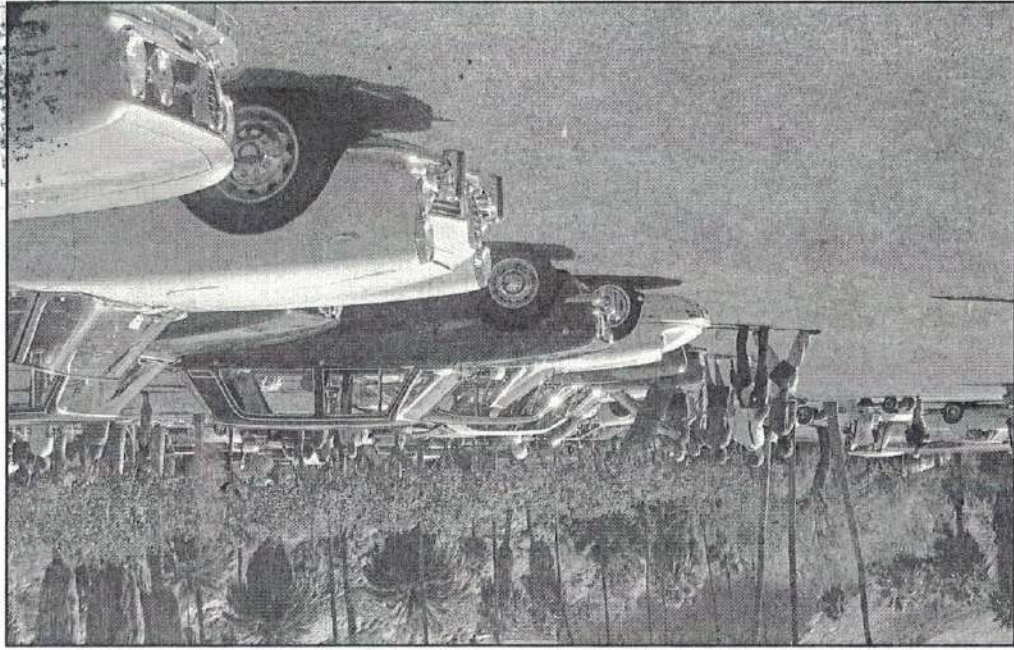




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March 2009

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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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Some fine looking *Alfas* "smile for the camera" at the Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance in Palm Springs. Photo by MJ Kutkus.

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2009 AROSC Previews -- An Outline of Coming Events

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

See page 20 for details. There will be lots to do at this meeting event.

DON'T MISS:
*March 28, Meeting, Tail Gate Picnic
& Concours at The Petersen
April 4, Agua Dulce Winery
April 18-19, Fontana Time Trial*

March 29 -- AROSC Karting Championship, Mira Loma

See page 24-25 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 21 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

April 25th is Italian Liberation Day, and what better way to celebrate it than getting together to 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 on pages 22-23. 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. Ciao!

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

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

See pages 17-19 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

June 27 -- General Meeting and Tour, Riverside Automotive Museum

July 1 -- Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

July 15-19 -- AROSC Convention at Portland, OR

July 26 -- General Meeting and Summer Party at Phyllis', Huntington Beach

August 2 -- Braille Rallye

August 5 -- Board Meeting at Luigi's, 7:30 PM

August 13-16 -- Monterey Histories Weekend

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

Our General Meeting this past month was graciously hosted by Autobooks - Aerobooks in Burbank. The weather was supposed to be cold and rainy but, as usual after the appropriate sacrifices the Alfa deities prevailed - **Sunny and Mild**. The turnout was great. Our hosts, the inimitable Tina and Chuck, provided an extraordinary display of Alfa literature. The first 'gem' uncovered and sold before it hit the counter, was an original, nearly perfect and very complete shop manual for the GTV6. With a nearly

Colby, Steve Hamilton and crew, and a large turnout of for our featured Marque at the Concours Elegance in Palm Springs (see inside). After a well paced, uneventful drive through gorgeous weather, we arrived in Palm Desert, met some club members for a delightful lunch and spent time cruising the El Paseo shopping area for a few hours. The streets were lined with an awesome variety of classic vehicles - a teaser for things to come Sunday.

The tireless clan McHattie, after working the street display information areas, went home and arranged a feast for royalty. We had nearly 30 members work their way through Doug's secret formula burgers, planked salmon and pork roast and, keeping with our tradition, plenty of vino. We cannot begin to thank Doug and Joyce for their extraordinary hospitality and their friendship.

We have a little respite until our end of March General Meeting at the Petersen and then we fill up most of the weekend calendar through the balance of spring. Something for everyone!

March 28th, 10 AM, at the Petersen Automotive Museum. This is a multifaceted event including our first

judged Concorso of the year, a guided tour of our new exhibits to be conducted by VP of Docents, Paul

The month ended on a high note with a successful driving school at the Streets of Willow - kudlos to Bruce

April continues with a return to California Speedway in Fontana for a Time Trial event that will be held on

Dexter, and Docent me, and a judged picnic lunch in the museum's indoor/outdoor cafeteria along with our General Meeting. Since our last visit, some amazing new exhibits have been added. Keeping with the accolade given by numerous authorities and publications, "The finest automotive museum in the country," the museum is presenting, among other exhibits, winners of the "Most Beautiful Roadster of America" trophy, a special exhibit of "Treasures of the Vault", and its newest Grand Salon exhibit "What Were They Thinking" (sub titled - The Misfits of Motorodom). Parking is free for Alfa Romeo's. (See page 20).

the one mile course we build in Parking Lot 14. EVERYONE, including the notorious unnamed Cone Killer had a GREAT time at the last event held there.

The next day we head out to the "FastLap Indoor Kart Track" for the 2009 AROSC Karting Championship. Since all of the Karts are about the same speed, competition groups are being organized by weight. Each group will have 3 practice sessions, a qualifying race for grid position and a 15 minute final race (see pgs 24-25).

We end our month on Italian Liberation Day with a Wine, Dine and Driving tour organized by that great European touring family - the Legrands. (see pgs 22-23)

The following weekend, April 4th to be exact, we embark on one of our favorite events, a drive up Agua Dulce Canyon to the Agua Dulce winery for an after-breakfast taster and then a repeat of last year's fabulous Pizza lunch at Vincenzo's in downtown Agua Dulce. Please RSVP. Last year we had over 40 winos, uh pardon me, Alfisiti and we need to warm Vincenzo. (See pg 21).

As we continue to plunge into our busy year, please make sure you update your calendar. **The spring driving tour is May 16th and 17th**. We will be touring the old Pacific Coast Hwy south from Long Beach. We will definitely recall some of the road adventures, gastronomic and accommodation of the 1950's. We will be overnighting in Escondido and lunching on Sunday at Casa Hering in Fallbrook. (see pgs 17-19).

Keep the Wheel Side Down, Rex I and Regina I

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NOTICE: Ballots for the national AROC election will be inserted in the April 2009 *Alfa Owner*, and must be returned postmarked by May 15. Second ballots will be sent to Gold or Verde Family members.

Agenda items for the Board of Directors meeting in Portland are due by March 30 to Chip Denyko. Check the *Owner* for address.

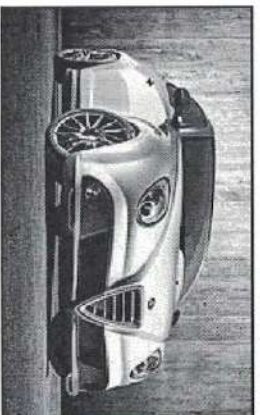


The Aviation section at Autobooks-Aerobooks.



Norman conducted a meeting in the parking lot while Tina admired Coby Barrett

Alfa MiTo GTA Concept at Geneva: Small Car, Big Performance



The latest manufacturer to announce an unveiling at next week's Geneva show is Alfa Romeo. The sporty Italian marque will be displaying a high-performance concept version of its recently launched MiTo.

The MiTo GTA Concept relies largely on weight reduction to produce the best possible power-to-weight ratio – which is all in the best traditions of 'GTA', or 'Gran Turismo Alleggerito' branding (*alleggerito* is Italian for lightened).

There's also been much work done to lower the car's centre of gravity. Hence the tailgate spoiler, as well as the roof and mirror fairings, are in carbonfibre, while aluminium is used extensively in the braking system, suspension and some parts of the chassis.

Under the bonnet, the compact new petrol engine exploits Alfa's experience in developing its Twin Spark and V6 road and race engines, with direct injection, dual variable valve timing, state-of-the-art turbocharging and advanced electronic management systems. The combined effect of these technologies is a highly impressive 240bhp from just 1742cc. In this way, Alfa is following the current trend towards high power and efficiency from a smaller, lighter power unit.

The MiTo GTA Concept is 20mm lower than the standard MiTo, with new geometry for the front suspension, while the revised chassis has an 'active' suspension system to counteract weight transfer under acceleration, stiffening the rear and maximising traction. Meanwhile, a 'Sky-Hook' function aims to give high levels of passenger comfort, despite the sporting aspirations of this desirable Italian hot-hatch.

Text: Charis Whitcombe

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ClassicInside - The Classic Driver Newsletter

AROSC Contingent Enjoys the Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance

By Elyse Barrett

Photos by Jim & Elyse Barrett, M J Kirkus, and Paul Dexter.

The second annual Palm Springs Desert Concours d'Elegance showcased Alfa Romeo as the featured marque in a weekend that included community outreach and fund raising to benefit four area non-profits, a tour for concours entrants, individual cars on display as "art in public places", a gala reception, plus AROSC events-within-the-event. And, an Alfa, the SZ Coda Trunca of Scott Gauthier from Scottsdale, Arizona, won best of show.

A contingent of 40+ Club members and friends with 23 cars attended the event as exhibitors (Don and Carol Murray's Giulietta SZ and 2600 SZ were judged), corral participants and event volunteers (Joyce and Doug McHattie worked the show both days). We were joined by San Diego Chapter members, and Jim Barrett rounded up Cars & Coffee pals, so some new faces were among the picnickers on the greens on Sunday.

After getting our bearings on Saturday, we met for lunch at The Gardens, a shopping center on El Paseo in Palm Desert, where space was set aside for club parking. Joyce McHattie was stationed at the ticket sales/info booth and Doug served as public information officer for a Ferrari Superfast in the streetside display. We

walked El Paseo and then retired to our affordable, comfortable overnight headquarters at the Ramada Inn in Palm Springs.

Dinner, hosted by the McHatties at their fabulous adobe residence in La Quinta, was a sit-down affair for 32. The entrance fee was a bottle of your favorite wine, and the communal tasting table was groaning with abundance. No "dead soldier" total is available, but suffice it to say that the salmon, pork loin and now-famous Dougburgers were amply accompanied, and we all slept well that night. Il Presidente was honored upon the occasion of a significant birthday with song and carrot cake, and a unique Alfa-related hardware sort of gift. Thank you, Doug and Joyce, for a great evening!

Sunday got off to an early start with Continental breakfast at the Ramada and a short drive down to the O'Donnell Golf Course in mid-town Palm Springs. As with any young event, the timetable suffered from late arrivals and parking adjustments on the green. Our corral was strategically relocated to become a row of our mere-mortal Alfas sitting right behind the judged Alfas. The Alfa racers were with other comp cars up toward the center of the show. Cars on display totaled about 140.

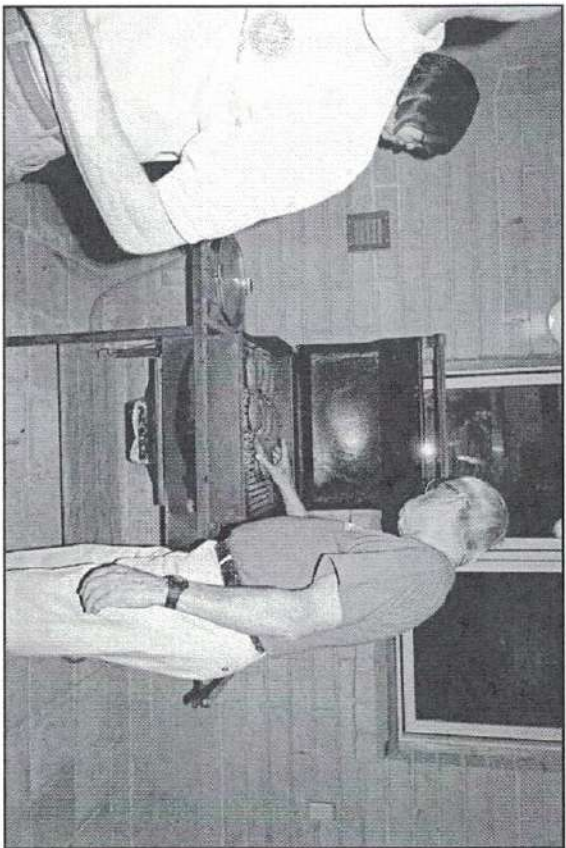
The air temps only got to the low 80s and a scrim of cloud formed after

midday, making it mild and comfortable. Two rows of vendors lined the middle of the fairway and food, drink and restrooms were adequate for the size of the event. We

disbanded at about 2 p.m. with the prizegiving still an hour or so away. The photos will tell the rest of the story and results will follow in the April edition.



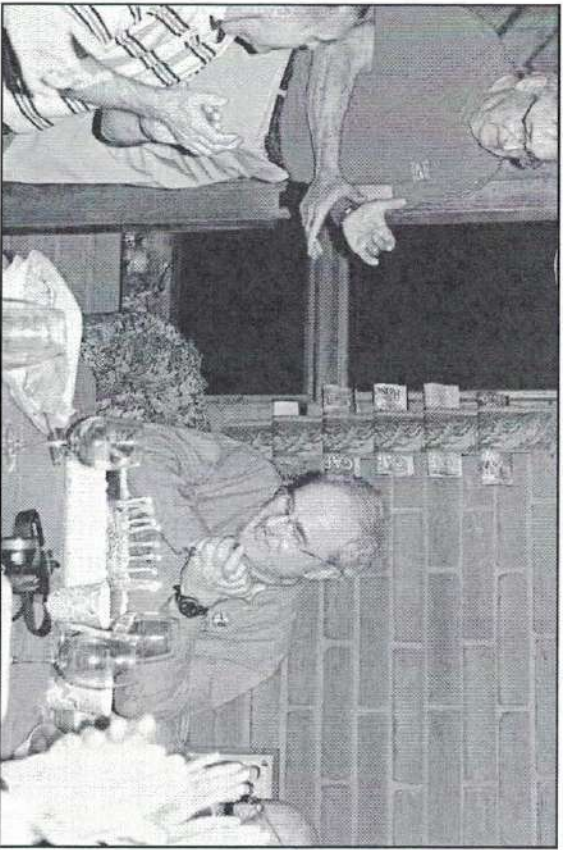
Charlie Schwartz, Jay Mackro, and Chris Burke confer in the McHattie kitchen



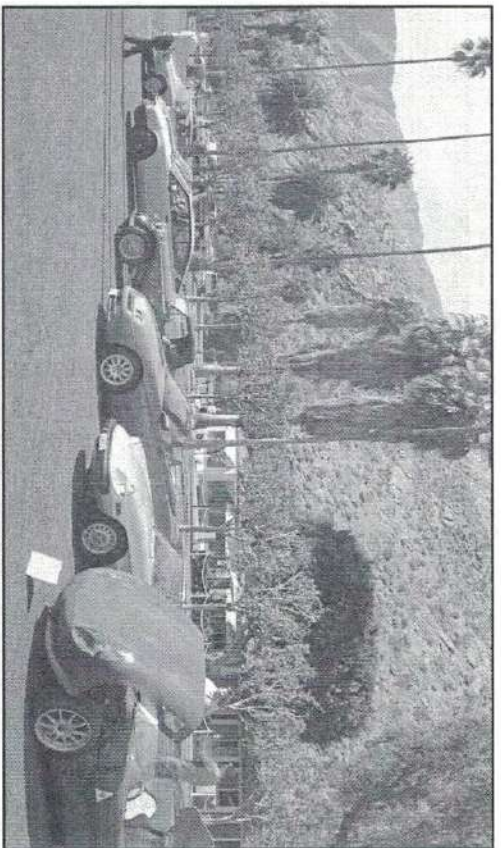
Demand for the increasingly famous Dougburger has boomed.



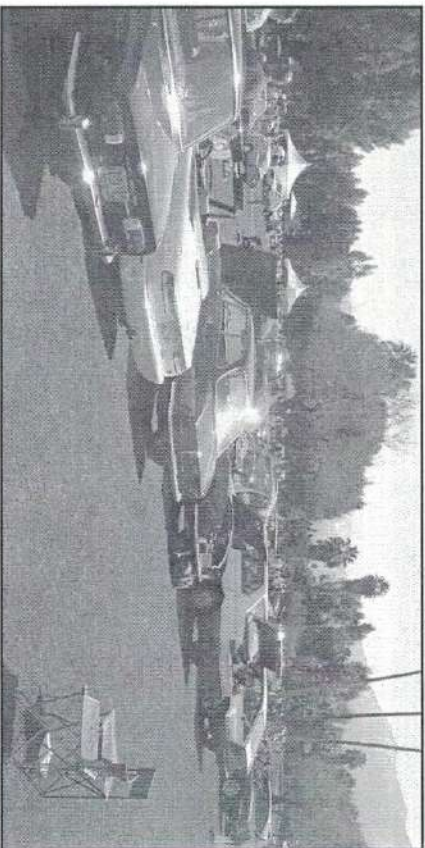
Admission to the party was a bottle of your favorite red or white. No leftovers were reported available for Sunday's picnic.



Norm's "Significant Birthday" was celebrated with a surprise carrot cake and a special Alfa-specific gift -- Many Happy Returns, Norm!



Desert Classic Corral cars -- a nice looking bunch.



Alfa fun in the sun.



An extremely long car with multiple Packard engines.

Don't Miss the '09 Spring Driving Tour A Tribute to the Old Coast Route

Planning is complete for the 2009 Spring Driving Tour, but the event won't be complete without YOU (and your car and your friends)! Join us on May 16-17 weekend and make this your big Alfa outing of the year.

The Basics: We're following the old coast route from Long Beach to San Diego's Solana Beach, where we'll head off the coast to lunch under North County's mighty eucalyptus at San Dieguito County Park before running some roads custom-charted for us by Competition Director Bruce Colby and wife Happy. Upon arriving in Escondido we'll check in at our fabulous '50s roadhouse, the Palm Tree Lodge, before convening for a private tour of Stone Brewing Company. Dinner awaits at the Stone World Gardens. This is where we splurge on local organic fare and the finest ales on the planet.

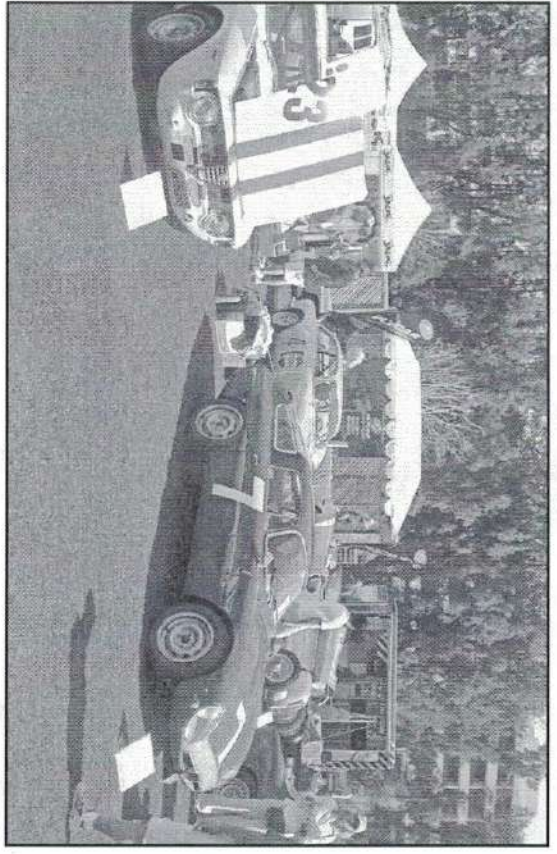
After a peaceful evening at the Palm Tree, we'll convene breakfast the Wagon Wheel Restaurant. Next we'll gas up and take in the San Pasqual Battlefield State Monument and Belle Marie Winery before motoring to Fallbrook for lunch at Dave and Erica Herring's home.

The Details: To spice up the drive we've added a gimmick element: You'll be invited to join a game of "20 Questions" – to test your observational skills, knowledge of SoCal history and to give your co-pilots some extra duties while warning that right-hand front seat.

San Diego chapter friends will join us at the lunch stop in San Dieguito County Park. As is tradition on the Spring Tour, your picnic, should you care to show off, will be judged in four theme categories: Surfin' USA; Absolutley Alfa; Insanely Italian, and Neophyte/Newbee. Pla accordingly and expect cool prizes!

The fun continues flowing inland to our evening destination of Escondido via some of the most entertaining rural roads ever driven! The Colbys will take us on twisties through farmland and under oak arbors on two-lanes that are guaranteed to elicit a definite *giòia de vivere*. We'll get as far north as Ramona before heading west to Escondido.

Before we break for dinner and certain special recognitions, we have secured a private tour of the increasingly fabulous Stone Brewing Company in its new Escondido headquarters. The tour starts at 5, so arrive no later than 4:45 p.m. We definitely need tour and dinner RSVPs because space in both the tour and dining room is limited!

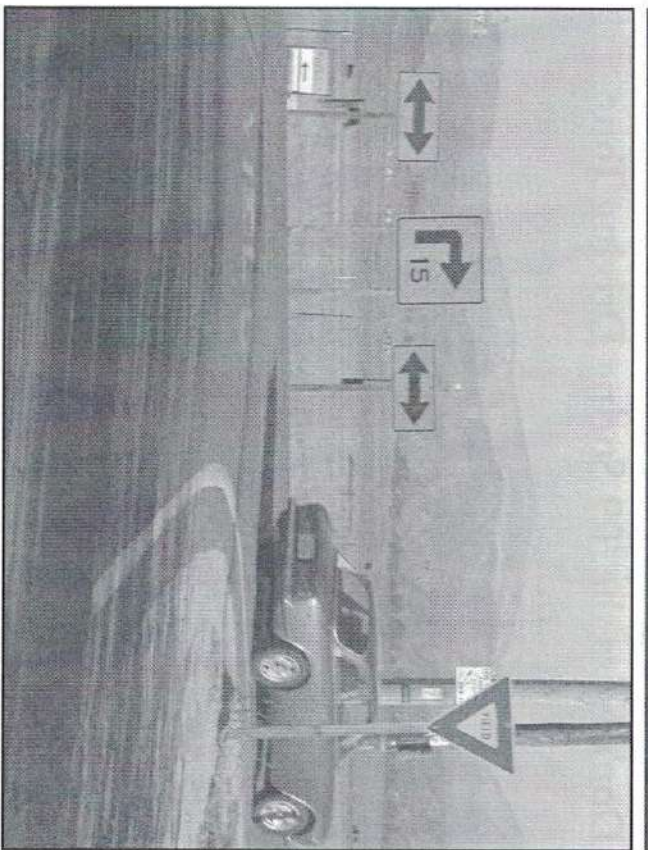


The Competition Alfas in the Concours.

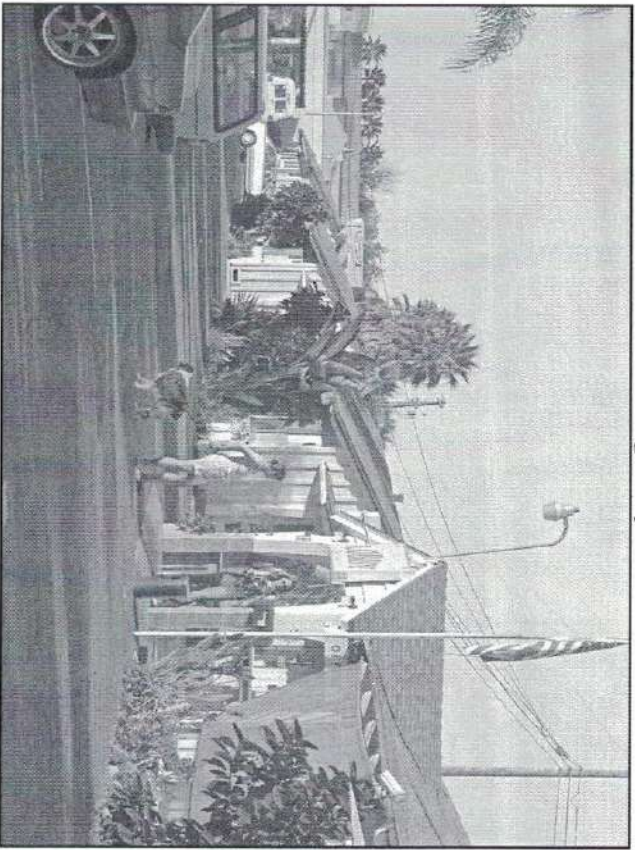


The picnickers gathered in the shade, under the club banner.

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There will be entertaining twisty roads to drive.



Headquarters is the Palm Tree Lodge on old 395 in Downtown Escondido.

Most of us make it to Sunday breakfast before hitting the road, then the after-party for the extra-hardy lights off. This extra-credit portion of the tour is always special, and this year should be no exception. A country-style breakfast awaits just a few steps away at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant. Those with a need for more adventure are invited to come with us back up Hwy. 78 to the San Pasqual Battlefield State Monument to soak up a bit of history, then zip back toward town to sample the latest releases by Belle Marie Winery. To cap off the day, our own Dave and Erica Herring have extended an invitation to an Italian lunch at their lovely home in Fallbrook (and we can probably peek inside the garage)! Mark your calendars, RSVP and make your reservations now for a fabulous weekend of cruising, camaraderie and California culture. Contact Elyse and Jim Barrett, 714.964.9530 or eddinab@mindspring.com and the Palm Tree Lodge, 760.745.7613.

'09 PCH Tribute Tour 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 Gimmick Rally forms/info.

9 a.m. Depart Seaport Marina Hotel.

12 noon Arrive San Diego County Park for the Juried Picnic Lunch and Prizegiving

1:30 p.m. Depart on the North County Country Twisties

4 p.m. Arrive/Check in at the Palm Tree Lodge. Our block of 15 rooms is reserved for \$60 each. Call now to book your space: 760.745.7613

5 p.m. Tour at Stone Brewery

6:30 p.m. Dinner at Stone World Gardens and prizegiving for "PCH 20

Questions" Gimmick.

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

Sunday

9 a.m. Breakfast at The Wagon Wheel

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Optional Adventures - San Pasqual Battlefield and Belle Marie Winery

1:30 p.m. Lunch at Dave and Erica Herring's in Fallbrook

Please Register Early

RSVP to Elyse and Jim Barrett: 714.964.9530 or email to eddinab@mindspring.com. Then book your room. Space is limited, but the rate can't be beat: \$60 each at the Palm Tree Lodge. Call now and tell them you're with the Alfa Club event: 760.745.7613!

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 3rd 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.

Parking for Alfa Romeos is FREE. We will use the Indoor/Outdoor refreshment area on the top level of the parking garage for our picnic and meeting.

The museum exhibitions will include "What Were They Thinking?" -- weird cars; **Altered-native Power vehicles; Hot Wheels Hall of Fame;** and

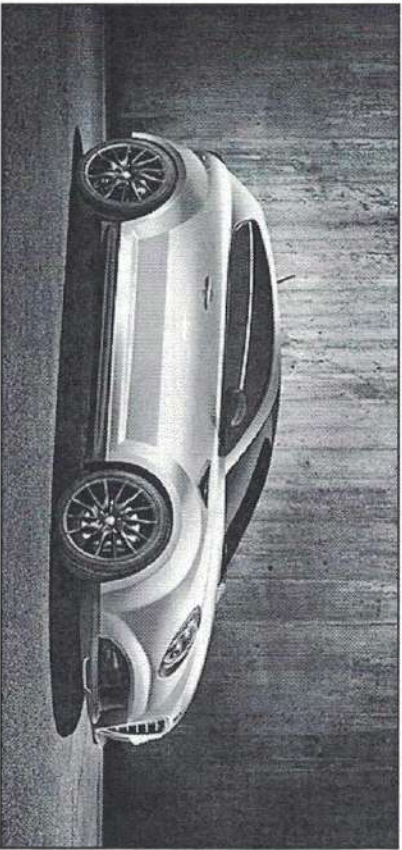
Hollywood Cars of the Stars.

Also a collection of art works to commemorate and celebrate General Motors' 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



The Mito GTM

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
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Wine tasting, fabulous food, and great company!

We are repeating our very popular trek to Canyon County for another visit to Agua Dulce Winery, followed by pizza! We expect to see wild flowers along the way, thus revisiting our past Wild Flowers Tours.

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. Originally from Naples Italy, they have won many awards for Best Pizza and other delicious foods.

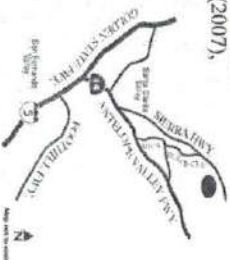
We will gather at 11:00 a.m. for wine tasting/attitude adjustment. Around noon, we will go two miles down the road to Vincenzo's. We will order off-the-menu at the counter. Enjoy Pizza, calzones, deli sandwiches, pasta, salads & other good things. **You may bring your wine purchases from Agua Dulce, no corkage fee!**



After the luncheon, some of us may want to visit Vasquez Rocks, less than a mile down Agua Dulce Cyn Rd. The Vasquez Rocks have been used in key scenes for many motion pictures: Star Trek (2009), Alpha Dog (2007), Cars (2006), Planet of the Apes (2001), and many others.

Directions to the Winery: Take I-5 to the 14 Freeway North. Take the Sierra Hwy exit. Turn right onto Sierra Hwy and proceed 12.8 miles. The winery will be on the right hand side.

Directions to the Vincenzo's: Go back West on Sierra Hwy 0.8 miles. Turn left onto Agua Dulce Cyn Rd and proceed 2.0 miles. The restaurant will be on the right. Air conditioned. Plenty of parking.





April Meeting: Food, Wine, & Driving -- An Alfa Day!

ITALIAN LIBERATION DAY - APRIL 25,

Hopefully you have respected the SAVE THE DATE highlighted in the February newsletter!

Join us for 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, 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 and reservations please confirm your attendance by sending your RSVP by Sunday March 22 to Brian Legrand at brian.legrand@gmail.com. Some events require advance monetary participation (see below), so - if applicable - please be so kind to forward a check or transfer via PayPal. Ciao!

At a glance (draft) agenda / itinerary:

- Gather early morning in Moorpark at a coffee shop
- Drive to Fillmore + pit stop
- Drive to Ventura Harbor area + pit stop
- Drive to Oxnard and visit an auto Museum
- Drive through the Canyons and picnic lunch break at a winery!
- Drive to a Park (still in the canyons) to digest, relax and get a "me and my car" picture taken
- Drive to Newbury Park for some indoor go-karting! (high performance Italian electrical karts!)
- Finally, end the day in Thousand Oaks at your host's house for some real home-made-by-an-Italian-mama lasagna

Wax the car, check the oil level and tire pressure, fuel up the tank - your Alfa and yourselves will be treated to a memorable day. Looking forward to seeing you all. Please RSVP ASAP. Ciao!

RSVP by emailing answers to brian.legrand@gmail.com or mailing this stub to 2481 Seacrest Ct, Thousand Oaks CA 91362

I am _____ and will join the Italian Liberation Day AROSC outing
Total anticipated participants, including myself, is: _____ My email address is: _____

- I am planning to gather at the coffee shop in Moorpark YES / NO
- I would like to visit the car Museum YES / NO - Requires donation of \$9 per person
- I would like to race a go-kart! YES / NO - Requires a participation of \$30 per driver
- I will enjoy some real lasagna for diner YES / NO - Requires a \$5 participation per person

TOTAL advance monetary participation: \$ _____
Please make check payable to Brian Legrand or transfer via PayPal to brian.legrand@gmail.com and refer your name + Italian Liberation Day.

Optional: contact(s) in case of emergency: _____

Remember Riverside Raceway?

Legends of Riverside Film Festival - March 27-29

Everyone who was anyone in racing at Riverside likely will be at the Riverside International Automotive Museum for "Legends of Riverside", a racing film festival and gala.

There's so much great stuff that they had to spread it out over three days! Friday starts with an afternoon of racing movies. This will be followed by a tribute to the late **Paul Newman**, which includes dinner and a showing of *Winning*, the movie that first got the actor interested in racing.

Saturday is the big Can-Am and F5000 day, with the great race cars parked in front of the museum and a list of racing heroes as long as Riverside's old long straight: **Dan Gurney** (the event's special honoree), **Elliot Forbes-Robinson**, **Dick Guldstrand**, **Tony Adamowicz**, and many more. **Brock Yates** will be there, reminiscing about the Cannonball Run.

Sunday will feature still more great movies, including *Le Mans* and *The Making of Le Mans*. Get more details at www.legendsofriverside.com.

2009 AROSC Karting Championship

A Fun Karting Event at the Fast-Lap Indoor Kart Track
Sunday, March 29, 2009

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



<http://www.aphotography.com/>

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.

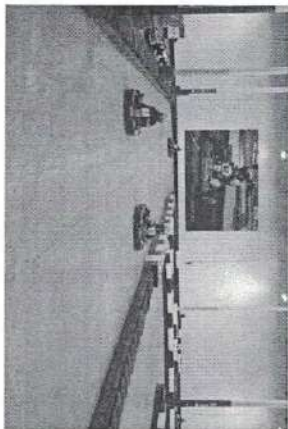
Classes will be five based on driver weight

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

RULES

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	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		Heavyweight	1:32
	Jr. Flyweight	11:12	Race (15 min)	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		Heavyweight	3:00
	Jr. Flyweight	12:12	Awards	everyone	3:30



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Registration Information

Driver No. 1

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 Street Address _____ Day Phone _____
 City/State/ZIP _____ eMail _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Phone _____
 Weight: _____

Driver No. 2

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Driver No. 3

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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 Cimarron Ct, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739**. Terry is acting as an agent for Fast-Lap.



Winter at Willow -- Time Trial & Race

By Mike McKibbin

Photos by Mike McKibbin & Kevin Foye

Willow Springs this January was a bit of a squeeze for me because of a work project, but it was possible with a burn-the-candle-at-both-ends plan. Pre-dawn Saturday morning was not as frigid as I expected, but I was still concerned a half-hour down the road when Andrea told me all she brought was a thin sweatshirt.

Almost always, Willow Springs in January is a deep freeze. Two years ago, it was 8 degrees when the gates opened, and the weekend high was slightly over 30. This Saturday, at least, was a pleasant surprise, with temperatures maybe in the 50s and with a sometimes threatening sky. There were occasional light drizzles, but the track stayed pretty much dry.

Big Dog's back (same name, but a different look). Seems the race shop tapped to nurse it back to health didn't have a vintage Mustang GT (or any Mustang, for that matter) front nose, so they shoehorned a Ford Fusion nose-section on the car for a small king's ransom, and after Rob and Mitch put in a ton of additional work, Big Dog rolled off the trailer into the paddock having never been driven.

But that engine fired up every time the starter button was hit, right on up to the announcement "Group 2 to the pre-grid", and then there was

suddenly nothing. A group of us finally push-started it just in time to get Rob two laps, after which no amount of pushing got it started again. Rob eventually guessed that the pretty-much new battery was junk, swapped the on out of his truck into the race car, and voila. Big Dog was off, only to limp in several laps later having blown off about 5 of its 8 spark plug wires, one of which was fried so badly on a header that it started a small fire.

Not good! As Terry Major likes to say, Big Dog, as usual, had issues.

Andrea had the MR-2 (which Dennis raced) for time trial and I had the ex-company car (Mustang Cobra), both of which ran like Swiss watches. I figured I'd be driving Big Dog sometimes this year, so I moved my Mustang into class M (to which the GT has graduated). Mitch didn't want to be in my class so he moved himself into Class L, and quite frankly, his ability makes him competitive in that class.

This weekend's races saw two of the cleanest starts I've ever seen. In the qualifying race, I found myself harassed early by Bruce Colby's BMW, which sports a lot less poundage than my portly Mustang. Still, pure horsepower won here.

Poulin, Ferris, Barnes, Baring Hillskemper and Mitch had long since disappeared, and I eventually went under Jim Middlebrook's Porsche in turn 5 (how did I do that?) to put distance between Bruce and I. I figured I had a pretty solid place until I saw Carl Fong's Corvette Z06 reeling me in. Well, he caught me, but then he had to try to pass me, and that was a donnybrook for about 5 laps. There was a pass, a repass, and then he finally dispatched me for good on the last lap, although I made one last banzai run at him coming out of Turn 9.

Poulin won, but the mechanical gremlins hit him and moved all of us up one place on Sunday.

Sunday treated us to a biting wind all day long. Our Mustangs practice on hard-compound street tires, and we save the Rs for the competitive round. That makes Chris Mayring's Miata competitive (because Chris can drive), so the 2 of us had loads of fun during on of the practice sessions until I missed a shift turning into 9 and found myself sailing toward the berm. This time, I did what I'd been taught and got it under control before disaster. Apparently, no one noticed.

Andrea, meanwhile, was having a blast, and getting consistently faster. When she's loose during practice, it

looks like she's under 2 minutes, but the time trial competition tenses her a bit, I think, although she did her best lap yet at 2 minutes and second in class to Fred Firschein's Miata.

Sunday's race saw Barnes and Ferris duke it out, with Jim eventually coming out on top, and Mitch looking on and finishing third. The early green flag allowed me to hole-shot Steve Hamilton's Lola, and it was a real ego trip to lead him around for a lap and a half before he put me in my place with a perfectly brilliant pass on the inside of Turn 3. After that, I kept my eye on Bruce, who, while not real close, was always in the rear view mirror. The cobra lost its edge the last few laps, as I was apparently in the process of shredding the left rear tire.

There was time for a "fun race", but the cars were spent and racers were cold, so with only 3 cars at the grid, it was called off.

Thanks to Dennis and Bruce and Paul for running the show (and to Dennis' daughter April for "womanning" the tower with her boyfriend, Ryan, on Sunday, allowing Dennis to race).

Our mother (and sponsor) came, and this time got a ride in my cobra for a few laps. She kept telling me to go faster (is this all you've got?)

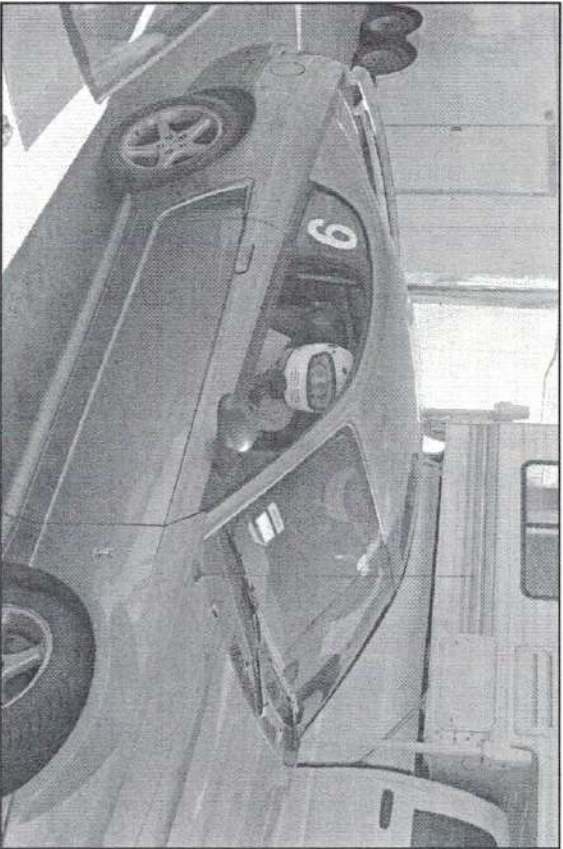
Can hardly wait until the next event.



Dennis Fibrow in the tower.



Mom McKibbin watches.



Mom McKibbin gets a ride in the ex-Company Car.



Paul Blankenship instructs the class.



M J Kutkus has quite a setup in the pits --- a trailer to bring his "stuff".



The race tires await their turn on the track.

View from Turn 3

By Terry Major

Another fantastic weekend driving with AROSC. We weren't sure how the turnout would be due to the current economic climate, however, enough participants showed to keep our driving dreams alive. A few regulars showed with no car... Todd, Emilio, Jess, Kevin, as well as some cars we had not seen before, including Tony Presto's first generation RX-7, Mike Easternman's rebuilt Mustang, the McKibbin's new ride (or is that the old ride, Big Dog or Big Dog's cousin? I think they have a new name for the car), and a clean 240Z brought by the Russells. Jorge Mazlumian brought a new car too - it looked just like his old car, but this one was a Beast. Really fast! Speaking of climate, the weather, including cool temperatures and wind, kept most participants in hooded jackets, searching for warm drinks.

Bruce Colby had a lot of fun timing the TT groups on the old system, and testing out the new timing system, on top of his regular job of keeping Dennis Fibrow in line! Bruce did find the time to compete in the open race for a little recreation. He may have even won his class.

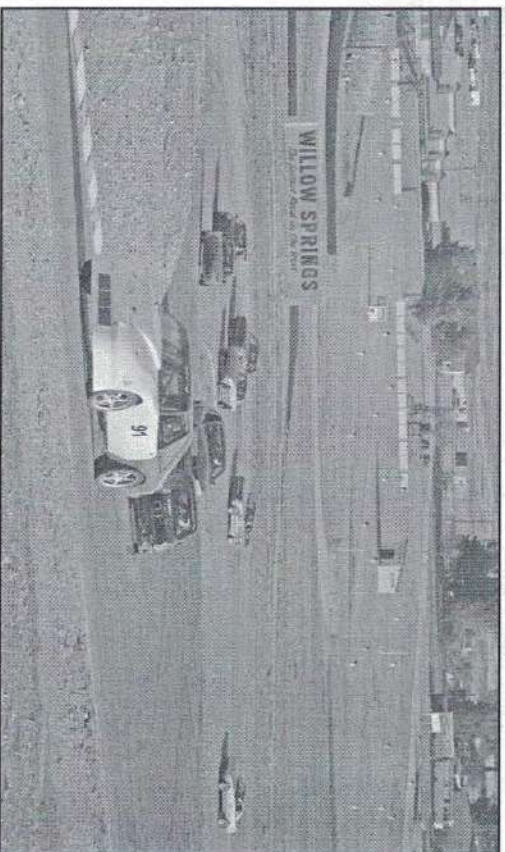
My time was spent trying to keep warm, but I can speak about the Class P cars in the open race on Sunday. Prior to the race, we found we were missing a few entries. Don Wagner broke something, Craig Hillskemper did not start, Doug Bender lost a

throwout bearing, and the Poulin clan disappeared due to a broken diff (?). There was a lot of action with the 18 that came. The start was clean, with the Alfas in the back. Just as the opening laps settled down, things began to go wrong. I was behind the Mazlumian "Beast" when its driver overcooked Turn 3 and spun. Turn 3 also got Steve Hamilton's Lola. But wait, there's more: Mike Easternman spun his Mustang with Jorge Mazlumian directly behind. Jorge threw the car into a spin to avoid Easternman's spinning Mustang. This was also Turn 3. Me, directly behind, had to thread my way through with Phil Guiral directly on my bumper, where I intended to keep him. Sometime later, after Jorge re-caught me around Turn 8, it looked as though he liked the color of Bruce's tires. Jorge went straight off at (faster than my car will even go)! It seemed 3 was a charm that day for him. Towards the end of this race, there was a group of P cars, with Chris Mayring's Miata far in the lead. I think myself and Phil Guiral lost Dennis and Beverly's MR2s to their own battles. Phil Guiral was sucking my fumes for many laps. This nose-to-tail battle lap after lap ended the last lap with a drag race finish. Luckily for me the Turn 9 apex smiled on my efforts just a tiny wink happier than the Chief. Thank you Turn 9! My Sunday race consumed me enough to lose what was happening up front, except that the first place P car finished well ahead of our dance!

Congratulations to all the competitors, including Joe Cobb. Try to adjust this Joe...top TT time of the weekend (1:40.3)! We will look forward to seeing everyone at the school and stay tuned for two new events to be posted.



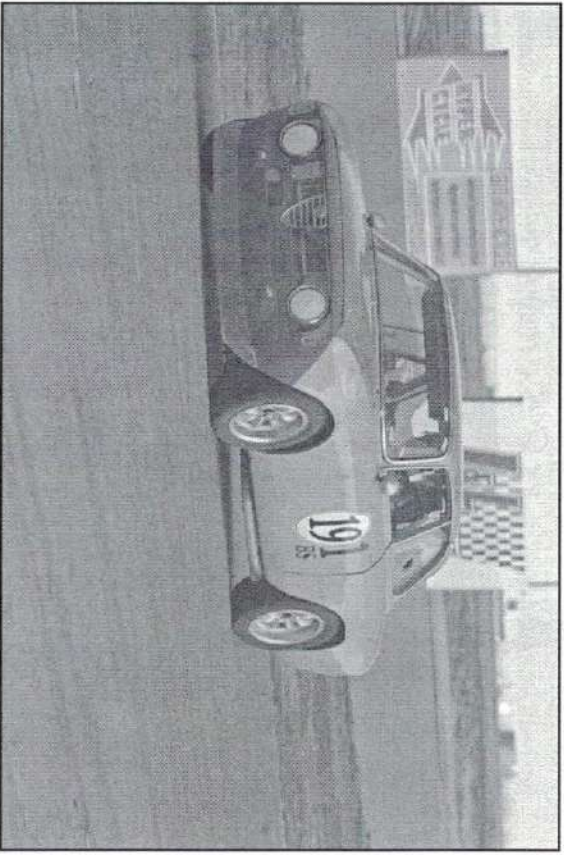
Phil Guiral, the Chief, is ready to run.



Big Dog with Mitch McKibbin aboard leads the way in turn 4 in Sunday's Open Race (not enough cars for an Alfa Cup Race).



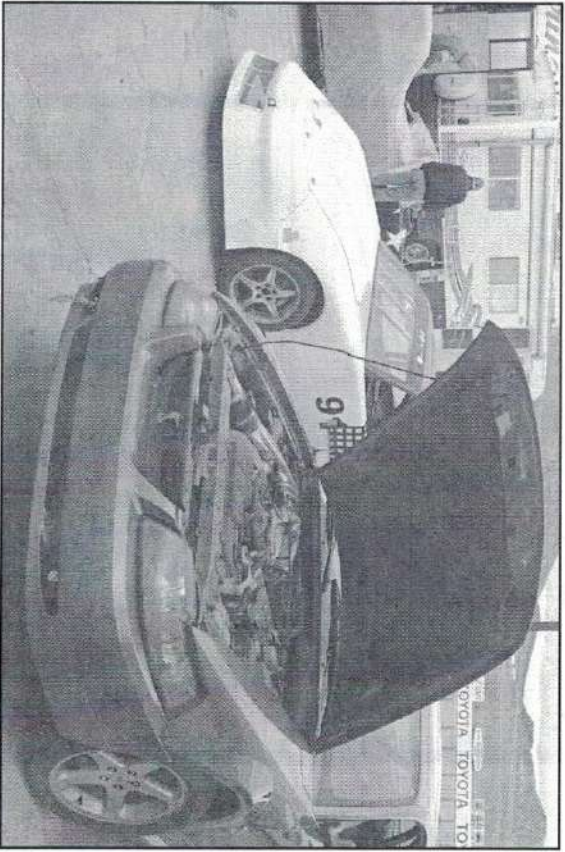
Bruce Colby with passenger stops by the pits.



Eric Larson takes his GTV on track.



Andrea McKibbin on track in her MR2 -- good run!



The McKibbin stable -- Big Dog in the rear, certainly has an odd nose for a Mustang, but it is more aerodynamic.

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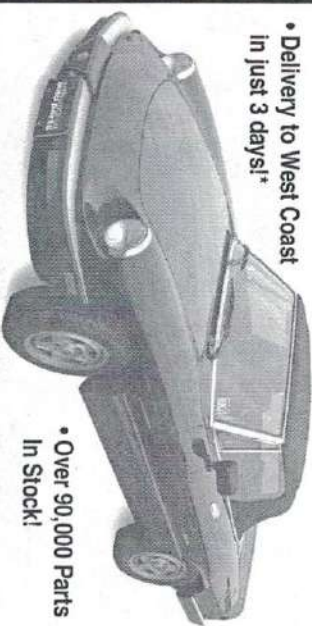
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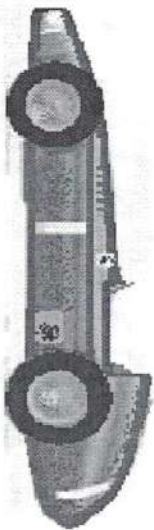
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