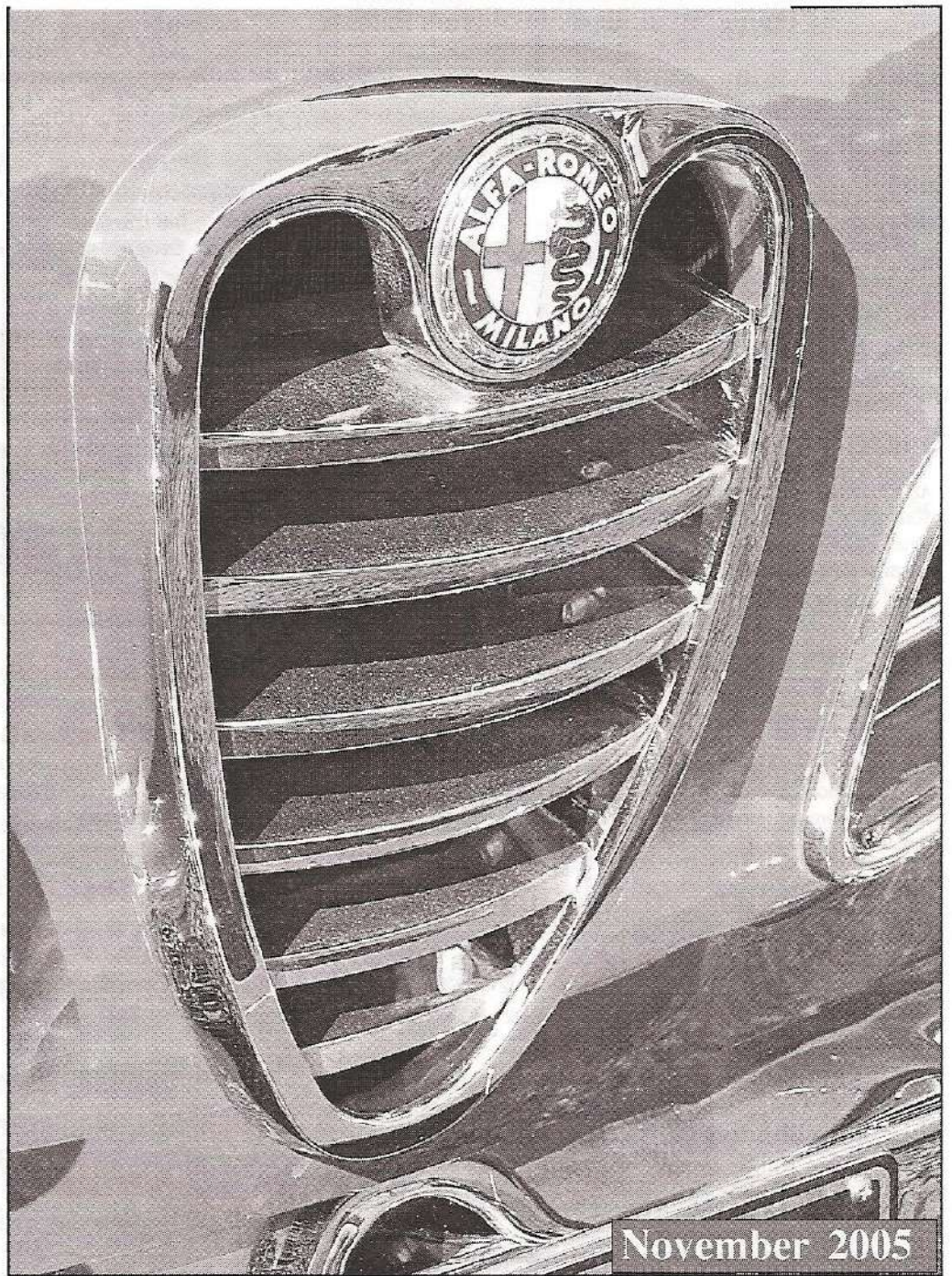


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November 2005

In This Issue: Rally, Dyno Day, Willow Springs, upcoming events, and more.....

Meeting Information

General Meetings are usually held the last Friday of each month except November and December at 8:00pm, in various locations. 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

Jim Lightfoot took this nice view of the 2600 grill at the 'Best of France & Italy Car Show' at Woodley Park, November 5. There will be complete coverage of this great show in the December issue.

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2005-6 AROSC Previews

An outline of coming events

General Meeting, Election, White Turkey Auction – November 18

Join us for the November general meeting at Dirk Stoehr's Italspeed facility. This is the night we hold our annual election for the members of the Board of Directors, and your chance to vote the bums out, and get yourself elected! We also have our very popular 'White Turkey' auction of 'special' car parts that need a new home. There will be refreshments of various types, as well as viewing of Dirk's collection of Alfas and other interesting cars. Note that this meeting is not the last Friday of the month, so that we don't interfere with the Thanksgiving weekend. For more information, see page 13.

Wine Tour – Nov. 25-26

This year's wine tour will encompass the Arroyo Grande/Edna Valley area, between Santa Barbara and Paso Robles. We will stay at the Historic Santa Maria Inn again this year. See page 11 for more details -- get your room reservations in soon!

Competition Committee Meeting – Sunday, December 4, 11:00 AM

The annual meeting of the Competition Committee is open to all who have a stake in the planning of next year's events. Changes/updates to the Competition Code will probably also be discussed. It will again be held at Art Russell's home, near the Venice Blvd. exit of the I-405, on the West Side of LA: 3852 Bledsoe Ave, LA 90066, (310) 391-9522. For more details, contact Competition chair Bruce Colby.

Holiday Party – December 10, Noon – 5PM

We will once again invade the Kutkus party room for our annual Holiday Party. M.J. and Sheila will provide the main dishes and we pot luck the sides, salads, and desserts. See page 12 for more details.

Board Meeting & Planning – December 11, 11 AM

The new and old Boards of Directors meet at the Kutkus's party room to finish off the party food, hand over the reins to the new board, and plan the New Year's activities. Next year we are planning to have each meeting at a destination, rather than meeting at the Culver City Veteran's Park. If you have

any suggestions for meeting locations or other club activities, please attend or contact a board member to pass on the information -- it's your club!

Time Trial & Race at Pahrump -- Jan 21&22

This event is a new track for us. See info on page 20, and contact Terry Watson or Phyllis Gaylard to get a copy of the entry forms and info. Sounds like a fun event.

Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner – Sunday, January 29, 4-7:30 PM

The general meeting for January will be the Annual Awards dinner and clean car show at the same venue as last year: Luigi's restaurant on Rosecrans, just west of the I-405. We will have an Italian buffet dinner for about \$20, including tax and tip! We will also award year-end trophies for the various competitions, as well as offer some nice raffle items. Please RSVP to Phyllis Gaylard by January 20.

**DON'T MISS:
Nov. 18 -- Election Meeting
at Dirk Stoehr's plus White
Turkey Auction!
Dec. 10 --Holiday Party at
Kutkus Home**

View from the Top

Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente!

If you are reading this article the odds are that **YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB**. You don't have to be a member of the Board of Directors to offer ideas, suggestions or, perish the thought, actually organize an event that YOU would also attend and enjoy, but..... Along with our annual "White Turkey/Elephant Sale", being held this year at *Italspeed*, 1738 W. Washington Blvd. (see article for directions) we will be holding our annual elections for the Board of Directors. Contrary to popular opinion, if you are a person of extraordinary ethical and moral values you would be welcomed to the Board and may, without fear of ridicule, eschew the outrageous salary, graft, corruption, rampant cronyism and actually have your ideas welcomed and acted upon.

Usually attendance at this meeting used to be the surest way to avoid being nominated and elected to the Board of Directors – unless your significant other nominates you from the floor, but times they are a changin'. . . Actually being a BoD member is not a bad job. You get to have dinner out with some friends once a month, plan an events calendar that avoids conflicts with your schedule and you get to be the selector of volunteers as opposed to being the selectee.

Having the meeting at *Italspeed* serves a number of good purposes. In addition to being able to get up close and personal with one of the most eclectic car collections in the area (particularly Alfa Romeos), the assortment of rare and unusual parts they will add to our White Sale items should spice the bidding up nicely.

Other than the month of November and December, we have historically had our General Meeting the last Friday of the month at the Veterans center in Culver City. **It's time for a change. We will still schedule the meetings for the end of the month, but it could be the last Friday, Saturday or Sunday and we are looking for venue suggestions.**

We're heading into a pretty hectic time and the schedule for November and December as usual, is pretty full. By the time this is received we will have oohed and aahed at the fabulous assortment of cars in various stages of reconstruction at Bob Mosier's and we will also have had a day with the "Best of France and Italy" (Saturday, Nov. 5th) at Woodley Park.

Things don't stop or even slow down after the November 18th General Meeting. The following week it is time to celebrate Thanksgiving and then head off on our Thanksgiving weekend wine tour. Most of us will arrive at the Santa Maria Inn on Friday evening, Nov. 25th and gather in the Inn's wine cellar. We will depart 9 AM for a wining, dining and driving experience over the beautiful canyon roads of Arroyo Grande. This great adventure is followed in short order by the Competition Board meeting on Dec. 4th (if you're involved, or want to be involved), the Xmas party at the Redondo Beach home of Sheila and M J Kutkus (in which you should be involved) and the BoD meeting (which you will be involved in if you missed or slept through the November elections at the General Meeting), the Central Coast Alfa Chapter Holiday Party in the Santa Barbara Area (great party people) and the Christmas and Hanukah holidays. Whew.

Just a few words about the season of giving: The Village Coffee Roaster (www.villagecoffee-roaster.com) is hosting their second annual "Toys for Tots Exotic Car Show". Last year over 500 interesting and exotic cars emerged from the hills of Calabasas and environs providing toys for the less fortunate and great joy and pleasure for the givers. This year, room and expectations have been made for 1200. The event starts at 9AM on Dec. 4th with details available on their web site. If we can give them an idea of how many Alfa Romeos can be expected they will allocate an area for us. Please let me know (email: norman@msn.com) if you will attend. It is possible to make this event, spend a couple of hours and still be on time for the Competition Board meeting.

Keep the wheel side down,

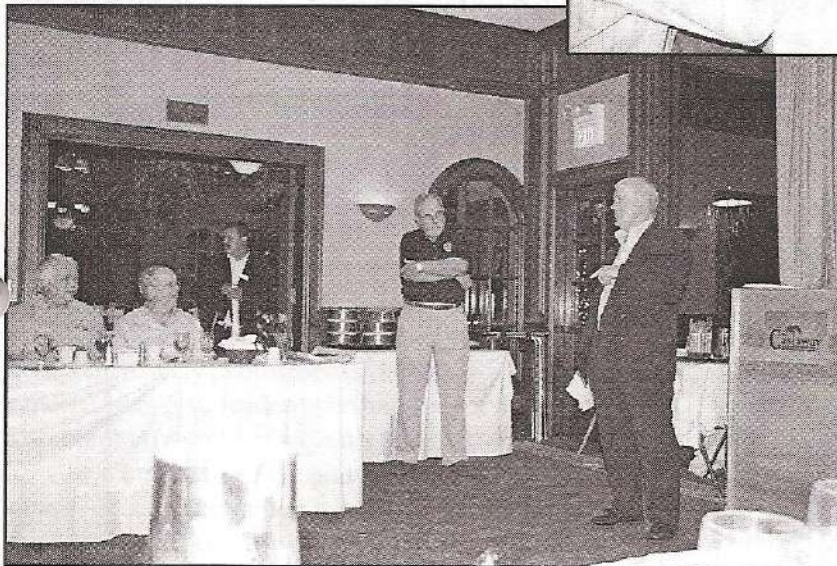
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September Meeting at Castaway

Photos by Paul Dexler

We had a great dinner meeting at the Castaway Restaurant in Burbank in September, despite the raging brush fire adjacent to the site. Dick Messer, Director of the Petersen Automotive Museum, gave a very interesting talk about his early years in sports cars -- racing, owning, etc. Sorry so many people missed a great meal and speaker. We should all consider joining the Petersen -- see the application in this issue.



Dick Messer speaks while Norman Silverman looks on.

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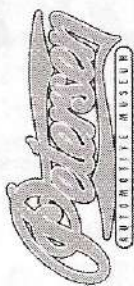
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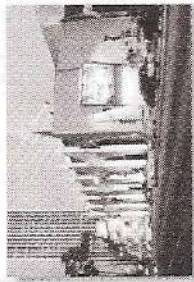
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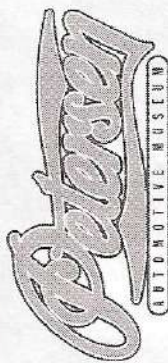
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- A beautiful Museum poster

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My name is Jeff Koch, and I am a California-based writer for Hemmings Publishing, including the brand-new *Hemmings Sports and Exotics*, a catch-all title for performance-minded European and Japanese vehicles. *HSX*'s editor, Craig Fitzgerald, has sent me on a mission: he wants factory-fresh (restored or unrestored, no matter as long as it's clean) original sporting Alfas in the pages of the magazine, and sooner rather than later. This is an open invitation to club members with appropriate vehicles to email me a couple of quickie jpegs (exterior and engine are all I really need) and a brief list of what makes this particular car special and worthy of inclusion (ie, all-original? Original owner? Smuggled into the country in pieces and it's the only one like it here?).

Models we're searching for would include anything sold in the US that wasn't a sedan—Guilias, Guiliettas, Montreals, Spiders, GTV and GTV6, you name it. We might even be up for some sporting Alfas that weren't sold in this country.

We do a couple of different kinds of stories:

- **Drive Reports.** The car is not only comprehensively photographed, but is also driven, so our reporters can give readers who have never driven a Lamborghini a sense of what it's like.
- **Comparison.** We pit two cars against each other—less to determine a winner than to get a sense of the different approaches that different car makers take to achieve the same ends. This also requires the writer/photographer (me) to go for a short drive.

- **Restoration Profiles.** The owner will provide comprehensive photos of his car before and during restoration, while we take the after shots. No driving necessary.

- **Drivable Dreams.** This is a regularly-driven, unrestored, slightly rough-and-tumble car that wears its scars and physical flaws like badges of honor. Cracked upholstery, rock chips, and high mileage are all encouraged.

I'd love to communicate with the owners of clean, original cars like those listed above, who might be interested in seeing their car in a nationally published magazine. Assuming they don't live in the snow belt I can pop around to take my own shots. (I live in Southern California, and simply for geography's sake owners in this area stand the best chance of getting my attention; I also travel to Northern California/Bay Area, Phoenix and Las Vegas quite a bit).

Any story we do will of course give your club, and any others the car owner feels is helpful to an Alfa fan, a plug in the magazine. Any interested parties may contact me at their leisure by E-mail to jkoch@hemmings.com. This is an open invitation and I'm happy to hear from everyone.

If you have any questions or clarifications please contact me!

Sincerely,

Jeff Koch
West Coast Associate Editor
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Dyno Day & Swap Meet at MagnaFlow

By Craig Goldenson

Well, Magnaflow held another *fantastic* "Alfa" Open House! Those that missed it need to make sure they attend next year. Every year this event just gets *better* and **BIGGER!** Just look at the pictures of the Car Show! The Dyno windows were filled with inquisitive faces peering to see and HEAR (*Fantastic Alfa sounds!*) as each car sang its way up to their **peak** RPM. In between runs you could go out in the parking lot and see you favorite Alfa glistening in the sun at the Car Show. If the Dyno runs and Car Show were not enough you could go home with your favorite Alfa treasure from the swap meet that was held just outside in the Dyno area parking lot. Yours truly brought home a 105 series bell housing.... *I'll get that lightweight GTV running soon.*

For this morning event and in the usual Magnaflow fashion they had a great assortment of food for us to munch throughout the morning. *They know Alfa people can be bribed through their stomachs.* This was required energy for our brains while our eyes and ears were filling our minds with thoughts of the next Alfa we should own, after all ALFA is an acronym for Always Looking For Another.....*right?*

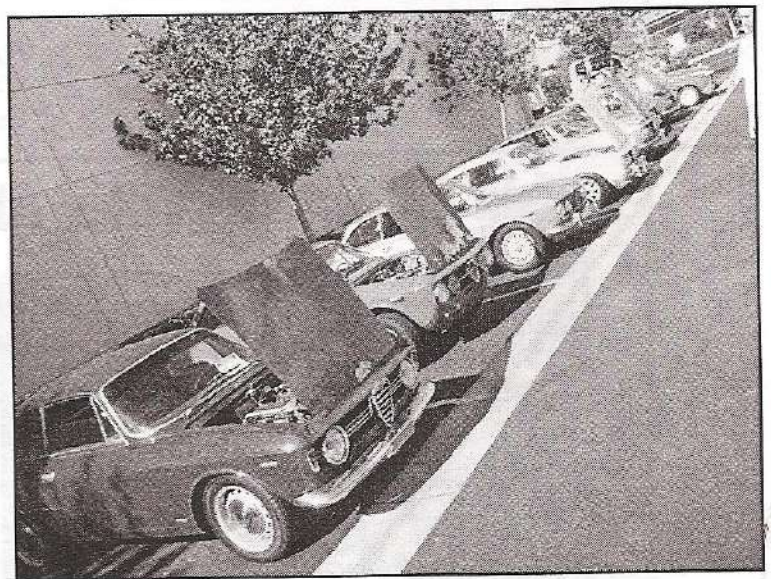
For the Dyno event this year it was decided that we had enough Alfa interest to only run Alfas. We had such a good response that next year will definitely be the same. The scene was fantastic with Alfas lined up in the garage and all of the Dyno entries anxiously awaiting their turn to see what the magical computer would pop up on the screen to show the **world... ok.....** on-lookers the peak hp. They were each vying for that much coveted Alfa Club t-shirt, which the winners of highest HP and the best HP/Liter would end up receiving. At the end of the day Anthony Rimicci won the HP/Liter with 82 in his ex-Charlie Thieriot Trans-Am GTA, great looking car. Look for him and the car out in the vintage events, *next years Monterey Historics?* (*Trans-Am will be featured*)

The most hp was **not even a competition:** Chip Mutza had a fire-breather 194 hp, which is about 223 at the engine crankshaft! Ok it was a 3 liter with 24 valves but it was still a lot of power, not to mention it had that beautiful V6 motor song, *thank you.* Everyone thoroughly

had a great time watching in anticipation as each car tried to reach what they had predicted for their maximum whp (Wheel Horsepower). Most were pleased and some were surprised, both pleasantly and well....*you know.*

As mentioned the Car show had an awesome turnout. We had a wide variety of Alfas show up and in that "eat off the engine" state of cleanliness.....Car Show.....go figure? In addition Magnaflow was installing an exhaust system on Kai Schorr's 1967, "Bone Stock" Alfa GTV. The new system was beautiful. The power gains from old to new were primarily noticeable in the improved torque curve and less in HP as the car would require retuning for the new system but the sound, *well, it was Alfa music.....* Thank you to Alfa BB (Anthony Rimicci & Simon Mestas) for helping with the advertising, the site really got the word out where it needed to go.....Alfa people!

The Alfa club wants to send out a *Special Thanks to Magnflow* for their *wonderful hospitality.* Our host, **Peter Nitoglia** (Club member and Alfa nut) and the "Dyno crew": **Richard, Adam, Gabe, Jose and Corey**. In addition, thank you for the great food and allowing us to have a blast listening & seeing many beautiful Alfas stretch their legs in the Dyno and relax in the parking lot under the wonderful California sun.

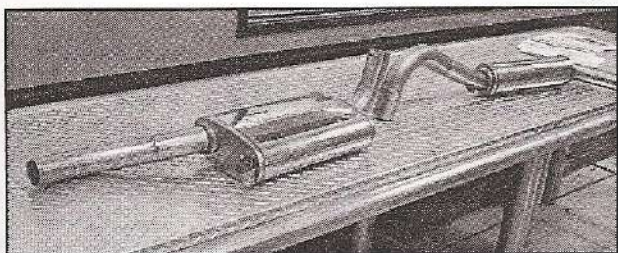


A nice collection of Alfas for the clean car show.

Name	Car	Year	Model	Engine Size (L)	Torque	HP	HP/Liter
Bruce Colby	Alfa	69	GTV - Race	2.0	118	110	55
Anthony Rimici	Alfa	65	GTA - Race	1.6	~	131	82
David Wong	Alfa	69	GTV - Modified	2.0	122	133	67
Charlie DiMarco	Alfa	86	GTV6	2.5	132	131	52
Randy Harris	Alfa	67	Duetto - Race	2.0	123	127	64
Chip Mutza	Alfa	87	Milano - 24 Valve	3.0	~	194	65
Brian Mertz	Alfa	67	GTV - Race	1.6	112	121	76
Wil Painter	Alfa	66	GTV - Race	2.0	103	96	48

Exhaust System Test

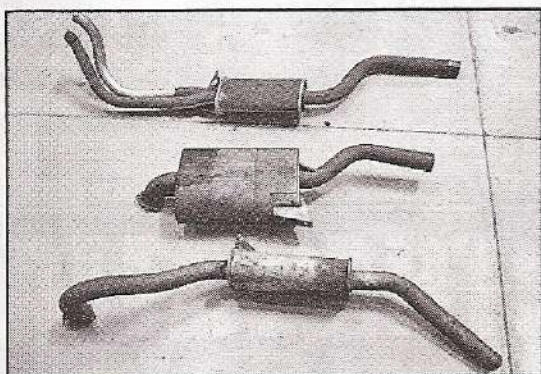
Kai Shcorr	Alfa	67	GTV - Stock	1.6	78	78	49
			GTV - Magnaflow	1.6	82	79	49



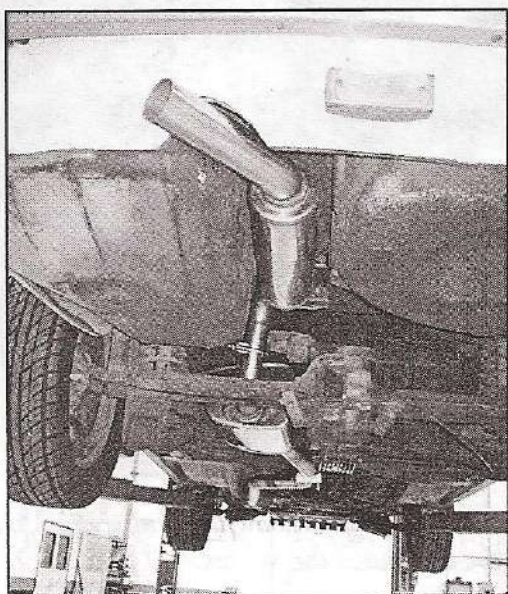
The MagnaFlow system to be installed



Randy Harris' Duetto race car on the dyno.



The original exhaust system removed



The MagnaFlow installation.



The MagnaFlow crew.

TSD Rallye

We had all of three cars show up for our first, in a long time, Time, Speed, Distance (TSD) rally. With this many teams in the competition, everyone was sure to get a trophy! In this case, a plaque was awarded to the driver and the navigator. The three teams followed a course from the north end of the valley to roads out and around Santa Clarita. Jay Negrin helped to develop a route that the Santa Monica Sport Car Club had used years ago. I think all that ran the rally enjoyed the roads, but scenery was a bit brown and not too involving. The feedback was that if we do another rally, we might go back to the hills around Malibu (better views). It was also discussed that poker rallies are more to the liking of the teams running the rally... Anyone with thoughts on the matter please email me at alfabc@comcast.net and let me know what kind, if any, rallies the club would like to have for 2006.

Thanks to Jay Negrin, Jim and Elyse Barrett, Bonnie Schwartz and friend Susan, and Jeff for helping with the timing and running of the rally. Also, thanks to Fiona Carson, for putting up with all of this. Again.

Regards,

Bill Carson
VP and Rally Chairperson

First Place in Alfa Spider -

Charles Schwartz driver, and David Waelder nav.

Second Place in Porsche Boxster -

Art Russell driver, and Patrick (son) Russell nav.

Third Place in Lancia Fulvia -

Adan Figueroa driver, and Joaquin Vaguerano nav.



The rallye workers nearly outnumbered the competitors.



At checkpoint 3, a Corvette passes and feels left out of the activities.



Charlie & Bonnie Schwartz await results while the Rally Master computes the scores.

Fall Wine Tour Thanksgiving Weekend to Edna Valley, Arroyo Grande

The time has come to restock the old wine cellar for the coming holiday season. This year we will be visiting the wineries of the Arroyo Grande and Edna Valleys on November 26th and 27th (Thanksgiving weekend). This area of the Central Coast produces some very distinguished wines. We have not visited this area as a club since 2001.

The Arroyo Grande and Edna valleys are located between Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo. This part of the Central Coast wine region is noted for its award winning wines. Wine growing in the region dates back to the 1880 when Franciscan padres planted the first grape vines.

Besides the fine wineries you will also be pleased with the windy back roads and breath-taking scenery. This promises to be a wine tour that lives up to the high standards of AROSC tours.

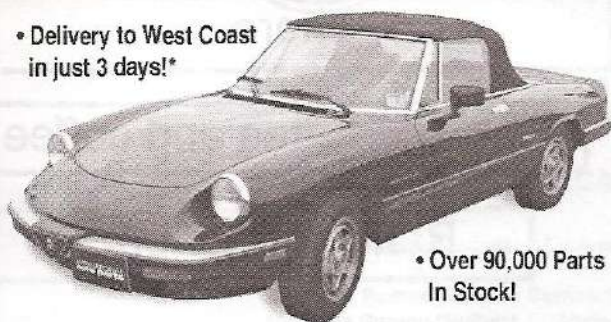
The tour will start on Saturday morning from the parking lot of the Historic Santa Maria Inn. For Saturday pack your favorite picnic lunch. A scenic location for your noontime repast will be provided by your Wine Tour guide. We will also gather for dinner at a fine restaurant in Santa Maria. On Sunday we will visit more wineries as we motor on back to civilization.

As last year we will be staying at the **Historic Santa Maria Inn**, located in downtown Santa Maria. The club has reserved a block of rooms for Friday, November 25th and Saturday, November 26th. To get one of these rooms at the reduced rates of \$79 per night in the old part of the inn and \$99 per night in the tower you need to call before October 25 and give the magic words "Alfa Romeo Club." If you wish you can also reserve a junior suite at \$119 or a grand suite at \$159 per night.

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Alfa Club Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec 10th
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Since it's election time, and you might want to get the constituency a little liquored up, I will host with some decent Italian red!! There will also be chips 'n dips...maybe something else to eat too. I was thinking of hiring some local hotties to serve up mini corndogs with toothpicks in them (the corndogs not the hotties). Oh, and make sure to bring the coffee machine. ... Anyway, it will be a great time for sure...

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Alfa Romeo and the 2007 America's Cup

In the second year of the four-year process that is the modern America's Cup, Alfa Romeo have announced they will be an Official Supplier of the Italian Luna Rossa 'Prada' boat.

Acts 8 and 9 of the 2007 America's Cup will be held in Trapani, Sicily, from September 28 to October 9, concluding the 2005 European Tour of the Cup, and bringing to life the competitive determination and technological innovation that link Alfa Romeo and Luna Rossa. The team of the famous yacht has chosen to travel in the new Alfa 159, because of its safety, comfort and styling.



Alfa Romeo supports this extraordinary venture wholeheartedly, because it shares the same philosophy that animates the Luna Rossa team: competitive determination combined with sophisticated technological innovation.

For more information on the Prada-sponsored Italian America's Cup challenger please visit www.lunarossachallenge.com or the competition's own website www.americascup.com.



Anthony Rimicci ran his (ex-Charlie Thieriot) GTA at the Vintage Races at Coronado recently. No other info is available at this time.



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Willow Springs Time Trial & Race – Oct. 22-23

By Mike McKibben

Photos by Mike & Mitch McKibben & Terry Major

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For me, the Willow springs event began some time ago. My daughter, Andrea, while not a fan of the sport (brother Mitch and I, on the other hand, are true followers and fanatics of motor racing in virtually all of its forms) has for some time expressed a desire to race. Intriguing, considering driving intimidated her for years. She worked on her confidence in a couple of AROSC street performance schools at the "Streets" in her Sonoma Pickup truck, and, since Jody Fibrow was interested in time trialing, Dennis and I jointly purchased Tony Presto's old MR2 for Jody and Andrea to share.

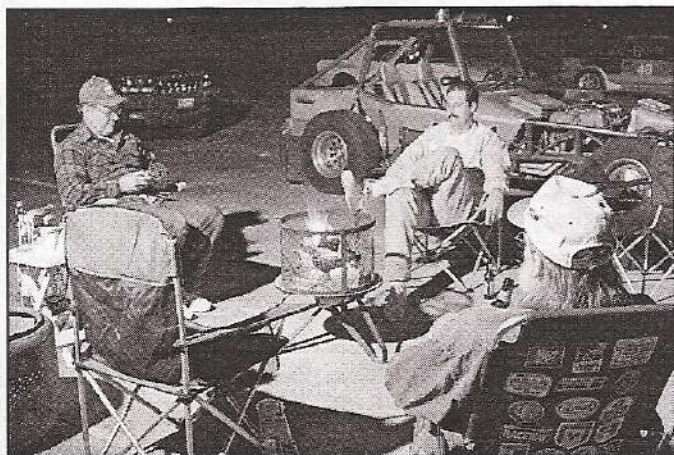
Two weeks before the event, and Andrea still hadn't driven a stick shift. The first attempt was in my Mustang Cobra. Gena knows I tend to get a bit tense at times as a passenger, and warned me it better not happen with our daughter. The Cobra is no picnic as a learning device, and Andrea struggled, even more so at the intersection where the guy in the big Silverado was leaning on his horn and rattling her so badly she kept stalling the car. I exited the passenger door to discuss with the gentleman the need for courtesy toward learning drivers, and the fact that even a big shot such as he could be a hopeless, moronic incompetent when faced with a manual shifter. Just as I got out of the door, he accelerated around the Cobra,

yelling an obscenity at Andrea. And I was left in the street comparing him to a lower body part, and signaling him in such a way that I doubt he felt I was telling him he was number 1. Road rage, indeed.

So now we're at Willow. Jody couldn't make it, so Dennis was kind enough to volunteer to test the Andrea/Jody MR2 in Race Group. Big Dog wasn't available either (still recovering from Buttonwillow) and since my meltdown 2 weeks earlier convinced me to accept the fact that I'm truly a psycho, I entered the Company Car in race Group. Mitch would time trial the Cobra, and Rob Rhodes brought his 1997 Cobra (the original Company Car) to complete at least the core members of Team Hang On. And here's a note: as the time trailers were gridding on Sunday, and I was taking pictures, a spectator remarked, "Hey, isn't that Tony Adamowicz?" "Why, yes it is," I replied. Our club has always had class; how we have a celebrity!

After a long track absence, it was great to see Greg Nelson bring his Mazda to race. And what a joy it was to see Phyllis Gaylard at the track to time trial her Alfa 164Q, a car so enormous it dwarfs some Cadillacs [what? I thought it just felt big on the track – Ed.]

Andrea began learning the ropes with the MR2. All the instructors, Dennis, Greg, and Steve Hamilton, spent tons of time with her, in and out of the car, although they did recruit Terry Major to take the first ride with her. Returning after a number of laps, Terry crawled out of the car, exclaiming, "Man, you've got to put her in the Intro Group."



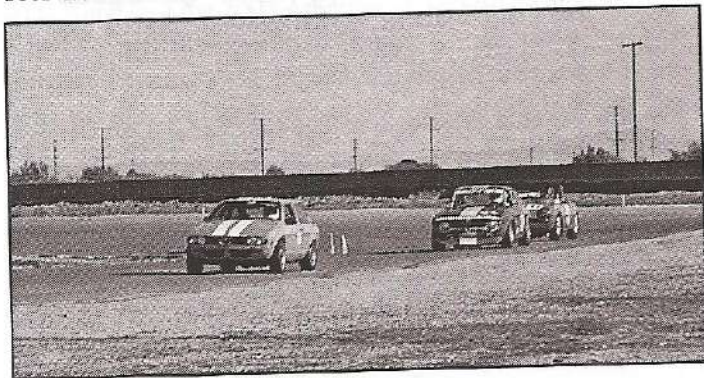
Team Hang On camps out at the track on Friday night.



Terry Major bails out after riding with Andrea.

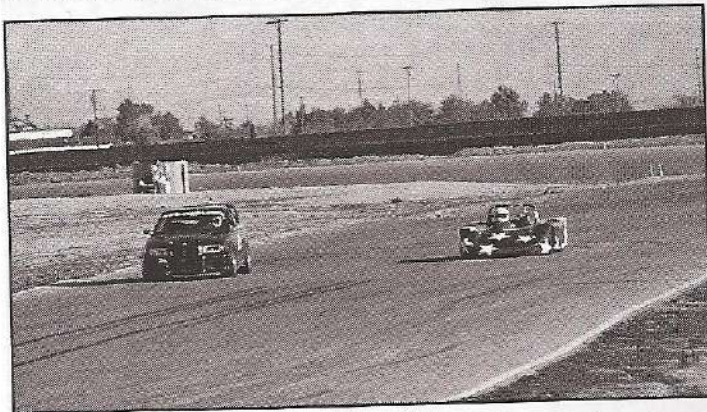
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The Alfa qualifier was a runaway for Jim Ferris' Alfetta, but lo and behold, Bruce Colby showed all that his gentle and accommodating demeanor is a mere façade as he bullied his way into a second place. (By the way, on Saturday nights, ever notice the Alfa folks are drinking wine from fancy goblets, while the open guys are drinking beer from the can or bottle?)



Jim Ferris leads at the end of lap 1, and thereafter.

In the open qualifier, a lot of us figured Steve Hamilton's Lola would run off and hide, right up to the point that Bob Poulin's BMW dusted him. Bob's son Matt had been



Bob Poulin passes Steve Hamilton in Saturday's race.

letting the family secret out of the bag all morning long ("I'm looking at low 1:30's with that new engine") but no one was paying much attention. Saturday night, Steve suggested it would only be fair to visit the Poulin pit and insert a bit of paper under one of the distributor wires (people hanging around McKibben/Rhodes tend to get creative: at Fontana, when Matt grouched that his dad was consistently faster than he, Mitch and I helpfully suggested we'd distract Bob on the grid while Matt let 15 or so pounds of pressure out of a rear tire).

Saturday was also a day of a bit of automotive carnage. Ed Victoria took a wild ride up the Turn 9 berm during practice. He was thankfully ok, and even his 911 didn't bear as many scars as one might expect. Even in our limited group, there was mechanical carnage. Tony Presto

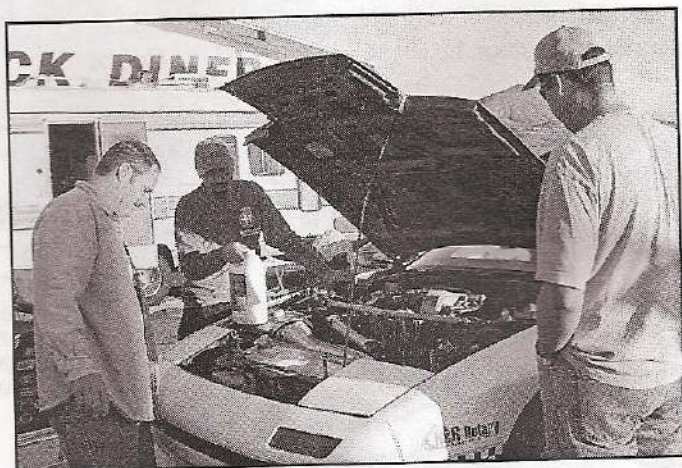
and Mike Easterman blew clutches in their Mazda and Mustang, respectively, and the MR2 was stopped by overheating problems. People were working on cars (and foraging in town for parts) late into the night, but amazingly enough, as cars took to the track Sunday morning, everything worked.



Andrea's ride needs to cool down.



Tony Presto's Mazda needs a clutch -- a fun Saturday night!



Will it run this morning???

Time Trials: Mat Poulin was right. He had fast time of the day at 1:33. Mitch, after years of 'dissing' the Company



OK, so the 164 looks a little big next to Norm's Giulia, John Pepper's Spider and Andrea's MR2.

Car ("anything under 1:40 is a gift") ran a 1:36 with it. Norm Silverman somehow beat his Giulia into a sub-two minute lap [1:58, thanks to coaching by Larry Harvey]. And Andrea, amazingly, ran 2:02 in the MR2 (knocking 13 seconds off her morning time and, yes, she can now drive a stick shift).

Alfa Cup: We all expected Jim Ferris to disappear again and he did for a lap or two, until Anthony Rimicci caught him and passed him, and although Ferris was thereafter all over Rimicci like a cheap suit, he couldn't find a way by. [Anthony watched Saturday's race and decided he had to go home and get a car to join in on Sunday]. Bruce Colby was third, second in class.



Jim Ferris had a nice lead after 1 lap.



Anthony Rimicci holds off Jim Ferris for the win.

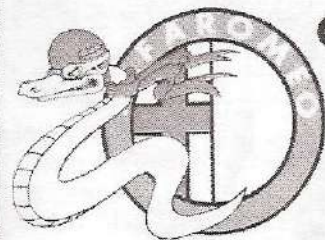
Open Race: No surprises here. Bob Poulin rode off into the sunset (he and son Matt afterwards drenched each other in champagne on the podium). Emilio Valsecchi's Volkswagen keeps getting faster and faster every time out, finishing second, and first in Class N.



The Alfa Cup start



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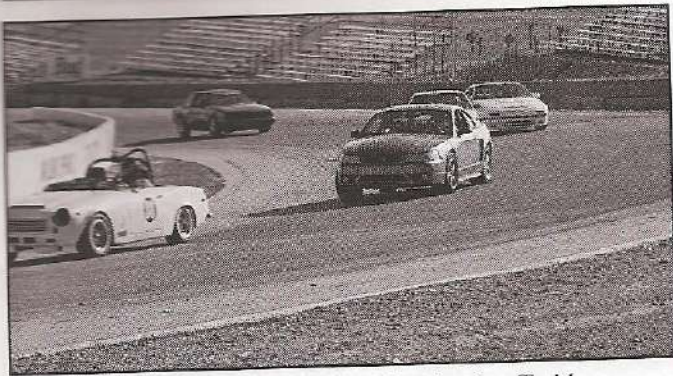
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The melee of cars, with Mike chasing Todd.



Mike still chases Todd's Datsun 510.



Jim Ferris is coming through the crowd for his second race of the day.

Presto, Nelson, Todd McNall, and I. Proudly I must say there is not a scratch on the company car (except for multiple rubber scars perhaps, and bruised synchros around third gear). I told Mitch after he got his plate that maybe I could have run a 1:36 too, except Todd was in my way. In fact, he was in my way pretty much the whole race, including when they threw the checker. Interestingly, Mitch had us doing 1:38s, two seconds faster than Todd was in winning time Trial Class O.

The MR2s of Terry, Dennis, and Beverly tried to make it a threesome, but Bev got out adrift, unfortunately, and Dennis ran out of gas. Rumor has it that Terry kept wearing out tires all weekend long, sticking poor Bev with the leavings at race time.



Dennis Fibrow and Terry Major battle in MR2s.

An extremely large group of us gathered for dinner at the local Mexican restaurant. As I was leaving, Terry and Dennis rallied up the masses, demanding that I recount the story of Andrea and the Silverado pickup truck. I did, adding that I felt simply awful about my lapse of civility, that I owed an amends to that driver, but hoped he realized he owed an amends to Andrea as well. Paul Blankenship said, "Yeah, I'm really sorry about that."

See you in Pahrump,
Mike.



Il Presidente Norman gets his trophy for his sub-2:00 time -- like running a sub-4:00 mile!



Matt Poulin gets his trophy for TT Top Time of Day!



Andrea, having learned how to operate her stick shift, runs along side Fred Hamilton's Buick -- the youngest vs. the oldest.

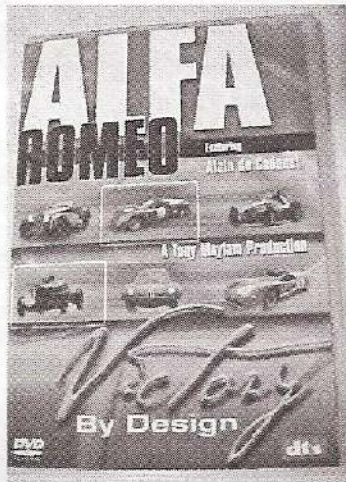


Andrea in her 'Hero Driver' suit.

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January 21 & 22

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I've settled on Saddle West for our hotel, banquet and RV Park. They have it all. Casino, pool, spa, bar, gift shop, kids arcade and 24hr restaurant. The banquet details are still being worked on, but it will be at Saddle West on Saturday at 6:00pm.

Room rates are:

- \$44.30 for 2 queens,
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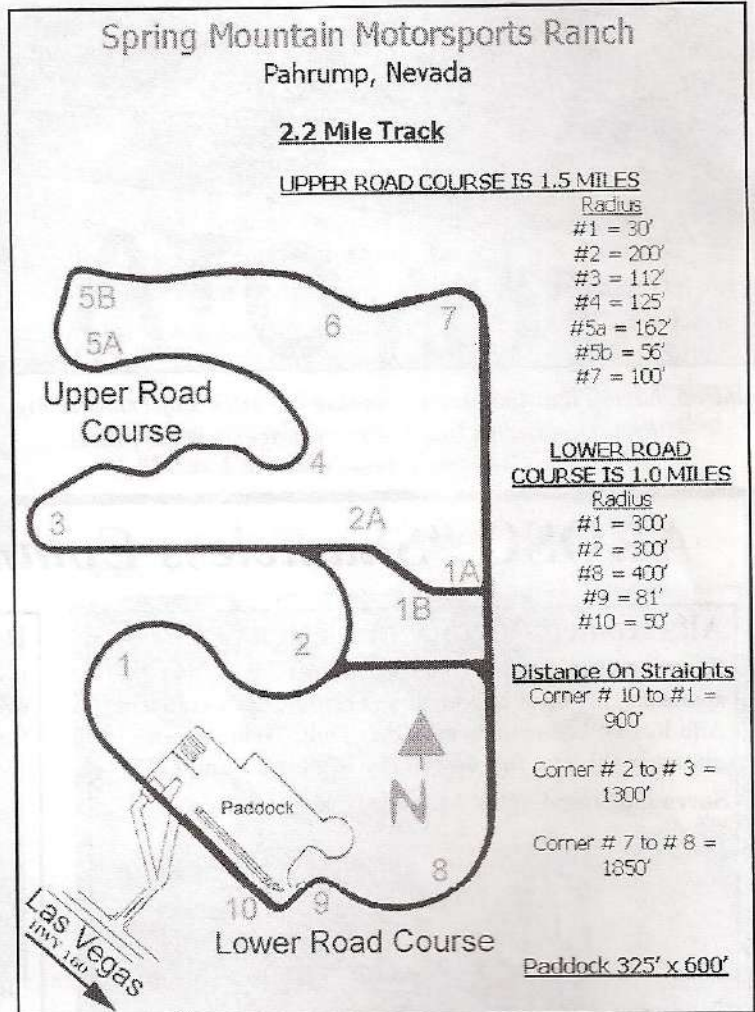
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Eight minutes to the track!

For more information, check out the web site: <http://www.springmountainmotorsports.com/>

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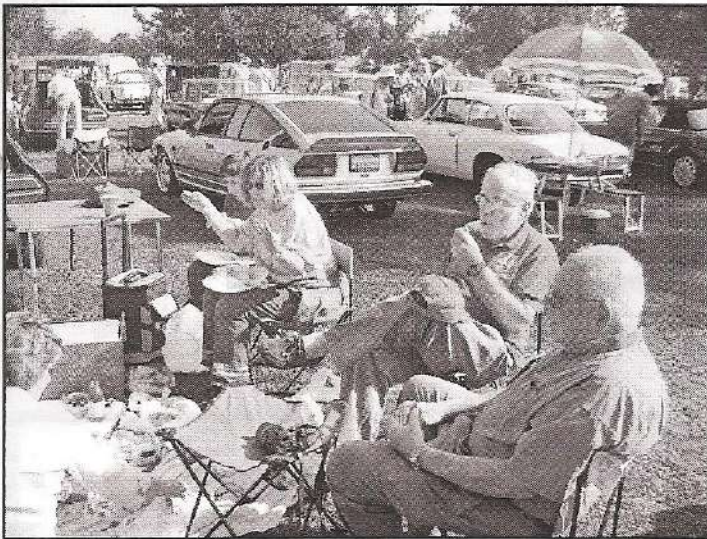
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Our lovely Alfa Banner flies over the Lancias!?!



Jay Leno wanders by the very nice Giulietta Spider of David Sydorick



The club honchos do lunch amid the hubbub



The elderly Alfa contingent -- 2600s



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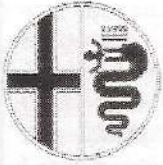
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8-9 Time Trial - Willow Springs	5-6 Drivers School, Streets of Willow	13 Swap Meet at Omega MotorSports, 9am	6 AROSC Board Meeting
30 AROSC Annual Mtg and Luncheon at Luigi's, Hawthorne	25 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City	19-20 Time Trial @ Fontana 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	
30 General Meeting ,Cast-away Restautant ,8PM Burbank	22-23 Time Trial & Race @ Willow Springs	18 General Meeting, 8pm White Turkey Sale & Elections, <u>Dirk Stoehr's</u> , 8PM	10 Holiday Party at the Kutkus' home
	28 General Meeting, 7:30pm at <u>Mosier Restorations</u>	26-27 Wine Tour	11 Board Meeting & Planning for 2006 at the Kutkus' home
	30 Ghostly Rallye (TSD)		