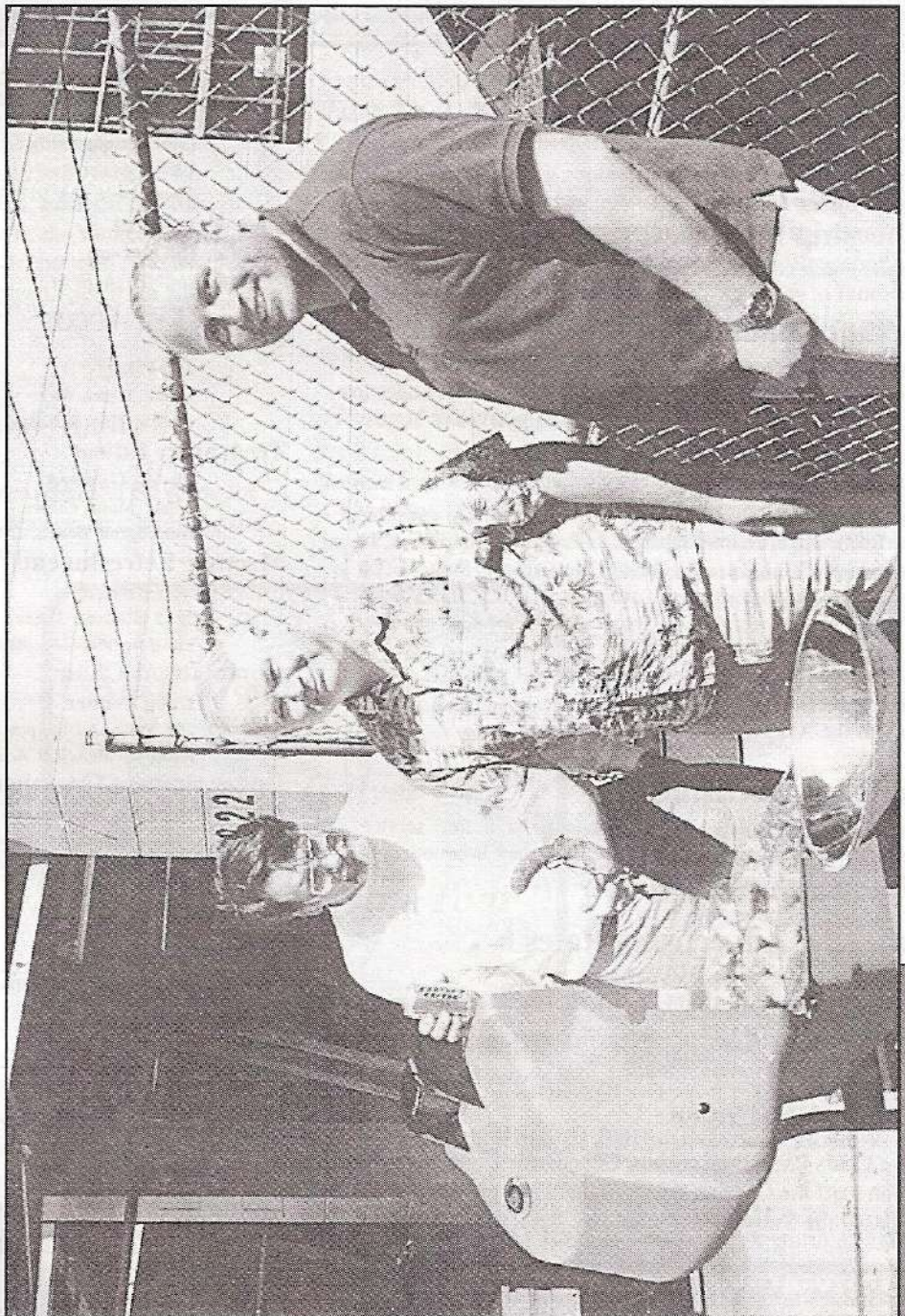
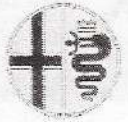


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April 2003

In This Issue: Swap Meet & Dyno, Wild Flower Rally, upcoming events, & more

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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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Executive Chefs Paul Blankenship, Gene Brown, and Uwe Backer show off the German sausages that Uwe provided for sandwiches at the Swap Meet. Photo by Art Russell.

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AROSC Previews

An outline of coming events

General Meeting — Friday, April 25, 8:00 PM

Join us for the April general meeting at *Mosier Restorations* for a tour of a first-class restoration facility in Inglewood, near La Cienega and Manchester. They will be working on, among other cars, a \$million+ pre-war Alfa, a 1958 all original low mileage Sprint Veloce, a pre-war Bugatti, a one off pre-war, historically significant, American Sport car - Yankee Doodle, & usually a couple or three Pebble Beach entrants. The usual coffee and donuts will probably be served. See page 5 for details. **DO NOT GO TO THE CULVER CITY MEETING SITE!!**

Concours at Agua Dulce Winery – April 27

Get your car cleaned up from the winter rains and get ready for our Spring Concours, at Agua Dulce Winery, an interesting site for a car show with a very good winery attached. They will provide a guided tour of the productions facility at no charge, and a full-blown tasting for \$10 (keep your goblet) for all interested parties. They have large picnic grounds, a small grocery and plenty of parking. If your car is not in show condition, come anyway and kibitz those who do show their cars, taste some wine, and bring a picnic lunch to enjoy the location. See page 10 for details and entry form.

Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 PM

The Board of Directors meets monthly 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 usual venue is Hank's Bistro on Hawthorne Blvd at Rosecrans.

Palms to Pines to Palms Tour – May 10-11

We know it's Mothers Day weekend, but what better way to celebrate than to take her on a lovely drive in the country, with an overnight and dinner on Coronado Island in San Diego, and

lots of interesting places to visit. Jim & Elyse Barrett have worked up the details; see pages 11-12 for more information.

Time Trial & Race at Laguna Seca – May 17-18

Surprise! Laguna Seca contacted us with an open date in May, and we jumped at it. Although this date was originally planned for the Palms to Pines Tour, that event needed to be moved earlier anyway, so even though it squeezes our time trial schedule with Willow in April and Buttonwillow in June, let's go to Laguna! This event is already a sellout, so unless you got your entry in promptly, you will have to spectate.

General Meeting — Friday, May 30, 8:00 PM

Join us for the May general meeting at the Veteran's Center in Culver City. The usual coffee and donuts will be served as well as our monthly drawing for an assortment of prizes. Our new Entertainment chair is working on a program for the meeting. Note: this is not a holiday weekend!

Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 4, 7:30 PM

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will likely be Hank's Bistro on Hawthorne Blvd at Rosecrans Avenue in Hawthorne. Call a board member to verify.

Time Trial & Race at Buttonwillow – June 7-8

A special feature of this time trial and race weekend is a 2-hour enduro on Saturday. The weather should be warm and the days long. There will be a dinner at the track after the Enduro. 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 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.

DON'T MISS:
**April Meeting at Mosier
Restoration
(Don't go to Culver City!)
&
Concours & Wine Tour
April 27**

View from the Top

Miscellaneous Rumbings from Il Presidente!

Just got back from the Wild Flower Rallye. What a bitchen time!! 11 cars showed up, two of them with new Club members.

The weather was OUTSTANDING. Super clear and not too warm. Bill Carson took us on some Santa Monica Mtn. roads I had never seen before. On one road we could see a Channel Island then Catalina followed by the San Fernando Valley and then a nice view of Century City on out to Downtown L.A. The route instructions were straightforward and the questions had enough challenge to generate some discussion at lunch afterwards. Congratulations to Bill and to Norman Silverman who organized the whole deal. Oh yes, thanks for asking Mary and I came in 3rd.

And welcome to new members Dan Napier, with his Corvette while the Alfa gets put back together and Larry Margolis in his Spider. Hope to see you at a meeting or on another tour

Last weekend Mary and I set out to find some wildflowers out at the Poppy Preserve out by Lancaster. The club has had lousy luck in scheduling Wildflower events to coincide with the blooming of the flowers. What luck we had. The Antelope Valley was bursting with color. To celebrate we headed home via the Agua Dulce winery, site of this month's concourse on April 27. The winery grounds look nice and the concourse greens will be a welcome break from the parking lots we usually use.

Now is time to block out 2 days for the Palms to Pines Tour. It's Mother's Day weekend, May 10 and 11. These 2 day tours are a blast so tune up your Alfa, buy those new tires you were thinking of, and get a couple of new CDs for this road trip.

I read in my Autoweek the write up on the 147 GTA by Matt Davis. Sounds like a lot of car for about \$36,000 powered by a 250-hp, 3.2-liter, 6-speed. Why do they torment us with articles about a marque that we must wait till 2007 to see over here??

The Competition group is in High Gear this year. The Laguna Seca event in May is completely sold out. This month's Willow Springs Time Trial/Race is almost sold out. We must be doing something right.

So lots of interesting events for all of us. I gotta go.


See you at the meeting.

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Special April Meeting at Mosier Restoration

Bob Mosier has invited the members of AROC to hold their April monthly meeting at Mosier Restoration, one of the world's leading classic car restoration facilities. **DO NOT GO TO THE CULVER CITY MEETING SITE!!**

Located at 1020 West Hillcrest Boulevard in Inglewood, (directions follow), Mosier Restoration has been rebuilding and refurbishing some of the world's rarest vehicles since 1978. A consistent winner at the Pebble Beach "Concourse D'Elegance", the world's most prestigious car show, Mosier presented-cars won 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their respective classes last year.

Among the cars currently in the shop, we will get a chance to dream next to:

- 1930 Alfa Romeo 8C2300 Rimoldi
- 1965 Alfa Romeo GTC hardtop
- 1958 Alfa Romeo Sprint Veloce (original with matching numbers – 100 point restoration, **for sale**)
- 1959 Ferrari Pininfarina 250 Coupe
- 1942 'Darrin' body Packard convertible
- 1932 4 door Packard Dual-Cowl Phaeton
- 1932 Rolls Royce
- and some other really interesting cars.

Directions:

Mosier Restoration is located near LAX. Available seating is limited so you may want to bring a folding chair for the meeting/discussion period.

Coming from north of the airport, take the I-405 south and exit at Manchester (which puts you onto La Cienega Blvd southbound. Continue straight on La Cienega, cross Manchester and proceed to Hillcrest Blvd. Turn right on Hillcrest, and Mosier is a couple of short blocks on the left, at number 1020.

Coming from south of the airport, take the I-405 north and exit at Century Blvd, proceeding onto westbound Century. Go under the freeway, turn right onto La Cienega Blvd, and then left on Hillcrest. Proceed to Mosier as above.



8C2300 with GTC behind

Sprint Veloce in work

Swap Meet at Omega MotorSports

Photos by Art Russell.

The day before the swap meet provided torrential rains to the greater Los Angeles area, and several phone calls were made to plan an alternate date in case of rain on Swap Meet Sunday.

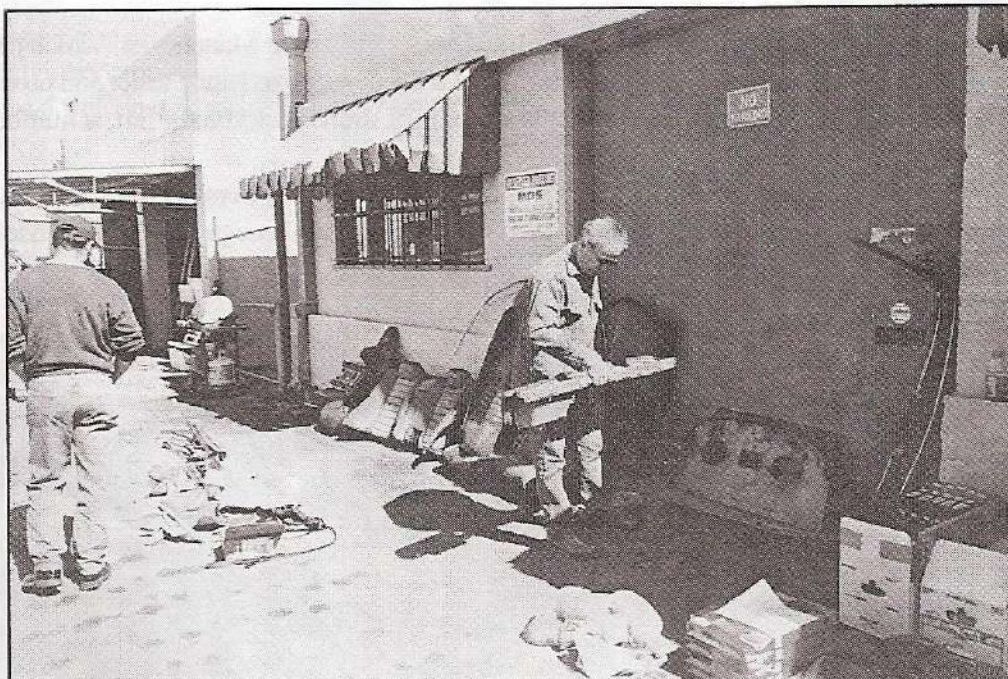
However, the weather gods smiled on AROSC and we had a beautiful sunny, mild day for our Spring Swap Meet. Unfortunately, there were more buyers than sellers, and several left without finding the special parts they needed.

However, all was not lost, as Uwe Backer provided great grilled sausage sandwiches, the aroma of which had all of us salivating for some time. There was also the EvanSpeed mobile dyno available for tuning and horsepower runs, and several people took advantage. Dave Evans was kept busy, and provided some tuning expertise to improve the performance of the cars.

The day was a great success for the club, even if some people may have stayed away worrying about the weather.



Where's that part I need?



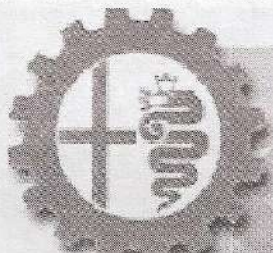
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Gene Brown got the part I needed!



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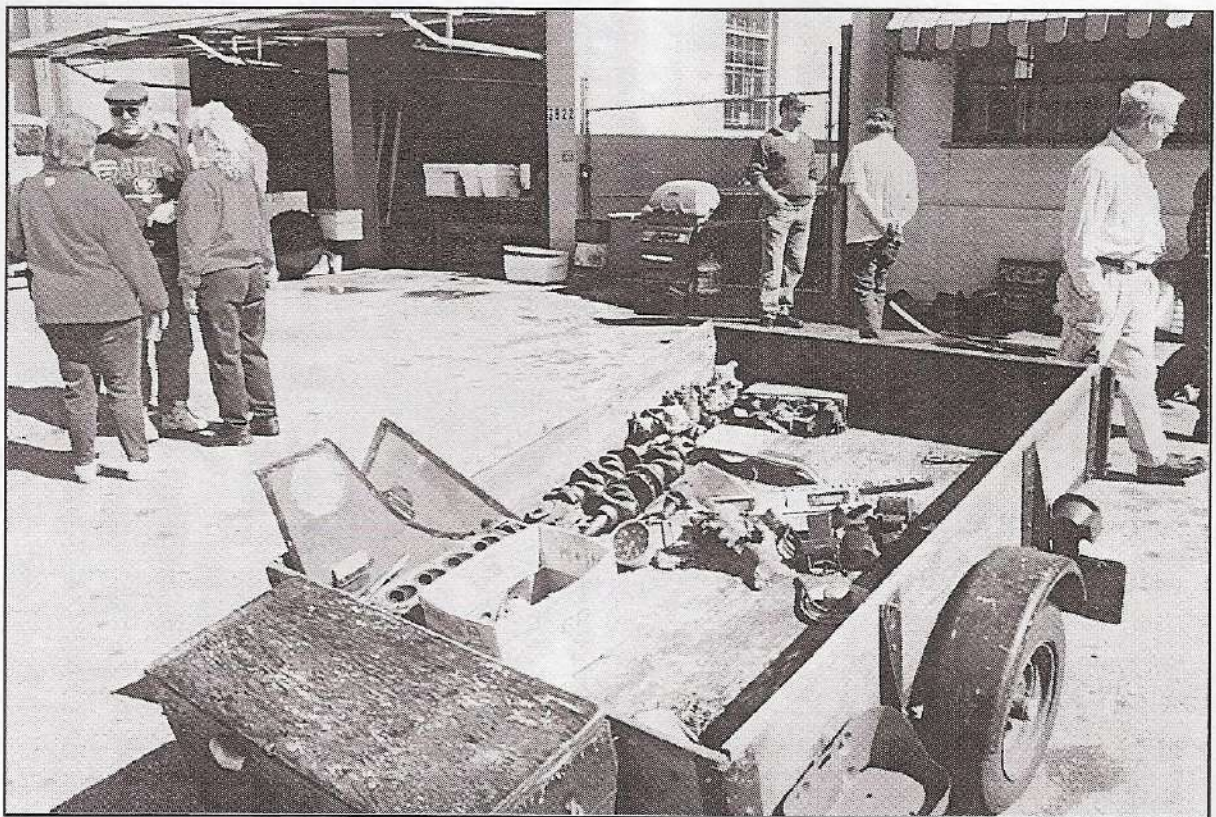
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More Swap Meet:



And yet more parts -- many destined to go home with the seller.



Dave Evans sets up a GTV-6 on the Dyno.



Dave tunes Doug Bender's GTV on the dyno while Doug enjoys a tasty grilled sausage sandwich.

I Fought the Law and the Law Won *The Saga of Passing the Smog Test with a Milano*

Well March was an interesting Alfa month for the Blankenships. First some background:

The Swap Meet at Omega Motorsports was nicely attended. I found some Milano parts I could use and Mary and I arranged to meet up with Randy and Adrienne Harris for some socializing afterwards.

Evanspeed was there with the chassis dyno. Randy's Giulia was the last scheduled and the time was getting late. So Mary and Adrienne took my Milano and split while "the boys" could play.

Randy's testing done, the Giulia got about 80 hp, I called home to let the wives know we were on the way. **BOY DID I GET AN EAR FULL** from my lovely bride.

A little background is required here. Remember when I may have mentioned that I had never got around to completing my Milano's 2002 DMV registration. Paid the fees on time (don't want to pay that penalty on the \$59 fee) but didn't complete the smog check, so the Milano did not have the 2003 tag. I was gonna get around to it "next week".

OK back to my marital problems. As Mary was getting close to home a vigilant member of our Calif. Highway Patrol noticed the lack of the 2003 tag and pulled her over to create a written document about this fact. Since it wasn't Mary's car she did not know where I keep the registration, but fortunately she did find insurance papers for an Alfa.

As the registration was over 6 months past due and there was no evidence of any payment of the fees, the car was eligible for a CHP tow to a local impound yard. Fortunately, for Mary, the CHP officer was a chick! And Mary placed the blame on her "rat bastard" husband. Estrogen prevailed and the 3 women agreed on the mental shortcomings of the other sex. The Milano was allowed to drive home.

Now I am in real trouble. Besides the wife, I have the State of California against me.

So quickly I found the time for the Milano. I got it tuned up, smogged, Mary's ticket cleared up with CHP and the courts. Total fines: \$10. Total time: about 1 day total.

Hope your month was less eventful.

See you at the meeting.

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Mary Blankenship and Adrienne Harris, not needing car parts, plan to 'blow the joint'.

Concours & Wine Tasting

April 27

Time to get our Italian works of art spruced up for the first concourse of the year. As an added feature, we've arranged a practice for the fall wine tour and, for those gastronomically inclined, practice for the upcoming Barrett picnic basket competition.

The concourse will be held on Sunday, April 27th, at the Agua Dulce Vineyards in beautiful Santa Clarita Valley. Because the Vineyards are approximately 30 minutes north of San Fernando, we will start judging at 10:30 A.M. instead of our usual 9:30. There will be judged classes for open and closed Alfas and AROSC members are free to enter *other marques*. The usual \$10 entry fee will apply, and can be mailed in advance, or presented on site.

The vineyard has ample parking, a picnic area (benches and tables) protected by trees, a grocery with salads, hearty sandwiches, fresh baguettes, cheeses, meats, etc., and a tasting room with a wonderful assortment of their own premium wines.

Directions:

North on I-5 to the 14 Fwy North. After driving a while through the beautiful hill country toward Antelope Valley, exit Agua Dulce Canyon Road and turn left. Go approximately 3 miles to the stop sign and turn left onto the continuation of Agua Dulce Canyon Road. Continue on this road through the hill and horse properties for approximately 2 miles to Sierra Hwy. Turn right and proceed one mile to the Winery (on the right).

For those Alfisiti coming from Ventura or Santa Barbara Counties, travel east on 126 to the 14 Fwy. North. Check your maps for an alternative driving experience.

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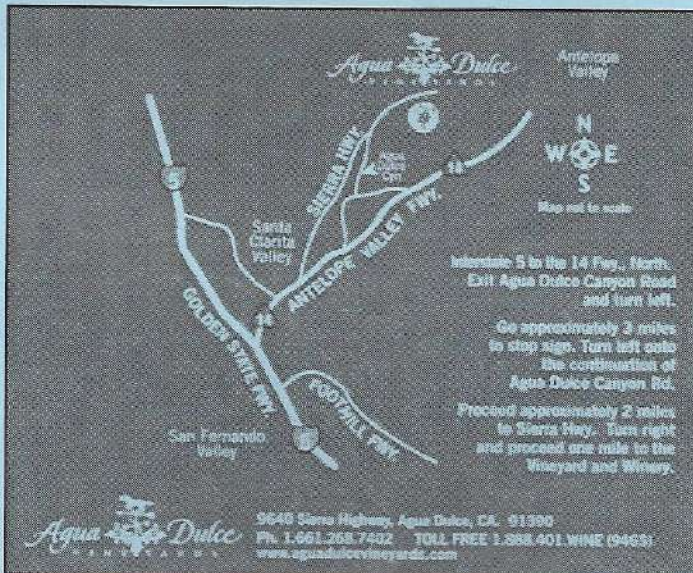
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Palms to Pines to Palms Tour on Mother's Day Weekend

The Countdown to Spring Touring Fun Begins

Clinging to that wonderful old adage that imitation is the finest form of flattery, our spring driving tour will unabashedly revisit Charlie & Bonnie Schwartz' Palms to Pines National Convention tour of the Orange and Riverside County back country, with a dollop of San Diego on top for dessert. We're affectionately calling it the "P2P2P03".

Please join the rolling party on Mother's Day weekend, May 10-11. It will be a great opportunity to give your Alfa the quintessential "Italian Tune-Up" and experience some of the nicest driving roads in Southern California. To view the route, get the AAA's maps of Riverside County, San Diego County, San Diego Area and California.

Although we will be making several stops, this is a driver's tour, so get your gloves, hats and sunscreen ready for this terrific 250-miler.

Highlights will be:

- Minimal Freeway Driving
- Early-Bird Visit to Mission San Juan Capistrano
- Gourmet Gouda Tasting at Winchester Cheese Company
- Juried Picnic Basket Lunch in Idyllwild
- Two Escape Opportunities
- Accommodations at cozy, comfy Coronado Inn, on Coronado Island
- Dinner on the waterfront at Il Fornaio
- Brunch at 222 in Downtown San Diego

Driven Tourers: we will be gathering at the nice fresh springy morning hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Walnut Grove Café parking lot adjacent to the Mission San Juan Capistrano for (additional coffee if needed and) a drivers' meeting.

Cruisers: If you wish to tour the mission, the doors open at 8:30 a.m. and admission is \$6. To get a jump on the weekend, rooms at the Mission Inn Motel [also adjacent to the mission and the Walnut Grove Café; (949) 234-0249] are \$135 to \$165, double occupancy.

The planned departure hour is 9:45 a.m. and the route will be coast range through the Cleveland National Forest on Hwy. 74 to Lake Elsinore.

We'll stay off the freeway and amble through the burgeoning 'burbs of Riverside County on pleasant two-lane roads to



Winchester for a cheese-tasting/shopping stop at the Winchester Cheese Company. Discovering the prize-winning gouda produced here was a value-added benefit for participants in the Club's fall Temecula Wine Tour and is a must-visit for those who may need a special something to spice up their picnics.

Fuel is (as expected) expensive inland, but recent reconnaissance showed Hemet and Ramona to have palatable prices.

The big formal stop is in Idyllwild for lunch at the county park to enjoy our picnic competition. Day use fees are \$2 per adult, usually paid through the honor system in deposit-box envelopes.

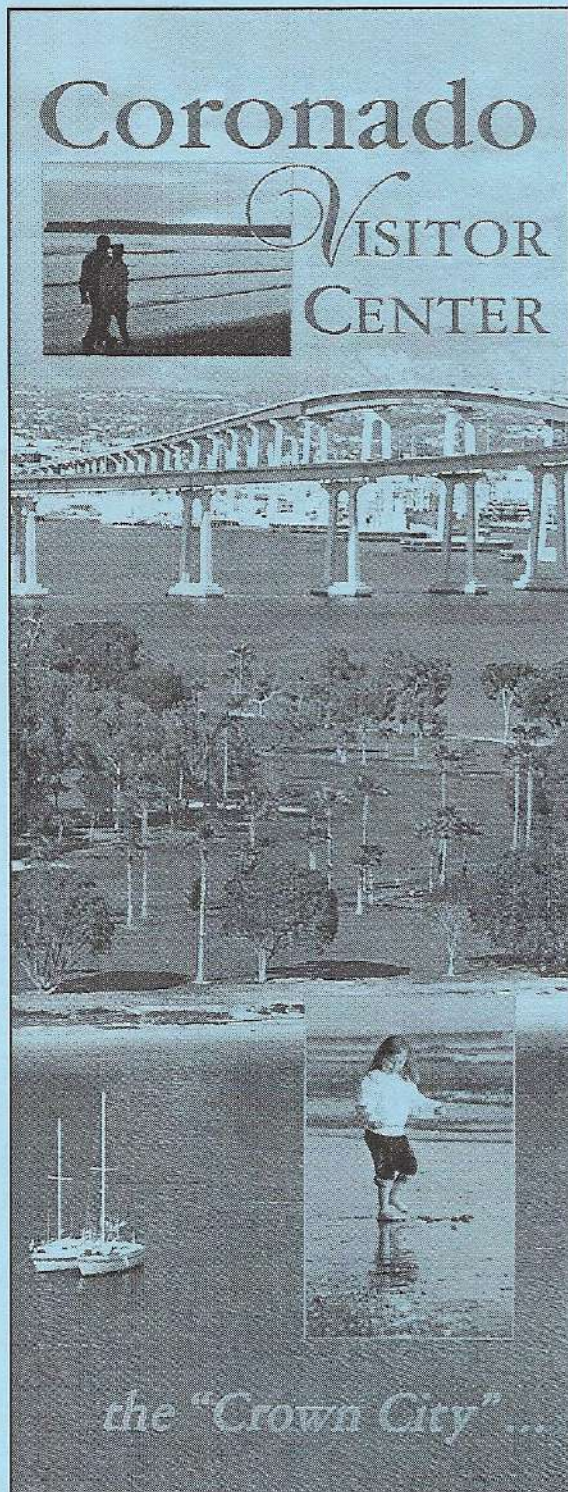
Your tour hosts are tailgate party and picnic enthusiasts, so humor us by putting together a nice (affordable) lunch, for which you could be rewarded with cool prizes.

The judging categories will be:

- Mucho Italiano
- So Alfa Romeo

Continued on next page

P2P2P03 Tour:



- Shabby Chic
- Most Unique
- Judge's Choice

End of lunch is Escape #1. Those on tight turnaround schedules may bail here at 5,303 feet. Pack your parachutes.

Next, we'll follow Charlie & Bonnie's down-mountain itinerary through Garner Valley to Route 371 and Anza, Aguanga and Hwy. 79. These are fast, well-maintained two-lane country roads and the scenery is lovely. The 2003 twist comes as we transit Ramona and then do a little freeway flying through Lakeside, El Cajon, Grossmont, National City and Chula Vista.

Our final descent will off I-5 and Hwy. 75 and over the bridge to Coronado Island. Please note this Alfa-owner-friendly detail: there is no toll, either direction, on the dramatic arc that is the Coronado Island Bridge.

Saturday evening's beachhead will be the Coronado Inn, a cozy court at 266 Orange Ave., where we have 12 rooms blocked off until April 15. The one-night rate is \$102.60 (which includes taxes), with queen and king beds. Quadruple occupancy is OK, and suites are also available. Please make your own reservations promptly (before April 15) by calling (800) 598-6624. Do visit the Web site at www.coronadoinn.com for a look at the place.

After checking in and freshening up, the (optional) thought is to go straight down the road (Orange Ave.) to the Hotel del Coronado "for one" [as in a cocktail] to

see the newly renovated public spaces and beachfront amenities before coming "home" to the north shore for dinner at Il Fornaio (on 1st Street). If you must, this can be Escape #2 for those who absolutely must return to L.A.

Finally, we're heading toward a group-sized corner in Il Fornaio for dining off the menu beginning at 8 p.m. Your tour organizers would appreciate a dinner RSVP to (714) 964-9650, no later than May 1.

On Sunday, the plan is to visit the back patio at popular and well-reviewed restaurant 222 in San Diego's upbeat and renovated downtown (pending RSVPs) at about 11 a.m. Afterward we can divide and conquer San Diego with shopping in the Horton Plaza area, checking out the *Star of India* and *Eureka* or diving into Old Town before back up the coast.

There you have it sports car fans: a spring fling that we hope everyone will enjoy. Complete driving instructions and a helpful hints sheet will be available when you RSVP (or shortly thereafter).

Please send your reservations, queries and every other thought on this subject to our home contact numbers: eddinab@mindspring.com; telephone (714) 964-9530; fax (714) 962-1191.

- Jim and Elyse Barrett



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Rally Starting at 9:00 AM

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In the Rally we've planned for you, you'll travel on scenic rural country roads while following a route from our home in Riverside to the Deer Park Winery and Auto Museum south of Temecula. Take your time and enjoy the countryside, winding roads and rural vistas as (for most of the rally) there are no time, speed or distance requirements for this event. Along the way, you and your crew will test your powers of observation by searching for answers to in-route questions and recording these on the Rally instruction sheet. Just for fun, this year's event will include a short time/speed/distance leg near the finish, just think of it as a tie breaker!

At Deer Park Winery we are planning a picnic (bring your own or purchase from their Deli), and we will score your responses to the route questions and figure the final scoring. Very special and unique prizes will be awarded to the Rally teams with the most correct answers and closest to perfect finishing time.

Those who wish may also tour the Deer Park Auto Museum (classic American convertibles and roadsters). There is a nominal charge for the self-guided tour. Also you may sample the Deer Park wines for \$5.00 and keep the glass.

Kathy and I do hope you'll join us for this wonderful and fun day of unabashed pleasure in celebration of motoring on fine rural back roads with good friends. We're looking forward to seeing you and hope you'll enjoy putting some very pleasurable miles under your bellypan with us!

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Wild Flower Rally

Hunt Was on: March 30!

We had a wonderful turnout for the first non-convention rally that AROSC has had in a long time. Norm Silverman and myself put together a rather nice little "gimmick" rally titled "Wild Flower Rally". We were trying to revive the old "Wild Flower Tour" and add something new, the rally. From what we heard back from the 11 cars that participated, it went rather well. I was a bit disappointed to hear that no chunks were blown, and no road pizza was splattered on the tarmac. It was reported back that no need for Depends developed either. I guess I will have to find even more twisty roads for the next one!

The idea was to fill out the answer sheet as you traveled the route. The rally was not timed, thus giving people time to pull over and enjoy some of the fantastic vistas offered

en route. There were some tricky questions, and we have since learned, Norm and I need some help in writing rallies...

Our top three finishers included two of our distinguished board members. I assure you no foul play was involved... 1st place went to John Pike and Marsha King in their Saturn. 2nd place went to new members, Dan and Margaret Napier, in their Corvette. 3rd place went to our esteemed President, Paul Blankenship and his wife Mary. They were the only award winning Alfa. Good job everyone. Let's see more Alfa's out there next time!

The difficult answers to the trickiest questions are: 2 tunnels (end of I-10 in Santa Monica and on Malibu Canyon road); 3 stop signs on La Tuna Canyon road (the one at PCH doesn't count as it was after the end of the rally), and 4 gas stations operating on the right side of the road travelled.

Hopefully this has wetted some appetites for more such frivolous burning of dead dinosaurs. Stay tuned for more...

Rally Master
Bill Carson

P.S. There were even wild flowers on the route, but no place to pull over and photograph them! No one got lost and ended up at the Poppy Preserve this year.



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For those who wish to be included, but have not yet notified me, please contact me at my email address, included below, and let me know if you want to receive the reminders.

There have been many changes going on in regards to Internet service providers. Companies have been bought, sold, and/or gone out of business. This may leave some of you with changes in your email addresses. That is fine for you, but for those of us trying to keep in touch, it presents some interesting challenges.

Therefore, I am also asking all of you out there who have had changes to their email services recently, specifically those who now have a new email address/screen name, to email me with those changes. If you have not been notified of recent events via email, this may be the reason. If you want to continue receiving these reminders, I will need a current, working email address.

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Dyno Day Revisited

Peter Nitoglia of MagnaFlow Exhaust Systems has graciously offered to host another Dyno Day at his facility in Rancho Santa Margarita if we could find a good date in the May to July time frame, when there isn't a vintage or club racing event. He proposed that we might even establish an Alfa Power Challenge contest. This is a replay of the pre-convention dyno session held at his facility last July 3 with horsepower runs only, no tuning unless there is time left.

The board proposed **Saturday, the 28th of June**, and Peter agreed. The hours will be from **9am to 12 noon**. He will have dyno technicians and others to help, plus they will set up some soda and chips like last time. They recommend that the first cars arrive at about 8:30 am so we can get going on the dyno right at 9:00. There should be time for 12 cars to run, and we will charge a nominal \$25 fee for benefit of the club.

The usual recommendations apply regarding what are and are not eligible cars for a dyno power run: no leaking or

overheating engines; fresh oil in sumps; good u-joints, tires, clutches and bearings. Regarding the contest, to keep things fair, we may want to also offer a power per displacement contest in addition to the "big dog" power contest, so that the big block guys do not overwhelm the small engines. Note: Alan Ward is not expected to run Phyllis's GTV that day.

To sign up, contact Phyllis Gaylard. A \$25 check reserves your spot if there are more than 12 people who want to run. See the masthead for address and E-mail.

The location of the dyno area is **23201 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, 92688**. You might find the 241 toll road useful if you are coming down the I-15. The toll road seems to have an exit at Antonio Parkway, about 1/2 mile from the location. Go behind the building to enter — there is no MagnaFlow sign on the building.

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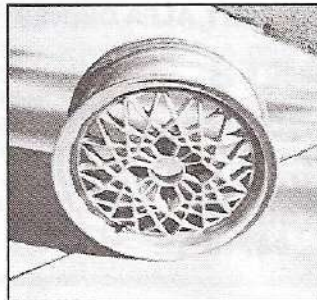
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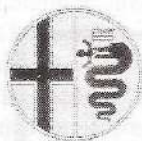
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May	June	July	August
<p>7 Board Meeting 10-11 Palms to Pines Tour 17-18 Time Trial & race @ Laguna Seca!! 30 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City</p>	<p>4 Board Meeting 7-8 Time Trial & race @ Buttonwillow 20-22 Calif Historic Races at Fontana w/spectators 27 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City 28 Dyno Sessio/MagnaFlow</p>	<p>2 Board Meeting 3-6 AROC National Convention, Florida 12 Summer Beach Party on Beach at Huntington 25 General Meeting & Tech Session, Omega MotorSports</p>	<p>6 Board Meeting 9-10 Time Trial & race @ Fontana 15 Concorso Italiano, 16-17 Monterey Historics 29 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City 30 Mt Wilson Climb to the Stars</p>
September	October	November	December
<p>3 Board Meeting 13-14 Drivers School, Streets of Willow 26 General Meeting, 8pm Culver City 28 Concours at Paramount Ranch (tentative)</p>	<p>1 Board Meeting 12 Swap Meet @ Dirk's "Museum"/Italspeed 31 General Meeting, 8pm Culver City</p>	<p>2 Best of France & Italy Car Show & Concours 5 Board Meeting 21 General Meeting, 8pm White Turkey Sale & Elections, Culver City 28-29 Wine Tour--Santa Inez</p>	<p>7 Competition Committee Meeting, Art Russell's home 13 Holiday Party at the Kutkus' home 14 Board Meeting & Planning for 2004 at the Kutkus' home</p>