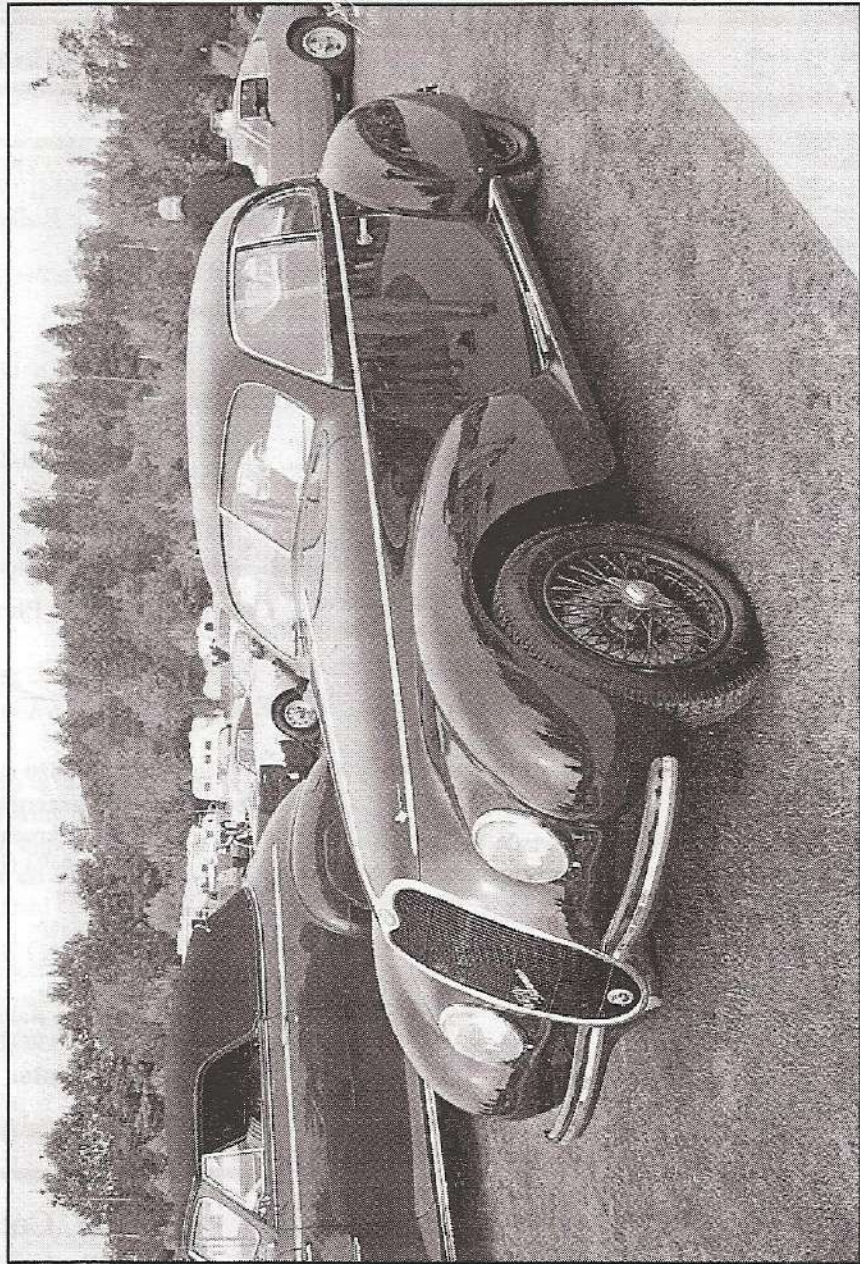


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January 2005

In This Issue: 2005 Board of directors, 2005 Events Calendar, Holiday Party Pix, upcoming events, and more..

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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

This beautiful Touring-bodied 8C2500 Superleggera from the Blackhawk Collection is "one of the smoothest bodies I have ever seen" wrote Jim Lightfoot. Photo by Jim Lightfoot at the Ironstone Concourse, Sept. 2004. More on page 13.

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2005 AROSC Previews

An outline of coming events

Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 30, 4-7:30 PM

The general meeting for January will be the Annual Awards dinner and clean car show at a new venue: Luigi's restaurant on Rosecrans, just west of the I-405. Turn into the parking lot on the north side (right) at the first traffic light west of the freeway, across from McDonald's. Luigi's is straight ahead. We will have an Italian buffet dinner for just \$20, including tax and tip! Please RSVP to Phyllis Gaylard by January 20, by phone at (714) 377-6377 or E-mail to AlfaEditor@socal.rr.com. More info on page 11, including the menu, address, and phone.

Time Trial and Race – TBD, awaiting confirmation of location, March 19-20

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

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 a stay-over in Palm Springs.

General Meeting – April 29, 8:00 PM

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

General Meeting – May 27, 8:00 PM

Time Trial, Race, and Enduro at Buttonwillow – May 28-29

Board of Directors Meeting – June 1, 7:30 PM

Concorso at Craig Regional Park, Fullerton – Sunday, June 12

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**DON'T MISS:
Annual Meeting --
Dinner and Year-End
Trophy Presentation
January 30, 4:00 PM**

Board of Directors Meeting at Luigi's – Wednesday, February 2

Drivers School, Streets of Willow – February 5-6

Do you want to drive better? Faster? This is the place to learn how. There is no restriction on what you bring to drive, as long as it is safe. We offer instruction in improved street driving, beginning and advanced time trial driving, and race driving, so you can sign up for whatever level of skill you want to develop. This 2-day event can't be beat for the price, track time, and instruction. There will be an interesting guest instructor: Kas Kastner. For more information, contact Steve Hamilton at (310) 214-5110 or Bruce Colby at (760) 727-7668 or BruceColby@aol.com.

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

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

Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 2, 7:30 PM

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

More 2005 Previews of Coming Events

General Meeting and Tech Session at Omega MotorSports, June 24, 8:00 PM

This is a special meeting, our annual tech session at Omega MotorSports in Culver City. Do not go to Veterans Park, as we decided not to rent it for a brief sojourn. We will have a minimum of business, and then get down to the good stuff: cars on the lifts so we can see what the bottoms look like, Q&A with Uwe Backer, proprietor of Omega, and pizza and beverages. Omega is located just a mile or so northeast of our usual meeting, at 3822 Clarington Ave, between Venice and Washington, just north of Sony Studio. Call (310) 836-3160 if you need detailed directions

Board of Directors Meeting – July 6, 7:30 PM

Braille Rallye – July 17

Annual AROC Convention – July 28-31, Seattle WA

We have the beginnings of a pretty decent caravan shaping up for those who want to drive up to Seattle. The Caravan to Portland in 2000 was great, so don't miss this one. Seattle is a great destination, and the track is not to be missed!

No General Meeting in July – Gone to Seattle!

Board of Directors Meeting – August 10, 7:30 PM

Concorso Italiano, Monterey – Friday, August 19

This is the big annual show that precedes the Monterey Historics and the Pebble Beach show and auction. It's Alfa Romeo weekend in Monterey, with Alfa the featured marque at all venues! Make room reservations early! Contact Norman Silverman for more information on joining the caravan to Monterey

General Meeting – Friday, August 26, 8:00 PM

Annual Summer Party – Huntington Beach, Sunday, August 28

Drivers School, Streets of Willow – September 3-4

Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, September 7, 7:30 PM

Dinner Meeting with a View – Saturday, September 24

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

Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 5, 7:30 PM

Time Trial and Race, Willow Springs – October 22-23

General Meeting at Mosier Restoration – Friday, October 28, 7:30 PM

Rallye (Ghostly?) – October 30, location to be announced

Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 2, 7:30 PM

Concours at Woodley Park – November 6

Time Trial and Race, Pahrump, NV – November 12-13

General Meeting, Election, White Turkey Auction – November 18

Wine Tour – November 25-26?

Competition Committee Meeting – Sunday, December 4

Holiday Party – December 10, Noon - 5

Board Meeting & Planning – December 11, 11 AM

Much of the above is tentative or unconfirmed – final dates/locations will be provided as they are determined. In addition, there will be some Special Meetings and events to be added. We are looking at a Saturday afternoon clean car show at the Petersen Museum with a private tour of the vault, a trip to Otis Chandler's Museum in Oxnard and/or possibly the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar. There may also be a joint trek to the San Diego Auto Museum for the 'Italian Style: Lamborghini, Ferrari, Alfa Romeo' Special Show, and anything else we can come up with. We have talked about a meeting at Meguiar's on car cleaning processes and products, and other ideas. If you have any suggestions, please contact a board member.

View from the Top

Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente!

All I can say about my first year as Il Presidente is that I am eagerly looking forward to my second. First I can't begin to thank Sheila and MJ Kutkus for their wonderful hospitality and another exceptional yearend Holiday Party. Enough cannot be said about their dedication and hard work (non Alfa owners) on behalf of AROSC and yours truly.

As in previous years, on the second Sunday in December, your newly elected Board of Directors met to (a) decide on the 2004 Schedule of Events, (b) the individual responsibility of each Director, (c) elect a president and (d) finish the leftovers from the prior days Xmas party. As I have been re-elected president and have not yet figured out how to get even with Paul Blankenship for the wonderful time I've had (a project that I am diligently working on), I am pleased to report that all of our goals and objectives were met.

Our immediate objective is to continue putting a schedule of events together that will balance competition with social occasions and to spread the venues around Southern California.

Participation has continued to increase in most every area with the exception of our monthly General Meetings. We intend to address this by putting the burden of creating interesting meetings at interesting venues on the shoulders of newly elected Director & Peterson Museum Docent, Paul Dexler. Meetings will not necessarily be the last Friday of the month, but maybe a Saturday or Sunday. We still have a few event venues waiting for final confirmation, but it looks like we will continue our semi annual General Meetings at Mosier Restoration by LAX, repeat our Concorso & Picnic at Craig Park in Fullerton, start our Palm to Pines 2 day road trip from South Orange County, check out the wildflowers during a rally over and around the Santa Monica Mountains and search for (and find) wine along the canyon roads of Arroyo Grande.

Our end of January General Meeting and awards luncheon will be a **January 30th General Meeting and Awards Dinner** at Luigi's (family style) Italian Restaurant at the intersection of the 405 and Rosecrans. My plea is the same as last year. "**PULLEEZE, Per Favore, Mi faccia il favore di ripondere (RSVP) by January 20th**". There will be ample parking for a 'Clean Car Show' followed by a wonderful Italian buffet including Antipasti, Chicken

Marsala, Lasagna, Roasted Veggies, soft drinks, desert and the presentation of trophies and raffle prizes galore.

Doug Bender has retired as Director of Competition leaving a strong management team to work with his successor, Bruce Colby. The Performance Driving School under the able direction of Steve Hamilton and Race and Time Trial Competition being professionally managed by Denis Fibrow and Greg Nelson respectively (with kudos from all participants) are poised to reach new levels of excellence. Concours competition flourished under the direction of returning BoD member Doug Adler, culminating with our largest Concours turnout at the year ending "Best of France & Italy". In addition, young Mr. Adler has volunteered to digitize photos and film given to him by members for the purpose of creating historic club DVD's and, hopefully, produce DVD's designed to support the AROSC specific driver training programs that have been developed over the years.

About the time we walk off the buffet it will be time to squeeze into our cars and participate in our first **AROSC High Performance Driving School Weekend of 2005** at the **Streets of Willow Springs Feb. 5th & 6th**. **Any car** that passes tech inspection (the wheels look like they'll stay on, no major leaks, brakes that seem to work and a DOT 3 point seat belt) will qualify for Street Performance School and if you've been there, done that, then check out the requirements for Time Trial or Race School. Information is available on our web site, www.arosc.org, now being kept up to date by BoD Member and Webmaster Jon Pike. Your driving skills can always use a refresher, but more important is the instruction that we can pass on to your 'not so experienced' licensed bambini. The school is also designed so that 2 people can share a car in Street Performance and Time Trial.

Thanks again to everyone for helping me get through the year while I tried to figure out this presidential thing and Evie and I look forward to personally wishing each and every one of you a healthy and prosperous New Year when we get together at Luigi's on January 30th.

Keep the wheels side down

Norm Silverman (Norman I, Rex)

The 2005 Board of Directors



Back row from left: George Nekrachevitch, Norman Silverman, Paul Dexler, Jon Pike, Bruce Colby, Phyllis Gaylard, and Gene Brown; front row: Doug Adler, Elyse & Jim Barrett, and Bill Carson.



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One for the Alfa History Books

This is one for all you guys and Phyllis who have helped with my beautiful 1993 Spider.....usually just before an Alfa Club outing when something decides not to work properly or there is a loud noise I can't identify. Your efforts have not been in vain, although I must confess that I still can't change a tire. I have learned to check my oil.

As many are aware, I was having on going problems with my engine light coming on under the worst of conditions this summer. Usually in the middle of a crowded, stop and go, freeway. After several emergency repairs, fuses, switches, etc. and several trips to Alfa Only, I thought the problem had been resolved. Guess again!! Started the car about a month ago and surprise, the engine light goes on. Of course it is on Saturday morning and Bill Werner no longer works on the weekend. I was not about to be stuck without a car until Monday so I took matters into my own hands.

I remembered being shown a green tip fuse on one of my previous adventures so decided to look at the fuse box under the dash with my trusty flashlight. I never did figure out how to make it drop down, but I did spy a green tipped something that looked familiar. Pulled it out and found an exact one in my fuse stash. Replaced it and guess what, the car worked just fine.

Incidentally, there was nothing wrong with the fuse which Bill at Alfa Only confirmed. Apparently, after overheating several times, the fuse holders were distorted and the fuse was not being held firmly in place.

Lesson learned.....even I can fix simple somethings in an emergency if I put my mind to it; however, I really don't want to become a mechanic. I still hope all of you will continue to be generous with your support and suggestions for the other things that are still way beyond my ability.

Carrie Adrian

Comment from the Editor Now you can E-mail Photos!

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.

A Letter from our Vice President

As your ever so humble and hard working vice president (again), I thought I would welcome all of you to a New Year. I trust by now all you good Alfa Romeo owners received all those hard to find replacement parts for your cars over the holidays. Lets hope the safety belts still fit after all the holiday parties!

I would like to challenge all of you to consider writing an article to your newsletter, the Alfacionada. Our fabulous editor, Phyllis, sure could use a few good articles to start the new year off right. So, no matter how small and trivial you might think it is, write it down and email it to Phyllis. Please make sure to use a spell checker before you send the article. If Phyllis gets enough articles, she can start a "members corner" column in the Alfacionada. This would be a perfect place to describe how you solved a particular electrical gremlin, found a wonderful drive through some little known mountain pass, or came upon a great little winery tucked away from the main road. You don't even have to own an Alfa to submit an article. So come on all of you reading this right now, get going and submit an article! I did...

Yours truly,

Bill Carson
V.P. and Rallye Chair

'Mystery' cars at Woodley Park:

The 'mystery' Lancia is a custom bodied Lambda (I think) from about mid 1920s. The other 'mystery' car is a Fiat V8 from late '50s. Fiat called it an "8V," because they thought Ford had a lock on "V8."

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Jay and Katherine won a prize again this year!



New board members George Nekrachevitch and Jim Barrett -- before the board meeting, and still smiling!



Happy party people tasting wine!



The gray beards: Dave Herting & Norm Silverman



More happy party people!



Jon Pike, Marcia King, and Carrie Adrian



Mary Blankenship with new members Sean and Maureen O'Hara -- friends from the wine tour.

To: All European Car Clubs & Organizations

YOU ARE INVITED! The organizers of the giant Porsche Show formerly held at the "Dunkel Bros." facility each February in Anaheim, California, have moved the show to a new, LARGER location. With this move comes the opportunity to include ALL European-manufactured automobiles and establish a significant annual Southern California gathering of all European cars, parts, related services and clubs.

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AROSC Annual Meeting

January 30, 2005
4:00 – 7:30 pm

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Chicken MarsalaChicken Breast sautéed in butter, garlic, mushrooms, and Marsala wine.

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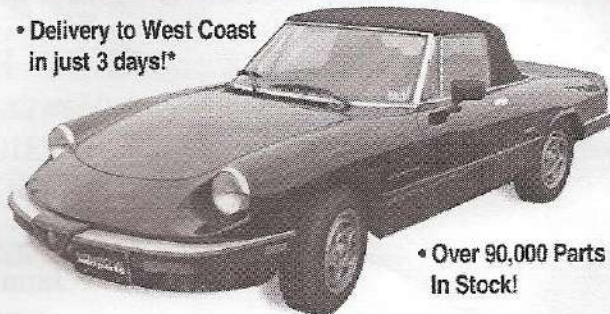
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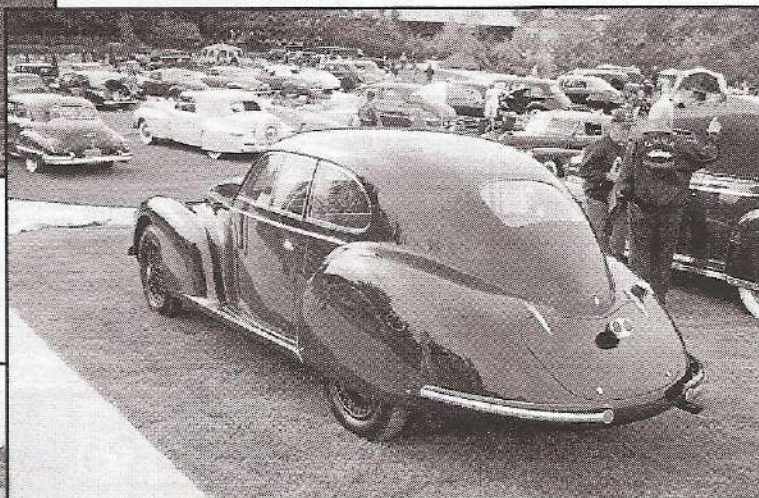
Jim and Paula Lightfoot attended the Ironstone Concours on September 18, 2004, and sent in some photos of neat cars on view. This was at Murphy's in the Motherload Country, Northern California. Jim notes that they had a small Alfa Class of six cars: 1956, 1959, 1965 Sprints, a 1963 Spider, a 1973 GTV and Spider, and on display only was the 1939 Touring-bodied 6C2500 Coupe from the Blackhawk collection.



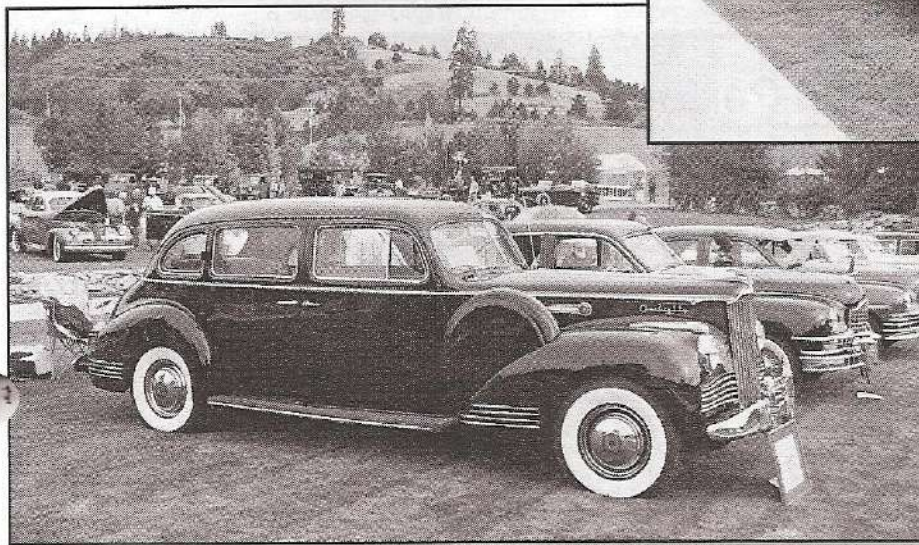
Lenny Pollacchi's 1973 Spider (Sacramento) and Steve Barber's 1973 GTV (San Jose)



A 1958 Aston Martin DB mark III Drophead, body by Touring, Superleggera -- apparently a one-off by Touring in anticipation of a series from Aston Martin which never occurred. Owned by Reid Dennis of Woodside.



The rear view of the 1939 8C2500 Touring Superleggera on the cover -- a 4-seat Berlinetta.



The 1942 Packard that Jim and Paula Lightfoot drove to the Concours.

AROSC/Storm Karting: 3-Hour Go Kart Enduro

By Mike McKibbin

Last summer, my brother Mitch and several other club members became involved in a racing series hosted by Storm Karting (www.stormKartin.com) at a parking lot course on the grounds of Irwindale Speedway. This group operated an "arrive and drive" go-kart program which not only included a weekly spring championship series, but also 3 hour endurance races on a pretty much monthly basis. The course is a pretty much constantly changing 6 to 9 turn affair, probably a little less than 1/4 mile in length.

Beginning in August, four of us (Mitch, Greg Nelson, Dennis Fibrow and I) began entering a team (Team Hang On) in the enduros and, at the time of the October Willow Springs time trial, Greg came up with the marvelous idea of staging a 3 hour go kart enduro through Storm for AROSC members. With the help of the rest of the Storm Karting staff, he actually pulled off this short notice concept, and the event was held at high noon, Saturday, November 20.

Six club teams of four members each were entered. Also participating was an exhibition team consisting of 4 Storm Karting staff members (Team Storm, although the name seemed to change with each pit stop).

The Karts are full fendered affairs with roll bars and 4-point harnesses, powered by four cycle engines which are not particularly fast off the line, but eventually develop quite a head of steam. And that's the trick - keep up the momentum. The fenders suggest the possibility of some contact - ramming will get you a black flag; but rubbing's racing.

Rules: Karts and positions were randomly selected (Team Hang On drew the pole; Team Storm started last). Six pit stops/driver changes were required over the 3 hours (penalty stops didn't count): briefly, the driver pulls into the pits, exits the kart and pit lane, and the reliever enters the next kart in line (never the same as the one just exited, which then advances into the line for a future reliever).

It was a very good and entertaining race for everyone. The last couple of hours saw a pitched battle for the lead between Team Storm and Team Hang On and, at least until the next time, Team Hang On got the bragging rights for AROSC.

Maybe next time we'll even have trophies. Thanks to all who participated, and we're definitely making plans to do it again.

Roster and finishing order are as follows:

1. Team Hang On [Mitch McKibbin (Captain), Mike McKibbin, Dennis Fibrow, Greg Nelson]
2. Team Storm (exhibition class)
3. Team OC [Phil Guiral (Captain), Todd Brianard, Warren Caswell, Chris]
4. Team S-Car-Go [Doug Bender (Captain), Art Russell, Bob Russell, Pat Russell]
5. Onshore Rock Heads [Mike Easterman, Antwong Hall, Steve Murphy, Adriano Canzi]
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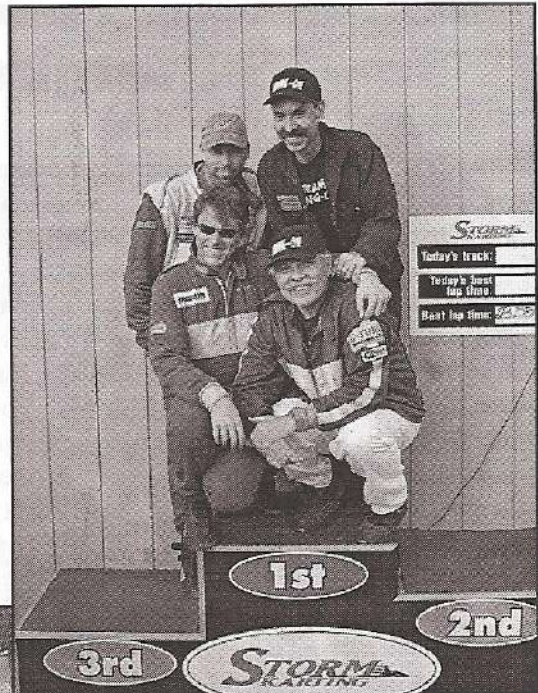
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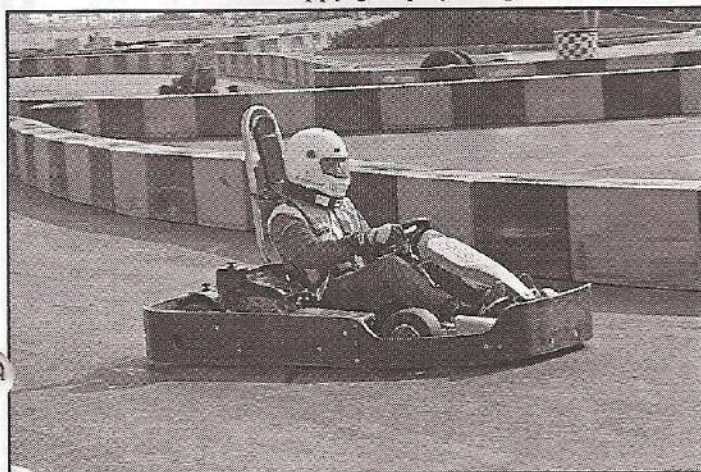
Lining up for the start of the enduro, with Greg Nelson on pole in #6.



The winning team!



A happy group of competitors survived the day.



Dennis Fibrow charges around the course.



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Remembering Milt Minter

The AROSC has lost one of its finest instructors, and I have lost a dear friend. Milt Minter died after a long fight with cancer on December 23, 2004.

Anyone who was a part of sports car racing in the U.S. during the 60s and 70s knew the term "Donkey Bop". It was Milt Minter's pseudonym, his handle, his way of speaking. The first thing you'd notice when you met Milt Minter was his enthusiasm for motor sports, his warmth, and his gravelly and unmistakable voice. "Donkey bop" was Milt's way of saying "don't give up!" Milton Nelson Minter never gave up.

Milt Minter began racing sports cars in 1953, and went on to become a two-time SCCA National Champion. In his career, he won championships in the Trans Am series, and he was runner up in the 1972 Can Am Championship, beating Mark Donohue, Jackie Stewart and Dennis Hulme! He drove for N.A.R.T., racing several times for Ferrari at LeMans, he won IMSA races driving for teams like Toad Hall Racing and Interscope. And Porsche awarded him the "Pedro Rodriguez Trophy" in 1971, for being the most aggressive driver on the planet.

My first memory of Milt Minter was from Laguna Seca, at the Can Am race in 1972. Milt was driving a Porsche 917 for Vasek Polak. I was eight years old; I shyly approached this road racing legend to ask for an autograph. 25 years later, I called Milt, and asked him if he'd be interested in instructing at an AROSC Driving School. He accepted, and my friendship with Milt was born.

Milt also raced Alfa's. He drove for Otto Zipper in the Tipo 33 Alfa Romeo Can Am car, starting with Laguna Seca in 1973. I was fortunate enough to be there. Milt was unfortunate enough to have a broken neck, from an

accident the week before. To alleviate Milt's pain, his crew duct-taped his helmet to the roll bar! He finished 5th, behind Mark Donohue, Hurley Haywood and the other Porsche 917s. Milt drove the Alfa for the rest of the '73 season, and in the first race of the '74 season.

I have had the pleasure of being a houseguest at Milt's home, and the honor of instructing by his side at several AROSC schools. The biggest thrill of my racing life was when Milt called to ask me to co-drive with him in the POC Tribute to LeMans. Wow! 30 years after I asked him for his autograph, I'm going to get to co-drive with him in an endurance race! Unfortunately, our car had mechanical problems, but the trip to and from the track

in Milt's camper was priceless! Then there was hotly-contested battle between Milt and I at the AROSC Enduro a couple of years back. I was all over Milt, and he taught me a thing or two about how to keep someone behind you! I'm usually very focused in a race situation, but chasing Milt, I couldn't help but

think about all of the great drivers in the world that had been in the exact same position, it was very humbling.

Milt called me a couple of weeks ago to say "the bastards say I've only got a month to live. I've had a pretty good life, though". Yeah, I'd say....

Milt Minter was a one-of-a-kind. He didn't give a damn about playing to the media, or about racing theory. He was just fast.

I will always remember that after each race I drove, Milt was there with a cold beer and a "Donkey Bop" for me.

I'm bringing the beer this time, and "Donkey Bop", Milt Minter. I'll miss you.

Brad Gray



Brad with Milt and his Porsche

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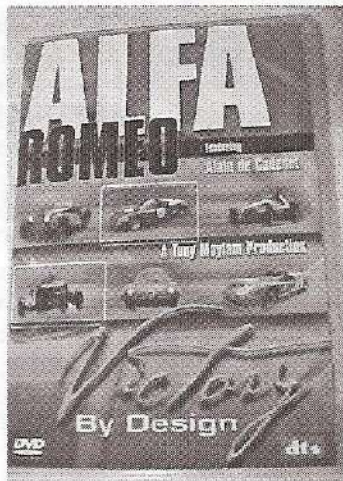
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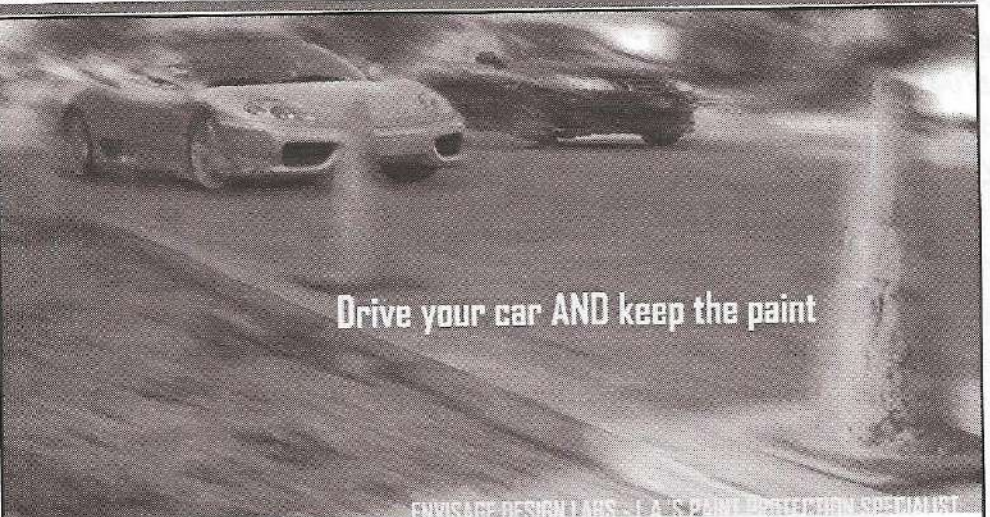
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January	February	March	April
5 AROSC Board Meeting	2 AROSC Board Meeting	2 AROSC Board Meeting	3 Wild Flower Rallye
8-9 Time Trial - Willow Springs	5-6 Drivers School, Streets of Willow	13 Swap Meet at Omega MotorSports, 9am	6 AROSC Board Meeting
30 AROSC Annual Mtg and Luncheon at Luigi's, Hawthorne	25 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City	19-20 Time Trial @ TBD	23-24 Palms to Pines Tour
	27 Concours @ Pepperdine University, Malibu	25 General Meeting, 7:30 <u>Mosier Restoration</u>	29 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City
May	June	July	August
4 Board Meeting	1 Board Meeting	6 Board Meeting	10 Board Meeting
27 General Meeting, 8pm, - Culver City	12 Concours at Craig Park Fullerton	17 Braille Rallye 2004	19 Concorso Italiano,
28-29 Time Trial & Race @ Buttonwillow	24 General Meeting/Tech Session, <u>Omega MS</u> - 8pm, Culver City	28-31 AROC National Convention, Seattle	20-21 Monterey Historics
	24-26 Calif Historic Races at Fontana w/spectators	29 NO General Meeting	26 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City
			28 Summer Party, Huntington Beach @ Phyllis'
September	October	November	December
3-4 Drivers School, Streets of Willow	1 Swap Meet/Dyno Session @MagnaFlow	2 Board Meeting	4 Competition Committee Meeting
7 Board Meeting	5 Board Meeting	6 Best of France & Italy Car Show & Concours	10 Holiday Party at the Kutkus' home
24 General Meeting, Cast-aways Restautant, Burbank	22-23 Time Trial & Race @ Willow Springs	12-13 Time Trial @ Pahrump	11 Board Meeting & Planning for 2006 at the Kutkus' home
	28 General Meeting, 7:30pm at <u>Mosier Restorations</u>	18 General Meeting, 8pm White Turkey Sale & Elections, Culver City	
	30 Rallye	26-27 Wine Tour	

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