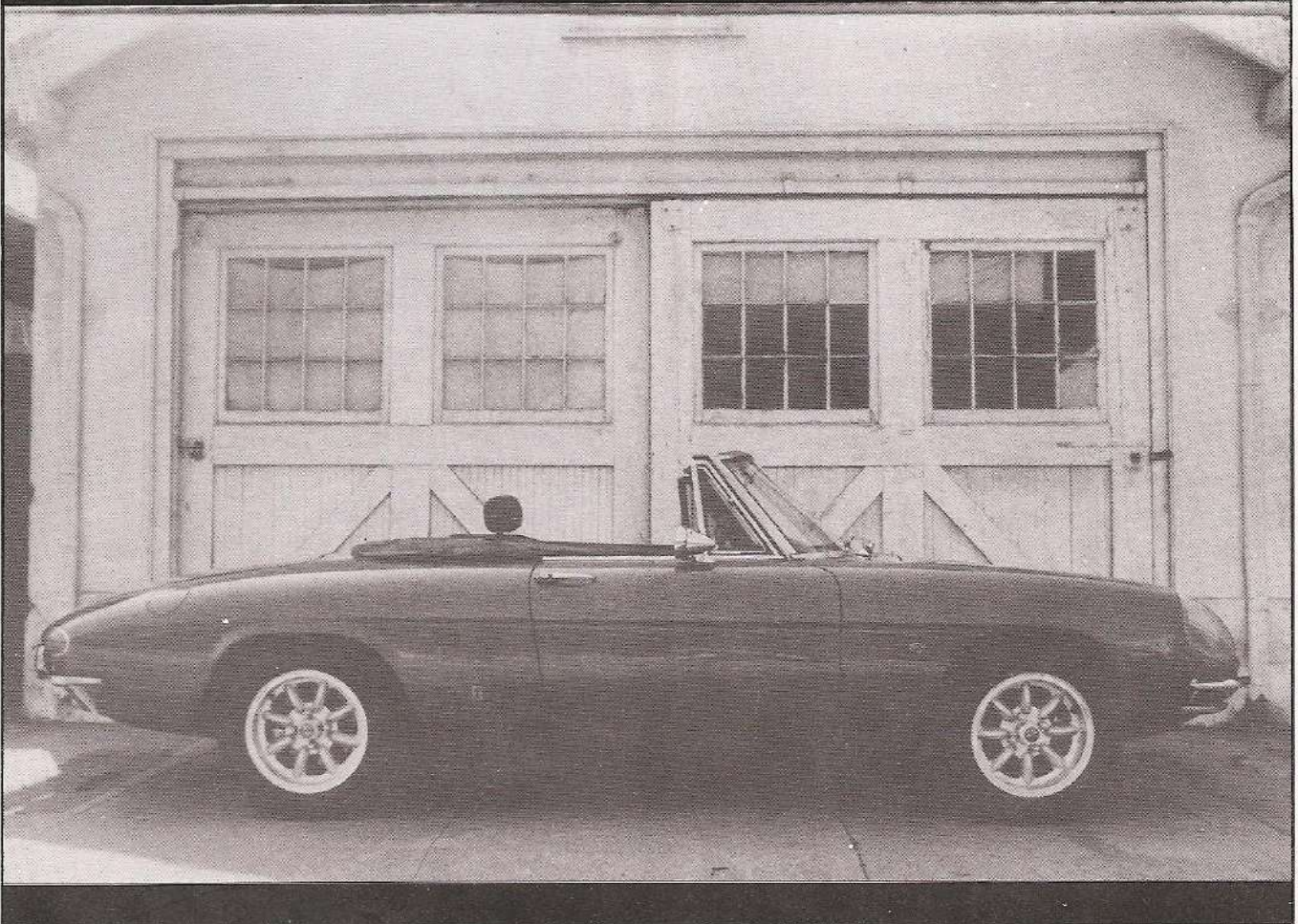


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### GENERAL MEETING

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Guest speaker for the July meeting at the Alondra Park clubhouse is someone who should know a lot about speakers. Mr. Alex Lee of Euro Car Stereo Service will fill you in on the latest in car sounds and how to keep your system from being stolen (he will also talk about alarm systems).



### PHOTOS

Gracing our cover this month is a very artistically beautiful photograph of a very lovely Duetto by Phil Guiral. Inside are various shots of the last Time Trial at Carlsbads by Mark Jansen.

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## PAROLA DI PRESIDENTE

*Dan Ritter*

It was party, party, party at the Las Vegas Time Trials last May 12th & 13th. With many of the original stalwarts not in attendance, the new blood carved a new plateau in the annals of Time Trial History. These neophyte charioteers are a most daring and fearless lot. a few are the romantic type, case in point, upon working corner duty, two perfect strangers discovered love and romance under the scorching Nevada sun. What with all the fast driving and coupled with glitter, bright lights and pulsating high rolling of Las Vegas the two Alfiste are now engaged to be married! Yours truly did not fair so well. After several practice laps I noticed the engine in my Guilia Super was down on power and I could tell something was just not right. In an attempt to compensate I changed the fuel mixture several times, made sure the ignition timing was at full advance and I was taking it closer to 7200 RPM on each shift. Well as I was exiting the last turn, just as the motor was at about 7200 RPM and while moving the gearshift lever to 4th gear, a most awful noise echoed from the engine compartment. A quick glance of the left side mirror revealed a huge billow of white smoke belching from the exhaust pipe. In a split second I thought oh sh-- panic-kill the motor-coast into the pits-right arm out the window waving the other drivers safety by- shut of fuel pump- maybe it's only a head gasket. Once at rest in the hot pits, I immediately started to inspect the car. At first I found little in the engine compartment itself however upon circling the car I noticed green coolant pissing out the exhaust dump tube. At that point I became a spectator and found solace and reward at the gaming tables. The Vegas Speedway track is mostly flat however quite challenging due to very late apexes. There is plenty of run off room and with an appropriate hot pits and parking area this track will naturally be of course Vintage Racing.

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## POINTS OF INTEREST

The new 164 Sedan has finally arrived upon us which is good news indeed. The sleek new lines from the great house of Pinnfarina and robust 3 liter engine tastefully preserves the Alfa tradition. Magazine reports are favorable and if the Chrysler dealer network is able to solve the service problem then I say Alfa Romeo has a good chance of making a profit in the U.S.

Congratulations to Andy and Ann Steben they are proud new parents of Mary Frances who weighed in at a healthy 10lbs 2oz

The next general meeting will be June 29th at Alondra Park clubhouse and our guest speaker will be Mr. Alex Lee of Euro Car Stereo Service. Mr. Lee's topic will be the latest in car stereo installation and theft alarms. Should prove to be an interesting program.

Then on July 21 which is a Saturday at 2 P.M. we will meet for our annual dinner meeting. This will also feature a concours so wash your cars and bring them to the San Antonio Winery for an outstanding day of good Italian food, beautiful cars and some relaxing conversation.

On July 27th & 28 the third Time Trial event will be held at Willow Springs Raceway.

In August we take a break and try to meet at the Monterey Historic Races and or the Pebble Beach Concours. This is the 17th and 18th. The Northern Calif. Club has a few rooms left at the Ramada in Salinas. Until then

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## **CONCOURS/WINE TASTING,DINNER MEETING**

Saturday, July 21, 1990

Our annual dinner meeting will be held at San Antonio Winery, near downtown Los Angeles. The members and families who attended last year will remember the good food, good wine, and an enjoyable time. This year, there's more!!! AROSC has reserved the winery's parking lot, adjacent to the patio, so we could include an afternoon Concours. Only AROSC members will be able to use the parking lot, and it will be locked while we enjoy sampling San

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## GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS & JUST NEWS

Stu Schaller

Over the last month or two collector car prices have greatly stabilized, or, as in the case of Ferrari and Aston Martin, gone down. Any 105 or earlier series Alfa is still a bargain in my mind. Even 1900's at \$100,000 are a bargain, as their contemporary rivals the Siatas and Fiat SV's are over \$250,000 and not much rarer.

The May 7th issue of AUTOWEEK has a good 164 article as dos the June issue of ROAD & TRACK. Too bad that in the R & T article they didn't say that the transmission spider gears broke due to some idiot making 7000 rpm, drop-the-clutch acceleration runs, and not to any defect in the car. Te article, due to this misleading fact, may actually turn away some potential 164 buyers.

New Alfas include a protection plan that includes free towing and a rental car in the event of a breakdown. It even includes free wiper blades and oil and brake changes for three years.

The June issue of CLASSIC AND SPORTSCAR has a test between a 2 litre GTV and a Lotus 2 + 2. Of course the Alfa comes out on top, in spite of the fact it was on 165mm wide tires.

My 2600 Sprint is still in the works. The good people at Ricambi found me a set of carb mounts, but they were \$600! The carbs have also been rebuilt, and the brakes are currently being done. If luck prevails, I'll have it ready for the June meeting; at least done enough to drive it. My Miata is a lot of fun but is not the perfect car the ads would try to make you believe it is. I would like to see it have better seats, opening vent windows, and a number of other minor changes.

We had some 50 entries at our first Las Vegas Time Trial, which was just enough to break even financially. (Actually, Charlie prevailed upon each participant to kick in another \$20 to keep the event from losing money and thus keep the whole program alive and well. From all reports, people were glad to do it.)ed. For those of you interested in racing, this is a very cheap way to go, and I would encourage you to contact Charlie Thieriot, our Competition Director, if you have any interest. The next Time Trial is late July (28 & 29)ed. at Willow Springs.

We are also planning a dinner meeting, instead of our regular meeting for July. This will be held on a Saturday afternoon at the San Antonio Winery in downtown L.A.

There will also be a concours in conjunction with the dinner. Contact Gene Jacob (see separate notice elsewhere) for further info.

Other Alfa stuff coming up includes the National Convention in Detroit, a Wst Coast Regional Convention, and an event in conjunction with the Laguna Seca Indy car race in October.

At the May meeting we had a fairly good turnout in spite of the fact that it was held a week early. Some of our members generously donated stuff for our library, which I will give to Larry, our librarian, ASAP. Not many turned up at the Pizza Show after the meeting, but the ones who came had a good time, and we didn't get out of there until 12:30.

I know it's only June, but it might be a good idea for you to start thinking about serving on the Board of Directors in 1991. We can use some fresh blood, and some of the long term board members are getting a little tired.

All I could get so far from Phil Hill or Mr. Davis was a "maybe" regarding speaking to our club, but I'll keep trying. If you have any ideas about improving any of our programs, T.T., concours, meeting speakrs, please tell someone on the board. As good as the club is, it can always get better.

"Til next time

Stu

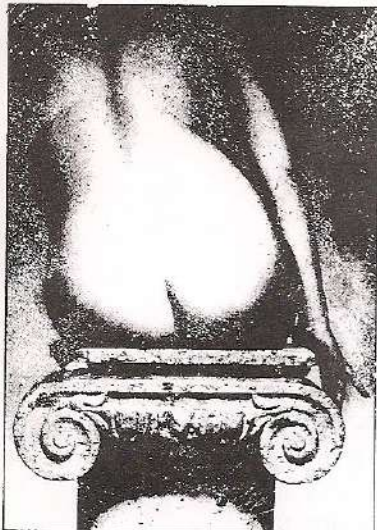


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## EDITOR'S DESK

It's June!! Time for vacations! Convertibles! Romance! Beaches! Picnics! Baseball! Sunday drives!! (In Southern California!?) Yeah right! For me, it looks like just work and more work. A lot of it is my own doing to be sure. Nevertheless, fate has conspired (remember last month's discussion?) with all of my clients so that they all must have their projects completed, started or speeded up at the very moment when I'm trying to move my office and get ready for a little vacation of my own. As I sit down to produce the newsletter this month, all this pressure reminds me of something I've been meaning to tell you. This is the last year you'll have me to kick around as your Newsletter Editor for quite some time to come. No, I really mean it this time!

I've done this for either four or five years; memory fails me. There was a break for about a year, but it still seems like forever. I'm sure not complaining either! Being Newsletter Editor has provided me with lots of pleasure and by being an active board member I've met and become friends with a lot of wonderful people. More importantly (just kidding kiddies) this position has given me the inside track on lots of great cars and goodies that get advertised in this august journal. You see, people who want to sell their cars send me their ad copy to publish. I get to see it long before anyone else knows about it. It's called "The Unfair Advantage!". I actually did use that advantage on at least one occasion to snag a really fine, very complete, one-owner Duetto. Now, if that appeals to your Alfa Avarice it ought to entice one of you to take over this most revered board position come year's end!

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If you have been entertaining the idea of becoming Newsletter Editor, and therefore famous and popular, please give me a call. I would be happy to have you sit in on the last couple of publication efforts of the year so you could just segue right into all the fun.

Don't forget. As usual there will be no August newsletter or General Meeting. This allows everyone to go to Monterey for the Historic Automobile Races or just relax for a month. Also, I will be on vacation during the heart of July. This means that, although there will be a July newsletter, it will undoubtedly be late and not received by you until sometime in the first part of August.

## CONCOURS

*Phil Guiral*

A few months ago, I printed a list of concours in the area this year. That list included two that would be AROSC events; June 10 at the Huntington Beach Car Show and the Barwinkles Concours Sept. 9th. Unfortunately, a computer breakdown delayed the newsletter that contained the details of the June 10th event. I had to cancel that event as an Alfa Club concours, but those of us who did go were treated to a very nice show. I want to let all of you know with plenty of notice that we have two dates for concours as of today and I'm working on a third for October or November.

July 21 San Antonio Winery

Please call to let me know if you want to enter a car. I will be on my vacation, but I'll set up the event and need to know ASAP how many people will participate in the concours. I could also use someone to run the event that day. If any of you would like to consider taking over as Concours Director next year, this would be a good chance to get your feet wet.

Sept. 9 Barwinkles Long Beach

Since there is no August newsletter, you must fill out the entry form in this month's newsletter. Please check the event you want to enter (or check both if you will be participating in both). As usual, it is a big help if you call me ASAP to let me know if you are entering a car. I'm working on a site for a third event. If you have any ideas, please call. Phil Guiral. (213) 439-5550.

# LAS VEGAS TIME TRIAL

Chris Romine

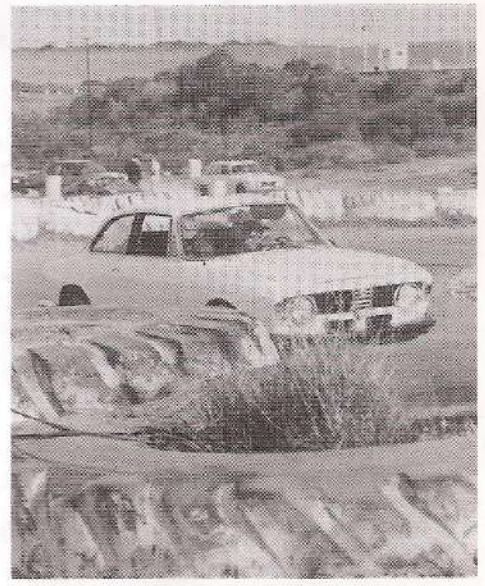
Oh my, another reason to go to Las Vegas! The opening (reopening?) of the recently re-paved and improved 1.5 mile Las Vegas International Raceway road circuit proved to be yet another excuse to be entertained by this provocative place in the desert. While all Alfa Club time trials can be classified "high-adventure", our first-ever Las Vegas event ranked right up there. From the Friday night escapades in the Barcelona Lounge (you "rich racing folks", you) to the sight of Charlie Thieriot working in the pits Sunday night quieting the exhaust on his stunningly quick GTA for the drive home (how many vintage racers are doing that?), it was an adventure. The flat 8-turn road course was more challenging than first appearances suggested, and it was only after Saturday's very generous 75 minutes of track time for each run group that this gathering of mostly experienced drivers dialed in the circuit. The safety of open runoff areas encouraged aggressive driving, and while all 8 turns witnessed a car off the track at least once during the weekend, only Bettina Van Curen's Spider had its shape altered a little (which also gave Alan Ward a chance to drive yet another unsuspecting soul's pride and joy).

Saturday night's banquet was preceded by cocktails and lie swapping, and followed with a customized tour of The Strip in Harold Rich's motorhome, which also served as the timing and scoring "tower" the next day.

Sunday dawned another beautiful day. Ample track time was again available for morning practice. The afternoon timed runs saw Bud Clark culminate several years of effort by bringing home Top Time of the Day with his latest Saab Sonett race car in Class N. Charlie edged John Cote in Class A for fastest Alfa honors (by not lifting in turn 1?). Tor McPartland and Alex Brown drove GTV's to victory in Classes D and E, respectively, by large margins. Judy Illeman adjusted to the new track quickly and grabbed Class F while Si Robin took G in the family Spider. Kit Simmons drove his Mustang to 2nd in the fastest non-Alfa class, and Tracy Culp's Capri took Class O from Curt Hitchcock's "most driven entry" TVR. Class P, again the largest, saw Chuck Dedman edge Brian Lewis on the last lap, while Bill Peltola dropped down to take Q.

The success of this event, staged at a track none of us had ever seen, can be attributed to the continuing efforts of a veteran time trial organization and the enthusiasm of the competitors and course workers. There is no better value in competition driving today, and the instruction is FREE!. Next event is July 28-29 at Willow Springs. Come on out!

CAR#	NAME	CAR	LAP 1	LAP 2	LAP 3	LAP 4	LAP 5
CLASS A							
88	THIERIOT, CHAS	1750 GTA	1:07.62	1:08.62	1:07.58	1:07.58	1:07.30
6	COTE, JOHN	GTAM	1:07.81	1:07.75	1:08.09	<u>1:07.51</u>	1:14.39
CLASS C							
91	RICH, HAROLD	SPRINT VEL	1:14.17	1:14.47	1:13.70	<u>1:13.02</u>	1:13.03
CLASS D							
111	MCPARTLAND, TOR	GTV 2000	1:11.70	1:11.60	<u>1:11.71</u>	1:12.04	1:24.81
348	STOCKINGER, LISA	GTV6	1:17.98	1:16.45	1:17.20	1:16.55	<u>1:15.68</u>
13	WARD, ALAN	MILANO 3.0	1:19.01	1:17.94	<u>1:17.63</u>	1:18.15	1:18.04
34	LEHMANN, GERRY	GTV6	1:24.14	1:25.58	1:24.95	1:26.87	<u>1:23.79</u>
3	GAYLARD, PHYLLIS	MILANO 3.0	1:26.00	<u>1:25.98</u>	1:26.40	1:26.83	1:26.62



## CLASS E

50	BROWN, ALEX	72 GTV	1:15.65	1:15.63	1:32.49	<u>1:14.95</u>	1:29.61
79	STOHR, DIRK	GUILIA	<u>1:20.73</u>	1:21.26	1:21.04	1:22.16	1:21.54
777	MOLINA, DANNY	SPIDER	1:23.43	1:23.74	1:22.86	1:23.01	<u>1:22.24</u>
501XX	RINALDI, PAT	72 GTV	1:25.83	1:25.66	1:27.45	1:32.25	<u>1:25.27</u>

## CLASS F

11	ILLEMAN, JUDY	GRADUATE	1:16.70	1:16.56	1:16.56	1:18.78	<u>1:16.14</u>
210	GARBINI, FABIO	SUPER	<u>1:21.55</u>	1:24.59	-	-	-

## CLASS G

32	ROBIN, SI	SPIDER VEL	1:22.24	1:21.88	<u>1:21.57</u>	1:22.09	1:22.04
321	ROBIN, JEFF	SPIDER VEL	1:23.65	1:23.98	1:24.04	1:23.59	<u>1:23.52</u>

## CLASS N

92	CLARK, BUD	SAAB SDN V4	1:07.42	1:07.48	1:06.74	<u>1:05.86</u>	1:06.26	TTD
69	SIMMONS, KIT	MUSTANG GT	1:11.57	1:11.70	<u>1:11.29</u>	1:12.28	1:11.44	
73	BAYSINGER, SCOTT	MAZ RX2 13B	1:13.69	<u>1:12.47</u>	1:12.63	1:14.99	1:13.31	
71	ROMHE, CHRIS	REN RS TURB	1:14.95	1:14.54	1:14.68	1:14.89	<u>1:14.24</u>	
157X	RANGE, RON	TOY SUPRA	1:16.27	1:15.99	1:32.11	<u>1:15.69</u>	1:36.18	

## CLASS O

12	CULP, TRACY	FORD CAPRI	1:15.27	<u>1:14.96</u>	1:15.15	1:14.99	1:15.04
267	MITCHCOCK, CURT	TVR 2500K	1:16.51	1:17.35	<u>1:17.07</u>	1:17.54	1:17.11
36	MEADE, DUANE	TVR 2500M	1:22.52	1:24.58	1:23.02	<u>1:20.48</u>	1:20.83

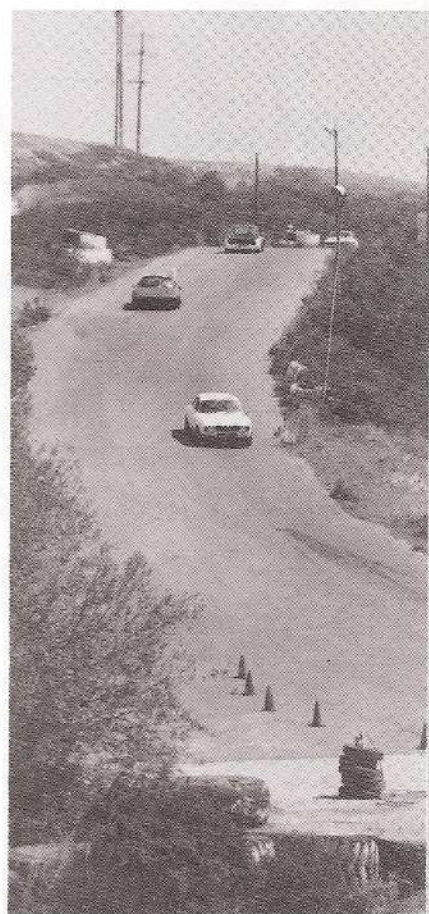
## CLASS P

4	DEDMAN, CHUCK	JEN HEALEY	1:29.15	1:14.53	1:14.55	1:15.59	<u>1:13.68</u>
653	LEWIS, BRIAN	TOY MR2	1:14.58	<u>1:13.86</u>	1:14.30	1:14.35	1:14.57
112	LAWHORN, BILL	FIAT SPID	<u>1:15.21</u>	3:06.86	1:16.88	1:29.01	-
63	CABORNO, NEAL	TOY CORR GT	1:16.59	1:16.36	1:15.60	<u>1:15.32</u>	1:23.36
89E	HAMILTON, STEVEN	TOY MR2	1:16.40	<u>1:15.80</u>	1:15.97	1:33.28	1:16.07
135	LEE, JOSEPH	TOY SUPRA	1:16.61	<u>1:16.26</u>	1:16.71	1:17.01	1:17.21
60	CALLEN, TOM	VW GTI BV	1:19.21	1:18.11	1:17.91	1:17.94	<u>1:17.82</u>
250	PELTOLA SR, B.	DOD DAY TUR	1:19.61	1:19.51	<u>1:18.95</u>	1:19.70	1:19.55
150	PETERSON, TED	NISS 240SX	1:22.21	1:20.81	1:20.07	<u>1:19.51</u>	1:19.57

## CLASS Q

175	PELTOLA, BILL	VWRAB GTI	1:15.87	1:16.06	<u>1:15.83</u>	1:18.01	1:15.90
25	BLANKENSHIP, P.	FORD ESC GT	1:19.64	<u>1:18.98</u>	1:19.39	1:19.25	1:19.09
517	PELTOLA, DINDY	VWRAB GTI	1:20.45	1:20.57	<u>1:20.29</u>	1:21.15	1:22.58
99	SWAIN, DAVID	VW SCIROCCO	1:22.65	<u>1:21.71</u>	1:22.26	1:22.29	1:22.40
717	KINCAID, ALISA	SAAB 50M	<u>1:22.33</u>	1:24.24	-	-	-

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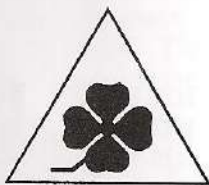


Antonio's fine wines and see where they are made on a guided tour of the winery. The winery will have some of their wines on sale. In addition, they will offer discounts for full or split cases. It might be a good time to stock up on some favorites.

Following the concours and wine-tasting, a buffet dinner will be served on the patio. Dinner entrees are either Chicken in wine sauce with mushrooms and herbs OR Eggplant parmigiana. Both are delicious, and are served with salad, bread, and a side dish. Red or white wine, beer, or soft drinks are included, along with coffee and dessert. Portions are generous.

A short meeting will follow the dinner. We hope to see a good turnout of ALFAS, their owners, families, and guests to enjoy the cars, good wine, good food, and a

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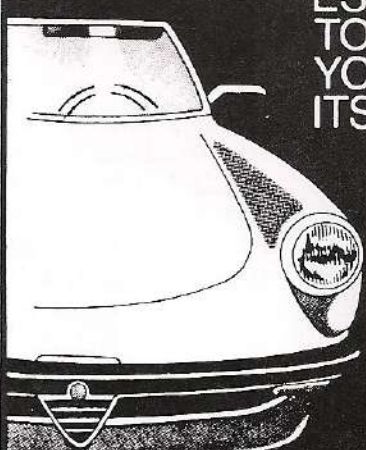


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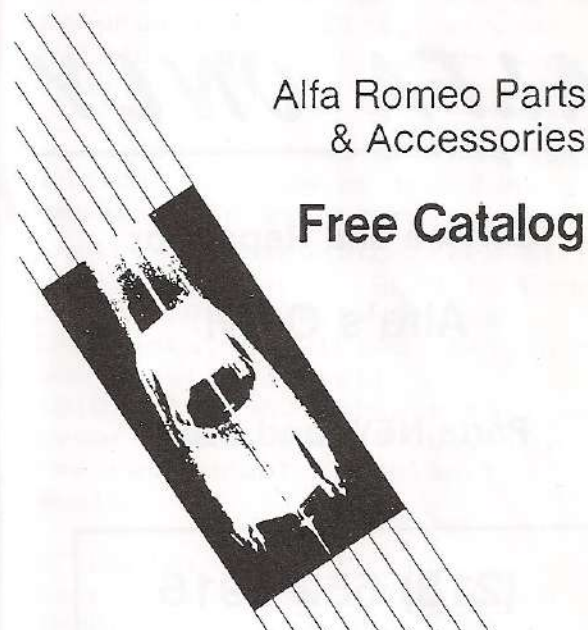


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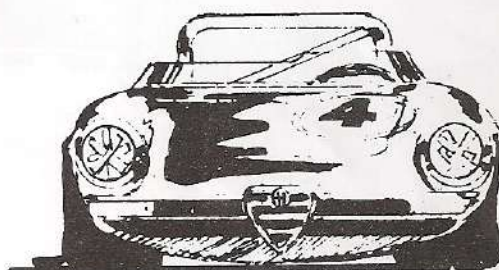
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nice afternoon. Be sure to mark Saturday, July 21st, on your calendar and join us for some fun.

Reservations are necessary, and can be made at the June meeting, or by returning the enclosed reservation form along with your check. Send to Gene Jacob, 3962 Abella St, La Crescenta, CA 91214. If you have any questions, call (818) 249-5056. Please mail your reservations before July 10, so the restaurant can plan the meals.

Schedule:

Concours: 2:00-3:30PM (2:00 SHARP)

Wine-tasting & tours: 3:30-4:45PM

Dinner on the patio: 5:00PM

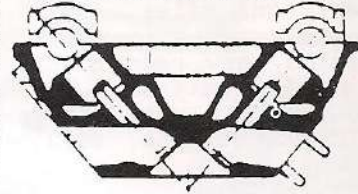
Short General Meeting: 5:45PM

Dinner Cost: \$18.00 per person (Concours entry not included).

## CALENDAR

- June 29      General Meeting - Alondra Park
- July 21      General Meeting - Dinner Meeting  
                    at San Antonio Winery
- 28,29      Time Trial - Willow Springs
- August 18,19              Monterey Historics
- September 2              Time Trial - Carlsbad
- September 29,30          Driver's School at the  
                                    Streets of Willow Springs
- October 26                  General Meeting
- November 11                Swap Meet/Elections
- November 17,18          Time Trial - Laguna Seca
- December 8      Xmas party at Charlie Thierlots

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