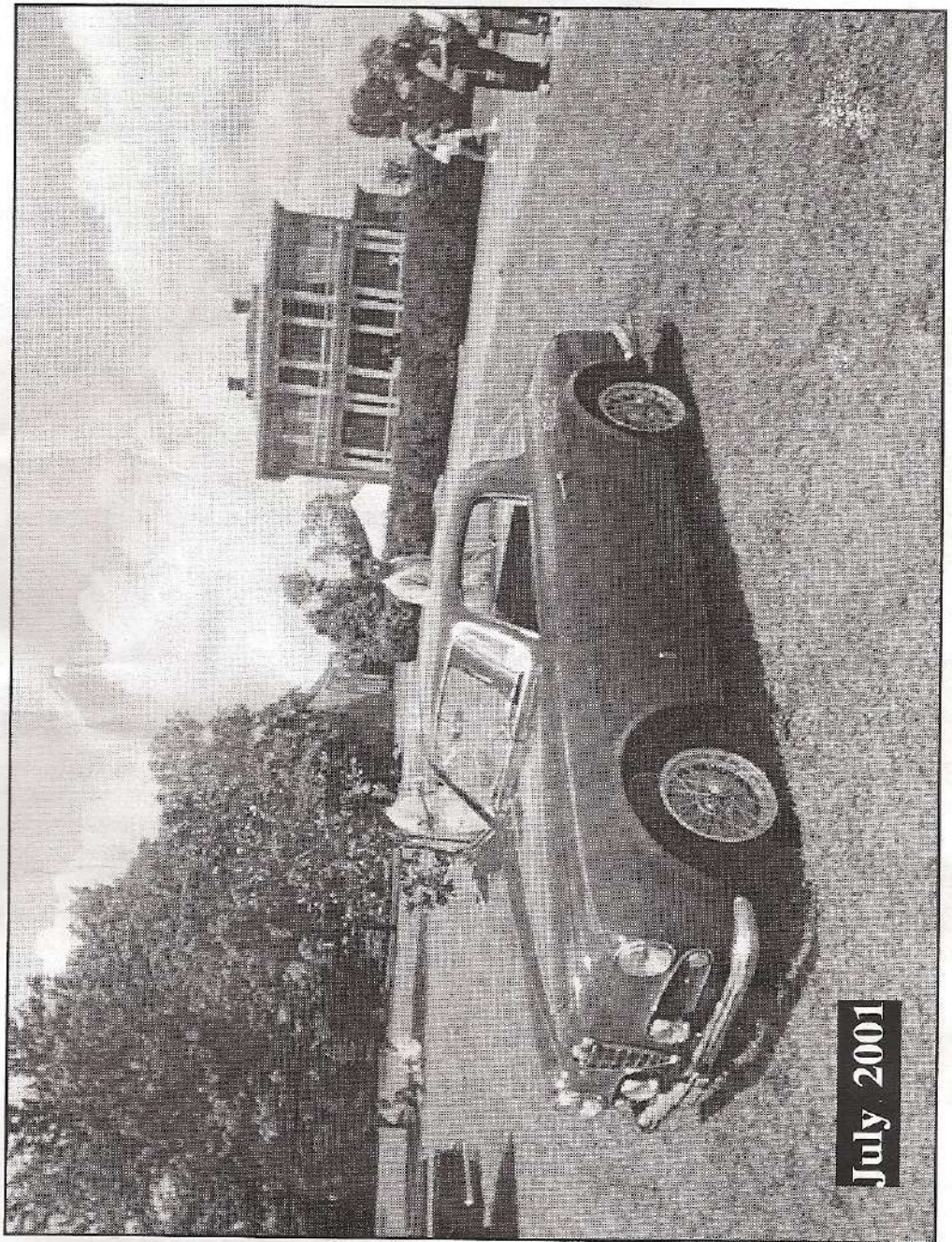


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July 2001

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### Meeting Information

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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# **AROSC Previews**

*An outline of coming events*

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

Join us for the July general meeting at the Veteran's Center in Culver City. We will have a special technical session following the break: a short drive to Omega MotorSports for some technical insight and Q&A, compliments of Uwe Backer. See page 5 for more details and directions. This was a great success last summer, so we are doing it again.

## **Board Meeting — Thursday, August 2, 7:30 PM**

The Board of Directors meets monthly 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. We are likely to meet at a restaurant near LAX.

## **Summer Party – Sunday, August 5, 11:00 AM**

Join us for the annual AROSC Summer Party. We will return to the cool breezes of Huntington Beach in Phyllis Gaylard's backyard for a potluck lunch, Bocce ball tournament, and lots of conversation. There will be shade and sun, grass and pavement, whatever you desire, but expect a fun afternoon with fellow Alfisti. And you don't have to drive an Alfa to come! More details on page 7. Be There!

## **Concours Italiano/Monterey Historics – Aug. 17-19**

This is the weekend for the annual foray to Monterey, Carmel, Laguna Seca Raceway, and vicinity for a sensory overload of neat cars, both stationary and moving. If you go, take lots of pictures to show at a meeting, and/or contribute to the newsletter with an article – Please!

## **Mt. Wilson Twilight Hillclimb & Picnic – Saturday evening, August 25**

This was a great event last year, although few attended. Make up for last year and come out to see the city lights and have a picnic dinner at the top of Mount Wilson, after driving up a neat Alfa road. There will be 2 rendezvous points: 5:00 pm at the Veterans Center Park in Culver City, and about 6:00 pm at the UNOCAL 76 station at the Northeast corner of South Arroyo Parkway and East Glenarm Street, at the end of the Pasadena Freeway. We will then caravan up to Angeles Crest Highway and

Mount Wilson in time for a beautiful sunset. Bring who- and what-ever you like for a picnic on Mt. Wilson, and stay as long as you like. More details in the August issue.

## **General Meeting – Friday, August 31, 8:00 PM**

Join us for the August 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.

## **Board Meeting — Thursday, September 6, 7:30 PM**

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## **Swap Meet – Sunday, September 9, 9:00 AM**

We are planning a swap meet at Sensor Systems in Chatsworth once again, to benefit our valley-dwelling members. More details and a map in the August issue.

**Don't Miss the Summer Party in Huntington Beach Sunday, August 5**

## **Time Trial and Race, Willow Springs – September 22-23**

Our fourth Time Trial will be held at Willow Springs Raceway. For additional information, contact Doug Bender at the numbers or E-mail in the Masthead, page 2.

## **Driving School at the Streets of Willow – October 13-14**

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## **Annual Wine Tour, Paso Robles area – Oct. 19-21**

Gene Brown has been making plans for our annual stock-up your wine cellar tour. See page 6 for early details. He has booked a block of rooms at the Historic Santa Maria Inn again this year, so you can make reservations now!



# View from the Top

Miscellaneous Rumbings from Il Presidente!

Got a great report from Phyllis on the Nashville AROC Convention. The Tennessee Club did a super job. Good organization, nice events. If you were at the meeting you would have gotten one of the *Alfiesta 2002* keychains that we gave out in Nashville. If not, eat your heart out.

As usual, *Alfacionada* got lots of attention from our fellow Alfa owners. 19 out of 46 chapters do not publish a monthly newsletter, let alone 20 pages.

Which brings me to the theme of this article. We only have 12 months from tonight (as I write this, waiting for the fireworks to start) to get the word out to every Alfa owner we can about *Alfiesta 2002*. It would be a shame not to let every Alfa owner in So Calif (AROC member or not) know that this gathering will be held in their backyard.

Phyllis has put together a Powerpoint presentation that she showed us at the meeting. An easy way to show what we have in store for *Alfiesta 2002*. We are planning to burn CD copies for anyone who wants to show it on a PC.

I see that at the Convention several So Cal Alfisti have been awarded 25-year pins: Dave Herting (AROSC former Board member), Robert Huff and John Davis. Congrats for sending in 25 checks.

It is mid year and 2002 is a ways off, but I was wondering about what the Club can do different, or keep doing the same, for 2002. Do we have enough Tours (Kevin heard requests for more or longer Tours from the Julian participants). Try out Regan's "Mt. Wilson" Tour at the end of August. Let him know what you think of these 1-night events. Send me your ideas.

August 5 is our Summer Party at Phyllis' place. A very low-key event and a great excuse to get together. I will make this request to those of you Alfa Owners who do not get out to the Club events. Make plans to drive to Huntington Beach and drop by. You don't have to stay long. Grab something to drink (the Club pays for them) make some small talk and you can split. If you want to stay longer, then have something to eat with your drink. It is nice to see new faces and meet you.

This month's General Meeting will be a short one, as we will adjourn to drive a couple of blocks to Omega

Motorsports for a Tech Session. Nice chance to hang around Uwe's garage, and ask "dumb questions" and not be charged for the answers. Last year he had a couple of cars up on the rack so we could look and point.

Well my trips to visit my wife and mother-in-law are over. They both moved back to Winnetka. Nice to have our family in 1 place for a change. I looked out in our driveway and noticed a few more cars. Seems we have acquired her Mom's Chevy Van as well as the old Oldsmobile (with 5 cars now we get a Fleet Discount rate from Allstate). After looking at the 91 Olds, I now understand why GM is pulling the plug on them. Peeling dash, headliner hanging, and this is a car babied by my aged in-laws.

Web Site Update: Eric Sands has helped us find his replacement, Brendan O'Brian, from down San Diego way. As soon as we get the electronic changeover completed look for updates and all that stuff.

That's all for now,  
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# July Meeting: Tech Session

## Special Program Set for July Meeting

Last year's July Tech Session was a big hit, so we are doing it again. The July meeting program will feature a tech session at Omega MotorSports following the usual break.

The meeting will start at Veteran's Park at 8:00 pm, with the usual club business, buy & sell, announcements, etc. Then at the break, we will drive about a mile to Omega MotorSports, on the other side of Sony studio. As a program, Uwe Backer will have one or more cars on the lifts so you can see under them easily, and he will talk about general maintenance issues and specific problem areas, as well as answer questions.

The program portion should start about 9:00 pm, and last the usual hour or two. Refreshments will be

served at Omega. Remember to go to the Park for the start of the meeting. If you are quite late, go directly to Omega. See their web site for a map, or follow these directions:

### DIRECTIONS:

From the park, turn right/east on Culver Blvd. and proceed to Madison, the first street you can turn left on that doesn't take you into the studio lot. Turn left and head toward Trader Joe's Market. As you cross Washington at Trader Joe's, Madison changes to Clarington. Omega is a half-block past Trader Joe's, on the right side, before you get to Venice Blvd. There should be parking available in front of Omega and the business next door, as well as on the street. Trader Joe's lot is a last resort.



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# Wine Tour Announcement

Summer is upon us and before you know it October will be here. And you know what big event October brings? No, not Halloween – the Annual AROSC Wine Tour. That's right, it's time to take an inventory of your wine cellar and start making a list of what you will need to hold you through those long cold winter nights.



This year we will be visiting the wineries of the Paso Robles area, the home of many award winning wineries. We will be staying at the Historic Santa Maria Inn once again. A block of rooms have been set aside for October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The rates are \$69 per night in the original inn and \$89 in the tower. There are suites available at \$119 and \$149 per night, however since they are not in the reserved block of room they may be booked. The Historic Santa Maria Inn can be reached at (805) 928-7777. Be sure to mention the Alfa Romeo club to get the special rates.

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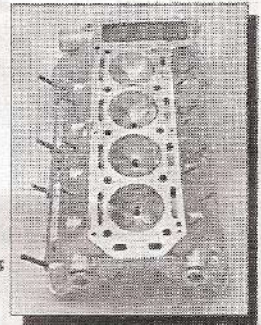
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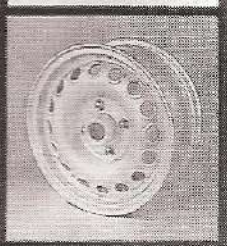
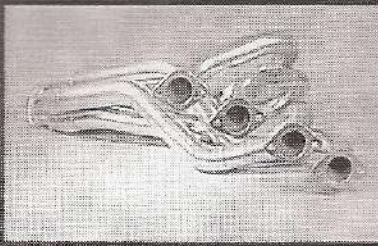


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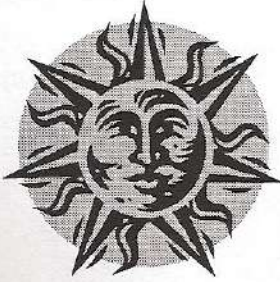
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# Summer Party! It's Time!

*Sunday, August 5 is the date!*



We had lots of fun last year in Phyllis Gaylard's backyard, with good food and friendship, and lots of Alfa talk, along with mild weather. Let's do it again! Bring a sweater! Come and cool off from the inland heat wave!

Phyllis Gaylard's house in Huntington Harbor has plenty of back yard, paved patio, and shade, and she has invited us to party there again. She still has Jay Wachtel's Bocce balls, and the lawn is in good shape. She is located about a mile from the ocean and beaches, up on a hill with a great breeze. There is street parking and a shopping center one block away if the street fills up.

We have again decided on a potluck format, and request that attendees bring something to nosh, snack, and nibble upon. We suggest primarily home-prepared dishes, cold or room temperature. We can heat up things in the oven or microwave, but want to limit the stove-top cooking to just a few items.

As last year, there will be no charge for this event. However, we ask that all attendees bring a food dish to share. If you can't cook or bring food, you can make a \$5 donation and Phyllis will buy what is needed to complete the menu. In order for this to work, you must call or E-mail an RSVP before party day. Phyllis will coordinate the food items so that we don't have 10 kinds of Jell-O salad and nothing else. Suggested food categories include but are not restricted to: antipasto, appetizers, salads, breads, sandwich meats, casseroles, pasta dishes, or anything appealing as luncheon fare. Just please tell Phyllis what it is so she can coordinate and provide a complete menu.

**DATE:** Sunday, August 5, 2001

**TIME:** 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM or???

**WHERE:** 17041 Malta Circle  
Huntington Beach, 92649  
(Thomas Bros. Map page 857 C1)

**RSVP:** to Phyllis by Friday, August 3  
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# Julian Tour Report

Text and Photos by Gene Brown

The weather is looking very uncooperative on this Saturday morning in May. I have driven through cold fog, drizzle, and low, dark clouds to park on the side of a lonely stretch of highway 243 in southern Riverside County. To the North I can make out the edge of the little town of Banning, one of many non-descript places along I-10 east of Riverside. To the South the highway winds up into the San Jacinto Mountains, or so I am told; the mist hides the view. Not too inspiring.

I look at the clock on the dashboard again. It reads 8:45. I see a car coming from the direction of Banning. I watch in anticipation. As it gets closer I see that it is just an old Toyota. I watch as it puffs up the hill into the clouds. A few minutes later I catch a glimpse of red. As it approaches I start to make out the distinctive graceful lines of a Pininfarina design. Finally I make out the occupants; it is Kevin and Dawn in their Alfa Romeo Spider. I really am in the right place! With Kevin here I know that the run up the hill will start soon.

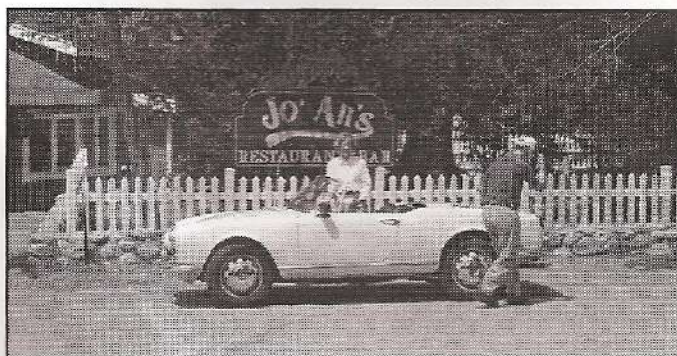
Soon a GTV6 (Hap & Kristen Hansen), a GTV (Fred & Tina Firschein), and a Giulia Spider (Jon & Zona McKibben) join us. Introductions are followed by the distribution of maps by Kevin, our tour director, and a brief description of the drive. By 9:30 we are on our way. We fire up the engines, a V8, a V6 and 3 DOHC 4's, and with Kevin in the lead we are off. The early morning air vibrates with the sound of Italian engines revving up the road and down shifting into the turns. Soon the meeting point is quiet once again.



Rounding the first switchback, we blaze into a glory of blue sky and sunshine! The road looks seductive. The tight

curves are connected by short straights. We continue up the hill sweeping through the turns and accelerating up the straights, climbing above the dreary weather. The scenery

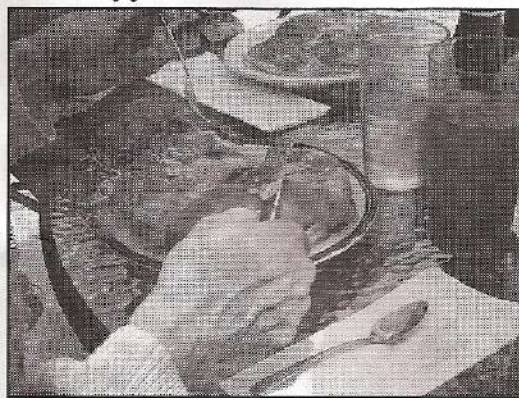
is breathtaking as we drive through the pines of the San Bernardino National Forest. First stop is Idyllwild.



23 miles later we are at Jo An's restaurant in Idyllwild, lounging at a table under the pines. Just a coffee stop, so we "order light": mostly just a cinnamon roll and a coffee.

The food arrives and we realize this "light meal" would feed us for the weekend.

The cinnamon rolls were eight inches across and two inches high, drenched in sugar and butter. It looked more like a cake than a roll. Through mouthfuls, we all protested our good intentions.





After extracting ourselves from the tables we headed out to the cars and were soon on the road again. Highway 243 winds down the mountain, one panoramic vista after another, and connects to highway 74, where we continued south through high green meadows and a roadway lined with wildflowers. At highway 371 we left the San Bernardino National Forest. 371 took us through the town of Anza and the Cahullia Indian Reservation to highway 79 at Aguanga. A short run down 79 and we were at our second stop at Sunshine Summit.

Here we were met by Alex who provided transportation (for the dirt-road challenged) to his Shadow Mountain Vineyard. We also picked up three more cars: Regan in his Montreal, Jay and Catherine's Duetto, and a Calloway GTV6 driven by Tom Gillis. At Shadow Mountain we had a tasting of their latest wines followed by a lunch of tri-tip and grilled salmon. The food was very tasty and went well

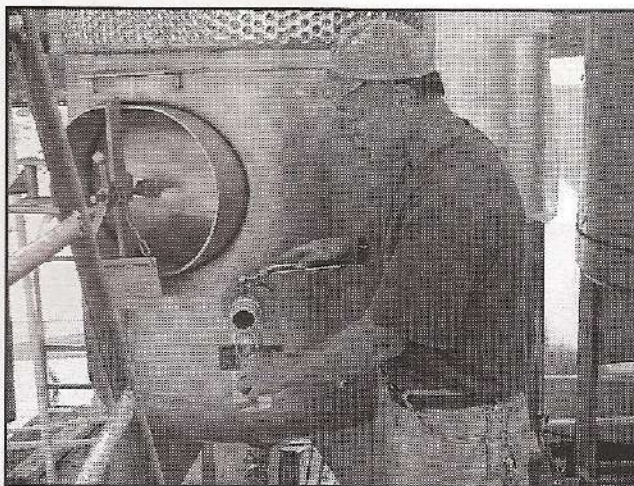


with the selection of wines. Naturally, it was further enhanced with much pleasant conversation of all things automotive. After a while we were given a tour of the vineyards by Alex where he described the selection of



vines and how they were selected for the microclimate of the area. At the conclusion of the tour we visited the aging

cellar and the fermentation tanks. A few purchases were made, and we were driven back to Sunshine Summit



where most of our cars were parked. There was a brief wait while the thirstier cars filled up and then it was "Tally Ho"!

We were running a little later than planned (vineyards are so darned relaxing!) so Kevin altered the route slightly so that we would arrive in Julian by 5 o'clock. The route to Julian took us past the Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation. After winding down from the oak-covered hills of Sunshine



Summit, it was mostly straight flat roads across high desert until we got near Julian. Just as the roads got nice and twisty again we caught up with an SUV. This driver seemed to think that the signs indicating the speed through the turns was for Ferraris (or Alfas!) and so he should cut that speed to one third so he wouldn't tip over. Probably wise, given SUV driver prowess. Of course he turned off just before we got into Julian. After finally getting some open road Kevin was having such a blast that he passed up the turn we were suppose to take and brought us in to Julian on the wrong side. What to do? Of course, we



turned around and headed back into the windy part. This time there was no SUV but there was a Taurus. He was a little faster but not much. Don't these people know that we had the roads reserved for our own use? The main reason we had to backtrack to come in to town the proper way was that was where the crowds were waiting to greet us. After parading down the main street of Julian, and letting all of the locals get a glimpse of the cars that they will find when they reach heaven, we pulled into the Julian Lodge.

After getting settled in our rooms we had time for a stroll around town before going to dinner at the finest (and only) Italian restaurant in Julian. Kevin said that the meal was not up his expectations but I found my meal to be quite good. Of course I'm use to dining at places that have drive-thrus so I am not really considered a gourmet. Unfortunately by the time dinner was finished it was too late to search out a pie house for a piece of the famous Julian Apple Pie. Some of us solved this dilemma by making a beeline to such places the next morning; I was still recovering from the cinnamon roll!

On a clear and sunny Sunday morning we awoke early to enjoy the very generous semi-continental breakfast in the lodge dinning room. By 9:30 we were all assembled except for Regan, who chose to sleep in without telling anyone, and the couple in the GTV6 who were heading home that morning. The higher consumption rate cars went to the gas station to refuel, and eventually all the 6 remaining cars were sorted out. About 10:00 we got on the road again, and though the worshipful crowds were gone we were escorted by a flock of Ducatis.

The winding road of yesterday was finally free of SUVs and such, so about 13 fast and twisty miles out of town at Scissors Crossing, we turned south onto S2. This passes through Earthquake Valley and follows the old Overland Stage Route. This stage was about 50 miles of two-lane blacktop with hardly a car in site. Long straights like most desert roads, but with sudden and very tight sections through every hill and canyon that stood in the way of the stage route surveyors. We were lucky to go through early in the year so that it was cool, only about 90 F. During the summer it gets down right warm our there! So we admired the many flowers of the high desert in bloom, stopped for a photo op, and headed south into "real" desert. We finally made it to Ocotillo where we gassed up again. But not for long; now it really was hot!

The plan was to hop on to I-8, go over the hill and get off at Carizzo Gorge Road and drop on down to highway 94. There was quite a bit of traffic on I-8 and because of the grade and the heat a lot of it was going slow. This was the

only time I have ever seen my oil temperature get above 80 C. Well, we all made it over the hill and finally got a chance to run up the RPMs and cool off the engines. Kevin and Dawn were having too much fun again, and they missed the off ramp. Well, to be fair, it was not marked by the name of the road we expected. Apparently the Duetto did get off there (or somewhere) because we never saw them again (though later they emailed that they ended up at an Italian Street Fair in San Diego, and had a fine time). Awhile further down the road Kevin realized his mistake and took a likely off ramp. Unfortunately this caught some of the cars on the wrong side of a semi so we ended up losing the GTV and the Giulia Spider. Oh well, the GTV was heading home anyway. With just three cars now we headed south down past Lake Morena, under the overhanging oaks and winding through gently rolling hills. At highway 94 in Cameron Corners, we slowed for the stop sign and Dawn spotted the Giulia Spider tearing down the other road. Still rolling up to the stop, Kevin honked at them and scared the bejeeces out of the Volvo driver in front of Kevin. Anyway, everyone pulled over and we were all able to link up again. You just can't plan this kind of fun!

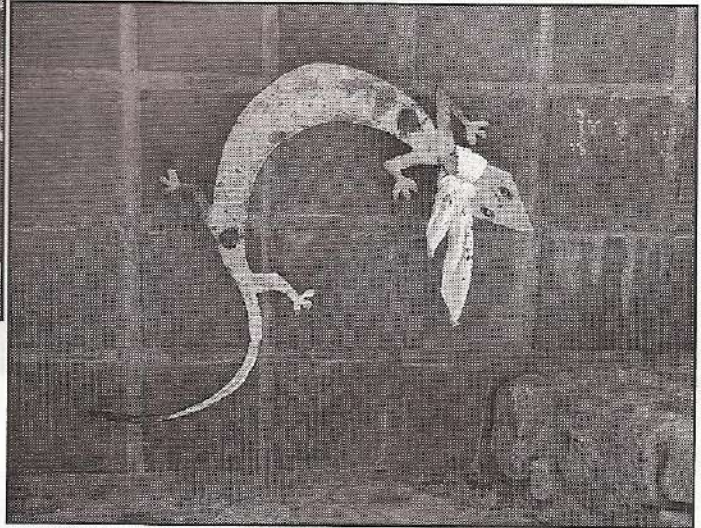


Now back up to four cars, we once again headed west and turned south to Tecate, Mexico. Kevin talked to the operator of a customs house, who let us park the cars outside his office while we walked across the border for lunch. We ate lunch in an outdoor café in the town park, which I understand is something of an institution in Tecate. The food was good, strolling musicians provided entertainment, great green trees provided the shade, and we washed everything down with ice-cold draft Tecate beer. I did notice that my plate had some Chinese writing on it and said Medford Ore. I know that Kevin made a couple of mistakes in navigation but I didn't think we got that far





Nice roads, nice people, lots of interesting conversations, and Alfa Romeos. This is what club membership is all about. For those of you who missed this year's drive I urge you to make plans for next year. It will be another club weekend that you will long remember.



north. After lunch we strolled through the town, pausing to buy some mexican "paletas" (popsicles, vastly superior to the American version). After passing through immigration, paletas in hand, we made it back to the parking lot where we found our cars just as we left them. We thanked the customs house operator (who refused all offers of payment) and headed home, via the back roads to Chula Vista.

*What's this? A wine taster? A prospective member?*

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# AROC Convention 2002: Costa Mesa, CA

by Phyllis Gaylard

Now that the Nashville Convention is over, it's time for us to get our act in gear and get ready to put on next year's Convention: *Alfiesta 2002*. The date is easy to remember – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

Current plans are for a National Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> followed by viewing of fireworks, or a visit to a nearby automobile collection if we find one willing to open up to us. We may also offer a tour for those not attending the board meeting.

On Friday, July 5, we will have a one-day time trial and the autocross at a venue to be determined. All are welcome to attend, not just Alfa drivers. You may have read in the newspapers that California Speedway, Fontana, is building a proper road course, to be finished this fall. Unfortunately, this information came out while I was attending the Nashville Convention, and by the time I got home and read about it, the Shelby club had booked our weekend. I have reserved Friday as a backup if they don't use the track that day. We will work this problem harder when the track is closer to being finished. Although this is an expensive venue, I think we would all like to run it at least once, and with enough entries, we can afford it. There is a backup plan: I hear that Cal Club is running Solo I/II at the El Toro Marine Base, and I suspect that the current dispute over airport vs. great park will not be resolved in the next 12 months, so it may be available next summer. This would be less exciting, but cheaper and closer to the hotel, as well as cooler weather.

We are also planning to offer some child care options for Friday and Saturday, to entertain kids with excursions to some fun sites – fun parks, Discovery Science center, etc., while the parents go to the time trial/autocross and/or rallye. We can also send the kids to the beach early on Friday.

Friday Evening, we plan to have a beach party – come

straight from the time trial and autocross and jump into the ocean to cool off. No need to clean up first. We will cater a suitable dinner and spend the evening relaxing to the sounds of the surf.

Saturday, July 6, there will be the rallye in the morning, as well as tours to area attractions. In the afternoon, there will be a Round-Table Tech Session presented by the AROC Tech Advisers, as well as a Chapter Organization meeting and a Chapter Newsletter Editors meeting. There will be a car-wash session behind the hotel in the afternoon as well.

Saturday evening, we will have a reception on the hotel terrace followed by a banquet and speaker. We have some ideas to minimize the yawn-factor common to banquets in the past, by limiting the introduction of VIP's and the changing the door-prize awarding process.

Sunday, July 7, we will have the Concours in a nearby park, followed by the awards luncheon, probably at

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11:00 AM Saturday, August 11  
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the same site with informal box lunches. This will wrap up the festivities, although the vendor room will be open for a while after the lunch for those who didn't have time to visit and spend earlier.

Although it looks like we have everything planned out, there are lots of details to be worked. We need to finalize a track soon, set a rallye route, find a park for the Concours, get a banquet speaker, get a caterer for outdoor events, select the tours to be offered, etc. We will also be looking for sponsors for events, vendors, donors of door prizes, etc.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR KNOW OF ANY SUITABLE SOLUTIONS TO THE ABOVE, PLEASE CONTACT PHYLLIS GAYLARD!**

We plan to have another meeting of the Convention Committee to finalize the program of events, pull in preliminary costs so we can start to price the events, and get our act together. This meeting is likely to be held on a Saturday or Sunday in August, so if you want to help, contact Phyllis for details and location. OR, come to the summer party at Phyllis' home and we will talk about it there.

Remember that this is your convention – if we all do a little, it will be a great event and everyone will enjoy it. And be sure to plan on attending. If there is something you think we should include in the program, speak up!

Contact me at [phyllis3@aol.com](mailto:phyllis3@aol.com); or (714) 377-6377; or by mail at 17041 Malta Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92649 if you can't catch me at a meeting.



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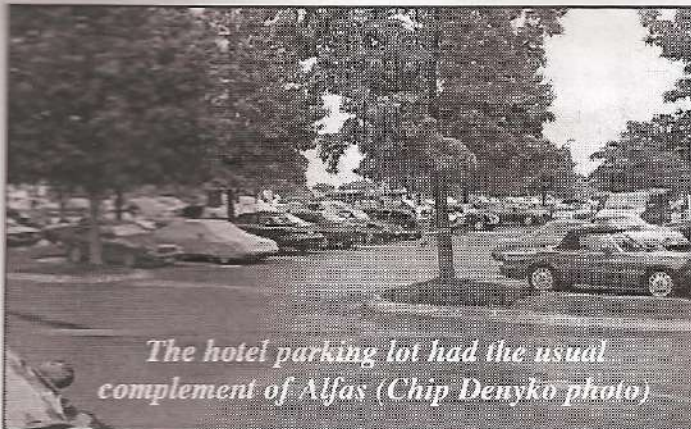
# AROC Convention 2001: Nashville

by Phyllis Gaylard

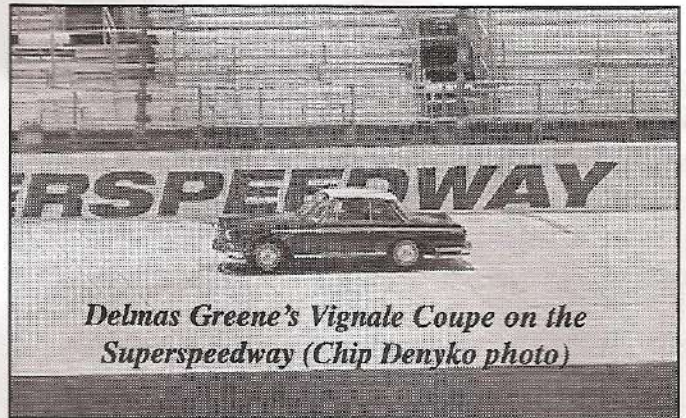
Late June was the time for this year's national Alfa Owner's Club Convention in Nashville, TN. Although there didn't seem to be a lot of publicity, the location of Nashville seemed to guarantee a good turn-out as most of the AROC chapters are less than 1000 miles from that city. There were a few intrepid soles who ventured to the Southeast from the West, but the largest chapter representation was from Atlanta, GA. There was great attendance and participation in all the events, and the Concours had a huge number of Alfas, both showing and not showing. For sheer numbers, this well exceeds the Woodley Park show. We do have a few more exotic Alfas, however. These photos give a sense of the happening. Many of these pictures are from the AROC web site Photo Gallery.



*The Nashville  
Superspeedway Garage  
(Chip Denyko photo)*



*The hotel parking lot had the usual  
complement of Alfas (Chip Denyko photo)*



*Delmas Greene's Vignale Coupe on the  
Superspeedway (Chip Denyko photo)*



*Montreals in Parking lot (Bob Kleinfeld photo)*



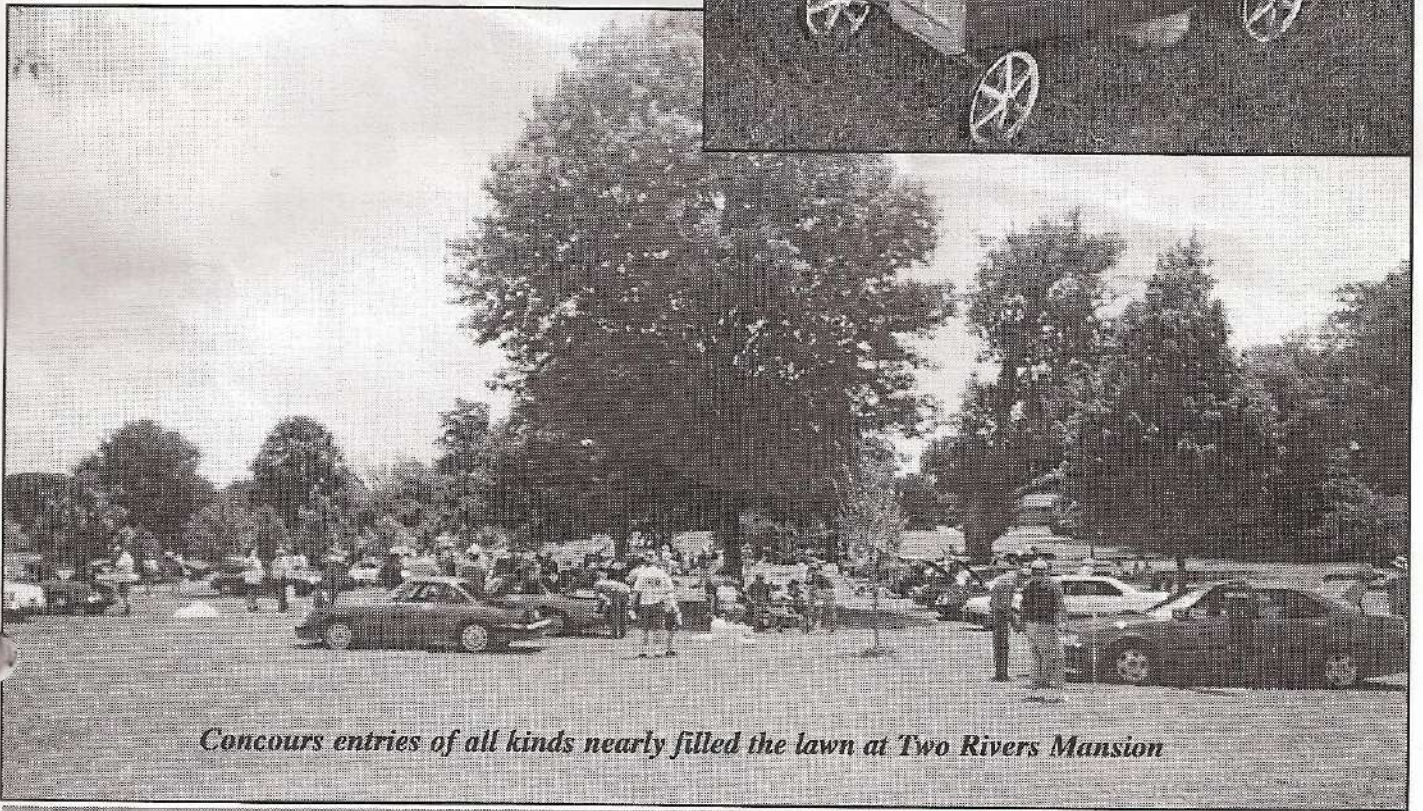
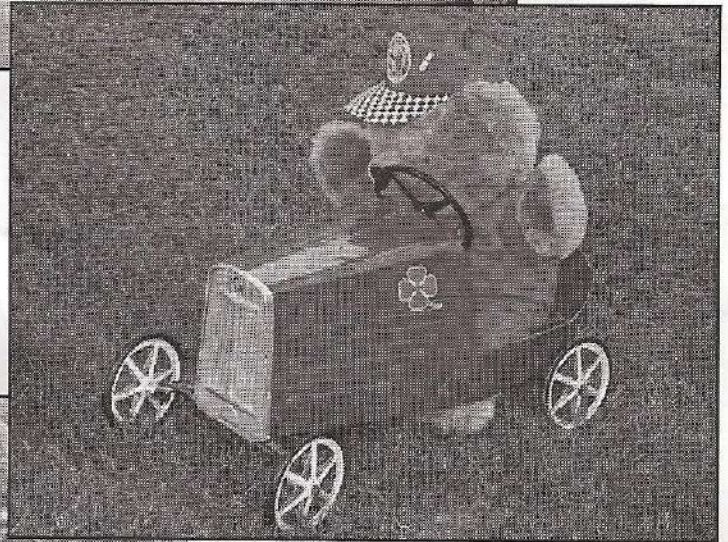
*Ow! -- it wasn't even a Firestone that threw a  
tread at the Superspeedway and messed up the  
fender of this otherwise lovely Montreal.*





*The parking lot at Jack Daniel's, at the end of the Rallye (John Hoard photo)*

*Teddy finally gets his own ride!  
Sorry, Paul  
(Richard Welty photo)*



*Concours entries of all kinds nearly filled the lawn at Two Rivers Mansion*





*This group of Alfas just came to see the Concours!*



*Spiders, Spiders, Spiders!*



*There were 5 Montreals, in 5 different colors!*



*The back side of the cover car -- 1953 1900 Coupe*

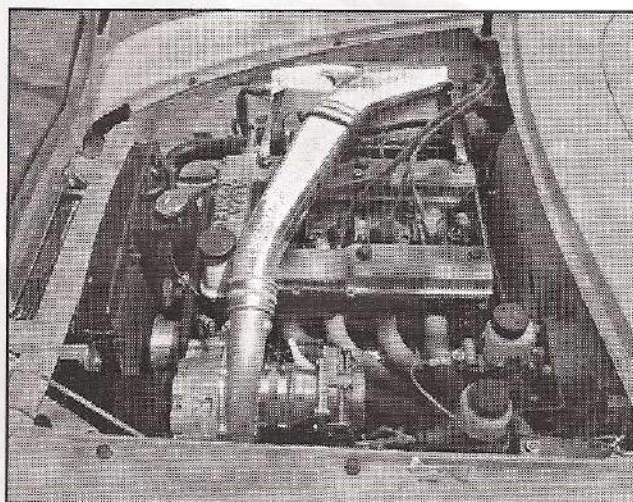
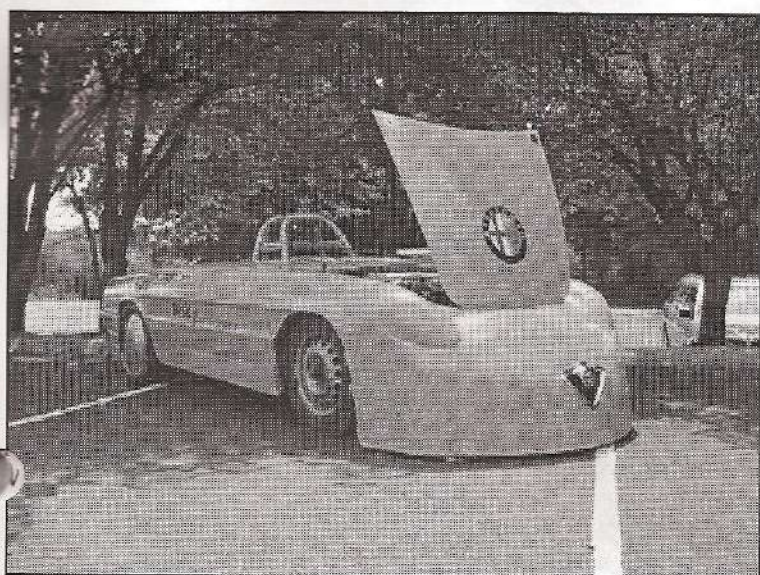




*Delmas Greene's 1960 Vignale Coupe, in forest green with red leather and a white top -- very unusual*



*The large race car class in front of Two Rivers Mansion*



*The Bonneville racer as seen in the parking lot of the hotel (Russ Stanton photos)*



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May	June	July	August
3 AROSC Board Meeting 6 Concours El Dorado Park, Long Beach 18-20 Tour to Julian 25 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City	2-3 Time Trial at Buttonwillow 7 AROSC Board Meeting 21-24 AROSC Convention, Nashville, TN 29 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City	5 AROSC Board Meeting 15 Concours, San Antonio Winery 27 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City followed by a tech session at Omega MotorSports	2 AROSC Board Meeting 5 Summer Party, at Phyllis Gaylard's home 17 Concours Italiano in Monterey 25 Mt. Wilson Twilight hillclimb & picnic 31 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City
September	October	November	December
6 AROSC Board Meeting 9? Swap meet, 9am at Sensor Systems 22-23 Time Trial -- Willow Springs 28 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City	4 AROSC Board Meeting 13-14 Driving School at "Streets of Willow" 19-21 Wine Tour 26 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City	1 AROSC Board Meeting 4 Concours at "Best of France & Italy" Show 10-11 Time Trial -- Willow Springs 16? General Meeting - 8pm Culver City: Elections,	8 Holiday Party 9 AROSC Board Meeting: Annual planning and election of officers  HAPPY HOLIDAYS!