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GENERAL MEETING IMPORTANT NOTICE

Guest speaker for the July meeting is our noted photographer... Tom Farrington who will hold forth on automotive photography and answer all your questions so you can be a winner in the photo contest at the November concours. Be there!!

RAFFLE WINNERS

Ken Portz - Oil filters
Brandon MacDuff - Giulia Coupe book
Al Allen - Mar Vista 1 Hr. Free
Bill Thompson - " " "
Stu Schaller - Alfa Spider book
Nick Dipampli (sic?) - Hat
Brian Douglas - Jacket
Wendy Peterson - Hat
Dick Hughes - Hat
Pet Valenzuela - Ricambi \$50 gift
Theo Douglas - Panamerica video
Kristin Gurney? - Dash cover
Fabio Garbini - Hat
Vittorio Carcione - Hat
Gene Jacob - Shop towels
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PHOTOS

Gracing our cover this month is a photo by Dan Ritter of Bob Hackamac's Pebble Beach Concours entry this year. It is a beautiful 1957 Touring bodied 1900C.

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PAROLA DI PRESIDENTE

Dan Ritter

There can be little argument that the annual Pebble Beach Concours 'd Elegance is considered one of if not the premier event in the world of things automotive. This years Best of Show award went to Ralph Lauren and his Bugatti Type 37C Atlantic. To come away with such a prize is quite a feat however to even be considered to enter the Concours is also something to be very proud. Not knowing until weeks before the show Club member Bob Hackamac got the acceptance to enter his beautiful 1957 Touring bodied 1900C. It's no secret that Bob has toiled this past year and half preparing the 1900 and not knowing if his car was going to make the event made for many sleepless nights. The 1900C Touring is one of those Alfa Romeos that epitomizes the "Italian line". Devoid of any ornamentation, the 1900C moreover has a family look about it, that is, at that time Alfa Romeos had a distinctive resemblance through each model. Attention to the smallest details are paramount when one considers the caliber of competition of such a prestige event. I for one want to congratulate Bob for his 1900C is truly an Alfa to be proud of.

Points of Interest

Looking ahead to the months of November and December AROSC will have it's annual elections to the Board and the last issue of this news letter indicated there were some volunteers who would like to serve on the Board of Directors. These names and a few others appear in the ballot that you should have received in this issue. Please mark your ballots or write in the name that you would like to nominate and send them to me. I will also be taking the ballots at the up coming swap meet which by the way is at Ricambi again this November 11th. The New Board will merge with the existing Board and transition the responsibilities in a timely and orderly manner. The installation of the new Board will be part of the agenda for the Year-End Meeting at El Camino College. December 8th is set for the annual Holiday Party which is to be held at Charlie's again. We need two or three volunteers to coordinate the hosting of this affair. Please call me if you can spare some time to make this the best party ever!

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Our General Meeting for the month of Sept. was quite interesting not only because of the fine presentation by our guest speaker Mark Baine of Yokohama tire but also the model car display by Jay Malone. Refreshments were provided by Al & Chris Allen. Thank You's are in order to all of the above.

Our last Concours event was at Barwinkles and I want to thank Phil Guiral the Director for a splendid afternoon of beautiful car and some great pizza from Barwinkles. One gentleman arrived a little later in the afternoon however which caused a bit of stir. Peter Zobian brought out his Ghia Bodied 1900 of about '54 or 55 vintage.

CONCOURS

Phil Guiral

Below are the results of the September 9th Concours at Barwinkles. We had 12 entries and about an equal number of cars worth noting in the parking lot from visitors to the show. I know the club will be getting some new members as a result of the show and Rex Chalmers and I will be getting some stiff competition for nicest GTV from new members Bill and Lynn Rienert who won their class with a fantastic '74 GTV. Since the National Meeting next year will be hosted by the San Diego club, I'm expecting to see a lot of nice cars come out of the garage for the next concours season.

NOVICE

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|------------------------|------------|
| 1. Bill & Lynn Rienert | '74 GTV |
| 2. Toshio Ozaki | '65 GTC |
| 3. Bob Sarbaker | '74 Spider |
| 4. Bernie Iletto | '82 GTV-6 |
| 5. Anthony Wu | '87 Milano |
| 6. Jim Garcia | '60 Spider |

OPEN

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|----------------|------------|
| 1. Tom Stoner | '67 Duetto |
| 2. Dirk Stoehr | '81 Spider |
| 3. Phil Guiral | '67 Duetto |

CLOSED

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| 1. Fred Biba | '84 GTV-6 |
| 2. Chuck Cline | '78 Sprint |
| 3. Brad Freed | '86 GTV-6 |

The last concours of the year will be held November 3rd in Pacific Palisades. Charlie Thieriot owns a photo developing business in a very nice shopping center and has convinced the merchants to donate

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money & prizes for a photo contest. The subject will be the concours and the film will be developed on the spot with your best photo entered in the contest. Ribbons, prizes, money, cars. This will be a great event for everyone involved. Please call me ASAP at (213) 439-5550 if you plan to enter. The address is:

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Cars will be placed at 11 AM; judging will begin at 12 noon, and awards will be presented at 3 PM. See you there!!

Elections for '91

This may be a car club but it can't function without that magic ingredient...people! The following describes the duties of the board members and lists people currently considering that position. If you are also interested, please "write-in" yourself as a candidate because we need all the help we can get (i.e., form a committee or staff). Join in the fun and meet some interesting people!

You may want to xerox this page in order to not deface your Alfacionada, but please get this ballot to President Dan Ritter ASAP.

President

Coordinates board activities, conducts general meetings, keeps everyone motivated.

William J. Pringle write-in _____

Vice President

Helps President in general, organizes raffle for each general meeting.

Stu Schaller write-in _____

Secretary

Takes minutes at each general or board meeting. Helps with correspondence for President.

open position-write-in _____

Treasurer

Keeps all financial records, check register for the club and makes bank deposits. Provides financial statement on an annual basis.

Pete Valenzuela write-in _____
(Pete needs someone to train this year to take over)

Membership

Receives applications, sends money to national secretary or to AROSC treasurer, maintains roster, provides mailing labels to newsletter staff. Actively promotes AROSC membership.

Dirk Stoehr write-in _____
(we need volunteers to help organize a membership drive)

Social

Organizes parties, wine tours, dinners etc. throughout the year. Arranges to have refreshments available for general meetings and other club activities.

open position write-in _____
(the more the merrier! We need a ton of people!!)

Competition

Organizes various competition events throughout the year, including rallies, concours, time trials and autocrosses.

Charlie Thieriot/John Deghi/
Warren Caswell/Phil Guiral/ etc. _____
write-in _____
(we need lots of people to help out with these events!)

Newsletter

Creates monthly newsletter from material submitted by the membership, promotes club activities through the newsletter.

Louise Velazquez/Steve Gerow/Al Allen _____
write-in _____
(traditionally a one-man show, Alfacionada needs a team of creative people to keep the quality consistent)

Members-at-Large

Anyone who commits to an individual project may become a member-at-large. It is implied that he/she will come to board meetings and interact with the rest of the board as necessary.

open position write-in _____

Board Meetings...Fun, Fun, Fun!

Monthly board meetings are where AROSC events are put into action. Anyone who is a current member or considering membership may attend, in fact your input is always welcome! Just let any board member know in advance that you wish to attend and to find out where in LA the meeting is taking place. Please don't be shy, we're all Alfa fans and crazy like you!

Program

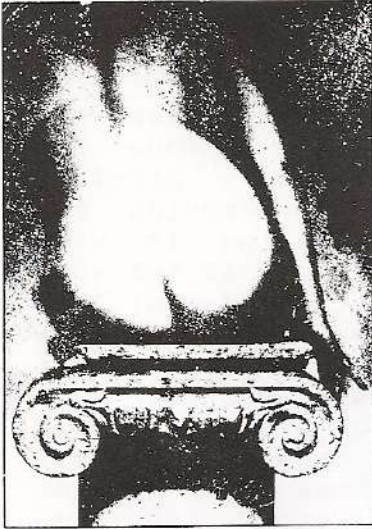
Arranges guest speakers/entertainment for each general meeting, organizes tech seminars during the year.

Fred Schueddekopp/
Fabio Garbini write-in _____

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In the last issue of Alfacionada, Bill Pringle suggested a board for next year. By all means, this is not final, and anyone is free to run. If you are interested in a board position for 1991, please contact a current board member as soon as possible. If you are not up to running for a board position but would like to become more involved in club activities, help is always needed in planning and coordinating upcoming events and social activities. Your input can help make the coming year enjoyable and productive for all of our members!

Til next month,
Stu



EDITOR'S DESK

Well Buckarros, the moment has finally arrived! This is my swan song, my last encore; it's time to ride off into the sunset like Shane. (So how come I don't hear anyone shouting "Shane! Shane! Come back Shane!?!") Actually, I'm more like the Roadrunner, racing for his life to keep ahead of my coyote clients. Which after all is why I am giving up this most enjoyable task.

A new Gang-of-three, Louise Velasquez, Steve Gerow and Al Allen, will be having all the fun starting with the November issue and I wish them all the best and look forward to what I'm sure will be a concerted and successful effort.

While stuck in traffic on the freeway the other day the vestiges of what used to be a good mind began playing a little game that I thought I'd share with (or inflict on) you. Imagine you could anthropomorphize automobiles. a. What car would be optimistic about the economy? b. What car would be good at avoiding taxes? c. What car could most easily cross rivers? d. What car would be sort of carefree and impulsive? e. What car would be extremely unhappy about the breakup of a long-term relationship? f. What car would be nocturnal and eat ants and stuff? g. What car would enjoy negotiating in the political arena? h. What car would attend a masquerade party dressed as a canine? i. What car would join the service and jump out of airplanes? j. What car would enjoy exploring uncharted territory? k. What car would rival the Bard as a poet? l. What car would grow wings and flit about in the woods? m. What car would drink too much coffee when young and grow up stunted? n. What car would live in a city where it was up to the city to decide

its fate? o. What car would be paid to accompany gentlemen of distinction to public functions, etc.? p. What car would hunt down bail jumpers? q. What car might be a hobo and ride the rails? r. What car would have rythmn? s. What car would look as though it had just sucked a sour lemon? t. What car would have reliability problems because it was in reality a small meddling imaginary creature? u. What car would enjoy passing Sunday mornings walking back and forth over large expanses of grassy terrain chasing balls? v. What car would sting like hell? w. What car What car would be a German emperor? x. What car What car would sit cross legged and become comatose for hours? y. What car would free the slaves? z. And finally, what car would be forever first, especially in love?

I'm sure there are hundreds more you could think of, but then your mind is probably still intact and you wouldn't sit around doing this anyway!

a. Taurus b. Dodge c. Ford d. Caprice
e. Bitter f. Aardvark g. Diplomat h.
Rover i. Trooper j. Pathfinder k.
Sonnet l. Sprite m. Midget n. New
Yorker o. Escort p. Tracer q. Rambler
r. Tempo s. Edsel t. gremlin u. Golf
v. Hornet w. Kaiser x. Lotus y. Lincoln
z. Alfa Romeo.

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS & JUST NEWS

By Stu Schaller

As of this date, it is almost certain that Alfa will be switching drivers for it's Indy car effort next year. Guerrero, even though he has finally achieved some success with a 5th and an 8th in the last 5 races, will go and the leading candidate appears to be Sullivan, as he has had the backing of Miller beer, Alfa's primary sponsor in the past. A good part of Alfa's recent success, the car moving up 7 or 8 places in qualifying and 2 finishes in the top 10, is due to a switch from a March to a Lola chassis. The team is finally using the larger bore-shorter stroke motor, but has not as yet used the 5 valve per cylinder head, which was actually supposed to be ready in May for Indy.

Although most collector car prices have gone down in the last 6 months, Alfa prices remain stable, and, in some cases, have gone up. A one-off Ghia bodied 1900 sold for almost \$200,000 at Monterey, and a mediocre '63 Giulia Spider Normale sold for almost \$17,000. At the Pebble Beach Concours Alfa was represented by six cars, from an 8C2900B thru two 6C1750's, a 6C2500 and two 1900's. At the track there were two 750 Giulietta Sprints and a number of Giulietta and Giulia spyders, 2 TZ1's, a TZ2, and a GTA.

I understand that there was a really good turnout at the Barwinkle's concours and an enthusiastic group at the Carlsbad Time Trials.

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CARLSBAD TIME TRIAL

It was a "Saaber" afternoon on Sunday, September 2nd at Carlsbad. The sky was blue, a typical Southern California day. You could only ask for a little humidity for racing, certainly not for comfort. The conditions at the track were excellent, but for some reason yellow Saabs kept kissing the tractor tires. As a matter of fact, it was a particularly bad day for yellow cars in general (mark it down in your Farmer's Almanac), as evidenced by Marco Ventura's yellow 124 Fiat's accelerator cable coming loose on the straight (yellow flag). He managed to tighten it up for his timed runs, only to decide to "mow the lawn" on his 4th lap - an E ticket ride!

Generally, everybody was in great form. Carlsbad is the kind of track that brings out the Nuvolari in all of us. It seemed like everyone was trying to be the Flying Mantovian! All that was missing was the Scatola di Merda Volante (my Super), but this will have to wait for another year, as may Charlie's GTA, since his throwout bearing went through the pressure plate.

Congratulations to all winners and participants. The Alfa turnout was somewhat disappointing as you can see by the timed lap roster. Still a great time was had by all.

Only 10 short weeks until Laguna Seca, so tell your friends and start getting your cars ready now, not the night before like I always seem to do. We need to maximize participation to keep the Time Trials alive and interesting!

See you there!!

MODIFICAZIONI

Remember, Enzo Ferrari spent almost 20 years "hot-rodding" Alfas...and pushing their limits. Even today Alfas are engineered for performance way beyond the demands of stock.

The response to my proposal for a modifications column was overwhelming so here's the another installment:

Electric Fans Suggested by Tazio N.

Well what's a relatively inexpensive way to improve the horsepower on your pre-1990 Spider? How about removing the stock fan and replacing it with an electric one? Well if its such a big improvement why didn't Alfa Romeo do it? They did for the new 1990 model hence an improvement of five horsepower this year and improved cooling to boot! Shankle advertises that "the (stock) belt driven fan consumes @ 7 hp. at 6000 rpm." The stock fan also reduces water-pump life. This modification is STREET LEGAL and very practical to you "high-revvers" (shattered stock fans can create nasty dents).

The fan and its accessories range from \$50 to \$250 depending on whether or not you want a thermostatic switch or a manual switch, if you want a kit designed specifically for a spider or if you want to be creative and adapt a less expensive one to your needs. If you let other people drive your car get the thermostatic switch for obvious reasons.

Most electric fans will not fit on the back of the spider radiator so you must remove the radiator and mount it on the front side in the "nose" of the engine compartment. Many fans will fasten easily directly on the radiator however due to the confines of the spider's engine compartment and the varying profiles of the fans it may be necessary to cut a small niche in the top brace that frames the radiator in the engine compartment so you can re-install the radiator complete with fan already mounted. Do not cut more than what is necessary.

If you don't want to cut anything, you can fabricate a

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TIME TRIAL RESULTS

CARLSBAD

CAT	NAME	NO.	CAR	LAP #1	LAP #2	LAP #3	LAP #4	LAP #5
A	Cote, John	6	GTAM	1:04.68	1:04.79	1:18.54	<u>1:04.13</u>	1:15.05
C	Rich, Harold	91	SPRINT VELOCE	1:07.64	<u>1:07.54</u>	1:07.63	1:08.25	
D	Peltola, Jeff	174	ALFETTA GT	1:12.38	1:12.78	<u>1:12.04</u>	1:12.79	1:12.47
E	Brown, Alex	50	GTV 2000	1:10.95	1:10.54	1:10.66	<u>1:10.15</u>	1:14.82
E	Rinaldi, Pat	501	GTV 2000	<u>1:18.66</u>	1:22.50	1:20.50	1:22.27	1:20.85
F	Chalmers, Rex	74	BERLINA	1:10.92	1:10.60	<u>1:10.39</u>	1:10.82	1:10.99
G	Robin, Jeff	321	GIULIA SPIDER	1:17.61	1:18.04	1:17.05	1:17.84	<u>1:16.18</u>
O	Barker, Bob	831	COBRA 427SC	1:32.39	1:11.27	1:09.17	<u>1:09.08</u>	1:10.73
P	Presto, Tony	48	MERCURY CAPRI	1:10.16	1:09.57	1:07.73	1:08.13	<u>1:07.38</u>
P	Dedman, Chuck	4	JENSEN HEALEY	1:10.67	1:10.74	1:12.98	1:23.76	<u>1:10.15</u>
P	Peltola Sr., Bill	175	DODGE DAYTONA T2	1:12.55	1:11.55	1:13.61	1:11.59	<u>1:11.38</u>
P	Ward, Alan	13	VW JETTA	<u>1:12.08</u>	1:12.76	1:13.04	1:12.74	1:12.91
P	Woodard, Alan	14	JENSEN HEALEY	1:14.42	1:13.29	<u>1:13.27</u>	1:13.33	1:13.40
P	Sands, Eric	153	TOYOTA MR2	1:15.39	1:15.61	1:15.11	1:15.81	<u>1:14.94</u>
P	Ventura, Marco	124	FIAT 124 COUPE	2:41.05	1:17.45	<u>1:16.66</u>	1:17.76	
Q	Lund, Gregory	71	BMW 320i	<u>1:13.56</u>	1:13.68	1:13.93	1:14.00	1:14.60
Q	Richman, John	11	BMW 320i	1:15.50	1:16.08	1:16.19	<u>1:14.06</u>	1:15.04
Q	Blankenship, Paul	25	FORD ESCORT GT	1:16.44	1:16.22	1:16.52	1:16.22	<u>1:15.47</u>
Q	Swain, David	99	VW SCIROCCO	1:16.98	1:17.14	1:16.84	1:16.43	<u>1:16.38</u>

mounting bracket out of two 1" metal strips available at most hardware stores. You'll have to do some measuring and some drilling. The strips should be cut to fit on the inside of the nose compartment directly in front of the radiator making sure that the fan will be very close to the radiator. Secure them to the frame inside the nose either with screws or by "tack" welding. Mount the fan on the brackets and the radiator remains separate. This is a more professional way of doing it but more time consuming and some of the drilling angles inside the nose are a little difficult -- be patient.

To connect the electrical you must first find out which way the fan is turning. Since the fan is mounted in front of the radiator the fan must blow air through the radiator. Attach one wire to a piece of exposed metal for a

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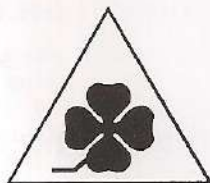
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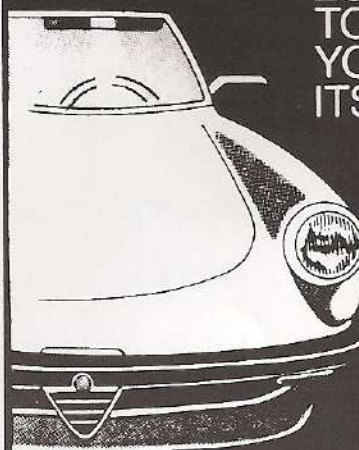
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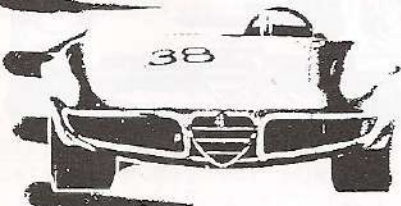
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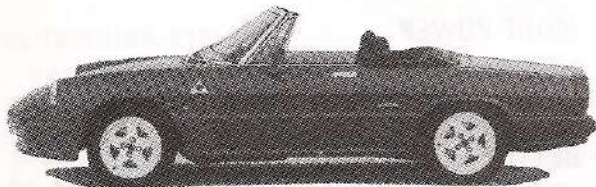
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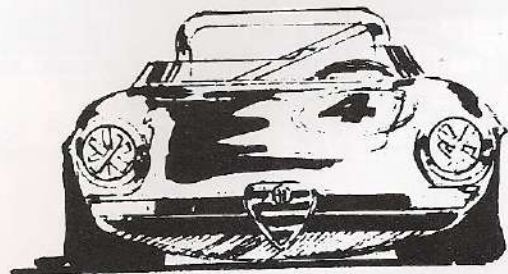
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*Note of caution -- if you have air-conditioning you may encounter more obstacles. In any event do not attempt a modification until you have examined all of the possible snags before you start. On the practical side make sure you have another car to drive to the auto supply or the hardware store when you discover the one thing that you forgot to buy before you started... Good luck!

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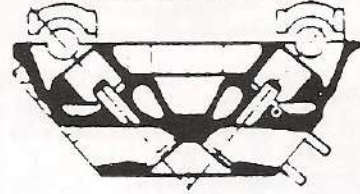
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