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OWNERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



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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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## This Month's Cover

Editor's Choice: my GTV race car driven by Alan Ward and holding off Larry Harvey's GTV in turn 4 at Willow Springs, at the Vintage Sedan Group race last September. WSIR photo.

**NEW AROSC Web Site: [www.arosc.org](http://www.arosc.org)**

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# **AROSC Previews**

*An outline of coming events*

## **Board Meeting — Tuesday, January 8, 7:30 PM**

The Board of Directors meets monthly at the home of one of the Board Members, or at a restaurant, 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 plan to attend. The location will probably be the Pizza Show restaurant on Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne.

## **Time Trial & Race at Willow Springs Raceway — 12-13 January**

The first time trial of the New Year will be held in early January. Get ready now! If you are not currently on the mailing list for the Time Trials and the Drivers School, E-mail Terry Watson at [slaysman@aol.com](mailto:slaysman@aol.com) and he will add you to the list. For more information about the event, contact Doug Bender at (310) 373-3552 or E-mail at [alfabender@earthlink.net](mailto:alfabender@earthlink.net).

## **Annual January Meeting of AROSC at Cirivello's, Long Beach — Sunday, January 27, Noon**

The last 2 years we have had a great meeting at Cirivello's Trattoria in Long Beach, and we are planning on a repeat of this tradition. A great Italian luncheon buffet will be offered again, at a moderate price. Don't miss it. Trophies will be handed out for the 2001 year-end competition awards, and the new officers will be announced at this meeting. More information is provided on page 11.

## **Board Meeting — Tuesday, February 5, 7:30 PM**

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## **Driving School at Streets of Willow — February 9-10**

Do you want to drive better? Faster? This is the place to learn how. There is no restriction on what you bring to drive, as long as it is safe. 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 the price, track time, and instruction. For more information, contact Steve Hamilton at (310) 214-5110 or Doug Bender at (310) 373-3552 or E-mail at [alfabender@earthlink.net](mailto:alfabender@earthlink.net).

Note that this is the only date this year for the Streets of Willow. We are working on an alternate location for the fall driving school, and are first in line on the waiting list at the Streets of Willow for a second date.

## **General Meeting — Friday, February 22, 8:00 PM**

Join us for the February general meeting at the Veteran's Center in Culver City. We are working on a special program or some surprise entertainment – it's too early to tell.

## **Board Meeting — Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 PM**

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## **General Meeting — Friday, March 29, 8:00 PM**

Join us for the March general meeting at the Veteran's Center in Culver City. We are working on a special program or some surprise entertainment – it's too early to tell.

## **In Search of Wildflowers Tour – Sunday, April 28?**

Join us for our annual driving tour "In Search of Wildflowers". We may not see any flowers, as Mother Nature is fickle that way, but we will see interesting roads to drive and Alfisti to share the road. There will be more information in the next month or so, to firm up the date and time, based on the weather.

**Don't Miss the January 27  
Luncheon Meeting at  
Cirivello's in Long Beach!  
See page 5!**

# View from the Top

*Miscellaneous Rumblings from Il Presidente!*

Just got back from the Willow Springs Time Trial, thanks for asking. And how did I do??

Wee!!!, just say I now have 2 more plates to adorn my trophy wall - 3<sup>rd</sup> in Time Trial, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class for the Alfa Cup Race. Not bad for being out of action for 3 years.

I must thank Art Russell for running out of gas in the Race. He, Mark Hesthal and I had a super race going for all 12 laps. Alfetta, GTV and Alfetta. Swapping positions on almost every lap. Art and Mark got a better start than me but I passed Art and then Mark after a couple of laps. Then Mark seized the opportunity when the late afternoon distracted me just long enough to make the pass that got him first place. (Speaking of afternoon sun, ask any Alfa Cup racer about going over 110 mph directly into the setting sun and having to find a turn-in point!!) Art's motor was running on fumes and he dropped out at the end.

For those of you who have Alfa Romeo race cars and have not raced in the Alfa Cup Race, you are missing out on something incredible!! Alfas racing Alfas. Get your act together and come out.

Now to quell some nasty rumors that may have started this weekend. 1. No, I was not the one who "topped up"

Art's gas just before the Alfa Cup race. 2. Erica Herting bringing me underwear this weekend is nothing to raise eyebrows over. More about the undies later.

Phyllis is having a Convention Committee meeting in early February. I want to ask all 340 of you to check on some things for us. We are gathering sponsors for Convention events such as time trial, rally, dinners, and stuff like that. Give us someone to contact to give them the opportunity to put their company name in front of some Alfisti. Second, if you have contact with an owner of a "significant Alfa Romeo" we want to make sure that they participate in the Convention Concours.

Now a special welcome to our newest Board member, Bill Carson. Monday night before the January Board Meeting, Bill called, and introduced himself at the "Vice President of AROSC". Welcome aboard Bill. I guess the little note I put in last month's View From the Top worked. Now we have an 8 member Board for 2002.

That's all for now. Hope to see you all at Cirvello's.  
Caio,

*Sidewaysalfa*

## **Wanted: Meeting Program Ideas!**

Do you work at a business of interest to Alfisti? Do you know someone who could speak about that business or product? Do you have a friend or acquaintance who does work in such a business or has a product of interest to the membership? How about someone who has been somewhere interesting or done something interesting who would come and tell us about it, and maybe show some slides or a video?

We are looking for meeting programs, car related or not, and for an honorarium, we will take the speaker to a nice dinner before the meeting! (AROSC is the home of the last of the big spenders!)

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# Annual Meeting January 27

## Cirivello's Trattoria Again!

The last two years we have held our Annual Meeting at Cirivello's Trattoria with a buffet luncheon, and we have had great attendance, great food, and great fun, so we're doing it again. This year, we will meet on Sunday, January 27 for the introduction of new officers and the presentation of Year End Trophies for our competition program. There will be the informal clean car show in the parking lot again, weather permitting.

We expect another great group in attendance, but keep in mind that this is a small restaurant, and although we take over the whole place, there is a limit of 80 people so make reservations early. Also, a reservation is secured by payment, so please send a check to AROSC at 17041 Malta Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92649 in advance to be sure to get seated. We will have some special door prizes, and maybe the restaurant will give away a free dinner or two, so how can you miss?

Mark your calendars, give us an RSVP and come see us there.

**Location:** Cirivello's Trattoria  
3843 E. Anaheim Street  
Long Beach, CA 90804  
(At the corner of MiraMar,  
1 block west of Termino)  
(562) 434-9394

**Date:** Sunday, January 27, 2002

**Time:** Doors open at 12:00 noon  
Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m.  
Meeting ends by 3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$14.50 per person

**RSVP:** by January 21 to Phyllis Gaylard  
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**Directions:** From the San Diego Fwy (I-405) exit at Lakewood Blvd., between the Long Beach Fwy (I-710) and the I-605. Go south, and at the traffic circle, turn out on to Pacific Coast Highway, heading southeast (the second PCH!). Turn right on Ximeno Avenue, and right again onto Anaheim Street, and head west for about 1/2 mile. If you miss Ximeno Avenue, turn right onto Anaheim Street and head west for about 1 mile. The restaurant is on the right and parking is on the west side, or on the street.

## Welcome to our New Members

### New Members for 2001!

Davidson Adler	Newbury Park	
Douglas Adler	Newbury Park	
Eduardo Aenlle	Fallbrook	'89 Spider Quadrifoglio
Steven Alpert	Los Angeles	
Nicky Avery	Irvine	'95 164LS
Erik Bauhofer	Costa Mesa	
Gary Beauregard	Los Angeles	'71 Berlina
Bob & Deb Blizzard	Poway	(time trials a Mustang)
Bruce & Jane Brown	Merced	(time trials a Mazda)
Giovanni Cappalunga	Los Angeles	'65 Spider, '69 Duetto, '87 Milano, '88 Milano
Edward Carden	Marina Del Rey	'58 & '60 race cars
Benny Chien & Stephanie Rae	La Jolla	
Claudia Choi & David /Barky	Venice	'93 Spider Veloce
Bruce & Jeanette Clemens	Agoura	
John Clinard	Irvine	Alfetta Sedan "project"
Murray Cogan	Northridge	'91 164L
Razmik Davoodi	Glendale	
Daryl & Julie DeArman	Rancho Cucamonga	(time trials an MR2)
Paul & Nan Ellis	Arroyo Grande	(time trials the Dunestang)
Farzad Etemadamini	Santa Monica	'90 Spider
Chris Eves	Escondido	'88 Milano Verde
Jim & Christine Ferris	Diamond Bar	'74 Spider, '76 Alfetta GT, 2@ '82 GTV-6
Peter Fugedi	Los Angeles	'82 Spider, '88 Milano
Judy & Robert Gaukel	San Diego	'85 Graduate Spider, '65 Giulia Sprint
Ray & Gail Gilbotowski	West Hills	'87 Spider Quadrifoglio
Janet & Joel Goodman	Northridge	'84 Spider
Curt Griggs	Sedona, AZ	'69 GTV, '72 GTV
Fred & Carolyn Hamilton	Gardena	(time trials a Buick)
Kurt Inledon	Santa Maria	'87 Milano, '83 Spider
MJ & Sheila Kutkus	Redondo Beach	(time trials a Mercedes SLK)
Jim & Star Ladin	Camarillo	
James Lopez	Los Angeles	'79 Spider Veloce
Michael Malek	Victorville	'87 spider Veloce
Richard & Jan Mandroian	Bradbury	
Suzi McAllister	Marina Del Rey	'86 Spider
James McClurg	Los Angeles	'91 164L
Mike & Gena McKibben	Alta Loma	(time trials a Mustang)
Bob Merlis	Los Angeles	'66 Giulia Spider
Aaron & Sandi Meyer	Soquel	Spider, GTV-6
Didier Michot	Woodland Hills	'78 Spider
Georges & Dawn Nkrachevitch	Los Angeles	2@ '72 GTV
Thommy Nothdurft & Juli Bourne	Los Angeles	'70 GTV, '72 GT Jr., '82 Alfetta, '96 GTV, '98 145, '98 Spider
Ted Nusenow	Costa Mesa	'65 2600 Spider
Ben & Lisa Nye, Jr.	Burbank	
Brendan O'Brien	San Diego	'72 GTV
Bob Poulin & Naomi Parry	Santa Barbara	
Peter & Luisa Procopio	Northridge	

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**More New Members!**

Claudio Rabut	Torrance	'74 Spider
Robert & Marcia Rhodes	Rialto	
Howard Rogers	Northridge	
Matthew Rogers	Santa Monica	
Rori & Frank Roje	Rancho Palos Verdes	'91 164S
Ralph Salem	Palm Desert	'92 164L, '91 Spider Veloce
Bill Schepergerdes	Rancho Santa Margarita	(time trials a Corvette)
John Schmocker	Long Beach	'67 Duetto
Silvano & Susana Soto	Long Beach	'71 GTV, '84 GTV-6, '87 Milano
Chris & Melinda Toppenberg	West Los Angeles	(time trials a Mustang)
Emilio Valsecchi	Santa Barbara	'71 GTV, '80 spider, '86 Spider, '67 GTV
Christopher Wacker	Redlands	'88 Milano Verde
Bob & Travis Wandell	San Ramon	'74 spider, '85 GTV-6, '88 Spider
Robert Wass	Sherman Oaks	'67 GTV
Phil Wilson	El Monte	'57 Giulietta Spider

**Plus members transferred from other chapters:**

Richard Cavallaro	Long Beach	'69 Spider, '72 Berlina
Joe De Almeida	Chino Hills	'71 Spider
Gary Highland	Truckee	'61 Sprint Veloce race car, '73 GTV, '67 Duetto
Don & Vana Johnson	Rossmoor	'59 Giulietta Spider
Raymond Kohl	Sherman Oaks	'66 Duetto, '87 Milano
Vangelis Kokkevis	Mountain View	'85 GTV-6, '86 GTV-6, '83 Spider
Stephen Sipprell	Mission Viejo	
Boris Subbotin	Tarzana	'91 164L

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# **AROC Convention 2002: Costa Mesa, CA**

## **CONVENTION UPDATE**

It is time to start thinking more about our upcoming convention, which is now less than 6 months away! We have been finalizing much of our planning, and have had to make some changes in our program, so here's the latest info.

The driving factor in these changes is the recent availability of the California Speedway, Fontana infield road course for our time trial and autocross. The Shelby American Club had booked the entire 4-day weekend last summer when the course was first announced. We have been in contact with them to see if we could get a day for our convention, and they finally decided that they could part with one day, Thursday July 4. We originally planned the time trial for Friday, with the beach party to follow, but such is life. It is not prudent to plan a beach party for July 4, as past history has shown too much drunken misbehavior at the beach on that day and night, and the police department has a zero tolerance policy which can be less than festive.

So our first event at the Fontana infield will be the Convention Time Trial and Autocross! For all you competitors out there, you need to be a member of the club: AROC/AROSC. You don't need to drive an Alfa to compete. Entries will be processed on the basis of first come, first entered, and since ours is a competition-oriented club, we expect to see a large contingent of local drivers out there. Understand that this will be a time trial only, no race group, as that is prohibited by the national competition code. The autocross will be held in the pit area, rather than outside in the parking lot. In addition, the track has agreed to provide us with a parade lap or two around the big 2-mile oval during the lunch break, so we can all get the feel of this great facility. We will also offer lunchtime laps around the time trial course for a modest fee, as VARA does.

## **CONVENTION SCHEDULE:**

### Wednesday, July 3:

Tech inspection at Costa Mesa Hilton for the time trial and autocross

### Thursday, July 4:

Time Trial and Autocross at California Speedway, Fontana

Reception and tour at Sparco Safety Systems, Irvine  
Fireworks show in Newport Back Bay

### Friday, July 5:

AROC Board of Directors meeting, Costa Mesa Hilton (all day)

Bus tour to Petersen Automotive Museum

Bus tour to the Getty Collection

Driving tour of Orange County

Beach party/dinner at Huntington Beach

### Saturday, July 6:

Gimmick Rally

Bus tour to Petersen Automotive Museum

Bus tour to the Getty Collection

AROC Tech Advisors panel discussion, Costa Mesa Hilton

Chapter Presidents organizational meeting, Costa Mesa Hilton

Chapter Newsletter Editors meeting, Costa Mesa Hilton

No-host reception on the terrace, Costa Mesa Hilton

Banquet and AROC Annual Meeting, Costa Mesa Hilton

### Sunday, July 7:

Concours at a near-by park, Costa Mesa

Awards luncheon at the Concours site, Costa Mesa



In addition to finalizing the schedule of events, the pricing of these events has also been prepared, and will appear in the February *Alfa Owner*. A registration form has been submitted with price and schedule. Along with the above scheduled activities, we are offering a couple of half-day "Kids day Out" events for kids 6 to 12, to provide an alternative to being dragged along on a rally or tour of little interest to kids. We are offering a trip to the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana (a hands-on fun exploration of science and how things work), and a trip to Palace Park for lots of fun activities including bumper cars and miniature golf.

Plans are being formed for a judged arts & crafts show, model car concours, and children's model car show. Many innovative Alfa Romeo oriented items have been shown in the past, from paintings, sculpture, photographic art, to needlework, jewelry, and dolls. The kids make small-scale cars out of wood, or whatever, to show their creativity and craftsmanship. If you are artistic, creative, and like to create things, start now or get out something you have already done, and exhibit your treasure in the Vendor room. We have secured the services of David Lawrence, Director of the Lawrence Gallery in Beverly Hills, to judge the entries. His gallery specializes in Automotive Fine Art, Prints, and Collectible Memorabilia, so it will be a genuine competition.

Another offering to the out-of-towners is a package of maps and information on any other attractions they want to visit that we haven't included in our program, such as Disneyland, Lego Land, Magic Mountain, and the Universal Studio tour. If you know of a great spot to send people on a self-guided tour, or are willing to take a

few people there, let me know and we will include the information at the Registration Desk. We know there are so many great places to visit, and we just can't provide tours to all of them.

As the time gets short, we will be having more Convention Committee meetings, and will be looking for more volunteers to help with details. We will need tech inspectors for the evening inspection before the time trial and autocross. We will need workers to help at Fontana. We will need lots of last-

minute details taken care of, so please be available if asked. This is OUR convention, not just the national AROC's, and not mine.

One thing you should be aware of: we have a 3-tier registration fee, of \$25 before April 1, \$35 between April 1 and April 30, and \$45 after April 30. Plan now to register early, and save! You must be a member of AROC/AROSC to register for the events, but you don't need to drive an Alfa. If you do, great. If not, welcome anyway. We also have a great hotel rate of \$87 per night for a double or single, and \$102 for 3 or 4 people in a room, so come spend a night with us. Look for the February *Alfa Owner* for full details on registration and hotel reservations. We are also starting a series of articles and ads in the *Alfa Owner* to provide more information and publicity.

Our next Convention Committee meeting is tentatively set for Sunday, February 3. I know this is Super Bowl Sunday, but we should be finished with the meeting in time for the pre-game shows. If you are interested in coming, please contact Phyllis Gaylard at the phone or E-mail listed on page 2.

Thanks to Louis Cayafas for the new convention logo!



## Alfa Trivia – Spark Plugs

By Fred Lennard, Southern Correspondent (New Zealand). Reprinted from the NZ Alfa News, March 1995

Spark plugs are made by various companies: each have their own ideas and 'gimmicks' (if that's the word for it) but here I intend only to generalize, except for Lodge plugs, as they are the ones specified by Alfa Romeo. That is not to say they are the only ones that can be used, though if a car using them is still covered by warranty it would pay to keep using them. I went away from them some years ago when the Alfetta started to use a bit of oil and they tended to oil up; also the price of them at that time was a deterrent. The plug I went to was an NGK BP7ES, a projected nose plug and it tended to keep itself clean. Probably a similar plug of any brand would have done the same job, but those are the ones I chose at the time. Since then I have used the NGK mostly, but still carry a set of Lodge 2HL for when I go out on the race track. If you ever consider using a projected nose plug be careful as the ground electrode will interfere with the valves on 2 liter engines, and maybe some others. The 1750 engine seems to be OK; maybe they have smaller valves.

The ability of a plug to keep itself clean is governed by its heat range. A plug as illustrated in Figure 2 is called a 'cold' plug as it has a shorter insulator. Any heat buildup at the nose can be dissipated quickly as it has a shorter distance to travel to the cooled metal of the cylinder head. The other illustration, Figure 1, shows a plug with a long insulator and this is called a 'hot' plug as the heat, having further to travel, will build up at the tip of the insulator. A cold plug for instance would be used in a racing engine where it is important to disperse the heat quickly. Should a hot plug be used under the same conditions the heat buildup would cause preignition and not only destroy the plug, but maybe destroy the engine as well. The correct plug for any engine should operate cool enough to prevent its own destruction and yet hot enough to keep itself clean.

In any engine the correct plug should show a gray-brown deposit on the insulator, and little wear on the electrodes. The spark gap would normally increase at about 0.001 inch (0.025 mm) per 1000 miles. At the same time it

should be noted that if the engine has been idling for some time, that same plug could appear dry and sooty. An overheating plug will show a glazed appearance on the electrodes, the insulator white or yellowish and with practically no other deposits. This can also be caused by a very lean fuel mixture, or even faulty ignition timing. Taking this even further, these faults could cause the electrodes of the plug to be destroyed, and there is also the danger to the engine. There is of course the opposite of this, where the plug is black and oily. This is usually caused by worn piston rings or valve guides. Generally speaking, spark plugs are made to operate in a heat range between 850 and 1650 degrees F; they should run hot enough to keep any carbon deposit burned off without causing any damage. This will prevent misfiring, as it is the buildup of carbon on a plug that will cause the high-tension voltage to track along the carbon rather than jump the spark gap.

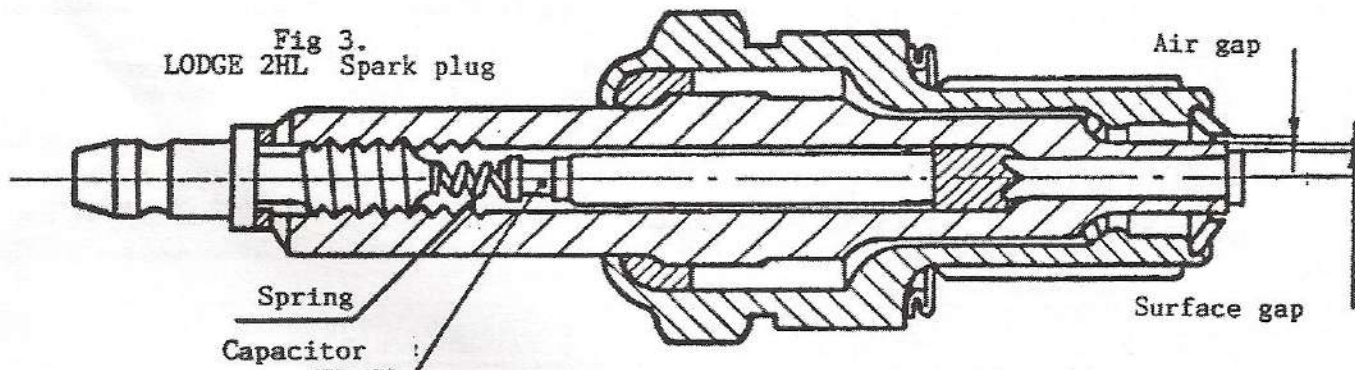
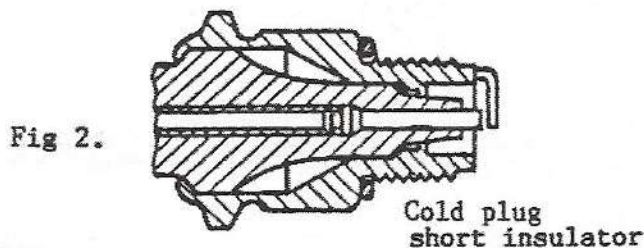
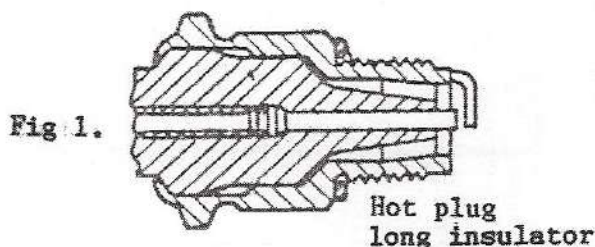
As a youth I used to wonder why a spark plug had a gap of about 0.025-inch (0.6-mm) and yet above the engine the high voltage would throw a spark nearly half an inch. Later I found out that the engine draws in a charge of gas, oil vapor, and air, which is compressed by the piston rising in the cylinder, and owing to the fact that oil vapor is an insulator, a spark can only jump a small distance through this compressed gas mixture. Reduce the compression and the spark will jump further, increase it and the gap will have to be closer. The spark gap on a plug is usually an optimum setting, which allows for cold starting as well as wear at the gap due to electrical erosion.

With Lodge plugs the situation is a bit different. On these the spark gap seems to be enormous but it is the result of research into the characteristics of the spark under engine conditions. Here, the spark leaves the center electrode and travels along the surface of the ceramic center and finally jumps the air gap. See Figure 3. Apparently, in order to help the spark travel in this manner a small condenser and an auxiliary air spark gap are built into each plug. The result is that only the center electrode is eroded away and this seems to be of little significance as it just increases the distance the spark has to creep along the ceramic by a few thousandths of an inch. So the main advantage of these plugs, according to the experts, is superior self-cleaning and an electrode gap that needs no regular adjustment; also, it is supposed to give a better

spark at starting when the voltage is low. In the drawing (Figure 3) which is taken from an Alfa Romeo information sheet, all parts can be readily identified, but although there is mention of an auxiliary air gap, I can't see just where it is. The shaded section to the left, leading to the electrode is filled with a brown substance, which appears to conduct electricity as well as the rest of the plug. I thought at first it may be a resistor but if it is, it must be of very low value, as I can't get a reading on it. The only suggestion I have is that the condenser has the auxiliary air gap incorporated with it.

When it comes to precious metal plugs, the only advantage they have is that they last longer. Now I know a lot of people use premium plugs for whatever reason, and I don't doubt they have their reasons, but whether I am biased or not I still think the plugs I use at present suit my car best, if not in performance, then in cost.

P.S. A couple of years after this was written, my plugs had to be changed from BP7ES to BP6ES as there was a change in fuel chemistry when lead was removed and replaced with aromatics. This caused the fuel to leave a sooty deposit when it burned, and so to keep plugs clean it was necessary to use a hotter plug.



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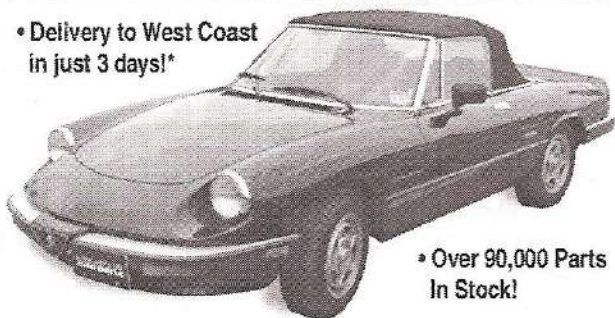
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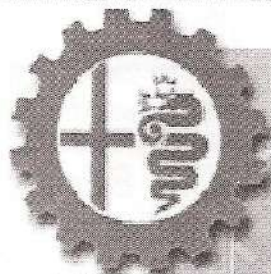
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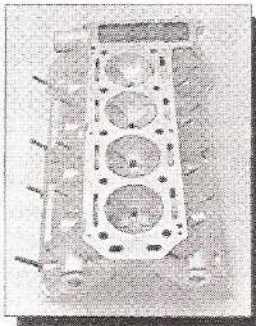
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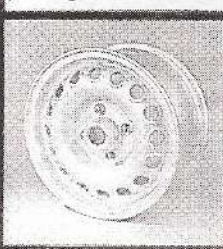
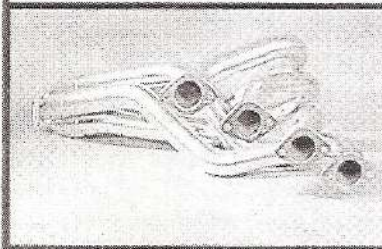


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