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Tina Van Curen

In the last few months many of us have been re-evaluating the way we spend our time and money. Several people have asked me, and themselves, "what do I get from being a member of the Alfa club?" "Where does that \$55 go?" As was mentioned here and in the Alfa Owner late last year, the national club, AROC, found it necessary to increase dues by \$10 per year, effective October, 1992. The national portion of your dues is now \$45. In response to this increase the AROSC board decided to reduce the chapter dues from \$12 to \$10.

The most obvious benefit of AROC membership is the Alfa Owner. You receive twelve issues of the only magazine in this country devoted to the Alfa Romeo owner and the activities of Alfa clubs throughout the USA. The magazine also provides a national forum for your comments and ideas and a place to advertise cars or parts or to find what you need.

AROC is a nationwide organization with over 5000 members. As such it is able to obtain insurance which covers all the chapter activities, except track events. We would have to purchase coverage for meetings, concours, tours and officer liability if AROC did not provide it. The cost would certainly be higher for smaller groups, particularly in California and other places where all insurance rates are high.

The size and national stature of AROC also encourages sellers of goods and services to offer discounts, frequently 10%, to AROC members. If you looked for these offers and bought accordingly, it wouldn't take long to save the cost of membership.

Being part of a national organization gives us the opportunity to correspond with Alfisti in other places and sometimes call upon their hospitality or expertise.

Many of us read the Alfa Owner and look at where the big activities are held and get the distinct feeling that it is an East Coast organization. Over 50% of the Alfas in the country are in California and 20% of the AROC membership are in California. It is up to each of us to make our voices heard. Write letters to the editor. Submit articles about what we do and who we are. It is time for nominations to the national board. Anyone can run. It is not a big time commitment, but the rewards could be immense. We have Phyllis Gaylard from AROSC and Tom Tomkins from Central California on the board. There must be someone in AROSC who would like to represent us on the national level. **NOW IS THE TIME!!** IF you are interested contact me ASAP so the board can nominate you.

As long as I am on the subject of "what has the Alfa Club done for me lately?" I want to ask all of you, again, to speak up and take part in the activities of our club. The board members try to get to know as many people as possible and solicit ideas and comments. **HELP US!!** The club can have something for everyone. If you don't think you are getting what you had hoped for when you joined, **DO SOMETHING.** Go to the meetings and talk about it. Write to the editor. Talk to the board members. **VOLUNTEER.** Everyone has some talent that could be very valuable to the club. For example; we are paying a graphic artist to put together the newsletter on a Macintosh. There are probably several of you who are desktop publishing whizzes who could help. Where are you?

Is there a particular area, such as suspension, body work, tune up etc. you would like to learn about? How about helping organize a tech session with your favorite guru? Can you think of a social event some other organization put on which you really enjoyed? Help our Social chairman put on one for AROSC. Do you have some good stories to tell, some great pictures or a lesson learned the hard way which you could share? Write an article for the newsletter. It will be used and you will get your pictures back. The club is not run by a clique, we are all a team. Some people do a lot of the visible work, many others make equally important contributions. There is something for everyone to do if we all use a little imagination.

If you are not Joanie Caucus, and you didn't get the call from the White House, try putting some of your talent and energy into the Alfa club. You probably won't get elected to Congress but you will make new friends and have a lot of fun. **Andiamo.....**

Events and Activities

Randall Higa

GENERAL MEETING, March 19

Alfa Club Goes to the Movies, Part II

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Auditorium, 111 Hope Street, 8:00 PM

Make a reminder for yourself to attend the March General Meeting on March 19 to see three movies that depict the Trans Am races of the early 1970. We will be screening Datsun's movie, "Against All Odds" that Pete Brock helped produce, and two others featuring Road Atlanta. Remember that (as always), you will have an opportunity to announce the sale, or express your interest in purchasing cars or parts during the meeting to all of your fellow members. Call **Tina Van Curen** at (213) 666-4500 for more information.

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TIME TRAIL AND RACE, Las Vegas, March 27 & 28

Contrary to popular belief, there is more to Las Vegas than The Neon Memorial to Tinselled Affluence. Las Vegas is home to one the **finest road racing tracks** in the southwest United States. Come join the Alfa Club in the Silver State for the second Time Trial and Race of 1993. One of the nice features of this event is that the Club has blocked a group of very large, **nice hotel rooms** at an extremely **reasonable price** (yes, better and less expensive than the Antelope Valley Inn). So drive a slightly longer distance to Las Vegas to be a part of a new and exciting Time Trial and Race venue. If you have the chance, don't forget to see the 1939 Alfa Romeo at the Imperial Palace Auto Collection! For more information, call **Charlie Thieriot** at (310) 476-8812 or **Larry Kincaid** at (310) 549-5295.

SWAP MEET, April 18

The first of two Swap Meets for 1993 will be at **8929 Fulbright Avenue** in **Chatsworth**, courtesy of **Si Robin**. There will be lots of space available and a promise of no cops. As a side note, Si Robin's company was doing business with the pea-brains next door to Alfa Ricambi that called the police at the first Swap Meet last year. While it doesn't pay for my \$30 parking ticket, I nonetheless feel terrific knowing that Si quit doing

business with them after that incident. They will lose a cool \$50,000 of Si's business for being such immature spoil sports. Yo, business people; be careful not the get AROSC ticked-off! It may cost you big time! Call **Jerry Lomas** at (213) 734-5852.

DAY OF CIVIL OBEDIENCE-55 MPH PROTEST DRIVE, April 26

Are you happy with the 55 mph speed limit? Do you want to be part of a national demonstration to reform the National Maximum Speed Limit? Come join your fellow auto enthusiasts at noon April 26 to express your opinion. See Tina Van Curen's article, **A Day of Civil Obedience** in this issue for more details.

LONG BEACH CHARITIES CONCOURS, May 1

The first AROSC Concours of 1993 will be held in conjunction with the Long Beach Charities Concours. Enter this event and lots of free goodies will be yours. See Phil Guiral's **Concours News** in this issue for more details.

Other Time Trial and Race Events

Please refer to the **Calendar** for the latest schedule for the Time Trial and Race events planned for 1993. Note that we are scheduled for **Las Vegas** twice this year on March 27 & 28 and on October 23 and 24. Due the change of priorities at Laguna Seca, our Memorial Day weekend (May 29 & 30) event will be at **Phoenix International Raceway**. My co-worker from Arizona assures me that this is a terrific track and an event that should not be missed. Keep in mind that Phoenix is not much further from Los Angeles than Laguna Seca (under 400 miles). For more information, call **Charlie Thieriot** at (310) 476-8812 or **Larry Kincaid** at (310) 549-5295.

ORANGE COUNTY: OVER NIGHT MYSTERY RALLY, April 17 & 18

Interested in a little intrigue with your Alfa Romeo events? The Orange County Alfa Romeo Owner's Club is hosting their annual Mystery Rally that combines a fun rally and mystery weekend. For more details, call Terry Dooley at (714) 962-1636.

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Photo by Randall Higa

Chiasso!

Randall Higa

Yesterday, I got a call from **Ray Beggs**, an AROSC member and a member of the **Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC)**. As usual, he did not have good news for the auto enthusiasts and, more specifically, owners of older Alfa Romeos. If you do not want to read some news, so be it. However, sticking our collective heads into the sand will only send a message to our elected government officials that we really don't care about keeping our beloved older Alfas.

As most of you know, the large corporate polluters have the ability to "buy" **pollution credits**. Under this concept, when their refineries/factories/plants are producing too many pollutants, they can

clean up someone else's source of pollution instead of cleaning up their own act. This is a very attractive program for a large polluter that would otherwise require a large investment in pollution control equipment.

The **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** has recently approved a new Clunker Crusher program (93-3).

Ray Beggs attended a public hearing on this issue and found the automobile hobby (ACCC and the Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association [SEMA]) interests outnumbered by more than ten to one by the environmentalist,

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Photo by Randall Higa

CARB & SCAQMD would like this car crushed instead of forcing refineries to add pollution controls.

1993 Time Trial and Racing Season Off to a Roaring Start

By Tina Van Curen

The weekend of January 30 and 31 marked the beginning of the 1993 competition season for AROSC. One hundred and twelve drivers descended on the Willow Springs International Raceway on Saturday morning, eager to start the new year at high speed. The field included over forty novices, many first time entrants in the program. The race group drew a record eighteen entrants.

The gods smiled on us, as usual and the whole event was free of the weeks of torrential rains which had plagued everyone's efforts to prepare for the weekend. The cold winds and resulting cold track and cold tires made for less than perfect conditions for many of us, but in all spirits were high, times were decent and disasters minimal.

Charlie Thieriot came within 1/10 of a second of besting the Class A lap record, still held by Mike Sperry. Ray DeSilva and his RED GTV took his first first place in class B.

Alan Ward won class C handily, but not without a little drama. On Saturday morning while Phyllis Gaylard was driving her GTV, which Alan also was driving, a critical part came off and dislocated the entire rear axle assembly. After a trip back to LA for parts and a lot of work, Alan was short one large metric



Tina Van Curen fluently gesticulating in Italian

Photos by Randall Higa

castellated nut. He went to visit Le Grand Engineering, just outside the gate. The guy opened a drawer with three nuts in it and one was the exact match. How often do you suppose that ever happens? After that the Ward/Gaylard team was unstoppable.

Alex Brown spent some intense under-the-car time but ended the day by winning Class D, once again. Andy Steben, who has been away for quite a while returned to show he hasn't lost the touch. He won Class E. Kit Simmons and his MR2 Turbo easily took Class N with a 1:38.34. Kevin Messley in his 240 Z won Class O with a 1:39.69 over a record field of 21 cars. Steve and Cathy Hamilton took first and second in Class P. She is getting closer

to his times every event. Keep watching for the first upset.

For the first time the spec racers and formula cars were placed in their own class, Z. This will be the policy from now on. Bill Stevens, an Alfa mechanic, won with a 1:33.98 in his Formula Ford. His was also Top Time of Day.

The qualifying race on Saturday gave everyone a taste of the excitement which was to come on Sunday. On Sunday afternoon, as the sun was setting in the west, and in their eyes, a field of eleven cars, everything from a Corvette, to a Giulia Spider to the infamous Dunestang, took to the



A large turn-out at the drivers meeting



Ferrari being waxed before the timed runs - obviously to shave off a few seconds from the lap times

track for the finale of the weekend. Once again Marshall Buck and his stealth Corvette ran away with the lead and stayed there to the finish. Tor McPartland came in second in his very Italian Giulia Spider. There was a lot of fierce competition in the field, including Alisa Kincaid in a 240 Z and Larry Kincaid in their Saab Sonnet. Alisa finished ahead of Larry, but not by far.

By the time everyone gathered in the classroom for the awards ceremony things were going to the dogs. Piccola, the timing terrier, and Yukon, the Kincaid's adolescent Husky stole the show and commanded more attention than Charlie or the various winners.

After two days of cold and excitement the only thing left for true enthusiasts to do is eat and drink. Thankfully, Rosamond has Mexican food and margaritas and Lancaster has Pizza and beer so everyone was able to find a home for the evening. The next Time Trial is March 27 & 28 at Las Vegas. The club has gotten a great deal on suites in a good location with kitchens and microwaves. The track and it's facilities are greatly improved since our last visit, almost three years ago. This is also a good excuse for all you spectator types to go to Las Vegas for a weekend. See you there.



Alisa Kincaid demonstrating her kind treatment to animals



Paul Blankenship demonstrating how Alfa Romeo owners have more class than Ferrari owners



Bud Clark talking to a camera-shy Saab driver



Charlie Thieriot back on the grid in the GTA

AROSC Time Trial

January 31, 1993

NO.	NAME	CAR	CLASS	LAP 1	LAP 2	LAP 3	LAP 4	LAP 5
33	Thienot, Charlie	GTA	A	1:55.06	1:40.97	1:40.71	1:40.96	1:40.88
744	DeSilva, Ray	GTV	B	1:47.20	1:45.03	1:44.89	1:45.18	1:43.92
40	Kinney, Michael	GTV	B	1:46.95	1:46.92	1:47.55	1:46.68	1:47.11
18	Van Curen, Tina	Spider	B	1:56.20	1:55.16	1:54.15	1:55.31	1:53.35
140	Kinney, April	GTV	B	1:59.32	1:58.69	1:57.62	1:57.62	1:55.57
13	Ward, Alan	GTV	C	1:45.61	1:44.89	1:45.86	1:45.47	1:45.67
87	Richard, Rob	Spider	C	1:50.99	1:49.78	1:49.31	1:50.18	1:50.42
187	Paquin, Jeff	Spider	C	1:52.85	1:52.95	1:52.01	1:52.38	1:53.33
711	Thompson, Rich	GTV 6	C	1:56.29	2:01.59	1:53.45	2:01.23	2:08.86
3	Gaylard, Phyllis	GTV	C	2:02.68	2:02.37	2:02.24	2:01.70	2:00.11
50	Brown, Alex	GTV	D	1:47.97	1:46.17	1:45.54	1:45.68	1:45.73
81	Mayring, Chris	GTV	D	1:49.02	1:47.13	1:48.44	1:47.92	1:47.14
80	Guiral, Phil	GTV	D	1:48.66	1:48.28	1:47.85	1:47.82	1:47.40
348	Lehmann, Lisa	GTV 6	D	1:55.34	1:55.92	1:54.93	1:54.81	1:53.87
501	Rinaldi, Pat	GTV	D	1:59.00	1:58.33	1:58.16	2:00.41	1:58.62
34	Lehmann, Gerry	GTV 6	D	2:03.15	2:04.28	2:02.47	2:05.42	2:03.74
5	Steben, Andy	GTV	E	1:50.44	1:49.96	1:49.46	1:50.67	1:51.64
7	Gray, Bradley	GTV	E	1:52.29	1:51.71	1:50.79	1:50.04	1:50.66
32	Krueger, Danny	GTV	E	1:52.16	1:51.68			
25	Blankenship, Paul	Alfetta	E	1:53.24	1:52.24	1:52.44	2:01.44	2:10.55
54	Herting, David	Alfetta	E	1:56.28	1:56.59	1:54.68	1:54.52	1:53.19
158	Portz, Ken	Spider	E	1:58.49	1:59.12	1:57.77	1:56.98	1:57.17
154	Herting, Erica	Alfetta	E	2:03.47	2:01.26	2:02.89	2:01.50	2:01.34
164	Higa, Randall	GTV	F	1:56.86	1:55.05	1:54.30	1:54.40	1:53.21
6	Cote, John	Spider	F	1:57.13	1:55.82	1:56.27	1:55.36	1:55.39
121	Fashnat, Alan	Porsche	M	2:23.21	1:35.67	2:07.79	1:36.72	
1	Barker, Chris	Cobra	M	1:45.74	1:47.67	1:46.12	1:50.27	2:02.85
89	Wee, Leslie	Testarossa	M	2:01.37	2:02.40	2:00.31	1:56.95	1:57.66
67	Ishida, Tak	Ferrari 512	M	1:58.70	1:59.55	1:59.53	1:59.57	1:58.04
69	Simmons, Kit	MR2	N	1:55.85	1:38.34	1:39.07	1:39.58	1:39.99
232	Bennett, James	VW GTI	N	1:42.52	1:43.13	1:43.02	1:43.95	
43	Hightower, Paul	240 Z	N	1:52.66	1:48.66	2:07.88	2:10.38	1:54.03
133	Gonzanga, Ray	Corolla	N	2:02.67	1:56.21	1:55.20	1:53.06	1:52.52
39	Arico, Nick	Eagle Talon	N	1:56.93	1:56.87	1:59.14	1:53.94	1:53.26
42	Berliner, Leland	Ferrari 328	N	1:59.11	1:59.33	2:01.55	1:58.50	1:59.05
571	Messley, Kevin	240 Z	O	1:39.64	1:44.73	1:39.69	1:44.53	1:41.61
169	Yerumyan, Ray	RX 3	O	1:44.60	1:42.63	1:49.77	1:43.55	1:44.38
221	Pederson, Patrick	RX 7	O	1:47.27	1:44.85	1:45.35	1:44.62	1:43.92
53	Hunniger, Robert	BMW M3	O	1:45.50	1:44.73	1:45.01	1:45.06	
14	Fischer, David	MR 2	O	1:46.10	1:45.30	1:45.02	1:45.27	1:45.03
9	Kranen, George	T-Bird	O	1:46.25	1:45.17	1:45.65	1:46.28	1:46.16
12	Culp, Tracy	Porsche 944	O	1:49.51	1:48.44	1:50.42	1:48.33	1:47.52
106	Matsumoto, Moto	Porsche 911	O	1:52.46	1:48.87	1:48.21	1:49.82	
38	Ackert, Todd	240 Z	O	1:48.31	1:49.61	1:49.57	1:49.12	1:48.66
131	Rodriguez, Carlos	RX 3	O	1:50.75	1:48.94	1:49.32	1:53.84	1:48.48
736	McCarthy, Kevin	Lotus	O	1:48.82	1:48.54	1:48.99	1:49.74	1:49.84
28	Africa, Roland	RX 2	O	1:48.82	1:49.02	2:15.75	1:56.24	1:56.78
35	Abrams, Lawrence	Scirocco	O	1:49.26	1:50.50	1:49.31	2:00.65	1:49.55
20	Morgan, Stephen	Mustang	O	1:51.94	1:53.06	1:51.69	1:51.26	1:50.40
206	Cobbs, Joseph	Mustang	O	1:51.18	1:53.05	1:52.31	1:51.25	1:51.83
60	Douglass, Sean	Mustang	O	1:52.77	1:52.52	1:52.12	1:51.48	1:53.23
36	McCarthy, Leslie	Lotus	O	2:01.07	1:55.88	1:57.32	1:57.42	1:57.94
85	Sparklin, Steve	Mustang	O	1:59.24	1:59.47	2:00.00	1:59.85	1:58.12
114	Fischer, Wendy	MR 2	O	2:13.47	2:12.03	2:11.48	2:11.71	
61	Hamilton, Steve	MR 2	P	1:46.92	1:46.16	1:46.37	2:02.64	1:46.63
19	Hamilton, Cathy	MR 2	P	1:49.01	1:49.06	1:48.54	1:49.38	1:48.96
119	Bueno, Alan	Calica	P	1:51.41	1:50.18	1:48.79	1:48.89	1:48.85
168	Smart, Todd	MR 2	P	1:50.70	1:50.14	1:49.22	1:49.49	1:49.55
163	Dominguez, Tony	MR 2	P	1:51.91	1:50.16	1:50.68	1:50.26	1:49.61
44	Kincaid, Alisa	Saab Sonnet	P	1:52.42	1:51.66	1:50.54	1:50.48	1:50.30
127	Bjorkman, Glenn	MR 2	P	1:54.14	1:53.14	1:53.54	1:52.84	1:54.40
311	Trinidad, Warren	RX 3	P	1:56.32	1:57.43	1:54.39	1:54.84	1:53.74
144	Thomas, Liz	Saab Sonnet	P	1:58.75	1:58.58	1:58.97	1:55.16	1:54.07
52	Schlarbaum, D.	MR 2	P	2:00.89	1:58.56	1:59.20	1:55.80	1:57.66
16	McDoniel, Joe	Datsun 1200	P	2:03.93	2:03.93	2:03.48	2:04.44	2:04.58
45	Walters, Randy	VW GTI	Q	1:51.24	1:51.54	1:50.20	1:50.94	1:50.21
72	Krueger, David	BMW 325	Q	1:53.41	1:52.62	2:00.48	1:54.37	1:51.19
136	Lee, Joseph	RX 7	Q	1:58.48	1:57.60	1:57.77	1:56.94	1:57.79
735	Peterson, Ted	RX 7	Q	2:06.12	2:06.95	2:06.06	2:06.15	2:04.74
211	Stevens, Bill	F Ford	Z	1:36.10	1:33.98			
171	Flinchbaugh, Cort	Tiga	Z	1:36.65	1:36.34	1:36.04		
17	Schuman, Ed	Tiga	Z	1:41.17	1:44.02	1:44.18	1:42.97	1:41.50

January Race Results

NO.	NAME	CAR	CLASS	PLACE IN CLASS	PLACE OVERALL
88	Buck, Marshall	Corvette	C	1	1
111	McPartland, Tor	Spider	C	2	2
192	Barker, Bob	Renault	D	1	3
11	Ellis, Paul	Dunestang	D	2	4
43	Kincaid, Alisa	240 Z	E	1	5
44	Kincaid, Larry	Saab Sonnet	E	2	6
7	Gray, Brad	GTV	F	1	7
27	Bjorkman, Ray	MR 2	F	2	8
118	Frank, Len	Spider	F	DNF	
21	Smith, Rob	240 Z	C	DNF	
232	Bennett, James	VW GTI	D	DNF	

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Letters

After Doing the AROSC Drivers School...

I once had a friend in high school who took-up karate. After a year or so he thought he was Bruce Lee until he got into his first school yard fight. He soon realized that he had learned just enough to get into trouble but not enough to get out of it. Driving for me has become much like my friend's experience. I've been time trialing and vintage racing on and off for 15 years. Last month, I came to realize that I know nothing about driving a real race car. I spent the afternoon with some friends at a driving school called Drive Tech. They use cars that look right out of NASCAR with 350 horsepower V8s in tube frames that weigh less than a GTV. The first impression I had when sliding into the car (no doors, you slide in through the window) was how big it is! Once inside and buckled in, I felt I was driving a limo. Quite a switch from a Duetto. Everything in this car is exciting. The motor is loud, the clutch and steering are hard and everything you do in the drivers seat happens NOW! At one point, I punched it a little too soon coming out of a turn and in no time, I was in the dirt facing the wrong way. These are not what would be considered forgiving cars. This into class was held on a fairly small and twisty road course so speeds were never very high but after our three 20 minute driving sessions, my arms felt like I'd driven all day. The half-day class was \$195 and I can tell you that I would never let someone drive my car on a racetrack for \$195. If anyone would like to give this a try, the Drive Tech phone number is (310) 826-364.

Phil Guiral

Concours News

Phil Guiral

Long Beach Concours, May 1

The first concours of the year will be held along with the Long Beach Charities car show/wine & dine. As we did last year, you must enter the show by calling the Long Beach Charities group at 310-436-7727. They will send you an application and it must be mailed back by April 1 in order to get the discount entry price. The \$40 entry fee includes: (1) Two tickets to the wine & dine (\$80 value), (2) entry to Jazzy Blues and Comedy Fest, (3) entry in the car show, and (4) a chance at \$100 cash prizes for the top three winners.

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A Day of Civil Disobedience

The National 55 mph Protest Drive

Tina Van Curen

10 Imagine, if you will, drivers across America banding together for a day to physically demonstrate one of the most miserably failed public policies in the world- the 55 mph National Maximum Speed Limit (NMSL). Mark your calendars, for on Sunday April 25, 1993 the National Motorists Association will be sponsoring 55 mph protest drives in virtually every state.

This event is designed to draw national attention to the still prevalent problem of under-posted speed limits on our nation's Interstate system- the very highways built to safely accommodate higher speed traffic. By having groups of motorists driving their vehicles at exactly 55 mph the point will be made by civil obedience in every state. That is, to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that 55 and all under -posted limits are a hindrance to smooth, safe and efficient traffic flow.

The National 55 mph Protest Drive is being organized as a state-by-state activity with willing participants following a simple outline of safety rules

"...all under -posted limits are a hindrance to smooth, safe and efficient traffic flow."

which include: adhering to a "two second" guideline to ensure safe stopping distances between vehicles, keeping the left-most lane open for faster traffic and emergency vehicles, and driving with headlights on to ensure maximum visibility for the demonstration. By obeying every known traffic regulation, including seat belt laws, along with the 55 mph speed limit, we will not give any police agency an overt reason to stop the "funeral procession for 55."

Past protest drives have been conducted in New York, Texas, Maryland and Connecticut with GREAT success. Now, with new versions of Congress and many state legislatures elected, we will raise their awareness of

the 55 mph NMSL debacle at a national level. On April 25, 1993 YOU can be part of it!

The NMA office and a committee of several State Chapter Coordinators have begun planning a national media campaign for what will surely be an event of epic proportions.

NMA is promoting speed limit reform legislation in Congress. This demonstration will let our representatives know this is still an important issue to a large number of voters. If enough of us come out together this will be a media event and generate the publicity we need.

As coordinator for Southern California I am encouraging everyone to participate. The tentative plan for the Alfa contingent is to drive the 405 from the San Fernando Valley to the South Bay. The drive will start everywhere at noon on Sunday April 25.

Watch the next Alfacionada for the exact location and further information.

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Good News, Bad News, & Just News

Stu Schaller

Perhaps Alfa Romeo pulled out of the Indy car wars too soon. Honda has pulled out of Formula One, and Mazda, Nissan, and others have left the sports car prototype scene. Most are turning to Indy cars. Alfa Romeo's most prominent racing will be done in the German Touring Car Championship, racing against Mercedes, BMW, Audi, and Opel.

Alfa has had a bad sales year in 1992, selling only 2,828 cars. This is down almost 20% from 1991, when 3,478 cars were sold. With the new Spider delayed to 1994 or 1995, things don't look too good for 1993, as the only new model scheduled to be released this year is the 4-cam, 24-valve 164.

Pat Braden has advised me that the national board

has authorized him doing a vintage column and has given him a (very) small budget to work with. So far this year, there has been an excellent turn-out for the club events; keep up the good work, and if you would like to organize an event, contact someone on the board. It might be nice to have a dinner/concours at the San Antonio Winery again or a tour of a first class restoration shop. Maybe we can even work with the Central Coast chapter to organize a West Coast Annual National Convention!

'til next month, Stu.

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large corporate polluters, and auto makers. The goal of the program is similar to **Unocal SCRAP** program that paid \$700 to 8,400 people for their pre-1971 cars. The goal of CARB is to crush a million 1965 to 1981 cars per year, until they run out of "volunteer cars." The only concession was that only the engine block and chassis had to be crushed, while the rest of the car could be salvaged. However, the **South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)** has their own Clunker Crusher Rule 1610 that requires the entire engine to be crushed. SCAQMD would like to see 60,000 cars per year crushed.

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It is highly probable that there will also be **mandatory confiscation** of "gross polluters" by the CARB and/or SCAQMD in the near future. Ray opined that the gross polluter list would include cars with air-cooled engines (Corvairs and Bugs), diesel engines, and big-block engines. However, this list can be too easily expanded to any and all **pre-1981 Alfa Romeos**. There are many precedents for the

mandatory confiscation of automobiles, so don't think that your Alfas are too safe.

There is virtually **no recognition of the collector value** of the cars that would be crushed. Can you imagine a wonderfully restored Giulia Spider Veloce being crushed because it is harming the air quality? Never mind the "collectable" cars for a moment and consider your source of parts cars. No one might consider a (potentially restorable) rusted and tatty, 1971 Spider as a "collector car" so it could easily be marched off to get crushed without the bureaucrats batting an eye.

There is long list of silly federal, state and local legislation that is being proposed that would forfeit your rights as an auto enthusiast. The ACCC is one of the leading groups that is actively lobbying for us and our cars. The Alfa Club is currently a member of ACCC and you can also become an individual member. The ACCC, as many other groups, is needing more money and support to keep their efforts on track. If you have any further questions or comments on legislative issues, call Ray Beggs at, (714) 792-0144.

Events and Activities

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OREGON: NORTHWEST CLASSIC MOTOR RALLY, August 12 - 15

The Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon has invited all Alfa Club chapters to their Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Invitational Motor Rally. The Rally starts in Portland, and travels west to the coast, through the Coast Range and up to the Cascades. The objective of Northwest Classic

is to stage a comfortably paced non-technical rally using well-marked paved roads. For more details, call Mark Carpenter at (503) 293-8325.

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Dave Amsler, *San Pedro, 1987 Graduate*
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Herb Spitz, *Newberry Park, 1978 Spider Veloce*

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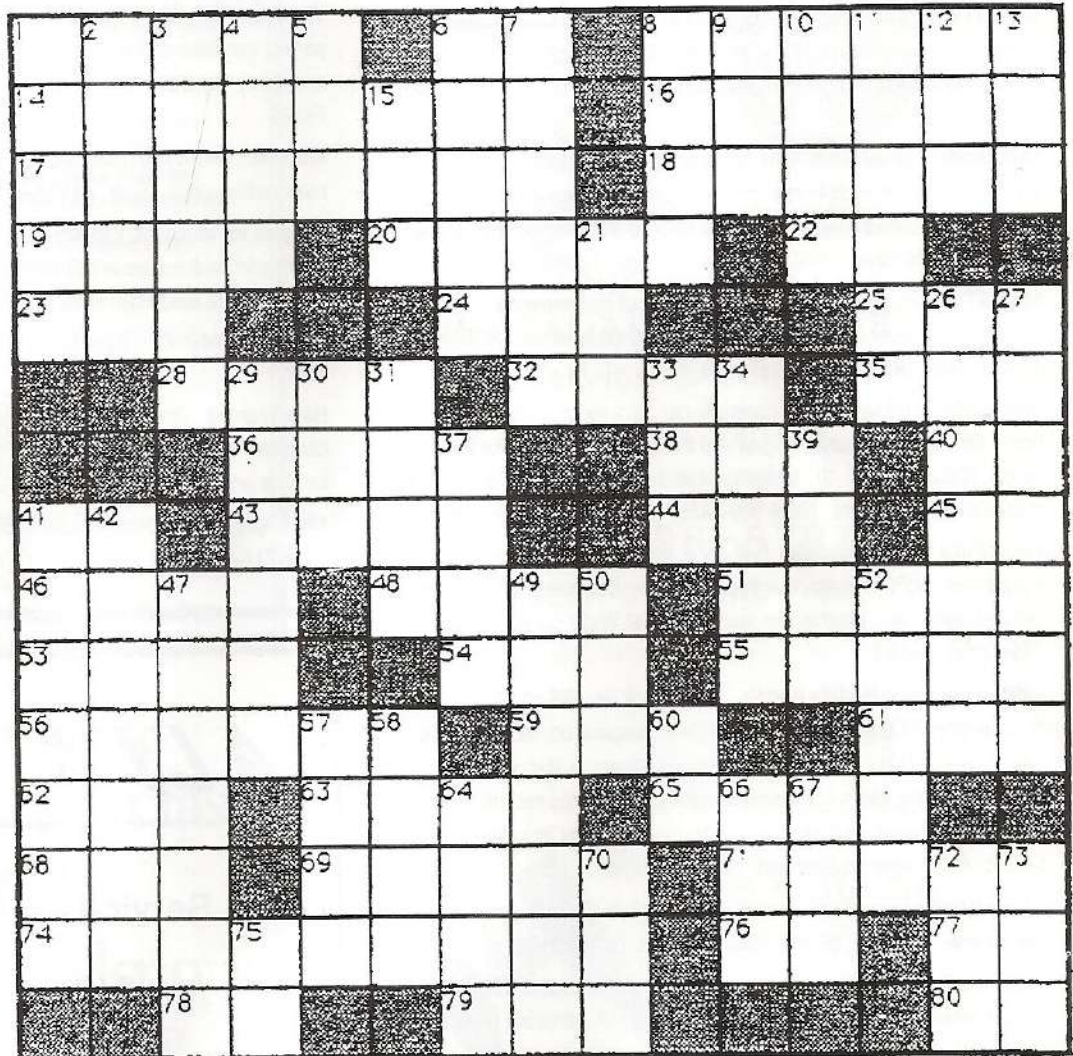
Italian Car Lover's Puzzle

By Rick Clemente

(Originally published in the Ferrari Owner's Club Newsletter)

ACROSS

- 1. "Il Maestro"
- 6. VW based Pro formula
- 8. Something few of us are
- 14. Perforated Pistons
- 16. Place for a Danish
- 17. A Ferrari, compared to a Ford
- 18. Lady of Spain
- 19. Good with crackers
- 20. Six-packs
- 22. Lt. Blb. element
- 23. Where penny stocks trade
- 24. 348, ie.
- 25. Pop-tops
- 28. Testa
- 32. Other guys cars
- 35. Our Cars
- 36. View of 328 from 928
- 38. Early Marque
- 40. Memo heading
- 41. Jr. Racer
- 43. Other guys cars
- 44. Flat 12 street racers
- 45. HRM's Lane: (Abv.)
- 46. Nardi's Competition
- 48. Monza, from Monaco
- 51. CAUSE anagram
- 53. Pensione's running water substitute
- 54. Your insurance bill
- 55. Each of us, at heart
- 56. "B _____" color
- 59. Radiator clogger
- 61. Is, in Roma
- 62. Superior suffix
- 63. A time very long past
- 65. Hubcap & speed equipment manufacturer
- 68. Kind of "nut"
- 69. Several modern tires
- 71. F 40, for most of us
- 74. JMF's point of origin
- 76. Either's partner
- 77. So. Cal. City
- 78. Commendatore's ID
- 79. Japanese TV Company
- 80. ESPN revenue source



DOWN

- 1. Iron lung
- 2. One special Ferrari
- 3. Numbered account haven
- 4. Words of comprehension
- 5. Barchetta motive power
- 6. Dragon's current condition
- 7. Jules, et al.
- 8. Stirling
- 9. Poetic form
- 10. Parking lot horror
- 11. The amount still unattained
- 12. Chrome letters on a Chevy?
- 13. Time (30 minutes into Le Mans)
- 15. A followers
- 21. Symbol of wisdom
- 26. Specifications for nuts
- 27. Wee Scot
- 29. Le Patron
- 30. USAC's alter ego
- 31. Braking point
- 33. Globe
- 34. "Herr _____ has set back the development of fuel injection by two generations" ...Dr. Porsche
- 37. Preferred position
- 39. Maserati Bros. DBA
- 41. "Super _____"
- 42. Down and left, for many of us
- 47. How to drrive in Rome
- 49. Modest zero to sixty claim
- 50. Golf equipment that fits in a Ferrari
- 52. Act subdivision
- 57. Merit
- 58. Undiluted
- 60. Printer's measure
- 64. SAAB protector
- 66. The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth...
- 67. Hockey great
- 70. "A.C.I." in English
- 72. In the manner of
- 73. Result of 10 D
- 75. It's also Henry's son's ID

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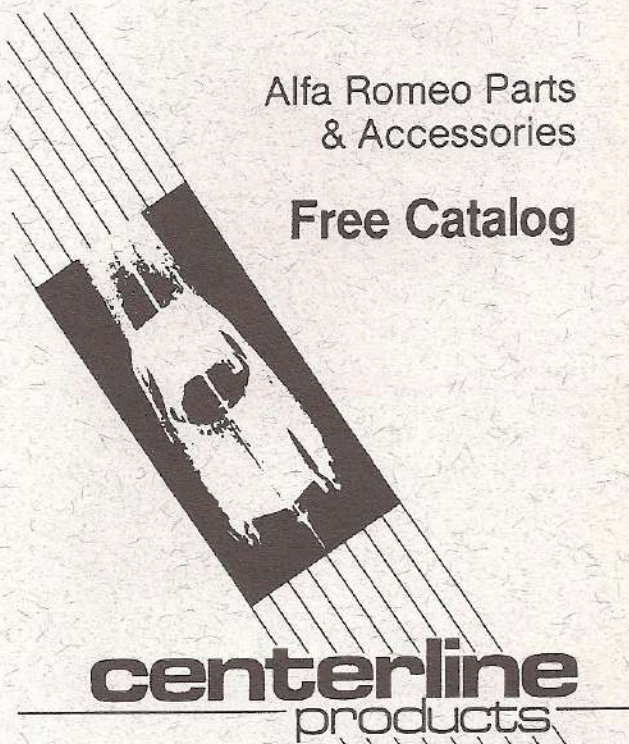
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April 30 **General Meeting**

May 1 **Long Beach Charities**
Concours

May 8 Wildflower Tour

May 21 **General Meeting**

May 29 & 30 **Time Trial & Race -**
 Phoenix International
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Jun 25 **General Meeting**

July 10 **Concours and Tour -**
 Merle Norman Museum

Jul 30 **General Meeting**

Aug 7, 8 **Time Trials & Race -**
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 Willow Springs

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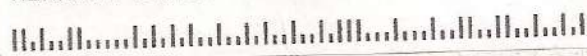


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1. How many Alfas do you presently own? _____ How many of them are running? _____ How many total Alfas have you ever owned? _____ When did you acquire your first Alfa? _____ When did you acquire your latest Alfa? _____ How many of your Alfas were purchased new? _____ How many total cars do you presently own? _____
2. Please list the Alfa Romeos that you presently own (please indicate year and model):

3. Do you use your Alfa(s) as everyday drivers? If so, which one(s)?: _____
4. What other (non-Alfa cars do you presently own: _____
5. Who normally services your Alfa? (if not yourself, please indicate the name of the shop or dealer): _____ If you take it to someone, how do you rate the service? _____
6. Is the general reliability of your Alfa Romeos: excellent: _____ good _____ fair _____ poor _____ very poor _____ should be shot to be put out of its misery _____ Please feel free to elaborate: _____
7. Would you be interested in another Alfa engine rebuilding workshop? yes _____ no _____ If so, for what type of engine? _____
7. Would you be interested in a tool loan program? yes _____ no _____
7. How often/number of miles are your Alfa Romeos driven per month? _____/_____
8. How hard to you drive your Alfa Romeos? easy _____ moderate _____ hard _____ brutally hard _____ driven hard and put away wet _____
9. If you could add only one more Alfa Romeo to your stable, what would it be? _____
10. If you could only own one Alfa Romeo, what would it be? _____
11. Do you normally attend the AROSC meetings? yes _____ no _____ How many meetings did you attend during the past year? _____
12. What is your rating of last year's meetings? excellent: _____ good _____ fair _____ poor _____ very poor _____
13. If you do not normally attend the meetings, what are your reasons?: Not interested in the featured speakers or program _____ Meeting conducted on the wrong night _____ Meetings are boring or last too long _____ Don't know anyone or enough people in the club _____ Members are not friendly _____ Not interested in local activities _____ Club is too technical _____ Club is too social _____ Club is too much into racing/competition _____ Other (please elaborate) _____
14. What kinds of programs are you interested in for the general meetings? (check all that apply): technical _____ social _____ restoration _____ videos _____ time trials/racing _____
15. Are you interested in social activities? yes _____ no _____
16. If so, what types of social activities are you interested in? (check all that apply) parties _____ picnics _____ 1-day tours _____ overnight tours _____ wine tours _____ Alfa Romeo related events _____ non-car events _____ other (please specify) _____
17. What is your rating of last year's social events: excellent _____ good _____ fair _____ poor _____ very poor _____ rather stay home and bleed the brakes _____
18. Are you interested in technical sessions? yes _____ no (yawn) _____
19. If so, what types of technical sessions are you interested in? (check all that apply) general problems _____ maintenance _____ fuel injection _____ valves/heads _____ brakes _____ body/paint _____ V6 _____ electrical _____ car care _____ race preparation _____ engine rebuilding workshop _____ dyno sessions _____ other (please specify) _____

20. What is the best day for a technical session? Saturday ___ Sunday ___
21. What is your rating of last year's technical sessions: excellent ___ good ___ fair ___ poor ___ very poor ___ rather stay home and watch I Love Lucy re-runs ___
22. What is your opinion of the competitive driving events of 1992? Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___ Very Poor ___
23. What kinds of driving/competitive events are you interested in? (check all that apply) Time Trials ___ Racing ___ Autocross ___ Hill Climb ___ Driving School ___ TSD Rally ___ Gimmick/Fun Rally ___ None of the above ___ Other (please specify) _____
23. What is your opinion of the club's cars shows of 1992? Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___ Very Poor ___
24. What type of show most interests you? (check all that apply) Judged concours ___ Peoples Choice ___ Daily Drivers ___ Concours d'Inelegance ___ Combined with other shows ___ Combined with other clubs ___ none of the above ___ Other (please specify) _____
24. Are you planning to enter any type of car shows in the future? yes ___ no ___
25. How often do you read the newsletter? Cold day in hell ___ When the swallows return to Capistrano ___ once in while ___ semi-regularly ___ every issue, but not all articles ___ every word of every issue ___
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33. Are you interested in current legislation concerning collector cars? yes ___ no ___
34. Are you interested in doing something to save your collector car? yes ___ no ___
35. Suggestions to improve the newsletter? _____
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