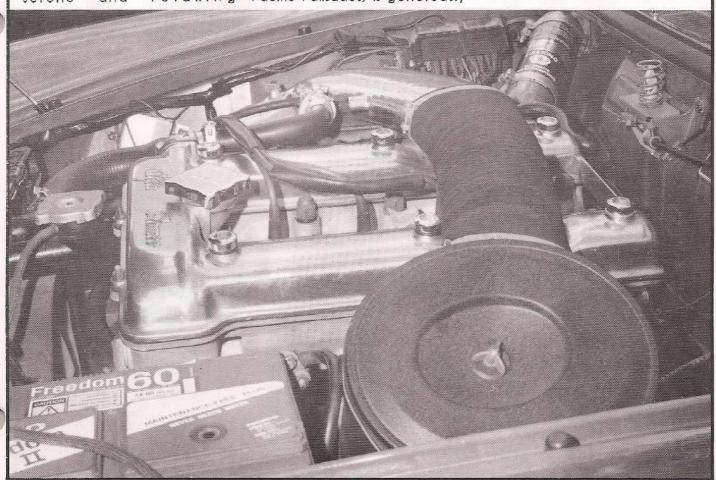
To Kick-off the 1988 Concours season, Insight Photo-Video, located at 520 Palisades Dr. in Pacific Palisades, is generously

sponsoring the first event of the year which will be Sunday, May 22 at Will Rogers State Park. The proprietor of this newly established Photo-Video store is none other than our own Charlie Thieriot! Many thanks to Charlie for all your support.

Will Rogers State Park is located at 14253 Sunset Blvd. in Pacific Palisades. Judging will start promptly at 10:00 AM. There will be a parking fee of \$2.00 per car and there will also be a n increase in the entry fee to \$10.00 per car. To enter, fill in the application found in this issue (make checks payable to AROSC). Get there early to get a good parking place!

A Rivedella,

Dan Ritter



DOWN MEXICO WAY

Dear La Carrera Applicant: Your application has horsepower. He beat me. been accepted to compete in event..

money but I'm going anyway!

that no rental equipment is it's pedal to the metal. Some over at the inspection station. my answer so we proceeded in saw a 1967 Jaguar XKE If any suspicious looking fruit the twilight to Ensenada. We got permanently parked in a gully police ask you of there in time for margaritas, below the road. Fortunately the whereabouts, just keep walkin'. dinner and car preparation by occupants were unhurt. flashlight.

entries. Dan Ritter and Al Cortes 008Rs helped). of Mike Sperry and Dave Vegher car could have run forever. running back and forth looking for a fast bug and those other snuck in at an average of 86

insects, porsches. The most mph. And I, the wild Hungarian, awesomely powered car was a averaged 87 miles per hour, Classic which and cranked out 750 first place women's title, (I won't

the Third Annual La Carrera Ahhh, the thrill of running this me as I received my award... Parties to precede and follow the hundred and twenty-three miles wore off and exhaustion set in. of "closed to general traffic but I haven't got the time or the look out for that hay truck" Coming home was calm. I did Friday found Juan Verde (our No turn 6s to worry about. Just meal of hot dogs while we President John Green), Paul twisty roads with sold rock on one waited to cross the border. Garson (my President and race side and cliffs on the other! No When asked by immigration if car passenger) and myself, llona sweat. Lots of concentration we had any produce, John Esther, driving to Ensenada in a and little chance-taking gets you piped up and said "No, just the motor home and a trailer rented around those blind curves, 'til stuff we brought in." The officer from U-Haul. Yes, I was aware you can see the other side and immediately ordered me to pull allowed in Mexico. Is Mexico participants were not using the Well, I honestly looked for the the same as Baja California??!? same theory, however. I came station but couldn't find it so I kept Well, no rental patrol stopped around one turn and a Porsche going. me at the border waiting to hear 911 was on its head and later we

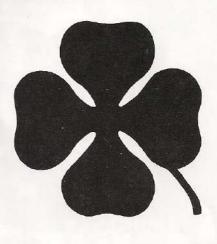
My GTV (prepared by Sir William Up at the crack of down, me and Warner at Alfa Only) sang my 1974 GTV 2000 scurried to the through the straight aways in the false start in town. I was wind swept desert and stuck to positioned 88th in a line up of 140 the turns like glue (the Yokohama were nearby, so we waited at the disappointing part of the race start together. We saw the likes was that it ended. I swear that

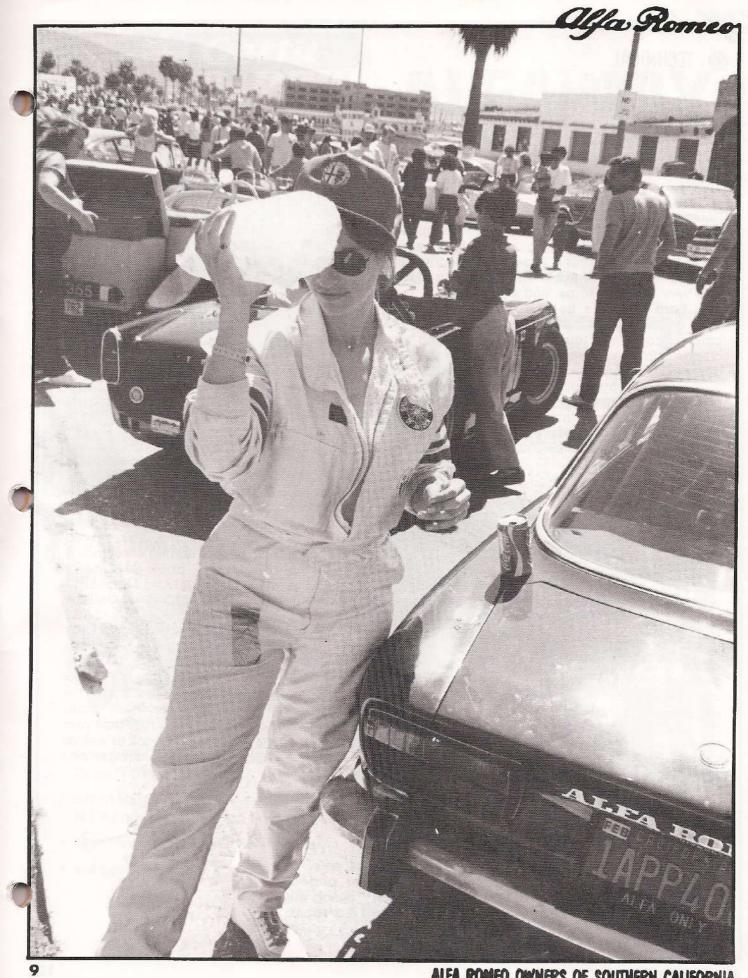
parts for Mike's Ginetta. G-12 with Adrenaline abounding we Pringle weaving in and out of the stopped for a few minutes and crowd. The other Alfas included beers and then proceeded to Pablo Mobius' 76 Alfetta and our hotel in San Felipe. We Anatoly Arutunoff in a '70 Zagato, rested up for awhile and then There was a stunning array of attended the awards ceremony. vintage and classic cars ranging As it turns out the monster from Peter Giddings' '32 Alfa Camaro came in first with an Romeo Monza, to Brock Yates average speed of, hold on, 122 co-driving a 1954 Lincoln Capri miles per hour. Mike and Dave There were Allards, finished fourth after starting Aston Martins, Ferraris, Corvettes, fortieth! The Ritter/Cortes duo

1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28 finished 56th and captured the mention the comment the presenter made to Classic Saturday March 19, 1988, famous road race between You guys.) Anyway, the partying 11:00 AM, Ensenada, Mexico. Ensenada and San Felipe. One continued 'til the excitement

> mountain and desert road. My buy some Mexican clay pots run went through without a hitch, and John cooked a gourmet

llona Esther Shillman.





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SPEED DEMONS: CHECKING OUT THE TIME TRIALS

Fred Schueddekopp

I don't understand why, but Bill straightaways, has asked me to write more articles". Anyway, I must start by was to use the steering wheel-Firebirds in our races.

gadgets and gangs uniformed crew members.

clipboards, paper and pencil turn 6). and stopwatches. Nothing fancy the grandstand doing that the wall! segment as well as overall lap taken in the pits. An average DUROMETERS time for turn 9 is 24 seconds (entry to exit). Alan Wards best was a One last word to the wise - 1 you are trying to beat someone dash in my '74 GTV during our in your class, time them and see cold snap. The night it dropped

what area you need to work on; to below 40 and then went up to high speed handling or the twisty 65 I stupidly left the Alfa outside bits from turn 6 into 9. At a high where the dash cracked open speed track like Riverside it pays like the San Andreas fault. to concentrate on 9 since it Having paid \$300.00 for it only connects two

(must be desperate for "filler A tip | picked up on the weekend handle large thanking the club for allowing us too often, people just maintain a dashboards in garages or very to run in the most recent "Super death grip on the wheel, well covered up! Bowl" time trial. The track time forgetting to turn it. Alan figures was very valuable to us, and is that this is a problem even very hard to come by these seasoned drivers forget. The days as everything from INDY best example of where this can cars on down is scrambling in help is exiting turns 9 and 2 and to preparation for next season. To a lesser extent 6 and 7B. Instead the people both Alan and I of just unwinding the wheel terrorized, we both apologize gradually as your car drifts out of and while we can't promise that it any apex, unwind the wheel and won't happen again, now you aim at the exit reference. know what it's like for us to be Obviously it is very intimidating to dive-bombed by Camaros and aim at the wall exiting 9 but the technique does work. By You may wonder (as I used to) allow them to bite better by people around this fine land just how to conduct a test or go reducing the slip angle. This not who've written in and asked, about making yourself go faster only allows better steering but "How do I join that famous stable, no matter what kind of car you also more speed, particularly in Frigo?"...Walk this way. If you drive. One myth is that you need a front wheel drive car which own an Alfa Romeo other than a all kinds of funny tools and uses the fronts to put down the (gasp, hiss, boo) GTA, send of power. Even though you're 10,000 Lira (yes Lira Martha) to better front end adhesion (or MOTORSPORTS, To start, try persuading a few "bite") a last minute steering CLARINGTON AVE., CULVER CITY, friends or family members to go correction will keep you off the CA 90232. (If, however, you own a along and equip them with wall (or on the track in the case of GTA you must send 25,000 Lira to

just something that will do laps Try this gradually because soon as we have them made and perhaps one with a split obviously it requires bravery that up) and allow you to mingle with mode as well. At Riverside, for doesn't happen all at once, and the drivers at the track as well as instance, turn 9 is vital to good last, don't blame me just support their needy racing effort. lap times. So we had our girls in because I told you to steer for

times to cross reference our own NEXT MONIH: PYROMETERS AND

22.71 while mine was a mid 23. If recently lost another perfect

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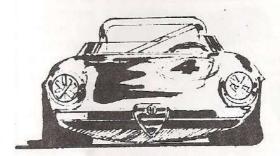
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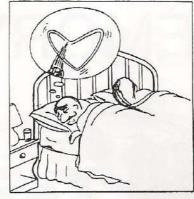
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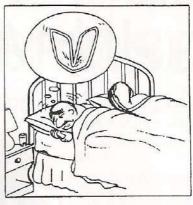


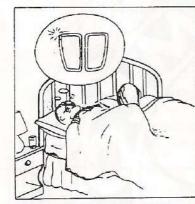
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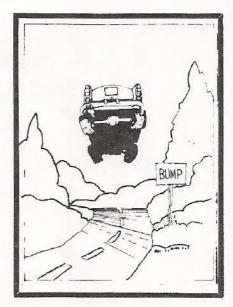
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26 Basic Mechanics Clinic, Hector's

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16 Time Trial, Riverside

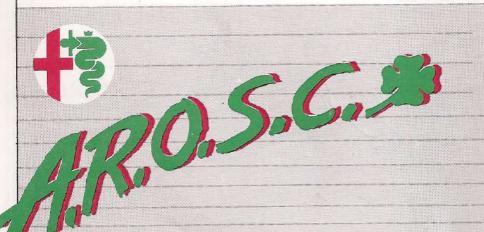
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