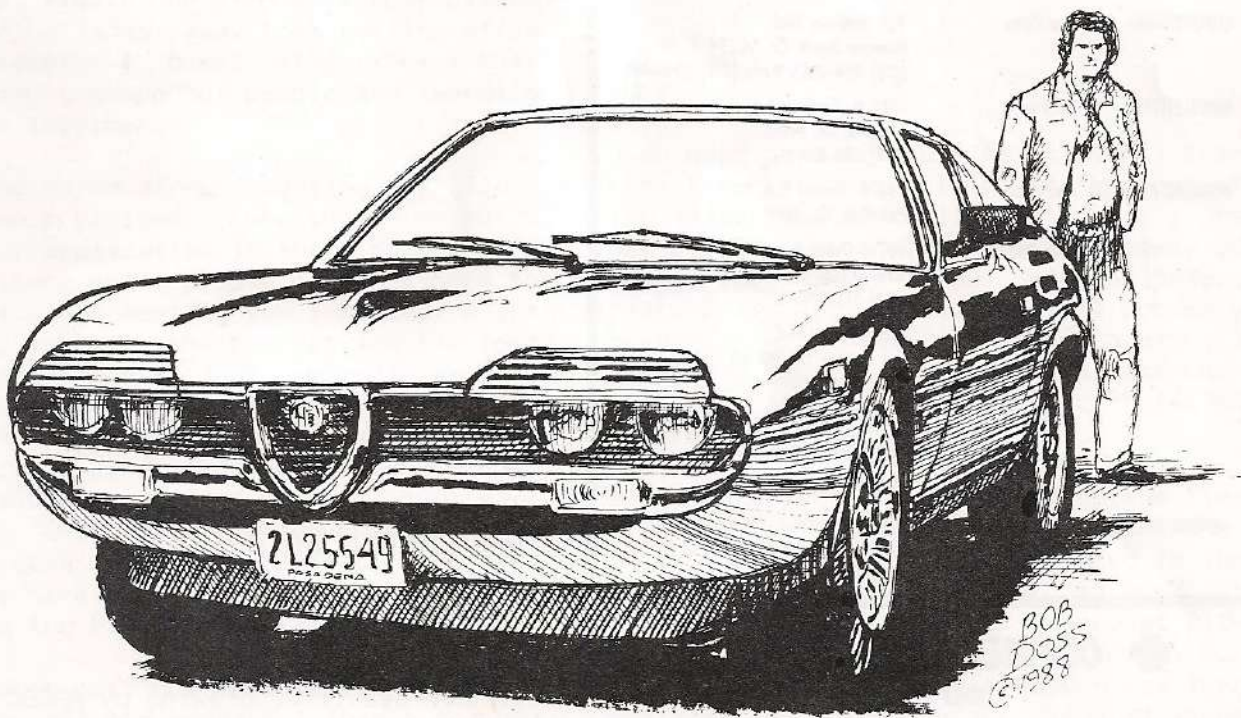


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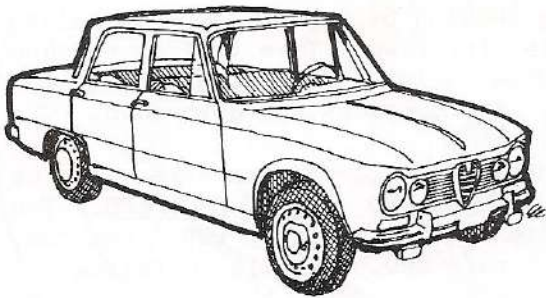
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Another beautiful drawing by AROSC artist Bob Doss, this time depicting a Montreal.

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**June 1988**

Well, here we are again, June 1988. (Actually I've never been in June 1988 before, but it sounds like a good time to be somewhere.) This June will mark the beginning of a great summer for the ALFA ROMEO OWNERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I've been president of the club not quite five months now and it seems as if we've just barely managed to get ourselves organized, always one step away from disaster or a step away from pulling off a great event. I guess it's always that way when a group of people are learning to work together.

Take the March dinner meeting that Ilona Shillman organized. Even though we put a fold out application in the middle of the newsletter most people couldn't seem to find it. The meeting was a heck of a lot of fun, the atmosphere great and the food was good. There just weren't as many people as we hoped. And in February the newsletter was so late most members didn't know we were going to show the annual AROSC Video and stayed home. I just wanted to shout "Hey we've changed, come have a good time with us." Maybe our members have gotten out of the habit of reading the Presidents articles.

Well don't quit now because I'm going to tell you all the wonderful things to come for the rest of the year.

**YES MARTHA WE'RE MAKING MORE TEE SHIRTS AND OTHER STUFF**

Gene Zettle has designed the next generation of AROSC T-Shirts and stationary. (Saves us looking like a reject of the Neo-Teutonic marching society.) At the November Swap meet you will have a chance to see the new **AROSC BOUTIQUE**. We will have the T-Shirts, new polo shirts, great "letterman" style jackets designed by one John Ireland, patches, cloisonne pins and other wonderful goodies.

**JUNE**

The June meeting is going to take place in Cerritos Regional Park, thanks to Pat Kranz' last minute heroics. The club will supply softdrinks, briquettes, bases and a soft ball field. I know, when have we ever played softball at a friday nite meeting? Never as far as I know. And we aren't going to now either. We're going to hold this meeting, picnic and softball game on **SUNDAY JUNE 26** at 12 noon. Pat has put a little note and a map farther on in this issue. Last year a lot of members brought their children and dogs and had a great time. See you there.

**JULY**

Good news for all you Time Trialers, Charlie Thieriot has filled in the rest of the season and it will start with a one day event at good old Carlsbad Raceway on **SUNDAY JULY 3RD**. The Saturday before (July 2nd) will be what has now become a tradition with the San Diego chapter, a picnic, possible concours and most certainly a party at the Olympic Hotel on Saturday nite.

Don't forget, if you're not on the Time Trial mailing list you won't receive an entry form nor will one be printed in the newsletter. In order to get on the list you must call Charlie or Joanne at 213-476-8812 to receive an entry form. Our Time Trial list is over 600 names long and just too bulky to be handled along with our normal membership list.

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Our general meeting will NOT be held at Alondra Park but will, instead, be held at the UNITARIAN CHURCH at 12355 Moorepark Blvd. in Studio City. I'll put a map in the July newsletter. Now this meeting will be special. This is where you have a chance to prove your pasta sauce is as good as you've been telling your friends. Make your best, put it in a pan that can be put in a warmer, bring a big spoon, some wine or beer (now you begin to see why we're meeting at the church), and let the club supply the rest. We'll have the pasta, salad, cheese, place settings, etc. If you have the time to help us set it up please call Alana Ireland at 213-851-3165. Oh the date! SATURDAY JULY 30 AT 5PM. We will start setting up early and be finished before 10pm. We still need a sponsor to help pay for the Video Projector rental so if you're potential sponsor please give Ilona Shillman a call at 213-661-4488. Sound great? Come on down!

P.S. For you race fans there is the very last, period, road race at Riverside. This race is being sponsored by the L.A. Times, just like the old days and will have many of the old drivers and old cars that made Riverside so famous. It's strictly for vintage cars and will take place on July 23 and 24. Come out and cheer your friends in the club to victory, (or at least to the party).

## AUGUST

As usual there will not be an August meeting but hold the presses folks! Charlie Thieriot has secured a Time Trial date for us at, Ta-Dum, LAGUNA SECA. I know, I've lied once before on these pages, but it looks as if this one will be real. At press time, (May 31), we have a hold on AUGUST 27/28. The only problem is Laguna Seca will not confirm the date until July 1st. Even so, Charlie says it looks firm. The perfect vacation looks like a trip to the Monterey Historics the weekend before and a stay over to run your car at our Time Trial. Charlie says to please not call the shop to check on the date unless your going to buy a new Video Camera.

## SEPTEMBER

Pierre Valenzuela is organizing the GREAT LOS ANGELES TO SAN FELIPE MEXICO TOUR. This could conceivably last as much as four days and be a total gas. Pete is talking about a picnic in the high valley of Valle Trinidad. Take it from someone who's done a lot of driving through the valley, it's gorgeous and untouched.

Our general meeting for September will be hosted by REX AND JACKIE CHALMERS. The agenda is a tough one: BBQ, hot tub, cars and more BBQ. Details to follow.

## OCTOBER

A TIME TRIAL on October 30th at Carlsbad and the, hoped to be annual, Halloween party on either the 28th or 29th. Site to be announced. And for the race fans there is another vintage race to be held on the 8th and 9th at Willow Springs.

## NOVEMBER

As tradition would have it, the SWAP MEET, AUTO CROSS, CONCOURS, MEETING AND DYNO SESSION will take place on the 13th. This will also mark the introduction of the AROSC BOUTIQUE.

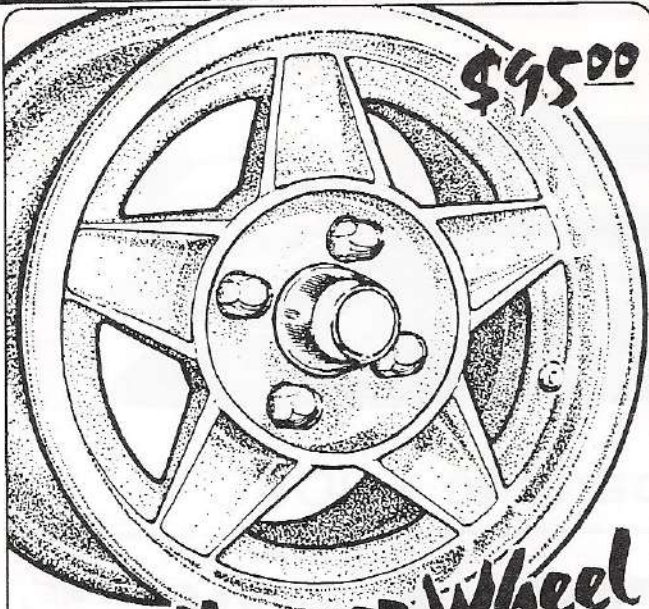
For the third year in a row my favorite vintage race of the year will take place at Palm Springs on the 18th, 19th and 20th. As usual Kate and I will have a party for all the Alfa folks at Mesquite Country Club in unit 44. So if you're in the neighborhood bring some food and drink and drop by.

There is no general meeting in November with the Swap Meet taking its place.

## DECEMBER

Our XMAS PARTY, on the 10th, will be a bit more formal this year, after hearing that's what most of you wanted. I guess this is appropriate considering that a extremely good GTV is going for \$15,000. We do not have a site selected yet but we are working on it. The dress will be semi-formal, ties would be nice. We would like to dedicate it to a good charity and heck of lot of fun. If you have any suggestions give Ilona a call at 213-661-4488.

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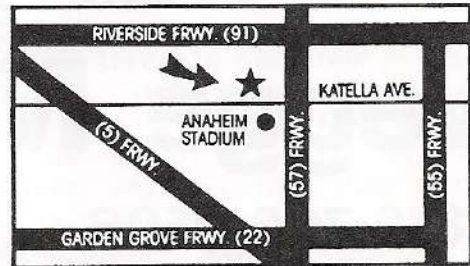
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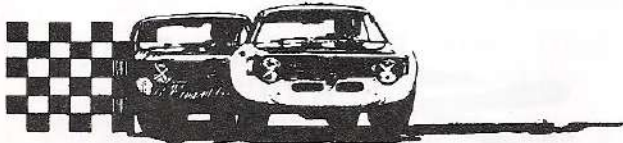
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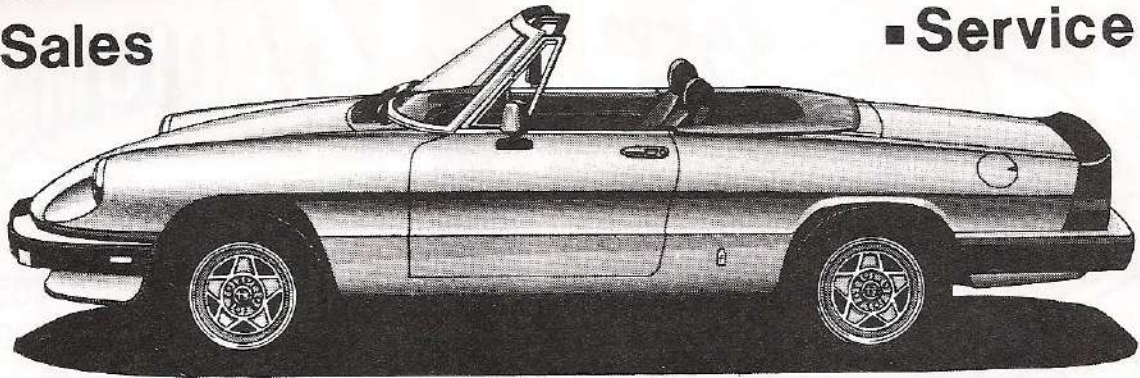
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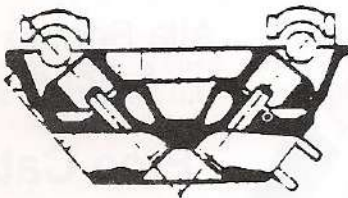
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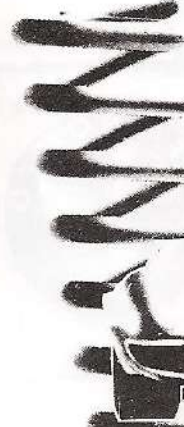
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**RALLYE NEWS**

**ATTENTION RALLYE FANS AND ENTHUSIASTS!**

This is your call to participate in the first AROSC rallye event of the year (or of the past three years to be exact!).

But wait! Before you throw down this article, let me explain to you what this event is all about. AROSC rallyes are not meant for guys from Scandinavia named Hanu or Jari who drive dual turbo, four wheel drive Group B cars and practice such driving techniques as four wheel drifts and throttle oversteer. Our rallye events are "time-speed-distance" affairs, which require the participants to follow a set of written driving instructions which guide them through a course laid out over public roads.

The object of the rallye is to follow the written instructions without getting lost while obeying all speed limits highlighted in the instructions. If you are successful at staying on course during the rallye, you will encounter a series of checkpoints where your elapsed time on the course will be recorded. At the end of the event, each car is scored according to it's total elapsed time as compared to the master elapsed time established by the rallyemaster. The car with the lowest difference from this master time is declared the winner.

To start our rallye season, AROSC will be participating in an event sponsored by the Santa Monica Sports Car Club. This rallye is scheduled for Friday, August 5th at 7:30PM and originates from the rear parking lot of the Bank of America Building on the corner of Sepulveda and Devonshire in the city of Mission Hills. Three classes of participants have been established: Beginner (which way is north?), Novice (watch it, there is a speed trap ahead!), and Expert (Bob, the latest info I received from the NAVSTAR satellite shows we are 0.69 seconds ahead of schedule.). The cost is only \$7.00 per car, and advance registration with AROSC is required.

For more information call John Deghi at (818) 845-6617 or Jeff Peltola at (805) 298-0544.

## "E TICKET RIDE"

Well, the cobwebs are gone and my minor injuries are healed. I would like to share the knowledge I've gained from my "wild ride" with other Time Trialers.

I'm the driver of the silver Volkswagen GTI (#106) that strayed from the track at turn 2 (at Riverside April 16th) and then proceeded to roll in the mud. Needless to say the car was totaled but due to the safety equipment, I only received a stiff neck and a bruised left collar bone (the stiff neck from my head whipping around and the bruise from a shoulder harness strap).

The key piece of safety gear was a roll bar that had been installed just one month prior to the event. I am here to write this article because without it the roof would have caved in on one of the car's three rollovers. A roll bar is not a requirement for non-convertible time trial cars, but as this incident shows, it can be very useful. I thank my friends for their concern in insisting that I not race without a roll bar. I am now recommending that all Time Trialers give installation of a roll bar serious consideration. Yes, I did screw up and take the corner too fast. Yes, the ground might not be wet and slick-as-snot so you can't slow down. And yes, you might not be somewhat sideways when an eight inch deep ditch sucks up your left front tire and causes you to roll. **BUT** all those things did happen! And when "do-do" happens a roll bar is a great thing to have on your side.

The other safety gear also did it's job. The 5-point harness kept me in the seat (I landed upside-down after the rolls). The helmet protected my head (my helmet had blue interior headliner marks on it so I did hit the roof!). Thank God (or whomever you talk to up there) that there was no fire so the driving clothes didn't have to be tested.

I sincerely want to thank Charlie Thieriot, the AROSC members who also helped



organize and run the event, and the various drivers who stopped to assist, for their serious concern for safety. I was not even out of the car before people were present. The paramedics, the corner workers, and the wrecker crew were all just super folks. I now know that we are all "in good hands" when we run with the Alfa Club!

The safety equipment was the smart thing that I did. The dumb thing was not paying attention to the speed of the car **before** entering a corner. The car had been modified since my last time at Riverside and was accelerating faster and handling better, both of which we know contribute to higher speeds. The combination of a higher entry speed, plus a later braking point, resulted in a larger speed increase in that corner than I was able to handle. The lesson is: "increase your speed through a corner in small amounts and don't combine a higher entry speed with less braking".

I want to wish everybody safe Time Trials, and if you want to survive a Disneyland "E Ticket Ride", then install a roll bar!

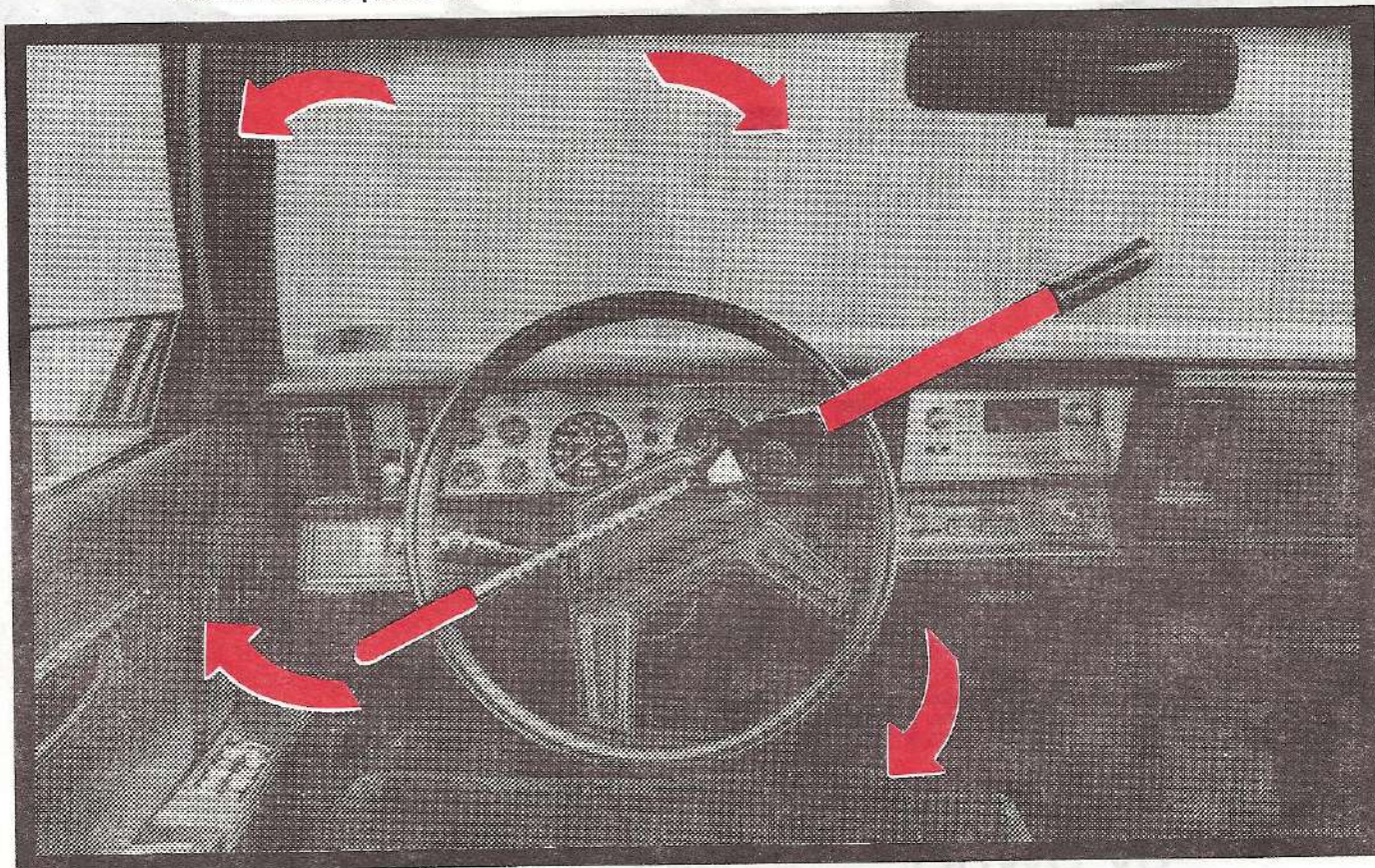
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NAME	CAR	RESULTS			
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Cindy Peltola	'84 VW GTI	0:34.54	0:32.29	0:30.81	0:30.41
Bill Peltola	'84 VW GTI	0:29.79	0:28.69	0:28.27	0:28.62
Jeff Peltola	'80 Triumph TR-8	0:29.98	0:29.08	0:28.84	0:28.58
John Green	'81 Alfa GTV-6	0:28.95	0:28.83	0:27.88	—
Erika Herting	'79 Alfetta GTV	0:29.37	0:29.34	0:29.41	0:28.13
David Herting	'79 Alfetta GTV	0:29.22	0:28.38	0:28.75	0:27.20*
Kirk Tommassian	'87 Alfa Milano	0:31.22	0:33.34	0:32.13	0:30.03
Mary Foley	'74 Alfa Spider	0:34.39	0:34.36	0:32.77	0:31.29
Harold Rich	'78 Alfetta GT	0:29.59	0:28.90		0:28.88
Jim Jorgensen	'65 Chevy Corvaair	0:28.83	0:27.56	0:28.09	0:26.98#
Steve Reiter	'86 Ford Mustang	0:29.51	0:29.02	0:28.85	0:29.11
Gary Murphy	'72 Opel GT	0:30.04	0:29.20	0:29.88	0:30.29
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Paul Blakenship	'84 Ford Escort GT	0:31.39	0:30.52	0:30.07	0:30.72
Christopher Remy	'86 Ford Escort GT	0:29.91	0:30.82	0:28.92	0:28.63
Dennis Weifenbad	'86 Shelby GLH-S	0:27.74	0:27.36	0:27.36	0:27.31

\* Best AROSC time  
#Top time of the day

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Well, May 15th has come and gone and the March A.F.B. Autocross and Air Museum Tour was a success, not withstanding some unforeseen logistical problems which resulted in our getting a little (two hours) late.

Anyway, after getting the drivers acclimated with the course and getting in a couple of practice laps apiece, all were accorded the promised three run minimum and then one extra to enhance the good AROSC name.

The course consisted of four fairly tight turns and then a parallel straight which ended at the finish line.

The newly paved blacktop exploited the torque characteristics of the big V-8s which showed, and allowed for some spectacular wheel-spinning by all. Top time was by Jim Jorgensen and his ominous black Corvaair turning in the only time under twenty-seven seconds, closely followed by David Herting in his '79 Alfetta with a 0:27.20 for the best AROSC time. Note should be taken to new member Mary Foley for her first ever event with a very credible 0:31.29. Watch out David, you may have some competition on the horizon.

Many favorable comments

were received from the participants and observers alike who liked the novelty of incorporating the tour with the event, and interest was expressed in another event later in the year. Having enjoyed setting this event up (and learning from my mistakes) I would be glad to do it again.

I must acknowledge all who helped me put this together: the renowned Juan Verde (The Prez), Harold Rich, Rafael Carabungco, Dan Horne from the Recreation Center, Lou and Sally Larsen, and my wife and trusty cohort, Tamara.

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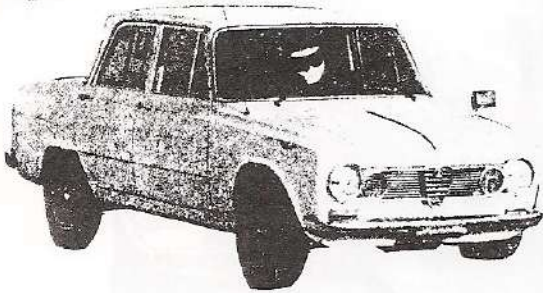
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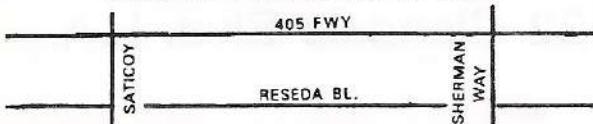
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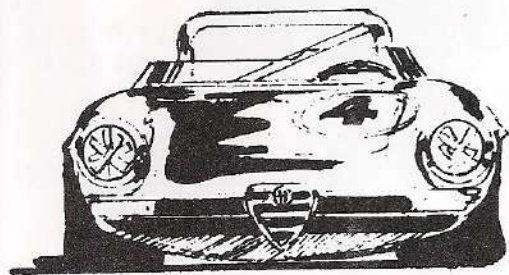
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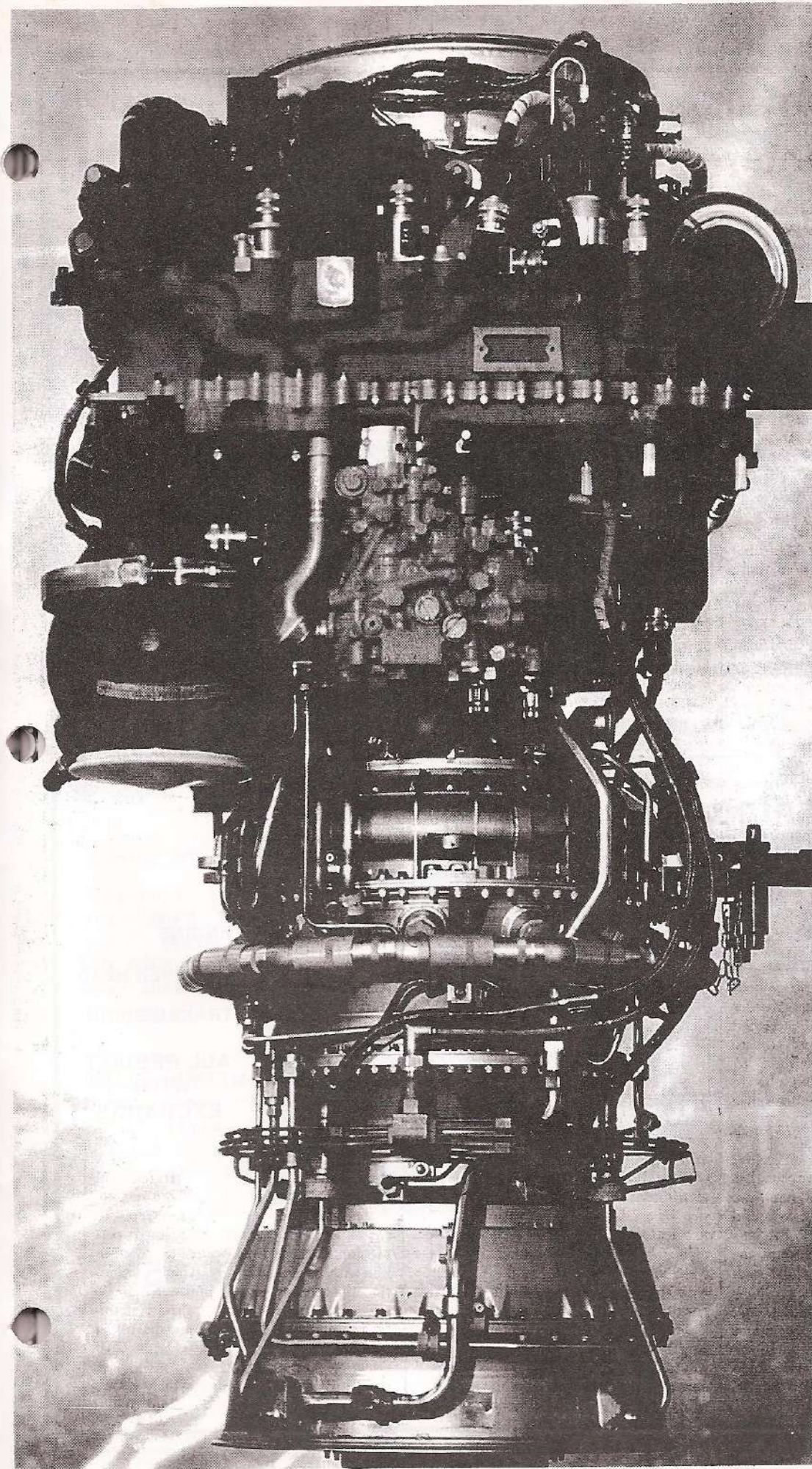
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The last remaining ARDSC event is a WILLOW SPRINGS TIME TRIAL to be held on the 17th and 18th. We may even try and throw one last good party just to say goodbye to 1988.

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