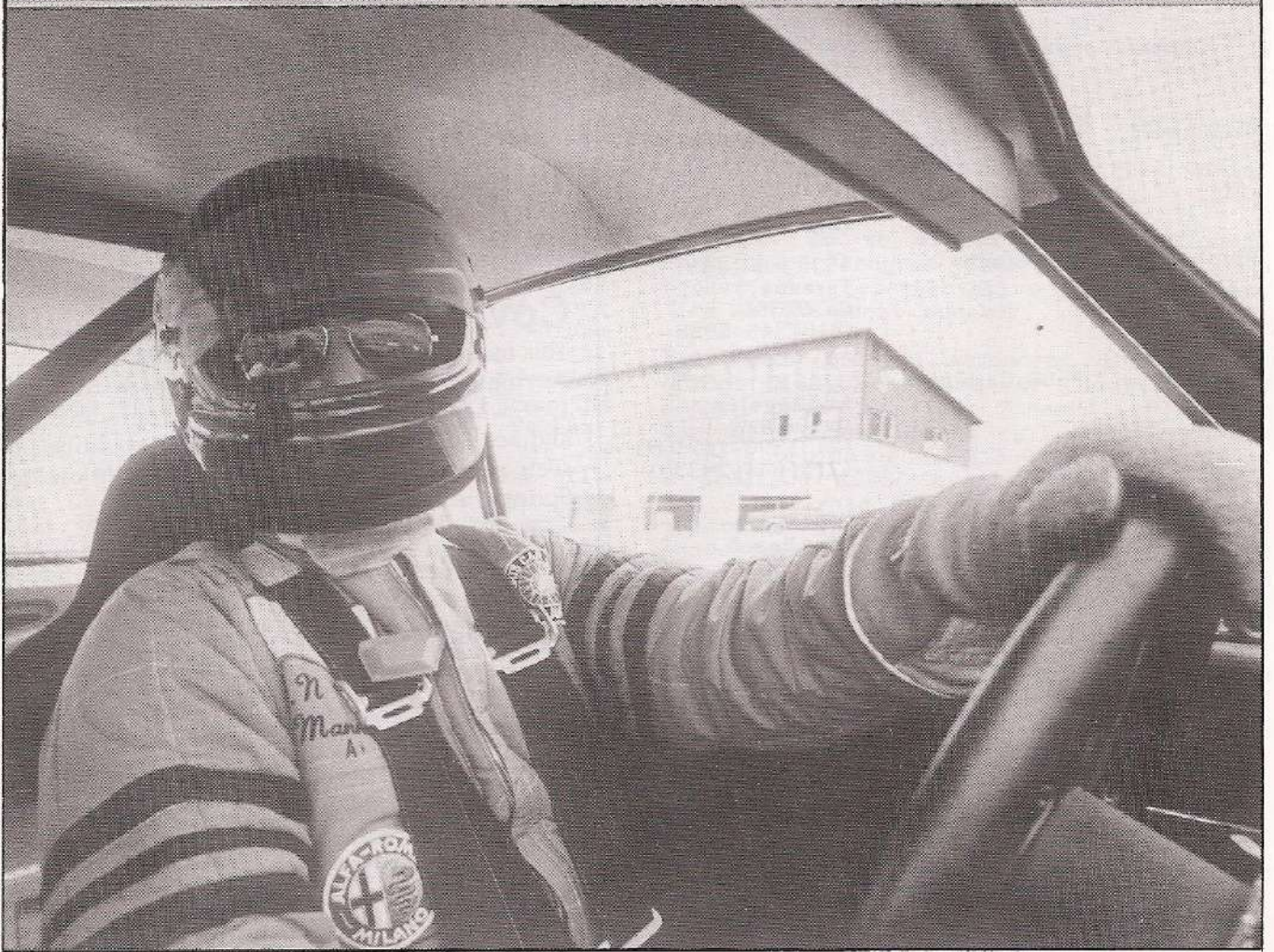


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General Meeting

The General Meeting will be held September 28th at Alondra Park Clubhouse. The guest speaker of the evening will be a tech representative from the Yokohama Tire and Rubber Co. No, it's not what you think.

Cover Photo

This month's cover is from the archives of Tom Farrington. It dates all the way back from 1987, when men were men, the sheep ran scared and ace pilots such as Enrico Manetti could be seen scorching new lap records at Willow Springs. Aahh...the good ol' days!

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PAROLA DI PRESIDENTE

Dan Ritter

Save for a fortunate few I'd say most of us are thrilled by the production cars Alfa Romeo has manufactured over the last twenty years or so. Mainly because these are the models which most of us can afford and maintain. But the affordable 101 105 and 115 cars are really just the tip of the iceberg that is, the special bodied and the prewar cars make up the "legend" that Alfa Romeo is so famous for. This does not however detract from our admiration and the longing to perhaps owning a very special Alfa. With this rationalization in mind it's time to share some thoughts on a madness which some of you are already familiar. I'm talking about collecting MODEL CARS! If this bug has yet to bite, if you've resisted the temptation and have given this hobby just cursory interest come the September Meeting you may just discover the flood gates have burst and all will have broken down. Because Mr. Jay Malone is offering for sale his entire collection of more than 150 Alfa Romeo model cars. Mr. Malone has been collecting scale model Alfas since the 60's and if you have a favorite perhaps your name is on it right now. The collection includes early Mercury, Vereem, Norvel, Solidos- a Western 2500 Via 'd Este, Tipos 33s P-2 & 3s special one offs and of course your very own street car that you drive everyday. All of the models are in very good condition and most are boxed. Jay has graciously offered to sell these to the membership before he retails the entire collection. I usually do not endorse sales of this nature and please do not take this as an AROSC endorsement. However I think this is an excellent opportunity to acquire the model Alfa that interests you the membership. Mr. Malone will accept cash as in U.S. legal tender.

POINTS OF INTEREST

It has come to my attention that the days of the Earl Scheib \$99.00 Paint Job may be coming to a close. Due to recent legislation, as of July 1 1990 all paint material must be sprayed with new equipment that meets the efficiency standards of District Rule 1151 as set down from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. On July 1 1991 Paint must be reformulated so as contain less Volatile Organic Compounds. The question is how will this effect collision repair and how much will this add to the costs of restoring older Alfas?

July 21 was the second annual dinner meeting at the San Antonio Winery. A Concours was also a part of the festivities and I can say that we had a very successful event thanks to Gene Jacob the Event Coordinator. Beautiful weather, good food, Italian cars and interesting people were the order of the day. I hope you can join us next year for the third annual dinner meeting.

September will start off with the Time Trial at Carlsbad which is scheduled for the 2nd of Sept. Call Charlie to get on the TT mailing list if you are interested in participating. His phone number is (213) 476-8812

On Sept. 9th will be the Barwinkles Concours de Elegance. This is also an outstanding event please call Phil Gural at 213-439-5550 to enter.

On Sept. 28 we will convene at Alondra Park where Program Chairman Garbini has booked the representative from Yokohama Tire as the guest speaker.

For those of you attending the Drivers School it is scheduled for the Weekend of Sept. 29-30 at the Streets of Willow Springs Course. Please call John Green the Event Coordinator at 818-994-2318. This is a premiere AROSC event, the instructors are first rate and with plenty of in-car practical instruction which is not only good for competition driving but for improving one's daily driving skills and preparedness for the unexpected while motoring!

In October I believe Fabio has booked a perennial favorite, none other than that famous Shutterbug and lens cap, Tom Farrington. That will happen on Friday October 26 1990.

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GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS & JUST NEWS

By Stu Schaller

Market Trends

In spite of the fact that prices have gone down on most classic and sports cars, Alfa prices remain stable, or have gone up. At a European auction this summer, a 1900 Zagato in mediocre condition sold for \$431,000, a poor to medium 2000 cast iron Spider sold for an astounding \$56,000 and an average GTA Junior, without the sliding-block rear suspension and the wrong wheels sold for \$90,000.

Old Alfas are commanding astronomical amounts of money. An 8C2900B with a very ugly body (the car is nicknamed "The Whale", looking like a large squared-off Porsche 356!) sold for \$1.6 million while the owner of the very historically significant ex-Nuvolari 8C2300 Zagato refused \$2.8 million.

Giuliettas are currently commanding \$25,000 plus along with their 1600 Giulia counterparts. 105 series GTV's are in the \$15,000 plus range and one dealer is asking some \$40,000 for a 2600 Sprint coupe.

Alfa Motorsports

Alfa has not had the greatest of luck with its Indy car venture this year, the best result being 8th so far. The new motor, with larger bore and shorter stroke has had a number of connecting rod failures and the March chassis does not seem to work very well. Patrick Racing was planning to purchase a Lola chassis or two to see if it would provide better results. Making this change could present a number of political problem as Alfa is contracted to March.

Alfa seems to have reversed their decision (again) to go Group "C" (sports prototype) racing in 1990. A 1 cylinder motor is currently being built for 1991-92 but Alfa may go racing as early as October 1990 with a car built around the 10 cylinder motor which was developed for the stillborn Procar series. No one seems to know (or wants to say) if the chassis will be built at Lancia, Dallara, March or by Alfa themselves.

Alfa has produced some excellent results in Formula 3, International Sedan Racing and in SCCA racing here in the states.

Misc.

There have been a number of good articles on Alfa Romeos in the last few months. My personal favorite is the one between an old 2000 cast iron and a Mercedes 190, which appears in the August issue of Classic and Sportscar. Of course, the Alfa comes out on top, in spite of the fact that the 2000 is one of the slowest post-war Alfas.

My 2600 is almost ready mechanically, I just need to do the suspension bushings and some other minor stuff.

Next year looks to be a great one for local Alficionadas as the National Convention (8-91) will be hosted by the San Diego chapter. However we still have a number of great events coming up this year, including Time Trials, a drivers school and some concours. Please call the respective Competition Board members for further information and entry forms.

I would like to give special thanks to the people who have donated prizes for the monthly raffle, and to Gene Jacob for hosting a terrific dinner at the San Antonio Winery on July 21st. We had some 50 people in attendance including local celebrities Brad Bunch and his lovely wife Chris, owners of Alfa Ricambi.

Also, I would like to put out a plea to members who might be interested in a board position next year. Being on the board is a lot of fun, and you get to know some great people who are even more nutty (about Alfas) than you are!

'till next month,
Stu



The late great red Giulia Super of Dan Ritter prior to extensive (and expensive) body modifications.

DREW KELLEY

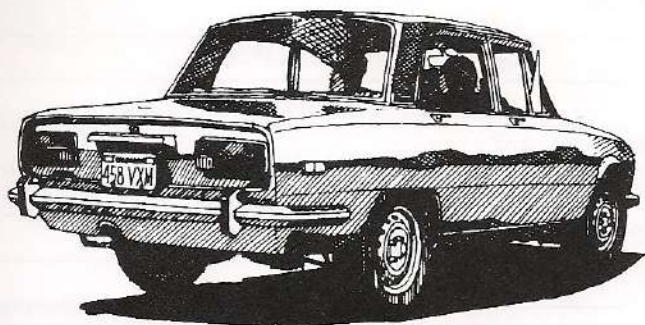
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From the Editor's Desk...



"MATTONE VOLANTE"

Just when you thought you'd seen the last of William J. Pringle and "The Brick", lo and behold...we're back! Yes, I'm helping poor Gene the newsletter machine get this thing out on time for a change.

In regards to Stu's column on page 4, as of this writing the Patrick Racing team has indeed switched to a Lola chassis and finished a very respectable 5th place in the Michigan 500 on August 5th. Roberto was ecstatic and deservedly so as it shows some real progress.

I would like to take this opportunity to talk to you about the annual elections coming up. The following people have thrown their respective hats into the ring for various offices. Don't laugh!

President	William J. Pringle
Vice President	Stu Schaller
Secretary	Dirk Stohr
Treasurer	Pete Valenzuela
Membership	an anonymous (famous) person
Program	Fabio Garbini, Fred Schueddekopp
Concours	Phil Guiral, Warren Caswell
Competition	Charlie Thieriot, John Deghi
Newsletter	Louise Velazquez (editor) Steve Gerow, Al Allen
Social	We need a ton of people to spread out the duties of organizing fun social events like wine tours, dinner meetings, and arranging refreshments for the general meetings

As you can see, we have a pretty good group of people but, we need more. Most of these volunteers have been active for awhile and we must get new blood to learn what it takes to do a job so we don't burn anyone to a crisp. Even though some positions are filled, I encourage you to latch on to a position and do it committee-style...and have fun!

Learn to Drive Like a Pro!

SEPTEMBER 1990 DRIVERS SCHOOL

I know it's only July but this is the last newsletter you will receive before the Drivers School's acceptance cutoff! Our January school was sold out with eight people left on the waiting list so it helps to get the entry in early. For those of you wishing a very reasonably priced drivers school offering great instruction and loads of track time just keep reading.

If you wish to become a better street driver, hone your skills for our Time Trial, Slalom, or Rallye program, or just see what it's like at the track under low key conditions, this is the best deal in town! The **AROSC Time Trial Instruction Program** will be putting on our fourth **AROSC DRIVERS SCHOOL** at the **Streets of Willow Springs** on September 29th and 30th. We have some of the best instructors in Southern California who will be holding chalk board sessions, a car control clinic on the skid pad, a shifting exercise, and sessions on the "solo" course so you can put what you learn to practice. We start from the basics of how to hold the steering wheel and go on to cover the theory of cornering. We do it in easy steps, with lots of fun and some great people.

The beauty of this school is it allows you to use your own car without having to invest in added safety equipment. And we even allow cars other than Alfa's. You will, however, need to get your car tech'd at one of the authorized tech shops but the only equipment you'll need is your street seat

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ALFA ROMEO OWNERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DRIVERS SCHOOL ENTRY

Event Location: STREETS OF WILLOW SPRINGS RACEWAY

Event Date: SEPTEMBER 29/30, 1990

DRIVER/CAR #1

DRIVER/CAR #2

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

License# CA AROSC

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Drug Allergies: _____

Emergency contact: _____

phone: _____

Circle One: Beginner Novice Experienced

Beginner Novice Experienced

If you checked "Experienced" please list your experience on the back of this form.

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I, the undersigned, hereby release the Alfa Romeo Owner's Club, its officers, the Alfa Romeo Owner's of Southern California, its officers, the sponsor(s) of the event, the management and owners of the event facility, and anyone working at the event from any liability for damage to my car or equipment, theft of the same, and from any liability relating to injury to me or anyone accompanying me, whether adult or minor, which may result from my presence at this event as a spectator, worker, or participant. I understand the above and of free will and without duress sign below:

Driver #1: _____

Date: _____

Driver #2: _____

Date: _____

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Car # 2

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Make: _____

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Model: _____

Color: _____ CC: _____

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ENTRY FORM

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Sept. 9 1990

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City: _____ Zip: _____

ENTRY:

Manufacturer: Alfa Romeo Model: _____

Year: _____

Body style: _____ Color: _____

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Signature: Entrant: _____ Date: _____

Entry Fee (Full amount must accompany this entry form):

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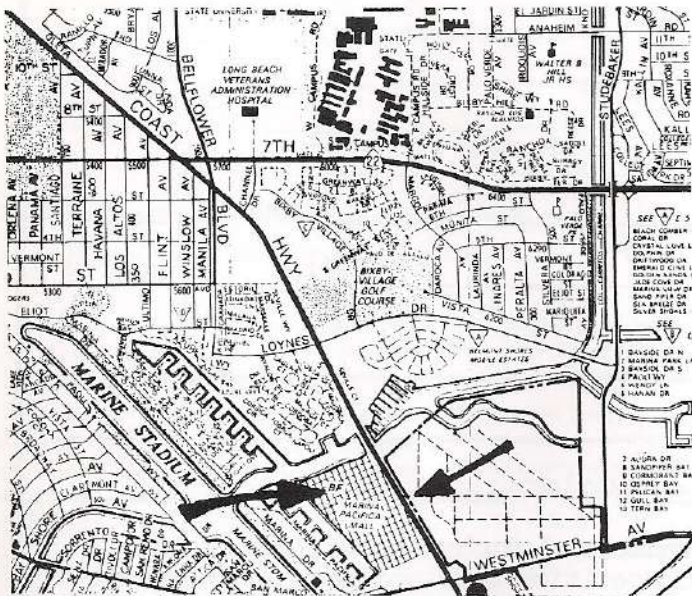
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Concours

The Third Annual Barwinkle's Concours will be held September 9th. Line-up of the cars will be at 9:00AM and judging will start at 9:30. Please mail me your application (see page 7) ASAP and I hope to see many of you with your cars. Barwinkles is located in the Marina Pacific Mall at the intersection of PCH and Westminster Ave. in Long Beach. The actual address is 6278 E. Pacific Coast Highway.



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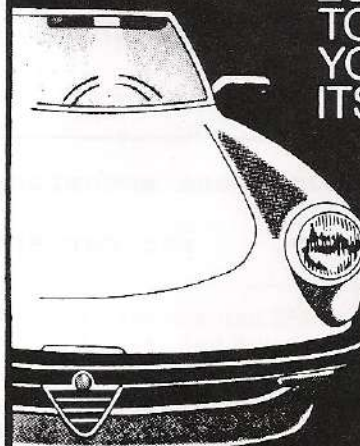
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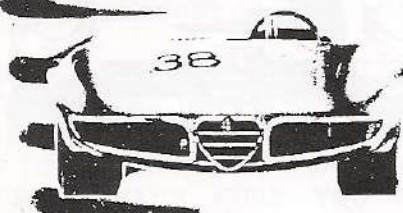
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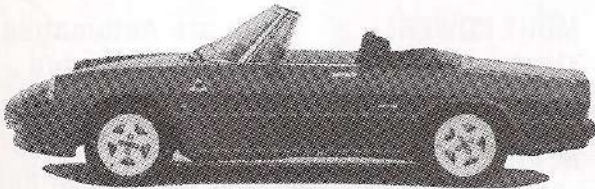
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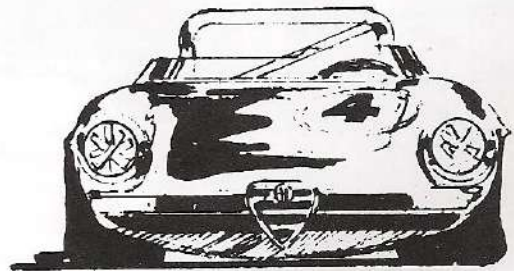
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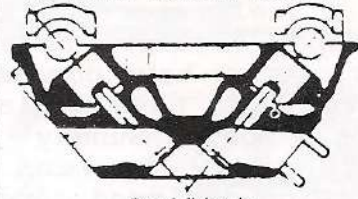
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