### Newsletter of the





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#### **Meeting Information**

General Meetings are held the last Friday of each month except November and December at 8:00pm, usually 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, the Previews section on Page 3, and review Alfacionada for details of events planned for the near future.

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#### This Month's Cover

The annual Best of France and Italy Car Show and the last Concours of 2004 were held at Woodley Park on a damp Sunday in early November. The rain was intermittent, but made for great photos, this one by Tom Suter.

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## **AROSC** Previews

An outline of coming events

Holiday Party - December 11, Noon - 5

Join us again at the home of Sheila and MJ Kutkus for our annual Holiday Party. It is always a great lunch feast, with of luck side dishes along with MJ's barbecue and Sheila's main dish. More information on page 13.

Memorial Time Trial and Race. Entry forms are in the mail already — contact Phyllis Gaylard if you need a copy.

January Annual Meeting and Year-End Trophy Awards, January 30, 3PM

#### Board Meeting & Planning – December 12, 11 AM

The newly elected board and the old board will gather at the home of MJ and Sheila Kutkus the day after the Holiday Party to set up the calendar for 2005, determine the officers and committee chairs, and consume party leftovers. All members are welcome to attend. If you have some issue to bring to the board, or an idea for events, etc., please plan to attend, or at least pass your ideas on to a board member.

DON'T MISS:
Holiday Party
December 11
AND
Charlie Thieriot Memorial
Time Trial
January 8-9

The Annual Meeting of AROSC will be held on the last Sunday of January, with an early dinner, and the presentation of the Year End Trophies for all areas of competition in the club. The location is new this year: Luigi's Italian Restaurant on Rosecrans Ave, just west of the I-405 freeway, in a shopping center on the North side of Rosecrans. There is plenty of room for our usual clean-car show, weather permitting, and the cost will be \$20 including meal, tax, and tip. Soft drink is included, beer and wine are

available at extra cost. This is later than our recent luncheon meetings, but this restuarant has a big Sunday Brunch business, so we couldn't get in earlier. We have room for 70-80 people, and the price is reasonable, so come out and bring the family! More information will be included in the January issue.

Time Trial and Race, Willow Springs - January 8-9

Our first time trial of the year will be a return to good old Willow Springs, for the First Annual Charlie Thieriot

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## View from the Top

Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente!

This month's activities started under cloudy and slightly damp skies as we gathered for the annual "Best of France and Italy" car show. In spite of the inclement weather the turn out was excellent with an unofficial count of around 80 Alfa's, most of whom were identified as club members. Complimenti to Tina, Chuck and their wonderful staff for another great assemblage of fine vehicles (see pictures). The AROSC Concorso entrants were many and awesome and Evie and I were completely taken by surprise with, in my mind, an undeserved Best of Show (AROSC Concorso). The money left on the seat of the car was still there after the judging. Go figure.

The following Friday evening, we headed up to Santa Maria to start the weekend wine tour in the wine cellar of the Santa Maria Inn. What a great turnout. (See pictures) Paul and Mary Blankenship, after the unbelievable sacrifice of having to make multiple trips to Paso Robles going from winery to winery and driving canyon road after canyon road, came up with the most successful wine tour that I can remember. Starting our education Saturday at Las Tablas Vineyards in Paso Robles with a cutaway view of the shale up-thrust below the fields, the greenhouse home of the original root stock, and a lesson in grafting, we then started Sunday in the man-made caves of Cottonwood Canyon near Santa Maria.



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Coming up on December 11th is our annual Holiday Party at the home of MJ & Sheila Kutkus – an event not to be missed. The house, in Redondo Beach, was built to party. A beautiful patio area and an enclosed guest house with bar, kitchen and wide screen TV provide the background for a drop-dead barbecue, great wine tasting, a guaranteed showing of "Alfa Romeo – Victory by Design", a probable showing of "Rendevous", etc.

Eleven Ramblings ago I was wondering how Paul cranked these things out for over four years. I never realized how easy it was to put your joy, pleasures (printable) and excitement into words. I'm still not sure what the job of Il Presidente really is, but I want to thank all the Alfisti, AROSC members and non-members alike, for allowing me and encouraging me to spend a year enthusing about a great, historic Marque and for trying to convince me that my enthusiasm may be catching. I cannot wait for the next Board of Directors meeting to thank the departing board members for their awesome contributions to the continuing success of AROSC and to welcome the new board members as they put pedal to the metal as AROSC reaches for a new plateau of performance and inclusiveness.

If we don't get to see you at the January 'General Meeting', an historically great party and clean car show (see info on page 3), Evie and I would like to thank you again for your generous support during this past year and to wish all of you a happy and joyful Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Speaking of the January 'General Meeting' and Italian Buffet – PLEASE, mi faccia il favore di rispondere. Our space is limited and we need to have a head-count.

Keep the wheel side down. Norman I, Rex



Evie and Norman Silverman and their grandson.

## Victory by Design: Alfa Romeo DVD

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"Victory by Design: Alfa Romeo" is a pure treat for 'Alfisti'. This DVD is feature-length and covers most of the milestone sports racers and Grand Prix cars that established Alfa Romeo as one of the truly great marques in automobile history. An abreviated version has been shown on Speed Channel, but the DVD is better!



The Woodley Park VIPs: Doug Adler and Stephanie Stacy did the club Concours, with Tina Van Curren putting on the whole show and President Norman Silverman.

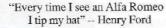
We have arranged a bulk purchase for AROSC members and would like to hear from anyone interested. The price is \$25.00, including shipping and handling -- send a check to Phyllis Gaylard made out to AROSC, at 17041 Malta Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92649, and she will mail a copy to you by first class mail within a day or two. This is a great holiday gift. The third order is on hand, so delivery is quick!



Norman's multi-tasking Giulia Ti gets ready



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## **Last Dance of the Season:**

Willow springs, October 23-24, 2004

By Mike McKibbin Photos by Mike McKibbin and Art Russell

Sometimes as you watch one of these competition weekends unfold, it's with a sense of wonder that a handful of dedicated individuals can somehow put this all together. This was a job very well done, thanks to them all.

Although it got a little breezy in the afternoon, the weather was outstanding. There were about 100 entrants, weighted heavily enough toward the race groups, so that separate Alfa Cup and Open races were held.

While the weekend had it's share of incidents, most were relatively minor, and damage was limited to machines and not to people. The only red flag was during a Saturday morning practice session, when Don Wagner found out a mustang GT doesn't handle particularly well in Turn 8 without a power steering hose.

Speaking of Mustang GTs, after years of struggling with the suspension on a Big Dog, this weekend it looked like we finally got it right, just in time for yours truly to challenge Wagner for the 'Mr. Most Spectacular' award. More on that later.

First, however, was the Alfa qualifier. This had all the makings of a real knock down, drag out between Anthony Rimicci's GT and Marco Ventura's GTV6, right up to the point Marco tried powering into Turn 1 just a wee bit faster than the GTV6 wanted to go. Here's a neat trick: after he snapped it 90 degrees to the left, half on and half off the pavement right at the apex, he snapped it 90 degrees right and kept right on going to second place.

Actually, this was the same order they finished in the Sunday final, although Anthony pretty much ran off and hid. This was a clean, fast race with 9 well prepared cars.

The open races were a bit more hair raising. First, there were a lot of cars, with 19 left for the final. On the second lap of the qualifier, some dweeb in the No. 9 Mustang GT showed exactly why it's not a real good idea to try to steer back into the track when you drift off on the exit of Turn 9 at 100+ mph. In my feeble defense, I thought I had caught the car, and had it back under control, but, of

course, I had nothing. The rear end broke loose, it crossed the course to the infield like it was shot out of a cannon, then sideways through the dirt for several hundred yards, including a launch and what seemed like a forever in the air. It some how stayed upright (prayers work), but Big Dog was seriously wounded and done for the weekend. The real fear set in after the car came to rest, facing brother Mitch (who was supposed to time trial the car) and teammate/friend/mechanic Rob Rhodes, (both of whom had done most the work on the car) in the pits.











'Mike's Wild Ride' documented: Don't do this at home!



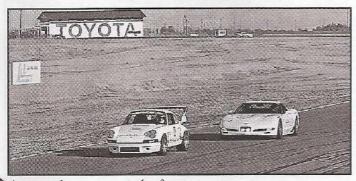
How bad is it???

In the meantime, Rupert Smith in his Corvette Z06, contending for the lead, attempted to emulate my performance in 9 not once, but twice, earning himself a starting position near the rear in the final. Mike Marshal and Mike Kaidbey, in their Porsches, finishing first and second in the qualifier, decided they wanted a piece of the Vette, so they elected to start the final in the back row. All



Sunday's race start, fast guys in the rear!

three quickly moved to the front, but only Marshal could stay with the fleeing Vette, and the two of them then put on almost a race-long slugfest for the lead. Almost, because



A very close race at the front.

on the penultimate lap, Mr. Smith attempted to drive under Mr. Marshal at Turn 1, with the result being a racing incident, following which Mr. Kaidbey, up to this point



Another 'Wild Ride', by the race leaders.

lonely in third place, and just about everyone else, moved up two spots.

And the excitement wasn't just at the front: there were fine races going on through the field, from the constantly changing three car scap between Mike Gagen's 911, Emilio Valsecchi's VW and David Bouzaglou's 914, all the way down to a marvelous fight for second to last between Terry Watson's Merkur and Todd McNall's Super 7.



Terry had a fun race with Todd McNall.

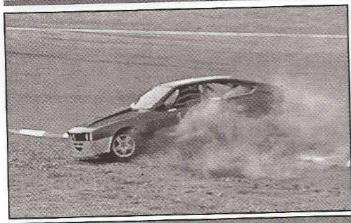
Up to midday Sunday, Rob's Mustang Cobra was the lone remaining standard bearer for our Team Hangon, right up to the point, during the final practice, a brake line fitting self-destructed, proved to be irreplaceable and not repairable, and the car was parked for the duration.

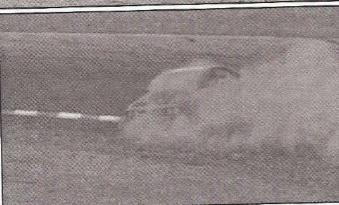
The time trials were smooth and uneventful. How Danny Choe pushes that Honda around at 1:35 is a mystery, and Jack Olsen's Class N Porsche with fast time of day at 1:32; where did that come from? Good cars, fast drivers; what more could you want?

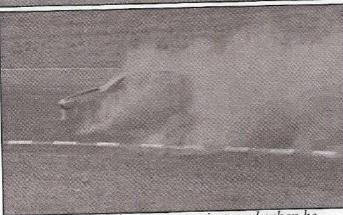
For the most part, the club seems to have a wonderful balance of friendship and competitiveness, demonstrated beautifully by Fred Hamilton, our elder Statesman and runner up in class Q this day, congratulating Class winner Beverly Major. He said, "I want to give you my sincere congratulations on your win", and then with a wry smile added: "Of course, I don't mean it". You go, Fred.

I can hardly wait until next year!

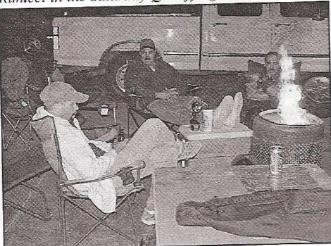
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Marco Ventura did a great save in turn 1 when he had too much adrenalin trying to pass Anthony Rimicci in the Saturday Qualifying Race.





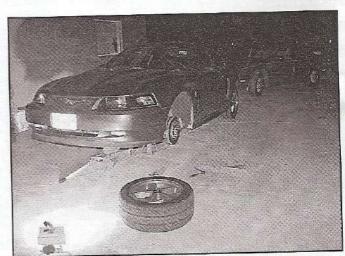
Anthony opens up a lead in Sunday's Alfa Cup race.



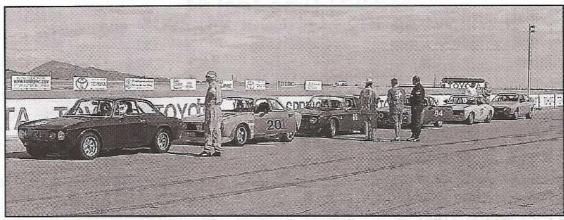
Old Time Trial drivers may come and go, but good Alfas are still around: Jim Caver drives the GTV formerly campaigned by Alex Brown.



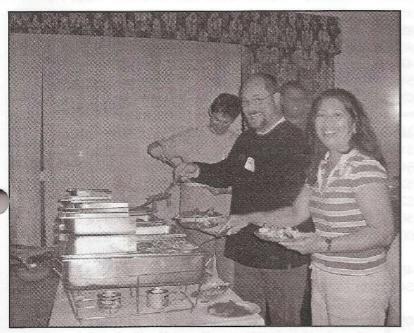
Jeff Elghanayan's Farrari -- not a garage Queen!



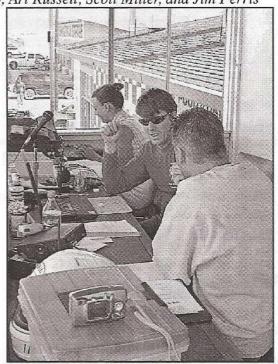
The McKibbin crew relaxes around the fire, after some late attention to the car -- in the dark!



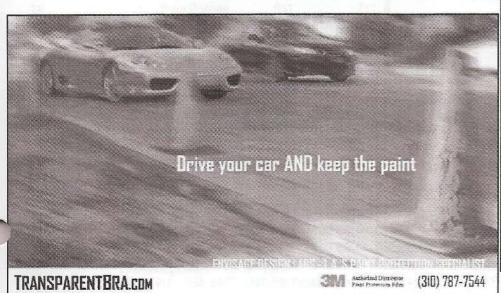
Waiting to run for time: Dave Burgoon, Uwe Backer, Bruce Colby, Art Russell, Scott Miller, and Jim Ferris

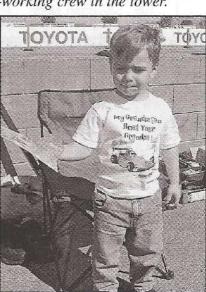


Saturday night's buffet dinner featured Italian food again.



The hard-working crew in the tower.





The challenge has been issued!

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6	85	Pearne, Henry	XR4Ti	2:03.147	2:08.164	2:09.156	2:09.316	2:03.938	2:03.147
Class Q									
1	718	Major, Beverly	MR2	1:54.921	1:59.109	1:54.921	1:57.867	1:56.952	1:56.818
2	81	Hamilton, Fred	Regal GS	2:03.578	2:04.970	2:04.529	2:03.878	2:04.269	2:03.578
Notes									

(1) Manual timing was in effect so no track records could be set.

### Non-Alfa Race, Willowsprings, Oct. 24

	Position	In Class	Class	Driver	Car	No.
0	1	1	N	Michael Kaidbey	911	91
	2	1	M	Gary Stern	Supra	5
	3	1	L	Jim Copp	911	352
	4	2	N	Mike Gagen	911	59
	5	1	0	Emilio Vlasecchi	VW Golf	805
	6	3	N	David Bouzaglou	914	52
	7	2	0	Craig Hillskemper	M3	454
	8	3	0	Frank Cervetto	VW GTI	411
	9	1	K	lan Stobie	Super 7	238
	10	4	0	Brian Pierson	325	610
	11	5	0	Vince Rinner	Mustang SVO	41
	12	6	0	Paul Barnes	911	711
	13	1	P	Steve Luftman	MR2	10
	14	2	Р	Tony Presto	MR2	48
	15	4	N	Michael Marshal	911	63
	16	2	L	Rupert Bragg Smith	Corvette Z06	631
	17	3	P	Terry Major	MR2	118
	18	7	0	Terry Watson	XR4TI	7
	19	8	0	Todd McNall	Super 7	265

### 2005 Schedule (as of November 2004)

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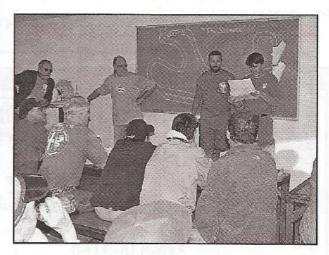
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### Alfa Race, Willowsprings, Oct. 24

Position	In Class	Class	Driver	Car	No.
1	1	AB	Anthony Rimicci	<b>GTJR</b>	681
2	2	AB	Marco Ventura	GTV6	144
3	1	CD	Peter Kemos	GTV	73
4	2	CD	Jim Ferris	Alfetta	76
5	3	AB	Uwe Backer	GTV	201
6	3	CD	Scott Miller	GTV	95
7	4	CD	Bruce Colby	GTV	65
8	4	AB	Hector Vazquez	GTV	44
9	5	CD	Art Russel	GTV	84



Trophy time on Sunday... who are the winners?

<sup>(2)</sup> Fastest Time of Day

## Raffle at Willow Raises Money for Charity

We Time Trialers and Racers were planning to go to Las Vegas, and do a raffle to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. But the event was cancelled. So, since Brad Gray and President Norm Silverman had already came up with \$5,000 worth of prizes donated by Willow Springs, Buttonwillow Raceway, AlfaStuff.com, Chatsworth Auto Upholstery, Eibach Competition Springs, and others, we held the raffle at dinner of our last time trial of the year, good old Willow Springs. We gave a ticket for every \$50 of the registration fee, and sold additional tickets for \$1 each.

We collected \$420 and donated it in memory of Charlie Thieriot.

S&H Supply had donated a bench grinder which Tod McNall won. When approached with "what are you going to with it", Tod said "find something to grind".

Our very own AROSC bribed us with Intro Group Certificates, private test days and a KRC 125cc Shifter Kart School at Willow Springs.

Shops donating free tech inspection for 1 year were:

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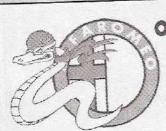
The raffle was a success and a good time was had by all. Much thanks to all the generous donors and participants for supporting a worthy cause!



Norman Silverman and Brad Gray draw winners at the Saturdy night dinner.



Terry Watson won a private test day at Willow Springs Raceway!



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## **Concours At Woodley Park**

Wet and Wonderful!

By Doug Adler Photos by Tom Suter, Jim Lightfoot, and Gene Brown

Once again, the *Best of France and Italy* was one of the highlights of the year and a true 'insiders' show. Alfa was very well represented on the green with 20 cars judged by the club and twice that many more on display.

Despite a spot of rain my team of 8 judges soldiered on and the sun broke out about twenty minutes later to the delight of all. The mist made the competitor's paint finishes appear perfect, all bets where off and everybody relaxed. Woodley drew our largest judged field to date and the quality of the cars was impressive and diverse.

For the first time, we had entrants in the Race-Prepared class with 4 offerings, and reveled in the sounds from the immaculate Rimicci team cars as they drove to and from staging. Joe Wilson showed his wonderful 2600 for the first time after his extensive multi-year restoration and was rewarded for the effort with a 2nd in class and the coveted People's Choice award. Biba returned to club activity entering his ultra clean Alfetta GT and taking the Best Daily Driver ribbon. Norm Silverman slayed the competition with his eye popping Guilia Spider Veloce taking a 1st in Open and Best of Show with a perfect 250 score!

I would be totally remiss if I did not thank the judges for their service and willingness to assist me with this task come rain or shine and also thank my advance team of Stephanie and my family. These are the people that helped us make the 2004 concours season work so smoothly and the shows such a joy for all. What a great day and what a wonderful display of alfathusiasm.

Best of Show	Norm Silverman	'65 Guilia Spider Veloce	250 / 250 pos.
Open Class 1st Place (2) 2nd Place	Norm Silverman Joe Wilson	'65 Guilia Spider Veloce '62 2600 Spider	250 / 250 pos. 246.5/250
pos. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Bill Burks	'87 Spider Quad.	245.5/250
pos.			
Closed Class 1st Place 2nd Place (1) 3rd Place	Doug Brown Fred Firschen Steve Cole	'56Guilietta Sport '73 GTV '77 Alfetta	237 / 250 pos. 234 / 250 pos. 225 / 250 pos.
People's Choice	Joe Wilson	'62 2600 Spider	
Best Daily Driver	Biba	'77 Alfetta GT	239 / 250 pos.
Best Race Prepare	d Fabrizio Rimicci	'67Guilia Super	240 / 250 pos.
Best Non Alfa	Doug Adler	'76 Lancia Scorpion	224 / 250 pos.

\*(1),(2),(3) – denotes 2004 club concours points race standings.



Joe Wilson with two ribbons: Second in 'Open Class' and People's choice for his 1962 2600 Spider.

## Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern Galifornia



That Cinzano umbrella isn't big enough to keep this GTV dry!



This must be a top-less fair-weather Alfa keeping dry.



The sun came out briefly, and so did Jay Leno in his Hispano-Suiza in bare metal -- cant get it rained on!



A Facel Vega from about the early 1960's.



Art Russell's race-prepared GTV keeps a 'weather eye' on the rain.



The Editor's favorite, looking nice in the wet.



A beautiful Italian Mysterymobile! Cisitalia?

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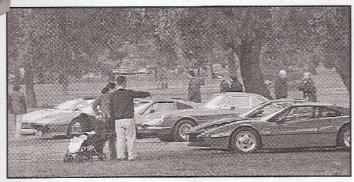
A Fiat Dino, often called a Ferrari.



Citroen Country



A nice collection of historic Lancias.



Ferrari Country



No, Ayrton, I know it's your size, but you can't drive it yet!



This Classic Lancia 'humpback' had wicker seats and right-hand drive! And an observation deck?

## Wine Tour 2004 to Santa Maria - Paso Robles

Photos by Gene Brown and Jim Lightfoot

The Wine Tour was delightful! Weather was perfect, the wines were great, the roads fun, and the secenery was incredibly green from the previous rains. Sorry we can't print this in color!.



The early birds at dinner at the hotel Friday night.



The group gathers at Tablas Creek to start the day.



Tasting the Tablas Creek wines.



Tablas Creek gave a very interesting vineyard tour, and described the limestone 'tablas' under the vines.



On the vineyard tour, we tried the grapes left on the vines -- really sweet, small, and seedy!



The Tablas Creek barrel and vat room.

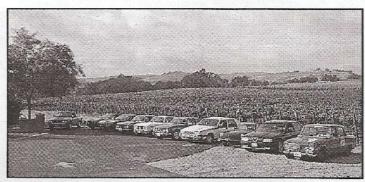


Charlie & Bonnie sample the SummerWood wines while Paula Lightfoot looks on.

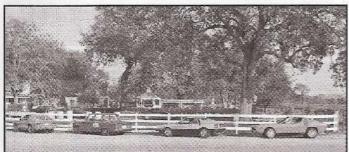


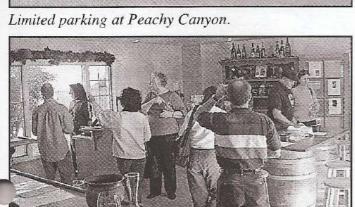


Photographers shooting the group car shot.

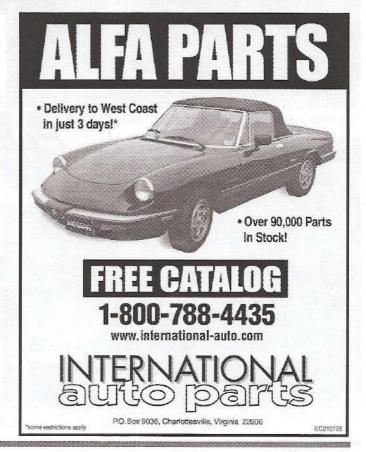


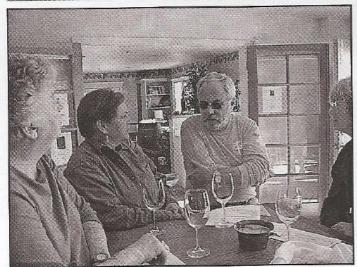
The cars lined up for a group shot at SummerWood.





Peachy Canyon tasing room, home of lots of Zins.

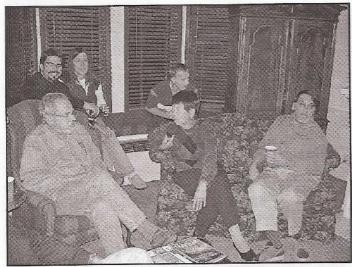




Phyllis, Tina, Norm, and Evie wait with empty glasses for some Peachy Canyon Zin.



Sunday morning found the stalwart group at Cottonwood Canyon for a cave tour.



This group didn't get enough wine on Saturday's tour, so they retired to Norman's suite for more!



A group shot of the Sunday tasters in the cave at Cottonwood Canyon, along with owner/wine maker Norman (center, in shorts).



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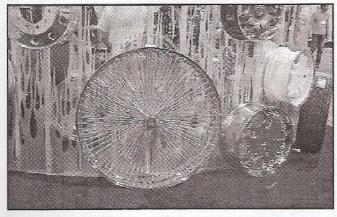
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## **SEMA 2004: Bling Bling**

Gene Brown attended the SEMA Show in Las Vegas, and took some photos for us of the glitter and glitz. SEMA had 1 million square feet of exhibit space, 120,000 attendees, 9,800 exhibiters, and it took a walk of 23 miles to cover it all, in just the Las Vegas Convention Center! More at the Sands Expo!



Wheels are a big thing at SEMA.



A Ferrari 360 Modena

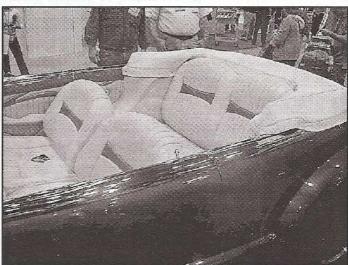


The hot new Porsche Carrera GT supercar on display, with yet more wheels!



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**1991** *164L*: Rebuilt transmission, rebuilt steering rack, 116K miles, uses almost no oil. Mecanically very good, clean body and leather interior. \$3750. *Call Alan Lambert at* (650) 747-0770 or *E-mail to* Alan.Lambert@stanfordalumni.com. (9/4)

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January	February	March	April
7 AROSC Board Meeting 25 AROSC Annual Mtg and Luncheon at Hanks Bistro, Lawndale 31-1 Time Trial - Willow Springs	1 Time Trial - Willow Springs 4 AROSC Board Meeting 27 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City 29 Concours @ Pepperdine University, Malibu	3 AROSC Board Meeting 6-7 Drivers School, Streets of Willow 21 Swap Meet at Omega MotorSports, 9am 25 General Meeting, Mosier Restor 27-28 Time Trial Seca	7 AP SC Board Meeting Levents tower Rallye General Meeting - 8pm Culver City
May	June	2005	August
2 Petersen Museum Tour 5 Board Meeting 15-16 Palms to Pines Tour 28 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City 29-30 Time Trial & Race @ Buttonwillow	1 Time Trial - Willow Springs 4 AROSC Board Meeting 27 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City 29 Concours @ Pepperdine University, Malibu  June 2 Board Meeting 13 Concours at Craig Par Fullerton 18-20 Calif Historic at Fontana Culv Dillerton 25 General Dillerton pm Culv Dillerton pm Culv Dillerton (change) 6 Board Meeting 10 RFCC Rally 16-17Alfa-Porsche Challenge, VARA @ Las Vegas 23-24 Time Trial & Race @ Willow Springs 29 General Meeting, 7:30pm	7 THE Meeting Anner Beach Party At Huntington Beach Braile Rallye 2004 29-1 AROC National Convention, New Hampshire 30 General Meeting/Tech Session, Omega MS 8pm, Culver City	4 Board Meeting 13 Concorso Italiano, 14-15 Monterey Historics 27 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City 28 Mt Wilson Climb to the Stars
September  1 Board Meeting 4-5 Time Trial & 115 Las Vegas 11-12 Drivers CK Leets of W 112 24 Get Lang, 8pm Culve by 24-26 Feast of San Germano LA @Grove/Farmers Mkt	Wap Meet/Dyno Session  @MagnaFlow (change)  6 Board Meeting  10 RFCC Rally  16-17Alfa-Porsche Challenge, VARA @ Las Vegas  23-24 Time Trial & Race @ Willow Springs  29 General Meeting, 7:30pm  at Mosier Restorations	November  3 Board Meeting 7 Best of France & Italy Car Show & Concours 13-14 Wine Tour Paso Robles  19 General Meeting, 8pm White Turkey Sale & Elections, Culver City White Turkey Sale	December  5 Competition Committee Meeting  11 Holiday Party at the Kutkus' home  12 Board Meeting & Planning for 2004 at the Kutkus' home

2005 AROC Convention -- .July 28-31. Seattle (corrected date!)