



Newsletter of the

**Alfa Romeo**  
OWNERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



February 2009

**In This Issue: Annual Meeting, first Time Trial & Race, upcoming events, and more...**

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Month	Event
February	4 Board Meeting @ Luigi's
February	21 General Meeting @ Autobooks 10AM
February	28 Drivers School @ Streets of Willow
March	1 Drivers School
March	1 Palm Springs Concours
March	4 Board Meeting @ Luigi's
March	28 General Meeting /Tour @ Petersen Museum + Tail Gate & Concours
March	29 Gokart event, Mira Loma
April	2 Board Meeting @ Luigi's
April	4 Agua Dulce Winery + Vincenzo's Pizza
April	18-19 Time Trial at Fontana Speedway parking lot
April	25 Driving Tour + Dine + Meeting for Italian Liberation Day
May	6 Board Meeting @ Luigi's
May	16-17 Spring Driving Tour - PCH Adventure
May	30 Meeting @ Cars & Coffee + Tour of collection + Brunch at Cline's FV

## *Our 2009 Calendar*



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### Meeting Information

General Meetings are usually held the last Friday or Saturday of each month at various locations. Check the Calendar information on the outside back cover for an overview of the year, and the Previews section on Page 4 for details of events planned for the near future.

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The "Charlie Cup" is awarded this year to Paul Blankenship in honor of his service and irreverence, in homage to Charlie Theriot. The awardee is congratulated by Norm Silverman and Bruce Colby. Photo by M. J. Kutkus.

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## 2009 AROSC Previews -- An Outline of Coming Events

*February 21 – General Meeting @ Autobooks, Lunch at Porto's*

See information and directions on pages 20-21. This is a great venue for all books about cars and airplanes, plus a great lunch site.

**DON'T MISS:**  
*Feb 21 Meeting at Autobooks  
Feb 28-Mar 1 Drivers School @  
Streets of Willow  
March 1 Palm Springs Concours*

*February 28 & March 1 – Drivers School at Streets of Willow*

This is the only School date we have this year, so don't miss it! See the web site for entry info or call Phyllis Gaylard for a copy of the mailer.

*March 1 -- Desert Classic Concours, Palm Springs*

See pages 16-17 for details. This event features Alfa Romeo! If you don't enter the Concours you can park in the Alfa Corral with the rest of us.

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

*March 28 -- General Meeting, Concours & Picnic at the Petersen Automotive Museum*

See page 22 for details. There will be lots to do at this meeting event.

*March 29 -- AROSC Karting Championship, Mira Loma*

See page 32-33 for details of this indoor all-day speed-fest.

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

*April 4 – Agua Dulce Winery & Lunch @ Vincenzo's Pizza  
(Note date change)*

We are returning to the site of our last August meeting which brought out 40 hardy souls in the dead of summer to taste wine and pizza. This time it will be spring so we can look for wild flowers on the way. See page 22 for info, and next month for more details.

*April 18-19 -- Time Trial at AAA Speedway Fontana Parking Lot*

This will be a fun short-track event, but sorry, no room for racing.

*April 25 – Driving Tour, Dining and General Meeting – Brian LeGrand Hosting*

**SAVE THE DATE!** April 25th is Italian Liberation Day, and what better way to celebrate it than getting together and take our Italian machines out for a spin! We are planning an all-day drive-and-dine event in the Western part of the Valley. From canyon (and other) roads driving fun, to various pit stops (car museum, go-karts racing, site seeing - and wine tasting!), from Village Coffee Roaster "replica" morning gathering to Spaghetti Western picnic to lasagna a-gogo diner, it will be a day full of fun. More details to follow in the next edition of the newsletter. Meanwhile, for better organization and anticipation of needs / reservations please confirm your interest by sending your RSVP to Brian LeGrand at [brian.legrand@gmail.com](mailto:brian.legrand@gmail.com). Ciao!

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

*May 16-17 – Spring Driving Tour – PCH Tribute*

See pages 18-19 for details of this fun driving tour with the usual special sights provided by the Barretts.

*May 30 – General Meeting at Cars & Coffee, Brunch at Cline's, + Murray Collection Tour*

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

*June 7 – Concours at Huntington Beach Concours, Central Park,  
8:00AM – 4:00 PM*

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

Wonderful So Cal. Last year's gathering for the Annual Awards took place during a rain of biblical proportions and this year, with sunshine and temperature in the 70's we could actually enjoy the activity at Redondo Beach Marina. In addition, the weekend earlier, among dire predictions of rain and blustery weather, the sun shone for 2 days at Willow Springs Raceway as we got our competition program off to an auspicious start. We may have a trend here?? Thanks to everyone for the nearly full house. The food and service at Delzanno's was plentiful and very good.

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. The members also owe themselves a round of applause for the inspiration created by their participation. Awards were a little scarce this year because of a) reduced competition schedule and b) some winners not being club members did not qualify. The overall competition championship reverted back this year to Evie and me.

**Perseverance** (showing up at every event – Track and Concorso) allowed us, having far from the fastest cars at the track and far from the prettiest car at the Concorsi, to win the Silver Bowl. Come out and join the fun. A new contender for overall competition looms closer on the horizon as one of our Driving School attendees, Concorsi participant Fred Firschein is also collecting first Time Trial and Concorso points. This year look out for the upcoming Go Kart racing schedule.

Continuing our policy of diverse locations of interest for our General Meetings, on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> we will have our third annual clean car show and General Meeting at the Famous Autobooks in Burbank (see inside) with El Porto pastries provided by our hosts Tina and Chuck. Among the most enthusiastic car people in So Cal, Tina (former Pres. of AROSC) and Chuck (my personal car deity) are responsible for, among other things, The Best of France and Italy and Thursday Car Night. After this morning meeting, we plan to walk to the corner for a special treat – lunch at the famous (and inexpensive) El Porto bakery and great Cuban sandwich emporium.

By the time you are reading these ramblings we will be preparing for our first driving school of the year – Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. Shame on those of you

who miss it! It is a truly a life extending event. It also creates what some feel are symptoms of addiction that could turn you into a Time Trial competitor, or like me start you racing at 67. This school continues to be an inexpensive way to improve your driving skill and those of your bambini. Less than the cost of your deductible and certainly less than the value you put on your life. This is an intense but fun filled 2 days that is guaranteed to improve what you consider to be driving skills. See [www.arosc.org](http://www.arosc.org) for details.

This same weekend, for those not attending school, the second annual Concours d' Elegance is being held in Palm Springs and Alfa Romeo is the feature Marque. The corral is \$30 for a car + 2 people, and accommodations are available for an extremely reasonable inseason rate (see inside). The McHarties are welcoming us for a BBQ at their adobe in La Quinta (BYOB) that Saturday evening. There will be drives and events scheduled during the day on Saturday with the Concours scheduled for Sunday. Contact Jim or Elyse Barrett at [eddnab@mindspring.com](mailto:eddnab@mindspring.com) or (714) 964-9530.

**Our first Concorso of the year will be held in conjunction with a General Meeting and tour of the Petersen Automotive Museum.** The newest exhibit, along with feature cars from the vault will be entitled "What Were They Thinking?": 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 ogle.

Keep the following dates open:

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** – Italian Liberation Day Driving Tour + Dining Experience + General Meeting. This will involve, amongst a series of events, an 80 mile drive from the canyons of Moorpark to the ever winding Mulholland Drive.

**May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Driving Tour. We will drive the old Pacific Coast Highway through South OC and San Diego County (see inside). Space is filling up – please RSVP as soon as possible.

Keep the wheels side down

*Norm Silverman* (Norman I, Rex)  
*Evie Silverman* (Evie I, Regina)

### Notable Recent Auction Prices for Alfas:

At Goodings in Scottsdale, January 17:

1965 Alfa Romeo TZ1, \$440,000, former Fritz Duerrberger car.

At R M Arizona, January 16:

1967 Alfa Romeo Duetto, \$46,200

1949 Alfa 6C 2500 Super Sport Coupe, \$198,000

## Tech Article: DIY Alignments Part II

Last month's column talked about taking alignment measurements. This column is about choosing the best settings for your driving style and actually making any required adjustments. Determining the best settings is a case of different strokes for different folks

Manufacturers almost universally recommend near-zero front camber and some amount of front toe-in. Minimal camber minimizes tire wear. Adding just a little front toe makes the car feel more stable without increasing tire wear much. Caster helps center the steering, but is kept small enough to keep the steering from feeling too heavy. The actual factory-recommended caster can vary considerably depending on the amount of trail designed into the front suspension and the vehicle weight on the front wheels.

An autocross alignment is a specialized alignment that bears little resemblance to a factory alignment. Ultimate cornering power is king and tire wear isn't much of a consideration. Autocrossers crank in as much static camber as necessary to achieve near-zero dynamic camber while cornering. Cars running street legal race tires in stock classes will have gobs of body roll and will benefit from gobs of camber. This often translates to run all the camber you can. Most autocrossers run some front toe-out. The idea is the inside front wheel is already tuning when

you start the turn. I can testify that it sure makes the car eager to turn. On the other hand, a car with lots of front toe-out is a pain to drive on the street. You have to actively steer the car all the time because every little disturbance makes the car want to turn. More caster is good too, because caster adds camber when the wheels are turned. A typical autocross alignment would be 1/8-1/4" of front toe out, 2-3 degrees of static negative camber and more caster than stock.

A track alignment is more a compromise. Cornering power is still king, but it isn't the only consideration. Less toe-out for one thing. Personally, I would hate to run a track day with 1/4" of front toe-out. Also, excessive toe really kills tires. The car is more likely modified to reduce body roll which allows a little less camber. And camber gain due to caster becomes less of a factor when there are no really tight turns. A typical track alignment might be zero front toe, 1.5-2.5 degrees of negative camber and near-stock caster.

So, what alignment specs should you choose? Well, my Maxima (aka non-Alfa) runs zero front toe, 1.5 degrees of negative camber and stock caster. The extra camber does increase tire wear, but in my experience too much toe is the main cause of excessive tire wear. The choice of zero toe suits my driving preferences just fine. Our Alfas run similar settings, but a little less negative camber, since any more

camber would require longer studs in the lower a-arms.

Toe is the easiest thing to adjust, so I'm going to start there. Loosen the locknuts on the track rods (2/side). Rotate the track rods by identical amounts to increase/decrease the toe. Okay, it's a little more complicated in practice. First, there are left- and right-hand threads down there so make sure you are rotating the track rods in the proper directions. Once you think you have the toe dialed in, take a little test drive to make sure the steering wheel is pointed straight ahead when the car is going straight. Don't be surprised if the final tweak is just a tiny adjustment of just one track rod.

Some cars crab walk, that is, the cars go down the street a little bit sideways. If you have a live axle, that means something has slipped or is bent and the axle is no longer perpendicular to the centerline of the car. If you have one of those modern Alfas with adjustable rear toe, your rear toe may be correct but the rear tires are pointing slightly off to one side. There is fancy equipment for measuring this stuff, but I recommend driving down a somewhat dusty street. Then get out of the car and see if the rear tires follow in the front tire tracks.

Setting the toes first is great if that is all you plan to do, otherwise save that for last. If you put in new springs, shim up a low corner or replace a bent sway bar, it is going to change your

alignment. Take care of those items first, then set the camber.

Adjusting camber ranges from easy to difficult. On double a-arm cars this is generally achieved by adding/subtracting shims between the a-arms and the body. On my 101 cars this translates to adding as many spacers as possible to the lower arms. Once I've seen how much camber I can get, I then put thinner spacers on the side with the most camber to get the camber even on both sides. If you have a 105 car, then adjustable upper a-arms are available. You may not need them to get the camber you want, but they make the job easier and give you far more adjustment.

Most of us probably own at least one MacPherson-strut car. There are no a-arms to shim, so the approach is completely different. The most obvious and direct approach to increasing camber is to lean the tops of the struts inward. If the studs on the top of the strut are off center, then rotating the strut allows some adjustability. Also, there is usually some slop where the bottom of the strut attaches to the stub axle.

Loosen the mounting bolts and take advantage of any available slop to get a little more camber. Or do what I did on the Maxima. There just wasn't quite enough slop to get the camber we wanted, so we increased the slop by slotting the mounting holes in the struts. Easy, and in my opinion, superior to aftermarket camber bolts which are grossly undersize. A couple

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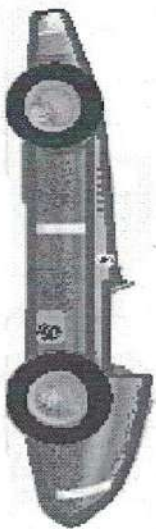
## Tech Article: DIY Alignments Part II -- *Continued*

of MR-2s run in the competition program. Don't know what they have done, but Toyota sells "crash" bolts which are slightly undersize bolts that provide adjustability without slotting the struts. For the truly hard core, there are camber plates which increase the adjustment range at the top of the strut. They are not cheap, are often noisy, may require modification of the strut towers, and may reduce suspension travel. Don't go there unless you have done your research.

Caster adjustment ranges from easy to just about impossible. The easy extreme would be a strut car with an adjustable longitudinal link (e.g. a MR-2). A close second would be a 105

car with an adjustable upper a-arm. The rest of us can get a little adjustment with shims. My experience with the 101 Alfas is to try to make it equal from side-to-side (those cars weren't exactly straight to begin with) without losing too much camber.

Alignments are a bit like paint jobs, they are never quite perfect. It's a matter of balancing cost with return. Our Spider has a little more camber than the Sprint and neither has caster that is exactly equal side-to-side, but I am happy. I'm not a professional mechanic and haven't worked on every kind of car out there, but feel free to contact me by email or phone and I will try to help.



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## Fiat 500, Alfa MiTo and 149 Head to the States Chrysler to Build Four Models Based on Fiats and Alfas

If the planned deal between Chrysler LLC and Fiat S.p.A is sealed by the end of April, the new American-Italian partnership will see seven new vehicles heading towards North American shores, according to a report from Automotive News that cites inside sources who have seen the product-sharing agreement between the two automakers. These vehicles, two Alfa Romeos, one Fiat and four Fiat Group based Chrysler LLC cars that will be all built at Chrysler's North American plants, will be sold in the States through Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep dealerships.

The report claims that most likely, the three Fiat Group models to come to the U.S., are the **retro-styled minicar Fiat 500**, the **sporty Alfa Romeo MiTo** that is aimed towards the MINI Cooper and the Audi A3 / VW Golf sized **Alfa Romeo 147 replacement that is unofficially named 149**.



Understandably, the three Fiat Group cars that will be assembled in the U.S. will also form the base for the four planned Chrysler LLC models. In particular, Automotive News sources support that the American automaker will get a five-door hatchback based on the next Fiat Panda minicar (same platform as the 500) that will be sold as a Chrysler or a Dodge.

The Alfa MiTo will lend its platform and its 1.4-liter and 1.8-liter turbocharged engines to a B-Segment sized hatchback - hopefully, it will have nothing in common with our humoristic Magnum-faced Mito photoshopped. Finally, the Alfa 149's platform, called C-Evo, would be used to create a possible replacement for the Dodge Caliber as well as for the Dodge Avenger and Chrysler Sebring mid-size sedans.



# The Wandering Graduate And Super Bowl Sunday

By Don LaVance

Super Bowl Sunday is here once again. The Alfa was gassed up last night and my lunch is packed.

This is one of the events I look forward to every year: The millions of football fans, their friends and hanger-on's will be engaged in one of the most spectacular spectator sports on the planet. There will be snacks, cheering and back slapping camaraderie. For these reasons

most of today the roads will be relatively free of traffic, with the exception of the most traveled routes between the local Super Bowl partys and the nearest 7-11 Stores.

The back roads, especially the ones far away from any television sets, will be practically without any sign of human life. All of the Bicycle Clubs will be absent; Runners will not be practicing for the next marathon. And best of all most of the Bikers and their mounts will be exercising their macho traits while urging their favorite team to annihilate the other team.

Each year there are certain dates that I have the opportunity to truly

enjoy the pleasure of the Alfa on a twisty canyon road without the necessity of playing nice with the afore mentioned . Not to appear to condone or encourage excessive adrenaline production, but it is nice to be able to wind the Alfa just a little tighter without the consideration of others who on any other Sunday would be scattered about the roads in what I would call indiscriminate profusion.

This Sunday would not be any exception I realized as I turned into Niles Canyon just off of Mission Blvd. at the East side of Fremont, California. The four cars that I had encountered en-route during the 9 miles from my home to this point seemed to bear out my anticipation.

Niles Canyon is one of the beautiful steep-sided, mildly twisting roads in this area, a creek visible along most of its length as the road meanders along between Fremont and Sunol. The recent rains had given the steep hills rising along each side of the canyon road an early emerald sheen of new foliage which only a mere month ago were a winter brown. The absence of most of the leaves on the trees along side of the road

provide an extra element of seasonal enlightenment, allowing a considerably longer look down the road and further into the curves. The further you can see the deeper you can go.

It seemed I had only been on the road moments when the sign proclaiming, "Sunol next right", appeared. Moments later I sat alone at the four way stop sign with no one in sight. Well Don, left or straight ahead I thought as the Alfa idled. No rush, I thought, continuing on through the intersection and heading toward the next set of low foothills ahead.

Out of habit I needlessly glanced at the fuel gauge. Something I automatically do when I look down a long road that I have not previously traveled. The needle had not yet moved on the gauge. About two miles further down the road I crossed under Highway 680, momentarily noticing the now subdued drone of the non-official holiday traffic, usually a roar. By the time I was into third gear the first new curve in the road appeared and the brief encounter with normal civilization once again behind me.

This new stretch of road was proving to be up to my hopes as a challenging addition to a Sunday Drive destination in itself. After

five or six miles of enjoyment, I slowed, noticing a sign proclaiming that ahead was the entrance to The Sunol Regional Park, and another roadside sign informing me that the road I was enjoying was Calaveras Road.

As I sat there thinking that here might be a nice place to enjoy my brown bag lunch, a growing noise coming up the road behind me caused me to look over my shoulder. I was just in time to see what appeared to be, except for the huge wing on the back and the Chrome yellow paint, some kind of a small 4 door Japanese family sedan. As it roared by I received a big wave and a smile from the very young man behind the wheel. It would be the last I saw of him that day. Obviously, also a Football fan like me.

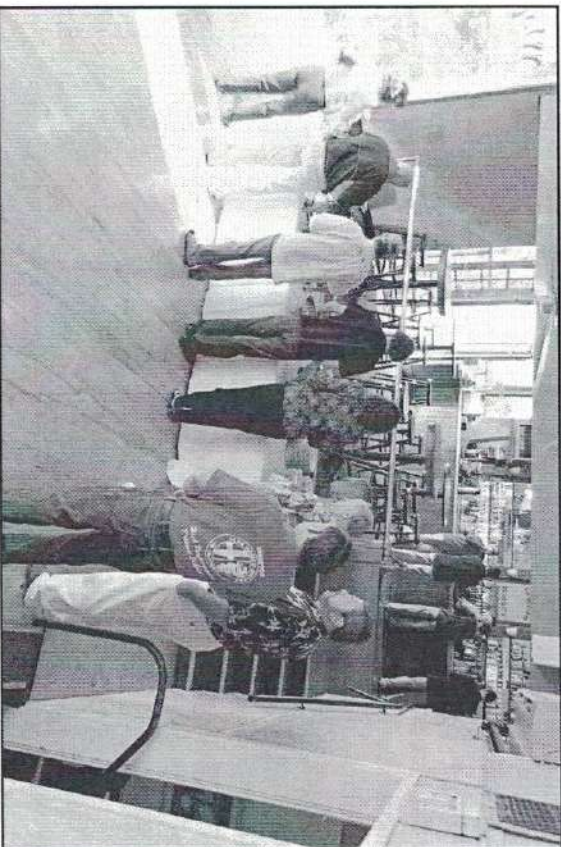


# Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation

Photos by Paul Dexter and M. J. Kutkus



Check in, pay for lunch, and ogle the doorprize collection!



The Chow Line provided lots of good things to eat.



Happy diners after a very nice lunch -- Kudos to Sheila Kutkus!

## 2008 Year-End Awards

Alfa Time Trials		Non-Alpha Race	
Class	Name	Class	Name
1st B	Mazlumian, Jorge	1st K	Finchbaugh, Clint
1st C	Russell, Arthur	1st M	Ferris, Jim
1st D	Hertling, David	1st N	Wagner, Don
1st F	Silverman, Norm	2nd O	Colby, Bruce
		1st P	Major, Terry
		2nd P	2Major, Bev
Non-Alpha Time Trials		Concours	
Class	Name		Name
1st M	Tsugawa, Roy	1st Open	Lucidi, Allison & Richard
2nd M	Hesacker, Greg	1st Closed	Firschein, Fred
2nd P	Guiral, Phillip	2nd Closed	Riehle, Mike Riehle & Chiirs
1st Q	Petraas, Andrew	1st Daily	Gaylard, Phyllis
		2nd Daily	Adrian, Carrie
Alfa Cup		Overall (Alfa-Only Award)	
Group	Name		
1st ABZ	Mazlumian, Jorge	Norm & Evie Silverman	
2nd ABZ	Thyssen, Jes		
1st CDF	Russell, Art		
2nd CDF	Chung, Collin		



# Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance

## March 1, 2009

We now present the official Concours schedule, which offers several fun weekend events on Feb 28 - Mar 1 and featuring the Desert Classic Concours on Sunday.

In addition, AROSC members will be attending the '09 version of the McHattie's fabulous wine-tasting (be sure to bring a bottle) and barbecue on Saturday night. The menu will include boffo burgers, pork loin and salmon. It just doesn't get any better than this! Please RSVP to Jim and Elyse for further information at [eddinab@mindspring.com](mailto:eddinab@mindspring.com).

If you are planning to stay the night, AROSC has a block of rooms set aside at the Ramada Inn, Palm Springs, for \$89 double occupancy. Call 760.320.0555, and book today to receive the discounted club rate. Deadline to reserve your room is Feb. 13.

### Desert Classic Weekend Schedule of Events:

#### Saturday, Feb. 28

Classic Car Displays on El Paseo: 12pm-4:30pm, El Paseo, Palm Desert. The Desert Classic teams up with the El Paseo merchants to present an afternoon of Classic Cars and shopping. Restaurants and stores will offer fabulous events, and the street is brightened by a display of special cars. Each Car Club will be asked to select one of two cars to be included in this display.

Palm Springs Art Museum Lecture: 5pm-6:30pm, Palm Springs.  
The Architecture and Design Council presents a lecture by noted car designers Ron and Jason Hill. Jason is leading the design team of the new electric car, the Aptera.

For additional information contact the Museum at 760-322-4800 or [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org).

#### Gala Reception: 7pm-10pm, Palm Springs Air Museum.

A popular highlight of the weekend festivities takes place at the Palm Springs Air Museum. This museum features one of the world's largest displays of flying WWII warplanes, as well as classic cars from the impressive collection of its founder, Robert Pond. Tickets are \$50 per person and advance purchase is required.

#### Sunday, March 1

Concours d'Elegance, O'Donnell Golf Club, Palm Springs:

6:30am-8:30am: Car Club Members arrive and join the other Clubs in the European Auto Exposition (Car Club Corral).

9:30 am-4:00 pm: Field opens to the spectators to enjoy food, beverage and music while viewing more than 125 rarely-seen classic automobiles and more than 75 cars on display in the Car Club Corral. The show concludes with the announcement of Best in Show.

Net proceeds benefit local charitable organizations.

For tickets and additional information, visit [www.DesertConcours.com](http://www.DesertConcours.com), or call 760-766-2824.

### ENTRY FORM: CAR CLUB CORRAL

#### Owner Information

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Year \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

#### To calculate the total amount due:

- Car Club Corral: (\$30 per car, admittance for two people): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional Admittance Tickets: (# tickets x \$25/each in advance) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Amount Due: Include check made payable to Desert Classic Concours \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Release of Liability

The undersigned hereby releases the Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance and O'Donnell Golf Club, its volunteers, committee, staff, sponsors and any other participant, from any and all loss, liability or damage caused to the undersigned or their personal property, including claims of negligence, arising from said events to be held February 28 and March 1, 2009. The undersigned further agrees to carry full insurance coverage for all registered automobiles in the event(s) and to give permission to the Desert Classic for use of any and all photographs or other images taken during said events without restriction or compensation.

I have read the above and accept the terms and conditions.

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit the completed entry form and payment to the Desert Classic prior to February 13

### Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance

78-365 Hwy 111, #258 □ La Quinta, CA □ 92253

# Spring Driving Tour: A PCH TRIBUTE

## May 16-17

### Event Details

**Who:** All Members — San Diego, SoCal, Central Coast  
**What:** Spring Tour: LA to SD on PCH  
**When:** May 16-17, 2009  
**Where:** Start Long Beach; Lunch Rancho Santa Fe; overnight Escondido  
**RSVP:** E & J Barrett; 714.964.9530; eddinab@mindspring.com

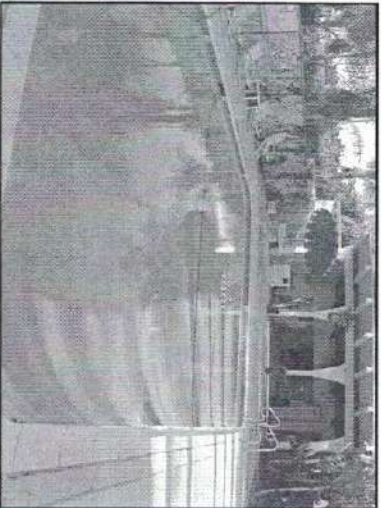
Become part of the coolest part of your Alfa club! Cruise Pacific Coast Highway with us on May 16-17. We're going from Long Beach to Solana Beach, then inland through Ramona to Escondido. Sunday explorations are also planned. This is a condensed mileage event, but this weekend will still have affordable comforts, camaraderie, special food, historical delights, and surprises.

### DRAFT ITINERARY:

#### Saturday

7:30 a.m. [Optional] breakfast at Seaport Marina Hotel  
8:30 a.m. arrive Seaport Marina Hotel at the intersection of PCH and 2nd/Westminster Bl. in Long Beach. Receive 20 Questions Rallye forms/info.  
9 a.m. depart Seaport Marina Hotel.  
11:30 a.m. San Diego County Park = lunch  
Theme categories are: Surfin' USA; Absolute Alfa; Insanely Italian, and Neophyte/Newbee. Plan accordingly and expect cool prizes.

1 p.m. Roll out on the North County County Twisties  
4 p.m. Check in at the Palm Tree Lodge. Our block of 15 rooms is reserved for \$60 each at the Palm Tree Lodge. Call now to book your space. 760.745.7613



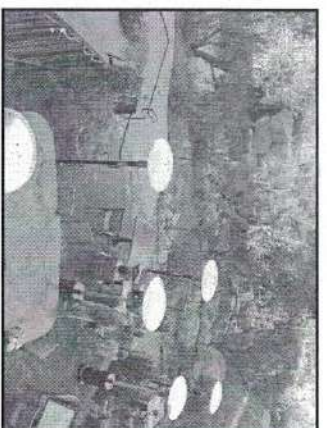
5 p.m. Tour at Stone Brewery  
6:30 p.m. Dinner at Stone w/ Results of the "PCH 20 Questions" Gimmick.

**Saturday Night:** Enjoy a nice sleep in the quiet of inland San Diego County next to the original Hwy. 395.

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Breakfast at Wagon Wheel Restaurant in front of the Motel  
Optional Adventures - San Pasqual and Belle Mare: See the March newsletter for more details.

Please Register Early: RSVP to Elyse or Jim Barrett; 714.964.9530 or eddinab@mindspring.com



## Legends of Riverside Film Festival

### March 27-29

The last weekend in March the Riverside International Automotive Museum (RIAM) is hosting the "Legends of Riverside" film festival. This event is replacing the Southern Yosemite Film Festival from the past couple of years. The AROSC has always had interesting guest instructors at the club's driving schools, and it's obvious that the club's members have an appreciation for the talent these individuals have and the history they made. The film festival will bring many of these same individuals and more together for an overdose event for bench racing junkies! The event website lists those who will be attending, and there will be some very significant race cars on display as well as lots of movies each day. Check details at: [www.LegendsofRiverside.com](http://www.LegendsofRiverside.com).

Please let me know if there are any questions about the museum or the film festival, and I will try to get them answered for you. You could also contact the RIAM director, Bruce Ward at (951) 369-6966.

Clark Taylor  
(909) 799-8351 (work/days)

# February Meeting: Autobooks

## Saturday, February 21, 2009

### VIVA ITALIA! ALFA ROMEO'S RETURN TO AUTOBOOKS

"AROSC pays their annual visit to Autobooks on Saturday February 21. Come see these beautiful Italian machines up close. There is an Alfa to suit every taste and at least one Alfa club activity you can't resist." *From the Autobooks-Aerobooks web site.*

Our February meeting will be held at the Autobooks store in Burbank. Guess what the specialty of the house is? There may be some special treats, and we can greet Tina Van Curen and maybe Jay Leno!

**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 no later than 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 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:  
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Burbank, CA 91505  
(818) 845-0707  
[autobooks-aerobooks.com](http://autobooks-aerobooks.com)



*Autobooks-Aerobooks is the perfect place to shop for your favorite person, or yourself!*

**2. Lunch break:** When we are finished with the meeting and have spent our all on books and stuff, we will walk down the street for lunch at Porto's Bakery, a great Cuban restaurant that has sandwiches, pastries, etc., at nice prices. You can check out their menu and info by clicking on the link from the Autobooks web site..

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## March General Meeting at the Petersen March 28, with Tour, Concours, & Tail Gate Picnic

Saturday morning, March 28, we will be meeting at the Petersen Automotive Museum. Arrive about 10:00, park on the 3<sup>rd</sup> level parking deck, and go downstairs to enter the museum for a 10:30 tour. The group admission rate is \$6 per person. At this point, we are not sure of the full extent of the tour, but it is always interesting.

100th Anniversary. A continuing exhibit is "Treasures of the Vault", museum-owned cars rarely seen by the public. We may have seen some of these cars on our vault tour two years ago.

Around noon we will return to the parking garage for a tailgate picnic, General Meeting, and our first Concours of 2009.

### Location:

The Petersen is on the south-east corner of Wilshire and Fairfax, at 6060 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, 90036. [www.petersen.org](http://www.petersen.org)

The museum exhibitions will include "What Were They Thinking?"--

weird cars; **Alternative Power vehicles**; **Hot Wheels Hall of Fame**; and **Hollywood Cars of the Stars**. Also a collection of art works to commemorate and celebrate General Motors'

## Agua Dulce Winery & Pizza!

### Saturday April 4th, 11:00 a.m.

Agua Dulce Winery  
9640 Sierra Highway  
Agua Dulce, CA 91390  
661-268-7402

Vincenzo's Pizza  
33323 Agua Dulce Cyn Rd  
Agua Dulce, CA 91390  
661-268-8833

We are repeating our very popular trek to Canyon Country for another visit to Agua Dulce Winery, followed by pizza! We expect to see wild flowers along the way, thus revisiting our past Wild Flower Tours. **We will gather at 11:00 a.m. for wine tasting/attitude adjustment..**

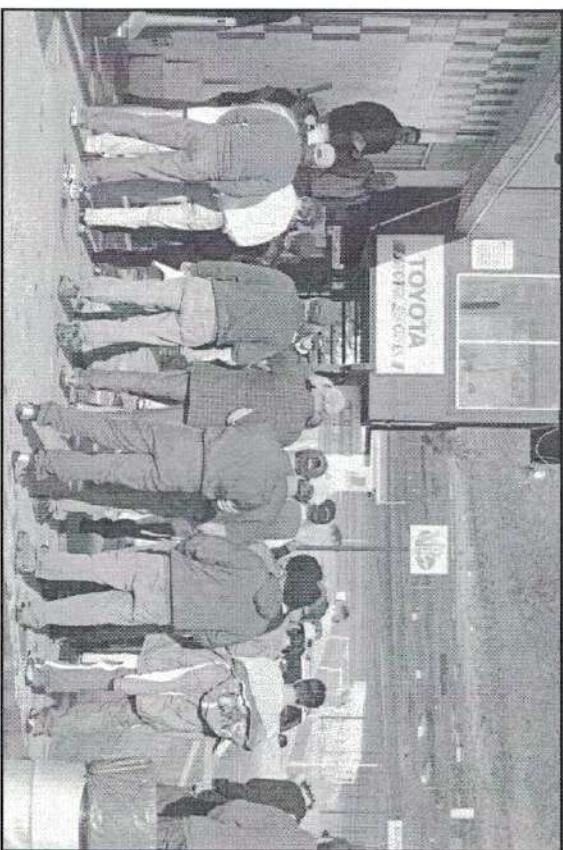
Agua Dulce Winery has earned the honor of being L.A. County's leading fine wine grower and producer. Their hand-crafted wines have won many medals in competition. **They are extending their club-member prices for our wine buys!**

Vincenzo's Pizza awaits our arrival again. They have won many awards for Best Pizza and other delicious foods. We will order off-the-menu at the counter. You may bring your wine purchases from Agua Dulce, no corkage fee.

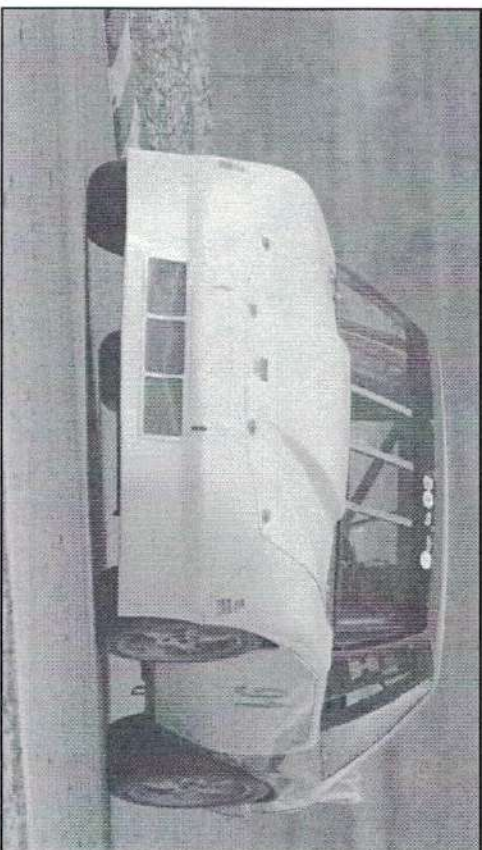
## First Willow Springs Time Trial & Race

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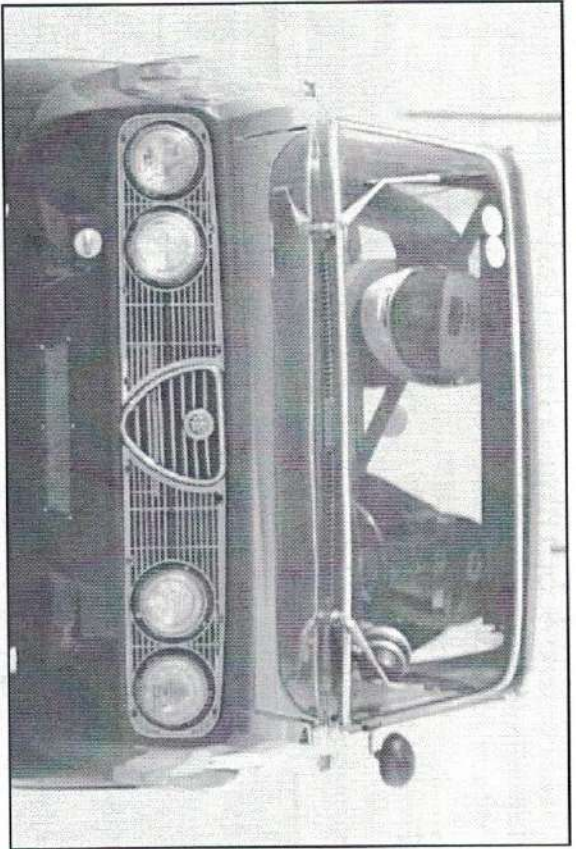
There are two articles and many more photos for this event but they didn't arrive before we had to go to print. Look for them next month!



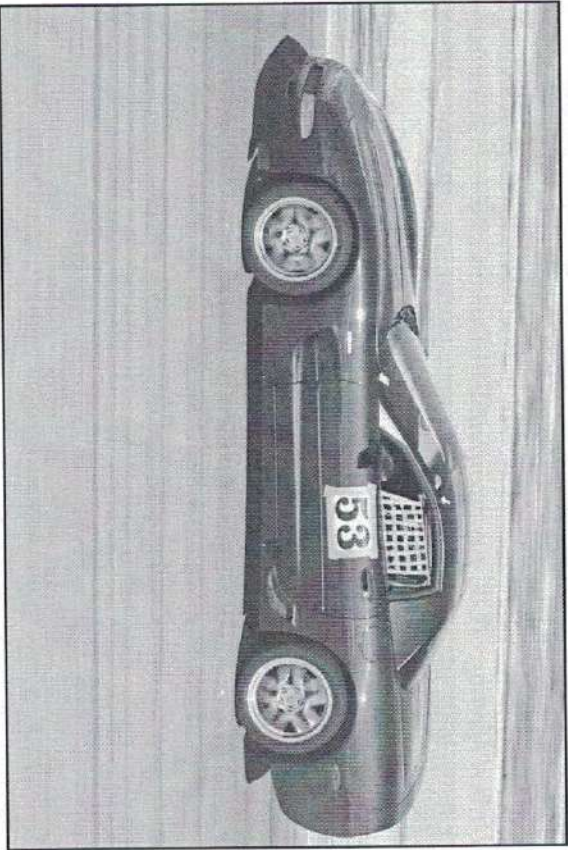
Drivers Meeting: "OK, pay attention!"



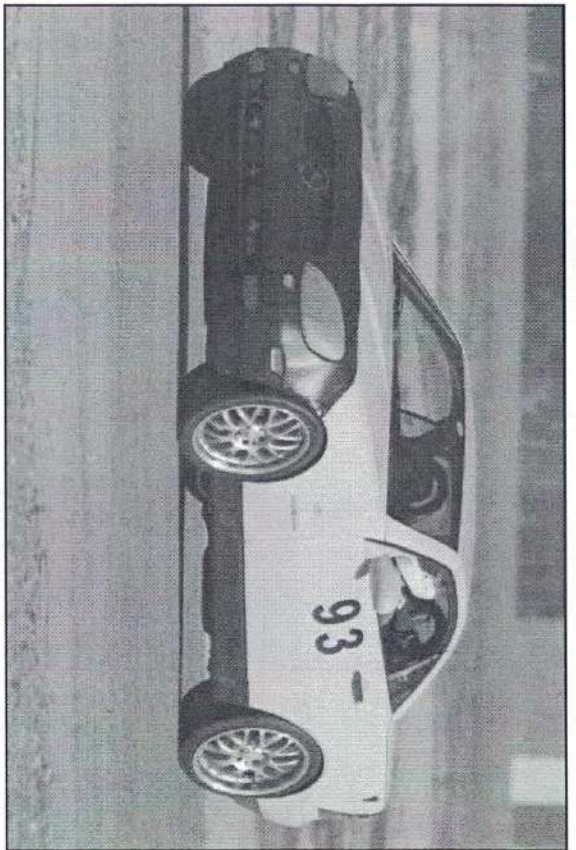
Big Dog got a nose job! Mitch McKibben ran it in the race, Rob Rhodes ran it in the timed runs.



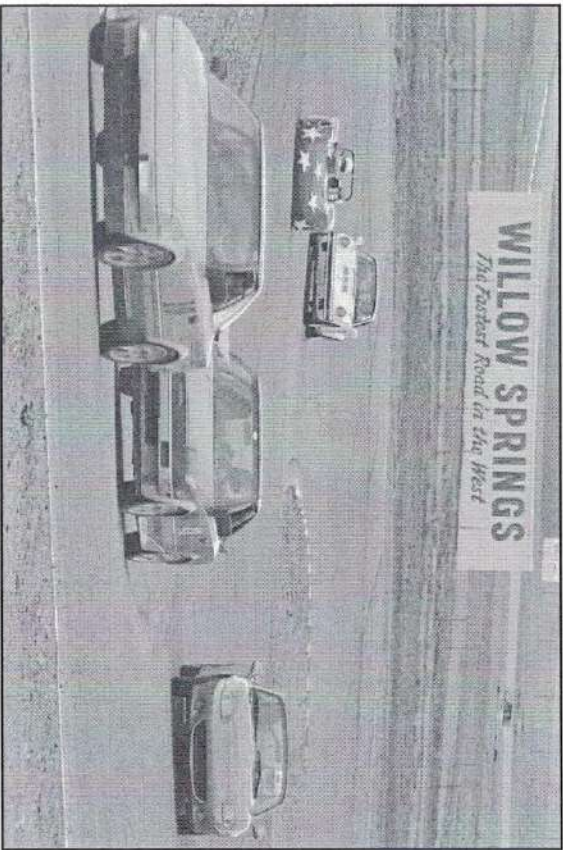
*Manuel Minassian gets some onboard instruction.*



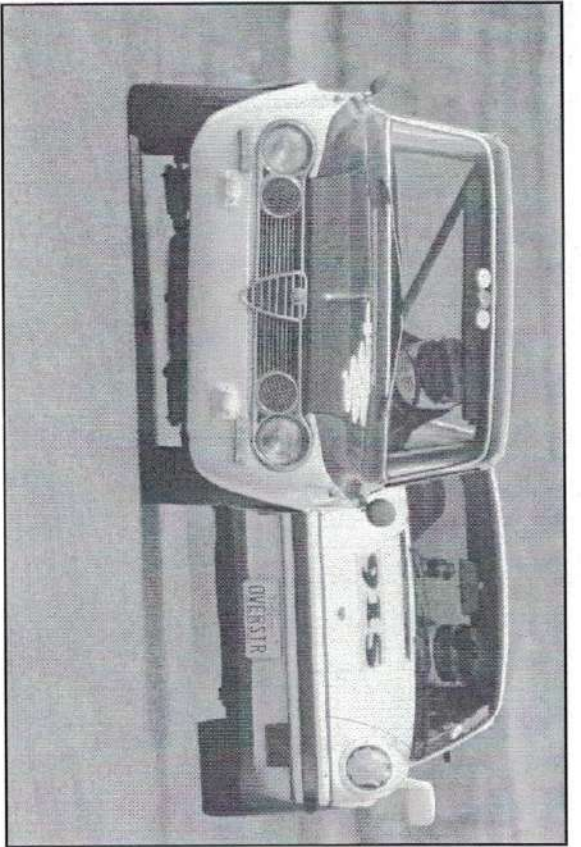
*Carl Fong has a new ride-- a fast Corvette.*



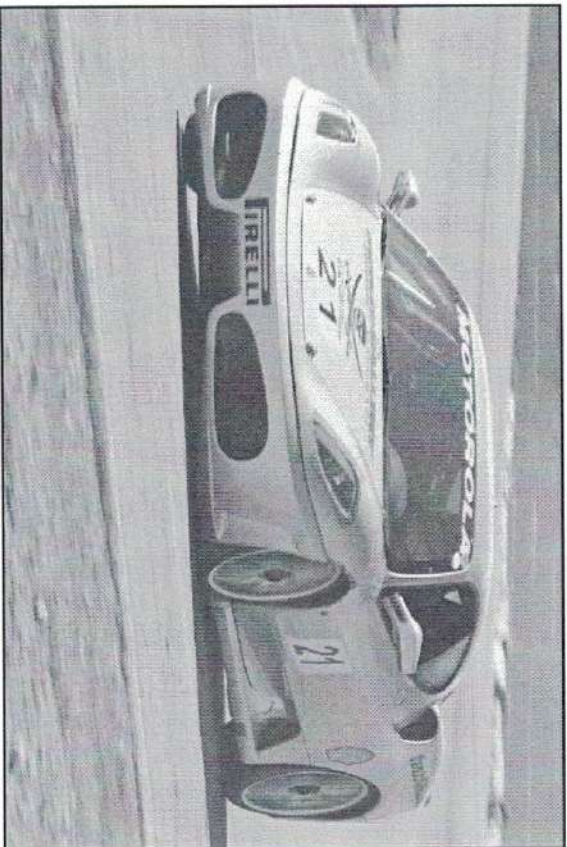
*M. J. Kirkus tests the tarmac.*



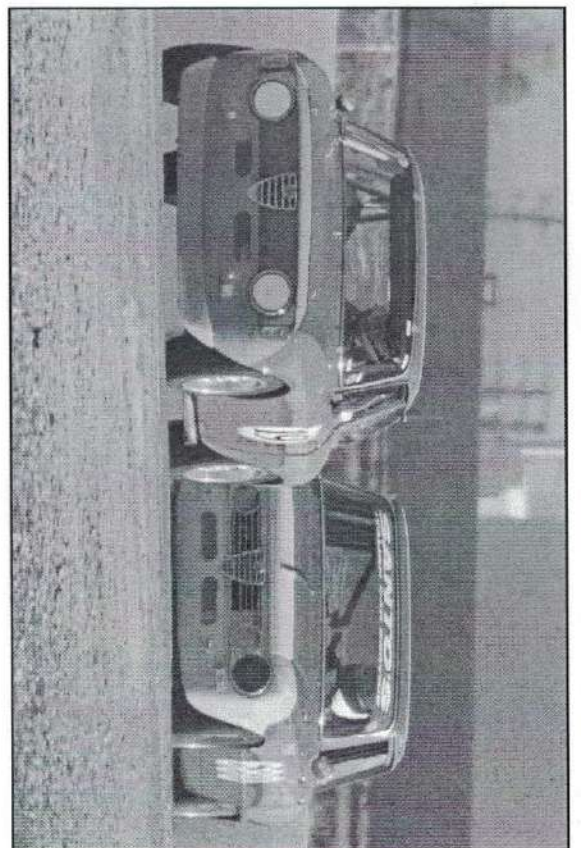
*Through turn 3 and into 4 -- a nice mix of close racing.*



*Good pass, Norm! Michael Berring behind.*



*Good to see the Joel Quaid variety -- FAST!*



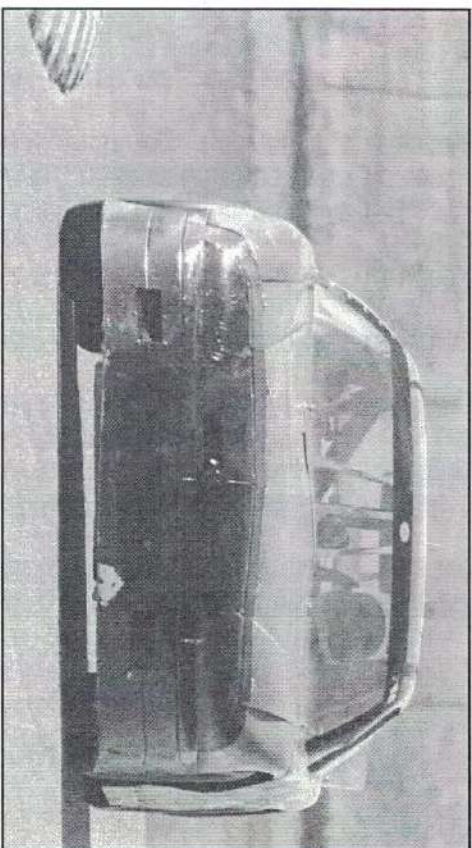
*There were good battles all around the track.*



*Last time the other guy was in front!*



Joe Cobbs took top time of day in the Time Trial with his Mustang LX.



Race Winner Jim Ferris in his Monte Carlo hot rod.



A very nice dinner was enjoyed on Saturday evening.

### AROSC Combined Race Willow Springs - January 25, 2009

Pos	In Class	Class	Driver	Car	No
1	1	L	Ferris, Jim	Monte Carlo	8
2	1	M	Barnes, Paul	911	197
3	2	L	McKibbin, Mitch	Mustang	91
4	1	K	Hamilton, Steve	Lola T-594	61
5	2	M	McKibbin, Mike	Mustang SV	9
6	1	O	Colby, Bruce	325i	89
7	1	P	Mayring, Chris	Miata	1
8	3	M	Middlebrook, Jim	911RSA	121
9	1	A	Ventura, Marco	GTV6	40
10	4	M	Easterman, Mike	Mustang	25
11	2	P	Major, Terry	MR2	10
12	3	P	Guiral, Phillip	Miata	6
13	4	P	Dennis Fibrow	Toyota MR2	48
14	5	P	Major, Beverly	MR2	18
15	1	F	Silverman, Norm	Giulia TI	105
16	2	O	Presto, Anthony	FX7	28
17	2	B	Mazlumian, Jorge	GTV	750
18	3	B	Miller, Scott	Alfa, GTV	95

## AROSC Time Trial Willow Springs - January 25, 2009

No.	Driver	Car	Best(1)	Lap1	Lap2	Lap3	Lap4	Lap5
<u>Class A</u>								
1 680	Rimicci, Anthony	Giulia Super	1:41.615	1:43.827	1:42.44	01:41.7	1:42.334	1:41.615
2 191	Larson, Eric	GTV	1:43.659	1:46.742	1:43.659			
<u>Class B</u>								
1 750	Mazlumian, Jorge	GTV	1:42.608	1:43.659	1:42.608	1:43.458	1:43.309	1:43.519
2 922	Sniady, Christian	GTV	1:47.85	1:47.252	1:47.771	1:47.442	1:47.85	1:47.555
3 51	Stoehr, Dirk	GTV	1:50.790	1:53.843	1:52.492	1:52.261	1:50.790	
3 71	Stoehr, Dirk	GTV	1:52.141	1:52.812	1:52.141	1:53.163	1:54.174	1:53.664
<u>Class C</u>								
1 50	Caver, Jim	GTV	1:48.136	1:50.8	1:49.257	1:49.387	1:51.280	1:48.136
3 95	Miller, Scott	Alfa	1:49.377	1:50.108	1:49.377			
3 5	Steben, Andy	GTV	1:51.200	1:54.885	1:53.253	1:53.393	1:52.562	1:51.200
<u>Class E</u>								
1 73	Kemos, Peter	Giulia Super	1:44.931	1:47.845	1:45.632	1:45.111	1:45.232	1:44.931
2 46	Watry, Andrew	GTV	1:52.692	1:53.3	1:53.783	1:53.273	1:53.303	1:52.692
3 7	Minassian, Manuel	Berlina	1:55.165	1:58.79	1:55.416	1:57.169	1:55.165	1:55.767
<u>Class F</u>								
1 105	Silverman, Norm	Giulia TI	1:59.271	2:00.743	2:01.4	1:59.422	1:59.442	1:59.271

Class M

1 11	Tsugawa, Roy	Corvette	1:41.45	1:45.231	1:43.479	1:41.857	1:41.45	1:41.295
2 91	Rhodes, Robert	Mustang	1:41.396	1:41.396	1:42.77	1:42.848		

Class N

1 67	Burkett, Steve	Mustang GT	1:44.402	1:45.136	1:44.402	1:45.461	1:45.42	1:46.165
2 302	Ross, Jeff	Cobra	1:44.891	1:48.777	1:44.891	1:45.471	1:45.432	1:45.792

Class O

1 4	Cobbs, Joseph (2)	Mustang LX	1:40.375	1:41.246	1:40.645	1:40.704	1:40.375	1:42.397
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Class P

1 74	Ross, David	Mustang GT	1:46.663	1:48.66	1:47.705	1:47.13	1:46.674	1:46.663
2 93	Kutkus, M.J.	SLK230	1:48.355	1:49.907	1:48.355	1:49.334	1:48.516	1:47.790
3 57	Wakamatsu, Peter	Integra	1:49.888	1:53.13	1:51.430	1:50.929	1:51.120	1:49.888
4 63	Watry, Derek	325is	1:57.279	1:59.682	2:00.643	1:58.651	1:59.81	1:57.279

Class Q

1 2	Firschein, Fred	Miata	1:57.228	2:02.876	1:58.381	1:57.228	1:58.731	1:57.569
2 48	McKibbin, Andrea	MR2	2:00.633	2:05.420	2:00.814	2:00.633	2:02.166	2:02.95

**Notes:**

(1) Manual timing was used so there are no new lap records.

(2) Best Time of Day

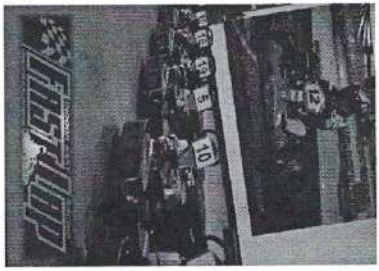


# 2009 AROSC Karting Championship

A Fun Karting Event at the FastLap Indoor Kart Track

Sunday, March 29, 2009

AROSC members, relatives and guests are invited to a fun karting event at the FastLap Indoor kart facility located at 2315 Corridor Dr., Mira Loma, CA 91752 (North-West corner of the 60, 15 freeway interchange).



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The event rules will be explained at the drivers meeting on Sunday morning. However, this will be a non-contact event and the black flag will be used liberally. Any disputes will be resolved by the Race Director and his decision will be final and without recourse.

## RULES

Classes will be five based on driver weight	
Class	Eligibility
Lightweight	Women & Children under 16
Jr. Flyweight	Anyone under 150 lb
Flyweight	150 to under 190 lb
Welterweight	190 to under 230 lb
Heavyweight	230 lb and over

## Schedule

Item	Class	Time	Item	Class	Time
Registration	everyone	8:30	3rd Practice	Flyweight	12:24
Driver's Meeting	everyone	9:30	(cont.)	Welterweight	12:36
1st Practice (10 min)	Lightweight	10:00	Heavyweight	Lightweight	12:48
	Jr. Flyweight	10:12	Qualifying (6 min)	Lightweight	1:00
	Flyweight	10:24		Jr. Flyweight	1:08
	Welterweight	10:36		Flyweight	1:16
	Heavyweight	10:48		Welterweight	1:24
2nd Practice (10 min)	Lightweight	11:00	Race (15 min)	Heavyweight	1:32
	Jr. Flyweight	11:12		Lightweight	1:45
	Flyweight	11:24		Jr. Flyweight	2:05
	Welterweight	11:36		Flyweight	2:25
	Heavyweight	11:48		Welterweight	2:45
3rd Practice (10 min)	Lightweight	12:00	Awards	Heavyweight	3:00
	Jr. Flyweight	12:12		everyone	3:30



# 2009 AROSC Karting Championship

A Fun Karting Event at the FastLap Indoor Kart Track, Sunday, March 29, 2009

## Registration Information

<b>Driver No. 1</b>	Name _____	Home Phone _____
	Street Address _____	Day Phone _____
	City/State/ZIP _____	eMail _____
	Emergency Contact: _____	Phone _____
	Weight: _____	
<b>Driver No. 2</b>	Name _____	Home Phone _____
	Street Address _____	Day Phone _____
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	Emergency Contact: _____	Phone _____
	Weight: _____	
<b>Driver No. 3</b>	Name _____	Home Phone _____
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	Emergency Contact: _____	Phone _____
	Weight: _____	

## Release

I understand that my entry fee is **NOT REFUNDABLE**. I understand that this event is governed by the AROSC CONVENTION CODE and that in a matter of dispute, the decision of the Time Trial Director is final. I further understand that any falsification of the Classification form or **FAILURE TO UPDATE** said form will lead to suspension of my Time Trial License and forfeiture of all points accumulated for the year.

I, the undersigned, hereby release the Alia Romo Owners Club, its officers, the Alia Romo Owners of Southern California, its officers, the sponsor(s) of the event, the management and owners of the event facility, and anyone working at the event from any liability for damage to my car or equipment, theft of the same, and from any liability relating to injury to me or anyone accompanying me, whether adult or minor, which may result from my presence at this event as a spectator, worker, or participant.

## I UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE AND OF FREE WILL AND WITHOUT DURESS SIGN BELOW:

Signatures:

Driver No. 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 [ ] \$85\* [ ]

Driver No. 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 [ ] \$85\* [ ]

Driver No. 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 [ ] \$85\* [ ]

\* for payments mailed after March 15, 2009

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Terry Major** and note "FastLaps" on the memo line. Send the completed registration form and check to: **Terry Major, 5438 Churruarri Ct, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739**. Terry is acting as an agent for FastLap.



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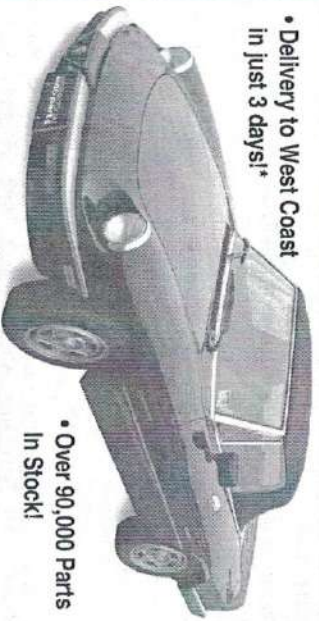
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