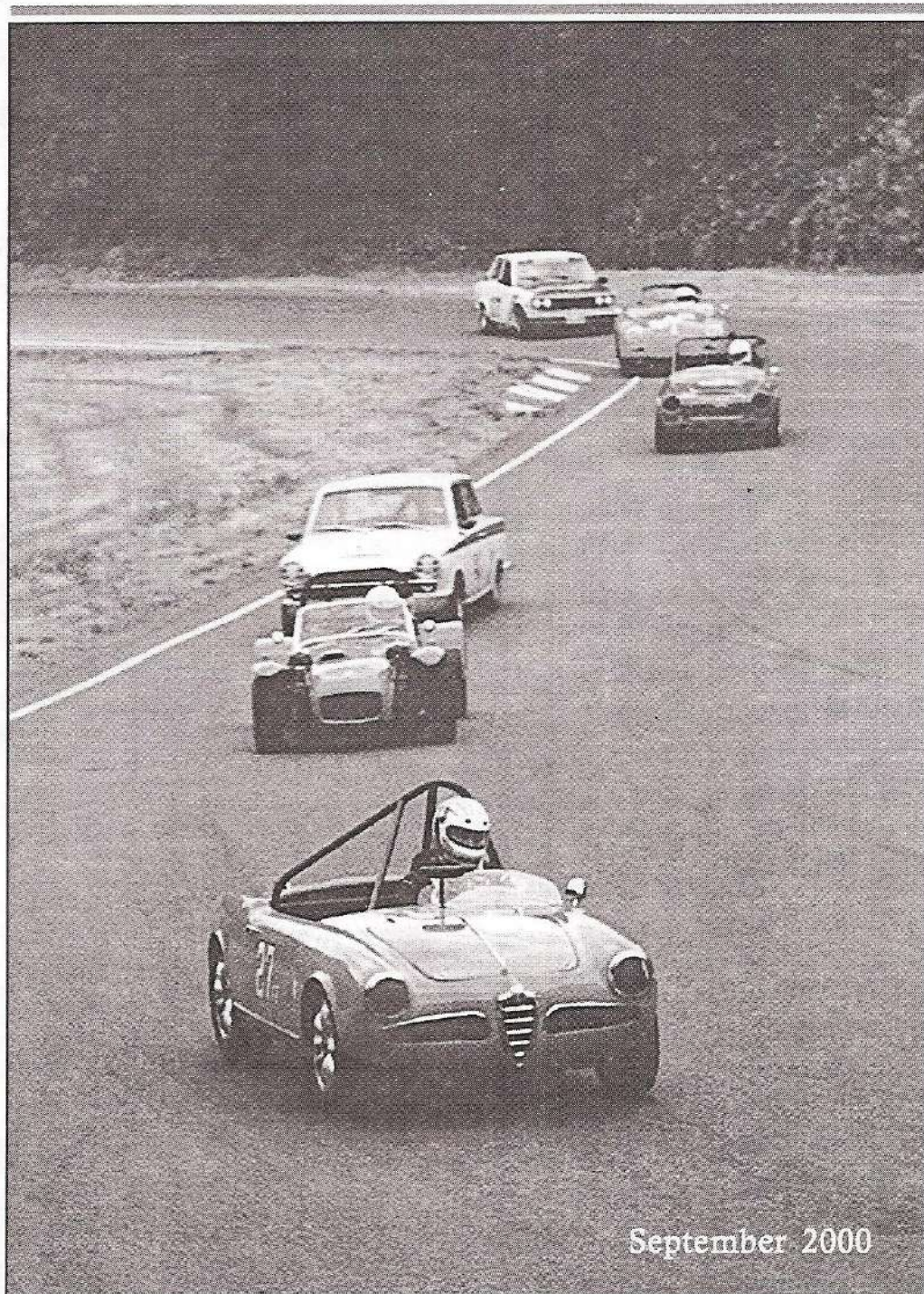


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General Meetings are held the last Friday of each month except November and December at 8:00pm in the Uruapan Room at Veterans' Memorial Park at the corner of Culver and Overland in Culver City. In November the meeting will be held on the last Friday if there are two Fridays after Thanksgiving, otherwise it will be on the Friday prior to Thanksgiving. A holiday party is held in December in lieu of the General Meeting that month.

Numerous special meetings and events are also held throughout the year. Check the Calendar information on the outside back cover for an overview of the year and review *Alfacionada* for details of events planned for the near future.

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This month's cover shows David Wall leading a mixed field in his 1957 Giulietta Spider vintage racer, at the SOVERN races July 1-3 at the Seattle International Raceway at Kent, WA. See the article on page 14 for more information. Thanks to Fred Schueddekopp for the photo and article.

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# **AROSC Previews**

*An outline of coming events*

## **AROSC General Meeting – Friday, 29 September, 8:00 PM**

Join us for the September general meeting at the Veteran's Center in Culver City. We are hoping for a special program of slides from the Monterey Historics: hint – hint.

## **Fall Swap Meet – Sunday, October 1, 9 AM**

We will hold our fall swap meet at Fred Schueddekopp's Alfa shop in Huntington Beach: Autostrada, 15533 Graham Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. More details and a map are found on page 5.

## **AROSC Board Meeting — Tuesday, 3 October, 8:00 PM**

The Board of Directors meets monthly at the home of one of the Board Members, for the purpose of planning the club's activities, conducting the club's business, etc. All members are welcome to attend. If you have some issue to bring to the board, or some ideas for events, etc., please contact a board member to find out the location of the meeting, and plan to attend. This month, we will meet on a Tuesday rather than Thursday, at the home of Art Russell.

## **Fall Driving School at Streets of Willow – October 14-15**

Do you want to drive your Alfa better? Faster? This is the place to learn how. You could even learn how to drive your non-Alfa better/faster, as there is no restriction on the marque. We offer instruction in improved street driving, beginning and advanced time trial driving, and race driving, so you can sign up for whatever level of skill you want to develop. This 2-day event can't be beat for price, track time, and instruction. For more information, contact Steve Hamilton at (310) 214-5110 or Email him at [srh@flashcom.net](mailto:srh@flashcom.net). For an entry form, contact Phyllis Gaylard at the phone or Email listed on page 2.

## **Annual Wine Tour – 21-22 October**

Check your wine cellars and make up your wine list – it is almost time for the annual wine tour. This year we will be

traveling to the Santa Maria area and staying at the historic Santa Maria Inn. This will be a joint event of the AROSC and the AROCCC. So mark your calendars, that's October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. See page 7 for more information.

## **AROSC General Meeting – Friday, 27 October, 8:00 PM**

Join us for the October general meeting at the Veteran's Center in Culver City. We will have a special program, or some surprise entertainment – it's too early to tell.

## **AROSC Board Meeting — Thursday, 2 November, 8:00 PM**

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## **Concours at Woodley Park – Sunday, 5 November**

This will be our final Concours of the year, held in conjunction with the Annual Best of France and Italy car show at Woodley Park in Van Nuys. This is the biggest showing of Alfas this side of a National Convention Concours, so don't miss it. You can just come out and park your beauty with all the other cars, or better yet, clean it up nice and enter the Concours.

## **Time Trial & Race, Willow Springs – November 11-12**

Our last Time Trial of the year will be held at Willow Springs Raceway, one of our favorite tracks. The weather should be mild, so this event is a must! For additional information, call Charlie Thieriot or Doug Bender at the numbers and Emails listed on page 2, or call Phyllis Gaylard for an entry form.

# **Elections !**

*They're Coming!*

**Visit the Len Frank memorial Web Site at: [lenfrank.com](http://lenfrank.com) for info about Len and some of his Articles from various publications -- like visiting our old friend**

# View from the Top

Miscellaneous rumblings from Il Presidente!

OK, either nobody read the August issue or there is rampant apathy over the suggestion that AROSC host the 2002 AROC National Convention.

Last nite your esteemed Board decided to start considering our hosting a Convention. First step is to offer up some names of people who could serve as one of the 10 people to chair a committee. Some areas where you could offer up your creativity would be: PR/Publicity, Hotel Coordination, Tours, Banquet, Awards and Hospitality just to name a few. If you are crazy enough contact a Board member.

The Board will make a commitment (?) decision at the October Board meeting.

But what I want to talk about this month is the November election. Seems there may be a couple of openings next year. This is my place to start talking up the benefits of belonging to the Board.

Well, it doesn't take much of your time. One board meeting per month, at one of our respective houses. Here we have dinner and decide the fate of what the rest of our club will be doing. If you're not careful you will find your self in charge of some event such as Regan's climb to the stars of Kevin and Dawn's Julian Tour. Or perhaps you will just contribute your wisdom.

Believe me, the members of our Club's board have impressed me the past 4 years I have been on it. Quite a competent group of people who can organize our events each month and make them come off so nicely. You too

can have the privilege of working with 9 of these fine people.

Or perhaps you don't like the way we have been running things, or you think there is something we, your Board, are missing.

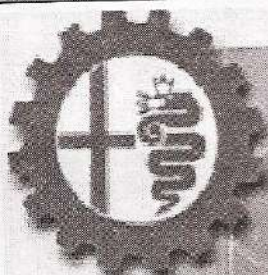
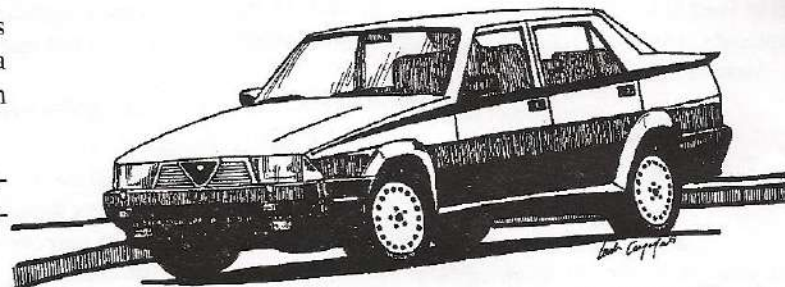
Well there is only one sure way to get in on all of the fun we have been having. In October let us know and we'll get your name on the ballot for the November election. Remember that we in AROSC don't run for a particular office. Board members are just elected to the board. The Board then decides/chooses who will fill what position at the December Board Planning Meeting held the day after the Club's Holiday

Party. Come to think of it, what better time to decide our Club's fate for the next year then a group of sleep deprived people, full of chips and dips left over from the previous evening's party.

Coming up in the next month will be the revised AROSC By-Laws for all to review and vote on. We will send them out for your review with the 2001 Ballot. Seems they haven't been updated since Nuvalari was driving. We have tried to have the By-Laws reflect how our club has been operating. Oh and you all can ignore the new section that gives each of the Board members huge pay raises. It doesn't concern you.

Caio, *Sidewaysalfa*

(Thanks to Louis Cayafas for the Milano drawing)



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# Fall Swap Meet

Come to Orange County to Buy & Sell Goodies

Our fall swap meet will be held at Fred Schueddekopp's *Autostrada* shop in Huntington Beach. There will be no problem with parking, for buyers or sellers. We had a great turnout in the spring at Omega MotorSports, and this time the southern contingent can bring out their stuff. Expect the sellers to set up between 8am and 9am, and the buyers to arrive by 9am. Most people come early and many start homeward by noon, so don't come late.

**Where:** 15533 Graham Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649  
(714) 379-9084

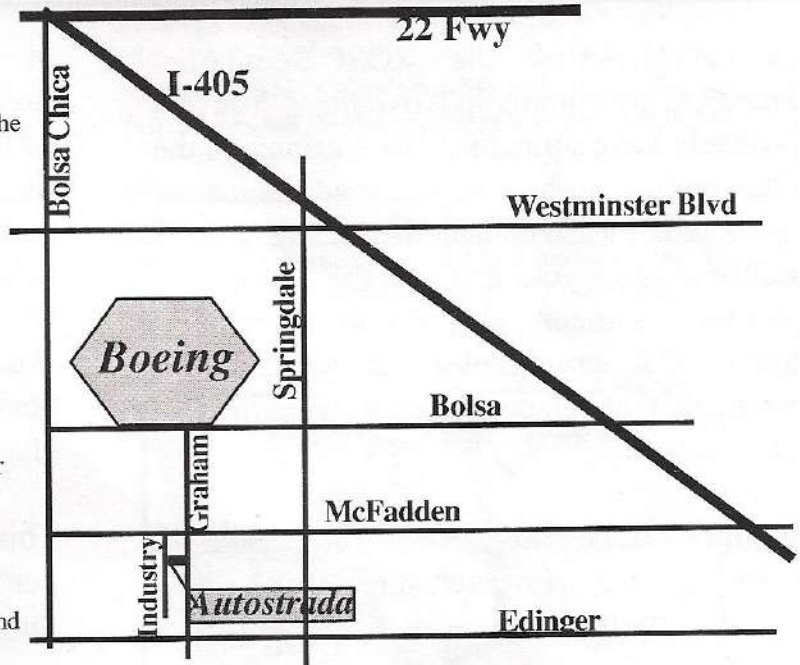
**Cost:** Sellers' cost is \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members for an average space. Sellers who require a larger area will be charged an additional fee.

**When:** 9am to 1pm

**Directions:** *Autostrada* is located between Bolsa Chica and Springdale, just south of McFadden. This is about 1/2 mile south of the Boeing Huntington Beach facility. The shop is in a building that spans east to west between Graham and Industry, and is the second building south of McFadden. Access to the front of the building is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> driveway off Industry. Buyers may park anywhere on Industry. Fred will direct sellers to a space in the driveway & parking area in front of his shop building.

From the east or west, exit the I-405 at Springdale/Westminster and proceed south on Springdale about 1.5 miles to McFadden (at a light). Turn right and proceed about 1/2 mile, past Graham (a stop sign), to Industry and turn left.

From the northeast, exit the 22 Fwy at Valley View/Bolsa Chica, turn left, and proceed south about 2.5 miles to McFadden (at a light). Turn left and go about 1/2 miles east, then turn right on Industry, just before the stop sign at Graham.



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## **Elections Are Coming!**

Annual elections for the AROSC Board of Directors are coming in November. You probably have something to contribute to the club, and would be a welcome addition to the board. Please contact the President or Editor to place your name on the ballot. If you know someone else who would be interested in serving, please do the same to nominate that person, hopefully with their concurrence.

A ballot will be sent out in November for voting by mail. However, since voting will

also occur at the November meeting, and nominations will be accepted up to the start of the voting, we encourage you to come to the November meeting if possible. However, early nomination assures a place on the mail ballot.

We elect a Board of Directors of 10 members, who choose the officers and committee chairs among themselves.

This year we will be presenting an update of our By Laws for a vote, so watch your mailboxes!

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# Annual Wine Tour Planned

*Santa Maria Area to be Invaded in October*

AROSC announces the First Wine Tour of the New Millennium (or is it the Last Wine Tour of the Old Millennium?).

This year the annual AROSC Wine Tour will be on the weekend of October 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> in the beautiful Santa Maria area. Last year's wine tour in the Santa Inez Valley was given high praise by all that attended. The weather was beautiful as a flock of Alfas explored the back roads and made stops at many of the local vintners to sample their products and purchase supplies for the coming year. The fun on Saturday night lasted until the town of Solvang closed down for the night.

This year's wine tour promises to be even better with more Alfas, more roads and more wineries. We will be starting out on Saturday morning from the Historic Santa Maria Inn and visiting a number of wineries in the area. There you will get to sample the fruit of the vine and make purchases to restock your wine cellar. Lunch on Saturday will be a picnic lunch. And, of course, the traditional Saturday night feast where we can discuss fine wines and fine automobiles. Some members of the Central Coast chapter will be joining us this year for this fun filled event. As last year, there will be a neat-o iron-on Wine Tour logo for everybody on the tour.

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Historic Santa Maria Inn for both Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Room rates are \$69 per night in the original part of the inn and \$89 per night in the new tower. To

reserve a room, contact the Historic Santa Maria Inn at 805-928-7777. Mention the Alfa Romeo club for the special room rates. Don't dawdle as the rooms may go fast. *The cutoff for the special rate is September 20<sup>th</sup>.*

For the second consecutive year the role of Tour Director will be played by Gene Brown, who now knows that real wine does not come in a plastic bag. You may contact him at 805-527-8103 (home) or 805-578-7146 (work).



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## **Another Route to Portland, or: How Not to Go to the National Convention**

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### **Doug's Saga: The End**

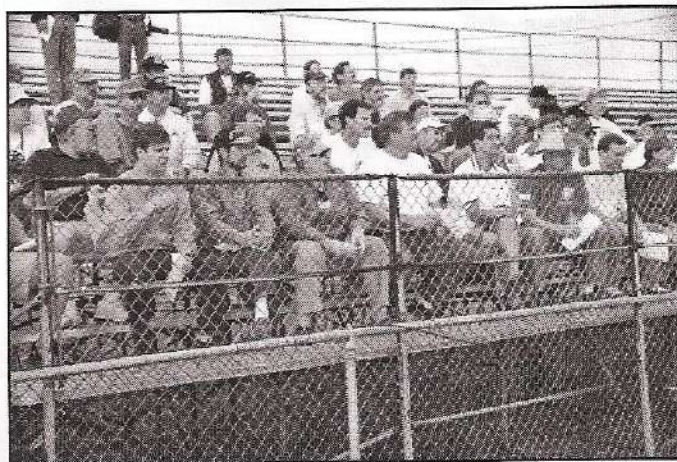
*by Doug Bender*

*Photos by Tom Suter*

*[The story so far, as printed in the August Alfacionada: Doug got a late start on his drive to Portland, due to working out of town and needing an oil change and some needed tinkering, including a hole in his muffler. He started out late on Tuesday and got as far as Sacramento, with a leaking muffler again. Wednesday morning, he decided to go over to the coast and drive Highway 1 north from San Francisco to Crescent City, where he found a fuel leak at the filter near the injection pump, and a drivetrain vibration, probably a bad U-joint. Thursday, he arrived in Portland just in time for tech inspection for the Time Trial, with his leaks and vibrations continuing. Friday was the Time Trial, and he ran 2 of the 3 practices, spending the middle session fixing his fuel leak. He was concerned in the last practice because other people in his class were blowing by him, several seconds a lap faster. Of course, they had more practice, and also might have run at Portland Int'l Raceway before. He continues with his Time Trial experiences...]*

My driving was very rough, I was way off the apexes, and the car was not set up right. During lunch I thought to myself, I really don't want to be disgraced here. Then I thought about the professional race drivers who set their cars up and learn the track with similar practice time to what I had... what a great opportunity, to emulate my heroes!

I decided to concentrate on two things: set the car up as well as I can, and think through the track to improve my driving. I adjusted air in the tires and removed some negative camber from the front tires. Then I looked at a track map and decided I just had to get closer to the apexes here, carry a little more speed there, etc. By the time they called my group I was first in line and got gridded up behind a red Alfetta. I felt a lot faster right away but of course had no time to explore the limits with the new setup. After two laps I was right on the Alfetta's tail and figured I'd pass him next lap... but that was the last timed lap (which was a surprise, I thought there



### ***A sit-down drivers' meeting? How nice!***

would be two more). My time was four seconds better than in practice and I ended up only a little behind the leaders of my group. If I had done the second practice I might have had a shot for second. It shows what a little thinking can do.

The organizers put on an autocross in parallel with the time trial. I signed up for that as well, and as soon as I completed my timed laps I drove over to the slalom course. In my car it was all second gear work, and was an interesting course with one fairly fast section. It would be fun if someone from AROSC would set up an autocross in conjunction with our time trials.

Other than the compressed practice schedule, the Oregon club did an excellent job organizing this time trial. They had lap times posted immediately after each practice. There were a large number of Marshals running the event, all doing very professional jobs. There were, of course, more Alfas than I have ever seen at a time trial, including some quite interesting ones such as TZs, and a few "foreign" cars (non-Alfas). The track was nice, with big runoff areas, but a little hard to figure out.

People who went to the Seattle track day on Wednesday said that track was much better, like Germany's Nurburgring. Another thing about this time trial was the number of spectators. Many of the non-time-trialers at the Convention came out to watch, along with family members, and we had a large built-in audience of Alfa



fans. So of course lots of people came by to chat and look at the cars while I was sorting out fuel leaks, leaky mufflers, camber adjustment, etc. It was a tiny taste of what the pros deal with. No one asked for my autograph.

After the time trial we went back to the hotel for a car wash session (I skipped the car wash for another attempt at muffler sealing), a look at the vendor displays, and later the banquet. I'm not sure where they came from, but some magnificent pre-war Alfas (one raced by Nuvolari) materialized at the time trial and later in the banquet room. The banquet capped off a big day and was a chance to meet some of the long-time Club leaders whose names show up in Alfa Owner.

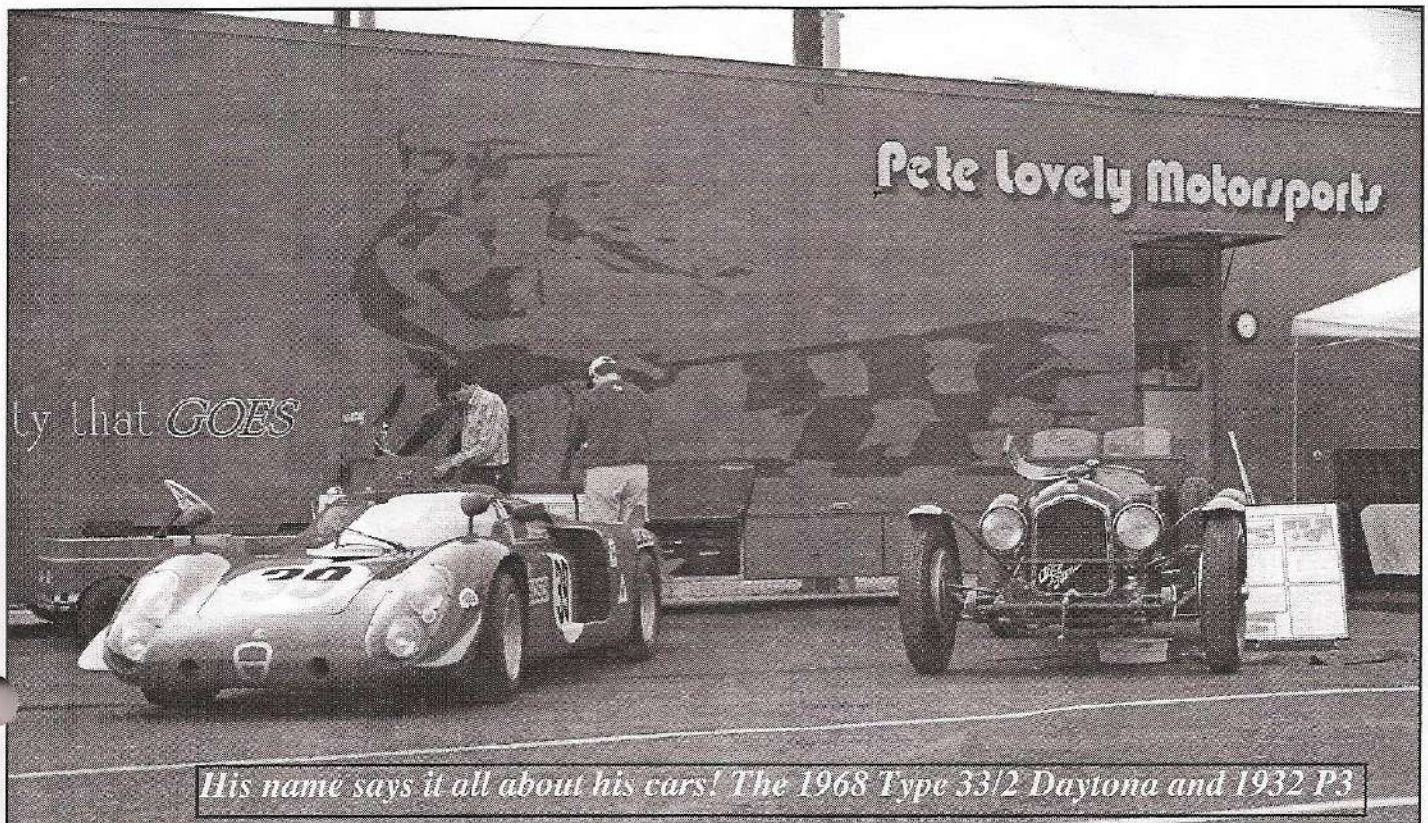
Saturday's offerings included various tours and rallies. I skipped these in favor of looking some more at the vendor displays and going to some of the lecture/discussion sessions, specifically Wes Ingram and Pat Braden. After that I packed up for the long boring drive home along Interstate 5.

I made two brief stops on the way home. The first was at a berry farm where I bought 6 different kinds of berries, several of which I had never heard of, for \$8.00 (have you ever heard of "monster berries"...something like a blackberry but the size of an apricot). Then a little farther on I saw a sign for the Oregon Steam Museum and pulled

off again. This turned out to be a farm equipment museum with many old steam and gasoline tractors. I wandered around for a while and noticed there was a lot of activity. I wondered to myself, where do they get all these volunteers, and on the way out noticed the sign that said their big annual event was a week later...so I got the big show for free.

Around midnight, at the California State line, my options were to drive all night without stopping, or stop for the night and drive the California Central Valley in the afternoon heat. I pressed on, and got home at 9:00 Sunday morning. Monday I went to work and took a night flight back to New Mexico.

So, was it worth close to a week of hard traveling for one day of time trialing? Let me put it this way. It was great to do a time trial with the National Club, see lots of unusual Alfas, hear some well-known figures talk, and meet some old friends. The Oregon club put on a great event, well organized with lots of activities, and there was a high level of excitement. I'm disappointed I didn't go to the Seattle track day, and that the car didn't behave better. As it was, I'm glad I went, but I wish I'd had more time. Everyone who likes Alfas should go to at least one National Convention, you'll have lots of great memories, but my advice is make sure you have enough time to savor the moment.



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# AROC Convo

*The Concour*

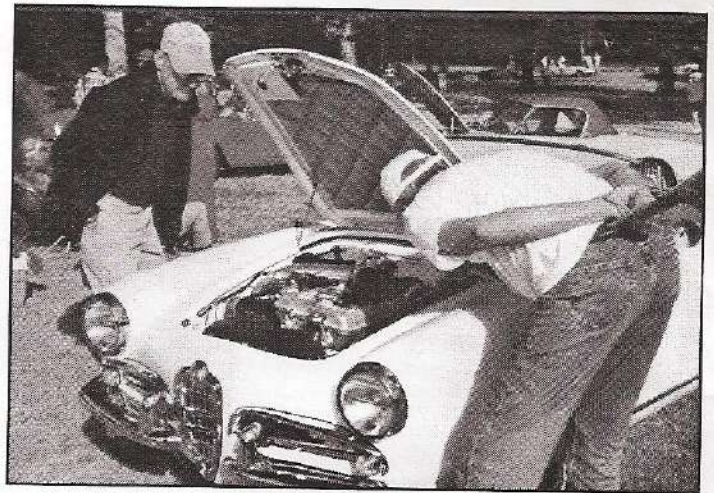
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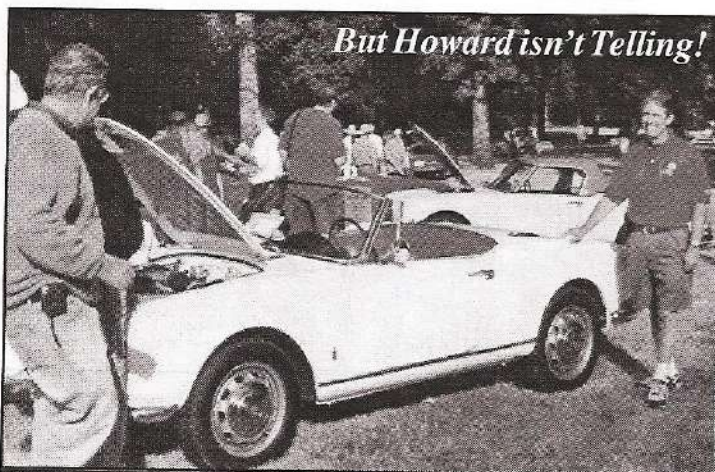
The traditional culmination of an AROC Convention is a Sunday morning Concours followed by the Awards Luncheon where the trophies for all the competition events are presented. There was the usual lovely collection of cars on display, enhanced by some special cars owned by members in the Northwest and Canada.

There were lots of So Cal members registered and in attendance at the Portland Convention, although there were some registered that didn't make it:

Jim & Marilyn Ashton, & Wendy & Debbie (Nor Cal)  
Doug Bender  
Paul & Mary Blankenship  
Gene Brown  
Pat Braden  
Rube & Lynn Erickson (NV)



***Howard Zellman must have something interesting under the hood of his 2nd place Giulia Spider!***



Fred & Tina Firschein (? didn't see them)  
Phyllis Gaylard  
Allen & Helen Gwinn (NM) (? didn't see them)  
Randy & Adrienne Harris  
David & Erika Herting  
David Khoe  
Gerry & Lisa Lehmann (San Diego, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter members)  
Terry Manchester (Nor Cal)  
Jorge & Ana Mazlumian (? didn't see them)  
David Nier (Nor Cal)  
Pierre Pfeffer (San Diego)  
Tom Sahines (Nor Cal)

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***New Montreal Owner Gene Brown in Alfa Heaven***

# Convention 2000

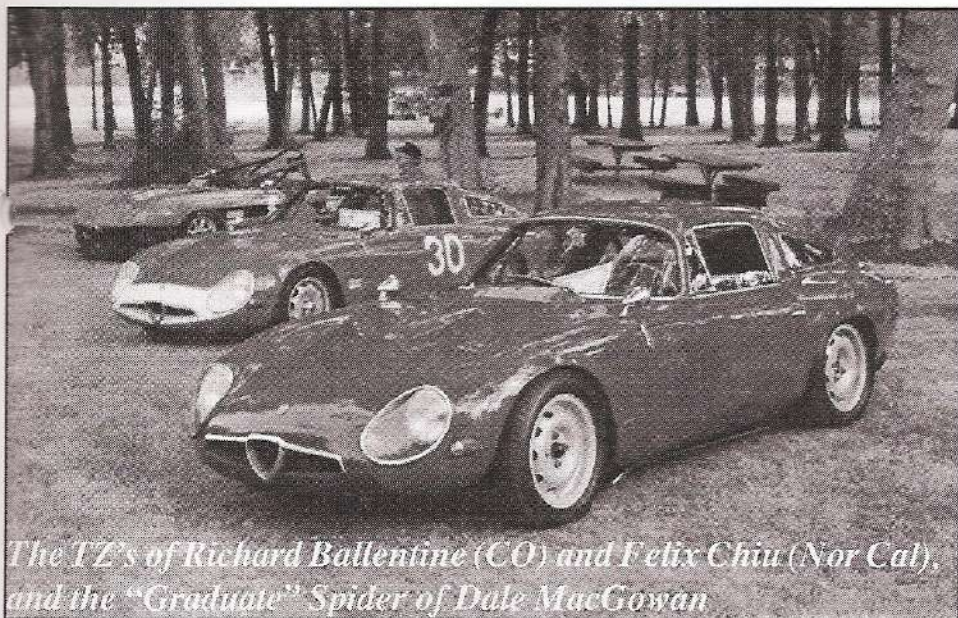
*in Portland*



*A pair of Junior Zagatos hiding the Montreal*



*Assorted Giulietta Sprints*



*The TZ's of Richard Ballentine (CO) and Felix Chiu (Nor Cal), and the "Graduate" Spider of Dale MacGowan*

This is the sort of automotive pulchritude that is typical of a convention Concour. All the interesting machines come out of their closets for viewing; and many are not just trailer queens, but are driven to the convention and participate the events. Felix Chiu's TZ was quite fast in the time trial at PIR, the 2900B came from British Columbia, drove the rally, and placed 2nd; and the Type 33/2 was driven to the Concour.

**More Convention attendees:**

- Charlie & Bonnie Schwartz
- Tom & Patricia Suter
- Howard Zellman

That's 33 people, with 6 unconfirmed by sighting. Even if it were only 27, what a great turn-out by AROSC! And we all had a great time. Let's do it again!

***The business end of the 1968 Type33/2 Daytona***



## More Convention 2000 Concourse

I did note the trophies collected by AROSC members, and I hope I got them all, as a few members are not very familiar to me.

### TIME TRIALS

3rd Class E -- Phyllis Gaylard, 164Q

### TSD RALLY

3rd -- Randy & Adrienne Harris, Duetto

8th -- Paul & Mary Blankenship, Milano

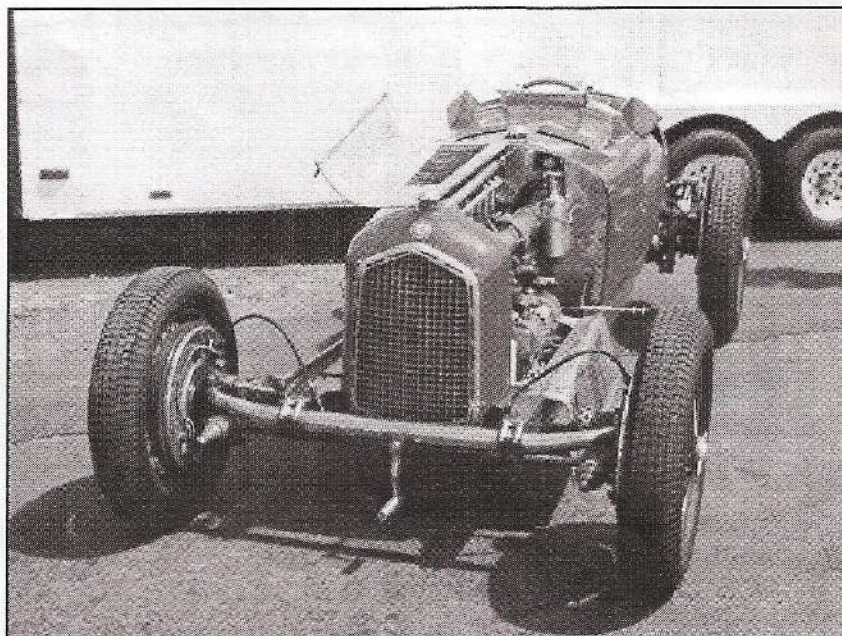
### CONCOURS

2nd, 750&101 series Open cars -- Howard Zellman, 1965 Giulia Spider Veloce

### MODEL CAR CONTEST

1st, Plastic models -- David Neir, for replica of Tom Sahines' #333 Giulietta Spider

People's Choice Award -- David Neir (same as above)



*Another P3 in the pits at PIR -- in racing trim*

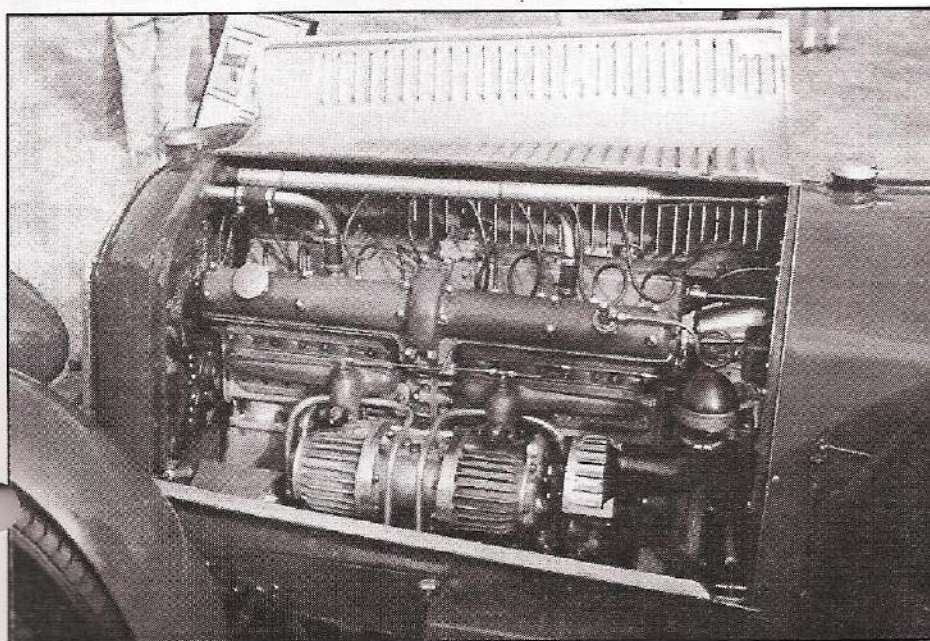
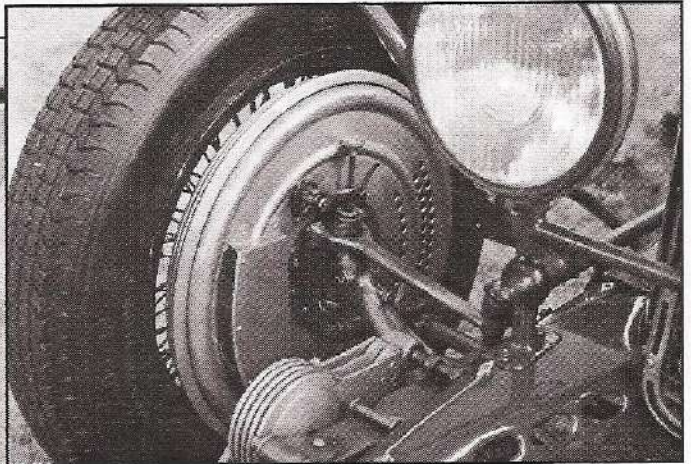
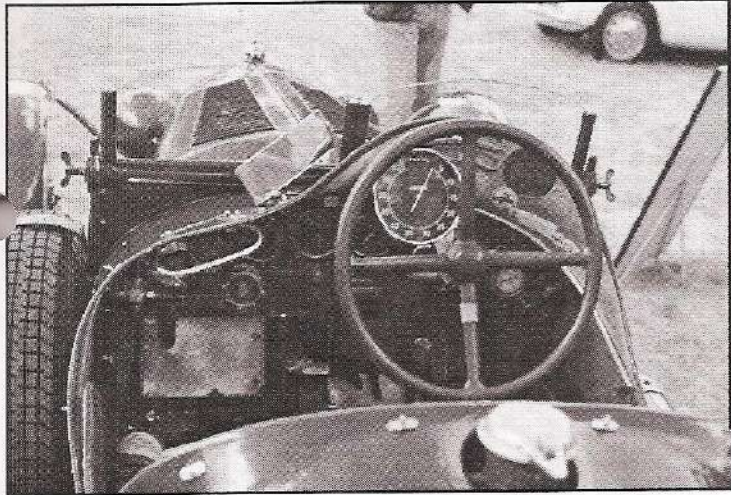
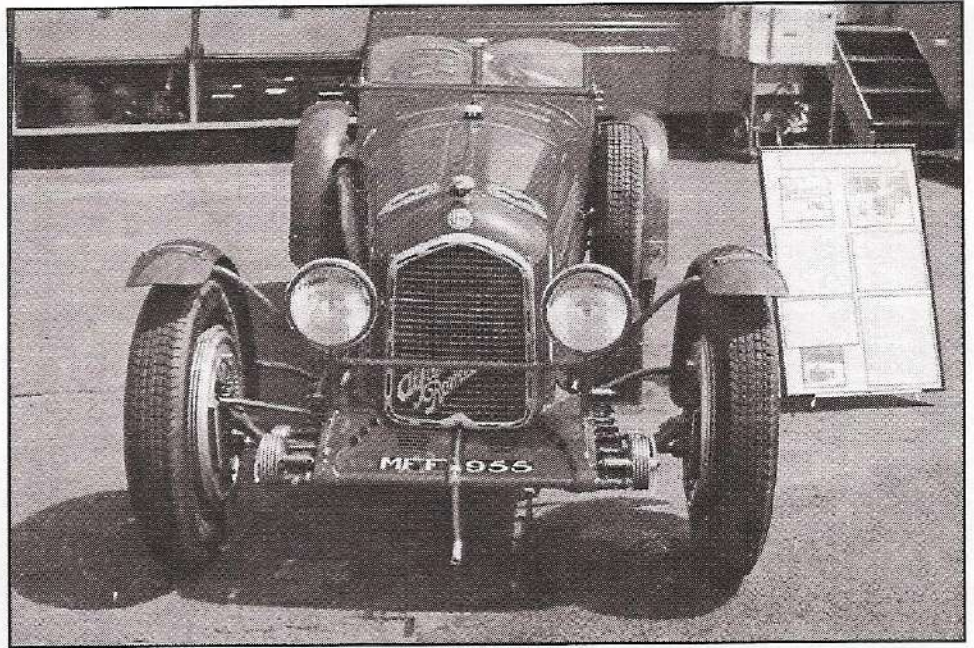
My appologies if I missed anyone.



*The rear view of the 1938 8C-2900B Berlinetta by Touring*

This 1932 P3 (Tipo B), fitted with fenders for road use, was found in the Time Trial pits, and at the Concourse. The history of this particular car was not noted by the editor, but was purported to have been driven in some significant event (Mille Miglia? Targa Florio?) by a significant driver, as best as I can remember.

These details show why this model was thought by many to be one of the most beautiful Grand Prix racers ever built. It was driven by Nuvolari to resounding victory over cars of the Third Reich at the German Grand Prix in 1935.



## **David Wall Carries Flag for So-Cal Alfisti!** *Vintage Racing in the Pacific North West*

By Fred Schueddekopp

Along with Kevin McKee from the bay area, AROSC member David Wall of San Diego took part in the two Northwest vintage races this summer: July 1-3 in Seattle and July 7-9 in Portland.

Getting David's cars accepted was the first hurdle (especially with the SOVERN group in Seattle). With the popularity of vintage racing at an all-time high, the organizers can pick and choose amongst applicants to fill their grids.

Alfa was the featured marque and this along with some persistent phone calls and changes to the cars got both the GTV and 1957 Spider finally accepted. This is frustrating since none of the many racing organizations on the West Coast can agree on a single set of guidelines or rules. SOVERN talks tough but I saw many things contrary to what they were preaching on their own cars.

We skipped the VARA Temecula race to concentrate on the road trip and this combined with superb preparations by David's mechanic Scott Huebner saw both cars run well both weekends. That always makes things easier when you can concentrate on going faster instead of just going!

The racing was great in Seattle, and despite odd placements of both cars David ran second in class pretty much the whole weekend. We even managed to avoid the wet sessions that plagued some of the other classes! The hospitality was great and there were many neat cars to see on (and off) the track, including 2 TZs and a TZ2.

To my mind Portland was the better of the two weekends. Because the Champ cars run there the track is excellent and very smooth. For all the posturing, SOVERN does, I felt Portland, in a low-key manner, actually did a better job of grouping the cars. This meant that David ran against a 250 Testa Rossa Ferrari and Type 59 Bugatti in his Pre-'59 Group 1 race which was very

entertaining. Running his correctly engined 1957 Spider, he handily beat the other 5 Alfas all weekend only to be nipped at the finish on Sunday by one of the Giulietta Sprints. It turns out this car had one of the rare 1600 motors that were available in 1959 - HA! HA!

After pressing Kevin for the lead in the GTV group all



weekend, David took a fine first victory on Sunday when Kevin had a rare DNF. Local Favorite Dennis Pillar was right behind in his 1750-powered Giulia Spider but consistent fast laps kept David in front of a field that also included AROSC's Peter Nitoglia and 5 other Alfas. Someone counted 22 Alfas racing in Portland and I saw many fine cars we don't see locally, including two standout lightweight Giulietta Sprints.

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There were many caustic remarks made (some have even appeared in print: e.g., Sports Car Market Magazine's gossip column quoted a competitor) about the speed and preparation of our cars, which undermines the skill of the drivers. In any case I take the comments as a compliment and testimony to the quality and competitiveness of vintage racing that takes place in our own corner of the country.

I would urge others to consider taking part in these events in the future and I can offer my insights to help ease the acceptance process.

See you at the races!

*Fred*



## **Convention Committee Volunteers Needed!** **This Means You!**

We are working up a convention committee to plan and present a National AROC Convention in 2002 in So Cal. Then we can all enjoy attending a convention without traveling a great distance. You probably have something to contribute to this effort, and would have fun doing so. We are looking for committee chairs and members for the following committees. Please contact Phyllis Gaylard at (714) 377-6377 or Phyllis3@aol.com to offer your talents. Beat the rush, and volunteer early!

**Convention Chair** – Coordinates all tasks, within convention committee and with AROC. Plans and coordinates schedule of all events.

**Finance Committee** -- Prepares budget, pays bills, deposits income, and oversees costs. Also solicits sponsors & advertisers, gets ads for program book, & collects door prizes.

**Registration Committee** -- Collects registration forms & income, prepares & prints program book, prepares reg. packets including tickets for events, hand-outs, and freebies, and distributes packets on-site.

**PR/Publicity Committee** -- Prepares articles for *Alfa Owner*, *Alfacionada*, and other AROC chapter newsletters, plus local newspapers and automotive magazines, for pre- and post-event publicity. Arranges for photos during all events. Develops convention theme and logo, orders promo handouts.

**Hotel Coordination Committee** Selects hotel, with agreement of Convention Committee, and provides single contact for all arrangements with hotel: meeting rooms, meals, meetings, parking, car wash, etc., with help/approval from Convention Chair & Financial Chair.

Meal Chairs – plan all arrangements for hotel-based meals: room, speaker, A/V, menu, & bar/reception

Meeting room chair – plans all meetings and arranges for meeting rooms: board of directors, tech sessions, chapter enhancement meetings, etc.

**Competition Events Committee** – Coordinates competition events, locations, rules, tech inspections, timing, car numbers, trophies, etc., as required for each type of event:

Time Trial Chair  
Autocross Chair

TSD Rally Chair  
Gimmick Rally Chair  
Concours Chair

**Tours Committee** – Arranges for tour sites, plans and coordinates tours, schedules, routes, busses, meals if required, costs, head-counts, provides tour escorts, etc.

Tour 1 Chair – Movie studios: Sony, Universal?

Tour 2 Chair – Auto collections: Petersen, Nethercutt, Bothwell, or Marconi...

Tour 3 Chair – Amusement parks: Disneyland, Marine Land, Knott's, Magic Mountain...

Tour 4 Chair – Wine tour: Santa Inez Valley with Central Coast Chapter?

Tour 5 Chair – Museum tour: Science & Industry, LACMA, La Brea Tar Pits?

Tour 6 Chair – Cultural evening tour, Performing arts center? Baseball game? OC Fair?

Tour 7 Chair – Driving tour of area

**Special Events Committee** – Plans & coordinates special events in conjunction with other events committees.

Social evening chair – plans all arrangements for Friday informal dinner including site & menu (beach party, barbeque, or?).

Car Wash Chair

Art Show Chair

Model Car Show Chair

Children's Activities Chair

Tech Sessions Chair

**Awards Committee** -- Identifies trophies and awards to be presented for each activity, orders awards, and sets up awards for presentation.

**Hospitality Committee** -- Provides aides to assist at all events on site, run errands & help committee chairs as needed on site, and to circulate among guests to provide assistance, directions, etc.

As you can see, there are lots of different tasks, and lots of talents will make this come together. We can put on a great convention. We have more to offer than most locales I can think of. SO, if you can help with any of this, like getting a special tour of a movie studio, or of a museum, or printing a program book, or ....., please give us a little of your time – it will be worth it.

*Phyllis*



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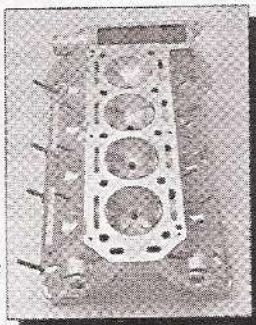
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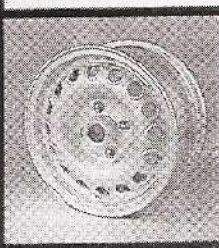
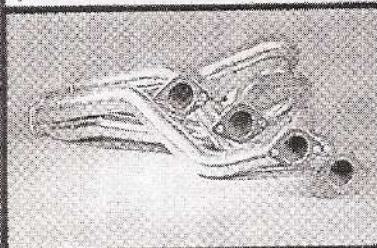
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If you are among the *Alfisti* who spend some of your time surfing the Internet, we want you to know that for some time now you have been able to find AROSC there. Yes, Virginia, there really is an official web site for the *Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California*.

Rather than attempting to describe everything you will find there, we will let the AROSC web site speak for itself. To sample this new dimension to the club at first hand, visit us at:

<http://drive.to/arosc>

## Get Re-Wired!

*AROSC reminder service needs update*

Are you a member who is Internet "wired"?

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AROSC is now sending out e-mail reminders of AROSC events to those who wish to have their memory jogged. Your presence on our "wake-up call" mailing list is strictly voluntary and you will be removed from the list whenever you desire.

If you wish us to add your name to those who want to be reminded shortly before each AROSC event or meeting, send an e-mail request to Jay Negrin at:

[jmnegrin@earthlink.net](mailto:jmnegrin@earthlink.net)

If possible, send your request from the same address to which you wish AROSC to send reminders. This will simplify adding your e-mail address to the AROSC mailing list for reminders. If you must send the request from a different address than the one to which you desire us to send reminders, please state clearly in your request that the address is different than your return address on the request.

Unfortunately, Jay's computer bit the dust, and he needs to rebuild his mailing list, so please e-mail him again if you

## Classified Ads

*Free advertising for members - please send to the Editor*

**WANTED: 1987-1989 Red Milano Verde:** My Milano Verde got rear-ended and I NEED another one. I am looking for an original RED Verde; I prefer one in perfect condition but will consider any RED one, body must be straight and never hit. If anyone knows of a RED Verde for sale please let me know. I prefer a CA car but will travel to any part of the western United States. Call Anthony 818-673-5151 or E-mail [ITALCARGUY@aol.com](mailto:ITALCARGUY@aol.com) . (9/0)

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**1984 GTV/6:** with '89 Milano 3.0 engine, 164S cams, Sperry Stage 2 heads, spark box, Recaros in tan Avus cloth, all Alpine: CD, alarm, speakers; VDO, MOMO, Bilsteins, etc. Serviced by Bill Werner @ Alfa Only. Asking \$7500. Call Joel Hoffman at (818) 994-4730, E-mail [JOELGTVTRANSAM@cs.com](mailto:JOELGTVTRANSAM@cs.com) (8/0)

**1978 Alfetta Sprint Veloce:** Ivory, new tan interior, runs good, good tires, alloy wheels, very clean; \$1500. E-mail Frank at [fhoeffner@earthlink.net](mailto:fhoeffner@earthlink.net) (8/0)

**1966 GTV 1600:** Former t-d rally car, with 1750 cam and head work. Car stored outside for 7 years. Good no rust original car, \$5000 OBO, LA area. Call Ron at (818) 713-1909 or E-mail [demuri@earthlink.net](mailto:demuri@earthlink.net) (8/0)

**59 Giulietta Spider Veloce:** Very clean California car, owned since 1970; original except for 5-spd, rugs, and radio. White w/black top and int. 78K total miles with 8K on rebuilt engine. Webers just being rebuilt. Mechanics and cosmetics are excellent with many spares. Shown on page 38 of "Illustrated Alfa Romeo Buyers Guide" (1983). Also, see pictures at <http://people.we.mediaone.net/dhering>. \$16K OBO. Call Dave at (323) 935-6118 or E-mail [dhering@mediaone.net](mailto:dhering@mediaone.net) (7/0)

**1993 Spider Super Veloce:** Red, camel leather interior, outstanding condition, shop manuals, etc. First owner put easy road miles from Ventura to Glendale, I have about 5,000 on it, all items replaced, sell to a good home, have too many cars... \$9,800 or OBO. Call George (805) 530-0007 or E-mail [e.business@gte.net](mailto:e.business@gte.net) (7/0)

**1974 GTV:** Red/black, nice original car, runs and looks great. \$6000.00. Call Fred for details at (714) 773-1473 or E-mail [alfaawe@aol.com](mailto:alfaawe@aol.com) (7/0)

**1991 164S:** White with black, 83K, one owner, no accidents, history complete, by Uwe Backer (now Omega Motorsports) since mile #1. \$9500 OBO. Call Laura at (310) 836-3160 (days) or Email: [alfaomega@prodigy.net](mailto:alfaomega@prodigy.net) (6/0)

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**1984 GTV-6:** Anthracite, used as daily driver until engine bearings gave out 2 1/2 years ago. Car in mechanically decent shape (except engine bearings), but interior and paint job not so good. New mechanical type belt tensioner, donuts and water pump. Too busy and too many Alfas forces sale, \$950. Call Ed at (909) 279-8323 (eves/weekends), [edng@pacbell.net](mailto:edng@pacbell.net) (see photos at <http://home.pacbell.net/edng/gtv6.html>) (3/0 rev. 7/0)

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**1985 GTV-6:** metallic brown exterior, tan leather interior; 65K miles; excellent mechanical shape, engine is strong and doesn't burn or leak any oil; many new parts (tensioner, timing belt, brake rotors, brake MC); paint is faded at spots and front seats have a number of split seams; body is straight and completely rust free; car has a salvaged title (for unknown reasons); it would make a great daily driver or track car. Priced to sell at \$2200. *Call Vangelis at (805) 564 3165, or e-mail vangelisk@home.com (3/0)*

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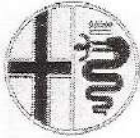
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January	February	March	April
6 AROSC Board Meeting 22-23 Time Trial - Willow Springs 29 AROSC Annual Meeting 12:30pm Luncheon Cirivello's Trattoria, Long Beach	3 AROSC Board Meeting 25 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City 26 Peterson Museum Tour & Clean Car Show	2 AROSC Board Meeting 11-12 Time Trial - Laguna Seca 31 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City	2 Tour "In Search of the Wildflowers" 4* AROSC Board Meeting 22* <b>Swap Meet at Omega MotorSports, 8am</b> 28 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City 29 Tour Bothwell Antique Race Car collection * <b>Note Date Change</b>
May	June	July	August
4 AROSC Board Meeting 6-7* <b>Driving School - "Streets of Willow"</b> 21 Concours Long Beach 26 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City * <b>Note Date Change</b>	1 AROSC Board Meeting 3-4 Time Trial at Buttonwillow 24-25 Tour to Julian 30 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City	6 AROSC Board Meeting 19-23 <b>National Convention, Portland, OR</b> 28 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City followed by Tech session at Omega MotorSports	3 AROSC Board Meeting 13 Summer Party at Phyllis Gaylard's home 18 Concours Italiano in Monterey 25 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City 26 Mt. Wilson Twilight hillclimb & picnic
September	October	November	December
7 AROSC Board Meeting 9-10 Time Trial - Las Vegas 17 Concours - San Antonio Winery 29 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City	1 <b>Fall Swap Meet, Huntington Beach</b> 3 AROSC Board Meeting 14-15 Driving School at "Streets of Willow" 21-22 Wine Tour 27 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City <i>Note changed date in boldface</i>	2 AROSC Board Meeting "Liter", Woodley Park 11-12 Time Trial- Willow Springs 17 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City, Elections, "White Turkey Auction"	9 Holiday Party 10 AROSC Board Meeting