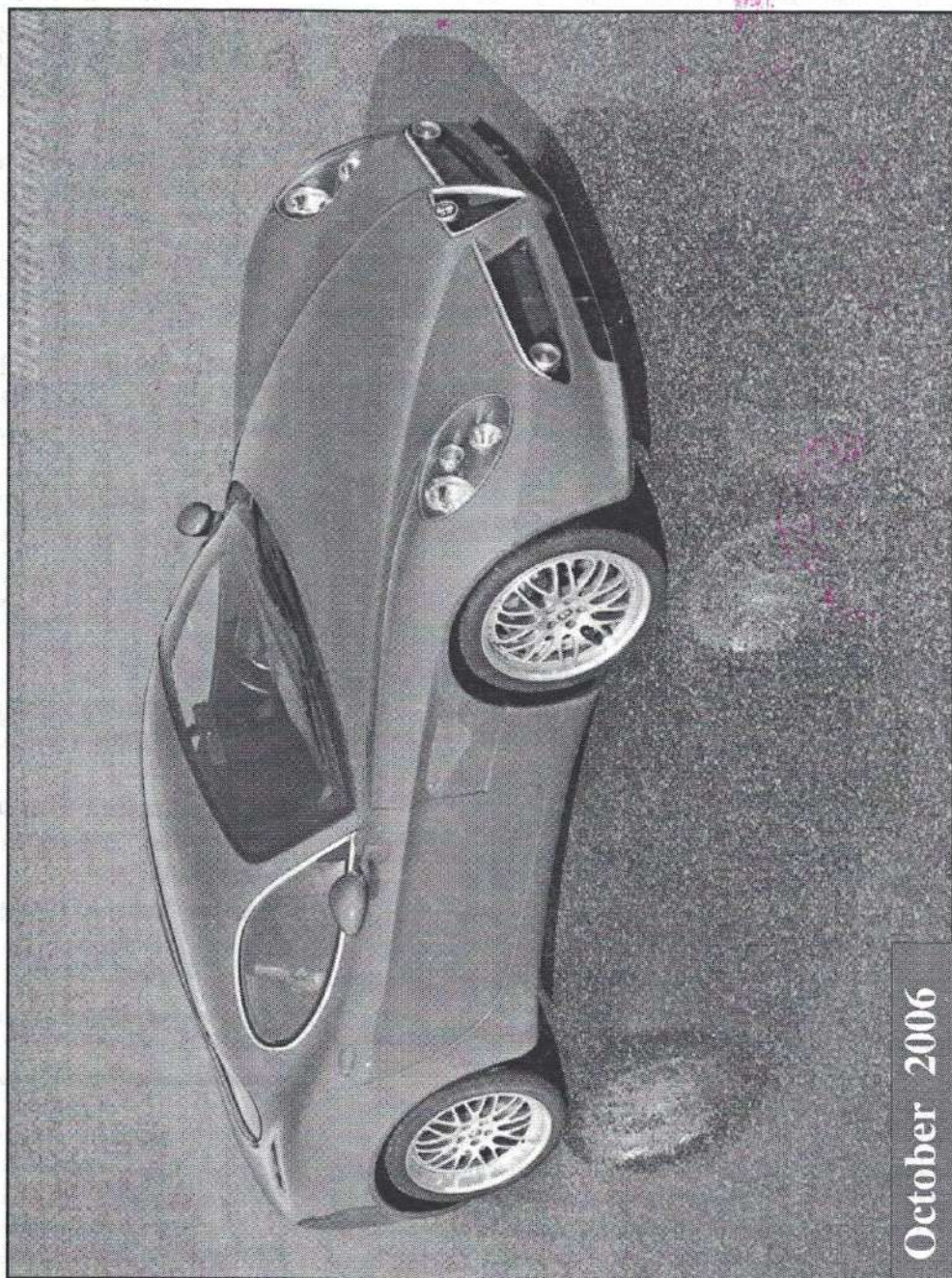


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October 2006

**In This Issue: Drivers School,
Nethercutt Tour, upcoming
events, and more.....**

Meeting Information

General Meetings are usually held the last Friday of each month except November and December at various locations. In November the meeting will be held on the last Friday not on the Thanksgiving weekend. A holiday party is held in December in lieu of the General Meeting that month. Some meetings and events will be held on Saturday or Sunday. Check the Calendar information on the outside back cover for an overview of the year, and the Previews section on Page 3 for details of events planned for the near future.

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This Month's Cover

Yes, they are really going to make this magnificent Alfa, the 8C Competizione! We don't know yet if it will be imported to the USA, but we can dream. The car was shown at the Paris Auro Show, and more information is found in an article on page 5.

Photo from the internet.

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2006 AROSC Previews -- An Outline of Coming Events

October 14 – Dyno Session & Swap Meet at MagnaFlow, Aliso Viejo

Note date change!! We will return to MagnaFlow for another session on their dyno, with a swap meet in their parking lot. We charge a nominal \$25 per person to run the dyno, to help the club finances. There is time for about 12 cars to run, horsepower reading only, no tuning. Contact Anthony Rimicci to reserve a spot. There is a large parking lot for the swap meet, and the San Diego Chapter members are invited to join this event and bring their expendable parts as well. Work up your shopping list of needs, and dig out those *junque* items to make room. For more information, see page 15.

October 21-22 – Time Trial and Race, Willow Springs

Our last time trial of the year is again scheduled for good old Willow Springs Raceway. Watch your mail box for entry forms and information, or check the web site. Contact Terry Watson at slaysman@aol.com to be added to the mailing list, or Phyllis Gaylard at editor@arosc.org for a copy of the mailer.

October 27 General Meeting -- Mosier Restoration

We will again go to Mosier Restoration to see what is in work at this great site. For more information, see page 12.

November 1—Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

November 5 – Concours at Best of France & Italy Car Show, Woodley Park

Our last Concours of the year will be held in conjunction with the renowned 'Best of France and Italy Car Show' at Woodley Park. We're back on Sunday again, and you can expect to see the largest display of Alfas, as well as other Italian and French cars, in the LA area.

November 17 – General Meeting, Elections, and White Turkey Auction, Italspeed

This is the annual opportunity to vote out the crooks and take control of the club board -- also, those not in attendance often end up voted onto the board, like it or not! Election information will be mailed in advance so you can vote if you can't attend. The White Turkey Auction is a fun event which raises some

painless money for the club and the seller. Bring those (useless, ugly, etc.) white 'turkeys' and let us help you find them new homes. Also, bring money as one person's discard can be another's treasure. We will also have plenty of time to ogle at Dirk Stoehr's massive car collection.

November 25-26 – Wine Tour

It's time to refill the wine cellars and find those special wines for gifts and holiday meals. This year's Wine Tour is being prepared by Gene Brown's daughter, Margy, and she has some great ideas. We will again tour somewhere in the Central Coast area, with great wines and dining planned. Margy is preparing a color brochure with the details, which is available from Gene Brown. See page 12 for more details.

December 3 – Competition Board Meeting

We will again meet at Art Russell's home to discuss the coming year's events and any rules changes. Contact Bruce Colby for more details, and plan to attend if you have any issues to bring to the Competition Board.

December 9 – Holiday Party @ Kutkus'

Our annual Holiday bash is again scheduled for the Kutkus' great party house. We will have the usual pot luck side dishes and desserts, with MJ firing up the BBQ for some great meats and Sheila preparing something special as well. Don't miss it!

December 10 – Board Meeting, old & new, at Kutkus'

The new and old board will meet for a selection of officers and committee chairs as well as a planning session for 2007. Any members with ideas for events or who want to volunteer for a committee are welcome to attend. We will also be finishing off any left-overs from the Holiday Party the day before.

**DON'T MISS:
MagnaFlow Dyno Session &
Swap Meet Oct. 14
General Meeting at Mosier
Restoration Oct. 27**



View from the Top — Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente!

Kudos again to Steve Hamilton and company for another successful Performance Driving School Weekend (see article). The driving school opportunity fits into a crusade that I am waging to make people, especially parents, aware of the power and technical advances that are now available in cars that they and their children are able to buy. These popularly priced 200 to 300+ horsepower "Rice Rockets", and the slightly upscale "Euro Rockets" are going to kill or maim a lot of people. These cars are designed with handling capability beyond the skill of the average American driver, especially the young and inexperienced. Driving instruction in the area of car handling in this country is woefully inadequate. I would give good odds that most new drivers could not qualify for a license in Europe. Our driving school, underneath the fun and camaraderie, I believe is a prototype for the kind of intense driving instruction that can save lives (and has).

Unfortunately our next driving school will be in early 2007, but there is an opportunity to at least get some modest instruction and to learn a little about your car under speed and in a safe environment at our upcoming TT / Race Weekend at Willow Springs Raceway ([visit www.arosc.org](http://www.arosc.org) for information)

On October 20th and 21st, 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 money 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 1:58. The betting window will be open as we try to break 1:55 minutes.

The month will end with our semi-annual meeting at Mosier Restoration on October 27th. I am not sure if anything is underway for Pebble Beach 2007, but there is a French Body Cadillac V12 on the floor and they've

disassembled the engine from the beautiful 12 cylinder Lagonda. As usual his atelier (his place is **too** fancy for garage) will be filled with historically significant vehicles in various stages of restoration. You can be guaranteed that there will be some spectacular additions to the shop floor by the end of the month.

NOVEMBER 5th - 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. For the first time the Italian branch of the Volvo Club will be represented by the Frua-designed 1800's (shades of Simon Templar).

NOVEMBER 17th - The Friday that could change your life. In addition to our annual "White Turkey Auction", an opportunity to load or unload your garage of stuff you reeeaaally need, we will hold our election for next years Board of Directors. An incentive for showing up is the fact that you can be nominated from the floor and do not have to be present to be elected. The event is scheduled to be held at Italspeed, 1738 W. Washington Blvd., LA 90007, an establishment world renowned for it's great "eclectic" collection of cars and unbeatable hospitality.

NOVEMBER 25th - 26th Central Coast Wine Tour. We usually start the weekend Friday night at the wine cellar of the Santa Maria Inn. Saturday is spent on an organized drinking and driving tour culminating with a surprise Saturday night dinner and Sunday is a randomly organized day of driving, tasting and shopping.

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8C Competizione gets green light for production, will be at Paris Auto Show!

Alfa Romeo have confirmed they will be producing the gorgeous 8C Competizione in limited numbers and to impress likely purchasers will have the V8-powered coupe at the 2006 Paris Motor Show later this month.

The car was launched as a concept in 2003 at the 60th Frankfurt International Motor Show. Powered by a version of the 4.2 liter Maserati V8 (assembled at the Ferrari factory in Maranello), the two-seater coupe is designed to recapture some of the glamour for the company of the pre- and immediately post-war periods.

It is fitted with the familiar rear-mounted 6-speed sequential transaxle actuated by steering-wheel mounted paddles.



Top speed is likely to be above 300 km/h. Reports in the Italian press suggest a price in the region of 100,000 EURO, that's around £70,000 - or \$130,000 if the decision is made to sell in the USA. Alfa Romeo is now grouped with Maserati in the FIAT empire, leaving Ferrari acting as a completely separate enterprise but obviously sharing group technology resources.

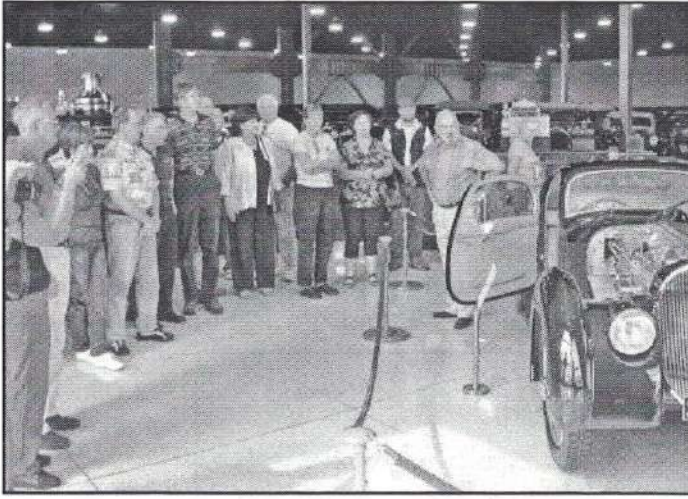
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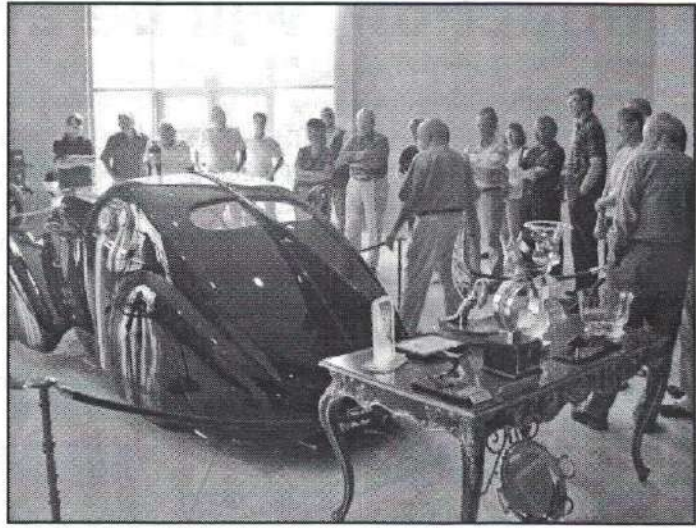


September Meeting -- *Tour of the Nethercutt*

Photos by Jim Barrett and Phyllis Gaylard



The tour begins at the beautiful Bugatti



Another view of the Bugatti and its awards



The tour group admires an antique.



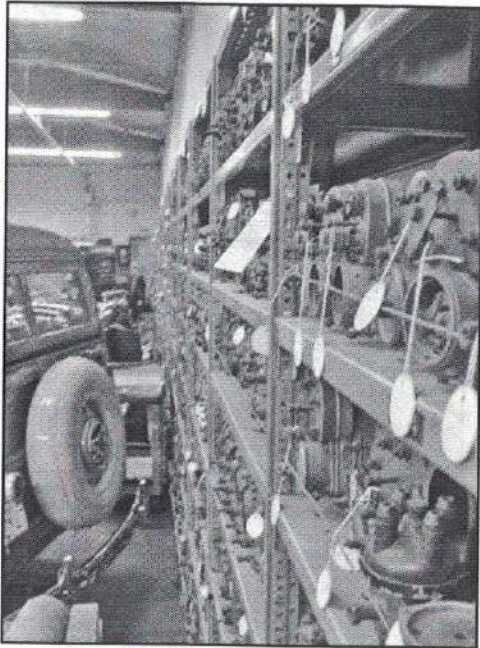
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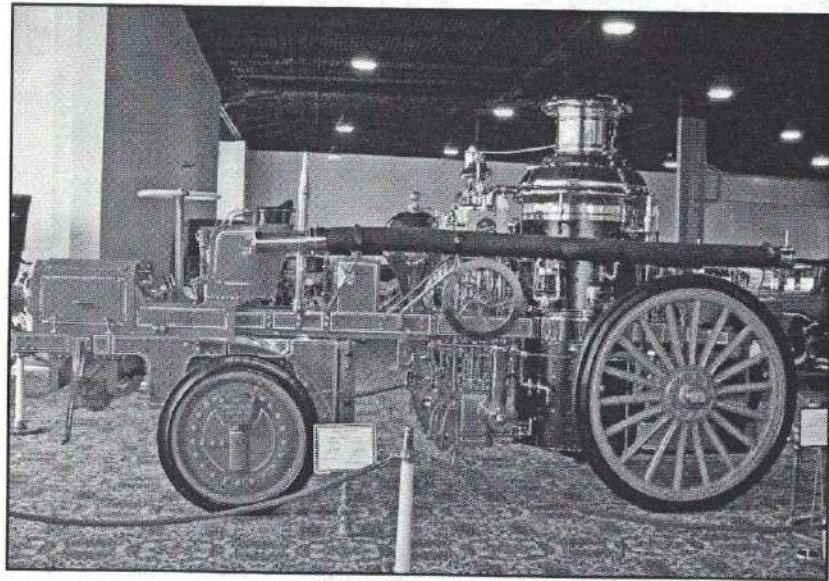
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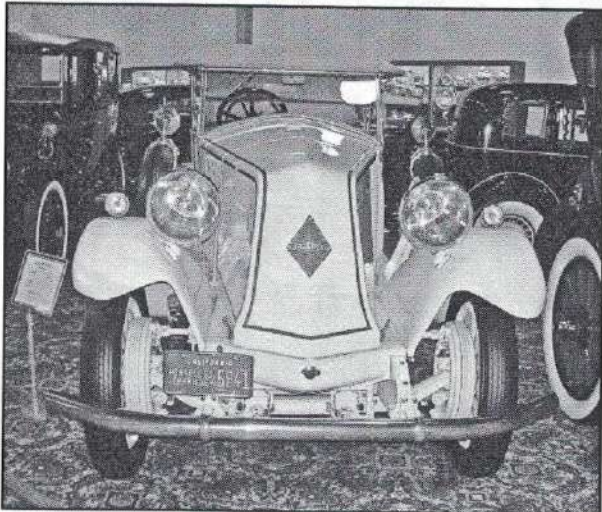
A wood-framed sedan under ground-up restoration.



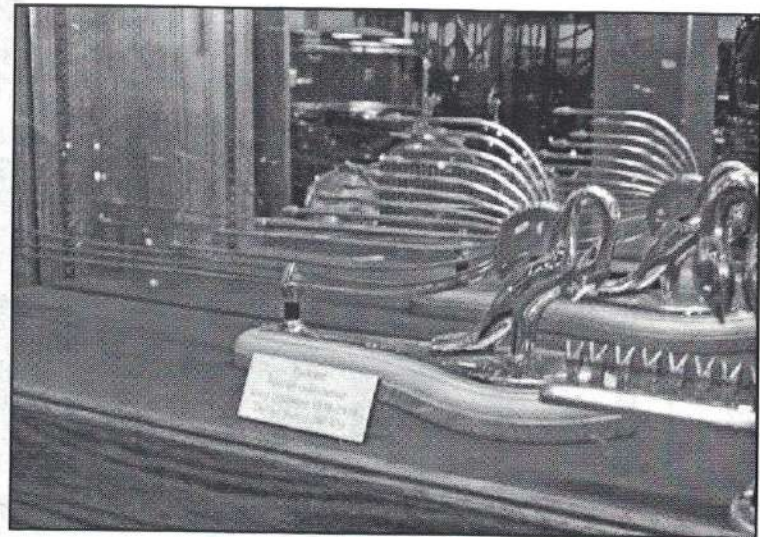
Wall of Magnetos.



Steam-operated fire truck.



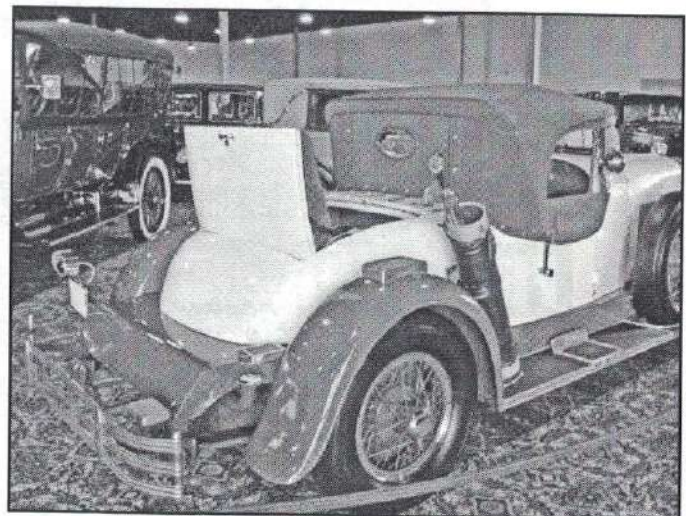
1923 Renault 45/Tourer, with a nose like the big Mack truck in "Rumbling Wine Barrels".



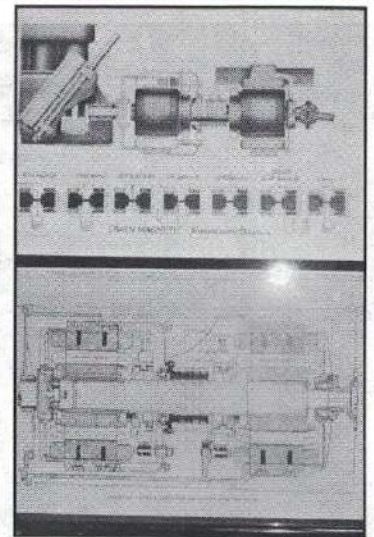
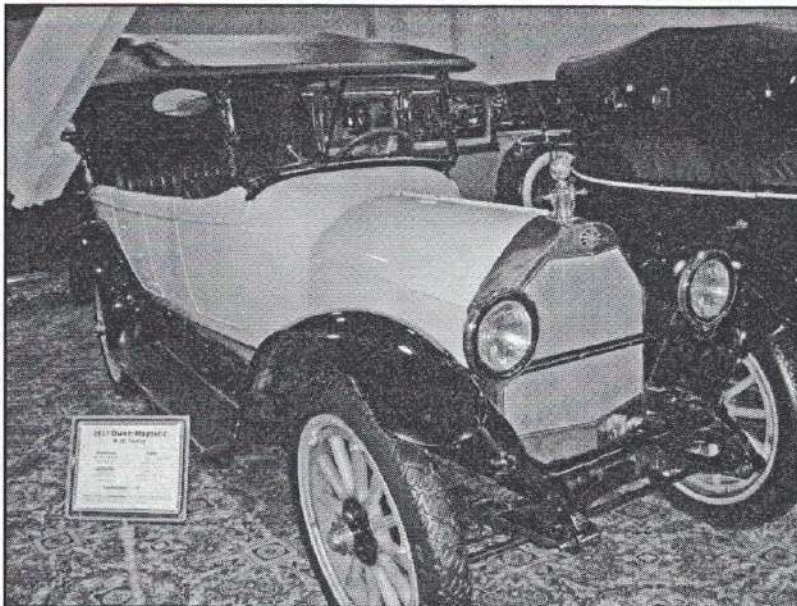
Packard Special radio aerial hood ornament, 1938-39



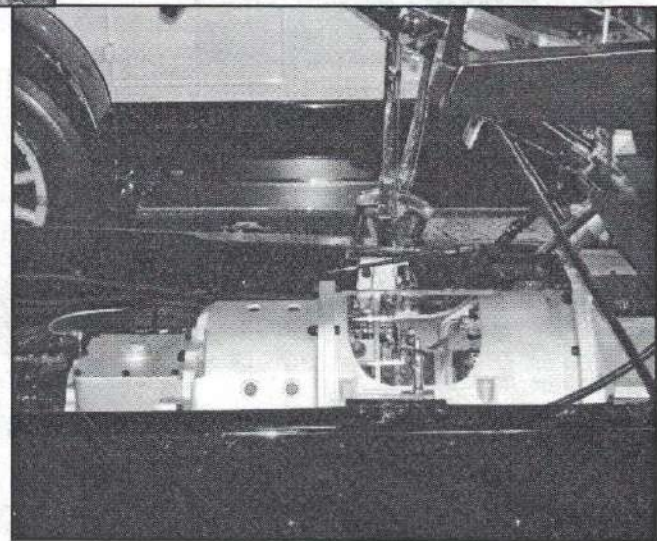
Another view of the big Renault 45 Tourer.



A 1929 Kissell 8-126 White Eagle/Speedster, complete with rumble seat and golf bag holder!

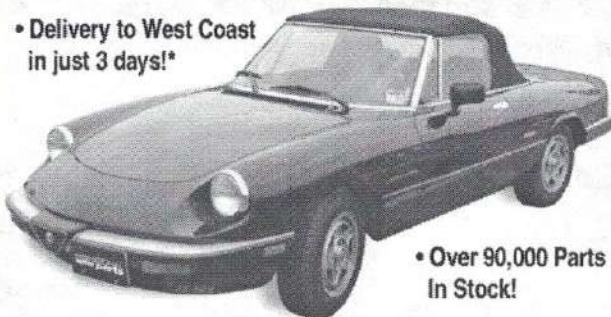


A 1917 Owen-Magnetic M-25 Touring car and a cut-away and sketch of its magnetic transmission, a 'Car of 1000 speeds'! The transmission connects the engine output to the drive train by a set of rotating and stationary magnets rather than by any gears. This car had a large 6864 cc OHV 6-cylinder engine making an incredible 38 Hp. Just as well, as the magnets were probably limited in power transmission.



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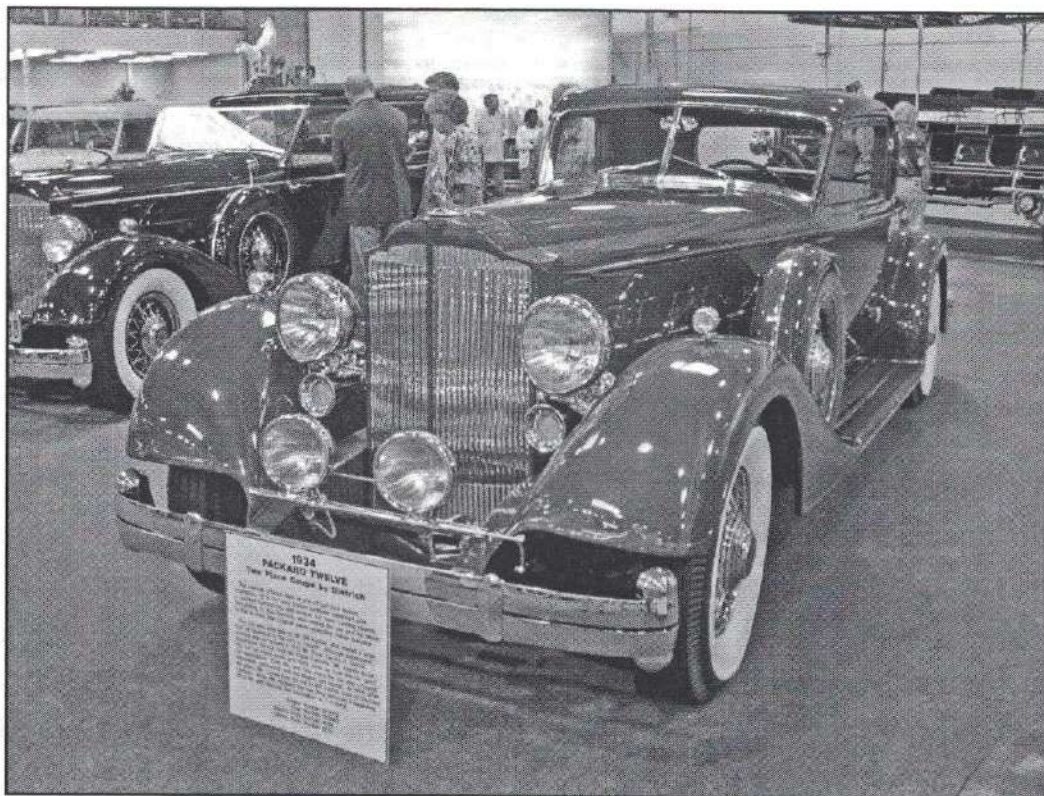
Photo and Story by Doug Adler

Although not affecting us too much as Alfisti... there is a club link. The Otis Chandler Collection at the Vintage Museum in Oxnard is set to send ripples through the American car and motorcycle collector circles with some fine examples of both being offered up to the highest bidder on October 21 with some records poised to be set. Some of the items of note include one of the oldest Harley Davidson motorcycles, a 1907 Renault Vanderbilt racer, a 1904 Mercedes, an unrestored 1915 Crane Simplex, incredible Pebble Beach winning Packards, about 50 cars and motorcycles all-in-all plus rare automobilia and related ephemera. Think Jeff Decker sculpture and Tom Fritz paintings.

We were there and had a chance to say hello to our friend Bob Mosier who was handling the collection in

preparation for the auction carried out by Gooding & Co. later this month. The phone was hot as interest in this well known collection was international. The preview for the auction was open to the public and was free in Otis' memory the day we visited for these photos. Whether you are into big game or not, what a wonderful memory of a true sportsman's collection it is. Catalogue purchase of \$80 admits two day of the auction.

What's the link to the club? The Alfa Club will be visiting Bob's shop, Mosier Restoration at the end of the month on October, 27th for our general meeting. Don't miss the opportunity to tour this amazing restoration facility where automotive magic of the highest degree is performed daily on some of the world's best cars. We also toured this collection in June 2005.



A 1934 Packard Deitrich from the Otis Chandler collection -- 12 cylinder?

Upcoming AROC Events

As seen in the latest newsletter exchange, the national convention venue has been awarded for the next two conventions, and there is another closer event we should watch for.

2007 Convention – Detroit

2008 Convention – Chicago (*What happened to the plan to move the Convention around the country rather than concentrate it in the same geographical locale year after year?*)

Portland lost out on the 2008 convention, and is proposing to have a regional event for West-coast chapters in 2008 to celebrate their 50/40/20 anniversary, including a rack and autocross day, a rally day, and a concourse day with a Giulietta parade and street dinner. They might incorporate this event with the Northwest Classic Motor Car Rally in 2008 – we will watch for news from the Oregon Chapter and keep you posted.

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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 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.



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October Meeting -- Mosier Restoration

Friday, October 27 -- 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. By the time of the meeting, the auction of Otis Chandler's collection will have passed, so Mosier, who is currently busy preparing the cars for that event, will possibly be on hand to keep us graciously informed of the goings on in his shop.

As usual his shop will be filled with historically significant vehicles in various stages of restoration. You

can be guaranteed that there will be some spectacular vehicles on the shop floor by the end of the month. Recent sightings include a V12 Lagonda, with its engine disassembled, two Bugattis, a Packard 12, a Cadillac 16 with a French Saucic (?) body, and other choice morsels in wht works.

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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.

2006 Wine Tour -- November 25-26

Gas up the car, clean out the trunk and grab the wine fund. It's time once again for our annual Wine Tour. It is held November 24th thru the 26th. Your dedicated staff is still selecting the wineries but we do have our lodging arranged. We will be staying at our traditional location, the Historic Santa Maria Inn. We have reserved rooms in both the historic inn and the more modern tower. The special rates for the Alfa Romeo Wine Tour are \$81 per night in the inn and \$101 per night in the tower.

California's Central Coast is noted for it's award winning wines and we will be visiting some of the best wineries in the area. Your able Tour Director will take every step necessary to choose the best of the best even if he has to taste every wine on the Central Coast. And of course don't forget the terrific winding roads that were just made for driving your Alfa. This tour will make the movie "Sideways" look like a trip to the 7-11.



Those who arrive on Friday the 24th can join us in the Wine Cellar and Martini Bar at the Inn. The actual tour will leave the parking lot of the Inn at about 10 a.m. on Saturday. Bring a picnic lunch to eat at one of our stops. There will be a prize for the most impressive meal. We will also be gathering for dinner at a location yet to be announced.

You can reserve your rooms by contacting the Santa Maria Inn at 800-462-4276. Be sure to use the secret code words "Alfa Romeo Club" to get the special rate. You need to reserve your room by October 24th for this rate. The Santa Maria Inn is located at 801 S. Broadway, Santa Maria. Their web site is www.santamariainn.com

Please RSVP to Gene Brown at 805-527-8520 or secretary@arosc.org

Last Concours of the Year at Woodley Park

Woodley Park is upon us again and what a wonderful thing it is!

by Doug Adler

The 'Best of France and Italy' is, to those that don't know, an incredible insider show that features cars under 3.0 liters in displacement, encouraging an eclectic mix of etceterinni and exotics. This show is big and the largest volume of Alfa cars you are likely to find this side of Monterey with many show winners competing again this year for honors. The access is great and cars can roll in that day without pre-registration for \$15 for parking on the grass and a goodie bag. A club donation of \$10 gets your car judged for awards.

The Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California will again sponsor and host concours judging and it will constitute the third club Concours of the year with the ongoing point competition for year-end awards decided at this show. The Alfa Romeo marque will dominate with typically 50 to 75 cars shown and this year we expect more with restoration and values of these cars proceeding at a fevered clip. Your car does not have to be a 'show car', original, or even an Alfa. We have several classes to accommodate almost anything you drive.

Here's the plan: Clean up your car, pack a picnic and hit the road for a great time. Reconnect with your Alfa, Lancia, Fiat, French car whatever friends and maybe pick up the perfect item from the Swap Meet / Vendor area for your beloved auto, library, garage, or model

collection. Insider tip: Hit this area early and clean up before the vendors know what hit 'em. Best selection and best prices happen early.

You say you don't have a car to show!?! Well heck, coming to 'The Best of France and Italy' show is free as is the parking (off the grass) and this is the best opportunity to find a large selection of great cars for sale. Sshhh.... keep it quiet because this is the hot place to pick up a nice car and meet the owners on the spot. I have several cars for sale myself (See my ad in this issue) and Woodley is the best place to see stuff out of the garage from the local L.A. area. Pick up a California-perfect show-car at better than market value or a winter project cheap! You get the idea.

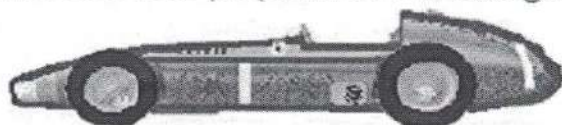
Imagine a car show of some of the most beautiful and exciting cars from Italian and French automakers, throw in a couple of celebrities, food, drink, you and your car... It's true! You can be there and it is so simple and fun. This year, the Best of France and Italy car show will be held on Sunday, November 5th at Woodley Park, located at the Northwest corner of the 101 and 405 freeways (Burbank Blvd. exit, turn west then north at the first signal past the freeway). Show starts at 9am.

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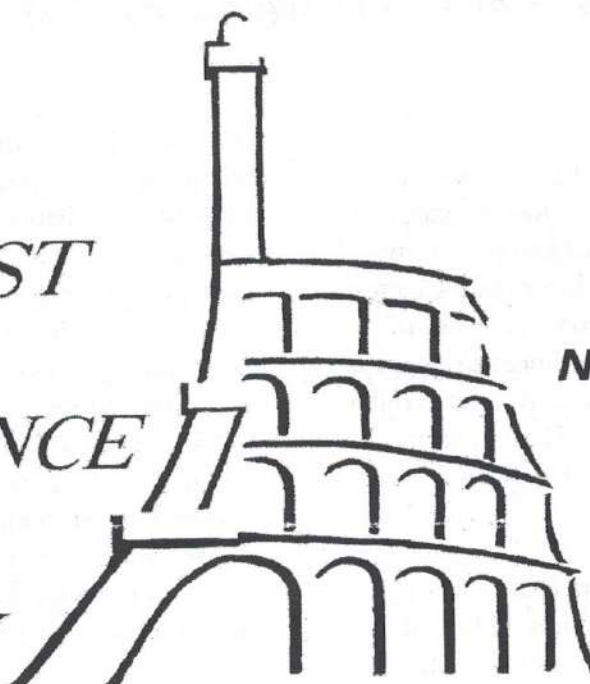
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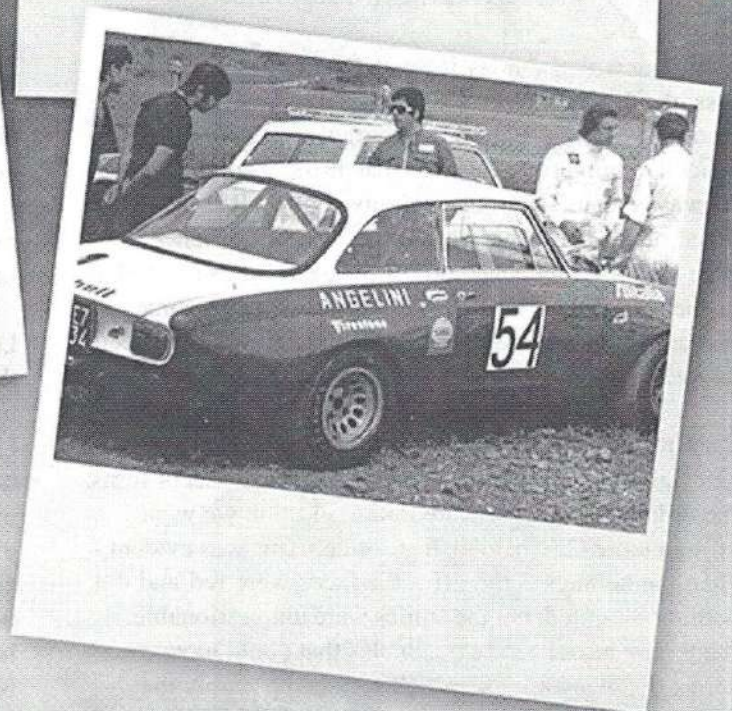
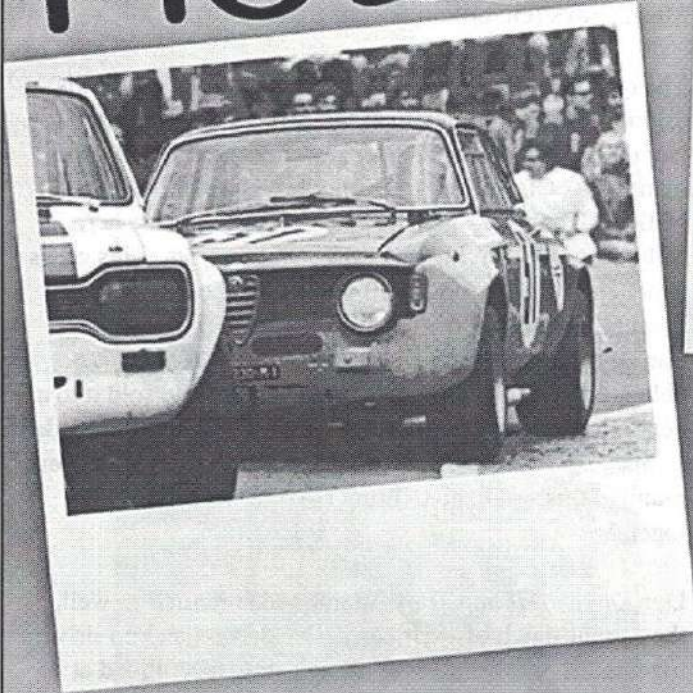
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Fall Drivers School -- View from Turn 3

By Terry & Beverly Major

Photos by Mike McKibbin & Bruce Colby

Streets of Willow High Performance Driving School, Sept 2-3

It's been a long time since we've been competition driving. I'm sure everybody was primed up for the Summer High Performance Driving School. Once again, there was a good turnout headed up by many regulars, including many new students, as well as a very entertaining Don Devendorf, who brought a variety of history through various vehicles in his past.

Beginning with Saturday through the Street Performance class, many students showed their eagerness to put their car on the track. Once on the skid pad, many found it difficult to bring their cars into that thrilling zone of being sideways due to electronic stability control. It could not be turned off! There were various levels of experience, some who used the lead and follow exercise as a template for the rest of their laps over the next two days, some who created lines on the track that have never been seen before.

I had fun driving with a number of students and seeing their lights turn on when they nailed a turn, or set of turns. The order of the day was hydration. I think we went through more Gatorade than gasoline. This was evident when the helmets came off – the faces were red and the clothing saturated, but the smiles were unquestionable. There may have been two vehicles that could have come from a rental agency. These drivers had possibly the biggest smiles and the most worn tires. You'd think the hills were on fire with the amount of smoke being generated.

By the way, lunch both days created by those AROSC burger flippers, Jodi Fibrow & company (Tim & April) made In-N-Out seem irrelevant. Thank you again for bringing "Jodi's Lunch Wagon."

Race school – Those of you looking for Mike's script are in for a treat. The brains behind this operation will handle the chores this time. Race school typically is full of enthusiasm and vitality, no different this time. Everyone was eager to turn the two-foot bubble into a two-inch bubble immediately. Passing, turning, accelerating,

cornering, and braking side-by-side, as well as front to back, were the order of the day, thanks to our "two seasons worth of race starts in one day" (Don Devendorf). The reversal practice exercise was far more fun on the track than in the classroom. Those Formula Mazda guys (Glenn) do a lot of that!

The race group may not have seen the young lady, Allison, driving the Toyota pickup in the Street Performance class. Her daily driver is an 88' Accord. She went from "mild mannered" Clark Kent to Burnout queen right outta the NHRA. There is a genetic transfer taking place here. Mike Roy was driving an orange 914 racecar. This car is genetically linked to her. 10 years ago, the orange Porsche had life in the street as a very clean transportation car. *Once upon a time . . .* this car belonged to Allison's dad, Rick Economy. He sold it to a gentleman who apparently thought it would be a good idea to make it a racecar. The orange Porsche and Rick were reunited this weekend to bring two old friends back together.

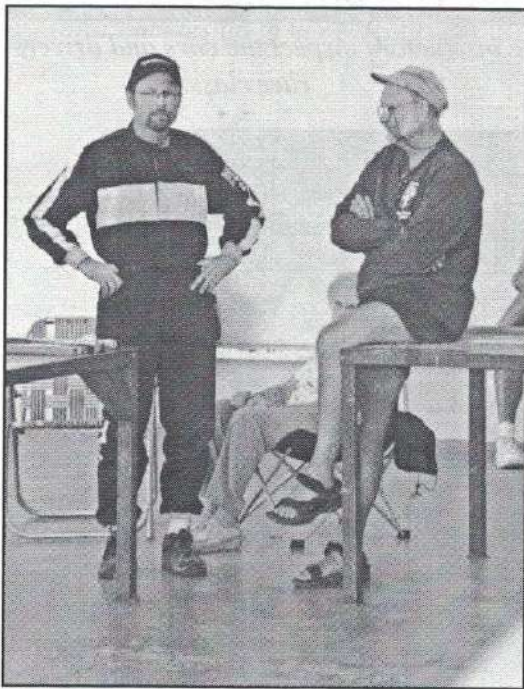
Don Devendorf and Tony Adamowicz reunited as well, as they spent much of their careers as drivers and co-drivers together. This was evident as their dinners collided at Lily's Empire on Saturday night. A history lesson with both of them as the professors from the past. Dinner that night included all the usual suspects and more, including a dish nobody knew what it was. There was a new pit crew person at dinner as well. His name was Stu. He belonged to Team Greg Nelson, but Greg did not even have a car to race. There is probably more to this story but you'll have to ask Greg about that one.

The racing was a lot of fun as well. The school competition was fierce as Beverly was forced to drop two wheels off in a couple of races. The competition was Dennis Fibrow (MR2), Terry Major (MR2), Mike Roy (914), Jes Thyssen (Milano), and the Spitfire driven by Graham Day. There were very fast cars, also the usual suspects. The 944 (Claus), M3 (Matt), and Big Dog (Rob Rhodes), as well as Glenn's Formula Mazda. Jorge (GTV) was one of the casualties of the graduate races. However, he managed to get back in to it, from deep in the dirt. The car fired up and back on the blacktop for the rest of the 1st race.

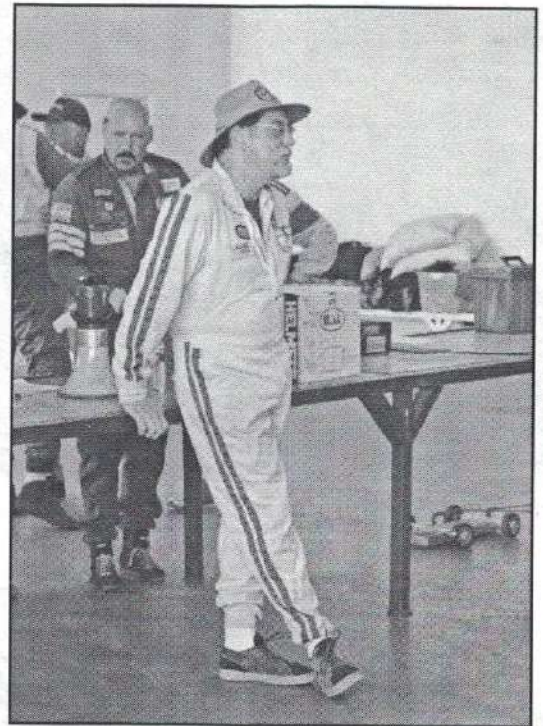
We learned a lot and I am sure it will help us in our pursuit of perfection the next time on the racetrack. We are sorry we do not have a story to tell from the Time Trial group, as our time was spent in the class or on the track with each of our respective groups, and Mike McKibbin is on some big boat somewhere. Perhaps we will recruit the next Hemmingway from the Time Trial at the next AROSC High Performance Driving School.

Oh yeah, the speed limit when towing is 55 m.p.h.!

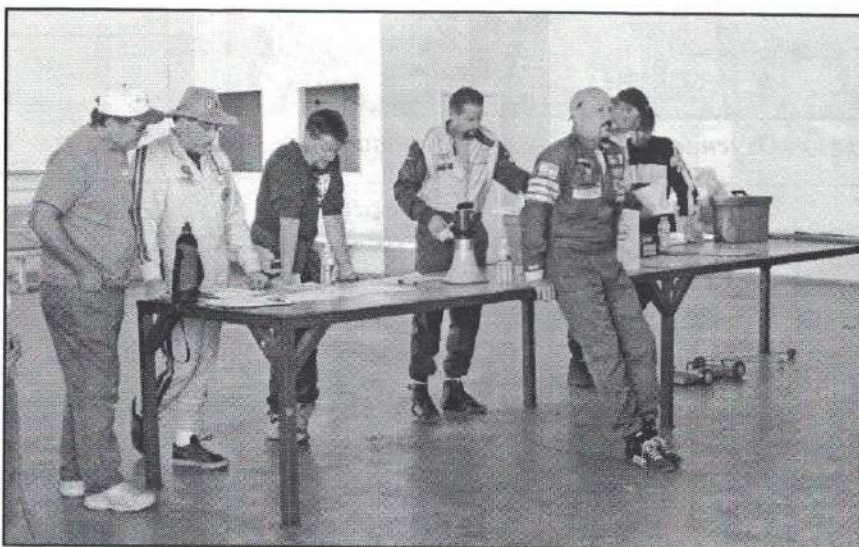
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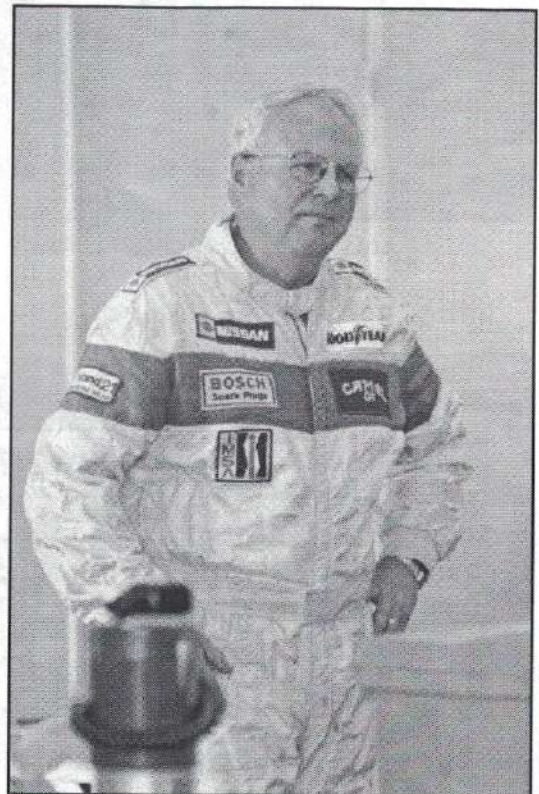
Terry Major -- new instructor.



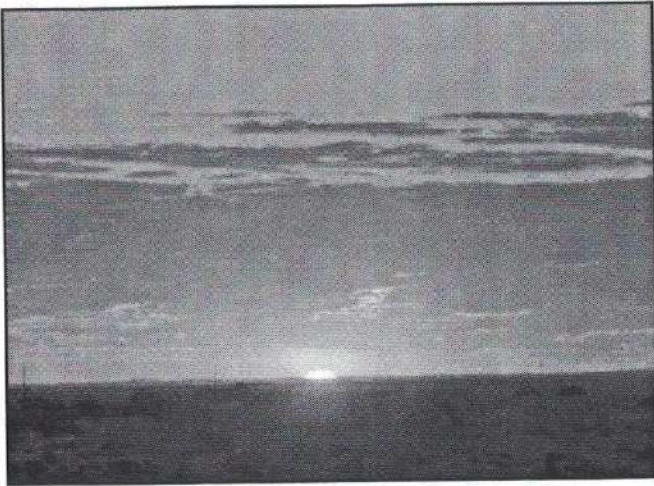
Paul Blankenship explains 'sideways' is not always a wine tour movie.



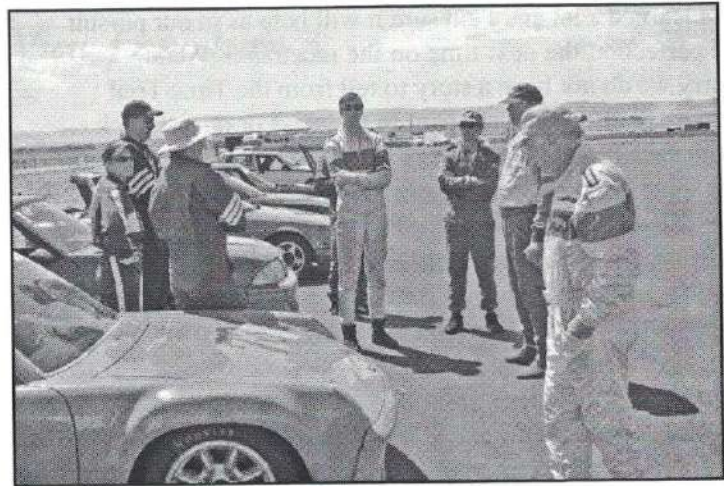
The group of instructors with Steve Hamilton presiding.



Guest instructor Don Devendorf -- a friend and Autocross competitor of Alan Ward and Phyllis Gaylard from long ago.



Sunrise at Willow Springs -- only seen by those who spent the night at the track!



The instructors inspect the cars and drivers of the race class.



Tony Adamowicz and Don Devendorf -- friends of long standing.

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Bev Major buckles up in her MR-2 racer.



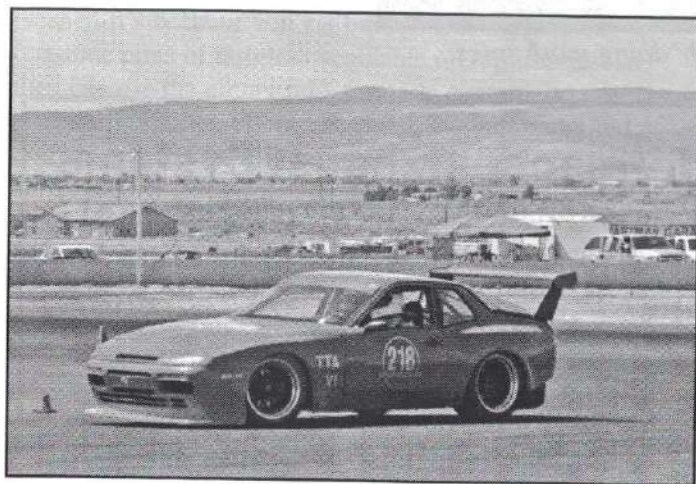
Mike McKibbin claims this is the usual position for an Alfa and its driver -- but really just preventive maintenance, right?



Rob in Big Dog on the skid pad.



Rob Rhodes settles into Big Dog.



Claus and Porsche on the skid pad -- hope that big wing helps balance the car.



Claus Groth gets ready in his Porsche.

The Monterey Weekend 2006 –

Some late photos came in from Jim Barrett:




Some vintage GTV's at the Historic Races.



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The Ten Best Tools of All Time

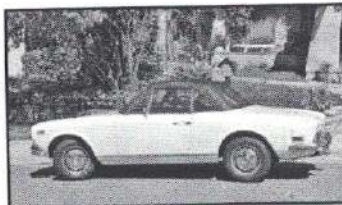
by Jay Lamm, originally from *Car and Driver* a decade or more ago, reprinted in *Alfa Giornale*, July 2006.

There are only ten tools in the world that you need to fix any car, any place, any time.

- 1. Duct tape:** Not just a tool, a veritable Swiss Army knife in stickum and plastic. It's safety wire, body material, radiator hose, upholstery, insulation, tow rope and more in one easy-to-carry package. Sure, there's a prejudice surrounding duct tape in concourse competitions, but in the real world, everything from Lemans winning Porsches to Atlas rockets use it by the yard. The only thing that can get you out of more scrapes is a quarter and a phone booth [or a cell phone!].
- 2. Vise grips:** equally adept as a wrench, hammer, pliers, bailing wire-twister, breaker-off of frozen bolts and wiggle-it-'till-it-falls-off tool. The heavy artillery of your toolbox, vise grips are the only tool designed to fix things that are screwed up beyond repair.
- 3. Spray lubricants:** A considerably cheaper alternative to new doors, alternators and other sticky items. Slicker than pig phlegm. Repeated soakings of WD-40 will allow the main hull bolts of the "Titanic" to be removed by hand. Strangely enough, an integral part of these sprays is the little red tube that flies out of the nozzle if you look at it cross-eyed. This tube is one of the ten worst tools of all time.
- 4. Margarine tubs with clear lids:** If you spend all your time under the hood looking for a frendle pin that caromed off the needle valve when you knocked it off the air cleaner, it's because you eat butter. Real mechanics consume pints of tasteless vegetable oil replicas just so they can use the empty tubs for parts containers afterwards (Some, of course, chuck the butter colored goo altogether, or use it to repack wheel beanngs) Unlike air cleaners and radiator clamps, margarine tubs aren't connected by a time-space wormhole to the Parallel Universe of Lost Frendle Pins.
- 5. Big-rock-at-the-side-of-the-road:** Block up a tire. Smack corroded battery terminals. Pound out a dent. Bop nosy know-it-all types up side their heads. Scientists have yet to develop a hammer that packs the raw banging power of granite or limestone. This is the only tool with which a "Made in India" label is not synonymous with the user's maiming.
- 6. Zip ties:** After twenty years of lashing down stray hoses and wire with old bread ties, some genius brought a slightly slicked up version to the auto parts market. Fifteen zip ties can transform a hulking mass of amateur quality rewiring from a working model of the Brazilian rain forest into something remotely resembling a wiring harness. But, it works both ways. When buying a used car, subtract \$100 for each zip tie under the hood.
- 7. Ridiculously large screw driver with lifetime guarantee:** Let's admit it. There's nothing better for prying, chiseling, lifting, breaking, splitting or mutilating than a huge, flat blade screwdriver, particularly when wielded with gusto and a big hammer. This is also the tool of choice for oil fitters so insanely located that they can only be removed by driving a stake in one side and out the other. If you break the screwdriver – and you will, just as your father and shop teacher said you would – who cares? It's guaranteed!
- 8. Baling wire:** Commonly known as MG muffler brackets, baling wire holds everything that's too hot for tape or ties. Like duct tape, it's not recommended for concourse contenders since it works so well you'll never replace it with the right thing again. Baling wire is a sentimental favorite in some circles, particularly if you own an Austin-Healey, an MG or a flathead Ford.
- 9. Bonking stick:** This monstrous Tuning fork with devilishly pointed ends is technically known as a tie-rod end separator. How often do you separate tie-rod ends? Once in a decade? Other than medieval combat, its real use is the application of undue force, not unlike that of the huge fiat-blade screwdriver. Nature doesn't know the bent metal panel or frozen exhaust pipe - that can stand up to a good bonking stick. (It can also be used to separate tie-rod ends in a pinch, but it does a lousy job of it.)
- 10. A quarter and a phone booth:** See #1, above. [or a cell phone!].

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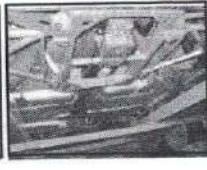
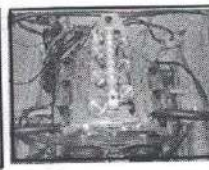
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Our 2006 Calendar

January	February	March	April
4 Board Meeting @ Luigi's 21-22 Time Trial & Race @ Pahrump, Nevada 29 AROSC Annual Mtg and Luncheon at Luigi's, Hawthorne	1 Board Meeting @ Luigi's 18-19 Time Trial @ Fontana Parking Lot 26 Concours @ Pepperdine University, Malibu, plus General Meeting	1 Board Meeting @ Luigi's 12 Swap Meet at Omega MotorSports, 9am 25-26 Drivers School @ Streets of Willow 31 General Meeting, 7:30 Mosier Restoration	5 Board Meeting @ Luigi's 8-9 Time Trial & Race @ Willow springs 22-23 Spring Driving Tour 29 General Meeting /Tour Petersen Museum
May	June	July	August
3 Board Meeting @ Luigi's 20 General Meeting & Lunch, Culver City area 21 L A Concours 27-28 Time Trial & Race @ Buttonwillow	7 Board Meeting @ Luigi's 11 Concours/Go Kart Races at Dromo One indoor track, Orange 23-25 Calif Historic Races at Fontana w/spectators 25 General Meeting, at San Antonio Winery	5 Board Meeting @ Luigi's 8 Braille Rallye 2005 Note Date Change! 28 General Meeting/Tech Session @ Omega MS	2 Board Meeting @ Luigi's 6 Summer Party, Huntington Beach @ Phyllis' 18 Concorso Italiano, 19-20 Monterey Historics 25 General Meeting - 8pm Castaway Restaurant Burbank
September	October	November	December
2-3 Drivers School @ Streets of Willow 6 Board Meeting @ Luigi's 30 General Meeting /Tour Nethercutt Museum	4 Board Meeting @ Luigi's 14 Swap Meet /Dyno Session @ MagnaFlow New Date! 21-22 Time Trial & Race @ Willow Springs 27 General Meeting, @ Mosier Restoration	1 Board Meeting @ Luigi's 5 Best of France & Italy Car Show & Concours 17 General Meeting, 8pm White Turkey Sale & Elections @ Italspeed 25-26 Wine Tour	3 Competition Committee Meeting 9 Holiday Party at the Kutkus home 10 Board Meeting and planning for 2007 at the Kutkus home