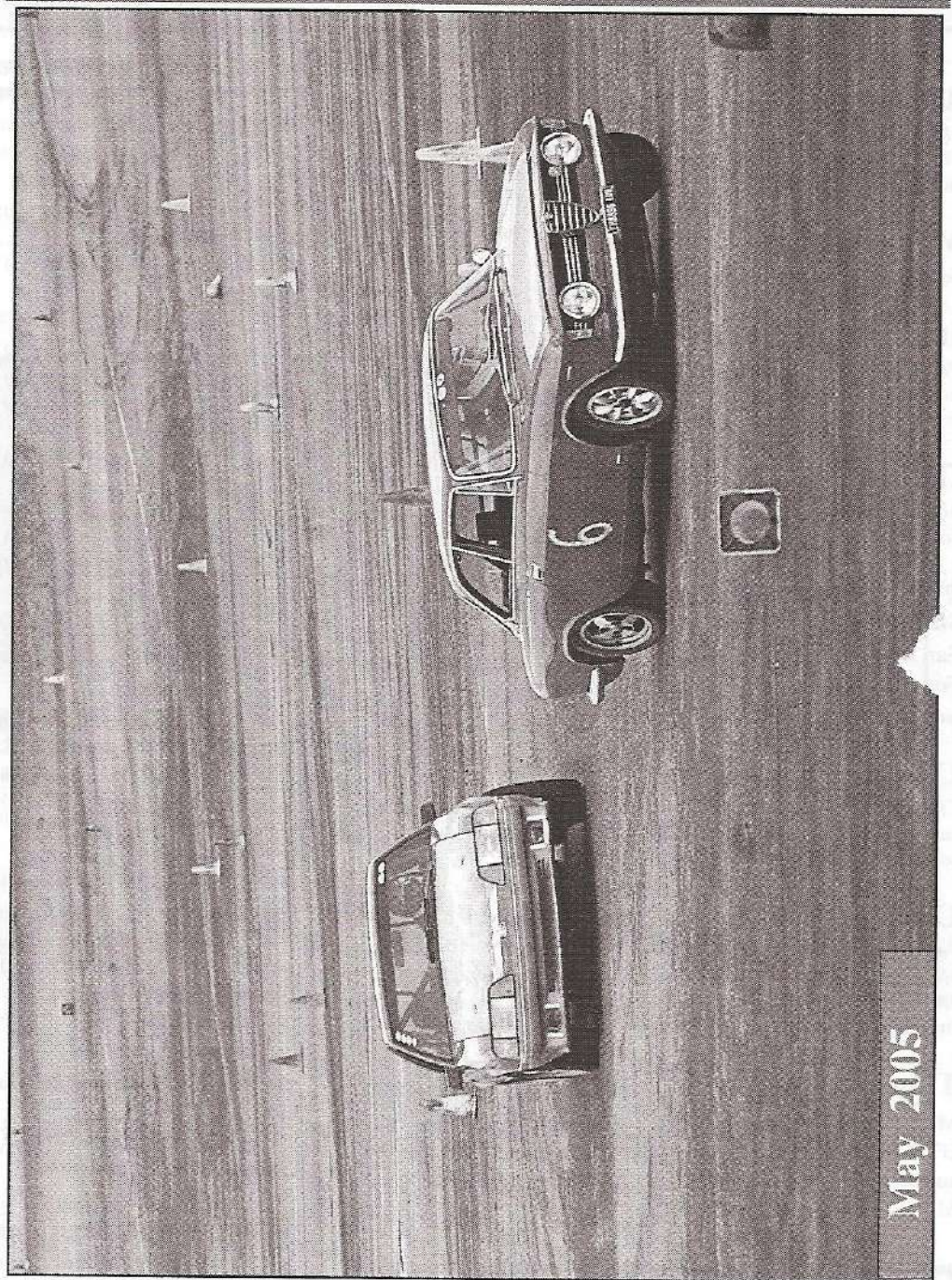


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May 2005

In This Issue: Fontana TT Results, Wildflower Rally, Monterey Ticket Form, upcoming events, and more.....

View from the Top

Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente!

What a great month for driving. Evelyn and I missed the 'Poker Rally' organized by Bill Carson, but heard it was an enormous success. Bill has been talking of raising the 'rally bar' by organizing a simple TDS Rally. We look forward to the development of this friendly and safe competition event. Just a caveat on the safe part – make sure there is a long standing, trusting and loving relationship between driver and navigator.

With all the rain this winter, flowers are everywhere as witnessed during the fabulous Pines to Palms overnight run organized by the Barretts. The Barretts showed up at our starting location in **Palms** (near Culver City) with a box (yes a box) of Starbucks Coffee and ½ dozen Alfas started down the road to San Juan Capistrano. Meeting another 8 or so Alfisti, an Audi club member, and a Jag (brother of one of the Alfisti) we headed up the Ortega Highway over the Cleveland Mountains and down toward Lake Elsinore and Hemet. After our annual stop at the Winchester (Gouda) cheese factory, we were joined by Dave Mericle Sr. and the Hertings up from Temecula. Heading up the San Jacinto Mountains, through the San Bernadino National Forest to picnic at 5300 ft. in the beautiful **Pines** of Idyllwild. The only way I could figure that much food could be brought in so few Alfa's was that nobody brought a change of clothes. With the addition of Chris Bowles, who drove up from Hemet, I think we now had over 20 cars. I'm sure there will be an article confirming or correcting my estimates. Who could believe the best part of the drive was ahead of us. Leaving Idyllwild, we motored briskly through the alpine Garner Valley and throttled steered 5000 ft down to Palm Desert.

I don't know where to begin effusing about the last Saturday of the month when we had a privately guided tour of the restoration shop at the Nethercutt Museum. Hopefully we can get some pics and an article from Paul Dexler, our resident automotive historian and professional (decent) docent. I don't expect to ever again see, among other things of interest, approximately 1500 distributors and magnetos stored on the shelves of one wall, parts from the first quarter of last century and the original tools that are still being used to fabricate them.

It can't be said enough - **our GENERAL MEETING for the month of May will be held on Saturday the 21st** at the Petersen Automotive Museum. The meeting will start punctually at 11:00 AM on the 3rd deck of the museum

parking structure. After an extraordinarily brief meeting we will proceed to the museum vault. Rarely exposed to public view, the assemblage of vehicles includes not only special museum owned cars, but Mr. Petersen's private collection.

Memorial Day Weekend will provide us with a special opportunity to honor the memory of Charlie Thieriot, one of the founders of our famous Performance Driving School and Competition Driving Program. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE COMPETING TO ATTEND. Saturday, the 28th, will be a rollicking good time honoring Charlie's dedicated, competitive, humorous and irreverent nature. In addition to **Time Trial and Race Group** test runs (prep for Sunday's finals), there will be an afternoon (approx. 2.5 hr.) **Enduro Race** ending with a great barbecue, presentation of the first annual **Charlie Thieriot Memorial Cup**, and a somewhat true and riotous account of Charlie's competitive years presented by his dear friend, crew chief and pit crew – **Rick (the Bear) Clemente**. If you keep it low key, have a current drivers license, wear natural fiber clothing and can borrow a helmet - you might find someone with a passenger seat harness to take you for a couple of laps.

PULEEZE!!! If you are planning on attending the Monterey Historics this year and want to park in the infield Alfa corral **YOU MUST FILL OUT THE TICKET REQUISITION FORM** and **SEND WITH A CHECK** and **SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** to ARA. **WE WILL NOT HAVE EXTRA PASSES....**

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Caravan to Potlatch Planned

There has been a lot of talk about a caravan from the LA area (a VERY general term) to the National Alfa Romeo Convention this year. Our very own Paul Blankenship is the one to talk to about this. He is in the process of setting up the details on the caravan. That includes who will be going with the group and where you all might be stopping along the way. For those reasons, among others, he would really like to know how many of you out there would like to join him and his band of stalwarts from here to Washington this summer. The preliminary plan is to leave on Sunday, July 24, and meet at the Blue Sky Inn near Carmel for a BBQ dinner on the patio.

With easy drives each day, we expect to arrive in Seattle by Wednesday evening.

Reply to Paul at:

sidewaysalfa@email.msn.com

The Audi Club invites us to join their wine tour in June!



It's not too early to register for the Pine Mountain Wine Festival, to be held on **June 11, 2005**. Enjoy an absolutely beautiful journey through Ventura County to a destination of cool Jazz, fine wine, beautiful Audis, and gourmet food. Advance tickets are now on sale for the Festival and RSVPs for the drive are currently being accepted.

For more information on advance tickets (almost 50% off the at-door charge), visit <http://www.frazmtn.com/winefestival/> or call (661) 242-3788.

To RSVP for the Pine Mountain Drive, visit the SCC Audi website, or send us your RSVP by email.

Kiwis Need a Ride to LA From the Seattle Convention:

Hi Phyllis,

Our arrangements for Seattle are moving ahead and we are all looking forward to it. My son Mike and I have one problem, we were going to rent a car in Seattle and drive to LA. The problem is the one way rental fee almost kills this idea, we would like to think we are going to win the spider but experience has taught me not to rely on this type of arrangement. Our other option is to enquire if anybody in the LA area would have two spare seats from Seattle to LA. We have to be at LAX by 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 3. Any help or guidance you can give us would be greatly appreciated.


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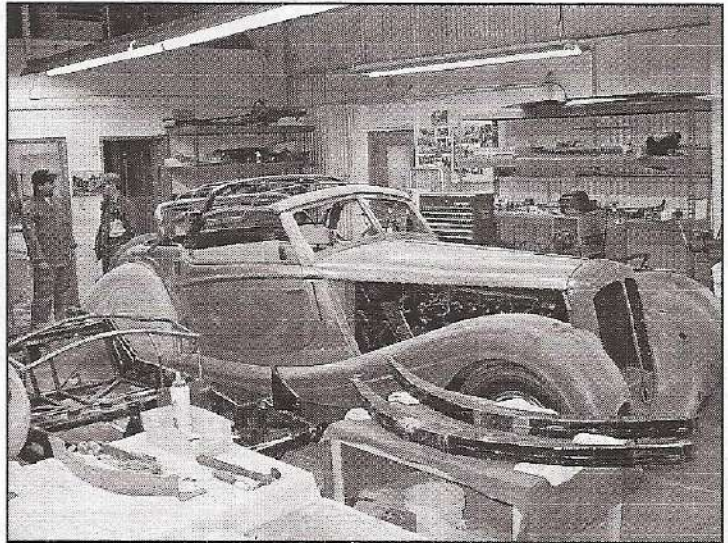
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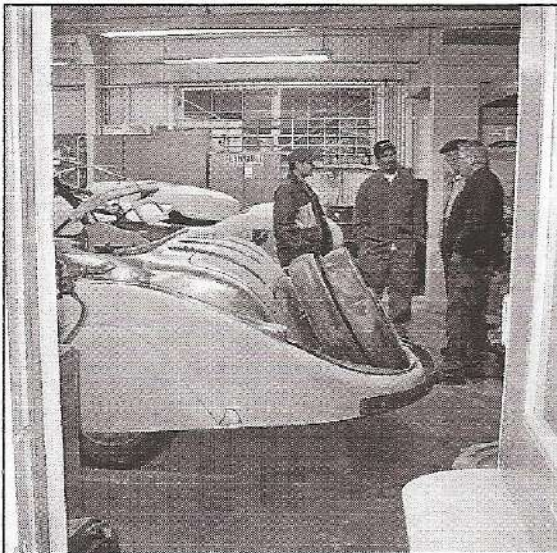
March Meeting at Mosier Restoration

Photos by Jim Barrett and Paul Dexler.

We had another great meeting at Mosier Restoration in March. Joining us were a number of members from the Southern California Audi club, who had particular interest in the restoration of the Horch, which is a brand that merged into Auto Union, subsequently Audi. They were pleased to see the progress on this long-term project, which has had all it's wood sub-structure replaced, and the one-of-a-kind body is taking shape very nicely. This is a truly elegant and special car. There were many other delights of the evening, and those who missed it should plan on attending our next foray to Mosier in October.




The Horch has taken shape nicely since last seen.



Conversation gathers around the Horch.



Norman conducts the meeting portion of the evening.



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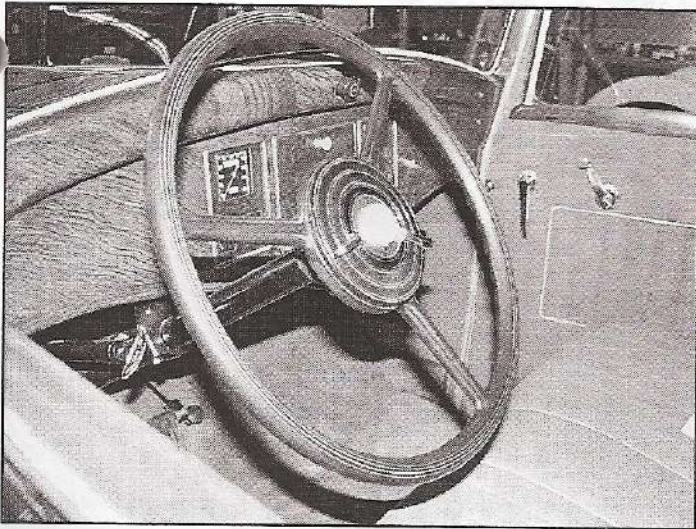
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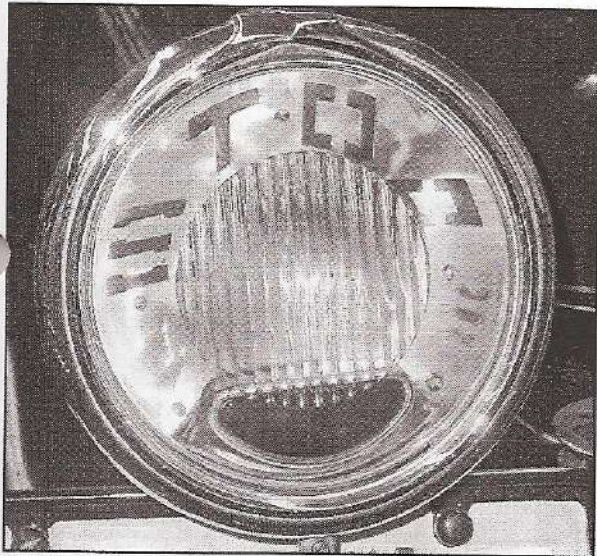
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2005 Wild Flower Rally

Ah, spring time. And what is better than springtime? Springtime in the mountains of course! For those of you that joined us for the Wild Flower Rally, you know what I mean. This year's event was a little shorter than last year, thanks to Mother Nature's fury this winter, and the damage to the roads in the Santa Monica Mountains. Never the less, fun was had by all.

As per the last few years, we started at the Reel Inn in Malibu. We had 13 cars start the poker style rally, and a few peeled off and went their separate ways. The course was up and over and through the Santa Monica Mountains. We ran along the top of the mountains and through the canyons for some fabulous views and great vistas. There were questions to answer along the way and two checkpoints, each with a chance to collect a winning card for your poker hand. No one had any mechanical issues and no one collected any paper from the local boys in blue... (We did see some "other folks" collecting theirs!)

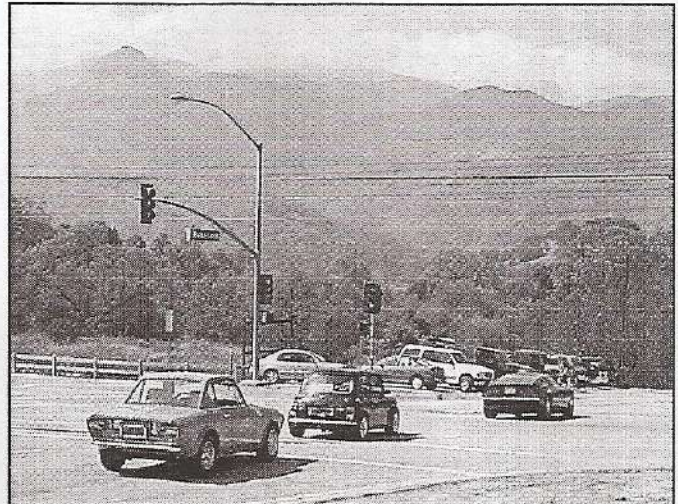
Once the fabulous course was run, and all were back at the Reel Inn, we had a great lunch and awards were handed out. From comments by both driver and co drivers, it seems the length and course was generally well liked. Also of note, the co-pilots liked the larger print and easier to read font of the instruction sheet! The prizes this year were nice espresso cup and saucer sets with the Alfa logo on the cup. The awards came down to the poker hand, as most people got the same number of answers right. Or wrong, depending on how you

want to look at it! First place went to Doug Alder and girlfriend Stephanie, second place to Jay Negrin and his lovely wife Linda, and third to Art Russell and his son Bob. Congrats to all! Thanks to all who help make this another successful AROSC event!!!

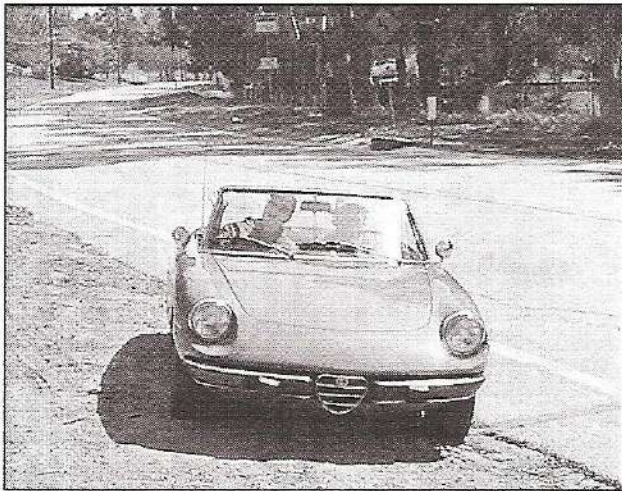
While basking in the after glow of the yummy lunch, some participants voiced a desire to have a "real" rally. What this would be is a TSD (time, speed, and distance) type of rally. Jay Negrin and I are working on a beginner TSD rally for latter this year. We promise to make it fun and educational. So, keep on the good side of your co pilot, and keep an eye on this space for more information.

Bill Carson

Vice President and Rally Chair



Not only Alfas competed: Adan Figueroa's Fiat and an unknown Mini driver after the checkpoint.



Jim & Elyse Barrett exercised their Spider.

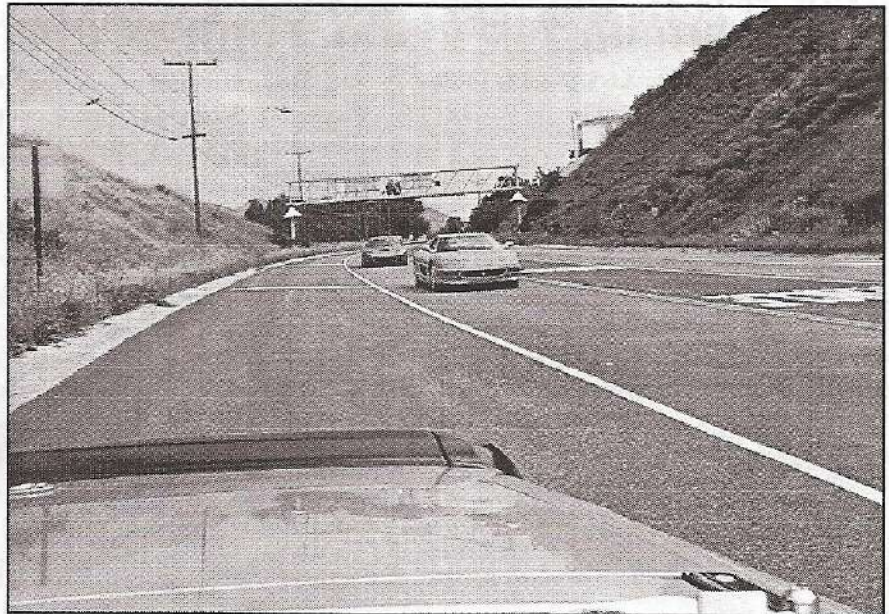


Jay and Linda Negrin found the checkpoint.

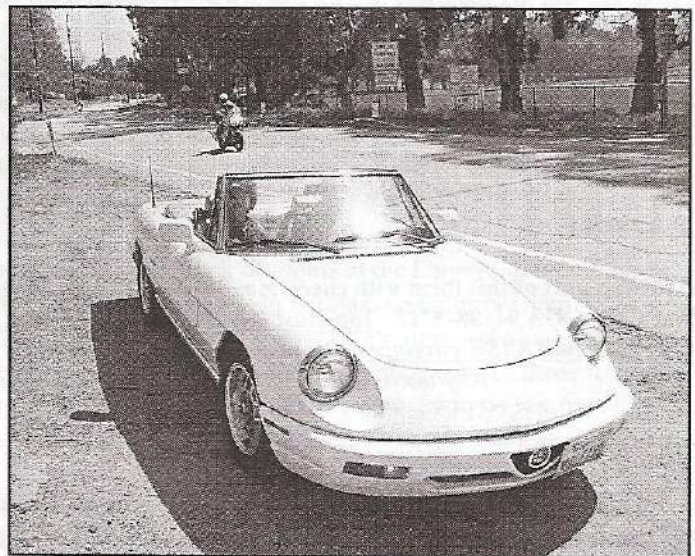


"Art Russell kicks the bucket at rally."

(He broke a bone in his foot when he got up at the Reel Inn lunch and accidentally kicked a bucket that was covering some gas valves. A little too eager to present his good poker hand -- he won third place!)



The Ferrari Club decided it was a great day to Rallye in the Santa Monicas.



Bonnie and Charlie Schwartz -- not followed by the LAW.

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AUGUST 19-21: MONTEREY HISTORIC RACES AT LAGUNA SECA RACEWAY.

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3 Days: Fri – Sun, \$95 per person: No. _____ Amount (US \$) _____
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Saturday 8/20 only, \$50 per person: No. _____ Amount (US \$) _____
Sunday 8/21 only, \$40 per person: No. _____ Amount (US \$) _____

Alfa Corral Pass (Sat and Sun only), \$1.00 per car No. _____ Amount (US \$) _____
(available only with above ticket orders!!)

ARA Alfa Invitational Cocktail Party Aug. 19

Friday, Aug 19, 4:30 PM after Concorso Italiano, Black Horse Clubhouse, two drinks + hot appetizers, \$25 per person.
No. _____ Amount (US \$) _____

Handling fee per Registration Form: \$5.00

Wine Tasting at West and Maggie Clark's Aug 20,

Saturday, August 20, 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Complimentary. RSVPs are essentially unnecessary but you may call 831-422-6728 before 8:00 PM or 831-757-2644 during work hours, or e-mail wmclark@aol.com for directions. West will be at Concorso on Friday and will bring maps to the Laurel Inn.

Total Amount \$ _____

Send the top part of this form with check made out to **ARA by Saturday June 25, 2005** to **John Maclay, 426 Blackstone Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-3717. You must include a Business sized, Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope for return of tickets etc. Do not send small SASE envelopes. No check, no tickets!**

Any questions, e-mail is preferred at johnmaclay@aol.com or fax at 925-934-4762.
If in dire need, call John Maclay at 925-937-2399.

HOTEL ROOM AT LAUREL INN, SALINAS AND COMBINED ALFA CLUB DINNER AT GINO'S ON SAT 8/20

Delta Sierra has reserved 40 rooms at the Laurel Inn at 801 W. Laurel Drive in Salinas to be shared by ARA and DSARC. Please do not contact the hotel directly. Instead, reserve your room by mailing a photocopy of this part of this page with the room and dinner info below completed along with your check made out to "Delta Sierra Alfa Romeo Club." Address it to DSARC, Attn: James Treadwell, 4713 Lake Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Prices below include tax, etc. First come, first served.

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[] 2 nights (8/19 & 8/20) \$209.00 [] 2 nights (8/19 & 8/20) \$242.00
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AUGUST 20, SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER, 7:30PM, GINO'S, 1410 S. MAIN STREET, SALINAS

New for 2005 is a delicious buffet style menu for our clubs that includes Rich Meat & Cheese Lasagna, Blackened Chicken Rotini, Bowtie Pasta Alfredo, tossed green salad, garlic bread, and choice of dessert, and wine. No need to pre-select your dinner choice this time! Cost is \$40 per person. If attending, please add the dinner amount to your room reservation check.

Number eating at Gino's. _____ Dinner Amount \$ _____
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Monterey Historics and Concorso Italiano

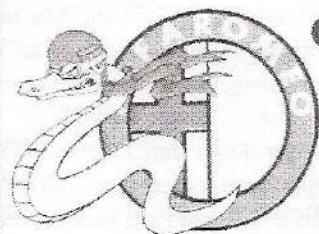
As mentioned last month, although it is still very early to be thinking about August, if you want to participate in the fun weekend known as the Monterey Historics YOU NEED TO START MAKING PLANS NOW!

The weekend officially starts on Friday August 19 with the 20th Anniversary Concorso Italiano (CI) at the Black Horse Golf Course in Fort Ord, Monterey. The new owners of CI have hired professional traffic engineers who have promised that traffic flow will be greatly improved over the last two years. Featured marques are Alfa Romeo and the Lamborghini Miura, so your car will be among those honored at the event. Once again this year, your car club (the Alfa Romeo Association, that is) will be presenting an After-Concorso Cocktail Party in the clubhouse at the Black Horse that will be a featured event for those who participate. We will be having hot hoer d'euvs from a carving station as well as two drink tickets per adult participant. Tickets are priced at \$25 for the cocktail party and you can be sure it will be worth it. Concorso Italiano has increased the price for entrants to \$75 this year (up from \$50 last year) and that only holds until the end of May; in June it becomes \$100, July \$160, and after that \$250 per car! So it will be very expensive to delay after May to enter, but it's still cheaper to enter a car with two persons than being a spectator that starts at \$70 each and goes to \$100 the day of the event. Any car will do, just clean it up to be as presentable as you can make it, as long as it's not a junker.

Once again we are going to take race ticket orders and obtain corral passes for ARA and AROC members for the Saturday, Aug 20 and Sunday, Aug 21 Historic Races at Laguna Seca. BUT: The firm cutoff date this year for ticket/corral pass orders (determined by the race organizers) is Monday June 27, 2005. This means that all orders from you need to be in our hands by **SATURDAY JUNE 25**. We realize that this is almost two months before the date of the event, but it is not ours to control. So if you wish to be there and get corral passes, you really must plan ahead. One good thing about the race tickets is that prices are the same as last year. Forms for ordering tickets, corral passes, rooms at the Laurel Inn and dinners at Gino's are in the May and June issues of the Overheard Cams.

Again this year, our counterparts at Delta Sierra AROC have arranged for a block of rooms at the Laurel Inn in Salinas at very competitive rates, as well as organizing the Alfa Romeo Dinner at Gino's (also in Salinas) on Saturday night. The order blank mentioned above (see it on another page in the Cams) has a segment for reserving rooms and dinner seats. That portion of the order blank is to be returned to James Treadwell at Delta Sierra along with payment for those items. Race ticket, corral pass and cocktail party orders (the upper part of the order form) and payment are to be returned to John Maclay of ARA.

One other item needs to be emphasized: Last year we had far too many requests for corral passes from people who obtained race tickets elsewhere and asked us to provide them with a corral pass. This year the chances of our obtaining extra corral passes are very slim and it is likely that we will be unable to provide corral passes to anybody if they did not order tickets through ARA auspices. If you order race tickets through ARA, you will get corral passes; if you get tickets any other way we will be unable to provide a corral pass. The ticket doesn't cost any more through ARA than elsewhere and is cheaper than at the door, so take advantage of your ARA ticket agent (and get a corral pass in the process)!



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A variety of classes will be judged, depending on sufficient entries, including Open and Closed Alfa, Daily Driver, Best Italian, Etceterini, and Race Prepared. This is a great opportunity to share your Alfa (or other marque) with others and maybe bring a friend who has some other great car.

AROSC chapter cars are some of the finest examples of the marque around and your car deserves a day in the sun/shade! In addition, we invite the San Diego and Orange County Chapter members to join us.

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

Bring your sun block and hat! The trees provide some shade, but there will also be sun and warm to breezy conditions. Some insect repellent is also advised, as a few West Nile Mosquitoes have been observed in the park area. It is a County Park, and no alcohol, skateboards, scooters, etc. are permitted. There is a parking fee of \$4.00 per car.

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

To reach the park take the Orange Freeway (#57) to the Imperial Highway offramp. Proceed west on Imperial for approximately ¼ mile to State College Boulevard, then left for 300 yards and turn left – look carefully for the entrance. The gates open at 7am 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.

CONCOURS ENTRY FORM:

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PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$10 EVENT FEE/CAR: \$ _____

Pre-entry is preferred, but entries will be accepted up to 9:30 on the morning of the event.

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MAIL TO: Doug Adler, 30310 Blondell Place, Newbury Park, CA 91320 by June 7, or bring to the event.

AROSC Competitors Joel & Alex Quaid Score Podium in Ferrari Challenge at Fontana

FONTANA, CA, April 3. Doug Peterson has a winning record in the Ferrari Challenge series, but his two victories at the California Speedway this weekend were his most impressive yet. Peterson, driving for the Shelton Ferrari team, took pole position and led every lap of both races, run in conjunction with the Grand American Sports Car Series' Ferrari Maserati 400 at the California Speedway. The pair of wins stamps Peterson, who has been a consistent front runner in the series, as an early favorite for the 2005 championship.

Peterson may have had an easy time in the lead, but there was substantial competition for every position behind him. Kurt Buchwald (Ferrari of Washington), in his sophomore season in the Challenge, had qualified second for the first race. He faced a constant battle from the father and son team of Joel and Alex Quaid, and Michael Louli, a Canadian racing for the Ferrari of Long Island team. The Quaid's, both from Southern California and racing for the local Auto Gallery team, were favorites for the California fans. The race-long battle among these four drivers was decided with Buchwald and Joel Quaid in second and third places sharing the podium with Peterson.

Results from Race One were used to set the starting grid for the 45 minute Race Two on Sunday morning. Peterson once again took an immediate lead; Buchwald briefly challenged, but then began dropping back through the field with tire problem. A stop to change the tire dropped him from further contention. The Quaid's were again near the front, again joined by Louli and by Mike Zoi, Peterson's Shelton Ferrari teammate in his first Challenge race. Zoi briefly held a podium position but was demoted to fourth at the end. Peterson, Alex Quaid, and Joel Quaid finished one-two-three, the first father/son podium in the twelve year history of the Ferrari Challenge.

In addition to the traditional trophies, the Quaid's and new Challenge driver Steve Pruitt were awarded helicopter rides over the track in an Agusta helicopter.

The Ferrari Challenge is organized by Ferrari/Maserati North America. Drivers compete in specially built racing versions of the Ferrari 360 Modena, with preparation and race support handled by teams formed by authorized Ferrari dealers in North America. Sponsorship and support for the series comes from Pirelli, Shell, Bose, and Ener1 Group.

SVRA to Feature ALFA at Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix

The Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) has chosen Alfa Romeo as the "featured marque" for the Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix September 8-11, 2005.

A committee has been organized to spearhead the large expected turnout for Alfa Romeo vintage racers and Alfisti from around the country. The comprehensive web site, serving as the central clearinghouse for information about this event, is located at www.alfasattheglen.com

There are a multitude of activities planned for both Alfa Romeo street and race cars at both the track and in the village of Watkins Glen, so many that the lack of things to do and see will not be a problem. www.grandprixfestival.com will cover the numerous events (rallies, tours, car shows) organized by the village of Watkins Glen.

We hope to attract many historically important street and competition cars from all eras and with luck, perhaps some of the newer cars not currently imported to the US.

All Alfas will be welcome to gather at Watkins Glen, cheer on their brethren on the track and to participate in the events downtown.

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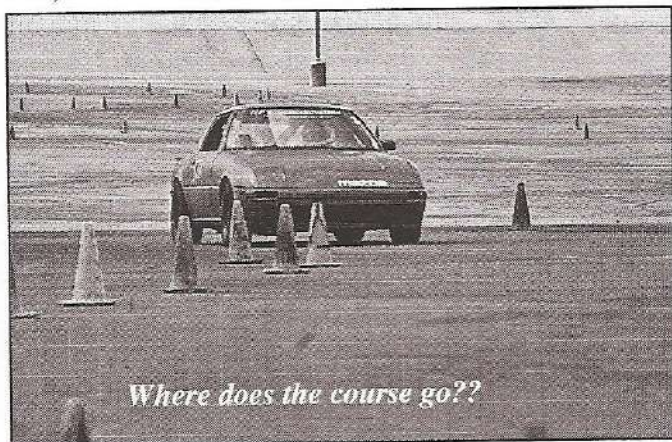
Time Trial at Fontana Parking Lot

Almost Soaked in Fontana

By Mike McKibbin
Photos by Mike McKibbin

Those who weren't there missed out. Granted (and, perhaps, fortunately) there was no race (too narrow; maybe too much chance of an eastbound car getting in the way of a westbound one), but for all those who ever wanted to sneer at the weather dweeb solemnly proclaiming, "It's raining out; slow down and keep your distance", this was your chance.

The layout was a pylon course about 1+ mile in length laid out in lot 12 in the southwest section of the California Speedway parking lot in Fontana. Dennis Fibrow had a vision Friday morning as he laid out 3 or 4 pylons to outline the north/south (start/finish) and east/west (something of a sweeper) straights, and went from there, sort of like a giant autocross course with the potential for serious speed. The course seemed to be constructed of thousands of pylons, but Greg Nelson assured me it just seemed like that many as we picked them up at the end of the weekend (and the club thanks the many who helped here).



Where does the course go??

Saturday, it rained. A lot! Agua-cars would have worked. Maybe the driving wasn't pretty, but it was a ton of fun. Sometimes seeing was a problem, especially when hydroplaning through the deeper "puddles" (puddles might be understating the situation a bit) caused waves to wash over the car.

Norm Silverman was ecstatic, anticipating the weather would give him the type of insurmountable advantage he enjoyed at the mythical Willow Springs Mud & Rain &

Snow extravaganza several months ago. As it turned out, Norm's Alfa Giulia was unbeatable. Of course he was the only time trailer in Class H, but he won nevertheless. And in the dry, no less.

Yes, the clouds parted, and the sun smiled on Fontana come Sunday morning. There was the small problem of Lake Fontana stretching across the southwest corner of the course. Trying to sweep the water away was frustratingly futile.

Greg Nelson had an idea, and broadsided his BMW through the area, with Dennis Fibrow following in his pickup. Not only did this prove irresponsibly entertaining, it actually scattered the water a bit. The morning time trailers did the rest.



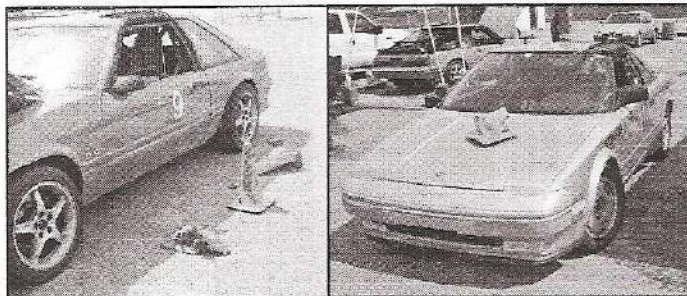
Greg & Dennis 'draining the puddle'.

It really looked like Bob Poulin's M3 had everybody covered all weekend long, right up to the time that Kurt Anderson got fast time of the day in his Porsche 911. Perhaps it was all in perception: the Poulins (Matt and Bob) seemed to run all weekend on rails; the Porsches tended to meander a bit, except when it counted.



Anderson's Porsche chases Poulin's BMW

Our Mustang GT decided it disliked a K&N filter clogged with water and mud (it was mounted alongside the right front wheel; what a surprise) and just flat out quit Saturday afternoon. A good cleaning and remounting (thank you Mitch) Sunday morning, and the car ran perfect, except it wouldn't stay between the cones. Brother Mitch eventually won the coveted Golden Cone Award for the most spectacular cone abuse, but there were plenty of contenders, including the undersigned, the Majors (either Bev or Terry was runner up) and probably the guys in the Porsche 911s.



The winners of the coveted 'Golden Cone' awards!

I sometimes have trouble with pylon courses, having difficulty picking out the turns among the cones. I was closely following this Alfa down the front straight when he surprised me by spinning out. Except he didn't, he was turning into Turn 1, and, just as obviously, I wasn't.



Mike tries to follow Phil through the twisty bit.

Almost unbelievably (if you know our car) Mitch had that old Mustang only 2 seconds off fast time of the day in winning Class N. He's usually faster than me, but this time he had me by a whole 2 seconds, and I got out of the car feeling that I'd done decently enough. How could I feel so fast while going so

slow: (Mitch's comment to Mike: "You have to go slow in order to go fast." ... Yeah, Yeah, Yeah).

Note that at the end there were as many Alfas running as other makes. Jorge Mazlumian got fast time in his GTV while winning Class B.

As an aside, it was Nirvana for the novice group on Sunday. There were only 2 of them, Christine Haro in her Corvette, and my son-in-law, Matt Sheffield in my Mustang-Cobra. They got one-on-one instruction from Greg Nelson in his BMW and Paul Blankenship in his Alfa. Christine wore out the brakes, and Matt had the Mustang leaning in the corners, so it must have been a good session.

Good times, good friends, it doesn't get any better than this. Thanks to all who worked so hard to put it together.

Se you at Buttonwillow. And by the way, for those of you who complain that you don't get enough track time (you know who you are, and there are lots of you), Greg Nelson is soliciting entries for the Buttonwillow enduro. Enter, or forever hold your peace.



Things got busy on course during practice.



The early practice group also got to help 'drain the puddle'.

Time Trial #1 -- California Speedway March 21, 2005 (1)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Best</u>	<u>Lap1</u>	<u>Lap2</u>	<u>Lap3</u>	<u>Lap4</u>	<u>Lap5</u>
Class B									
1	75	Muzlunian, Jorge	GTV	1:11.065	1:13.480	1:12.112	1:12.445	1:11.065	1:11.310
2	17	Bender, Douglas	GTV	1:13.067	1:16.079	1:14.608	1:17.523	1:13.774	1:13.067
Class C									
1	76	Ferris, Jim	Alfetta	1:12.156	1:13.931	1:13.570	1:12.156	1:12.366	1:13.235
2	84	Russell, Arthur	GTV	1:12.928	1:12.928	1:14.622	1:13.366	1:13.986	1:13.534
Class D									
1	61	Mayring, Christopher	GTV	1:12.995	1:14.341	1:14.295	1:14.522	1:13.490	1:12.995
2	6	Guiral, Philip	GTV	1:14.940	1:15.812	1:14.940	1:15.425	1:15.876	1:15.083
3	3	Johnson, Steve	JrZ	1:15.455	1:16.391	1:15.637	1:15.455	1:15.717	1:15.494
4	33	Rhodes, Danial	Milano	1:18.638	1:20.099	1:19.272	1:18.745	1:18.638	1:20.149
5	88	Thyssen, Jess	Milano Ver	1:20.495	1:20.941	1:20.806	1:20.495	1:21.360	1:20.721
Class E									
1	34	Rhodes, Sam	164	1:16.798	1:18.369	1:16.798	1:17.157	1:17.634	1:17.872
2	154	Herting, Erika	SVT Sedan	1:19.250	1:20.177	1:19.676	1:19.250	1:21.141	
Class H									
1	105	Silverman, Norm	Giulia TI	1:23.758	1:25.042	1:23.915	1:30.771	1:23.758	1:24.707
Class M									
1	29	Anderson, Kurt (2)	911T	1:07.195	1:08.711	1:07.195	1:07.695	1:07.524	1:08.033
2	62	Poulin, Robert	M3	1:07.388	1:07.388	1:07.440	1:10.169	1:16.891	1:07.481
3	622	Polun, Mat	M3	1:08.825	1:08.825	1:09.216	1:08.831	1:09.102	1:09.493
4	11	Rosen, Michael	911E	1:09.556	1:11.099	1:10.639	1:10.408	1:10.005	1:09.556
Class N									
1	19	McKibbin, Mitchell	Mustang	1:09.573	1:11.285	1:10.172	1:10.076	1:10.304	1:09.573
2	9	McKibbin, Mike	Mustang	1:11.499	1:11.720	1:11.842	1:12.221	1:11.499	1:11.570
3	37	Taylor, Clark	Super 7	1:12.447	1:14.989	1:12.750	1:12.447	1:13.315	1:13.060
Class O									
1	411	Rinner, Vince	Mustang SVO	1:12.944	1:13.918	1:13.391	1:12.944		
Class P									
1	57	Oneal, Pat	Miata	1:10.239	1:10.944	1:10.474	1:10.239	1:10.610	1:10.818
2	10	Major, Terry	MR2	1:12.460	1:15.341	1:13.098	1:12.460	1:13.440	1:13.185
3	18	Major, Beverly	MR2	1:14.651	1:15.871	1:15.262	1:14.651	1:14.948	1:15.431
4	99	Carson, Bill	WRX	1:15.841	1:15.841	1:18.485	1:16.712		
5	337	Deacon, Jeff	CRX	1:17.165	1:18.293	1:17.165	1:17.385	1:19.007	1:18.911

Notes

(1) Parking lot time trial so no track records could be set.

(2) Fastest Time of Day



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Our 2005 Calendar (revised)

January	February	March	April
5 AROSC Board Meeting	2 AROSC Board Meeting	2 AROSC Board Meeting	3 Wild Flower Rallye
9 Time Trial - Willow Springs	5-6 Drivers School, Streets of Willow	13 Swap Meet at Omega MotorSports, 9am	6 AROSC Board Meeting
Permis dug) AROSC Annual Mtg and Luncheon at Luigi's, Hawthorne	25 General Meeting - 8pm. Culver City	19-20 Time Trial @ Fontana Parking Lot	9 Retsek Talk & Luncheon
	27 Concours @ Pepperdine University, Malibu	25 General Meeting, 7:30 <u>Mosier Restoration</u>	16 Tour of Nethercutt Car Collection, Sylmar
			23-24 Palms to Pines Tour
			29 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City
May	June	July	August
4 Board Meeting	1 Board Meeting	6 Board Meeting	10 Board Meeting
21? General Meeting @ Petersen Museum	4 Tour Chandler Collection	10 Summer Party, @ HB Phyllis' back yard.	19 Concorso Italiano.
27 NO General Meeting at Culver City -- holiday!	12 Concours at Craig Park Fullerton	Note date change!	20-21 Monterey Historics
28-29 Time Trial & Race @ Buttonwillow	24 General Meeting - 8pm Culver City/ Note Change	16 Braille Rallye 2005	26 <u>Tech Session/Meeting - Omega MotorSports</u>
	24-26 Calif Historic Races at Fontana w/spectators	28-31 AROC National Convention, Seattle	Note date change!
		29 NO General Meeting	
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	5 Best of France & Italy Car Show & Concours	
24 General Meeting, Castaways Restaurant, Burbank	22-23 Time Trial & Race @ Willow Springs	12-13 Time Trial @ Pahrump	10 Holiday Party at the Kutkus' home
	28 General Meeting, 7:30pm at <u>Mosier Restorations</u>	18 General Meeting, 8pm White Turkey Sale & Elections, Culver City	11 Board Meeting & Planning for 2006 at the Kutkus' home
	30 Rallye	White Turkey Sale	
		26-27 Wine Tour	

2005 AROC Convention -- July 28-31, Seattle