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In This Issue: Buttonwillow TT, Race, and Enduro; Dyno Day; upcoming events, & more...

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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Craig Goldenson's GTV-6 pulled the most Alfa horsepower at the MagnaFlow dyno session. Although the largest Alfa engine, it also pulled more HP proportional to displacement. Loren Eakin sent in a dyno sheet with jaw-dropping HP, but short life. Photo by Peter Nitoglia.

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AROSC Previews

An outline of coming events

General Meeting - Friday, July 25, 8:00 PM

Join us for the July 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.

Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 6, 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.

Time Trial & Race, Fontana – August 9-10

We are returning to Fontana for another time trial. Watch your mail boxes for the entry forms and information. For more information, contact Doug Bender at (310) 373-3552 or Email at alfabender@verizon.net. To be added to the mailing list,

E-mail Terry Watson at slaysman@aol.com.

DON'T MISS:
Tech Session/Meeting
August 29
and
Mt. Wilson Climb to
the Stars Aug. 30

Arroyo Parkway and E. Glenarm St., at the end of the Pasadena Fwy, and then caravan up the mountain in time for a beautiful sunset.

the UNOCAL 76 station at the northeast corner of S.

Driver's School, Streets of Willow - Sept. 13-14

We have a second driver's school again this year! 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@verizon.net.

Concours TBD - Sept. 28 (?)

We're planning the next Concours, but the location was unconfirmed at press time. We've been looking at Orange County sites, to avoid favoring the Valleyites too much. More details next

month, but start polishing the car soon.

General Meeting - Friday, August 29, 8:00 PM

Join us for the August general meeting, our annual "Tech Session at Omega MotorSports" meeting. We will start at the Veteran's Center in Culver City, and then drive about a mile to Omega where Uwe Backer will have one or more cars on the lifts and we will have a Q&A session. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Mt. Wilson Climb to the Stars - August 30, 6:00 PM

This annual event is a great way to spend a summer evening. You drive up a neat Alfa road, have a picnic linner at the top of Mount Wilson (bring something intersting – we might have a contest), and see the fantastic layout of the city lights. It is fun to try to figure out the landmarks after dark, as it looks so much flatter than it does from down below. We will probably meet again at

Time Trial & Race, Las Vegas Speedway - Oct. 18-19

We have added a time trial at the Las Vegas Speedway road course, outside the oval track. This is basically the same course we have run before, but it has had a major upgrade since we were there. The pits are outside the track, and a much larger paved area. There is a permanent race central building with timing and race control upstairs and indoor bathrooms downstairs! You don't even have to drive down Craig Rd. to Las Vegas Blvd. to get there, just take the freeway offramp for the Speedway and drive over to the road course. Note passing the Fast Lane Café as you go, which has great sandwiches, etc., open on weekends for the racers to eat in or take out!! For more information, contact Doug Bender at (310) 373-3552 or Email at alfabender@verizon.net. To be added to the mailing list, E-mail Terry Watson at slaysman@aol.com.

View from the Top

Miscellaneous Rumblings from Il Presidente!

Seems that some of us Alfisti have a charitable streak. In the past month there have been 2 conversations going on about the "Make A Wish Foundation" and also about the "Braille Road Rallye", and how AROSC could be involved.

The competition part of our club has been discussing how we could make some of our competition cars available for a group like "Make A Wish". Not sure how we would actually get this organized. Any of you have any experience with this?

Bruce West, from the Orange County chapter came by our June meeting to make a pitch for the "Braille Rallye" on July 19. Sorry we have learned about this a little late. This deal has been going on for a long time so we might want to think about being a part of it for 2004. Some of you at the meeting said that you had experience with the Rallye.

Both of these are great opportunities for us to share our automotive enthusiasm with others. Let's keep up the conversations and I know that we will come up with some good ideas.

I have written elsewhere about this year's Wine Tour. Start making your plans now. Remember you folks who don't go on our social outings, that this event is a great way to meet some of us regulars. Also the Wine Tour is an excellent time to stretch your Alfa's legs for a nice weekend drive. What more could we ask for, fall weather, nice roads that lead us from winery to winery and a chance to get out of the house for a couple of days. Also a nice way to stock up your wine cellar. I hope to see about 20 cars this year as we are up in the neighborhood of our friends in the Central Coast Chapter. They have put it on their calendar so we all can enjoy the fruit of the grape.

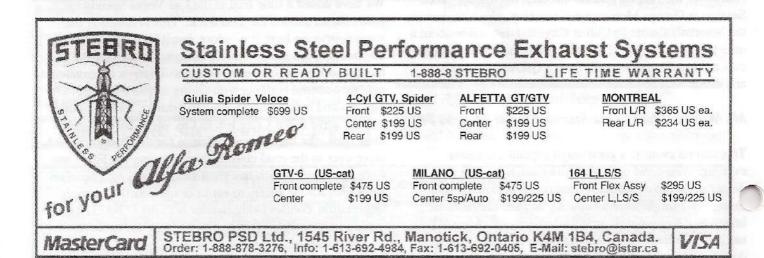
Did anyone notice the cool photo on last month's cover? We gathered all of our Alfas at Laguna on Saturday afternoon for this shot. I think we counted at least 40 cars. Thanks to Brad Gray who organized this.

Save the last Saturday evening in August for our Climb to the Stars drive up to Mt. Wilson. The past 2 years have given us clear evenings. Last year we think we saw as far south as Disneyland (we think) and as far west as you can see. Pack something for dinner, some paper plates and something to drink. We just park in their parking lot, spread out a blanket or unfold some chairs and dine under the stars as the sun sets.

That's all for this month.

See you at the meeting, picnic, or where ever.

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Six Laws of Italian Sports Cars

Why They Behave Like They Do!

As the owner of an Italian vehicle, you have undoubtedly found that, from time to time, the thing defies all known laws of Physics. Distinguished researchers from all over the world have spent entire lives trying to understand such phenomena. Recently, the Six Laws of Italian Sports Cars were discovered, thus reducing most owners' dependency on sorcerers and prayer, to keep such cars running. Careless application of these laws to any individual auto may fix the problems of the moment, but cause hives or allergies in said owners.

1) THE LAW OF PLEASING DESIGN WHERE IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER.

"The inside of cam covers or other relatively innocuous areas, shall be laced with buttresses, cross-bracing and all manner of esoteric stiffness-with-lightness design, while something like connecting rods shall self-destruct at dline plus 1.0 rpm due to a basic lack of strength." An example of this Law is the stunningly beautiful Lamborghini or Ferrari V-12's of the late '60's. They were famous for wearing out all four camshafts in 10,000 miles or less. The cam's metal appeared to be recycled coat hangers, which coincidentally are still in short supply in Italy.

2) THE LAW OF NON-FUNCTIONAL APPARATUS.

"All Italian Sports Cars, regardless of age, shall have at least one system or component which does not work, and cannot be repaired. Such a part shall never be mentioned in the Official Shop Manual, although there may be an out-of-focus picture shown." It goes without saying that such parts should never under any circumstances be removed, lest the natural balance of the car be upset.

3) THE LAW OF ELECTRICAL CHAOS.

"All Italian Sports Cars shall be wired at the Factory by a cross-eyed, color-blind worker, using whatever supplies are within reach. All wires shall change color-code at least once between energy source and component. all rounds shall be partially insulated." This tends to guarantee that the owner of such vehicles will eventually be

intimately familiar with its electrical system, since he will need to trace out each wire, then rewrite his Official Schematic, which will differ from all others in at least one area.

4) THE LAW OF PERSONAL ABUSE.

"The more an Italian auto breaks down, the more endearing it becomes to its increasingly irrational owner." For example, you purchase an Italian Sports car, for all the money you ever hoped to earn, and receive a ticket for air pollution on the way home from the dealer due to the vast clouds of smoke that follow you. Several return trips to said dealer, accompanied by your rapidly dwindling cash reserves, cures the smoking. But now, the engine sounds like a food processor full of ball bearings. After replacing every component in the car, including the radio speakers, the noise vanishes and is replaced by an odor reminiscent of a major fire in a goat-hair mattress factory. You still keep trying, God help you.

5) THE LAW OF UNAVAILABLE PARTS

"All parts of an Italian sports car shall be made of a material that is available in inverse proportion to its operating half-life." Thus, the speedometer hold-down screws are made of grade 8 cold rolled steel, while the valves are of fabricated Unobtanium, made only at midnight by an old man with a pointy hat covered with moons and stars. Such parts will be backordered during the design phase of the car, and will remain so forever. Bribes, pleading and threats will be ignored.

6) THE LAW OF CRYPTIC INSTRUCTIONS

"Any official publications dealing with repair, maintenance or operations of an Italian sports car, shall be written such that every fourth word is incomprehensible to the average American. In the event that a random sentence is understandable, its information shall be wrong." This is also known as flat-tire English, where a sentence flows along nicely, then — Kaboom!

Thanks to Dom Viterella and Jim Barrett for sharing this important information with us!

Dyno Day at MagnaFlow Many Thanks for the Hospitality!

Vehicle Model	<u>notes</u>	Motor Config	Displ.	HP	Torque
Alfa-Romeo GTV6 Craig Goldenson		V6	2.5L	152.4 154.4	136.3 137.7
Alfa-Romeo Duetto Humbolt		14	2.0L	104.1 105.3	95.9 98.9
	r filter; 2 magnaflows over-axle rear e air filter; 2 magnaflows over-axle rear e w/air filter; 1 magnaflow w/o air filter; 1 magnaflow side exit exhaust; no mufflers side exit exhaust; super trapp		1.6L	95.5 103.6 103.1 104.6 103.8 101.3	81.2 81.2 82.8 85.4 81.8 83.3
Alfa-Romeo GTV Bruce Colby	w/ stock air filter housing w/o stock air filter housing	14	2.0L	98.7 108.4	104.7 112.8
Alfa-Romeo Spider Gallagher		14	2.0L	107 103.9	103.4 103.9
BMW Z3 Chevrolet Camaro	Z28	l6 V8	2.8L 5.7L	184.7 243.4 247.9	194.2 342.5 345.5
FordMustang GT		V8	5.0L	220.8 224.9	294.7 294.4

The following dyno results were mailed in as the owner couldn't get to MagnaFlow on June 14. EvanSpeed Dyno Service, May 15, 2003. Note that the engine blew up right after this run!

Alfa-Romeo Giulia Sprint Coupe Race Car

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1.8L

170.2

134.3



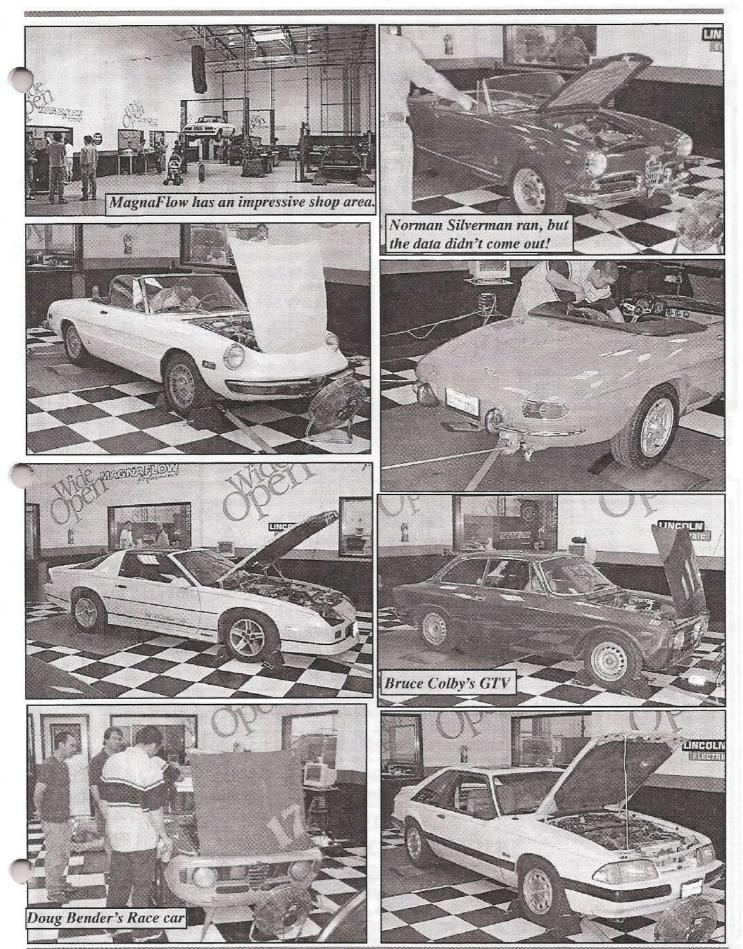
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Wine Tour 2003

November 8-9

So we have new date for this year's Wine Tour. It is Saturday - Sunday November 8 and 9 where this year's celebration of the grape will be in the Santa Inez area, just north of Santa Barbara. Lots of new wineries have opened up since AROSC was last in the area and there are some pleasant surprises. Mary and I just spent a weekend up there (not for us but for YOU, AROSC!) driving and tasting, tasting and driving. A problem with this year's planning will be how to chose which wineries for us to visit.

We have a block of rooms at the Country Inn & Suites in Solvang where we have stayed before, for about \$99 a night. They do have a wine and cheese deal in the evening and an expanded continental breakfast (that means fresh waffles, cereal, fruit coffee and juices) in the morning.

As in the past some of us will travel up Friday night, which makes sleeping in Saturday morning nice. Hey its supposed to be a fun time so you cheapskates should start pinching your pennies now so you will have enough cash for both nights. Those of us Friday Nighters always seem to have a couple of bottles of wine and some munchies with us so don't be shy. Stop by and say Hi.

We will either meet you on Saturday at the hotel in Solvang or at the first winery. Call the Inn direct to book your room early and PLEASE tell them you are with the Alfa Club for the best rate.

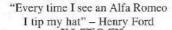
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(MOSTLY) ITALIAN CAR CARAVAN PREPARES FOR TRIP TO CONCORSO ITALIANO

Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Lancia, Fiat, et al.

From August 15th to August 17th, the largest annual gathering of historically significant automobiles occurs on the Monterey Peninsula. For the car lovers among us, especially all things Italian, the weekend begins on Friday, August 15th with the Concorso Italiano. On August 15th, 16th, 17th the Monterey Historic Races are held at Laguna Seca and the Concours Elegance is held at Pebble Beach on August 17th. The real weekend, for many of us, actually starts on Thursday, August 14th as we start to assemble in San Diego and caravan through the day to Monterey / Carmel. Last year we had around 20 cars including Maseratis, Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Alfas, Lancia and a Porsche. The caravan starts in San Diego at the Anderson Pea Soup Windmill on Freeway 5 at 7:00 AM, with stops at UC Irvine and Thousand Oaks, and departs Santa Barbara at 11:30 AM. The route will take us over the San Marcos Pass, passed Lake Cachuma to Pismo Beach for lunch. After Pismo the caravan will split into 2 main groups – one heading up the Big Sur and the other pounding up the Salinas Valley. Details are posted below.

For Alfa owners this is only the first of the weekend caravans. On Saturday, August 16th, we drive our Alfas to the Alfa corral (sponsored by ARA) at Laguna Seca Raceway. At Laguna Seca, in addition to exciting vintage racing, there will be a major exhibit celebrating Ford's racing heritage. Sometime Saturday afternoon we convoy from the corral to the beautiful home of West and Maggie Clark, overlooking Carmel Valley, for a wine tasting (the Clarks have their own wines) some snacks and lots of camaraderie. This caravan requires a ticket to get into Laguna Seca, pre-purchase of a corral pass for \$1.00 and confirmation for the West's.

Returning is always open to more options, and the return caravan arrangements are usually best made in Monterey. Too many possible choices – Do I leave Sunday or Monday? Do I drive down the Big Sur or take 101? Then the really big decisions – Breakfasrt or lunch at the Nepenthe? Lunch in Pismo or Moro Bay? Dinner in Santa Barbara or Montecito? Nobody said life would be easy.

The Concorso is being held, for the first time, this year at the Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside, overlooking scenic Monterey Bay. The Concorso is honoring 40 years of Lamborghini and will feature the USA debut of the new V-10 Gallardo. A salute to significant Italian Spiders and Barchettas has been added. Many one-off designs originating from the drawing board of Pietro Frua will be presented to commemorate the 90th birthday of this late, great designer. The Concorso will present, on one fairway alone, over 400 Ferraris, many being judged in Concours competition. In addition to the nearly 1,000 Italian cars presented, the adjoining corrals, featuring Lotus, Porsche, Jaguar, BMW, Corvette, Mercedes, Bentley, Viper, Rolls Royce, et al., will offer hundreds of viewing and photo ops. The corral feature will be the 25th anniversary of the aerospace-designed Vector.

For the rich and famous among us (\$100 per person), or those who can get hold of guest passes, Sunday, August 17th is the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, considered to be the most prestigious gathering of (by invitation only) classic cars in the world. This year's features are Bugatti and 100 years of Ford.

- ☐ For details and tickets for the Concorso go to www.concorso.com.
- ☐ For tickets to Laguna Seca, link over from the Concorso web site. For corral tickets contact Ian Lomax @ president@overheardcams.org
- □ For lodging (Delta Sierra had a block of 40 rooms in Salinas) and dinner at Gino's Saturday night contact James L Treadwell@ jltreadwell@scif.com.
- □ For Caravan details email Norm Silverman @ normanev@msn.com or Ken Howell @ masermn1284@yahoo.com. Include in the email your name, address, cell phone number and car info (make, model, year) and you will receive a map & routing instructions.

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Braille Rallye 2003

Saturday, July 19

YES, IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A WORKER OR A DRIVER

Start Location: Braille Institute Youth Center

3450 Cahuenga Blvd., West Los Angeles, CA 90068 Registration Opens:

7:30 AM

Driver's Meeting: First Car Out: 9:15 AM 10:01 AM

Take Barham Blvd. exit from the Hollywood Fwy, proceed to west entrance.

The Braille Rallye began well over thirty years ago as an incentive for visually challenged children to study and grow confident in reading Braille.

Up to sixty student navigators from the Braille Institute Youth Centers compete in a standard sports car rally, teaming with drivers from all over Southern California. Most participants and support come from various sports car clubs, as well as representatives from several law enforcement agencies. Also invited are a few local radio, television, and movie celebrities – people from popular shows with easily identifiable voices. This is a NON-SPECTATOR event. All attention is directed towards the navigators. They are the competitors. They will receive the trophies and the cheers. The media is invited so they can report on the activity and the remarkable capabilities of these young people.

The Braille Rallye is very straightforward. The driver/navigator team must get from checkpoint to checkpoint at the proper speed and correct lapsed time. The directions are written in Braille and given to the drier by the navigator. As the lrivers have absolutely no idea where thy are going, the real challenge is for the navigators to read the instructions properly and to communicate those instructions to the sighted driver. These kids, like any other California teenager, would like the independence for driving their own car. That cannot happen, but in this event they are more than just a passenger. As a driver, completely dependent on your navigator, you will fin d a team partner and friend, and a day not easily forgotten.

Rally participants will reach the final checkpoint between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM. The rally will conclude with a luncheon and awards presentation. The event concludes by about 5:00 PM.

There is no fee to participate in the event, however donations to the Braille Institute Youth Center to help defray expenses will be gratefully accepted. All funds received in excess of expenses will be used for other Braille Institute Youth Center programs. For those donating their time for this event, it is very rewarding to know the Braille Institute reports that this is their primary "fun" event promoting reading skills. Each navigator must qualify by meeting established reading goals before they can compete.

Competitors should bring a nice, clean car in good condition, full of fuel, oil, and water, with good spare tire and seat belts. Bring a cell phone, hat, sun block, Thomas Guide, and watch/clock. This should be a great opportunity to show off Alfa Spiders, as well as air conditioned coupes and sedans.

If you would like to be a driver or an event worker, please contact the Registrar as soon as possible as the deadline is nearly upon us. They need to know how many cars are coming so they can line up the proper number of navigators.

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Buttonwillow Time Trial, Races, & Enduro, June 8

By Doug Bender Photos by Art Russell & Mike McKibbin

AROSC completed a quick series of three time trials at Buttonwillow the first weekend of June. This was also our fourth of six planned for this year, and included our much-anticipated Enduro race. All in all, it's been a busy period for the AROSC Competition Program.

As usual for Buttonwillow in June, the weather was hot and took a toll on the cars. Regardless, new track records were set in Classes C, D, G, I, M+, M, and N! Thanks to a tremendous amount of organization by a large team led by Greg Nelson, the Enduro race went off without a hitch and was a big success, popular among competitors and spectators alike. I wasn't there Sunday to observe but I heard the Alfa Cup race was very exciting with several changes of leadership. Unfortunately, we seem to have temporarily lost the results for the general (non-Alfa) race, we will reconstruct them when we are together again at Fontana. Look for those results in the September Alfacionada.

The big excitement for me was watching the Enduro on Saturday. As the concept originator, Greg Nelson was the Director as well. With lots of help and nearly endless email discussion by his Board of Enduro Directors, Greg put together a set of rules and a team of volunteers to monitor pits, in/out times, etc. Over twenty teams of

drivers entered. Greg ran multiple meetings through the day to go over rules and final preparations. The rules Greg and his team set up worked very well for the first time, but of course despite all the planning a few details still remained to be worked out as the rubber hit the road. Randy Harris volunteered to be Pit Marshall for the Enduro, and Terry Manchester came down from the Bay area to run the Tower. Randy quickly realized he could be most effective if he stayed in the tower where he could talk to Terry and keep in touch with the pit row crew by walkie-talkie. Many times during the race Randy and Terry had to make quick joint decisions and relay the info to the corner workers and pit supervisors. It was a pleasure to watch this team get into the groove so quickly and run AROSC's first Enduro race like pros, and a luxury for myself and John Cote to sit in the air-conditioned Tower and "supervise." It was also a pleasure to watch the drivers staying within the spirit of the event and competing fiercely but fairly. We might change one or two things next time but you can expect this to become an annual event with only minor changes in format.

Also during the Enduro, Bruce Colby tried out a transponder-based timing system we had on loan, which made it much easier to keep track of the results as they unfolded. I kept a lap chart for the first eight laps or so and quit when I saw that Bruce's system was working reliably and accurately. I could turn to Bruce and ask questions like "what lap is the leader on," "what lap times is he turning," etc and get quick answers. The computer just kept track

of everything so all Bruce and his assistant had to do was pull up the data.

As for the race itself, there were fierce rivalries and dramas that were a lot of fun to watch as they unfolded. Just like in a professional endurance race, some cars had trouble and came in for longer and longer pit stops and eventually dropped out. Others just kept ticking off the laps like clockwork. Teamwork and planning were important, in order to be efficient and not be penalized for breaking





John Morton flew in to the event, bringing Brad Gray and Milt Minter -- flying the line to check the course.

rules each team had to rehearse its pit stop strategy, estimate fuel consumption for pit stop planning, make sure they had all the necessary equipment, etc. Also, teams with multiple drivers had

The two Caterham 7's in Class
M each had a "celebrity" former
professional driver (John Morton
and Milt Minter respectively), an
AROSC instructor (Brad Gray
and Steve Luftman), and a more

to strategize driver changes.

"rank and file" AROSC driver (Terry Watson and David Krueger). The closing drivers were John Morton and Steve Luftman. After all the driver changes and pit stops, these cars were on the same lap toward the end with Morton closing on Luftman, and it looked like Steve would be able to hold John off until Steve's car started to lose power with about four laps to go. The RX7s, with teams of three drivers each led respectively by Greg Nelson and Kim Quinteros, also had a fierce race but were in different classes. Glenn Bjorkman, driving single-handedly in the desert sun, easily won overall. Not many Alfas finished but the ace team of Larry Dickman and Peter Kemos (respectively the Alfa Cup leaders in Classes A/B/Z and D) easily drove Larry's car to first among the Alfas.

The rest of the Alfas had trouble in the heat. Frank Moore's Milano had an oil leak during the Enduro but came back Sunday to win the Alfa Cup sprint race. Other than that no Alfa completed more than 33 laps. And some did not make the start. In particular, Mark Hesthal very graciously prepared his Alfetta and invited me and Art Russell to drive the Enduro with him. Unfor-

tunately Mark's car overheated badly during practice while I was driving (due to the combination of the unfamiliar car, the heat, the Alfetta's oddly placed water temp gauge, and above all my extreme boneheadedness), so we didn't get to run.

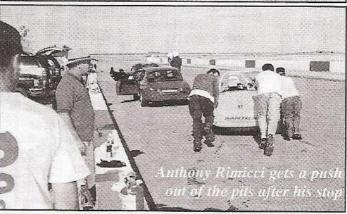
See the results for detail on the other action (Alfa Cup, time trial). All in all, it was a packed weekend. The bad news about a late spring weekend at Buttonwillow is the heat, the good news is there is a lot of daylight and time to do a lot of race activity.

We had the full gang of helpers, plus a few. Terry Manchester and John Cote ably ran the event from start/ finish, including tow truck duty. Greg Nelson and his large team did an excellent job running the Enduro. Other

helpers were the usual gang: Paul Ellis, Paul Blankenship, Terry Watson, Brad Gray, Bruce Colby, Randy Harris, Ben Buchanan, Dennis Fibrow, and Phyllis Gaylard from behind the scenes. Sheila Kutkus arranged the hotel and set up a popular catered barbecue at the track.







Time Trial #4 Buttonwillow — June 8, 2003

Close	No.	Driver	Car	Best	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	
Class B		D							-11	
1 Class C	158	Brumbaugh, Tamara	GTV6	2:29.143	2:35.783	2:30.258	2:32.640	2:33.317	2:29.143	
1	160	Mayring, Christopher (1) Guilietta	2:07.736	2:08.743	2:08.965	2.00 107	0.07.040		
2	18	Goldenson, Craig	GTV6	2:10.728				2:07.919		
3	441	Garbini, Fabio	GTV6	2:12.936				2:10.947		
4	20	Backer, Uwe	GTV	2:15.968		2:13.986	2:13.425	2:12.936	C. C	
5	117	Barbagiovanni, Claud	GTV	2:19.634		2:17.132	2:16.583	2:15.968		
Class D		9-4-1, 01466		2.13.004	2.19.740	2:20.520	2:20.301	2:19.634	2:20.56	
1	73	Kemos, Peter (1)	GTV	2:10.285	2:10.285	2:12.443	2:11.815	0.40.744	0.40.700	
2	74	Mazlumian, Jorge	GTV	2:15.962	2:18.64	2:17.336		2:10.744		
3	6	Cartsonas, Chris	Milano Ver	2:18.477	2:18.477	2:17.556	2:17.876	2:15.962		
4	66	Liao, Jesse	Milano	2:19.278	2:22.126	2:21.226	2:20.450	2:20.84	2:20.393	
5	50	Miller, Scott	GTV	2:20.415	2:22.340	2:20.415	2:19.771	2:19.278	2:19.345	
6	76	Kartsonas, Dimitri	Milano	2:21.274	2:25.922	2:22.815	2:21.955	2:20.629	2:20.500	
7	96	Khoe, David	GTV	2:30.695	2:33.626	2:33.781	2:21.732	2:25.579	2:21.274	
8	32	Kunedt, Peter	Milano	2:36.858	2:38.914	2:36.858	2:30.993	2:30.695	2:30.846	
Class E				2.00.000	2.30.314	2.30.036	2:37.944	2:43.786	2:41.648	
60 11	922	Sniady, Christian	GTV	2:16.587	2:20.509	2:10.25	0.17.000	0 40		
2	162	Thraen, Jeff	GTV	2:24.793	2:25.674	2:19.35	2:17.363	2:16.587	2:19.959	
Class G		mies kalma Kielse	ar v	2.24.193	2.23.674	2:24.793				
1	10	Troian, Gianni (1)	GTV	2:25.700	2:26.693	2:25.700	0.00 770	0.00.400		
2	110	Kartsonas, Nick	GTV	2:54.35	3:01.104	2:58.984	2:26.772	2:28.138	2:26.763	
Class I				2.04.00	5.01.104	2.30.904	3:00.8	2:57.280	2:54.35	
1	105	Silverman, Norm (1)	Giulia TI	2:42.381	2:52.778	2:53.44	0.40.000	0.40.004	0.40	
Class M-	+			L.72.001	2.52.110	2.33.44	2:42.993	2:42.381	2:42.680	
1	331	Blizzard, Bob (1, 2)	Ranger	1:49.534	1:53.447	1:50.5	1:40 504	1.40.700	0.04.770	
2	16	Paquin, Jeff	FF	2:08.84	2:10.661	2:08.762	1:49.534	1:49.782	2:01.779	
Class M		TOX STREET, ST		2.00.01	2.10.001	2.00.702	2:08.328	2:08.84	2:08.427	
1	48	Bregante, Joe (1)	Viper	1:57.593	2:00.577	2:01.494	1:57.593	1.50.517	4.50.545	
2	77	Gray, Richard	Corvette	2:01.830	2:01.938	2:01.830		1:58.517	1:59.515	
3	62	Poulin, Robert	МЗ	2:02.533	2:03.85	2:02.533	2:10.133	2:01.861	2:02.33	
4	8	Bernstein, Erik	240Z	2:03.887	2:03.887	2:04.333	2:03.603	2:02.602	2:03.858	
5	90	Foye, Kevin	Camaro	2:06.244	2:06.244	2:07.149	0.00 507	0.07.707	0.00	
6	311	Martinez, Jonathan	Viper GTS	2:06.681	2:06.681	2:06.982	2:06.527 2:09.511	2:07.707	2:06.477	
7	131		Mustang	2:09.7	2:10.979	2:09.91	2:09.511	0.00.070		
8	69		Corvette Z	2:09.85	2:12.384	2:11.300		2:09.370	0.00.05	
9	31		Mustang	2:10.991	2:17.150	2:13.153	2:10.567	2:09.607	2:09.85	
10	190		Camaro	2:11.38	2:15.193	2:13.101	2:10.991	2:12.766	2:37.329	
Class N				2.11.00	2.10.100	2.13.101	2:12.525	2:11.38	2:13.642	
1	218	Groth, Claus (1)	944T	1:59.281	1:59.281	2:00.422	2:00 400	0.00.000	4.50.000	
2	19	1 4 1 400 1	Mustang	2:07.848	2:08.823	2:08.74	2:00.409	2:00.828	1:59.853	
3	711		Carrera	2:07.873	2:11.195	2:10.725	2:09.712	2:07.848	2:08.112	
4	44		S2000	2:08.29	2:08.738	2:08.29	2:09.378	2:07.873		
5	3		Miata	2:16.702	2:17.767	2:19.355	2:08.294	2:10.1	0.46 ===	
Class O					2.17.707	2.13.300	2:17.745	2:17.985	2:16.702	
1	24	Choe, Danny	Civic	2:04.830	2:06.403	2:04.830	2:05.000	0.00.704	0.40.555	27
2	291		RX7	2:05.555	2:08.167	2:04.630	2:05.268 2:06.218	2:06.734 2:07.71	2:13.659	
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1	81	Hamilton, Fred	Regal GS	2:36.731	2:36.972	2:37.509	2:38.178	2:41.189	2:36.731
Class Q									
5	93	Kutkus, M.J.	SLK230	2:20.394	2:20.394	2:21.218	2:21.252	2:21.758	2:22.47
4	39	Hansen, Erik	Probe GT	2:20.18	2:20.241	2:20.839	2:20.18	2:20.622	2:21.139
3	164	Mutza, Chip	Focus SVT	2:19.328	2:21.540	2:20.423	2:19.328	2:19.521	2:20.36
2	34	Toll, Chris	A4 Avant	2:18.603	2:19.424	2:23.657	2:18.615	2:20.715	2:18.603
1	88	McNall, Todd	2000	2:08.110	2:11.507	2:09.65	2:08.110	2:23.43	
Class P									
10	735	Seho, Kenneth	RX7	2:24.452	2:25.190	2:26.128	2:25.248	2:27.397	2:24.452
9	91	Rhodes, Robert	Mustang SV	2:15.430	2:15.430	2:17.256	2:18.448	2:19.149	2:18.930
8	60	Wagner, Donald	Mustang	2:15.131	2:16.986	2:15.857	2:15.131		
7	135	Lee, Joseph	RX7	2:13.299	2:15.546	2:14.173	2:13.299	2:13.857	2:14.955
6	805	Valsecchi, Emilio	Golf	2:08.639	2:09.589	2:09.873	2:08.700	2:08.639	
5	22	Heesacker, Greg	M3	2:08.495	2:09.838	2:08.495	2:09.172	2:09.12	2:08.740
4	171	Barring, Michael	Carrera	2:07.650	2:07.684	2:07.744	2:08.445	2:09.405	2:07.650

AROSC Enduro Buttonwillow June 7, 2003

Position	Class	Pos in Cls	No.	Drivers	Car	Laps
1	M+	1	30	Glenn Bjorkman	Formula Mazda	57
2	M+	2	61	Steve Hamilton & Paul Ellis	Lola T-594	54
3	Ν	1	63	Michael Marshall	911	53
4	M	1	46	John Morton, Brad Gray & Terry Watson	Super 7	52
5	M	2	208	John Dearing & Joe Bregante	Viper	51
6	0	1	291	Kim Quinteros, Daryl DeArman & Rick Lee	RX7	50
7	M	3	0	Steve Luftman, Milt Minter, David Krueger	Super 7	49
8	В	1	58	Larry Dickman & Peter Kemos	GTV6	49
9	N	2	9	Mitchell & Mike McKibben	Mustang	49
10	N	3	29	Greg Nelson, Dennis Fibrow & Tony Presto	RX7	49
11	M	4	137	Jim Ladin & Bob Blizzard	Mustang	45
12	В	2	87	Frank Moore, Chris Mayring & Phil Guiral	Milano	44
13	0	2	265	Jeff Herr, Will Sours & Seung Chung	Super 7	40
14	С	1	33	Peter Procopio & Santo Rimicci	GTV	33
15	Р	1	88	Todd McNall	Datsun 2000	28
16	P	2	14	Ken Ellis	Celica	27
17	D	1	101	Anthony Rimicci	Guilia Spider	22
18	В	3	682	Gianfranco Masdea	GTV	20
19	N	4	35	Manny Tores & Michael Parks	Corolla	19



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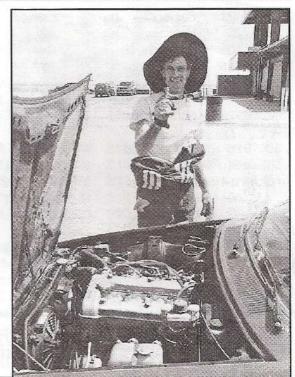
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AROSC Alfa Cup Buttonwillow June 8, 2003

Pos.	Class	Class Pos	No.	Driver	Car	Laps
1	ABZ	1	87	Frank Moore	Milano	10
2	ABZ	2	58	Larry Dickman	GTV6	10
3	C	1 1	144	Marco Ventura	GTV6	10
4	C	2	28	Randall Harris	Duetto	10
5	DEF	1	73	Peter Kemos	GTV	10
6	С	3	160	Chris Mayring	Sprint	7
7	C	4	20	Uve Becker	GTV	4
8	ABZ	3	682	Gianfranco Masdea	GTV	3
9	DEF	2	4	Andrew Cupp	Spider	1

NOTE: The results of the regular Sunday race are missing! If you have them, please send to the Editor for the next issue.



Why is Mark Hesthal so happy after his engine is done in by over heating?



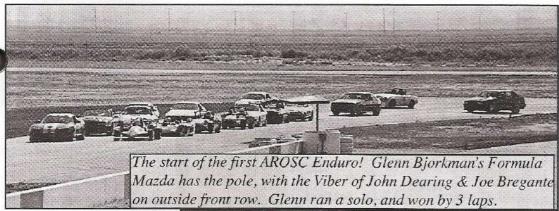
Bent pushrod! Manny Tores and Michael Parks have big trouble in the enduro.



John Cote with course map: "Don't get lost!"



The Viper and others refuel during the enduro.

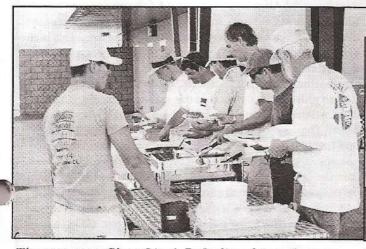




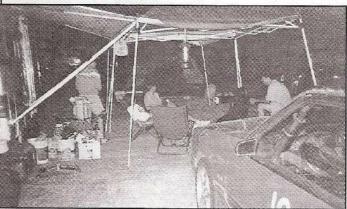


Pit crews get busy: The McKibbins refuel their Mustang





The post-race Chow Line! Refueling driver & crew.



It finally cooled off after dinner for the McKibbins.

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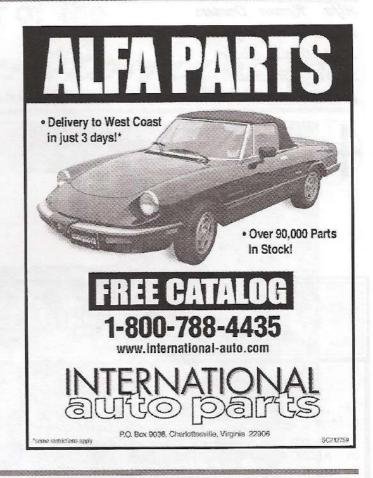
1937 Alfa Romeo 8C2900B Convertible: Red exterior, perfect condition, nine inches long, includes USA delivery. \$110.00 OBO. This is a Franklin Mint Precision Model of one of the most beautiful Alfas ever produced. (A full size one sold for \$3.7 Million, in California, in 1999.) I am the original owner of this miniature and have many other Italian miniatures. This is an extra, and thus I'm willing to part with it. The car has a very detailed exterior, including central taillight, removable soft-top, chrome trim, and nice wire wheels. The typical gorgeous Alfa Romeo grill looks very good on this car. Additionally, it has a detailed interior and dashboard, including working steering wheel. The suspension travels as much as 1/8 inch and wheels turn freely. It has opening trunk with spare tire/wheel and an opening storage area just behind the seats. The engine compartment has a very detailed engine including the ignition wires, cooling hoses, and even the two Roots superchargers. I will include the owner's book, and tools for care in the package. E-mail to Fred Russell at v-freru@microsoft.com. (4/3)

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January	February	March	April
8 AROSC Board Meeting 1-12 Time Trial - Willow Springs 26 AROSC Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Cirivello's Trattoria, Long Beach	5 AROSC Board Meeting 8-9 Drivers School, Streets of Willow 22 Tour of J. Mays exhibit at MOCA 28 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City	5 AROSC Board Meeting 16 Swap Meet at Omega MotorSports, 9am 28 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City 30 Wild Flower Rallye	 AROSC Board Meeting Time Trial @ Willow Springs General Meeting - 8pm at Mosier Restorations Concours at Agua Dulce Winery
May	June	July	August
7 Board Meeting 10-11 Palms to Pines Tour 17-18 Time Trial & race @ Laguna Seca!! 30 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City	4 Board Meeting 7-8 Time Trial & race @ Buttonwillow 14 Dyno Session/MagnaFlow 20-22 Calif Historic Races at Fontana w/spectators 27 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City	2 Board Meeting 3-6 AROC National Convention, Florida 12 Summer Beach Party on Beach at Huntington 19 Braile Rallye 2003 25 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City	6 Board Meeting 9-10 Time Trial & race @ Fontana 15 Concorso Italiano, 16-17 Monterey Historics 29 General Meeting/Tech Session, Omega MS 30 Mt Wilson Climb to the Stars
September	October	November	December
3 Board Meeting 13-14 Drivers School, Streets of Willow 26 General Meeting, 8pm Culver City 28 Concours at TBD (tentative date, location)	1 Board Meeting 12 Swap Meet ?? 18-19 Time Trial & Race @ Las Vegas 31 General Meeting, 8pm Culver City	2 Best of France & Italy Car Show & Concours 5 Board Meeting 8-9 Wine Tour-Santa Inez NOTE NEW DATE! 21 General Meeting, 8pm White Turkey Sale & Elections, Culver City	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