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Alfa Romeo
OWNERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



October 2005

**In This Issue: Monterey
Historics, Drivers School, up-
coming events, and more.....**

Meeting Information

General Meetings are held the last Friday of each month except November and December at 8:00pm, usually in the Uruapan Room at Veterans' Memorial Park at the corner of Culver and Overland in Culver City. In November the meeting will be held on the last Friday if there are two Fridays after Thanksgiving, otherwise it will be on the Friday prior to Thanksgiving. A holiday party is held in December in lieu of the General Meeting that month. Numerous special meetings and events are also held throughout the year. Check the Calendar information on the outside back cover for an overview of the year, the Previews section on Page 3, and review *Alfacionada* for details of events planned for the near future.

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This Month's Cover

Jim Barrett sent in these views of the lovely Alfa Concept car shown at Monterey. It was labeled the 8C Spider. Let's hope it becomes a reality on these shores before we are ALL old and gray!

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2005 AROSC Previews

An outline of coming events

Time Trial and Race, Willow Springs – Oct. 22-23

This is our last time trial of the year, since the organization that we were joining at Pahrump lost that date. We are working on another date at Pahrump but it will probably be early next year. So, come out to good old Willow Springs for another great track weekend.

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

We will gather again at the Mosier Restoration facility in Inglewood to see what Bob Mosier has in work. The Horch is making progress for showing at next year's Pebble Beach Concours, and other cars will be on hand to ogle. See page 12.

Rallye (Ghostly?) – Sunday, October 30, 9:00 AM

AROSC is proud to announce its first TSD rally in recent history. A Time, Speed and Distance rally is a driving event, requiring a driver and navigator to follow a course that is not known to contestants ahead of time. You will follow instructions relating to the course. We will be conducting the rally on the last Sunday, the 30th of October. Start location is in Mission Hills. Be there by 9:00AM. First car starts at 10:01AM. For more information see page 12

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

The Board of directors meets monthly at a restaurant, for the purpose of planning the club's activities, conducting the club's business, having dinner, etc. All members are welcome to attend. If you have some issue to bring to the board, or some ideas for events, etc., please plan to be there. The location is Luigi's Restaurant, Rosecrans just west of the I-405.

Concours at Woodley Park – Saturday, November 5

The Annual Best of France and Italy car show at Woodley Park in Van Nuys will also be the site of our last Concours of the year. Note the change from Sunday to Saturday, as the Park

rented out to a dog show, displacing us on Sunday! See page 13 for more information.

General Meeting, Election, White Turkey Auction – November 18

This meeting has been moved to Dirk Stoehr's facility, including museum. Location is in the downtown Los Angeles area, near Washington and Vermont. More information in the next issue.

Wine Tour – November 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 before the deadline!

Competition Committee Meeting – Sunday, December 4

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. 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 usually provide the main dishes and we pot luck the sides, salads, and desserts.

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, where the rent is not cost effective for the small number of attendees.

***DON'T MISS:
Oct. 28 Meeting at Mosier
Restoration, 7:30 PM
Oct. 30 TSD Rallye in the
Valley, 9:00 AM
Nov. 5 (Saturday!)
Best of France & Italy Car
Show, Woodley Park***

View from the Top

Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente!

September started and ended in heat (see below) with a well attended and well presented semi annual AROSC High Performance Driving School. The highlights could fill a book. Steve Hamilton's team of instructors, featuring guest instructor Rick Knoop, did an awesome job. Rick teamed up with his old racing buddy, Tony Adamowicz, was like a kid in a candy store. The results were summed up beautifully in a short letter written to Steve by Bob Poulin, one of our competition drivers and father of one of our most intense students - Matt Poulin (I believe in his first race school). I and everyone who has read this note and knows the Poulins were truly moved. (See article on School)

PS: Matt won 2 of the 3 races run as a graduation exercise.

On October 22nd and 23rd, we will have our last Time Trial and Race Weekend at Willow Springs this year. This is a great time of the year to participate and spectate. **If you're not competing but want the experience of driving a racetrack, our Intro (Lunch hour supervised lapping session) will be the best \$40 you've ever invested.** I say invested, because you will have invested in improving your basic driving skills as well as having too much fun for it to be legal. Willow has great viewing bleachers; a couple of snack shacks (air conditioned), indoor plumbing, and everyone is invited to hang around the pit area. If you have a friend with a competition license you may just get a couple of laps as a passenger during the practice runs. As everybody knows, I probably have the slowest car in the club, but in the few years that I have been running Time Trial competition at Willow I have lowered my times from 2:12 to 2:02. The betting window will be open as we try to break 2 minutes.

On the night of the 50th anniversary of James Dean's death, Our September General Meeting took place in the Verdugo Hills high above beautiful downtown Burbank. In spite of the 600 acres burning one canyon over, 17 of our hardy faithful braved the smoke, ash and police barricades to be joined by our guest speaker - a true Automotive Aficionado - Mr. Richard Messer, bon vivant, raconteur and Director of the Peterson Automotive Museum. After an evening of fine (yet reasonable) dining and running conversations, Dick took us down a Southern Californian's first hand memory lane of fast cars, fast teens, and fast times at the Paramount Ranch Race Track. In my perspective of history, California had 2 Golden Ages of Automotive History - the 20's & 30's and the 50's & 60's with the greatest impact on American automotive lore being the

latter. The era spawned great drivers, many still competing - great cars, many still on the track - great custom shops, still dotting the landscape - great painters and strippers still creating great art. Dick has helped preserve the essence of Southern California's place in creating this history with his masterful stewardship of the Peterson Automotive Museum and I believe we all have an obligation to be members and to contribute to the museum's continued successes.

The month will end with our semi annual meeting at Mosier Restoration on October 28th. I believe Bob will be sending a few cars to Pebble Beach in 2006, including the Horch that we have been watching him rebuild over the past 2 years. A few weeks ago the Horch was resting in the paint room. As usual his atelier (his place is too fancy for garage) will be filled with historically significant vehicles in various stages of restoration. Currently on the floor, in addition to '39 and '40 Ford Coupe hot rods are a Marmon 16, a Cord, and the Victress. You can be guaranteed that there will be some spectacular additions to the shop floor by the end of the month.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th - NOT SUNDAY- the Best of France & Italy will be gathering at Woodley Park. We have been assured that there will be no rain. For those who have never attended, this event is the 2nd largest gathering of under 3 liter Italian cars and, I believe, the largest gathering of French cars in the USA.

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Maserati plans Alfa-based Convertible

Entry-level model will boost sales

By Luca Ciferri

Automotive News Europe / September 19, 2005

Maserati will use Alfa Romeo technology to launch its cheapest model in 2007, company sources say.

The two-seat, four-wheel drive convertible will be based on the new Alfa Romeo Spider that debuts at the Geneva auto show next March, according to insiders.

The new Maserati — whose project name is the “entry-level Spyder” — will be priced around E70,000, almost E20,000 less than the current Maserati Spyder.

Karl-Heinz Kalbfell, CEO of Alfa Romeo and Maserati, said that “rounding down” the sports car maker’s lineup with a cheaper model is an important pillar in boosting Maserati’s sales to 10,000 units by 2010, up from an expected 5,600 units this year.

In February, Fiat group decided to link Maserati, which used to be grouped with Ferrari, with Alfa Romeo.

Maserati has already killed plans to build a E100,000 Spyder derived from the four-door Quattroporte sedan because it is unlikely to be profitable.

Got Some Spare Cash??

Classic Car Auction - Saturday 22nd October 2005 PM, Brescia, Italy

Three exceptional cars on sale at our forthcoming auction at our premises in **Brescia**, Oct. 22 at 3:00 PM: The unique **ALFA ROMEO 6C PININ FARINA**, the only one existing 6cylinder **1916 PATERSON**, and the custom made **FERRARI 355 BERLINETTA** belonged to Umberto Agnelli.

The entries for the auction are almost completed and the **definitive lot list** will be available in our website [luzzago](http://luzzago.com) from Monday 10 October 2005. For further information or if you would like to enter a collector car or motorcycle don't hesitate to contact us by telephone or email. From the same day all the lots will be exhibited in our premises and our technicians will be at your disposal for inspecting the lots on sale.

1950 ALFA ROMEO 2500 6C:
UNIQUE EXAMPLE PININ FARINA
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This Alfa Romeo 6C is the ultimate example of three cars built by Pinin Farina as aerodynamics and aesthetics

development. This design was later used by Pinin Farina on the Lancia Aurelia B20 production.

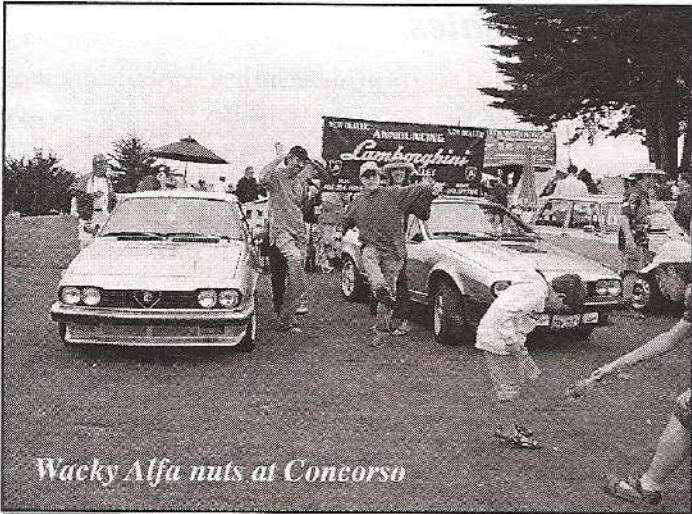
With a sport chassis and advanced engine, the car was built in July 1950 and delivered with the plate MI 164115 to the well known company Farsura in Milano, later belonged also to the famous gentleman driver Carlo Leto di Priolo.

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Monterey Historics: Concorso, Races

Photos by, Charlie Schwartz and Nick Zart



Wacky Alfa nuts at Concorso



Dinner in Carmel



The Rimiccis show the former Thieriot GTA



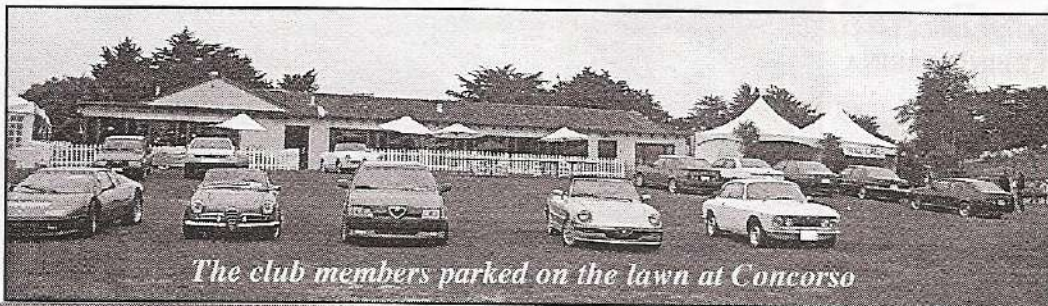
Phil Hill's Alfa



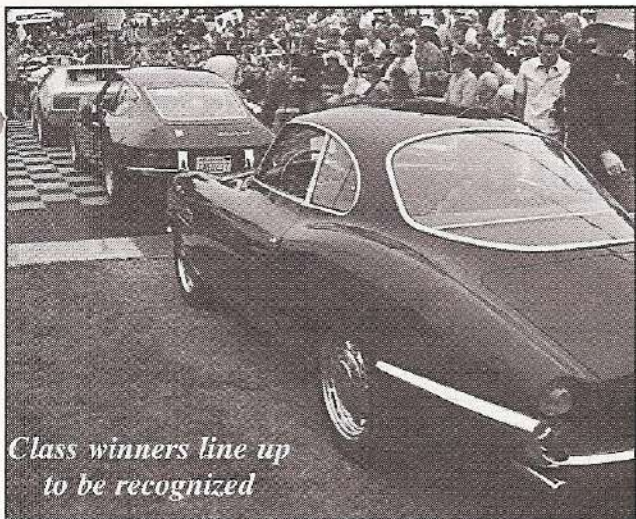
Parking jam at West Clark's post-Concorso party



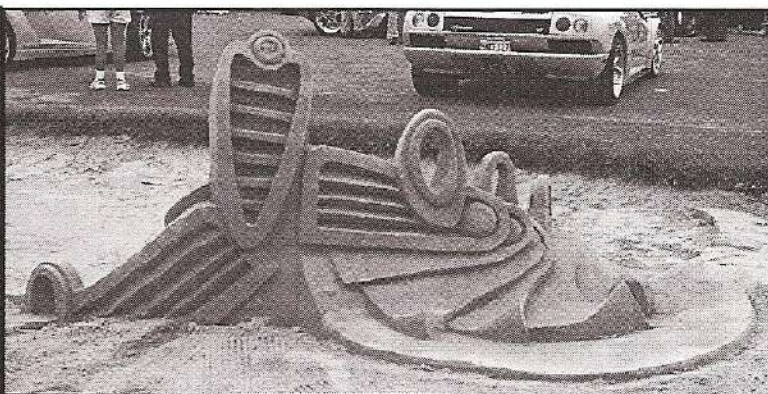
Zagato Cover Girl



The club members parked on the lawn at Concorso



Class winners line up to be recognized



Alfa Sand sculpture at Concorso



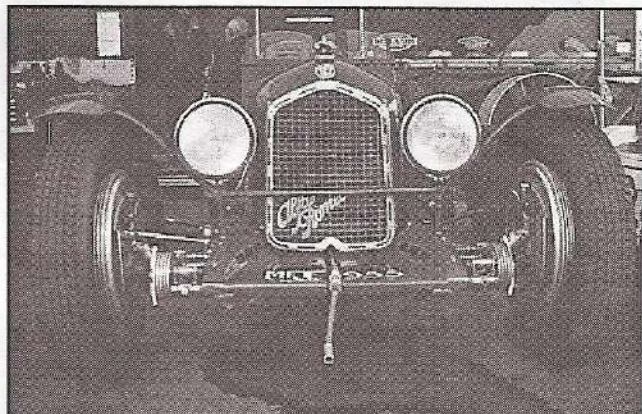
A Spider enters the 'fashion show'



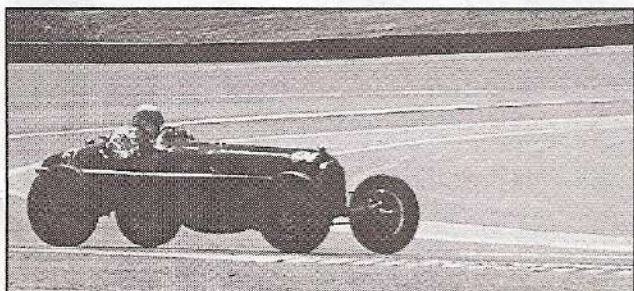
'Bonnie' the Salt Flats Record car



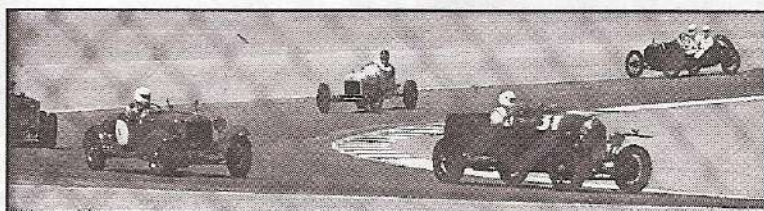
The Concorso-winning Spider brought wine!



\$2M and it still leaks oil like any other Alfa!



Historic racing action at Laguna Seca



An Orgy of Alfas at Pebble Beach

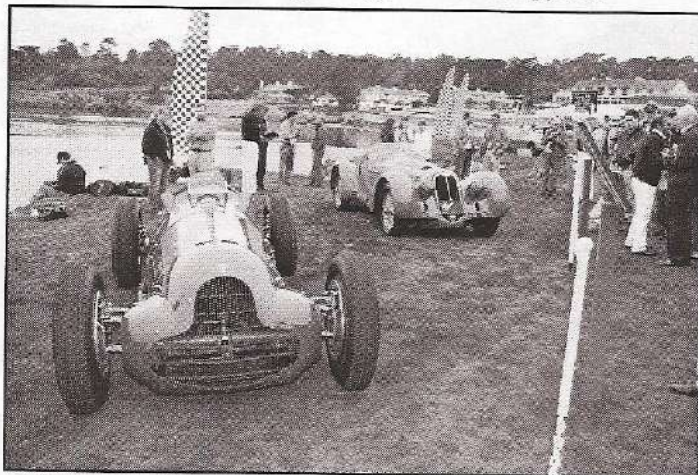
Photos by Paul Dexler



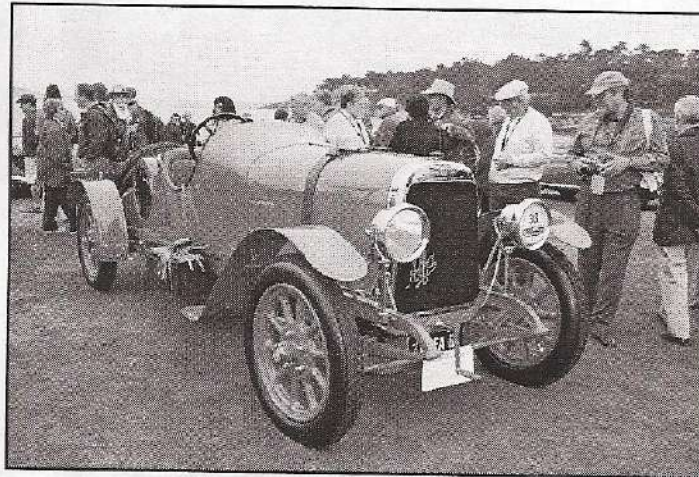
Corrado Lopresto brought this car from Milano. It is the 1955 Bertone prototype Guilietta spyder.



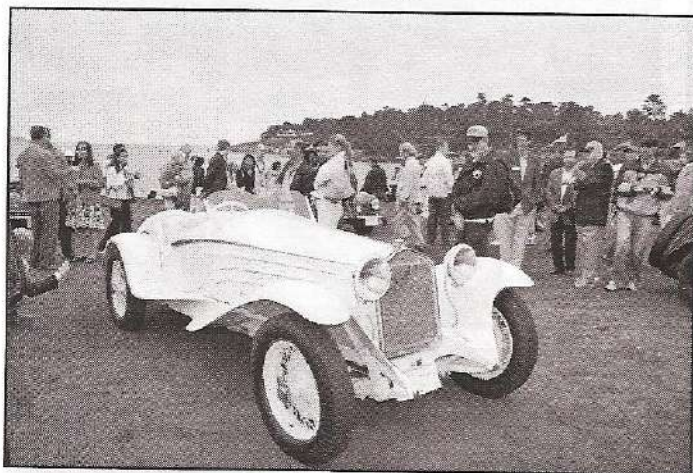
In the early 1950s, Alfa did really well racing the 2000 Disco Volante (Flying Saucer) coupe and spyder by Touring.



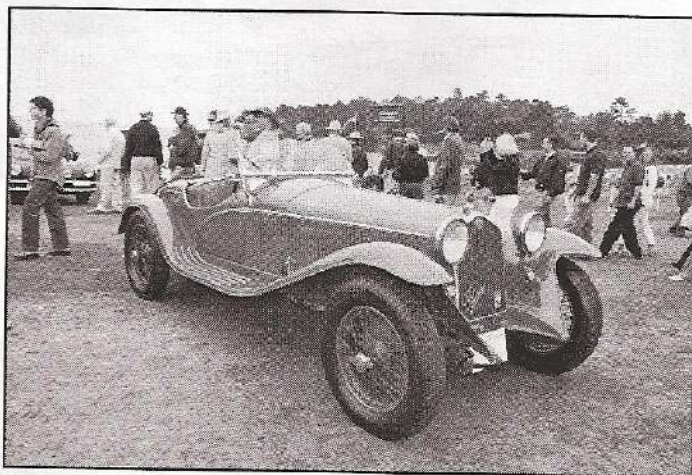
Race cars: The car in front is a 1939 Tipo 158 Alfetta shown by Carlo Vööegele from Switzerland, and the one at the rear is Ralph Lauren's (ex Phil Hill) 1938 8C 2900 MM Touring Spyder.



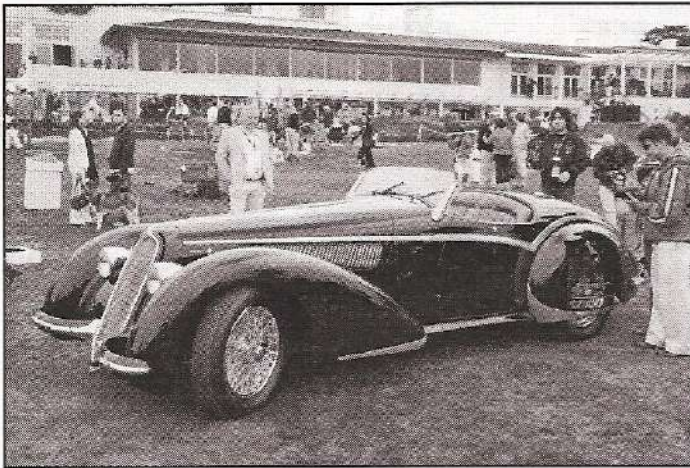
Sidney, Australia, is the home of the oldest Alfa on display, Neville Crichton's 1921 G1 Sports roadster.



Arturo Keller brought this 1931 6C 1750 GS Flying Star spyder by Touring from Petaluma.



Axel Marx brought this 1932 6C 1750 GS Brianza spyder from Switzerland.



John Mozart's 8C 2900B Touring spyder was the poster car for the concours. Many people regard it as the most beautiful sports car ever built. And Mozart doesn't just look at it, he drives it several thousand miles per year.



Ray Scherr keeps this 1938 8C 2900B Touring spyder in Westlake Village.



Malcolm Harris brought this 1966 2600 Sprint Zagato Coupe from Seattle.



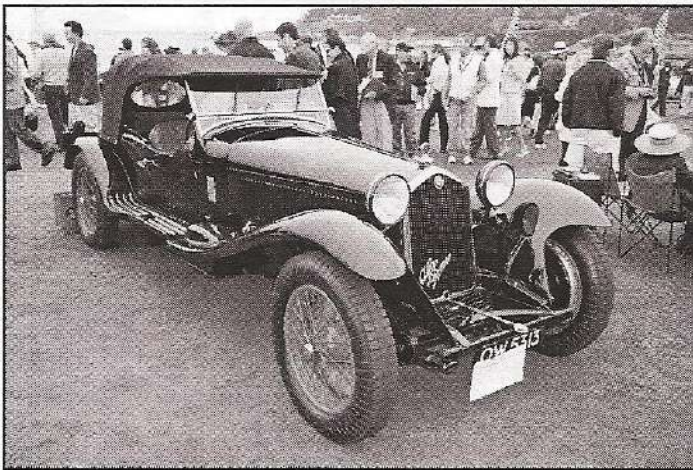
Tim Walker brought this 1949 6C 2500 Touring Villa d'Este coupe from Pasadena.



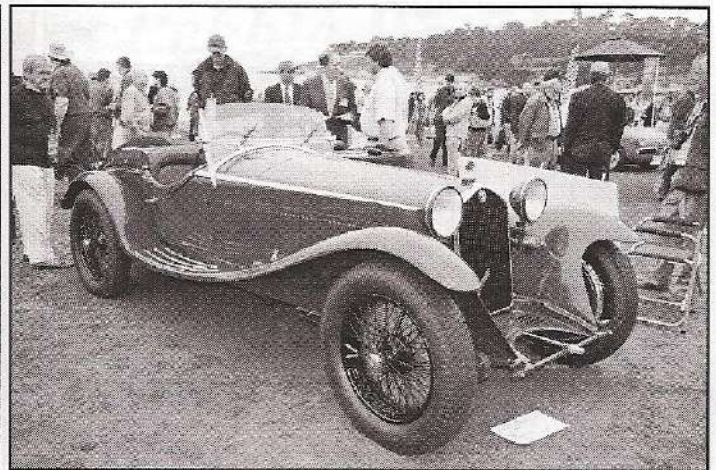
Lawrence Auriana brought this 1930 6C 1500 Testa Fissa Zagato spyder from Stamford, Connecticut.



American cars influenced a lot of pre-war Italian design. This 1935 6C 2300 S carries Pescara Spyder coachwork by Touring. Ugo Isgro brought it from Silea, Italy.



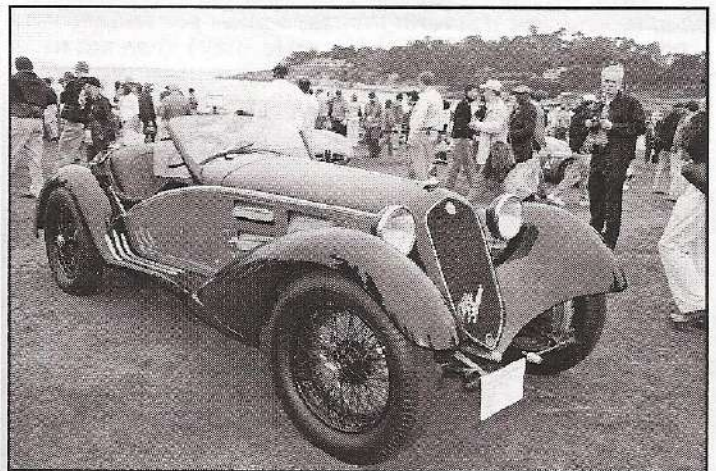
This is a 1934 8C 2300 with Brianza torpedo coachwork. Daniel Sielecki brought it from Acassuso, Argentina.



David Sydorick keeps this 8C 2300 Zagato spyder in Beverly Hills.



This 1933 8C 2300 has a Castagna spyder body. Fred Simeone brought it from Philadelphia.



John Travis brought his 1934 8C 2300 Touring spyder from nearby Saratoga.

Elections Are Coming!

Here Is Your Chance to Get Involved!

Annual elections for the AROSC Board of Directors are coming in November. A mail ballot will be sent out in October with the candidates and candidate statements that have been received by then. Voting will be by mail and at the November club meeting. If you are interested in running, please let us know soon so you will be listed on the ballot.

We elect ten members to the Board of Directors, who choose the officers and committee chairs among themselves. Membership on the Board adds

one meeting per month, which includes dinner – such a deal. We usually meet at a restaurant or a member's home for food and business.

If you or someone you know would be interested in serving, contact a board member or attend the November meeting to nominate that person from the floor. Here is your chance to help plan and conduct the wide variety of activities that makes this chapter so great. You probably have some new ideas that would be fun for all of us. Don't keep them to yourself, join the Board and get involved.

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.

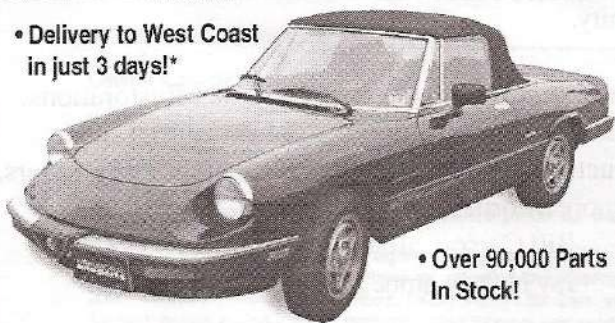
The tour will start on Saturday morning from the parking lot of the Historic Santa Maria Inn. For Saturday pack you favorite picnic lunch. A scenic location for your noontime repast will be provided by your Wine Tour guide. We will also gather for dinner at a fine restaurant in Santa Maria. On Sunday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

If you have any questions or need further information contact your Wine Tour guide, Gene Brown at 805-527-8520 or secretary@arosc.org

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

It's time again for our bi-annual meeting at Mosier Restoration. Located at 1020 W. Hillcrest Ave., Inglewood (directions below), Mosier's can only be described as an atelier – an artist's workshop. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Mosier Restoration, Bob Mosier and his talented staff of artisans are considered to be amongst the finest quality restorers in the world of Classic and Vintage Cars.

As usual his shop will be filled with historically significant vehicles in various stages of restoration. Currently on the floor, in addition to '39 and '40 Ford Coupe hot rods are a Marmon 16, a Cord, and the Victress. You can be guaranteed that there will be

some spectacular additions to the shop floor by the end of the month. For those of you who have been following the progress of the 1939 Horch, the reconstructive surgery is continuing toward a showing at Pebble Beach in 2006. A few weeks ago it was resting in the paint room.

DIRECTIONS:

If you take the 405 North toward LAX, exit on Century Blvd, go West (left) to La Cienega Blvd. Go North (right) on La Cienega and West (left on Hillcrest) Going South on the 405, exit Manchester and continue straight ahead to La Cienega. Go West (right) on Hillcrest. We would like to start the meeting at 7:30.

TSD Rally Set For October 30

AROSC is putting on an easy TSD (time, speed and distance), navigational rally. We will be conducting this trapless event on October 30th, the last Sunday of the month. We will be starting our event in the north end of the San Fernando Valley, Mission Hills to be exact. We will meet in the rear parking lot of the Bank of America, on the north east corner of Sepulveda Blvd and Devonshire St. (There is a Devonshire off ramp on the San Diego Fwy.) Registration will open at 9:00AM. The first car will start at 10:01AM.

For those new to rallying, you may be asking, "What is appropriate to bring to such an event?" The first thing you will absolutely need is a navigator/co-driver. You will need someone to read the instructions and make notes, while someone else handles the driving chores. Also strongly suggested are: clipboard, paper, pens/pencils, settable clock that can read in seconds.

The rally will be between 2 and 2 1/2 hours in length. It will be finishing at a pizza joint in the Santa Clarita vicinity.

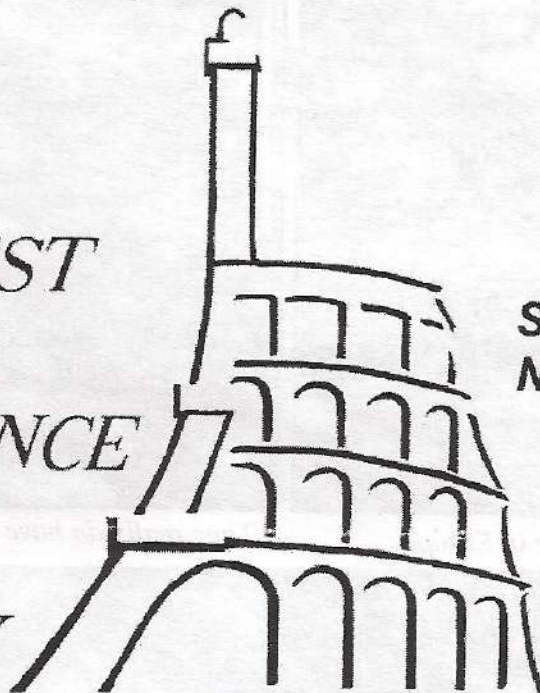
At the monthly club meeting, at Mosier Restorations, on the 28th of October, we will have a brief rally instruction session, including a questions and answers. For more information contact:

Bill Carson, alfabc@comcast.net

Jay Negrin, jmnegrin@earthlink.net

The more adventurous among you may want to attempt to get some rallying experience before the AROSC event. I might suggest that the First Friday Nite of every month, the Santa Monica Sports Car Club puts on relatively easy TSD events that start at this very same location. Their registration opens at 7:00 PM, with the first car leaving at 8:01.

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**SATURDAY
NOV. 5**

**9 AM
TO
5 PM**

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DIRECTIONS: Woodley Park is in Van Nuys on Woodley Ave. between Burbank Blvd. and Victory Blvd. just North of the intersection of the 405 and 101 Freeways.

Info: (826) 797-4221 or www.franceanditaly.com

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Swap Meet vendors _____ (same price as cars for each vehicle) Amount Enclosed: _____

RELEASE STATEMENT (Must be signed by registrant)

I hereby agree to the following conditions for attending and entering vehicles in the Best of France and Italy at Woodley Park on November 5, 2005. I agree to release the organizers, Under Three Liter Cars, volunteers, staff and the City of Los Angeles from any and all liability for injuries, damage, or loss arising from my entry and attendance at said event.

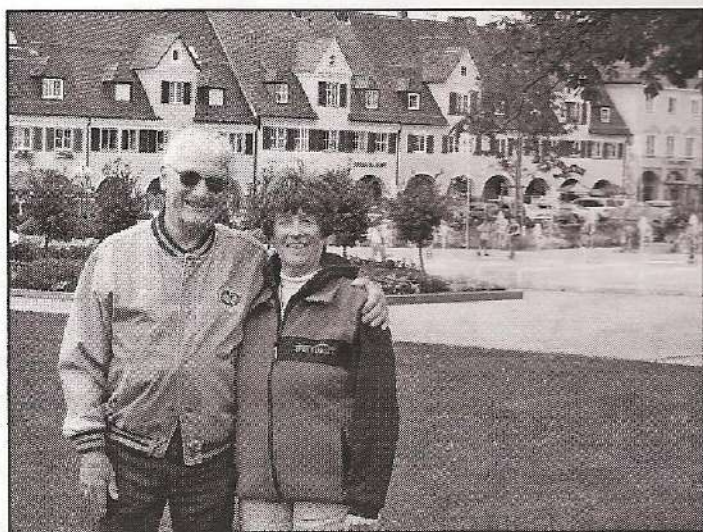
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Late registration available at the gate.

Jim & Paula Lightfoot in Europe Again:



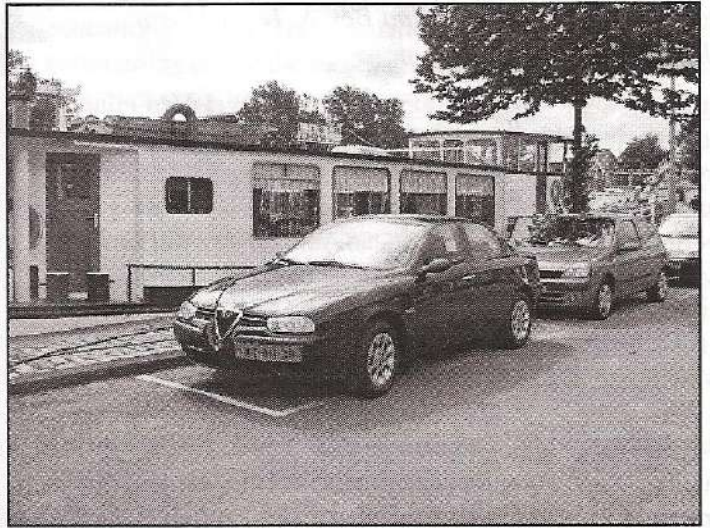
Jim and Paula Lightfoot somewhere in Europe.



They really do have windmills in the Netherlands.



Seen on the Streets of Amsterdam and Brussels



The new MG seen in Germany -- a Mighty Good design suitable for the 21st Century!

Fall Drivers School a Big Success

*Text by Mike McKibbin and Bev & Terry Major
Photos by Mike McKibbin*

Saturday, September 3, 2005: Quite frankly, I didn't think I'd make it at all. My Wedding Anniversary is generally in or about the Labor Day weekend, and Gena's side of the family has introduced me to the concept of celebratory 'periods' rather than days (i.e., an Anniversary weekend or even a week, as opposed to a single day). Gena's Anniversary gift to me: "Go race Saturday". I didn't argue. At check-in, Steve Hamilton inquired, "Twenty-nine years? With the same woman?"

Bev and Terry Major contribute their perception of Sunday. Wish I could have been there, but I was still really grateful for the one day. And what else could I do with such a special gift but take the company car and enter it in Race Group.

The usual group of outstanding instructors was present; it appearing that Tony Adamowicz has become a permanent fixture (we should humbly pat ourselves on the back that we are an engaging enough group that he's chosen to join us). Rick Knoop was the guest instructor (wouldn't we all like a peak at Brad's little black book) and, aside from having a wealth of information, what a truly nice guy.

Like Bev and Terry, it's difficult to observe what's going on with the other classes (street performance & novice time trial) when one is busy trying to keep people off the sides of the company car (advanced time trial was with us, and a good and educational time seemed to be had by all). But I certainly didn't hear anyone complaining they didn't get their money's worth (a couple of folks in Race Group might have actually gotten a little more than they expected).

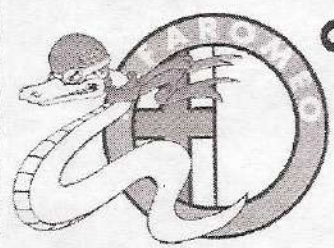
Lunch time featured a bar-b-que hosted by Jody, Christine, and trackside daughters Danielle, April, & Aerial, which

was appreciated since I brought nothing but my car and Gatorade. The instructors also had the opportunity to run the full streets track at this time. It was good to see Dennis' Mazda running again. Greg offered to show me the way in my Cobra, which was truly enlightening. As we flew down the back straight out of the bowl, I wondered whether he remembered there was a nasty little chicane coming up, and almost mentioned it to him. Then I recalled it was my helpful hints as a passenger which caused Gena to pull the family truckster to the side of the road somewhere around Sacramento and swear she would never drive the car with me as a passenger again. So, I just braced myself and said nothing, and then he just DROVE RIGHT THROUGH IT! I didn't think the car would do that. Sweet.

I thought Saturday rocked, and was a total success besides, since I drove my company car home without a scratch. Bev & Terry will tell you the rest.



The Company Car has another great weekend, unscathed.

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The Bar-B-Que girls make lunch.

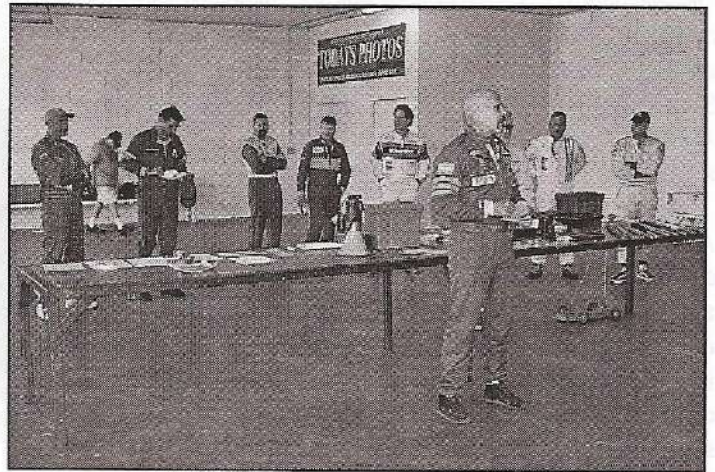
Saturday Night/Sunday, September 3-4: Well, once again, the AROSC School proved to be a wild success. If you judged your weekend by the dinner turnout on Saturday and Sunday, along with special guests and entertainment, you had a great time. Some of which will be remembered forever, as the reminders are 'Sharpied' all over the front of my 'legend' racecar. As the weekend goes, we'll leave Saturday to Mike as his special talent and knack for picking the real story seems to come out at the most opportune times. For information about Sunday, we'll do our best to give you an idea of how it went, through the eyes of two people who spent the majority of time on the track.

First of all, Saturday night was incredible. The food just kept coming, even while the historic Tyrrell F1 driver gave an account of his racing experiences, including himself as co-driver with Tony AtoZ. Rick Knoop seemed to enjoy every minute of his time as guest instructor for the school. His conversation at dinner as well as on the track, skid pad, or classroom, was very well taken by instructors and students alike. His three main points: "consistent, smooth, and concentration" seemed attainable in the classroom, but less so on the track as things were happening very quickly in the 10 or so race starts of the weekend.

It seemed Matt in the Black BMW, Frank in the Rabbit (just fixed from Saturday) and Jim with the yellow Scirocco seemed to have the field covered. Even without the McKibbins, there was still a red Mustang (Mike) running on Sunday, as well as two MR2s (Terry & Bev) and an Alfa (Jorge), Pat with his red and Phil with his gray Miata: they were both pretty quick. Pat, by the way, had a very entertaining tankslapper just after passing the chicane.

I wish I could tell you more about what the advanced time trailers did, but that seems to be difficult while spending so much time in the car, and on the track.

It's amazing that we got through the three graduation races without trading any paint, as the whole weekend proved that contact is a part of racing, even if it is educational racing. The graduation races were very entertaining due to the fact that we had not seen the whole race track prior to one warm up lap, where we surprisingly got the green flag on the first pass (going backwards). It seems the back bowl had a variety of lines, from a variety of cars, creating a variety of locked wheels. The second race went clockwise which made the fast chicane a real guess... that's where I made my way through the dirt as left foot braking just wasn't quite enough. The first lap of all three races had extremely close racing (within the '22 inch bubble'). There were many nose-to-tail battles in the graduation races, Matt, Frank & Jim, Terry & Jorge, Bev & Phil. I think Matt Poulin was declared the winner of the graduation race, and it seems to me that doughnuts were introduced to the AROSC school at the streets.



The instructors line up, with Steve Hamilton directing.



The students mostly pay attention to instruction.

We Get a Rave!

Sent: Monday, September 05, 2005 7:16 PM
To: driving.school@arosc.org
Subject: Willow Springs Driving School, September 2005
September 4, 2005

Dear Steve,

Ernest Hemingway once said that there are only three true sports: mountain climbing, bull fighting and motor racing.

Bull fighters and mountain climbers no doubt enjoy their own special fraternity. But for motor racing, I cannot imagine a nicer balance than the goodwill and camaraderie, inspired by The Alfa Romeo Club of Southern California. Thanks to you and the many other volunteers, AROSC is a means to both a venue and a reliable organization of endless details. The AROSC spirit is wonderfully infectious and egalitarian. Bring together the energy of the instructors, an exotica of cars and drivers, and magic happens. Somehow, it all works. Most of all it works because of AROSC's unspoken motto: This is fun! Let's all pull together!

As the father of two growing sons, AROSC weekends are a real highlight. This is my chance to build great memories and forge new friendships around a shared mania for motorsport. In particular, I owe a debt of gratitude to many in AROSC on behalf of my son, Matt. The transformative changes in maturity and character over the past few seasons, leave me awestruck. What can I say?

I borrowed Steve McQueen's line from "Le Mans" last night, and wrote the following on Terry Major's car: "Racing is life, the rest is just waiting."

Bob Poulin

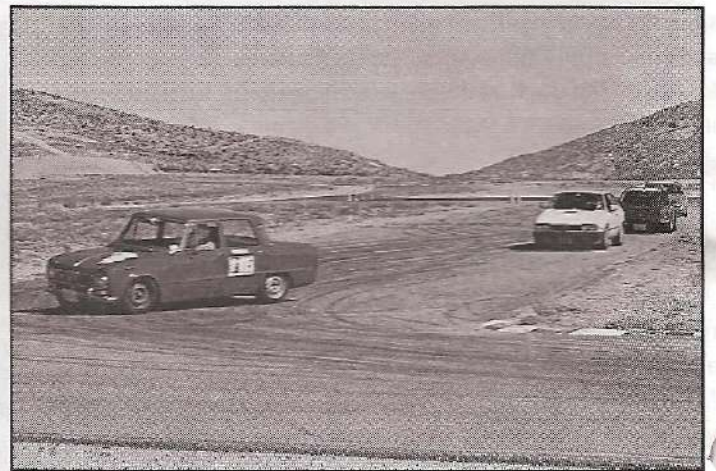
It was very special for Steve Hamilton to share this letter and, without the intention of embarrassing anyone, I feel obligated to share it. I believe Bob has elegantly expressed feelings and emotions that flow through all of us involved in and around motor sports and he has captured the essence of what AROSC is about - shared passions. By the way these passions are as intense whether competing in a Concorso, Driving on a Wine Tour, etc., etc. In general, the nicest, most helpful and honestly supportive people that I have met in my 6+ decades on this planet have been "car people".
Norman Silverman



The Poulin's hot BMW takes a breather between sessions.



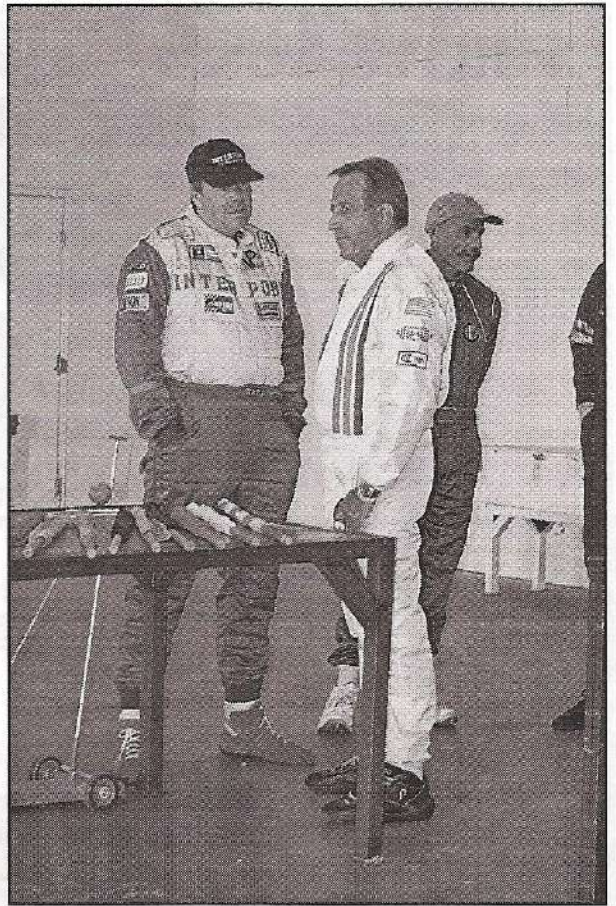
Gifford Hawn runs the skid pad in the ex-Dettinger GTV.



Norman leads the pack (or is he about to be passed by the pack?) during on-track action.



On-track action with an assortment of cars.



Instructors Rick Knoop and Tony Adamowicz chat about old times racing together.



Seems like someone always has to be under his hood at a track event, and others have to stand and watch, hoping to not have to do grunt work on their cars.

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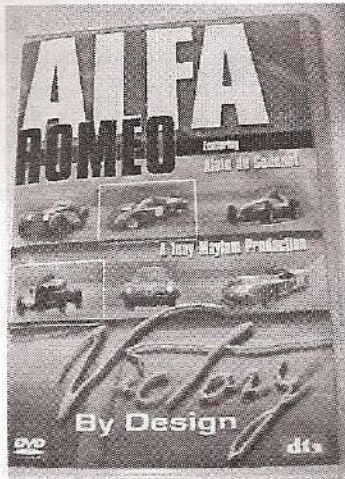
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5 AROSC Board Meeting	2 AROSC Board Meeting	2 AROSC Board Meeting	3 Wild Flower Rallye
8-9 Time Trial - Willow Springs	5-6 Drivers School, Streets of Willow	13 Swap Meet at Omega MotorSports, 9am	6 AROSC Board Meeting
30 AROSC Annual Mtg and Luncheon at Luigi's, Hawthorne	25 General Meeting - 8pm, Culver City	19-20 Time Trial @ 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)		