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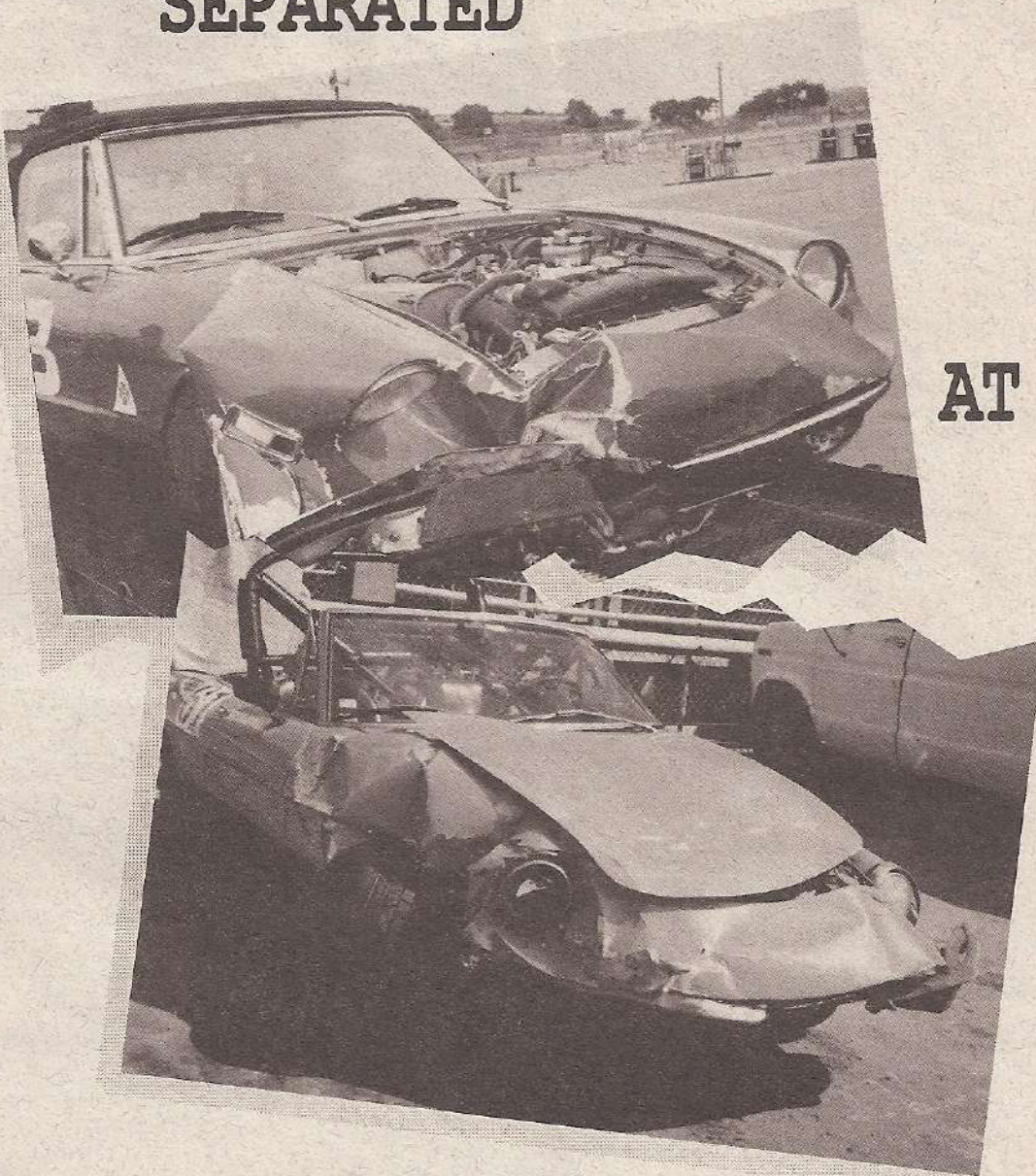


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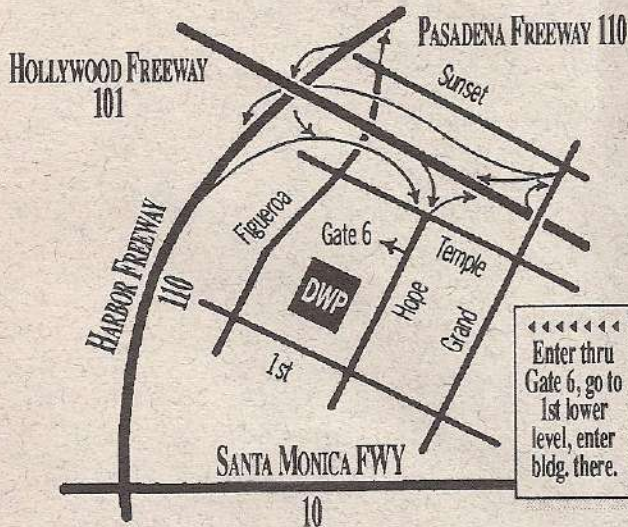
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The spiders of Tina Van Curen and Ric Del Gado caught in the web of Papparazzina Tina Van Curen.

Editor's Desk

Louise Velazquez

August was a wild month. The AROC national convention in San Diego was followed closely by the Monterey Historic Races, the Pebble Beach Concours and an AROSC Time Trial & Race at Willow Springs. Congratulations to any of you who managed to make all of the events—you can count yourself among the elite of truly certifiable Alfa Romeo fanatics (either that or you're an automotive journalist).

We'll be covering the San Diego convention in this issue and follow with the P.B. Concours & Monterey & Willow Race Reports in October. The infamous T.C. Browne report on the Mille Miglia will come out as a special year-end issue.

A special thanks goes out to Craig Morningstar and ARDONA for the hospitality and great cars that they provided at both the national convention and the races at Monterey. It was wonderful to see Fangio take a spin around Laguna Seca in the 159 shipped over from the museum in Arese. (Actually I got a big charge out of just hearing them start that little red rocket.)

CALENDAR

Sept. 27	Gen. Meeting: Audra Ovist of Teletrack Anti Theft Seminar DWP Aud—Downtown L.A.
Sept. 28	Concours: Barwinkle's, Long Beach
October 4	Nominations due for '92 Board
Oct. 12 & 13	AROSC Driver's School Willow Springs
Oct. 19	Concours & Barbeque— Insight Photo/Video, Pacific Palisades
Oct. 25	Gen. Meeting, DWP Aud—Downtown L.A.
Nov. 9 & 10	Time Trial, Willow Springs
Nov. 22-24	Palm Springs Vintage Races

President's Column

William J. Pringle

As of this writing I have just returned and recovered from the AROC National Convention in San Diego. Forget the fact that there was no time trial competition, forget the fact that there was no official concours. In fact, what they did was put on a great social gathering for people with a common interest—Alfa Romeos. The speed event was won by Alfa Owner's own Paul "Fangio" Pfanner who took 1st place in the Grand Prix class as well as fastest time overall. Feeling very responsible for upholding the image of the Southern California chapter, I managed a first place trophy in the CanAm class. Move over Michael and Little Al! Hats off to Pat Garrett and the entire San Diego group who made a great effort and a memorable event.

Thanks are in order to John Concialdi of Advanced Engine Management for a fine technical discussion at the July general meeting. He is perhaps the foremost authority on Weber carbs in the southland...the west coast...the world, yea...that's it, the world! I would strongly suggest calling this guy for tuning and overhauling any carburetion system on any car, he's that good. Plans are underway for a tech seminar at his shop sometime by the end of the year.

By the time you read this the August 24 Time Trial will be in the history books. Let's hope that the historians will be kind to me. Next event is a school at the Streets of Willow Springs on October 12-13 and another time trial sometime in the beginning of November. Don't miss the action!

September 27 will see a representative of Teletrack™ talk about their new anti-theft tracking device. Audra Ovist of Newtech will give a seminar on their product so be sure to come and check it out.

Look for a special flier in the mail advertising the two Concours' coming September 28th at Barwinkle's in Long Beach and October 12th at Insight Photo-Video in Pacific Palisades. Both days are on a Saturday.

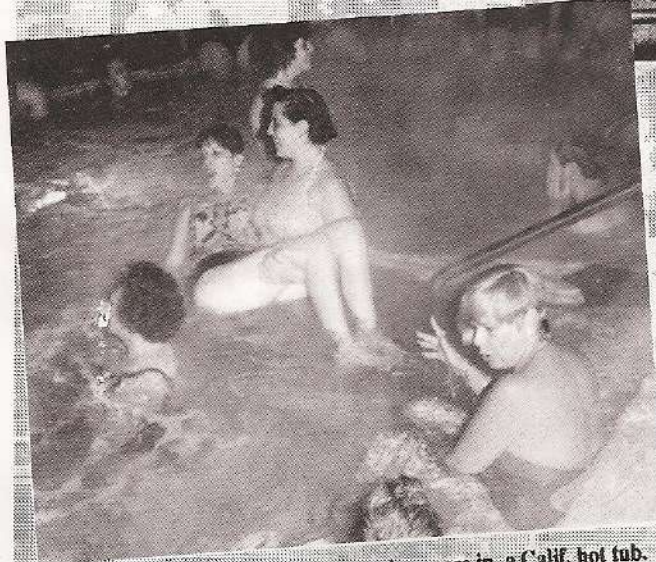
A short reminder that elections are coming in November with nominations being open now for board positions...see enclosed info on board positions and what fun you can have while you're helping out your club!

Buon Giorno.

AROC National Convention

Photo essay by Louise Velazquez and Randall Higa

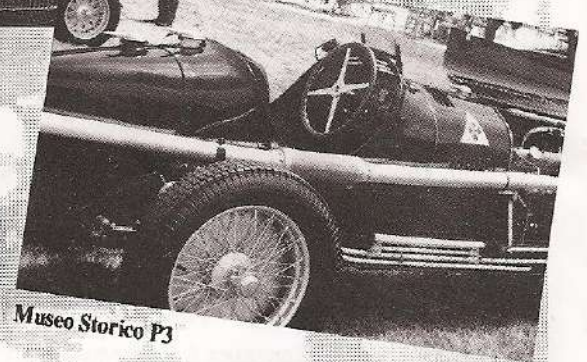
Glenna Garrett's cruiser



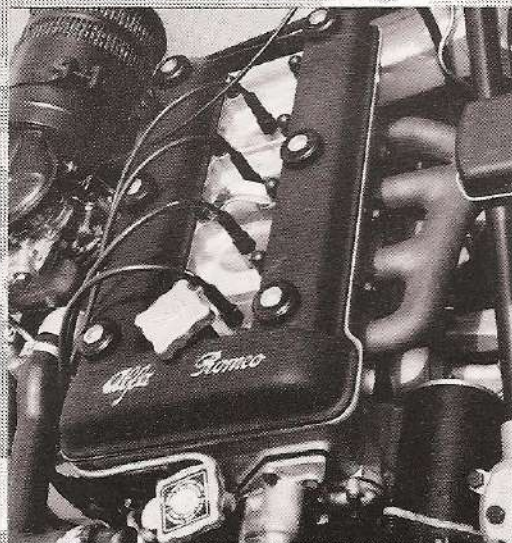
Former AROC pres. Linda Edinburg in repose in a Calif. hot tub.



T.C. Browne



Museo Storico P3



November Election

Hard as it is to believe, fall is almost here and with it the annual election of the AROSC Board of Directors.

Serving as an officer of the club is a great way to give something back to the club. It also gives you the opportunity to help define the focus and activities of AROSC.

The extent to which the club meets the needs and desires of the members is directly proportional to the involvement of members in running it.

THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE!

There are 9 positions to be filled. Look over the descriptions below and decide where your special talents best fit. All members are eligible to run for any office. The Board acts as a group to set policy, give the club direction and to sponsor member activities. An important part of each position is being an active contributor to the group process of the Board. In addition, each officer has individual responsibilities described here.

PRESIDENT

Chair the General Meetings and the Board meetings.
Coordinate the activities of other board members.
Represent the club to the national AROC and to other organizations.

VICE PRESIDENT

Chair meetings in absence of President.
Conduct raffles at meetings. Solicit donations and purchase prizes, manage the raffle fund.

SECRETARY

Handle all official correspondence.
Take and publish minutes at Board meetings and the Annual Meeting.
Maintain files of important documents, minutes and other correspondence.

TREASURER

Manage the club bank account. Pay bills in a timely fashion and maintain accounting records.
Give monthly financial summary to Board. Prepare annual financial statement.
Prepare and file IRS and State tax forms.
Maintain files of all tax and financial materials.

MEMBERSHIP

Coordinate efforts to attract new members.
Maintain membership and dues records in conjunction with AROC.
Provide mailing labels for dual chapter members to Newsletter monthly.
(This position includes a PC which belongs to AROSC)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Oversee publication of Alfacionada.
Work closely with other Board members to effectively publicize all club events,
Solicit articles and photos on topics of interest to the membership from members and others
Sell advertising space, facilitate ad preparation and manage advertising revenue.

PROGRAM

Develop topics for monthly meetings.
Identify and schedule guest speakers.
Coordinate and support meeting presentations.
Schedule and coordinate tech sessions.

COMPETITION

Chair the Competition Board of Directors.
Oversee the planning and management of all Time Trials, Races, Driving Schools, Sialoms, Rallies and Concours.
Represent the club to race tracks and other venues.
Manage the Time Trial bank account.
Make financial reports to the Board of Directors.

SOCIAL

Arrange for refreshments at General Meetings.
Organize the Christmas Party
Instigate and coordinate other social events
Develop and chair a social committee.

The election will be held by mail. Ballots will be published in the November issue of Alfacionada. VOTE!!!!

A brief statement of interest and qualifications from each candidate will be published along with the ballot.

Anyone wishing to run for office should fill out the attached and return it to the Secretary by October 4.

Application For Inclusion on Ballot

OFFICE _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE Day _____ Eves. _____

Please attach a brief statement of interest and qualifications to be published with the ballot.

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Il Technico Frigo

Rex Chalmers

Racing & Time Trial Alert

Since I've been awfully busy of late and haven't had time to return all of your phone calls or answer all of your cards and letters, I've taken the easy way out and compiled most of them into this article. I hope to cover most of the questions you all have asked and to clarify some of the existing rules.

First of all, many of you, as a certain red GTV driver can attest to, have ignored the addendum to the 91/92 AROSC competition code. IT'S NOT GOOD TO IGNORE THE ADDENDA! You may get a testy communique from the classification director—or worse yet, you may be disqualified. Be advised, I review classification sheets at every event. I pay very close attention to cars that constantly run at the front of a class as well as those that are at class point limits. Be sure to see me if you make a change to your car.

Just in case any of you missed the addendum, here it is again:

Modification	Points
Head milled .025"—.080"	2
Head milled .081" or more	4
5th gear ratio altered	1
Total loss electrical system	1
Non-stock suspension bushings	1 (per end)
Non-stock flywheel	1

Now, to clarify a few items...First, "non-stock" means just that. If the car didn't come from the factory with it, it's modified. Points will be assessed, period. In the past we haven't been enforcing violations discovered after an event was run. The competition board met after the last Laguna Seca event and voted to take action against violators at any time, even after an event has been concluded. In the case of the violation that was discovered after the awards were given out at Laguna, the offender was re-classified to a higher class and the results changed several weeks after the event. The infraction was unintentional so the penalty was not very severe.

Any infraction will be dealt with by the board on a case by case basis. This policy is now standard operating procedure.

O.K., now let's get off the hard line and on to a kinder, gentler classification director. Of your many questions, several items seem to be of most concern. Due to the availability or questionable performance advantage of these items, we are modifying the "stock" rule which would normally apply to them. The changes are as follows:

- Shock Absorbers**—750 and 101 cars may use Koni hydraulic shocks without penalty. 105 and 115 cars are now allowed the use of Spica gas shocks as supplied on '91 Spiders because Spica hydraulic shocks are no longer available.
- Radiator fans**—Any car equipped with a plastic fan may use the 1750 style fan due to the fact that I am tired of arguing about which cars were originally supplied with them and because we didn't consider them when assigning base model points. Any cut fan will still be considered modified and non-stock.
- Sway bar links**—Due to the lack of availability and reliability of 750-101-115 sway bar links, rubber-bushed 115 links (not L-system spider links) will be allowed without penalty.

4. **Differential ratios**—Due to the scarcity of 5:12 ratios and lack of performance advantage when retro-fitting a 4:56 or 4:10 gearset, any 750-101-105 that was originally equipped with a 5:12 ratio may use a 4:56 or 4:10 ratio without penalty.

If any of you have questions regarding these changes or any other classification question, feel free to call me (Rex) at Omega Motorsports: (213) 836-3160.

Finally, if anyone would like to take over or learn the job of classification director, please call me, we'll talk. The only requirements are that you have a good knowledge of Alfas and have a tough skin to fend off all the whiners and point-shavers. I'd be happy to take on an assistant and do on-the-job training as well. Take my job, please.

See you at the track!

A Beginner's Guide to Navigational Rallying

Jay Negrin

So you have always wanted to try a Time-Speed-Distance (navigational) rally, but didn't know enough about them, or how to get started? Oh, you haven't wanted to try it, but you've heard about it; maybe know someone who has tried it and liked it? Uh, maybe I can introduce some of you to the concept of navigational rallying?

In concept, competing in a rally is basically simple. As a contestant, you show up, pay your registration fee, get two sets of instructions, the Route Instructions and the General Instructions, and follow them. The General Instructions set the ground rules. Covered are such things as abbreviations, definitions, timing, scoring, roads which can be used, and more details too numerous to mention here. Since all the Route Instructions are written according to the General Instructions, it pays to know the Generals fairly well before you start the event. Most navigational rally clubs in Southern California have General Instructions that are similar, so if you know one set of Generals, it is easy to get familiar with another.

The Route Instructions tell you where and when to turn, change average speed; basically what you need to know to progress along the course. The idea here is proceed at the assigned speeds, usually within legal limits. Your time from point to point should match the ideal time, which has been calculated from all distances and assigned speeds. To make things 'fair' for all teams (you have a driver and navigator in each car; other passengers optional on some events) there are checkpoints located at various locations along the course where contestants' progress is checked. The distance between each checkpoint is like a small rally-within-a-rally. Any variation from the ideal time, or error, cannot be made up. Which means, if you were late getting to one checkpoint, you cannot make up the difference by driving faster to get the next checkpoint early.

In order to have teams competing on a more-or-less even footing, classes are arranged according to experience and equipment. Beginners, with the least experience, and SOP (seat of pants) are allowed only stock odometers pen/pencil and paper for calculating. Jr Nav, or class B, are allowed more sophisticated odometers, typically measuring to the hundredth of a mile. Calculating equipment is still limited to a slide rule or non-cumulative calculating

vice. In the expert class, where anything goes, full on computers dedicated to extracting the last little bit of precision are de rigeur. In all classes, though, accurate time-keeping is necessary. It is recommended that all competitors have a time of day watch/clock, as well as a stop watch, for interval time measurements.

If you've read this far, maybe there some interest in running a TSD rally. Where, you may ask, do these events start? Santa Monica Sports Car Club (SMSCC) has a series of evening events that start at 7:00 P.M., the first Friday night of every month. The starting point is in Mission Hills, in the parking lot behind the Bank of America, at Devonshire and Sepulveda Blvd's. A best of club trophy is awarded for a club represented with at least five teams. There are also a couple of clubs in Orange County which organize Saturday night rallies on a somewhat regular basis. Most of these clubs also sponsor a Sunday daytime rally in the Summer Rally Series. For more information on these TSD, or navigational, rallies, keep your eyes on Pit Stops in the LA Times, and up coming dates in Miss Information. If enough interest has been created here, maybe someone from the AROSC can take home a 'Best of Club' trophy, or maybe even a 'Best in Class', at an up and coming event.

Rally Round (And Round and Round)?

Rumor has it there are many of us in this club who are looking for an excuse to hang out with other Alfisti while having fun with our cars. Some people do this on a race track, For those who want a different kind of thrill Rallying is just what you've been waiting for.

AROSC members have the opportunity to participate in rallies sponsored by other local groups. If enough of us enter we become a club team. Who knows, we could WIN!

The Southern California Sports Car Club puts on TSD (Time, Speed, Distance) rallies the first Friday of every month. Read the accompanying article by Jay Negrin for more details and inspiration.

If you want to just go for a ride with a friend and have a crazy evening, or afternoon, try a gimmick rally. Alfa Romeo Owners of Orange County are having an Explorers rally for Columbus Day. It starts at 1:00 P.M. at Tewinkle Park in Costa Mesa. (Orange County Thomas Bros. 27 E4) Terry Dooley, their President is a co-author and he promises to show us all places we never knew existed. No pre-registration is required. All you have to do is fire up your Alfa and GO! Let's start a team.

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October Driver's School October 12/13, 1991

John Green

Welcome to our second Drivers School of the year. This is the only newsletter article and Entry form you will receive (unless you are on the Time Trial mailing list). Our January school was sold out so remember to get the entry in early. For those of you wishing an inexpensively priced drivers school offering the best instruction in California read on.

Please keep in mind that the basic school IS NOT A RACING SCHOOL but a school aimed at the Alfa driver wishing to learn better driving technique. The AROSC Time Trial Instruction Program will be putting on our fifth AROSC DRIVERS SCHOOL at the Streets of Willow Springs on October 12th and 13th. We have some of the best instructors in Southern California who will be giving car control exercises and emergency driving lessons on the skid pad as well as shifting exercises, 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 and you get a chance to meet some great people.

The cost for the school is \$135 for the basic Street and High Performance groups and \$160 for the beginning Race class. Because of the track size we have to limit the number of students (we only have room for 25 Street class students) so the entry must be on a first come first entered basis.

ENTRY POSTMARK DEADLINE: Not Later Than Friday, October 5th
We have arranged a special priced hotel for those of you wishing to stay over night.

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Cars other than Alfa's are not only allowed but welcomed. You will use your own car without having to invest in safety equipment. The only equipment you'll need (except for the racing school) is your street seat belt in good condition, a Snell approved helmet and proper clothes, shoes and gloves (Helmets will be available for rent at the track for \$25 ea. if pre-arranged). Due to insurance OPEN CARS must have a roll bar. As we have done in the past we will have a lapping session on Sunday for experienced drivers in their competition equipped cars. Don Fuller of Motor Trend fame will be our guest professional instructor. You will need to get your car tech'd at one of the authorized tech shops (a \$10 fee).

TECH INSPECTION: Saturday October. 6th 10AM—2PM (You may bring late entry forms to OMEGA MOTORSPORTS on Tech Saturday)

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Event Location: STREETS OF WILLOW SPRINGS RACEWAY

Event Date: _____

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DRIVER/CAR #2

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

License# CA _____ AROSC _____

Drug Allergies: _____

Emergency contact: _____

phone: _____

Circle One: Beginner Novice Experienced

Beginner Novice Experienced

If you are new to the AROSC and you checked "Experienced" or "Novice" please list your experience on the back of this form.

I understand that my entry fee is NOT REFUNDABLE. I understand that this event is governed by the AROSC COMPETITION CODE and that in a matter of dispute, the decision of the Time Trial Director is final. I further understand that any falsification of the Classification form or FAILURE TO UPDATE said form will lead to suspension of my Time Trial License and forfeiture of all points accumulated for the year.

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: _____

Car # 1

CAR INFORMATION

Car # 2

Make: _____

Make: _____

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Please answer "Yes" or "No" to the following:

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Competition Harness: _____

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STATUS & FEES

The required SAFETY equipment for all cars is:

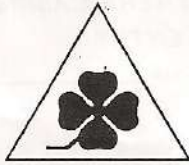
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Street, Time Trial School	\$135 []	\$135 []
Race School	\$160 []	\$160 []
Non-AROSC Member	10 []	10 []
Late Tech. Inspect.	20 []	20 []
TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$ _____	\$ _____

1. Seat Belt in good working condition.
2. Snell 80 or better Helmet.
3. Gloves - Leather or Nomex (without holes).
4. Natural fibre clothing extending from neck to ankles.
5. Shatter resistant eye covering (Sun Glasses O.K.).
6. Roll Bar in open cars 1.5" above drivers helmet.

For drivers taking part in the Race School (R) or the Sunday Lapping (L) the added safety equipment required is:

1. Five point competition harness. (L, R)
2. Fire Extinguisher mounted within easy reach. (L, R)
3. Snell 85 or better Helmet. (L, R)
4. Safety wire drain plugs and catch tanks. (R)
5. Nomex clothes and arm restraints. (R)
6. No wire wheels or wooden steering wheel. (R)
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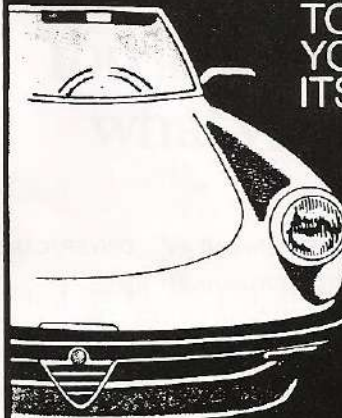
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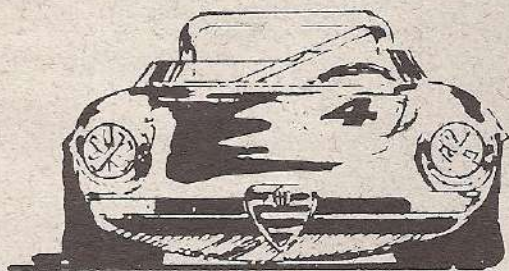
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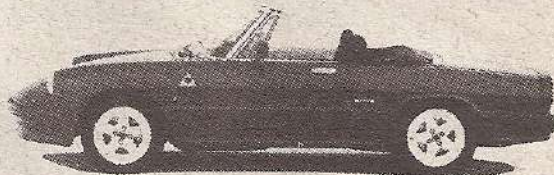
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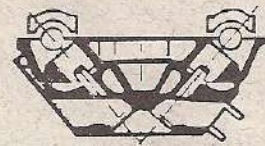
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