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OWNERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



February 2005

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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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Norm Silverman won the *AROSC* Overall Championship for the second year, proving that consistent participation pays off. His Giulia Spider won Overall in Closed Concours class, and his Giulia Ti won Overall in his Time Trial class. "This is the most fun I can have with my clothes on"! More on page 12.

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2005 AROSC Previews

An outline of coming events

General Meeting, Culver City – February 25, 8:00 PM

Join us for the February 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, so we will surprise you.

Concorso at Pepperdine University – Sunday, February 27, 9:00 AM

Pepperdine University will be host to our first Concours of 2005, along with the usual 'picnic basket competition'. The site is lovely, and it is expected to be a beautiful event to start our Concours season. More information is available on page 11.

Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 2, 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, having dinner, 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 has moved to Luigi's Restaurant, Rosecrans just west of the I-405.

Swap Meet and Dyno Session at Omega MotorSports – Sunday, March 13

It's spring-cleaning time! Time to clan out the garage! Time to tosock up on some missing parts for the 'project' car! We will have our Spring swap meet at Omega MotorSports just to accommodate your needs! In addition, we hope to offer Dave Evans' mobile dyno service on site as well as tech inspection for the time trial the following weekend.

Time Trial and Race – California Speedway – Fontana, March 19-20

We are returning to the parking lot outside the Speedway for a lower-speed fun time trial. This is a great event for those thinking about competing, but not sure about the high speeds

of Willow Springs and other tracks. There will not be a race group, as this is likely to be a third or fourth gear max speed course, at not much over a mile. But, there will be maximum fun, and car control will be primary. We will have a dinner in Ontario Saturday evening. For more information, contact Bruce Colby at the phone/E-mail listed on page 2, or Phyllis Gaylard for an entry form.

DON'T MISS:
**Concours at Pepperdine,
Malibu Sunday 2/27
and
Swap Meet & Dyno Session
Omega Motorsports
Sunday March 13**

General Meeting at Mosier Restoration – March 25, 7:30 PM

Join us for the March 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.

Rallye "In Search of Wildflowers" – April 3

We will start at the Reel Inn on PCH in Malibu again, and drive up, down, and around the Santa Monica Mountains, ending up at the Reel Inn for lunch.

Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 PM

Tour of Astor Car Collection – Sunday, April 10

Paul Dexler has arranged for a tour of the little-known but very interesting 200-car Astor collection in Santa Ana. More information in the March issue.

Pines to Palms Road Tour – April 23-24

The Barretts are planning another great road tour, starting in San Juan Capistrano, heading over Ortega Highway to picnic lunch in Idyllwild, then down the back side of the Cleveland National Forest to dinner and stay-over in Palm Springs. They have even found reasonably priced accommodations!

General Meeting – April 29, 8:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting – May 4, 7:30 PM

View from the Top

Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente!

Lots of planned happenings are starting to firm up. After a shaky and wet start to the New Year, forcing a rare cancellation of our planned Charlie Thieriot Memorial Time Trial / Race Event at Willow Springs (see Paul Blankenship's article enclosed) things are back on track. We will have returned from AROSC High Performance Driving School by the time this missive is delivered, but I can assure you that everyone who will have attended had a fabulous time.

We have firmed up a date for a Time Trial only event and will create over a mile long track in the parking lot of California Speedway the weekend of March 19th – 20th. This will be a wonderful time for Novice Time Trialers to hone their skills and an opportunity for everyone to get in a lot of seat time. In addition we have re-scheduled the First Annual Charlie Thieriot Memorial Competition for the Friday & Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. This event will feature our usual Time Trial, Race and Alfa Cup Competition and will have the addition of our annual Enduro. Your Board of Directors has also decided to award an annual Charlie Thieriot Cup to an AROSC member that the Board agrees is most representative of the dedication, commitment, irreverence, intelligence and good humor that were Charlie's trademark. This presentation will be made at Buttonwillow.

I am also happy to report that around 60 members from San Diego to Santa Barbara, attended our Annual Awards Dinner. The location this year was Luigi's Italian Restaurant, where we have recently begun to hold our monthly Board of Directors meetings. This was a wonderful opportunity to thank the Competition Board and their families for the fabulous and professional job they have done and continue to do. And it is truly a family effort. The meeting was graced by the presence of Debbie Thieriot and Joanne Schwartz and after a wonderful Italian buffet and the presentation of awards, we were regaled by the great story telling of new AROSC member and retired professional driver Tony Adamowicz. Doug Bender, retiring as Competition Chair and Bruce Colby, our new Competition Chair offered a virtual cornucopia of Silver Cups, Bowls and Plates. Last year I wrote, "I can't believe, that as I approach 65, I was rewarded for having more fun with my clothes on than I can remember with a class win for Time Trials (only car in the class), first place

for Concours (I showed up at every one) and overall Competition Points. I've got to do something about this compulsive, obsessive behavior". Well I haven't done anything about it. I am, however, begging for some competition in Time Trial Class H. Check the Competition Code, come up with a car between 140 and 149 points and come on out for some fun.

On, February 27th, we are planning to have our first Concours of the year overlooking the Pacific Ocean from the campus of Pepperdine University. Along with the car judging competition, we will also have a Concours de Picnic. Competition is not the issue, this is just a wonderful occasion to meet old friends, greet new friends, ogle and be ogled.

Paul Dexler, BoD member for entertainment, has arranged for AROSC to visit the famous, though somewhat reclusive, 200 Car Astor Collection in Santa Ana on Sunday, April 10th.

For those members living within an hour or so drive from Woodland Hills / Calabasas, the Village Coffee Roaster is hosting a European Car gathering the last Sunday of every month from 9AM till around 11. Evy, my grandson (Piloto Futuro) and I just attended the first one and I highly recommend the venue. I had the distinction of having not only the oldest car there, but the only Alfa. There was over a 50 car turnout of Lotus', Ferraris, Lamborghini's, Porsches, a couple of very attractive Z8's a single Mini Cooper and some wannabee Euros in the form of a Viper, a super charged Vette, etc.

Our March General Meeting will be at Mosier Restoration. The meeting will be held on Friday, March 25th, beginning at 7:00PM. Bob Mosier has been restoring some of the rarest automobiles in the world and presenting cars at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance for over 20 years. After our brief meeting, Bob takes the time to discuss and answer questions about the history, the restoration and fabrication techniques of the vehicles he is working on.

Keep the wheels side down

Norm Silverman (Norman I, Rex)

Victory by Design: Alfa Romeo DVD

The Fourth Order Has Arrived! Order Your Copy Now!

"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 abbreviated version has been shown on Speed Channel, but the DVD is better!

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.

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.

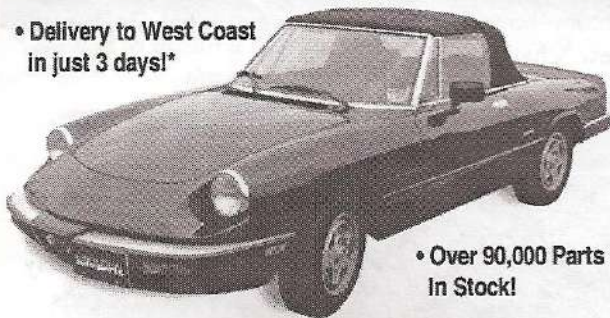
Some of the superb Alfas featured include: the 8C 2300 Zagato, the actual car last raced by Enzo Ferrari as a driver.

The actual P3 in which Tazio Nuvolari won the famous 1935 German Grand Prix. The only three 2900A racers ever built, together again for the first time since their Mille Miglia success of the mid 1930s. The awesome Monoposto B, winner of Grands Prix and the Mille Miglia. The unique 2900B Le Mans Coupe. The only surviving 12C Alfa. The Disco Volante. The Fangio-winning 6C 3000CM. The incredible Alfetta, winner of the first two World Grand Prix Championships in 1950 and 1951. The multiple European Championship winning GTA and GTAm. The TZ1 and racing Giulietta and Giulia range. The 33/2 Daytona, 33/3, and TT 33/12, which took Alfa Romeo to two World Sports Car Championships in the 1970s.

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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I now am connected to the internet by a cable modem, and can thus download photos, etc. without taking forever as it did with my dial-up modem. So, if you wish to submit photos, articles, etc., please do so using my new E-mail address: AlfaEditor@socal.rr.com. If your file is large, I have had problems with roadrunner, so send to the old Phyllis3@aol.com address, mention photos in the subject and I can download with broadband AOL.

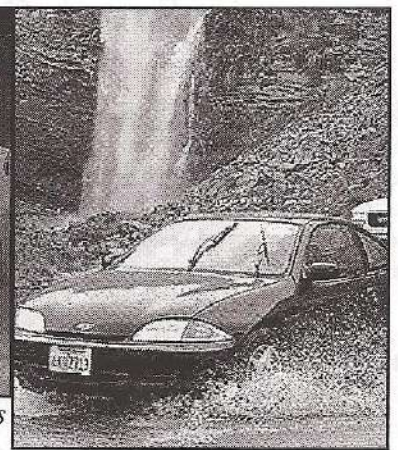
January Time Trial Report (NOT!) – Willow Springs?!

Well the AROSC 2005 Competition Season got off to a soggy start. The record rains did not spare Willow Springs, but we do not let a little bad weather stop us. And it did not stop our Time Trial/Race regulars from showing up. We had a record turnout for the January event with almost 90 cars entered.

Early Saturday morning the weather was still a little chilly and anyone who brought along an ice scraper suddenly became very popular. Us SoCal folks took some lessons on snow-ice driving from those of you raised in colder climates.



Accommodations/Dinner chair Sheila Kutkus went up anyway -- 'Where is everybody?'



"Water hazard at turn 4"



"Too fast in turn 8"

The qualifying race had some problems getting started as most racecars did not have heaters but once going things went swell.

The end of the day was welcomed as a time to hurry back to the hotel where a hot shower and dry clothes waited.



"Warm clothes ahead!"

Sunday the weather was still on the wet side but all competitors showed back up. The overnight rainfall added some new "challenges".



"Pregrid congestion and confusion"



"Look out – the exit of Turn 9"

And wouldn't you know the temperature started dropping at lunch Sunday so timed runs took a little longer to run than usual.

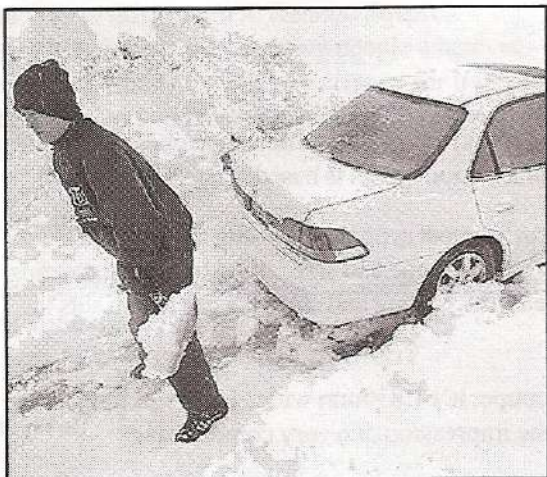
Congratulations to Il Presidente Norman

Saturday afternoon brought warmer temperatures but precipitation still continued to fall. There were some water hazards at several places but that only made navigating the track that more fun. The back part of the track became a little tricky.

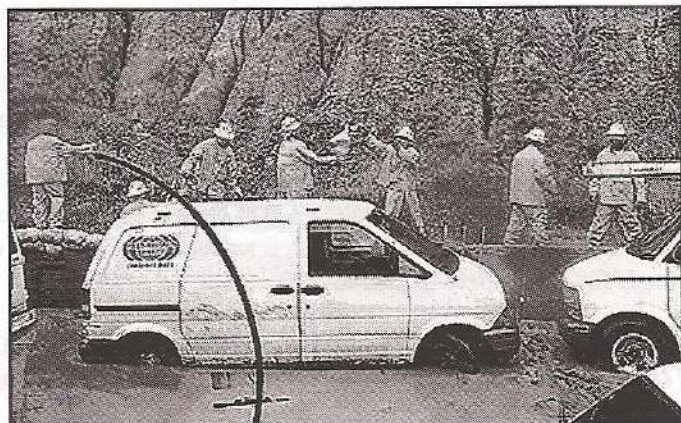
Silverman who took Top Time of Day with a 3:57.02. He was brought up on the other coast and his superior winter driving skills were what was needed. He was trying to beat 4 minutes all weekend.

Special thanks to new Competition Director, Bruce Colby. To assume the reins from Doug Bender and instill the

respect he so richly deserves, Bruce wore Bermuda shorts, nomex socks with race shoes, and a spiffy Hawaiian shirt all weekend.



"Getting ready for timed runs"



"Setting up for the mud run"



"We had to install a chicane on the front straight to keep the speeds under control!"



"Willow Springs needed a new timing tower anyway!"



This 'snowmobile' made the German magazine Auto und Sport!



"Such fun driving home!"

Note: If this was April, we would say *April Fool!*. But this is February, and we needed some filler to replace the report on the cancelled event. Levity seemed in order after the nasty weekend and the horror stories from La Conchita.

Thanks to Paul Blankenship for this 'Report' and to LATimes.Com for the photos. We sincerely hope none of our readers was impacted by this enormous storm like those in these photos.

ITALY: New Alfa Romeo coupe to debut at Geneva

01 Feb 2005

Source: just-auto.com editorial team

Alfa Romeo's all-new Brera is to make its public debut at the 2005 Geneva Motor Show, the same venue chosen in 2002 to show the original Giorgetto Giugiaro-designed concept on which this new production model is based.

Fiat subsidiary Alfa Romeo claims the Brera "encapsulates those characteristics most synonymous with the brand - sportiness and elegance - in a unique and exclusive style. The harmony of Brera's shape and size, allied to the outstanding engineering and driveability of an Alfa Romeo, makes for a car which is beautiful, strong and sturdy, a car which sets the standards for all coupes," it said in a statement.

Alfa also claims "generous dimensions" for the Brera which is a 2+2-seat coupe: it's 1,830mm wide, 4,414mm long and 1,372mm high, although the deeply tapered front and rear styling creates the impression of a very compact car.

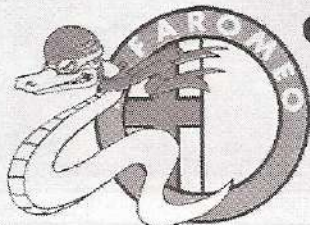
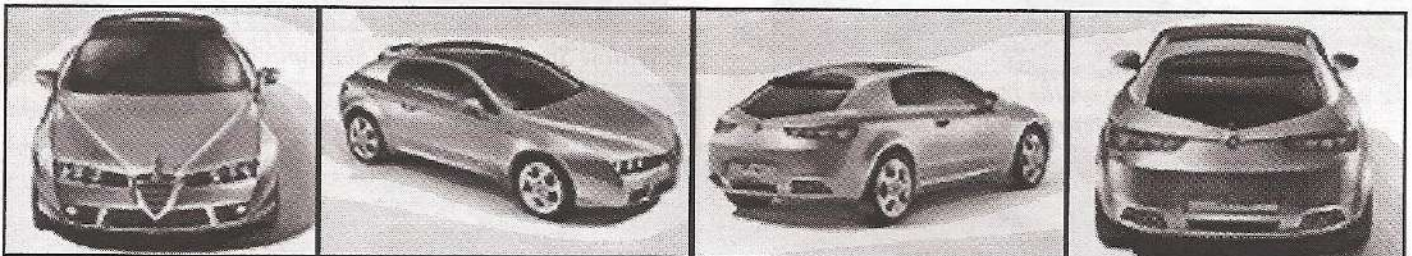
Novelties include a wide glass fixed roof that creates more natural interior light for passengers - adding to the sensation of spaciousness inside, the car maker said - while also giving the car a streamlined appearance from the outside.

The Brera will be offered with three trim levels and a choice of the Fiat Auto 2.4-litre JTD 240 bhp turbodiesel and two petrol engines (185 bhp 2.2 JTS or 260 bhp 3.2) coupled to either an automatic transmission or a six-speed manual gearbox.

It has so-called 'quadrilateral' front suspension and multi-link rear suspension, some models have standard traction control and all have electronics monitoring and controlling braking and road-holding.

The Brera is likely to be sold in all Alfa Romeo's major markets world-wide, but not North America, which the Italian automaker abandoned in the early '90s, not long after parent company Fiat.

Alfa Romeo Australia has already confirmed it will sell right-hand drive versions from the middle of 2006 with the top engine and trim combination the most likely single version there. The new coupe will be the flagship of the range.



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E-Mail Subject: Alfa Transport to Potlatch?

I mentioned to this person in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania that we were helping people wherever possible from around the country arrange car transport to the Potlatch. Do you have any suggestions for him to send his race car here?

Fred Russell

From: John van Rensburg
Subject: Alfa Transport to Potlatch?

Hi Fred et al!

This would be a huge undertaking, but such a fun thing to do for the members country-wide! I would be happy to help in any way that I can.

This really started a bit ago with one of the guys in the SoCal club posting a hypothetical question for interest in renting a transporter and bringing up a load of Alfisti babies to the national convention here in the summer, from a single drop-point somewhere in central California!

I picked up the line and said that I would be happy to collect keys, check miles/condition, do test drives... (just kidding...) or whatever to help coordinate it! Now I'm it! Fine ha-ha. With some help from the local chapters and bulletin boards, who knows!?

So, if we can get the AO to post a big notice that all those interested in shipping their cars from various parts of the country, should all drop an email to me at john@reginaceleste.com. I have copied as many of the folks from the various chapters as I could find emails for fast here and I am hoping that you would all assist in spreading the word!

Please make sure that everyone sees my email so that I can get a feel for the initial level of interest from various points. Maybe we can consolidate pick-ups/drop-offs to say 5 or 6 points all over the country? As a pre-cursor; I don't think that this gets done BOTH ways for less than 600 bucks per car total for open shipping! Just a guess.

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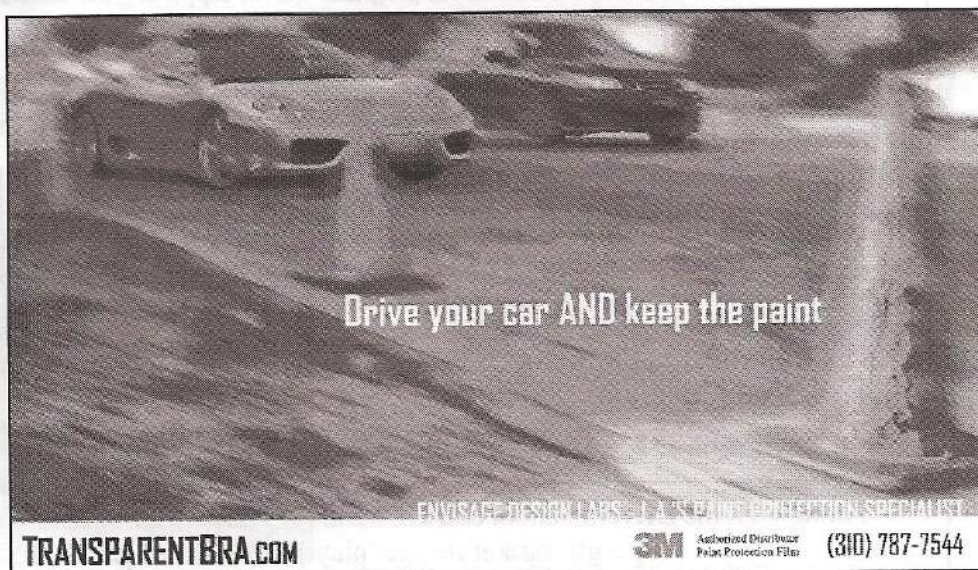
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Dear Norman:

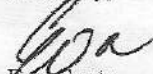
Hospice of Pasadena is *most grateful* for your very generous gift of four gift certificates to Alfa Romeo Intro Group driving instruction at Willow Springs Race Track, and a gift certificate to the Alfa Romeo Driving School at Willow Springs.

This wonderful gift was the "hit" at our annual fundraising dinner/auction held on October 22, 2004 and helped Hospice raise \$75,000!

Established in 1978, Hospice of Pasadena continues to provide bereavement counseling and support to thousands of individuals and families throughout the San Gabriel Valley. We are proud to have withstood the test of time and continue to offer services to those in need at *no charge*. As we receive no government funding of any, we rely solely on the generous support of individuals, special fundraising events and private foundations to sustain or work!

Thank you for your faith in our programs and for supporting our efforts.

Sincerely,



Eva Goetz
Director of Development

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Along with the Drivers School entries, we also donated a number of other goodies to make up a gift basket for the 'player' which brought in \$1500!

Concours at Malibu – February 27

A Beautiful Venue for Beautiful Cars

AROSC Again Presents a Celebration of California Style!

Bring your best car, best picnic, and best friend to Malibu for a fantastic day full of fun, friends, and cars set against views of the Pacific from picturesque Pepperdine University.

This venue will be a multi-marque event of California Specials and Italian Cars featuring *Alfa Romeo*.

A variety of classes will be judged including Open and Closed Alfa, Daily Driver, Best Italian, Etceterini, California Special, Race Prepared, and Motorized Contraption. This is a great opportunity to share your Alfa with others and maybe bring a friend who has some other great car (Italian preferred!)

AROSC chapter cars are some of the finest examples of the marque around and your car deserves a day in the sun! Start the concours season right and score some points early!

In addition to the cars, picnic basket judging will be in full swing with recognition to be given in 3 categories of competition – Molto Alfa (Very Alfa), Migliore Italiano (Best Italian), and Beach themes.

Bring your sun block! Weather is usually stunning with warm to breezy conditions.

So let's recap... Great Cars, Great setting, Great food! See you in Malibu.

Pepperdine is located at Pacific Coast Highway and Malibu Canyon/Las Virgines Road. Turn inland onto Malibu Canyon/Las Virgines Road and stop at the Malibu Canyon Entrance booth for further directions to our Concours site. The gates open at 8am for competitors, 9am for spectators, and judging begins at 10am. There is a \$10 fee for judging. Awards will be presented during lunch, starting at noon and the event will conclude by 2pm.

For questions about this event or anything related to Concoursing your Alfa, contact Doug Adler at (805) 390-2506.

This Could Be Your Alfa In The Collage



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AROSC 2004 Competition Program and Annual Awards

By Doug Bender and Bruce Colby

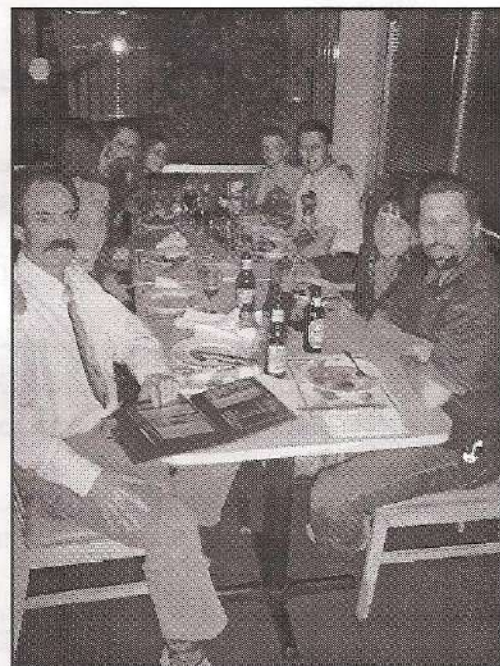
The AROSC Competition Program once again provided a lot of excitement and fun in 2004. Our track program (driving schools, time trials, and races) continues to be the best bargain in the Southern California club racing scene with its low cost and its safe but relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Our Concours program continues as a low-key, fun event, starting with a spring Concours on the lovely grounds of Pepperdine College and ending with a big (if rainy) bash at Woodley Park. And, Rally Director Bill Carson once again arranged a "fun rally" through the canyons above Malibu. All these events were described in more detail in *Alfacionada* through the year, so no need to rehash more here.

This year's program promises even more fun, with five time trials including a low-key time trial in the California Speedway parking lot, a new venue at Pahrump in Nevada, two visits to Willow Springs, a late spring event at Buttonwillow (to once again include an Enduro), and the usual two driving schools at the Streets of Willow. We are planning the usual three Concours, with the first one once again at the beautiful Pepperdine College.

You will have read elsewhere of our Annual Meeting at Luigi's restaurant in Hawthorne. A highlight of this meeting is the recognition of competition program volunteers and directors. We also honor the select group of individuals who, through consistency, persistence, and careful car preparation or excellent driving, won trophies for their overall performance during 2004 in the AROSC Competition Program. Join me in congratulating these competition winners.

Competition Program Directors

The Competition Program Directors give selflessly of their own time to keep the Time Trial and Concours programs running and constantly



The 'Foothill subchapter' of the Time Trial Committee gathered together.

improving. Each Director received a personally-engraved cup. Those Directors were:

Competition Director—Doug Bender (Doug retired from the Competition Director position at the end of 2004)

Deputy Competition Director—Bruce Colby (Bruce moves up to Competition Director in 2005)

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There was a good group enjoying dinner.

Director of Photography—Mike Mc Kibben

Concours Director—Doug Adler

rally Director—Bill Carson

We added some excellent talent to our pool in 2004: Bruce Colby stepped up as Deputy Competition Director (and starting this year will take over the top job as Competition Director), Greg Nelson and Dennis Fibrow stepped up to the key positions of Time Trial and Race Director respectively, Vince Rinner came onboard as Director of Timing, and Mike Mc Kibben came on in the new position of Director of Photography.

Overall Championship

To recognize participation and consistency across all our competition activities, Club members who participate in more than one type of event (Concours and Time Trials) are eligible for overall championship awards, based on their performance in each competition. For the second year in a row, first place in the “overall” competition went to:

- 1 Norm Silverman

Also receiving a certificate for multi-event participation (i.e., entering both time trials and concours), was Art Russell

Alfa Time Trials and Racing

We had four time trials, at Willow Springs (twice), Laguna Seca, and Buttonwillow. In time trials, we use a point system similar to Formula One racing, awarding 9 points for first in Class, and 6, 4, 3, 2, and 1 for second through sixth places, and then adding up the score for the year. Then, we award trophies based on the number of entrants per class. A contestant may only win a trophy in one class even if participating in multiple classes. Only AROSC members are eligible for year-end trophies. Finally, a competitor must enter at least two events over the course of the year to be eligible for year-end trophies.

Alfa Time Trials Awards

- Class B 2 Hector Vasquez (GTV)
- Class C 1 Peter Kemos* (GTV)
- 3 Jim Ferris
- Class H 1 Norm Silverman (Giulia Ti)

Alfa Cup Racing

- Group 1 (Classes A, B, Z) 1 Larry Dickman (GTV6)
- 2 Uwe Backer (GTV)
- Group 2 (Class C) 1 Peter Kemos (GTV)*
- 2 Jim Ferris (Alfetta)

* Peter Kemos was both overall Time Trial and Alfa Cup winner.



Peter Kemos' GTV, overall winner in both time trials and Alfa Cup



Larry Dickman's class-winning Alfa Cup GTV6.

Concours

Concours are judged with a theoretical maximum of 200 points with deductions for imperfections. We then add up the scores over the four Concours during the year. Again, contestants can only win a trophy in one class.

- Open Class 1 Norm & Evie Silverman (Giulia Spider)
- Closed Class 1 Fred Firschen (GTV)*
- 2 Doug Adler (Lancia Scorpion)
- Daily Driver 1 Phyllis Gaylard (164Q)
- 2 Steve Edelman (Spider Quad)

* Fred Firschen edged out Norm and Evie Silverman as overall Concours winner.



Phyllis's Daily Driver winner.



Sheila Kutkus hangs the Alfa Cup plaque in the 'Alfa Clubhouse', our Holiday party room.



Diners included Debbie Thieriot and Joanne Schultz with Charlie & Bonnie Schwartz,

Non-Alfa Time Trialing and Racing

Unlike, say, the BMW or Porsche clubs, there are not enough Alfas to run all-Alfa time trials. So we have a great variety of cars at our events and are glad to have them. To recognize this we award year-end prizes to Club members driving non-Alfas. Only Club members winning prizes are listed below.

Non-Alfa Time Trial Awards

Class M	1	Bob Poulin (BMW M3)
Class N	1	Claus Groth (Porsche 944T)
Class O	2	Greg Heesacker (BMW M3)
Class Q	1	Beverly Major (Toyota MR2)
	2	Fred Hamilton (Buick Regal GS)

Non-Alfa Racing

Class N	2	Mitch Mc Kibben (Mustang)
Class O	1	Emilio Velsecchi (VW Golf)
Class P	1	Steve Luftman (MR2)
	2	Terry Major (MR2)



The McKibbin Mustang

Charlie Cup

As most of you know, Charlie Thieriot passed away last year. Charlie was our predecessor as Competition Director

and ran the program for many years. He put a great deal of himself into the club and its activities; the time trial and race program in particular would not exist without Charlie's long-term stewardship and leadership. Anyone who knew Charlie would be hard pressed to forget the experience. The AROSC Board of Directors has authorized an annual award, called the "Charlie Cup", to an AROSC member who provided an extraordinary service over the previous year or years. We were planning to hold a memorial for Charlie at the Saturday night banquet at the Willow Springs time trial last month, and the plan was for AROSC President Norm Silverman to award the first Charlie Cup at that Banquet. Since the Willow time trial was rained out Norm will determine an appropriate time and place to make this award, perhaps at the Fontana or Buttonwillow time trial.

Well, that's about it for prizes.

Personal note from Doug Bender:

It's been my pleasure to serve as AROSC Competition Director these past five years, and it is hardly believable that five years have already passed. This job took a lot more time and effort than I imagined, but nothing worth doing was ever easy! I plan to take a break for a while from running club activities, but I won't be gone completely, I hope to now have more time to compete and participate in the activities. The AROSC competition program is in excellent hands with my successor Bruce Colby at the helm and a very strong all-volunteer Board of Directors, just as AROSC is in excellent hands under President Norm Silverman and its own strong Board of Directors.

Let's have a fun and safe AROSC Competition Program in 2005!

Tony A2Z Awarded AROSC Membership

Tony Adamowicz was invited to speak at the Annual Meeting and Year-end Trophy dinner, and was bestowed a membership in AROSC in honor of his participation and support, both as an instructor at the driving schools, and in joining us at our events. He gave some insight into his participation in the 'Cannonball Baker Sea-to-Shining Sea Memorial Trophy Dash'.

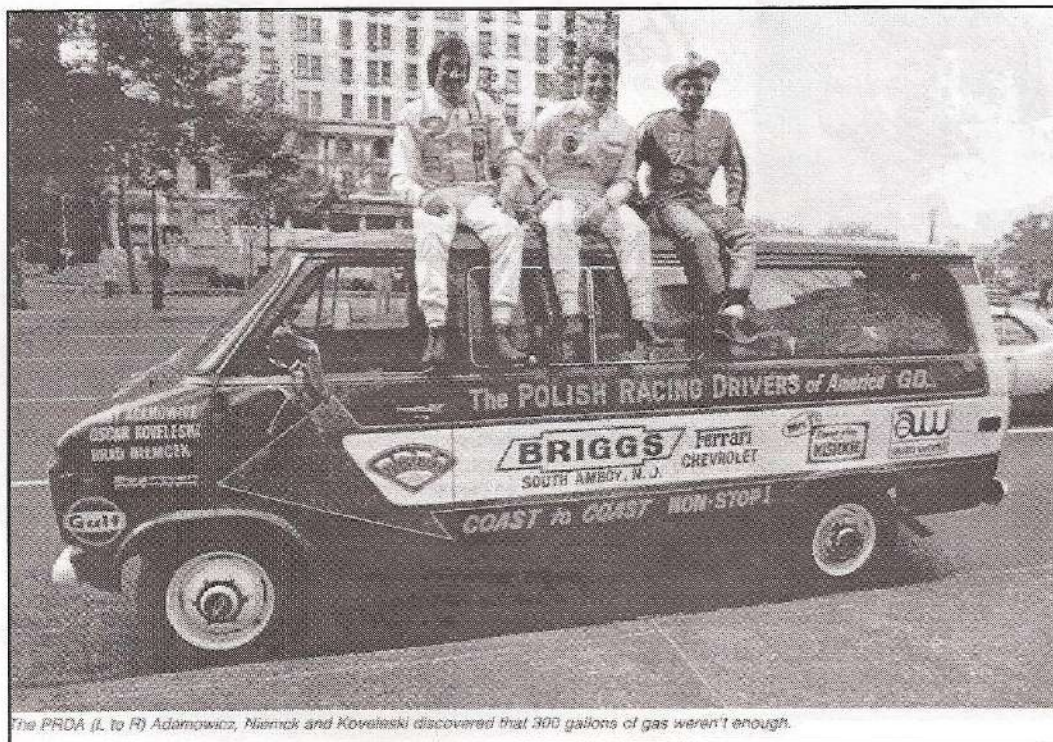
Gene Brown had recently sent the March 1972 issue of *Car & Driver* with their coverage of this event, including the photo of the PRDA van that Tony co-drove. His team decided that the way to win was to not stop along the way, so they installed and plumbed up five 55-gallon drums of fuel in the back of the van, along with a porta-potty and a bunk, and changed drivers on the fly. They had a sponsoring Chevy dealer that set up the dip-stick and oil filler to be accessed from inside and there were many modifications made to increase performance. They may have miscalculated the effect of the weight of the van with all that fuel, as they had to make one gas-stop for a quick fill of around 20 gallons, which cost them an estimated 7 minutes. They averaged 77.2 mph, completing the run from downtown New York to Redondo Beach in 36.47 hours, a record for vans that still stands. They had the shortest down time, with no stops for tickets, but came in

second to Dan Gurney and Brock Yates in a Ferrari, who averaged 80.0 mph, with 9 fuel stops and one big ticket stop. Tony's team was surprised to find Gurney already at the finish, as they had started first, claiming the 'Pole' position by birth-right.

A Cadillac Sedan de Ville had the highest average drive speed of 84.6, but spent 3.15 hours stopped with 15 fuel stops and 5 tickets! This team contracted to drive someone's nearly new Caddy to Los Angeles, and agreed to keep the speed under 75, and only drive between 8:00am and 9:00pm! They had to wait 3 days before delivering the Caddy to its owner.

Without counting the stop-times, Tony's team had the lowest average driving pace of the finishers at 77.5 mph, and the shortest distance traveled. The conclusion was that the PRDA team had the right idea, and that running flat-out is not as good as 'cooling it' on a long-distance journey. The higher speeds tended to attract too much attention from the law, especially in the Arizona-California desert area, before all the freeways, and after an apparent 'alert' was passed on to look for this bunch of fast-driving lunatics!

More photos on page 16.



The PRDA (L to R) Adamowicz, Nienick and Kowalski discovered that 300 gallons of gas weren't enough.

*The Polish Racing Drivers of America Team still holds the cross-country record for a van.
(photo courtesy Car & Driver, March 1972)*



Tony speaking at the Annual Meeting.



Tony's more usual ride was a Porsche.



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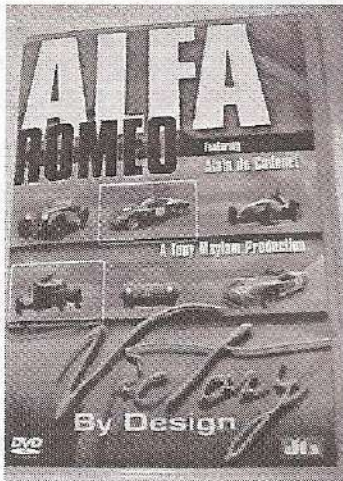
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May	June	July	August
4 Board Meeting 27 General Meeting, 8pm, Culver City 28-29 Time Trial & Race @ Buttonwillow	1 Board Meeting 12 Concours at Craig Park Fullerton 24 General Meeting/Tech Session, Omega MS - 8pm, Culver City 24-26 Calif Historic Races at Fontana w/spectators	6 Board Meeting 16 Braile Rallye 2004 28-31 AROC National Convention, Seattle 29 NO General Meeting	10 Board Meeting 19 Concorso Italiano, 20-21 Monterey Historics 26 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City 28 Summer Party, Huntington Beach @ Phyllis'
September	October	November	December
3-4 Drivers School, Streets of Willow 7 Board Meeting 24 General Meeting, Castaways Restautant, Burbank	1 Swap Meet/Dyno Session @MagnaFlow 5 Board Meeting 22-23 Time Trial & Race @ Willow Springs 28 General Meeting, 7:30pm at Mosier Restorations 30 Rallye	2 Board Meeting 5 Best of France & Italy Car Show & Concours 12-13 Time Trial @ Pahrump 18 General Meeting, 8pm White Turkey Sale & Elections, Culver City White Turkey Sale 26-27 Wine Tour	4 Competition Committee Meeting 10 Holiday Party at the Kutkus' home 11 Board Meeting & Planning for 2006 at the Kutkus' home

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