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OWNERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



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**In This Issue: Willow Springs,
Annual Meeting, upcoming
events, and more.....**

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General Meetings are usually held the last Friday or Saturday of each month at various locations. In November the meeting will be held on the Friday or Saturday before Thanksgiving weekend. A holiday party is held in December in lieu of the General Meeting that month. Some meetings and events may 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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2007 AROSC Previews -- *An Outline of Coming Events*

February 24 – General Meeting @ Autobooks, Bob's Big Boy, and Petersen Museum, 10AM on ...

See the announcement on page 12 of this new event, which includes browsing in a bookstore full of automotive books, lunch at a historic burger joint, and on to the Petersen for the opening of the 'Duece' hot rod show.

March 4 – Pepperdine University Concours & Whale Watch 10AM

It's time for the first concours of the year, our annual spring event at Pepperdine University, Malibu. Fantastic views of the ocean and of neat cars. See page 14.

March 7 – Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

March 10-11 -- Arizona Alfa Club at Laughlin, NV

We are invited to join them in this trip -- see page 11 for details.

March 18– Swap Meet & Dyno Session at Omega Motorsports

Our annual gathering at Omega Motorsports provides an opportunity to swap your unique spare parts for someone else's 'junque' and to tune your car on the EvanSpeed portable dyno.

March 24 – General Meeting, San Antonio Winery – luncheon & speaker, 11AM

We will again meet at San Antonio Winery near downtown L.A. for touring, tasting, a good Italian-style lunch, and a speaker to be announced. Save the date -- more info next month.

March 31 – Time Trial at Button Willow

April 1 – Time Trial at Button Willow

April 4 – Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

April 28 – General Meeting & Tour, Premier Auto Group, Irvine, 7 AM on

We will have another multi-venue meeting event this month: AROSC's best will be the featured marque at the PAG "Cars and Coffee" show (beginning at 7:00 AM), and then be treated to a

specialty-scheduled tour of the Mercedes Benz Classic Center. Next, we'll embark on a quick tour through Laguna Canyon, and then a picnic at: <http://www.montagelagunabeach.com/index.html>. Just another Saturday in the OC ...!

May 2 – Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30PM

May 19-20 – Spring Driving Tour

June 1 – May General Meeting, Mosier Restoration

June 6 – Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

June 10 – Concours at Dromo 1

June 22-24 – California Historic Races, Fontana

June 30 – General Meeting at Petersen Museum

July 11 – Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

July 14 – Braille Rallye

July 28 – General Meeting at George Barris, Dean Jefferies, Bar Italia, Villa Silverman

August 1 – Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

August 5– Summer Party at Phyllis', Huntington Beach

August 16-19 – Monterey Historics Weekend

August 25 – General Meeting at Toyota Museum

September 1-2 – Drivers School, Streets of Willow

September 5 – Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

September 15 – Tech Session at Sparco

September 29 – General Meeting at Brix Wine Tasting, Sunset Beach

October 3 – Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

**DON'T MISS:
General Meeting Feb 24
@ Autobooks, 10 AM
Concourse March 4
@ Pepperdine Malibu**

View from the Top -- Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente!

I am pleased to again report a sellout crowd of 80+ members from San Diego to Santa Barbara and points east, attended our Annual Awards Dinner. The location again this year was Luigi's Italian Restaurant in Hawthorne, where we hold our monthly Board of Directors meetings. This was a wonderful opportunity to thank the Competition Board and their families for the fabulous and professional job they have done and continue to do. It is truly a family effort involving spouses, significant others, children, and grandparents. It never ceases to amaze me how volunteers, braving heat, cold, the whims and wishes of a multitude of car owners and competition drivers can run such a professional show. Bruce Colby, starting his third year as Competition Chair offered a virtual cornucopia of silver cups, plates and the overall competition bowl. In addition to a thank you for the unheralded family support, yellow roses were in order. Competition is getting keener. Got a rib crushing hug from Fred Hamilton, who I've finally gotten a few seconds faster than, while he let slip that he may have replaced his Buick with a faster car and I better clean my rear view mirror for Buttonwillow on March 31 - April 1. A nicer person than I might ease up a bit to let Fred celebrate his upcoming 93rd birthday, but I helped him celebrate his 90th by driving him off the Corkscrew at Laguna Seca while he was showing me the line and still don't plan to give him an easy time.

By the time you are reading these ramblings, our first driving school of the year will be over. Shame on those of you who missed it. It is a veritable life extender. Paul Dexler has gotten me to volunteer as a Petersen Museum docent. In this position, I've been taking out my growing concern about under skilled drivers (of all ages) getting injured or killed in new cars that have speed and handling characteristics that can challenge professional drivers, by strongly suggesting to these teenagers and parents that we take on tours, that they make a modest investment in quality PERFORMANCE driving instruction. What is your life worth? By the way, joining this very special place is an inexpensive yet terrific way to not only contribute to the preservation of the motoring and architectural history of Southern California, but to give

back by contributing to the education of thousands of school age children that visit every year.

Continuing our policy of diverse locations of interest for our General Meetings, on Feb 24th we will have a clean car show and meeting at the famous Autobooks in Burbank (see inside). After this morning meeting, we plan to cruise the short distance to historic Bob's Big Boy in Toluca Lake. After lunch, for those interested in an extraordinary display of automotive history, there will be a gathering of the 'Deuces' (1932 Fords) in and around the Petersen. They expect nearly 1000 'Deuces' from un-restored originals to some of the most imaginative Hot Rods ever built.

Our first Concorso of the year will be overlooking the Pacific Ocean from the campus of Pepperdine University on March 4th. Along with the car judging competition, we will also have a Concorso de Picnic. Competition is not the issue, this is just a wonderful occasion to meet old friends, greet new friends, ogle and be ogled.

On Sunday, March 18th we will have our annual swap meet and Dyno testing at Omega MotorSports in Culver City. Hosted by Uwe Backer - the wurst alone is worth the trip. For those who want to do some serious driving, AROC (Arizona) has a weekend planned in Laughlin Nevada and has invited members of AROSC to join them. Great rates - should be a fun party (see inside).

The March General Meeting will be combined with lunch and a guest speaker (with microphone) at the San Antonio Winery.

Keep the wheels side down

Norm Silverman (Norman I, Rex)

Annual Meeting & Competition Awards Presentation

Photos by Mike McKibbin

Our annual meeting was held January 28 at Luigi's Restaurant, and a large crowd of over 80 people attended. There was some problem with timely food service, but everyone got plenty to eat eventually. A lot of year-end trophies were handed out by Competition Chair Bruce Colby, and the Competition Champion, based on finishing positions in both track events and concours in 2006, was Steve O'Brien.

Concours		Name
Open	1st	Steve O'Brien
Open	2nd	Norm Silverman
Closed	1st	Val Dietrich
Closed	2nd (tie)	Fred Firschen
Closed	2nd (tie)	Bud Duncan
Daily Driver	1st	Paul Dexler
Daily Driver	2nd	Dean Cullum
Race	1st	Anthony Rimicci
Non-Alfa	1st	Adan Figueroa

ANNUAL AWARDS for 2006

Alfa Time Trials

Class	Rank	Name
Class A	1st	Gifford Hawn
Class C	1st	Jim Ferris
Class C	2nd	Art Russell
Class D	1st	Jess Thyssen
Class D	2nd	Kevin MacManus
Class E	1st	Steve O'Brien
Class E	2nd	Stephano Paltera
Class F	1st	Norm Silverman

Non-Alfa Time Trials

Class	Rank	Name
Class L	1st	Mark Alter
Class M	1st	Matt Poulin
Class M	2nd	Albert Kelly
Class N	1st	Rob Rhodes
Class O	1st	Greg Heesacker
Class O	2nd	Todd McNall
Class P	1st	M.J. Kutkus
Class Q	1st	Fred Hamilton

Alfa Cup Race

Group	Rank	Name
Group ABZ	1st	Anthony Rimicci
Group CDE	1st	Jim Ferris
Group CDE	2nd	Bruce Colby

Non-Alfa Race

Class	Rank	Name
Class M	1st	Bob Poulin
Class M	2nd	Tom Diaz
Class N	1st	Mike McKibbin
Class N	2nd	Emilio Valsecchi
Class N	3rd	Mike Easterman
Class O	1st	Todd McNall
Class P	1st	Terry Major

First Alfa Overall (multiple event types)

Overall	1st	Steve O'Brien
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Competition Directors

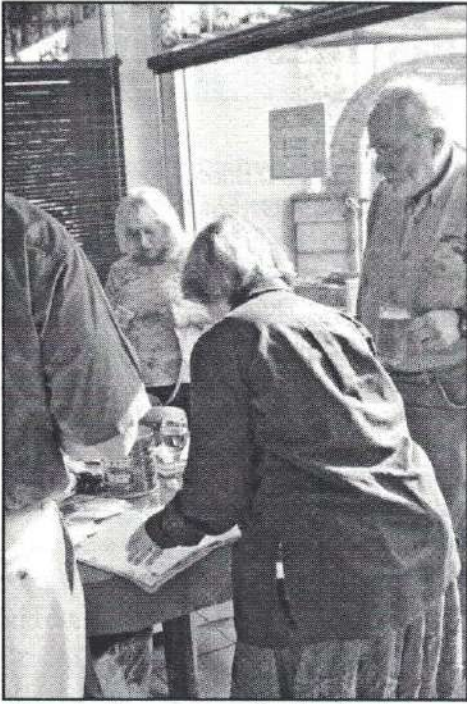
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Competition Director	Bruce Colby

Special Awards for helping at track events

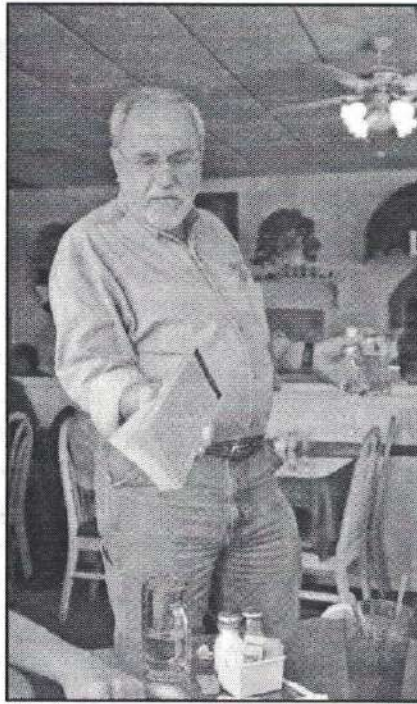
Christine Haro
Jodi Fibrow
Diana Rinner



Mike McKibbin, our competition photo journalist, collects his trophy for winning class N race group.



Sign in & pay says Sheila & Evie.



We have new-style 'yellow cards'!



Sheila runs the raffle.



Mitch McKibbin digs in to the buffet.



Another view of those waiting for lunch.



The racers table having fun.



Santo Rimicci looks pensive -- waiting for food?



Norm displays the first place trophy for Gifford Hawn.



Fred Hamilton, age 92+, gets his trophy for class Q.



A lively group gathered around the tables while waiting.



Steve O'Brien won Over All Champ and a big bowl.



The usually unsung heroines got bouquets of roses!

Jim & Paula Lightfoot Tour Greece Isles

Jim & Paula toured Greece, Turkey, Crete, Rhodes, and points inbetween last fall, and sent these photos for our perusal. This ties in a series on the History Channel about Engineering Empires, particularly the ancients.



Ruins of Pergamum, an ancient Greek kingdom, now in Turkey.



Jim & Paula pose before the ancient Greek ruins of Corinth.



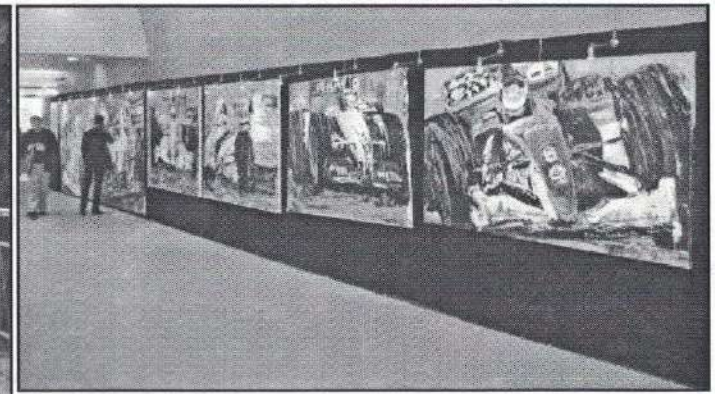
An Alfa on Crete, Greek Islands.



Another Alfa sedan on Crete.



A black Alfa gets ahead in Athens.

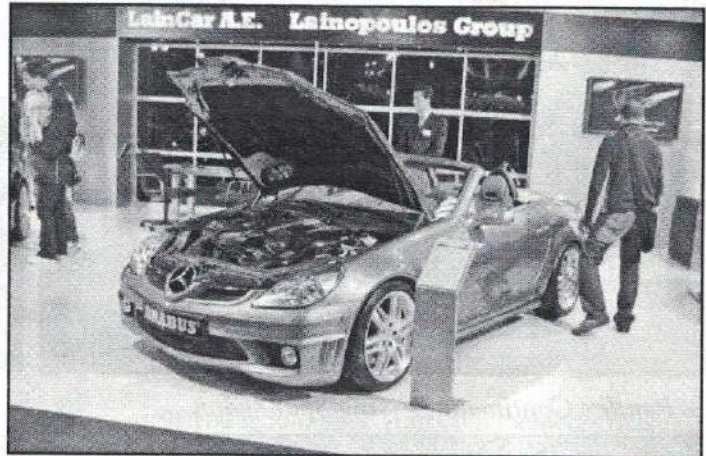


A wall of 'auto racing art' at the car show, Athens.

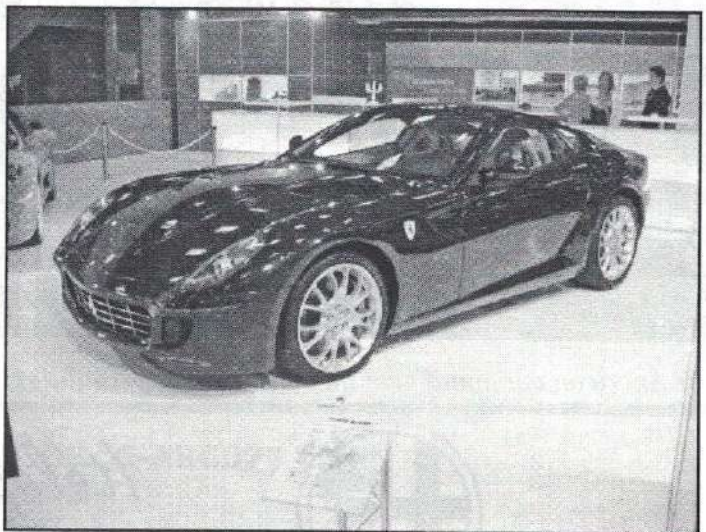
While on their tour, they came across an Auto Show of expensive 'Executive Cars' in Athens -- no Alfas shown, although there is a dealer there. They did have a Jeep Cherokee listed at 135.000 Euros!



A lovely Maserati Quattroporte.



A Brabus Mercedes -- MJ Kutkus needs an upgrade!



The new Ferrari 599.

The Ferrari display -- talk about Italian Pulchritude!



An odd assortment -- Mazda, Lambo, Lotus, etc.



A Morgan -- less ugly than some, particularly the Aero,



The Bentley Continental Flying Spur sedan.



The Bentley Continental GT coupe.



The American car contingent included Corvette, Cadillac, Jeep Cherokee, Dodge Viper, etc.



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Weekend in Laughlin, NV -- AZ AROC Invites Us March 10-11

The Arizona Alfa Romeo Owners Club is planning a weekend in Laughlin, Nevada on March 10 and 11 with one overnight stay on the 10th. We thought since we were so close to California that we would see if your clubs would be interested in joining us there and sharing car stories and looks.


The hotel is the AQUARIUS Casino Resort in Laughlin and we have arranged for a \$57.00 room rate for March 10th. The hotel is setting aside an area for all the cars so we could gather there at 5:00 p.m. on the 10th and meet each other and talk cars.

I have attached a flyer which give you all the information for reservations. If you would have your club members make their own reservations but let me know how many plan to attend that would be helpful. I will keep in touch with the hotel to let them know the number of cars and rooms. Please give me your numbers by February 19th if possible.

Hope to see you all there.

Bill Greenslade
President - AROC
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February 24 Meeting: Autobooks/Bob's/Petersen

Saturday, February 24 2007

ALFA ROMEO DAY AT AUTOBOOKS!

Mama Mia! That's Italian! ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB Show and Grip-n-Grin. Can you say: "Linguine"? ... Just enjoy the Italian pulchritude!.

ALFA ROMEO'S ON SITE! SATURDAY FEB 24th
Sleek Italian beauties invade Burbank!

2 blocks at the corner of Avon St. Alternatively, take the I-5 to Magnolia and go west 2.5 miles to Avon. Parking, (hopefully) in the rear. Coffee and doughnuts are part of the picture.

Autobooks is located at:

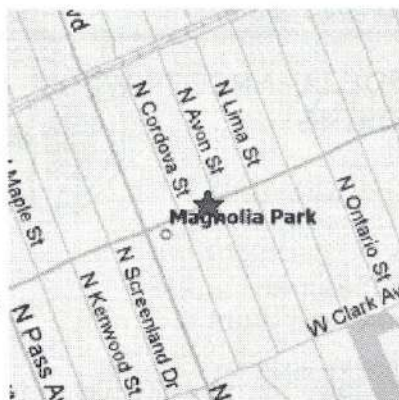
3524 W. Magnolia
Burbank, CA 91505
(818) 845-0707

Web site: autobooks-aerobooks.com

The February meeting will be held at the Autobooks store in Burbank. Guess what the specialty of the house is? There may be an author present as well as the only midget racer powered by Alfa! There may be some other special treats as well.

1. Pre-meeting browse & meeting: Arrive at Autobooks/Aerobooks Burbank early Saturday morning. Traffic will be light. The closer to 8:00 people can get there, the better the parking situation. We should all plan to arrive by about 10:00 AM to have time to browse and bench race before the 11:00 AM meeting.

From the south, take the 405 north to the 101. Go east on the 101 (marked as south on signs). Where the 134 splits off, stay to the left and take the 134 to Pass Avenue. Turn left on Pass, go about one mile to Magnolia Blvd. Turn right on Magnolia, go past Hollywood Way, and Autobooks is on the right



2. Lunch break: When we are finished with the meeting and have spent our all on books and stuff, we will head down the road a couple of miles for lunch at Bob's Big Boy in Toluca Lake, the favored hot burger joint in the area.

Leave Autobooks, turn left (south) on Hollywood Way. Continue to Alameda Ave. Cross over the freeway and stay to the right as Riverside Drive merges in from the left. At 4211 Riverside Drive is the historic Bob's Toluca Drive In. We shall endeavor to have a large table and nearby booths.

Bob's is a great coffee shop with bargain prices that offers a traditional American style menu. Bob's is an excellent choice for breakfast which is served there 24 hours/day. For lunch try the original Big Boy combo for a tasty and filling double-decker burger. A **Senior Savings** of 10% off the total check is offered to those age 55 and over.



Autobooks-Aerobooks is the perfect place to shop for your favorite person.



Bob's Big Boy -- home of the original double deck hamburger.

This Bob's restaurant was built in 1949, and is the oldest remaining BOB'S BIG BOY in America. It was designed to incorporate the 1940's transitional design of streamline modern style while anticiating the freeform 50's coffee shop architecture. The towering BOB's sign is an integral part of the building design and its most prominent feature. The restaurant was honored in 1993, receiving the designation as a "STATE POINT OF HISTORICAL INTEREST" by the state of California.

Bob's Big Boy is located at:

4211 Riverside Drive

Toluca Lake/Burbank

Web site: www.bobs.net

3. Grand Finale: In keeping with the hot rod heritage at Bobs, Feb. 24 is also "Deuce Day." It is the 75th anniversary of the day Henry launched the Ford V8. So, for those who have not had enough automotive fun and history, we can continue on to the Petersen Museum at Wilshire and Fairfax in L.A. and revel in some of the several hundred '32 Fords of every persuasion that are slated to show up.

The most direct route is to get back onto Alameda Avenue, turn left at the freeway entrance and go west on the 134. It blends back into the 101, continue on to Laurel Canyon Blvd. Get off at Laurel Canyon and go south. Continue over the hill, and when it splits off into Hollywood Blvd, go east on Hollywood to Fairfax. Turn right and continue south to Wilshire and the Museum. I have no idea of what the parking situation will be on that day, but it is sure to be a little chaotic. Wilshire Blvd. may even be closed off to park some of the '32 Fords. It should be worth the slight hassle, however.

And then, having absorbed as much '32 Ford as possible, you're on your own.

March Meeting: San Antonio Winery

Join us on March 24 for a luncheon, speaker, and wine tasting at the historic San Antonio Winery.

This is an oasis of good living in the heart of the city -- a cultural historic landmark established in 1917. We will gather at 11:00AM for wine tasting/attitude adjustment. A brief meeting will start at 11:30 followed by our speaker, then on to lunch! In the restaurant, you will find the essence of northern Italy: fresh pastas, grilled entrees, rotisserie chicken tempting gourmet salads, delicious sandwich plates, and of course delicious desserts. Our speaker will be announced in the next issue.

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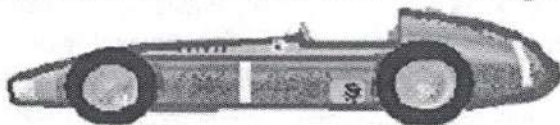
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Back to the Beach Alfa Concours in Malibu

March 4 at Pepperdine University

By Doug Adler

Back by popular demand and always a treat, the first of three club concours events will be held this March 4, 2007 at Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA. This is a great event that hopefully encourages those of you with nice Alfas and other interesting stuff to get it cleaned up and out for a drive through some of the most splendid scenery in the world.

Many of the roads leading to and from the campus are breathtaking and you can pick your route from mild to wild. Some groups have been known to form early at the Coffee Roaster in Calabasas and take a 'spirited route and pace' through some of the tighter canyon passes. Interested yet? Ok, maybe a little more calm cruise for the misses or the ancient iron... then bring a picnic for the concours or choose some of the cozier eateries in Malibu like Duke's, The Reel Inn, Neptune's Net or maybe Coogie's. The list goes on and the sky is the limit!

The Concours traditionally starts at 9am with judging starting promptly at 10am and awards handed out about 12 noon. Competitors get there as early as 8am for best placement and to get the last bits of road dust off. Club donation of \$10 gets your car judged in one of several different classes including Open, Closed, Daily Driver, Non-Alfa, and Race Prepared. Multiple ribbons will be awarded in most of these classes with special awards and gifts also to be presented. Picnics again will be judged with theme awards for 'Best at the Beach', 'Very Italian', and 'Automobili Ephemerata'.

Happily I have been appointed to serve a fourth consecutive term as your Concours Chair. I, of course, directly correlate that success to the enthusiasm/fanaticism that is the spirit of our club. More of you continue to participate by bringing some wonderful cars to our shows and track events. Members are seeking out, repairing, restoring and preparing some wonderful older cars and having a lot of fun, in turn keeping this marque vivacious and alive here in SoCal. Good on you guys and gals!

So the upshot is clear- Get the car cleaned up, have a good time with friends, go on a wonderful drive through spectacular scenery and have lunch with a special person. Come and join us with or without an Alfa... this is maybe one of the best places to find a nice example! Preregistration is not necessary and if you have any questions, please contact me: Doug Adler at concours@arosc.org or call me at my shop at (805) 390-2506.

When you arrive at the campus (Pepperdine University is located at 24255 PCH., Malibu, CA. 90263) enter from the Malibu Canyon entrance and pause at the guard's booth. Inform them you are with the Alfa group and they will flag you ahead. Then just follow the signs. For those of you returning from previous years, be aware that there may be a new location this year so look sharp.

Quick product plug alert - Eagle One has a marvelous wheel cleaner called surprisingly enough- "All Wheel Cleaner". Check this stuff out for its wicked enzyme cleaning action on wheels and everything alloy. I love the way it seems to eat brake grime and dirt. After liberal spray, follow up with a soft brush and then a micro fiber towel to agitate the cleaner and wipe down the crud. Punch up the cleaning power with really hot water that you dip and rinse the towel in. Ssssteamy.... One more plug, (I know, I should get paid) try 'Power Dissolve' by Dawn for safe bio cleaning of really greasy glops. I love this stuff originally intended for the kitchen. Think of Easy-Off that is bio friendly and literally 'eats' grease. Safe for your sink and the driveway. Amazing! Again, agitate the goo with the cleaner on it and use really hot water for dipping and rinsing cleaning utensils and towels as you go. Won't discolor platings, finishes, or paint. Wow.

First Track Event of the Year, Willow Springs - Jan 14

RACING IN THE DEEP FREEZE -- BUT NO SNOW THIS YEAR!

BY: MIKE MCKIBBIN

PHOTOS: MIKE MCKIBBIN, ROB RHODES

It was cold.

How cold was it?

So cold the toilets froze Sunday and Paul Ellis told us his thermometer showed a toasty 36° during what seemed like Saturday afternoon's warmest point. The Willow Springs gate keeper reported 11° when he arrived at work at 7:00 a.m. Saturday. The corner workers were all dressed like Eskimos. Those of us with heaters had them on high while we raced. Those that didn't arrived back in the pits after their runs looking slightly shell-shocked.



Saturday's Drivers meeting -- indoors!

The weather was otherwise beautiful, not really a cloud in the sky, but the frigid temperatures kept the turnout somewhat low. This did translate, however, to wide open spaces on the race track. Bringing tire temperatures up to speed did prove to be an interesting challenge all weekend long, with some especially interesting examples of this in turn 9 during the qualifying race.

Our Mustang GT was missing a fuel cell, so we took our two Mustang Cobras & Andrea's MR2. Mitch & my mother, Irene, who has been kind enough to sponsor most of our entry fees for the last year, chose this weekend to come out. She stayed warm in the Fibrow's motor home, venturing out to the tower to watch her granddaughter & sons at appropriate times.

At about 3:00 a.m. Saturday morning, a two-way radio secreted into Paul Ellis' camper bed began broadcasting

sexy come-ons. He & Mike Easterman corralled me late Sunday morning, informing me they had solved the mystery, & while they understood Mom's attraction to studs like Paul, I needed to tell her the stalking had to stop.

Mom's reaction? "Which one's Paul? Uh-huh. He'd better watch out." Stay tuned.

Rob's '97 Mustang bit the dust early Saturday morning with a leaking transmission, followed by a list of worthys over the next two days, including Jim Ferris' Alfetta (broken crank), Doug Bender's Guilia (something about bearings rolling everywhere), and Matt & Bob Polin (head gasket). Rob's misfortune necessitated a round of musical cars, with Rob moving into my company car for the time trial & Mitch moving into Andrea's MR2 for race group.

Rob said he didn't feel that fast, but his 1:44 was good enough for a class win. Hey, the track was slow. First time of the day in time trial was Steve Johnson's 1:41 in his Z06.

I might have seen a bit more of the race if the company car hadn't detonated a rear axle bearing in turn 2 on lap 5 of Sunday's race. Greg Nelson had a great view, as he was about a half-inch behind me when he saw the left rear wheel start to wobble, and he backed off & took evasive action as the suspension pretty much collapsed. Kudos to the school for the car control lessons.

Up to that point, aside from Greg & I beating on each other, a battle royal was raging up ahead between Emelio Valsecchi, Paul Ellis, Todd McNall & Tony Presto. Emelio pulled away, eventually just holding off a charging Paul, while Tony & Todd continued to slug it out. Farther up front, Iain Stobie's Porsche won overall, with Jim Steedman's 914 second, & Ed Corden's very interesting Ginetta doing a wire-to-wire third.

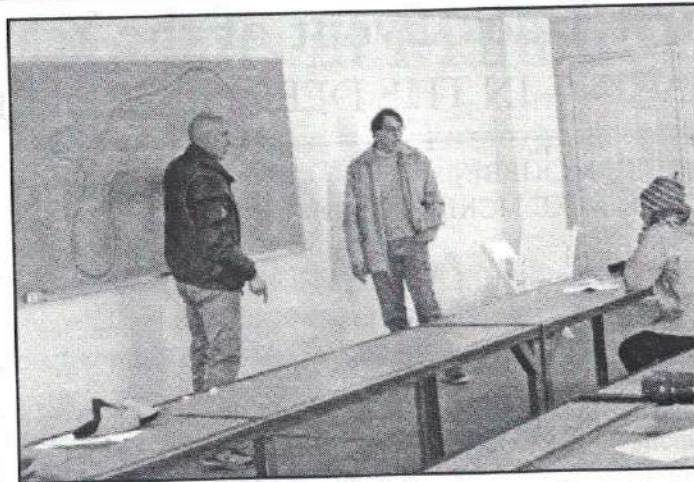
The Alfas did a staggered start with the rest of us. They waded through the MR2 free-for-all (the Majors & Mitch), with late comer Hector Vasquez eventually beating out Jim Ferris in a borrowed car.

The company car left the track on a trailer (becoming a pattern for the January race), while Rob's car, though wounded, was still driveable. What a bunch of great people in this club: before we knew Rob's Mustang was

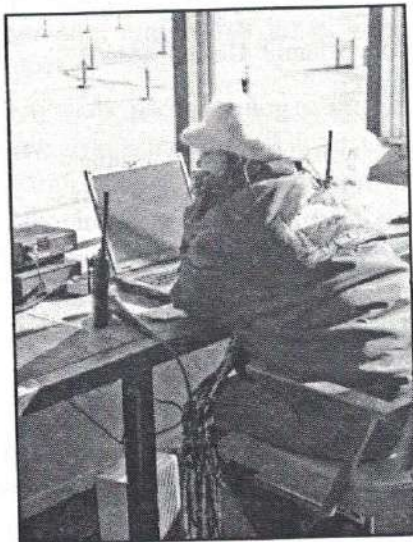
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still driveable, & we were trying to figure out how we were going to remove two cars with only one trailer, assistance was volunteered by Paul Ellis, Mike Easterman, the Fibrows, Greg Nelson & Christine Haro, among others. Thank you.

That's racing.



Phil Guiral & Paul Blankenship instruct the novices



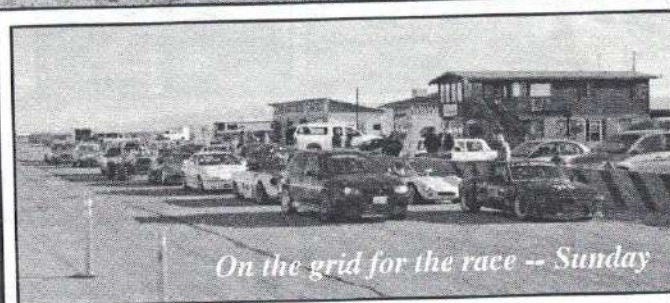
Christine Haro runs the tower.



The qualifying race start, Saturday



More qualifying race action.



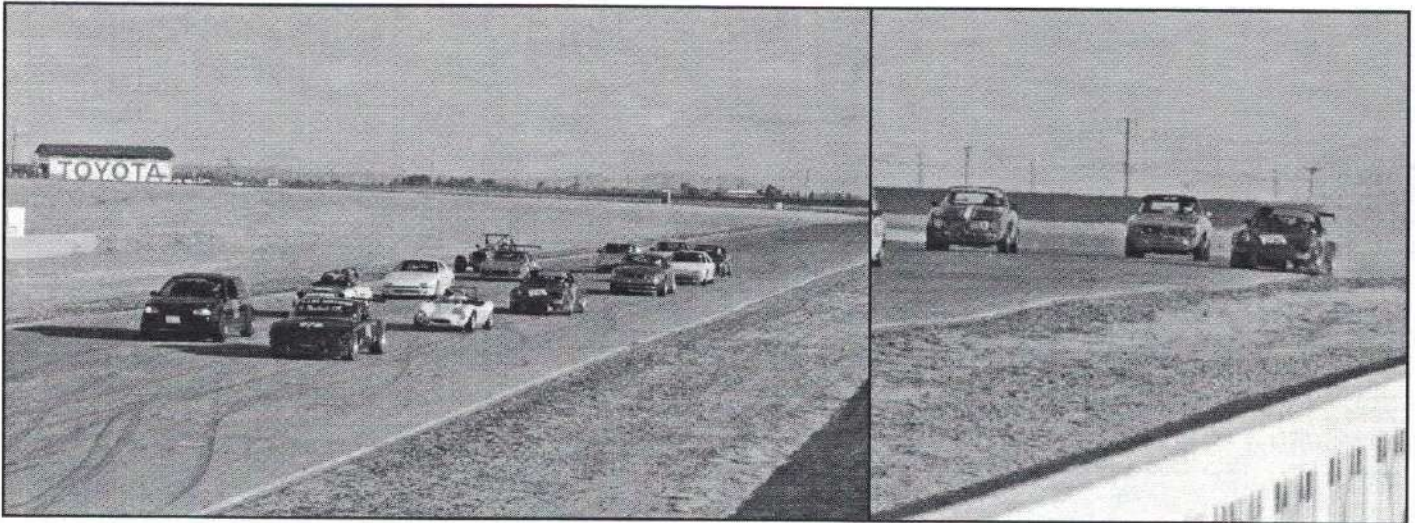
On the grid for the race -- Sunday



On the Grid for the Time Trials.



Emillio and Mitch discuss who goes first for the F. Race

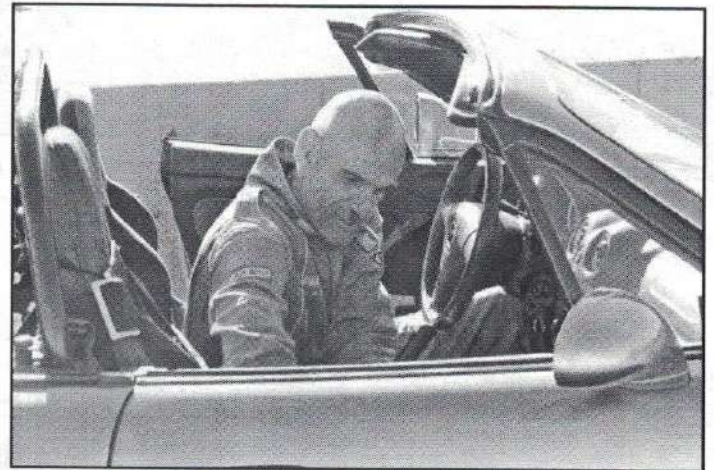


Sunday's race start.

Oops -- looks like a Porsche went too wide!



Norm was dusty after associating with a ditch.



Phil Guiral prepares to go on track.



Norm chats up the Alfa Club to visitors from Touring Car Club



Doug Bender soaks up sun after a cold 4 degree morning

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The Alfa racers on the pre-grid.



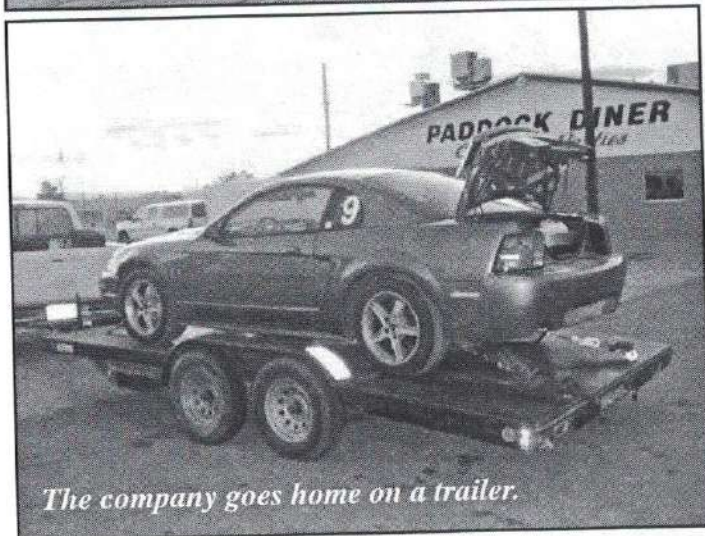
The start of the Alfa Cup portion of the race.



Nose-to-tail actions in MR-2s -- as advertised!



Instructors play 'lets change places' with intro group



The company goes home on a trailer.



Gene Brown watches as Dave and Erica Herting trailer up.



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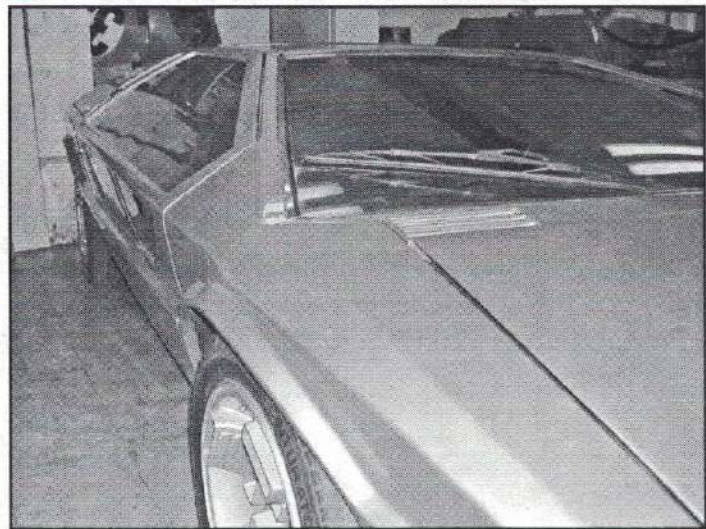
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More Cars Seen on Nick Zart's Trip to Europe

I saw my pictures in the January newsletter. Thanks. Just one correction, the Renault 8 Gordini has the original Gordini engine and is 100% original. The Fiat engine was from an old 60's Fiat under some cover in a dark part of my French mechanics garage, I couldn't see.

Here are some pictures of the Boomerang stored in a garage next to a few Ferraris, Bugattis and, of course, Alfa Romeos from one of my last trips abroad. This is the same owner who restored the first Matra a decade ago. I saw it up close and listened to that French v12. Shivers!!!

Fangio drove the very rare Gordini, 1.5 liter, also called the Aquarium for obvious reasons.



The Boomerang side view from the front.



The Boomerang side view from above.



The top view of the Boomerang.

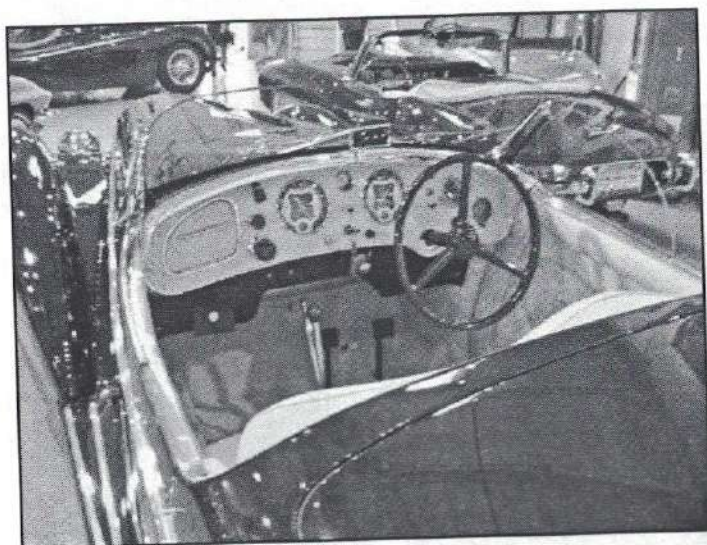


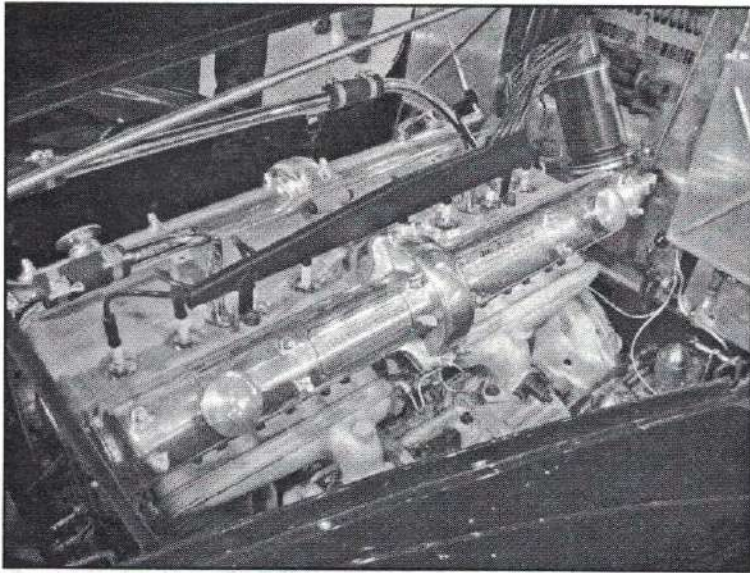
The very rare 1.5 Gordini Aquarium driven by Fangio

The Ray Scherr Collection -- Westlake Village

Photo by Jim Lightfoot

This 1938 Alfa 8C 2900 B Touring Super Legera was part of a Classic Car Club of America tour of the Ray Scherr Collection in January. Ray has prehaps the finest private collection of Classics from the 1930s, but also several more modern and more sporting cars. Jim is pretty sure that this was the poster car for Pebble Beach in 2005.





An interesting little racer. Note the oddly offset steering wheel, almost outside the cockpit. Although it is green, it looks similar to an early Alfa race car.

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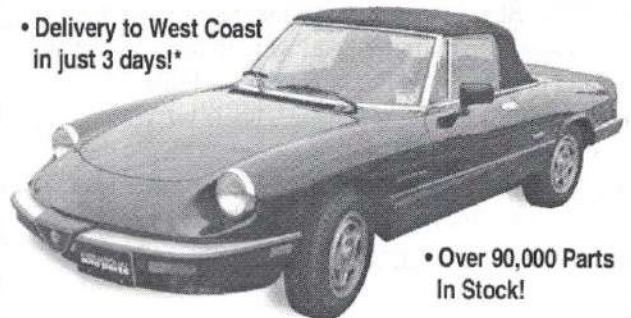
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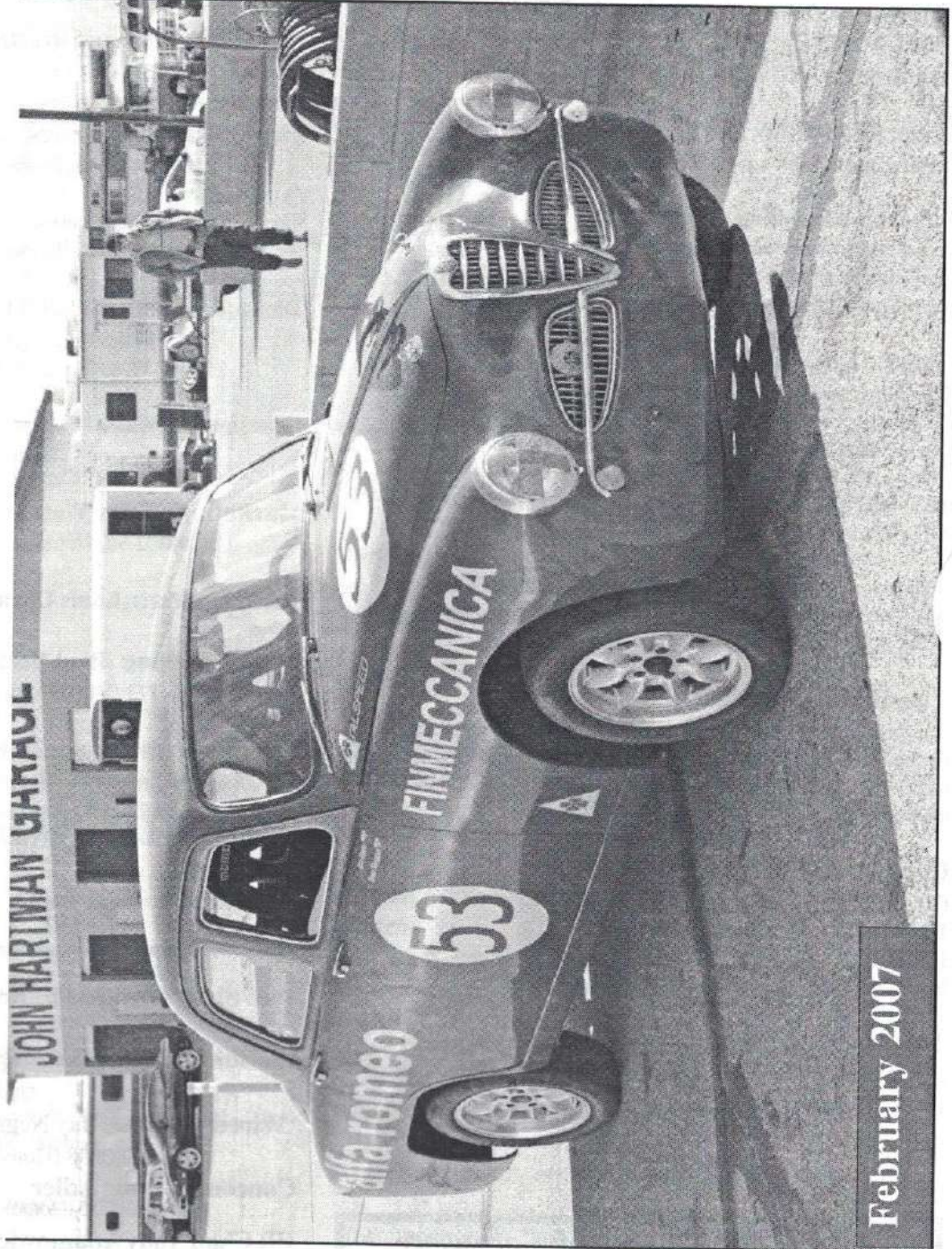
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