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Summer Party, upcoming
events, and more...**

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2010 AROSC Previews -- *An Outline of Coming Events*

August 12-15 – Monterey Historics Weekend

August 25 – Board Meeting TBD -- Call Norman Silverman

August 28 – Petersen Museum Tour & General Meeting/picnic in parking lot

See info on page 19.

***DON'T MISS:
August 28 - Petersen Tour & Meeting
September 25 - Cars & Coffee, Brunch
@ Clines, W.F. Lyons Collection***

September 25 – Cars & Coffee, Tour of General Wm. Lyons Collection, & General Meeting/brunch @ Cline's

See info on page 18.

September 29 – Board Meeting TBD -- Call Norman Silverman

October 3 -- Rescheduled Concours at Paramount Ranch

October 9-10 – Wine Tour to Los Olivos

See info on page 20

October 16-17 Time Trial & Race at Willow Springs

October 27 – Board Meeting TBD -- Call Norman Silverman

October 30 – Mullen Tour, General Meeting/picnic at Malibu Winery

*November 7 – Concours at Best of France & Italy Car Show,
Woodley Park*

*November 13 – General Meeting, Elections, and White Turkey
Auction, Dirk's*

November 20-21 – Time Trial & Race at Buttonwillow

NOTE: Board meetings are currently flexible as to date and location.
If you are interested in attending, call Norman Silverman.



A new patrol car in the Italian police force. Just what they need to catch speeding drivers! What a car! For those who don't know, it's a Lamborghini Gallardo ... about \$250,000! Pity they couldn't find someone who could drive it ..

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

Putting a month of writer's block behind me, refreshing my vocabulary and gathering the appropriate energy, I will write 2 articles this month. Two of my 3 favorite topics are "all things AROSC" and "all things Petersen Museum" which I will cover in this issue. Time next month to regale about the wonderful time we will have had at the upcoming Monterey August weekend and my 3rd favorite thing, the "High Performance Driving Education" adventure which will be upon us in Mid October.

Lots of thanks are due for a wonderful July:
Thanks to Jim and Elyse Barrett for organizing our 2nd annual Alfapalooza gathering on the Long Beach "Rainbow Harbor" pier hosted by the amiable John Sangmeister at Gladstone's Restaurant. As has become more than typical at our gatherings, the weather was superb and (as judged by the pics enclosed) the turnout was spectacular. In addition to running a busy establishment, John still managed time to go overboard (figuratively) with attentiveness to please everyone. Next year will be another history making event for

Alfapalooza as Neville Crichton will be back to set a new Trans Pacific record by sailing his new Alfa Romeo from Long Beach to Hawaii in less than 5 days.

More than thanks to Phyllis Gaylard for hosting another great summer party. Food plentiful, ripe peaches plentiful, friends plentiful and weather magnificent. It's not an easy task to set up and host 40 to 50 people and Phyllis manages it with grace and warm hospitality.

Two weeks after returning from the Monterey Historic Weekend we will be gathering in the parking lot of the Petersen Automotive museum for our annual visit. (Info inside).

September will be mostly peaceful for us as we don't gather again until September 25th, when we will be the hosted Marque at Ford / Mazda Premier Auto "Cars and Coffee". That just starts the day. After "Cars and Coffee" is over, around 10:AM latest, we have been invited for brunch at the home of Chuck and Jan Cline. **RSVP IS REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 18th**, At 1:00 PM we are invited to the Gen William Lyon's collection in Coto de Casa . This collection is rarely

open to public view and attendance is severely restricted. There are a few spots open and RSVPs will be listed in order received. We will be overbooked, but in the event of cancellations, selection will be made by date and time the RSVP's were made. Email to norman@msn.com.

Wine tour planning has begun. We will base out of the Best Western

“Peasoup Anderson” in Buellton and tour Los Olivos. The weekend is the 9th & 10th of October. The following weekend is High Performance Driver Education, Time Trials and Races at Willow Springs. A wonderful time of the year for the High Desert..

Keep the wheel side down

Norman



This beautiful and rare TZ2 won it's class at the Dana Point Concours, and is owned by the William F. Lyons Family collection which we plan to visit in September.

Motor & Gear Oils

Someone asked an interesting motor oil question at the recent Agua Dulce Winery event. It seems he was running SAE 15W-50 oil in his Spider and one brand gave excessive oil consumption while another brand showed almost no oil consumption. Maybe it was just coincidence, but maybe not.

One of the oils might have been almost a 10W-50 while the other may have been almost a 20W-50. Viscosity is a measure of a fluid's resistance to flow. In practical terms an oil with twice the viscosity of a thinner oil requires twice as much pressure to achieve the same flow. SAE 20 oil has about 50% more viscosity than SAE 10 oil, so all else being equal the lighter oil might give 50% more oil consumption.

Engine oil temperature is critical because viscosity decreases rapidly with increasing temperature. At room temperature 10-grade oil has about 100x more viscosity than water! However, that viscosity drops by more than a factor of 10 as your engine warms up. This explains why your oil pressure gauge is pegged when the engine is cold. The oil is so thick there is very little flow through the

bearings! The oil pressure is lower in a warm engine because the actual oil flow is much greater. Have a heart and let your engine warm up a bit before you romp on the throttle.

The advent of multi-grade oils has mitigated the problem some. The venerable SAE 10W-30 oil is thin like 10 weight oil when it is cold and thicker like 30 weight oil when it is warmed up. These days it is even possible to purchase 10W-50 oil. Even so, warm 50 weight oil has about 5 times less viscosity than cold 10 weight oil.

Most multi-grade oils achieve their improved viscosity characteristics with additives. If these additives break down, the oil will become less viscous when it is warm. For example, SAE 10W-30 oil can degrade so it performs like SAE 10 oil. Regular oil changes are critical for those of us with small high performance engines. I'm not sure what the right interval is, but am reminded of one old farmer I worked for as a teenager. He said, "All I know is oil is cheaper than equipment." Synthetic and semi-synthetic oils achieve their superior viscosity characteristics without additives. This makes them particularly well suited for race cars and turbo cars.

Traditional motor oil included a generous dose of zinc-based anti-wear additives. These additives form a sacrificial chemical coating that minimizes wear between flat tappets and the cam lobes. Unfortunately, they are being phased out by the EPA because zinc is a catalyst poison. This has caused an uproar in the pushrod V-8 community, but is not supposed to be a problem in engines like ours. I'd like to say that is true, but I replaced a couple of buckets the last time I had the cams out of the Spider. My usual oil, Chevron 10W-40, claims to have excellent anti-wear properties, but I can't find any data on its zinc content. Heavier 15W-50 oils and diesel-rated oils generally have more zinc content, but the zinc content of those oils is being reduced also. I just might swing by the local motorcycle shop and see if I can pick up some Mobil 1 motorcycle oil because it still contains copious amounts of zinc. Wish I knew more about this issue. If all else fails, Eastwood sells peace of mind (aka zinc additive) in 4 oz. bottles.

For what it's worth SAE 30 motor oil has about the same viscosity as SAE 85 gear oil. And the label on Redline MT-90 says it's a 75-90 gear oil with a viscosity comparable to 10-40 motor oil. If you haven't tried multi-grade gear oil in your tranny, by all means give

it a try. It's expensive, but I'm a convert.

For years, straight mineral oil was the recommended lubricant for non-moly transmissions. The problem was the EP additive (molybdenum disulfide) was corrosive to brass and copper alloys. I ran Union Worm Gear 90 in those days because it lacked EP additives and contained foam and corrosion inhibitors. Modern EP additives are less corrosive. In fact Redline says, its MT-90 lacks the reactive sulfurs that cause damage to brass syncro's. Be aware that Redline MT-90 is a GL-4 gear oil which has half the extreme pressure additives of GL-5 oils.

If in doubt as to whether the stuff on your garage shelf is safe to use in a non-moly box, you can easily do a copper strip corrosion test. Just heat up a small amount of oil on the stove (like you were going to fry some chicken) and drop in a shiny piece of copper. There is a specified temperature and time for the official test, but in my experience that level of sophistication is unnecessary. The copper strip will be unaffected or it will turn black almost immediately.

That's all for this month. June was a full calendar and I look forward to seeing everyone at one event or another.

Mike R

Summer Party

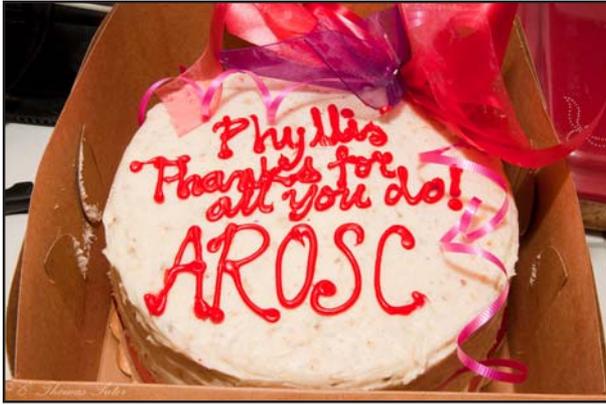
Photos by Tom Suter



Jack Merriam and Paul Blankenship attack the food table.



There was plenty of food and beverage, and a good variety.



The banner made an appearance.



There is always lots of discussions at an AROSC party.



Our photographer, Tom Suter, shows up in a photo!



More lively chats.



A shady nook was found for more conversations.



Cake & Ale -- is this classic party fare or what?

Happy Birthday to Us Alfapalooza II is a Sparkler

Nearly 40 sun-loving Alfisti in 20 lovely cars ranging from a beauty Berlinetta to an 8C Competizione made our second annual Alfapalooza a sparkling success in Long Beach, and set the stage for a fabulous 2011 event.

A festive Let-Us-Eat-Alfa-Centenario Cake attitude permeated the venue as we arrayed our clean cars on Rainbow Pier and the waterfront walkways around Gladstone's, recently voted best seafood restaurant in Long Beach. Our most excellent host, proprietor John Sangmeister, laid out a fabulous midday spread of puu puus and we enjoyed Happy Hour prices on drinks all afternoon.

Seven of the truly adventuresome took on the foot-powered gimmick rally, and Dave Mericle emerged triumphant with 10 correct answers out of 12. A three-way tie for second among Jay Mackro and Catherine Kusnick, Art Russell, and Doug and Joyce McHattie, all with nine points, was broken by the Mackro-Kusnick team, who were really good at spelling and had the cleverest answers to questions 10 and 12. Ten was: "What do the nautical flags on Gladstone's outdoor menu spell?" ("Drunk Crossing, Man Overboard, Altering Course to Port, Stop Instantly and No!). Twelve was: "What is spelled out in the stanchions on the restaurant's

south-facing dining deck?" ("GLADSTONES or SENDOTSDALG, depending on your perspective.") Well done all, and thank you, Val and Monique Dietrich, for providing tickets to the Aquarium of the Pacific as prizes.

While we did not have a yacht tour for this year, we did get a surprise visit by Long Beach Fire Department's vintage and fully functioning fireboat, *Challenger*, which put in at the wharf just as we were getting settled. The captain graciously granted us an explanation of the equipment and a peek belowdecks, and we reciprocated with a description of our fleet of cars for the crew.

As in 2009, passersby appreciated us, and we definitely added to the waterfront ambiance. Everyone is looking forward to another triumphant return, because word has it that New Zealand-Australia Alfa Romeo distributor Neville Crichton is expected back for the 2011 Transpacific Yacht Race. He will be looking to break his own record — this time with a multihull!

So save weekend days before the Fourth of July, and plan to come back for Alfapalooza III to share the excitement of Transpac and get an up close and personal look at the next record-breaking boat.

Elyse & Jim Barrett



A beautiful collection of Alfas on the pier for all to see.



A quintessentially colorful scene on the waterfront -- we fit right in.



The Challenger -- Long Beach Fire Boat #1



Art Russell has finished his Giulietta Spider, and parked by an 8C!



Dave Mericle shows off his 1960 Giulietta t.i. from New Zealand. The original owner could no longer drive, had to sell, listed it on-line to little interest. Dave bought it and paid more for customs duty than shipping.



A nice lunch and cool-down at Gladstone's, our host.

Special Three-Part September Meeting Sept. 25

Cars & Coffee + Brunch @ Chez Cline + Wm. Lyon Collection

September's general meeting will be a day to remember. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 25, and get ready for an Alfa-filled *Tour de OC*! You can jump in at any part of the day, but two parts will require an RSVP. Part I is Cars & Coffee in Irvine. Part II is brunch at the home of Chuck and Jan Cline in Fountain Valley. Part III is a private club-members-only tour of the William Lyon Collection in Coto de Caza. Check out the itinerary, and note that RSVPs are needed for brunch and the tour.

Part I: Cars & Coffee - 6:30 AM

Morning People Unite! The meeting hour is 6:30 a.m. at the Ford Design Center parking lot in Irvine for Cars & Coffee. This Alfa Romeo's annual featured marque day, and our chance to share the space with Orange County and San Diego Chapter pals who always show up. In past years, we've had 60 cars overflowing the marque park. Let's make it 70 (or, dare we suggest a centenario 100?) this time! Arrive no later than 7 a.m., or you risk not being able to be in the Alfa area. It is an absolutely great way to start the day. Oh, and there will also be about 300 additional sports and touring cars, plus some way-cool motorcycles to check out. Bring your personal mug o' joe, or purchase coffee (and Danish or doughnuts, juice or fruit) on-site. No RSVP needed. Admission is free.

Part II: Brunch Chez Cline - 9:45 AM

Cars & Coffee winds down a bit after 9 a.m., so hang out and we will depart Irvine at 9:20 to arrive by about 9:45. The drive to Chuck and Jan's is an easy jaunt up the 405. Our regularly scheduled Club business discussion and address by *il Presidente* Norm Silverman will take place here. Last year, Jan cooked her fingers to the bone for us, and we reveled in classic AROC egg dishes, beautiful baked goodies, breakfast casseroles, and great juices and coffees. Chuck let us poke around in his (ahem, spotless!) garage, and we got caught up on what had been going on all summer. So let's do it again. If you are planning to attend brunch, please RSVP to the Clines, at 714.531.3541. An expenses-defrayment donation of \$5 per person is requested, please.

Part III: Club-Only Tour of Wm. Lyon Collection - 12:30 PM

We have always hoped to someday get a glimpse of "The General's" collection of fine automobiles. September 25, 2010 is the day. With assistance from OC Chapter member and friend, Julie Brinkerhoff-Jacobs, we will be granted access to the estate and a look at not only the Dana Pt. Concours prize-winning Alfa Romeo TZ2 Coupe, but an array of very nice cars we can all appreciate. If you are not attending brunch, we plan to meet in Coto de Caza by 12:30 for the tour

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August General Meeting: Petersen Automotive Museum

We will tour the Petersen on August 29th. Arrive between 10 & 10:30 AM. The tour will start promptly at 11:00AM and will last approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.

The Petersen will greet us with new exhibits in all 3 main galleries. The History of Fiberglass Automobiles has been there for a few months and was joined 2 months ago by an exhibit of cars owned Marge and the late Bob Petersen. This eclectic collection includes the 1939 Bugatti owned by the late Shah of Iran (and probably the most valuable car in the Petersen Collection) along with a beautiful Murphy Duisenberg, the famous 'Round Door' Rolls, a Ferrari Barchetta built for Henry Ford II, etc.

The piece d' resistance is the Exhibit just opened in the Bruce Meyer Gallery, "**Automotivated: Streamlined Fashion and Automobiles**". In the "Style Section" of the August 1st LA Times there was a full page article and some teaser pictures. The development of the cars and fashion covers the Art Deco period. Starting with a race ready, unrestored, leaking-fluids 1913 Mercer Type 35 Raceabout and the protective driving coats and gear, the tour features, among others, a magnificent 1923 Mercedes Targa Florio, a 1934 La Salle Series 350 designed by the legendary Harley Earl and ends with at a 1938 Delahaye 135M Roadster designed by Figoni et Falaschi and highlighted by a Jeanne Lanvin day ensemble.

Park on the 3rd level by the tented "picnic area". Johnny Rockets will be open and reasonable or you can BYO. The tour will start at 11:00AM. **Please keep your parking receipt and it will be validated.** There is a minimum fee for non-members to tour the museum. Additional discounts for seniors and children.. We are trying to get a club rate at the discount level for all participants in the tour.

September meeting info continued:

that begins at 1 p.m. You must RSVP to Elyse & Jim Barrett, at 714.964.9530 no later than September 10. Admission is free.

There you have it, car fans. Save the date and let us know when we'll see you!

AROOSC Annual Wine Tour is Coming Soon!

October 8-10, 2010

We'll be headed to the beautiful
Santa Ynez Valley for this year's trip
and it's guaranteed to be a great time!

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to receive up-to-date information
about this year's wine tour.



Affordable Fun: Touring to Tehachapi, Where Happy Happened

By Elyse Barrett

Photos by Steve Edelman, MJ &
Sheila Kutkus and Jim Barrett

To shamelessly steal from San Diego's summer travel promo tagline, the 30 of us who enjoyed the Spring Driving Tour on the June 19-20 weekend indeed came to believe that Tehachapi is where happy happened in 2010.

There were no major mishaps or injuries to cars or travelers, save for a busted fan motor on a silver 164, and one certain calamitous escape-artist canine who was a bit impatient during the dinner hour. The tourmasters made only two (or three) wrong turns, none of them taking us too far off course, and there was only one road closure — local construction on Tehachapi Blvd. at the east end of town, which was easily circumvented. New to this year's drive were Derf Fredericks and his three sons from Torrance with their red GTV who spent Saturday on the road with us, and racing pal/local knowledge expert, Andrew Watry from Berkeley with his maroon GTV, who joined us in at lunch Arvin.

The morning stage to Fort Tejon was a brisk freeway run up I-5 to the top of the Grapevine. We spent nearly an hour exploring the Civil War-era outpost that is well documented and in good repair. Several buildings,

including the enlisted men's barracks, officers quarters, blacksmith's shop and jail, have been nicely restored. We took the "Dragoon Walk" self-guided tour and enjoyed the cool air at altitude. The hillsides were still tinged purple with wildflowers, big ceanothus shrubs were festooned in creamy blooms, and the towering valley oaks shimmered in fresh green foliage.

It was a short hop down the hill to the valley floor, and a fast zig-zag through the fields to Sycamore Canyon Golf Club where lunch sprouted instantly from the patio tables. We bought our beverages from the club's bar and were welcomed like natives.

The picnic theme was Foods of the Great Depression, and Sheila Kutkus and Joyce McHattie made this their showplace for innovation! Exacting research and culinary skill led them to create delicious mock filet mignon, mock apple pie and pork broth soup, and they taught us more uses for Ritz crackers than we even knew existed — truly products of '30s food creativity.

Winners in the judging categories were:

Oakie-Arkie Agro Immigrant - Sheila and MJ Kutkus,
Fabulous Country Farmhouse -
Joyce and Doug McHattie

More from Tehachapi

Train Fare Tidbits - Adrienne and Randy Harris
Newbie - Derf Fredericks and Sons

Additional judge-ordered categories:
First to RSVP - Paul and Mary Blankenship
Local [train] Knowledge/Farthest Traveled Participant - Andrew Watry

Also at lunch, we were introduced to the world of railroading in the West by Andrew, a rail enthusiast who grew up in the area. He ably backgrounded us with a short history talk, and explained the engineering behind the Tehachapi Loop, where we were scheduled to stop with the hope of seeing a train or two come through.

We took the long way out of the valley along Edison Highway to be close to the train tracks and enjoy a fast road through fabulous California foothills. It was a fabulous little drive, and a perfect warm up for the hillclimb to come.

We checked up at frontier outpost of Caliente so the Barretts could lead on the twisty stage up to Walker Basin and back down the hill and out along Caliente Creek. Most cars managed it with just four to five downshifts to first gear. Everyone loved the surprise view of this little gem-like bowl full of just-cropped alfalfa, dotted with horses and cattle, and lined with pines and pinons and pines.

Once off the mountain, Andrew took over again to get us to the right

viewing location for the Tehachapi Loop and our offroading courage was rewarded by the appearance of 4000-foot BNSF freight coming down the grade. We moved farther up the dirt road to await another, and were thankfully neither ticketed nor run out by the railroad police. With motel check-in time looming, we pushed off, and, as Murphy would have it, another freight rumbled through right afterward. Steve Edelman with his new-to-him Audi TT had hung back and got the money shot of the train on the Loop.

After settling into our vintage digs, the traditional happy hour spread magically popped up on the motel lawn like suburban mushrooms, with a neighbor's virtuoso Ranchera trumpet performance providing our sound track.

Dinner in the private dining room at Jake's Steakhouse was the perfect way to end the day. Our motel overflow crew who were staying downtown at the Fairfield Inn — Chuck and Jan Cline, Jay and Linda Negrin, and Mike Rheile and Chris Burke — found us, and the room was filled. The beef filets, pork “lollypops”, grilled chicken salad and lasagna all got good reviews.

While we lacked a hot tub to stuff, the post-party in the Blankenship's room managed to solve most of the problems of the world and make the coolers lighter for Sunday.

So the trains we didn't see during the day got together between 3:30 and 5:30 on Sunday for their runs through Tehachapi. We could hear them just fine at the RanchMotel, so we appreciated what the folks at the Fairfield (directly across the street from the tracks) were experiencing. You had to be there.

Air temperatures were delightfully cool and Sunday's "Starbucks in a Box" koffee klatch back on the front lawn required jackets and socks. After a fun group photo shot by Ray our proprietor (who had also hand-painted a delightful welcome sign, which we commandeered for the photo) we were off to the landmark breakfast spot, Kelcy's in central downtown.

Again in a private dining room (Is there a trend here? What does it mean?) we refueled for walking, wine-tasting, antiquing and shopping. Here we also passed the hat to fund a care package for our Entertainment Director Paul Dexler, who was ill and unable to attend the Tour.

The next two hours were well spent 19 of us regrouped for the Tour's concluding stage. Avoiding the construction in town, we got to the Tehachapi-Willow Springs Road from

Highline Dr. for a careful drive (speeders were being ticketed) through some of the region's fabulous wind farms.

We blew out of the hills near our favorite local sportscar track and
ur now-traditional tour-within-a-tour — this year at the Exotic Feline Conservation Center, a breeding zoo and research facility in Rosamond that is home to more than 70 of the world's most endangered cat-like creatures. The facility featured large, well-maintained enclosures shaded by trees carefully nurtured but thriving in the desert. We were fortunate to have a volunteer guide whose day job is being a wildlife biologist, and we learned much about the different leopards, jaguars, bobcats, small tree-dwelling jungle cats and our local mountain lions, who have such a range among north, central and south America that they are known by dozens of different names, all of which are correct.

Another great tour is in the books. We made new friends, drove some new roads and expanded our appreciation for the scenery and history of SoCal. Thank you all for making this year's event another fun run.





Lunch at the Sycamore Canyon Golf Club.



The Barrett's lunch featured beans & franks in cans.



Edison Highway -- a nice surprise.



One of the first gear switchbacks on the way to Walker Basin.



The Tehachapi Loop with a 4000 foot train.



No tour is complete without the pot-luck cocktail hour at the motel.



Exploring the Tehachapi Depot Museum.



At the Feline Conservation Center, the Jaguar says hi in his own way.

Dana Point Concours: An Alfa Showcase

The automotive community enjoyed a beautiful concours in the sun in June with many AROSC members participating in this, the third iteration of the Dana Point Concours d'Elegance at the St. Regis Resort at Monarch Beach on June 27.

Celebrating our favorite car's 100th year in business, Alfa Romeo was the honored marque and Club members were invited to show their cars, judge various classes, join in a marque corral, serve on the greens and promote automotive fine art.

The marque corral, organized by Elyse Barrett, was filled by 20 cars, 14 of which were members and friends of AROSC from Van Nuys to Ramona. A range of models — from a fine 164 to a brace of GTV-6s, to a unique spider in Shelby livery and an elegant duetto — graced the seaside terrace just south of the exhibitor greens — no pavement parking for us! Thank you all for exhibiting your lovely cars; there are a few participant ribbons that still need to be sent to you.

Club vice president Jim Barrett was invited by chief judge John Clinard (Ford Motor Company's director of community affairs) to judge an Alfa Romeo class; finance committee chair Jay Mackro served as a security officer; and vice president Elyse Barrett again managed the Automotive Fine Art Exhibit sales desk, most ably assisted by Catherine Kusnick.

Many regional Alfa owners were recognized, and specifically, AROSC members Don and Carol Murray won Class 16e: Alfa Romeo Production Sedans and Coupes with their elegant black 1966 2600 Sprint Zagato.

A full list of winners is available at the concours website, www.DanaPointConcours.org. The 29th annual event is scheduled for the St. Regis on June 26, 2011. Save the date!

—*Elyse Barrett*
—*photos by Jim Barrett*



Jim Barrett actually wore shoes to judge at Dana Point!



The Murray's 2600 Zagato won "Alfa Production Sedans & Coupes"



An overview of the Concours -- plein aire style.



The Judge's Choice Award went to a 1949 Villa d'Este Berlinetta.

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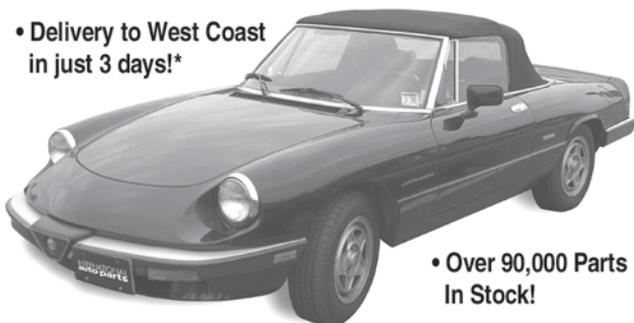
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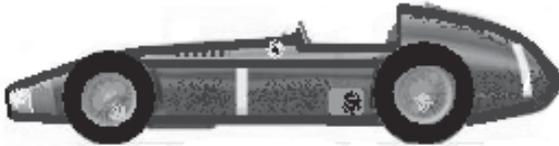
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12-15 Monterey Historics	29 Board Meeting TBD	30 Mullen tour, Gen Mtg/picnic @ Malibu Winery	13 General Meeting/elections /white turkey auction @ Dirk's
25 Board Meeting TBD			20-21 Time Trial & Race @ Buttonwillow
28 Petersen Museum tour/General Mtg & picnic			