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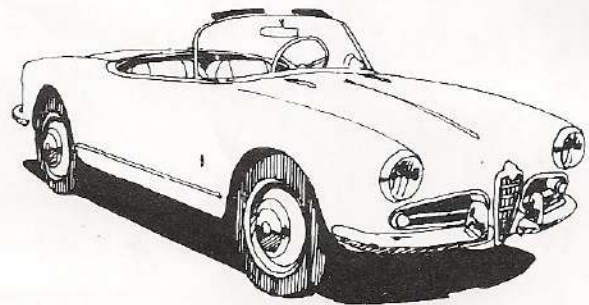
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### COVER STORY

Former Alfa ace Dave Vegher leans his GTA into the infamous turn 6 at Riverside International Raceway. Notice how the sheetmetal never touches the wall. (Photo courtesy of Alfacionada archives.)

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**PRESIDENT**



**OH BOY! HE'S REALLY GONE AND DONE IT NOW, MARTHA**

Friday, April 29, 1988. Lawndale, California. The Alondra Park Clubhouse. The night the President %&#\*d up.

I was sitting beside my propane tank waiting for the director to call action. I was in charge of the flames. It had been a quiet night as nights go. Perhaps that's what made the phone ring seem so loud. A voice hollered across the set, "YO". I picked up the receiver and heard a sultry woman's voice. "They're looking for you.", she said. "Who's looking for me?", I said. "They can't get in!", "In where", I pleaded. "The meeting hall, you fool. They're locked out of the meeting hall." "My God", I wheezed, as my thoughts raced to reorient themselves, now I've really gone and done it. "Action", the director called. I rushed to my propane tanks, thoughts still whirling through a heavy hydrocarbon fog, dreading the next call. Up went the flames. "CUT", yelled the wizened old director. Ring went the phone. I walked slowly over thinking hard and fast. Was there

some way out of this, some way I could get out of this without being impeached?

The voice on the other end was hard and sharp, used to dealing with big problems and the fools that went with them. "No way", said the hard voice. "There are forty people here and they all have your name and number. And the guest of honor, why he's the one that made your race suit and underwear fireproof." My spine straightened with a quick, harsh snap. There was nothing I could do. They had my name and number.....Wait, maybe there was one thing still left, one last ditch effort that might save me yet. Something Porsche drivers are always having to do, apologize, and do it loud!

**I'M SORRY!**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

This coming Friday should be terrific as our guest is none other than the famous racing instructor, Danny McKeever of the "The Driver's Connection" fame. (Made famous, of course, because he is our Time Trial's chief instructor.) As most of you know, Danny's school is

located at Willow Springs Raceway, the last road racing track in the L.A. county "area" Danny is one of those low key types who you are sure has it all figured out. Not pushy, just sure. A great guy. His school is, besides our Time Trial Novice program, the best dollar for dollar car control/racing school in Southern California. You can take his school one day at a time or all at once. And you can do this no matter what level of experience you're at. It's important to note that you don't have to be a "racer" to take his school, just someone who wants to learn car control. Danny, with Paolo Gambini's help, will be raffling off a free one day pass to his school, about a \$400.00 value. Wow! So come on by and join the fun.

**JUNE** will be a change of pace from our usual indoor meetings with our 19th annual **SOFTBALL AND PICNIC** meeting i Long Beach. The drinks and the briquettes are on the club so you bring your own food, (BYOB), and softball equipment.

As of this writing Tom Stoner and I are still trying to find a meeting site that will combine the JULY concours with Alana Ireland's Italian Sauce meeting. This we are hoping, will start on a Sunday at a site that can hold both the concours during the day and the meeting in the evening starting at 5 PM. Everybody should be able to walk over from the concours to the meeting. People can bring their sauce to pour over the club-supplied pasta. We will give out the concours awards during the "dinner" and hopefully, (if we can get a sponsor to rent the video equipment), show the club video

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most of you missed in February, all this and be finished by 9 PM. At least that's our plan. By the time you read this we should have it worked out but just in case we don't, give Tom or myself a call if you know of a place we can have the concours/meeting.

### MORE FUN STUFF

Those of you who aren't going to Tulsa but would like to attend a similar affair, the lovely Georgia Baker, wife of the famous Scuderia Frigo piloto, Dexter

Baker and President of the North West Alfa Romeo Club, is planning a great three day affair in the Seattle, Washington area. The dates are July 2-4 with a rally, party, time trial, party concours, party.. well you get the picture. Bill Pringle has printed an application a little further on. Knowing the Northwesterners as I do, it should be a lot of fun.

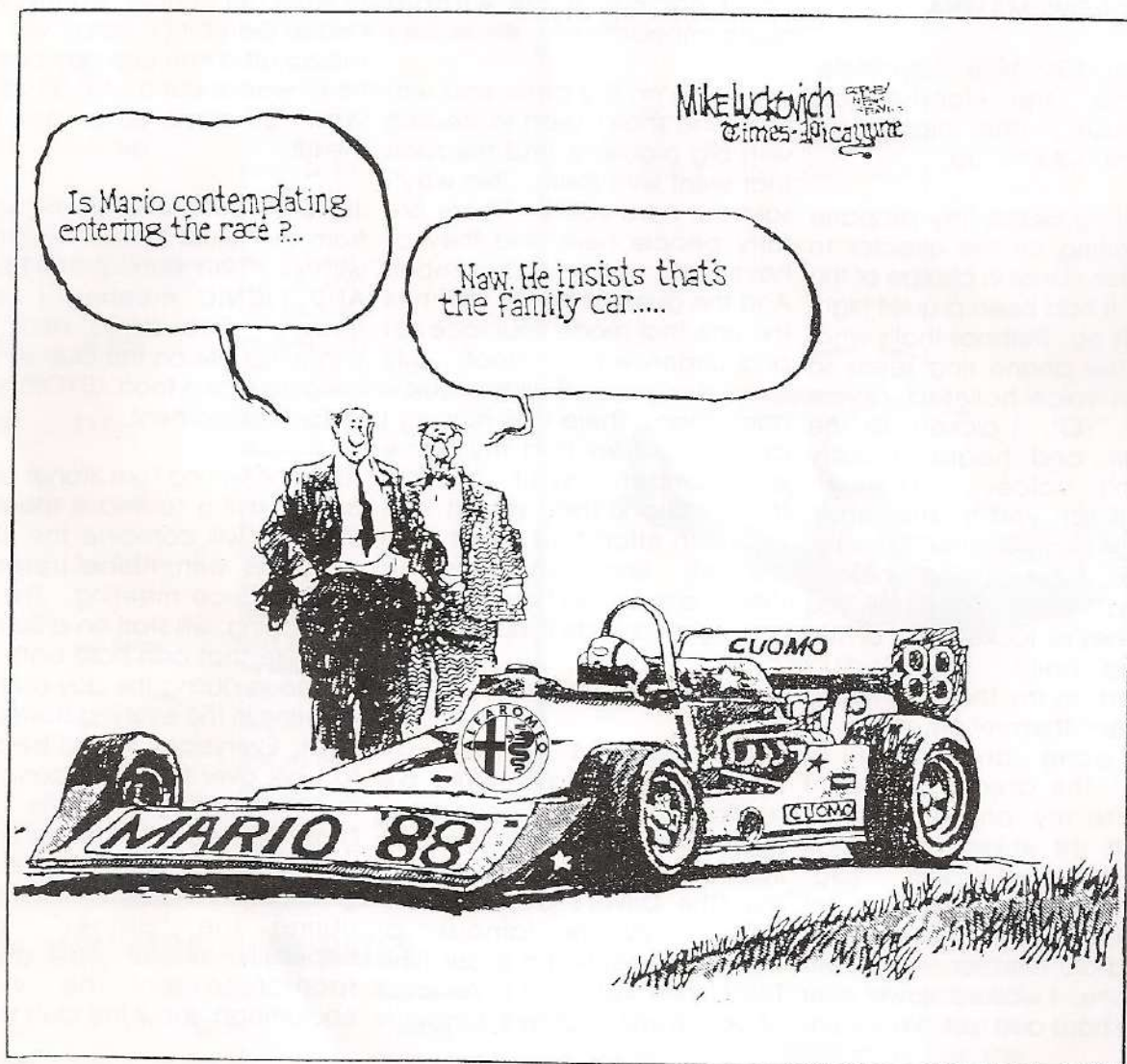
And speaking of Tulsa, Al Cortes will be AROSC's official representative to the board meeting and convention.

And finally, to the gentleman who wrote to the OWNER saying Alfa Romeo made it's reputation little sporty cars with no tops and "why don't they get back to making them.", he's obviously never driven a real **SUPER**.

PORTAE QUATORE NON EXPECTANDUM, Spider This!

Until Next Time,

JOHN GREEN



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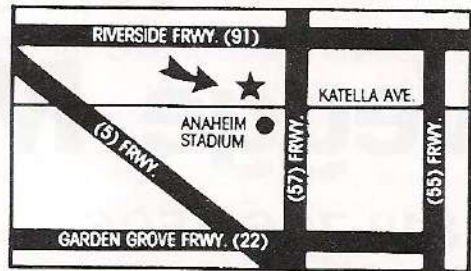


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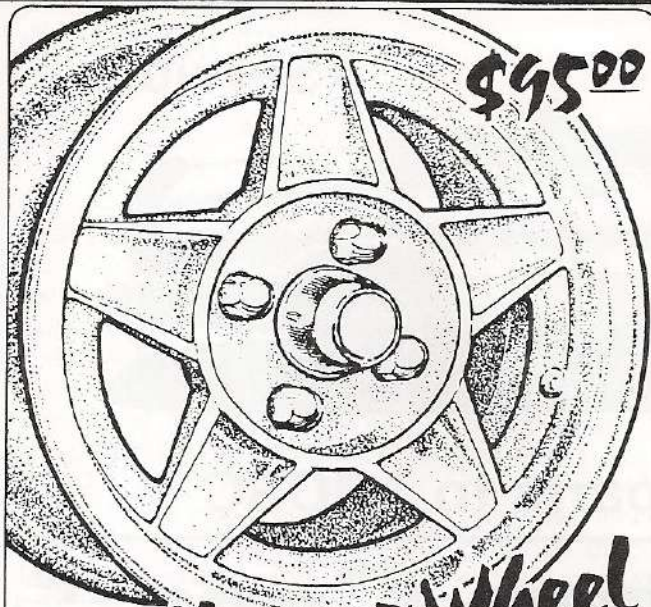
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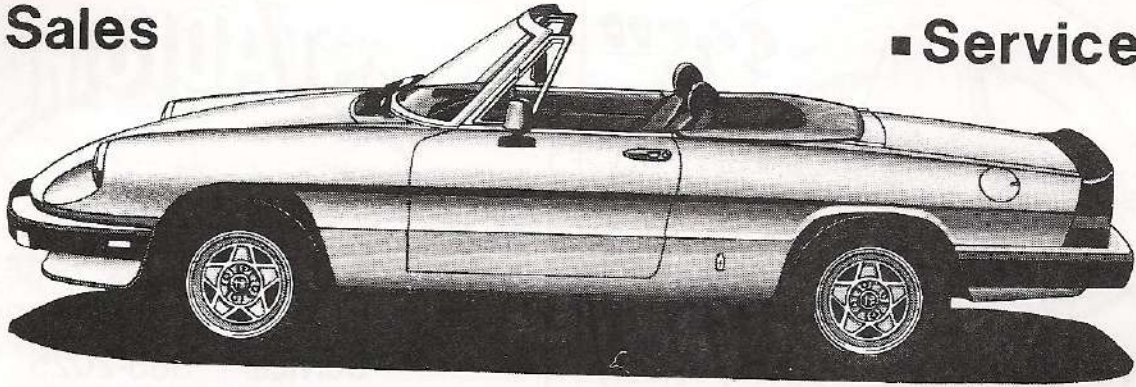
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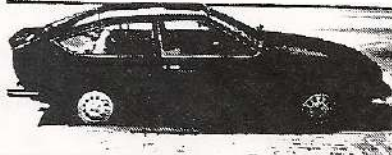
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(One year later...) I had been playing with the idea of planning an Alfa tour to the above-mentioned resort, Sycamore Mineral Springs located in San Luis Obispo, but I knew I'd need help. Luckily, I found out John Ireland was tossing around the

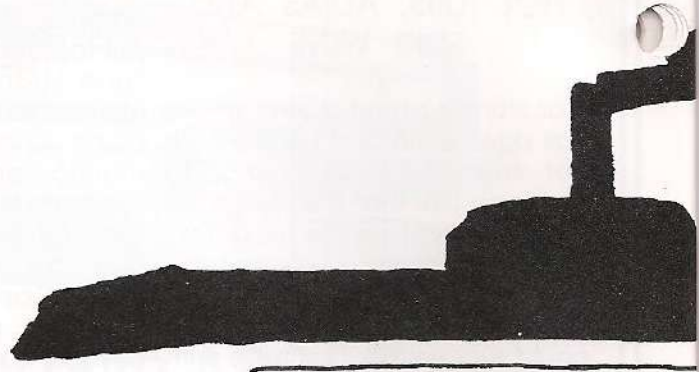
idea of a wine tour to Santa Barbara. A perfect match. We put together a backroads tour to Zaca Mesa Winery with a wine tasting, tour of the winery and picnic lunch, followed by more touring, an overnight stay at Sycamore Springs with an evening barbeque and party, and capped off by a tour of the Hearst Castle the next morning. Sounded great but would anyone want to pay the price or take the time? Being my first attempt at planning a trip for more than two, I made the error of not booking enough rooms in the beginning (I listened to the skeptics - never again!), but was lucky enough to find a really nice hotel on a cliff overlooking the ocean with a heated pool and hot tub to accommodate the overflow. We had a terrific response, with a total of 39 people in 20 cars signing up from Southern California.

(April 30...) We got off to a scattered start, a few missed turns and some side trips to the Botanical Gardens in Ojai. But it was a beautiful drive, John Ireland chose some fine scenic roads and thanks to his terrific maps, everyone made it to Zaca Mesa in time for lunch. We found a protected spot out of the considerable winds ("hats off!" to those Spider drivers who kept the ragtops down regardless) and had a lovely picnic. People brought lots of cheese and bread for the wine and Alana Ireland brought all my favorite cookies! One nice touch I particularly enjoyed, people didn't sit next to people they knew, they got to know the people they sat next to. After lunch, we had a short tour of the winery and were back on the road making great time. We were met at Sycamore Springs

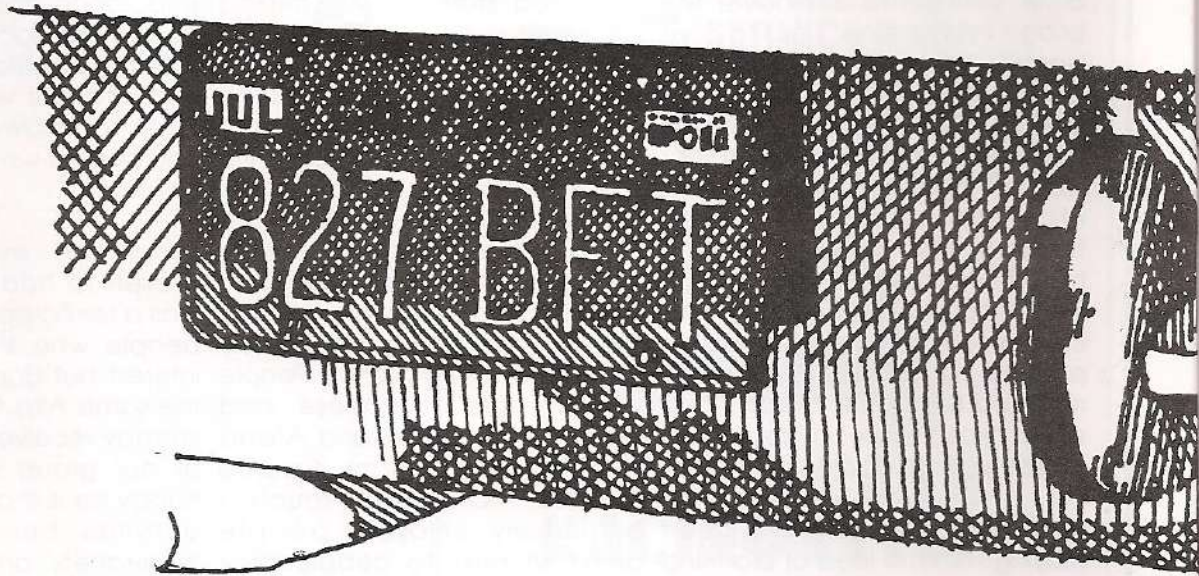
by another 24 WILD Northern California Alfisti. After a relaxing dip in the "piquant" mineral waters filling the hot tubs and a short nap, we were ready for some hearty food. And hearty (but salty!) it was, with steak and chicken and garlic toast and lots of fine Zaca Mesa wines. No balmy evening for us though, and so it was on to the cottage John (Green) and I had taken at Sycamore, big enough for everyone to watch an attempt at building a fire in the wood stove, have some more wine and tell more Alfa stories. As the Hearst tour was early the next morning, most So. Cal. people retired to their rooms, or hot tubs, at a reasonable hour. Not so for those partyers from up north. John and I bid them goodnight in a large hot tub in the hills singing the 'Indian Love Call' (or versions thereof) around midnight. I understand it was a photo finish of whether they came out before the sun came up. They get the endurance trophy. John and I had to get back to L.A. early, so we missed Hearst Castle, but I understand it was an enjoyable morning followed by a brunch and perfect weather for the drive home.

Thankfully, everyone I have spoken to had a great time. It was a terrific opportunity to meet people who share a common interest but don't usually attend the same Alfa functions. I have already received a letter by one of our group telling me how happy he is that there are more activities being planned for "non-racers" and that he wants to become a more active member of the club offering his time and services and knowledge (European parts importing is his profession). This is encouraging to me, because

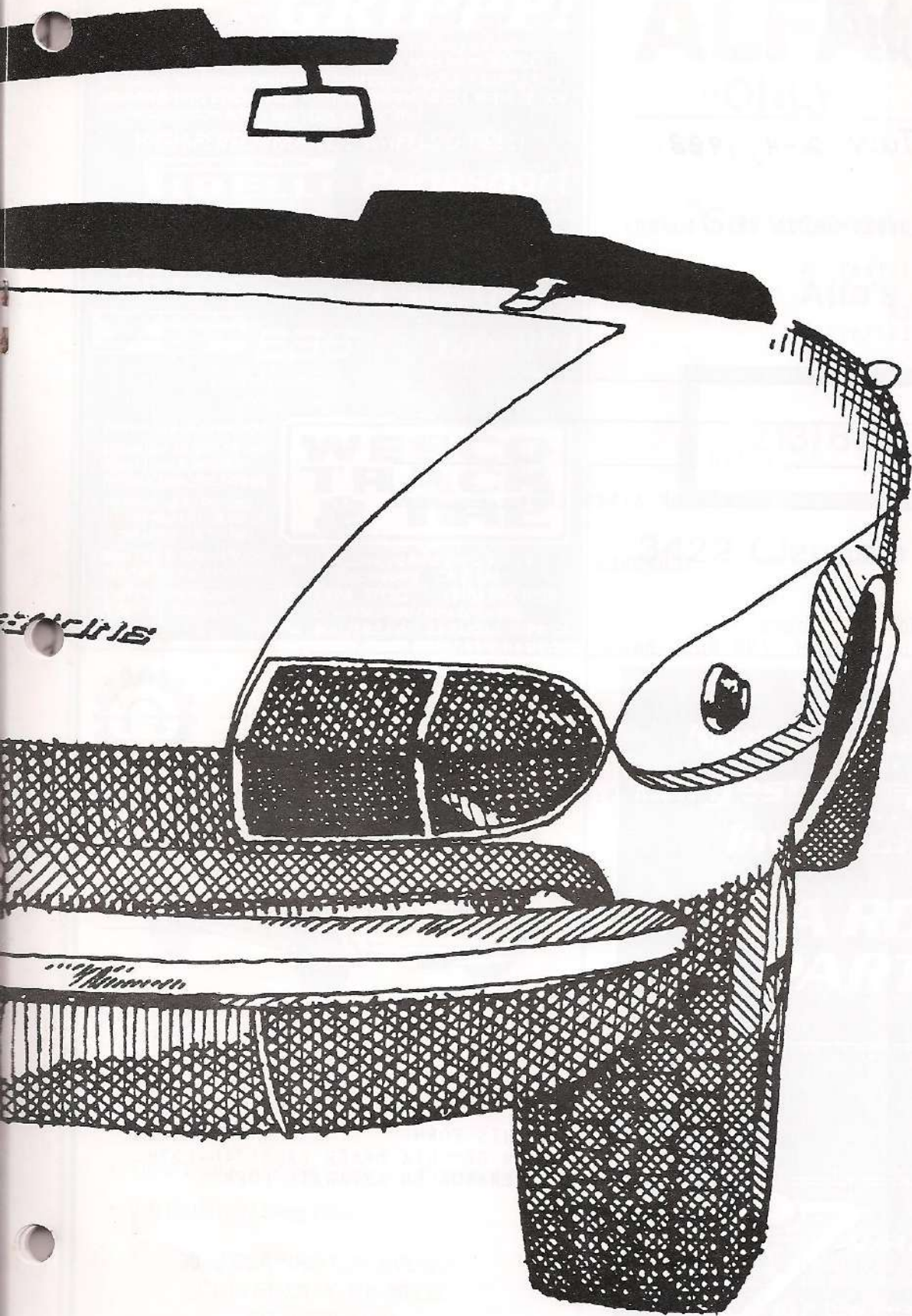
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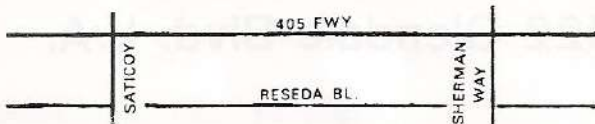
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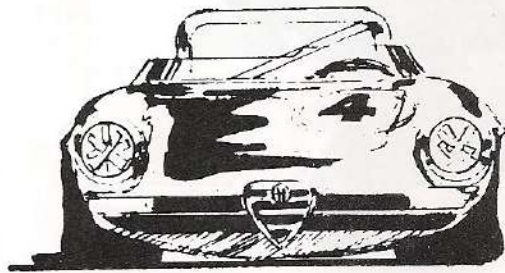
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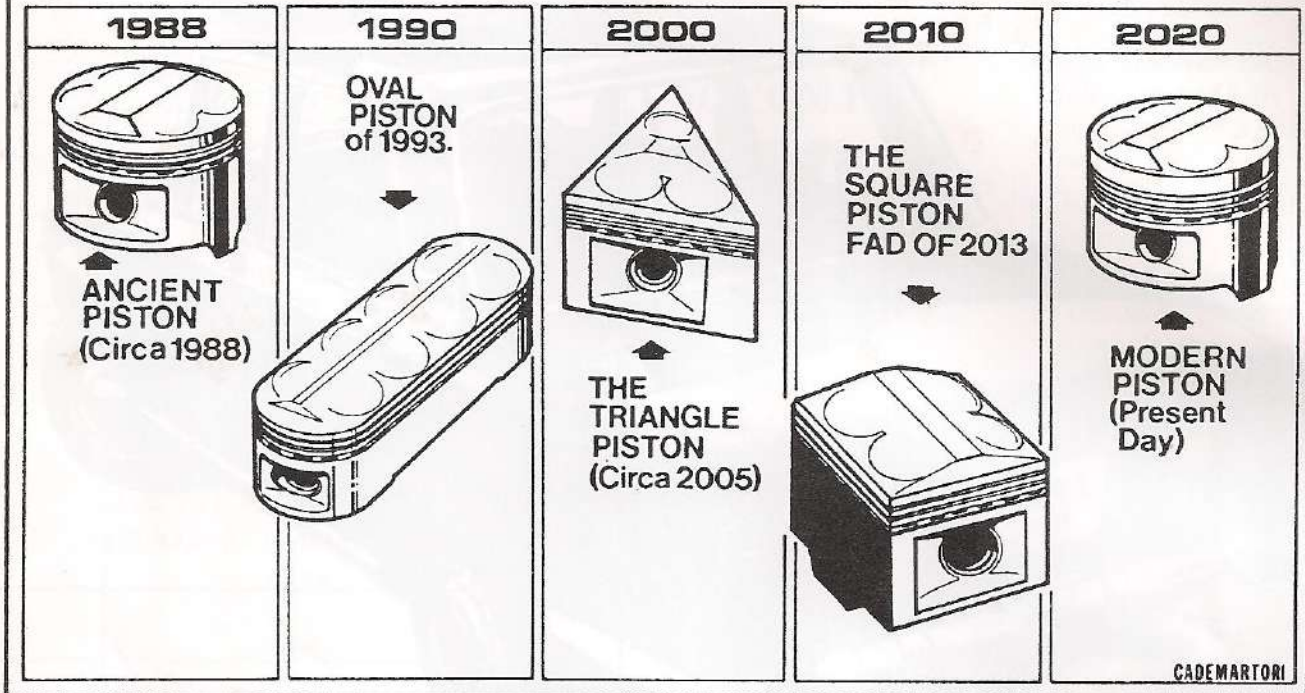
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### FOR SALE

#### '65 GIULIA GT SPRINT

Needs some interior work. Two owners. Good maintenance records. Cherry red, charcoal interior. \$2500. Excellent cond. Steven (818) 983-1458

#### '67 EUROPEAN DUETTO

White/Black interior. 13,000 miles on professionally rebuilt engine. Dual Webers, '74 rear axle with ATE brakes, new exhaust system, new clutch, headlight cover, black roll bar, rebuilt transmission. All records and receipts available. \$9110. (213) 519-8178 weekdays Mon. - Thurs. evenings best.

#### '69 DUETTO

20K on blue-printed 155 hp engine w/11mm cams. New tires (3011), top, battery etc. Suspension mods, alloy wheels. Last year of this body style. \$6000 obo. Jim (213) 635-2329.

#### '69 GTV

2nd owner, full history, needs paint, upholstery, engine work, otherwise in good orig. shape. Completely stock, all parts present and in working order. 114,000 mi. \$750 obo. (213) 645-2477 Jim

#### '74 SPIDER VELOCE

(Actually Calif. '75) Silver, no smog, engine rebuilt by Vegher, Euro cams, Sperry valves, Ward-Deane suspension, rebuilt trans., good top, Yoko A008205/60 on Chromodora Daytona wheels. Lovingly maintained by Vegher and Jafco and me. Looks great, runs great. \$5000. Call Joel Camarda (714) 499-3067.

#### '77 ALFA SPIDER

Silver, maroon/black interior, new top, runs great, easy restoration. \$3400 obo. MUST SELL. (213) 649-5169.

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#### '82 GTV-6

Met. anthracite/blue leather. Recent upper engine rebuild, external oiler, lowered front suspension. Proper maintenance, care of paint and leather, new P6s, (car lives better than owner), 65,000 miles. The Missus wants and automatic. \$6400. (818) 789-1074.

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#### 4 YOKOHAMA 008 TIRES

195/50/15 tires 5000 miles since new. \$200 for set. (714) 624-4930 days & (714) 981-6790 eves. Ask for Dean.

#### '76 ALFETTA SEDAN PARTS

Many good body/interior parts, transaxel, good engine 85,000 mi. Karl Blasius (213) 595-6535.

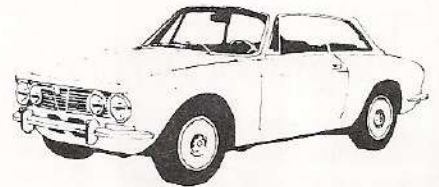
#### '76 ALFETTA PARTS

Parting out Alfetta with rebuilt engine and many new parts. Contact Alan or Richard (213) 375-2959.

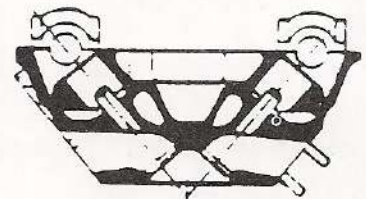
## ♣ SOCIAL CONT.

as much as I enjoy the Alfa Time Trials and Vintage Races, I know there are hundreds of members of our club I've never met because they are not interested in racing. These are the people I am especially trying to reach. So, if you have any ideas, or want to become more active in the club, come to a meeting and share your ideas. It can be a lot of fun!

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 CALENDAR

JUNE 17-19 National Convention, Tulsa  
26 Gen. meeting/softball game/picnic/people's  
coice concours, El Dorado Park, Long Beach  
23 Board meeting

JULY 9 Brakes Clinic, Alfa Only  
23-24 VR-SCCA Vintage race, Riverside  
27 Board Meeting  
29 General meeting

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21-21 Monterey Historic Races-Maserati



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