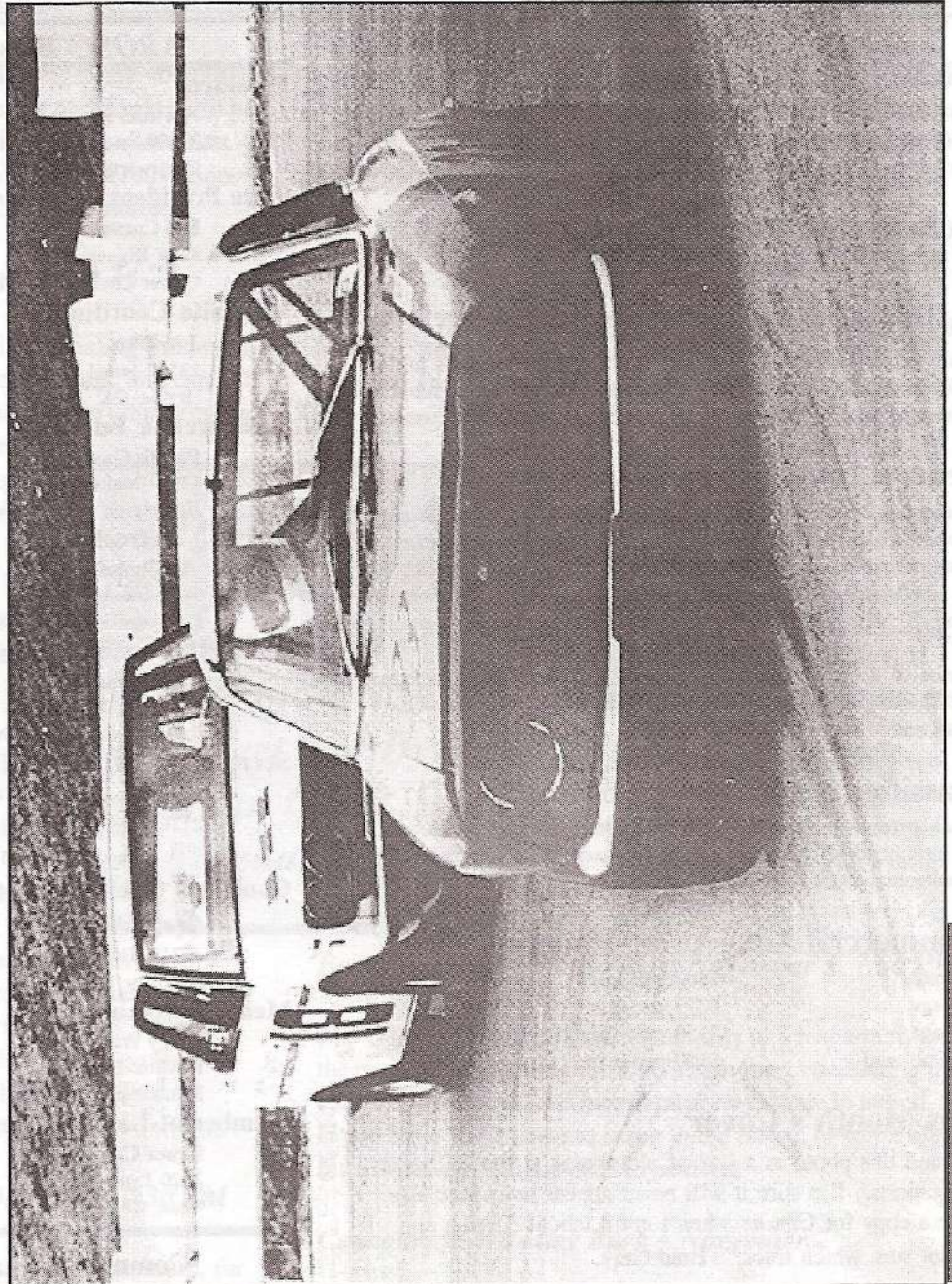


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September 2004

**In This Issue: Remembering Charlie T, Alfas in Italy, upcoming events, and more..**

## 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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# **AROSC Previews**

*An outline of coming events*

## **General Meeting – Friday, September 24, 8:00 PM**

Join us for the September 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. Entertainment is being planned, hopefully slides from Concorso Italiano and the Monterey Historics.

## **Feast of San Gennaro LA -- September 24-26**

See the information on page 9 on this interesting showcase of all things Italian: food, wine, entertainment, and cars. It is the third annual event for LA, based on the long-running event of the same name in New York City's Little Italy. And if you are not sated, there is the Grove and Farmers Market next door for more.

## **Swap Meet and Dyno Session at MagnaFlow – Saturday, October 2, 9 AM to Noon.**

MagnaFlow has invited us back for another session on their dyno. This will be for horsepower determination only, for a nominal \$25. There is time for about 12 cars to run. If we have fewer cars, some tuning might be possible. Contact Craig Goldenson to reserve a spot. In addition, we will have a swap meet in their large parking lot, so dig out those expendable parts and work up your shopping list of needs. We expect the San Diego club to join us, so some new buyers and sellers may be there! More information on page 10.

## **Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 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 be there. The location typically is Hank's Bistro in Lawndale, at the corner of Rosecrans and Hawthorne Blvds.

## **Rally, Riverside to Orange County – October 10**

Rally Master Bill Carson has been out of town and unable to prepare a rally for us. As a result, we are recommending the RFCC rally which is running on the same date. See the flyer on page 11 for full details of this fun event.

## **Time Trial & Race, Willow Springs – October 23-24**

Our last time trial of the year will be a return to good old Willow Springs, a favorite of many. Watch your mail box for entry forms and information. Contact Terry Watson at slaysman@aol.com to be added to the mailing list. There will be a memorial to Charlie Thieriot.

## **General Meeting at Mosier Restoration – Friday, October 29**

Join us for the October general meeting at *Mosier Restorations* in Inglewood. This is a popular semi-annual event, and the cars under restoration vary. We can see all kinds of neat cars in all stages of the restoration process, up close and personal. The usual coffee and donuts will be served. See next month's issue for more details.

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## **Concours at Woodley Park – November 7**

Our third Concours of the year will be held in conjunction with the renowned 'Best of France and Italy Car Show' at Woodley Park. This show provides the largest display of Alfas as well as other Italian and French cars in the LA area, so shine up your beauty and show it off, or just come out to see the show. In addition, there will be the usual picnic basket competition.

**DON'T MISS:  
Feast of San Gennaro  
Sept. 24-26  
and  
Swap Meet and Dyno  
Session, Oct. 2 at  
MagnaFlow**

# View from the Top

*Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente!*

This month's ramblings were supposed to be a joyful recounting of Concorso Italiano 2004 and the beautiful evening spent on Mt. Wilson viewing the splendors of a clear summer sky and the lights of the LA basin.

Unfortunately this has been overshadowed by the untimely passing of one of our great Alfisti, Charlie Thieriot. For many years Charlie was the heart and soul of AROSC and helped create, develop and nurture what has become one of the best car club competition programs in America. An open house hosted by his wife Deb was attended by what appeared to be over a hundred of Charlie's friends and associates. Charlie, to say the least, was known as a bit of a character (in the good sense) and I'm sure that the multitude of stories being told, almost all with a humorous or irreverent bent were being appreciated by Charlie in the retelling.

The Concorso Italiano weekend turned out to be close to overwhelming. The Concorso itself had around 1,000 cars on display including 550 Ferraris (with the red ones lined up as the logo for an aerial photo) and 175 Alfas. The official word from Pebble Beach is that Alfa will be the marque at the Concours d'Elegance and the very strong rumor, as of this writing, is that Alfa will be the feature Marque at Concorso Italiano 2005. During a day spent in Carmel, Evie and I walked into an art gallery that had some automotive art in the window and noticed a painting of a familiar engine style. I asked the gallery owner about the painting and he introduced me to the man who owned the car - an early 1930's 1750 with the driver's door cut down so that the diminutive driver (at the time the car was competing) could have room for his arm. Anybody guess the driver? A Nuvolari 1750 is alive and well and being driven around the Monterey Peninsular.

By the time you're reading this, you've missed our second Performance Driving School of the year, but if you notice some people with extraordinarily large smiles figure they were there. We'll have pics and a recap in the next issue.

October is a pretty busy month. The first "don't miss" is the Swap Meet and Dyno Session at MagnaFlow (80 miles south of our home) being held in conjunction with the San Diego Alfa Owners Club. The second "don't miss" is the Time Trial and Race Weekend at Willow Springs (80 miles north of our home). This is a great time of the year to come and spectate and, **if you're not competing but want**

**the experience of driving a racetrack, our Intro (Lunch hour supervised lapping session) will be the best \$20 you've ever invested.** I say invested, because you will have invested in improving your basic driving skills as well as the fun. Willow has great viewing bleachers, a couple of snack shacks (air conditioned), indoor plumbing and everyone is invited to hang around the pit area. If you have a friend with a competition license you may just get a couple of laps as a passenger during the test runs.

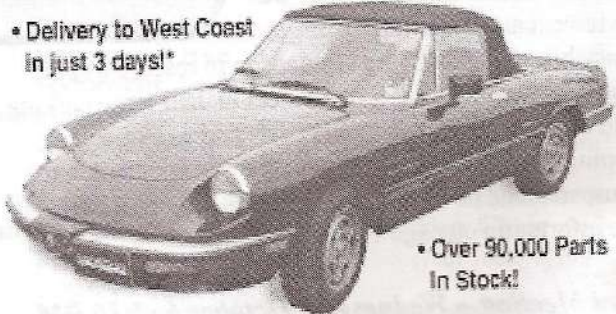
The month will end with our semi-annual meeting at Mosier Restoration on October, 29<sup>th</sup>. I believe Bob will be sending a few cars to Pebble Beach in 2005 and as usually his atelier (his place is **too** fancy for garage) will be filled with historically significant vehicles in various stages of restoration. We'll have a complete update in the next Ramblings.

Keep the wheels side down

*Norm Silverman* (Norman I, Rex)

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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 the address on the masthead, and she will mail a copy to you.

Alain de Cadenet, a true authority on Alfas, particularly the pre-WW2 cars of Vittorio Jano and Enzo Ferrari, drives and appraises many of the actual cars that won the great classic races which would help create the Alfa legend that's still with us today.

Some of the superb Alfas featured include: the 8C 2300 Zagato, the actual car last raced by Enzo Ferrari as a driver. The actual P3 in which Tazio Nuvolari won the

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What makes this Alfa Romeo show such a must for the enthusiast, is that these important and valuable cars have been shipped to a series of international locations where director Tony Maylam and his production team have been able to shoot the cars in action and capture them in superb widescreen photography with **'in your face' Alfa Romeo surround sound**. It will be a very long time that so many important Alfas will be entrusted to a film company and shot in such an all-encompassing way.



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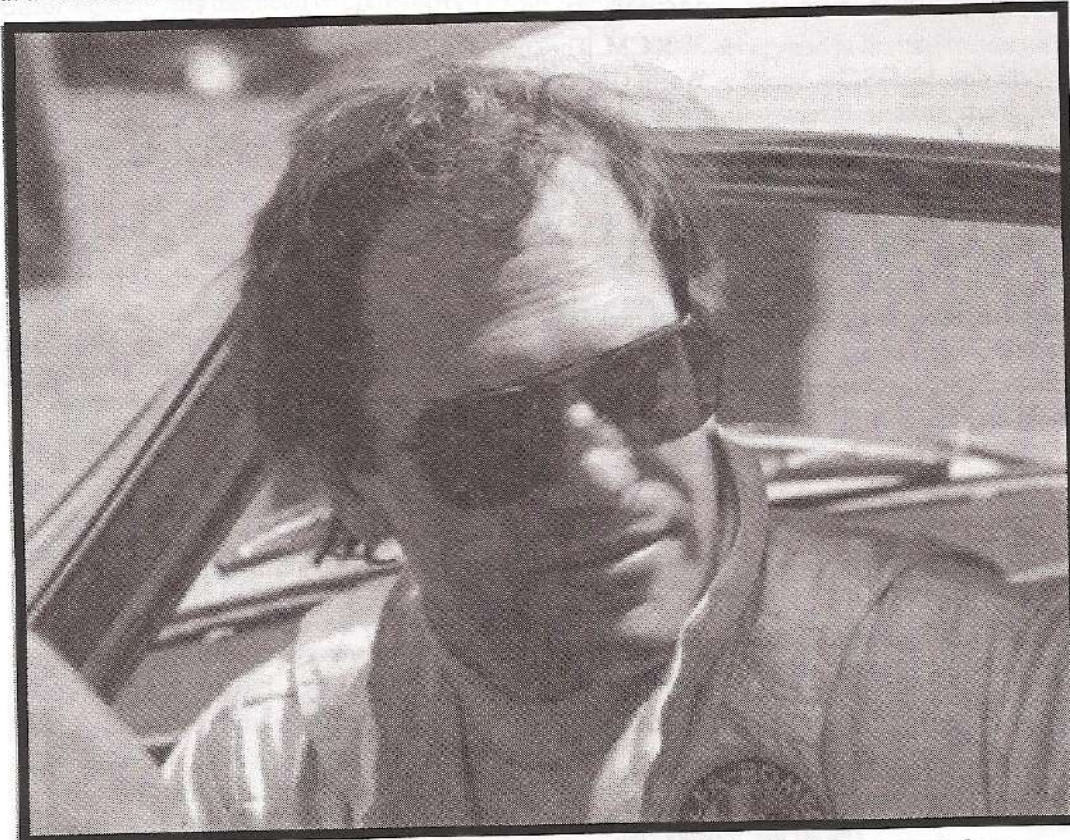


## CELEBRATING OF THE LIFE OF CHARLIE THIERIOT

*February 16, 1947 to August 22, 2004*

Charlie's death has been very sad for all of us, but that will not be the prominent memory of Charlie to anyone who knew him. He had a sense of humor that wouldn't quit and a heart as big as his beloved Bel-Air view; perhaps it was the five cats he had at all times that made him so sweet. Personally, Charlie spent

how much he liked me and that I was as important to him as she was. I was touched that a man who was not my actual father could be so patient with me and be willing to teach me so many things.



*This photo of Charile Thieriot was taken at an early Palm Springs race, where Charlie was competing in his GTA. It reminds us of his early days in racing.*

more time with me than I ever could have asked and took me on as his own. Through thick and thin, I've struck by his side and he by mine. I've learned an abundance of things from him, all of which will always remind me of him.

At age 14, I found myself living with only my mother in Los Angeles, a year or two after a divorce and accompanying cross country move. It was then that I met a very friendly and considerate Charlie. Never having seen my mother date before, naturally I was skeptical of Charlie. On the contrary, he proved to be more of a father to me than even my real father had. I was very taken with him when he would consistently be the one who was my supervisor and companion during the 6 months with my driving permit (during which time driving was my only pastime). After only a few weeks following our first meeting, Charlie confided to my mother

What I've learned from Charlie will always be with me and the memories of learning those lessons will stay with me as well. My favorite of his many lessons was Charlie teaching me to drive a stick-shift in his own car. Several stalls and a few hours (and eventually a seized motor, which he would never admit was my fault) later I had mastered it, with Charlie laughing and smiling all the while. That lesson soon led into me driving on a genuine race-track, which Charlie lined up for me, of course.

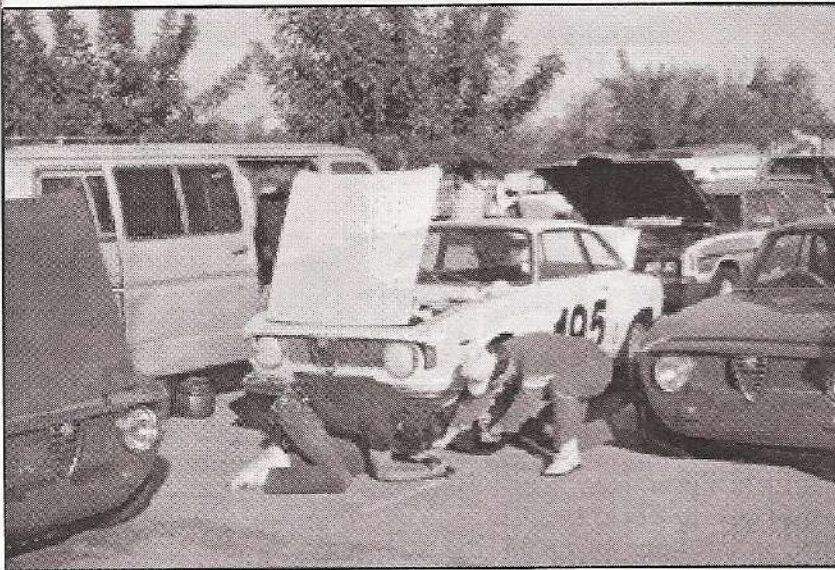
Relatively soon thereafter, Charlie offered to send me to his old school (and also that of his father and his grandfather), St. Marks School. I happily accepted and have been grateful to him ever since for making it happen. This last summer with him I had been taking advantage of his wisdom gained from years of

engineering and professional race-car driving. Most recently, he successfully instructed me how to change my car's air intake from his chair, blind in a sense. We shared some very in-depth conversations about cars, politics, and most anything else, which often thoroughly confused everybody else.

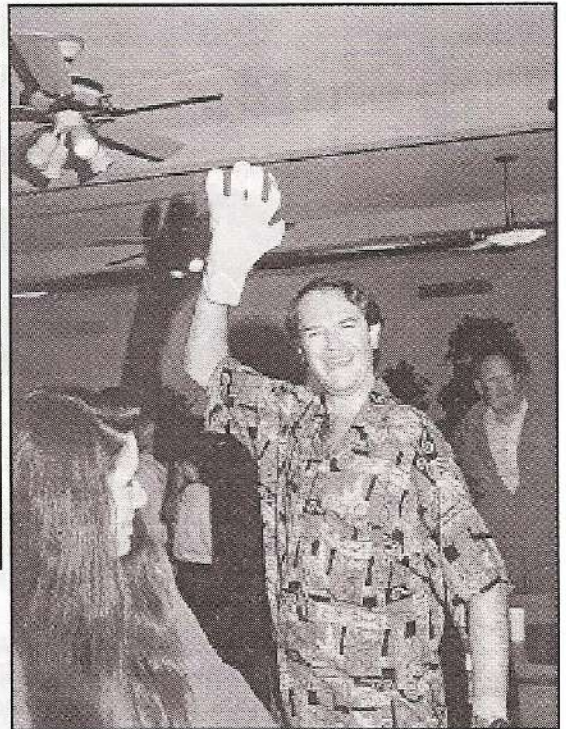
Charlie's death has not been easy for me, nor will it be for most who knew him. Nevertheless, his memory will bring warmth to those who loved him. Already his jokes, his smile, his catch-phrases, and his laugh have brought me from tears to smiles, as I hope they will for all of you. Never again will there ever be another Charlie, and thus he will never be forgotten.

His loving son,  
Andrew

*Photos courtesy of Carmen Porto, Charlie Schwartz, Randall Higa, and Brad Gray.*



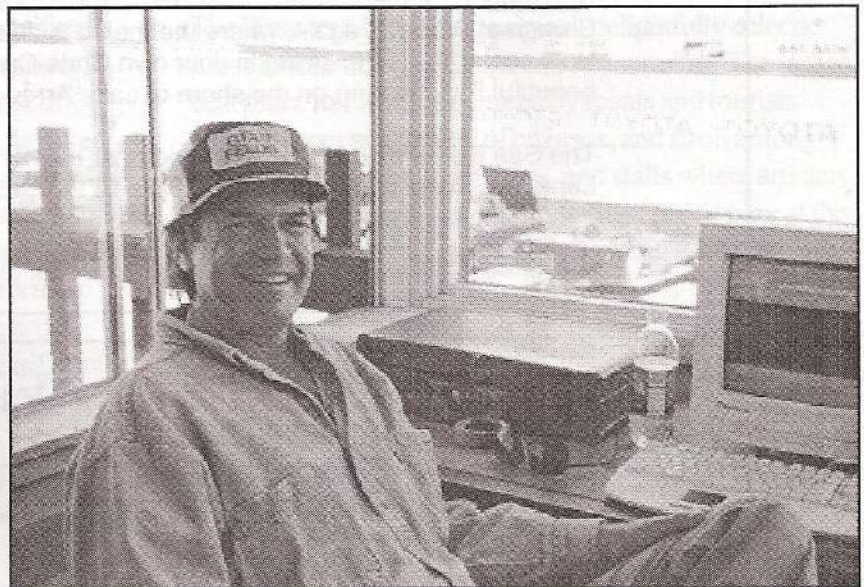
*Working on the Alfa in the pits at an early Palm Springs race, Charlie and friends are doing their usual race weekend activity, other than chasing girls.*



*Randall Higa sent this photo of Charlie at a Spaghetti Cookoff dated March 28, 1992 that was used in an earlier newsletter.*



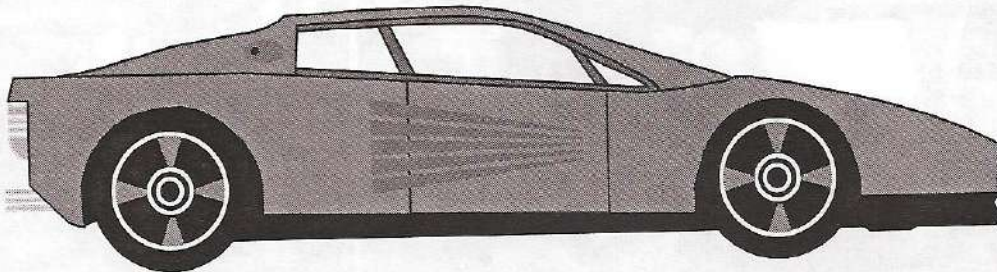
*Working on his car at home, Charlie has the usual cigarette in hand.*



*A familiar view of Charlie was this 1999 shot in the tower at Willow Springs, where he managed the time trials and kept the run groups properly ordered.*

## Fall - Mountain Drive

Sunday, September 19, 2004



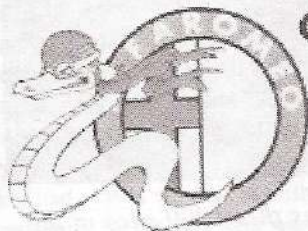
What can I say? We've had quite a year: fires, floods, landslides, and road closures! But once again believe it or not, Fall is upon us. That means it's time to blow out those cobwebs, pump up your tires, dust off your rotors and join us for the 2004 Fall Mountain Drive!

Cal Trans worked very hard to re-open the Rim of the World Highway, and it's in terrific shape. The curves and vistas are breathtaking, plus the morning air has a cool sharpness to help open your eyes. So please, generate your best excuse and join us. Can you imagine anything more fun than driving in our beautiful local mountains on a crisp Fall morning, and then joining your friends for a sumptuous brunch buffet?

I've invited a small group of enthusiasts to meet at the San Bernardino Hilton parking lot between 8:30 and 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 19, then drive/ride up Hwy. 18 to Lake Arrowhead. Brunch at Woody's again, where the theme is classic wooden boats. How cool will this be, sitting in your own Chris-Craft Cavalier on a beautiful Fall morning on the shore of Lake Arrowhead?

The San Bernardino Hilton is located near the corner of Hospitality Lane and North Waterman Ave. off the 10 Fwy, East of the 215/10 interchange. It will be good to have you along!

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# Feast of San Gennaro LA

## Little Italy Meets the Grove/Farmers Market 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Feast of San Gennaro - LA" -- September 24-26

The Feast of San Gennaro, a beloved tradition in New York's Little Italy since the 1920s, originated in Naples, Italy and continues there to this day. Intrinsic to the tradition is the ceremonial carrying of the statue of San Gennaro from the church to the Festival. The Feast of San Gennaro LA continues this tradition with the Procession of the Saint on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am from Christ the King Church at Vine & Melrose to the feast site. The general public is encouraged to take part in the procession.

Aside from establishing the Feast as a destination event, the main objectives for the Feast are to honor and increase the visibility of Italian history and culture in Los Angeles. Endorsed by both the Italian Consulate and NIAF (National Italian American Foundation), the Feast of San Gennaro LA works to showcase the best in Italian music, film, art and cuisine.

This year's event features Italian food from more than 35 of LA's top Italian restaurants, a wide selection of fine Italian wines, live music, carnival games, thrilling rides, street performers, and strolling musicians. A host of Italian-themed activities take place throughout the three days including bocce ball tournaments, grape stomps, celebrity chef demonstrations on the cooking stage, plays, live musical performances, a Kid's Corner, and the crowning of the second Miss San Gennaro. Precious Cheese and Ralph's Supermarket are main sponsors, and the celebrity hosts are Jimmy Kimmel, Adam Carolla and Tommy LaSorda.

Italian cars will be included this year as part of the cultural exposition, and in particular, Alfa Romeos. There will be space provided for 10-12 cars to be exhibited each day in a roped-off area. If you are interested in showing off your car for any part of the Festival, contact the organizers or Norman Silverman. Cars should be nice, clean daily-driver quality, although historic, specialty

or unique models, and high concours quality cars would be great.

The event has moved from Hollywood to the Grove/Farmers Market (Grove Drive between Beverly and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and is a three-day celebration and exchange of Italian culture, art, food, and entertainment that is free to the public and fun for the whole family. All proceeds will benefit underprivileged children in the Los Angeles area. Hours are 11 am to 11 pm daily. For more information, visit [www.feastofla.org](http://www.feastofla.org).

The Grove is a world renowned retail, dining, and entertainment destination offering an array of national and one-of-a-kind stores, unparalleled anywhere in the country. The Grove offers a unique combination of style, substance and quality. Located in the Fairfax District of Los Angeles, the Grove offers onsite parking in an 8-level parking structure located at the Grove Drive between Beverly and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Farmers Market is an original, delightfully eclectic mix of more than 100 shops and restaurants. "The last best place in LA," it's beloved by locals and tourists alike. Discover a variety of cuisines, and stroll among grocery stands, souvenir shops, and stalls where artisans work. On weekend summer evenings, bands play at the Market's two beer & wine bars, creating a free casual open air party.

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## **SEMA Show -- Calling All Car Buffs**

*November 2-5, 2004 -- Las Vegas*

The Specialty Equipment Marketing Association (SEMA) is composed of manufacturers of automotive OEM and aftermarket parts. Every year in November, they hold a show in Las Vegas in conjunction with similar organizations, such as AAIW (Automotive Aftermarket Industry Week), AAPEX (Automotive Aftermarket Products Expo), and the International Tire Expo. The combined shows occupy all three buildings of the Las Vegas Convention Center, plus the forecourt and front parking area, as well as the complete Sands Convention Center.

In 2003, the show was huge! It shattered all records in a number of categories. More than 100,000 people passed through the doors to view over 1800 exhibits, in just the LVCC. The New Product Showcase housed more than 1000 items. SEMA believes that the automotive aftermarket is about as healthy an economic indicator as there can be. If correct, the 2004 show may be even bigger!

The LVCC was organized into several product categories, and for the first time they were much more cohesively located, which reduced the walking distance to cover any given type of product. The categories were:

- Original Equipment Manufacturers (12 exhibits, 1067 booth spaces)
- Car Care & Accessories (188 exhibits in 350 booths)
- Business Services (48 exhibits, 84 booths)
- Racing & Performance (448 exhibits, 2036 booths)
- New Product Showcase
- Wheels and Performance Tires (182 exhibits, 1672 booths)
- Tools & Equipment (37 exhibits, 60 booths)
- Restyling & Accessories (195 exhibits, 637 booths)
- Restoration Marketplace (47 exhibits, 126 booths)
- Performance Marine (6 exhibits, 12 booths)
- Mobile Electronics (127 exhibits, 488 booths)
- Trucks, SUV's, & Accessories (359 exhibits, 2006 booths)
- Street Rod Alley (49 exhibits, 139 booths)
- International Tire Expo (115 exhibits, 419 booths)
- Mopar Alley (hot vehicles & products from Daimler-Chrysler)

In addition to all the above, there were Seminars, an NHRA Breakfast of Champions, a keynote address by

Jack Roush, a Ford Walk of Fame, and seemingly hundreds of tricked out cars and trucks, customized in every conceivable way, along with new model introductions, and NASCAR and other race cars. The SEMA show is 'Where everything new makes its debut', with new product launches and all the new trends and technologies. Not only things to see, but goodies were handed out as well, from key chains and pens to tote bags, literature to fill them, and more.

The show at the Sands is usually less organized, but includes suppliers from around the world, so you can practice your Korean, Italian, Spanish, etc.

If this sounds interesting, and you want to know more about sources of parts and services, racing goodies, what's available in wheels and tires, or just say hello to friends like Peter Nitoglia at MagnaFlow, Warren at Sparco, Dino Crescentini at WDSOURCE, and others, plan to attend. This year the exhibits are open from Tuesday, November 2 through Friday, November 5 in Las Vegas. Be sure to take good walking shoes, and plan to spend at least two days to see most of what you are interested in. You can check out the exhibitors lists, demonstrations, and special events as well as a show route map and personal agenda by visiting the web site below.

You can register in advance for \$10 by going to the web site: [www.SEMASHOW.COM](http://www.SEMASHOW.COM), filling out the form, and giving a credit card number. The show is not open to the general public, so you need to provide a business name, and your position in that business. If you don't have a business, you can surely use one of our local shop's names, or a race team name. They don't check up on you. Also, if you register as a buyer, you can get a card to swipe at the exhibits for info to be mailed to you, and you will probably get the SEMA News magazine delivered monthly, with the latest products and info. The deadline for \$10 advance registration is October 22. The price goes up to \$50 after that, and it is advisable to pre-register to avoid the on-site hassle. If you register before October 1, they will mail your badge to you; otherwise you go to will call to pick it up.

Parking at the show sites is difficult, but there are shuttle busses from many major hotels, and between the two show sites. If you fly to Las Vegas, you don't need a car.

## **Wine Tour 2004 to Santa Maria / Paso Robles**

Well it is time to start making plans for Wine Tour 2004. It is only 3 ½ months away till November 13 and 14.

We're headed back up north to tour the Paso Robles area. We were up there in May and you wouldn't believe how many new wineries have popped up since we were there in 2001.

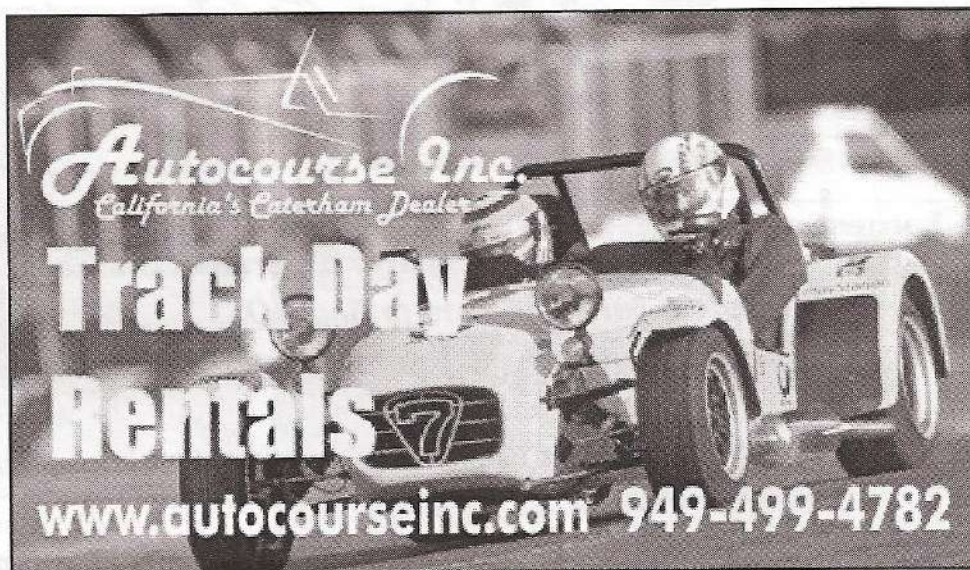
The Historic Santa Maria Inn will be our headquarters again. We have a block of rooms reserved at a pretty good discount. Mary and I will be there on Friday night so we will be ready.

I see that is about 140 miles from the 101/405 freeways in Encino so we all should start planning for a short workday on Friday Nov. 12. The hotel's Wine Cellar bar closes at 9 pm but when we take it over we can usually persuade them to keep it open for us on Friday night.

Reservations are \$79 a night for the older part of the Inn (this is where Mary and I stay) or \$99 a night for the "normal" section. Phone (800) 462-4276 and remind them you are with the Alfa Club.

For those of you desiring a suite 2 are available for \$119 and \$149. Call the Inn for details.

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# Concorso Italiano

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The promised disk of photos did not appear so there is nothing to show for this event! Ye Editor was not in attendance and only has last year's pix available. We do have a disk coming from another source so next month's issue will feature Concorso as well as the Historics and Pebble Beach.

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# Tom Suter's Excellent Trip

*Alfas Observed While Riding Along the Highways!*

Tom Suter recently had a business trip to Switzerland, and then spent a week at a friend's villa in Tuscany. He took his new digital camera along to try it, and provided a nice selection of photos, some taken from the passenger seat while riding along the highway! He also stopped at an Alfa Dealer for photos and brochures, which are in the files of the Editor.



*Out front of the Alfa Dealer: 147 & 156 wagon.*



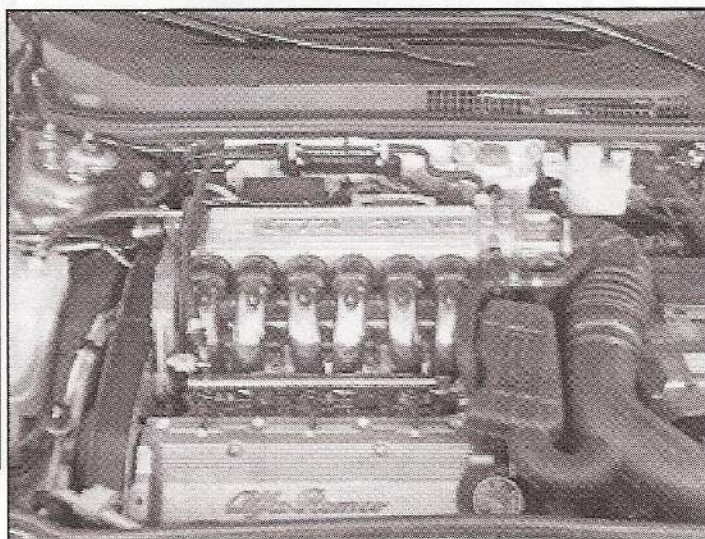
*The signpost tells us where we can go, but does it tell us where we are?? At least it looks like Italy.*



*Out back at the dealer: 156 GTV(?) & 147 hatchback*



*The new GTA on the showroom floor.*



*The business end (under the hood) of the new GTA.*



*The 156 wagon has a great profile.*



*The 145 hatchback is also a great looking car.*



*A 147 in traffic: confusing signs!*



*Another 156 GTA on display.*



*Parking on the street looks like a zoo! A 156 GTV wagon on the end. Hope it didn't get a door ding.*

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**1991 164L**: Rebuilt transmission, rebuilt steering rack, 116K miles, uses almost no oil. Mechanically 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)*

**Parts for Sale**: I've decided to move to Puerto Rico in January 2005! I have a vast inventory that I cannot take with me, if you don't buy it, it's going to the dump! Here's a list of cars that I've stripped:

'69 Berlina, '78 Spider (2), '80, '84 and '86 Spider, '82 and '84 GTV6, '76 Alfetta GT. I also have a bunch of GTV parts, some Guilia parts, and even some 2600 stuff. Please contact *Mike O'Brien by phone (858) 270-0139. (9/4)*

**1968 GT Jr**: Divorce sale - last year of two headlight step nose and old style wood-grain dash with floor pedals. Much work done by Autostrada on brakes, fuel system, and exhaust system. New tires, battery, etc. Just needs paint to be really sharp. Reduced to \$6,000. Call *Fred at (360) 770-2279. (9/4)*

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**1987 Milano Platinum**: Original red (burgundy) metallic exterior, suede leather interior, sunroof. Exterior and interior in good condition, needs new clutch. \$4,500 OBO. Call *Frank or Jean at (530) 877-8355. (7/4)*

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7 AROSC Board Meeting	1 Time Trial - Willow Springs	3 AROSC Board Meeting	7 AROSC Board Meeting
25 AROSC Annual Mtg and Luncheon at Hanks Bistro, Lawndale	4 AROSC Board Meeting	6-7 Drivers School, Streets of Willow	18 Wild Flower Rallye
31-1 Time Trial - Willow Springs	27 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City	21 Swap Meet at Omega MotorSports, 9am	30 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City
	29 Concours @ Pepperdine University, Malibu	25 General Meeting, 7:30 Mosier Restoration	
		27-28 Time Trial @ Laguna Seca	
May	June	July	August
2 Petersen Museum Tour	2 Board Meeting	7 Board Meeting	4 Board Meeting
5 Board Meeting	13 Concours at Craig Park Fullerton	11 Summer Beach Party at Huntington Beach	13 Concorso Italiano,
15-16 Palms to Pines Tour	18-20 Calif Historic Races at Fontana w/spectators	17 Braile Rallye 2004	14-15 Monterey Historics
28 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City	25 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City	29-1 AROC National Convention, New Hampshire	27 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City
29-30 Time Trial & Race @ Buttonwillow		30 General Meeting/Tech Session, Omega MS - 8pm, Culver City	28 Mt Wilson Climb to the Stars
September	October	November	December
1 Board Meeting	2 Swap Meet/Dyno Session @MagnaFlow (change)	3 Board Meeting	5 Competition Committee Meeting
4-5 Time Trial & Race @ Las Vegas Road Course	6 Board Meeting	7 Best of France & Italy Car Show & Concours	
11-12 Drivers School, Streets of Willow	10 RFCC Rally	13-14 Wine Tour	11 Holiday Party at the Kutkus' home
24 General Meeting, 8pm Culver City	16-17Alfa-Porsche Challenge, VARA @ Las Vegas		12 Board Meeting & Planning for 2004 at the Kutkus' home
24-26 Feast of San Gennaro LA @Grove/Farmers Mkt	23-24 Time Trial & Race @ Willow Springs	19 General Meeting, 8pm White Turkey Sale & Elections, Culver City	
	29 General Meeting, 7:30pm at Mosier Restorations	White Turkey Sale	

**2005 AROC Convention -- July 21-25, Seattle**