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plus Willow Race Weekend, Upcoming Events and More!**



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General Meetings are held monthly, on a weekend day, at various locations in Southern California. A full listing of activities is on our website, [arosc.org](http://arosc.org); a four-month calendar of events is on the outside back cover of this newsletter, and detailed information is in Previews. Check all three; email any questions to [info@arosc.org](mailto:info@arosc.org), and a Club director will respond.

### **Our Cover This Month**

*Top: We had a splendid new venue for this year's Annual Awards Banquet, the Lunada Bay House in Palos Verdes. Enjoying it here are (clockwise from left) Paul, Evelyn, Jim, Elyse, Dani and Jordan; see story pages 15-19. Photo by M.J. Kutkus. Bottom: Anthony Rimicci's GT Junior at speed on the track at Willow Springs, competing in the first racing weekend of 2013. We're off to a great start! See the report on pages 20-25. Photo by Mike McKibbin.*

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## Previews ... *What's coming up and when.*

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**March 10** – Petersen Museum visit and General Meeting, Los Angeles. Docent-led tour includes new “Fins, Form Without Function” exhibit. See complete information on pages 10-11.

**April 27** – Spring Day Drive, Angeles Crest Highway west to east, weather and road permitting. Lunch in Wrightwood. See story page 12.

**May 4-5** – Time Trial and Race, Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Desert Center. See adflyer on page 26.

**May 19** – Spaghetti Cookoff, Pool Party and General Meeting, Chatsworth. More information to come; watch this space!

**June 2** – Huntington Beach Concours and Club Concours #2, Central Park, Huntington Beach.

**June 9** – San Marino Motor Classic, Lacy Park, San Marino. Alfa Romeo is the featured marque, and there will be an Alfa Corral on the grounds. See ad and article, pages 28-29.

**June 15-16** – Time Trial, Race and Enduro, Buttonwillow. Info on page 26.

**June 29 or 30** – Alfapalooza, Pine Ave. Pier, Long Beach. Show your car, help to kick off biennial Transpacific Yacht Race, enjoy nautical noshes from Dave Mericle's galley. More info to come.



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## FROM THE TOP ... *the Word from Il Presidente*

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Delzano's in Redondo Beach is no more, so our January meeting and annual awards presentation luncheon was moved to a new restaurant just purchased by Delzano's previous owner/operators. We were the very first customers, and the entire place was just the right size for our group. Judging by the feedback received to date, there is a good chance we will be there again next year.

We gave the Charlie Cup to our very own Terry Watson much to his surprise. I'm not sure how many of our members realize the responsibility of being Competition Director in these difficult economic times. It would be so easy to lose a lot of money on just a few events. Being a financial guy myself, I know just how much Terry deserves recognition for the fine job he has done and is doing.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting, Steve Johnson's Jazz Legacy Trio was very good and even treated us to a rendition of the Italian national anthem. Unfortunately, most of those present didn't seem to recognize it, so we may have to start playing it more often.

This month was the Driving School at the Streets of Willow. We were still looking for more entries as I write this, but hopefully it all came together. The Streets is my favorite track with lots of different kinds of turns. Also, as this *Alfacionada* goes to press, we are gathering for the first Club Concours of 2013 in Palm Springs. This has become a wonderful late-winter weekend getaway for many of us and results will be forthcoming

in the April issue.

Our March meeting will be at the Petersen Museum in Los Angeles for the new "Fins, Form Without Function" show. Some of the displays are permanent, but this is new. We will have a special parking rate and admission discount for Alfa Club members who RSVP. Our docents, Norm and Gene, will provide all the inside scoop on the special cars in the "Fins" display. More details are available on pages 10-11.

Our Cars & Coffee celebration on April 6 in Irvine has been cancelled, and will be rescheduled for sometime later in the year.

Later in April is the new Spring Day Drive, a revision to the traditional Spring Driving Tour. We'll be taking on the re-engineered and repaired Angeles Crest Highway, weather permitting, and conclude with lunch in Wrightwood. We hope that now will be the time to drive it! See more information on page 12.

I have been reminded that not everybody is familiar with the Red Green show which is being re-run on several PBS stations. Red Green lives in the Canadian woods. He tries to show us how to do pretty much everything ourselves, but things always go wrong and he ends up using duct tape to build or repair almost everything. Hence his advice: "Remember, if the women don't find you handsome, they should at least find you handy. And don't forget the duct tape, the handyman's secret weapon."

— *Mike and Chris*



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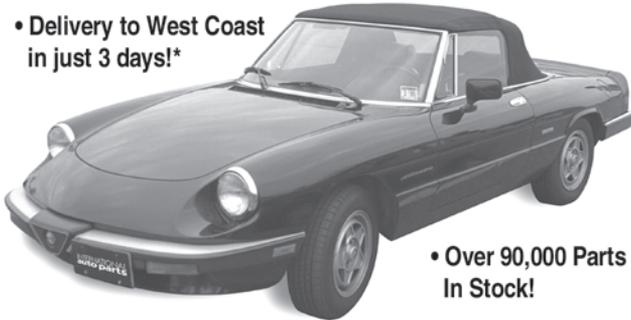
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# The Tech Guy ... *A Modern Touch*

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Most of you are familiar with common hand tools; however you may not know that when pressed into service for automotive work, they have alternative uses. For those of you who are not mechanics, here is a helpful collection borrowed from the AlfaBB (the descriptions, not the tools) of how these implements can assist you in your garage.

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.

**MECHANIC'S KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing seats and convertible tops or tonneau covers.

**ELECTRIC HAND DRILL:** Normally used for spinning steel pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, but it also works great for drilling mounting holes in a fender just above the brake line that goes to the rear wheel.

**CRESCENT WRENCH:** Used to round off bolt heads.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS:** Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall, upright

machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your drink across the room, splattering it over the freshly painted part drying in the corner.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans rust off old bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "Ouch!"

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new front disk brake calipers, trapping the jack handle firmly under the front valance.

**EIGHT-FOOT LONG 2x4:** Used for levering an automobile upward off a hydraulic jack.

**TWEEZERS:** A tool for removing wood splinters – most often operated by females.

**PHONE:** Tool for calling your neighbor to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack. Also used for transferring grease from hands to face.

**E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR:** A tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is 10 times harder than any known drill bit.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:** A handy tool for testing the tensile strength of ground straps, starter motor solenoid cables, and brake lines you may have forgotten to disconnect.

**TROUBLE LIGHT:** The mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under

automobiles at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs. More often dark than light, the second part of its name is somewhat misleading.

**OIL FILTER WRENCH:** A tool used to polish a 1/2" wide ring of paint around a "spin-on" type oil filter.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Used to remove "spin-on" oil filters and splash oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off Phillips screw heads.

**AIR COMPRESSOR:** An Italian machine that takes energy produced in a gas-powered power plant 300

miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Taiwanese Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts last tightened 40 years ago by someone in Milan, Italy, and rounds them off.

**CROWBAR:** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to cut hoses 1/2 inch too short.

So now you know the full range of possibilities those tools represent.

– Gene Brown

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# Alfa Cruise-In Day At the Petersen

Sunday, March 10 is AROSC's General Meeting in Los Angeles at the Petersen Automotive Museum, a special event for members of and their guests.

Free parking in a viewing area for our Alfa Romeos is on the third parking level, available starting at 8:30 a.m., but you need to RSVP.

The Petersen will be advertising our Alfa Cruise-In to their membership, Facebook and Tweet followers, so we will have admirers viewing our cars.

New features for this visit include "Fins, Form Without Function" in the Main Gallery, presenting the beautiful and sometimes bizarre use of fins in automotive design. This exhibit, which opened February 23, will feature more than a dozen vehicles ranging from icons like the 1959 Cadillac and Exner-designed Chrysler to the impossibly Art Deco 1937 Delage Aerosport (shown below) and wild 1952 Spohn Palos.

The Howard Gallery features a remarkable, interactive exhibit on "Aerodynamics" featuring Martin, Chrysler Air Flow, Delahaye, Citroen, Bugatti Veyron, EVI, and more, while in the Bruce Meyer gallery will be the Holy Grail of Hot Rods, Doane Spencer.



Plan to join us for an excellent tour, meeting and lunch.

1 – Arrival by 10:00AM. Tours will begin promptly at 11:00. Tours will be conducted by Petersen Docents and AROSC members Norm Silverman and Gene Brown. Address: 6060 Wilshire Blvd, (Corner of Wilshire and Fairfax), Los Angeles, CA 90011.

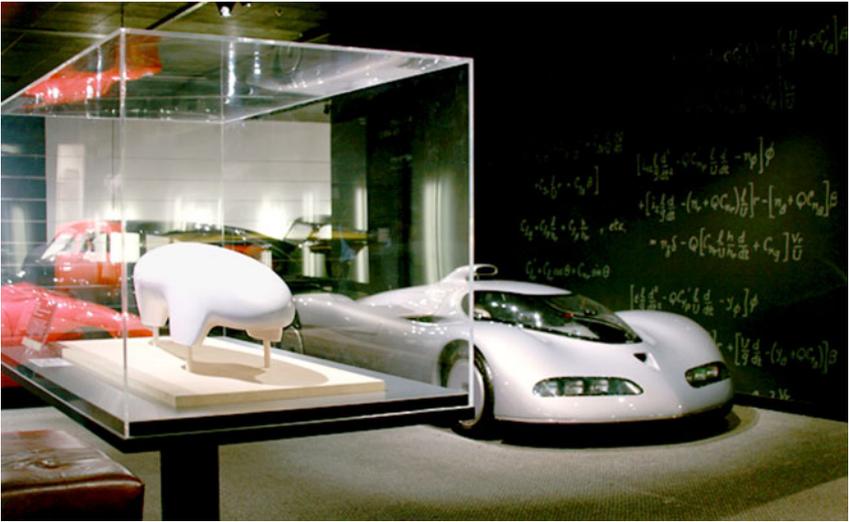
2 – Parking on the 3th level. Meet in the Museum lobby for registration. Parking is free for RSVPed AROSC club members and guest (see Norm Silverman or Gene Brown for passes), \$2 per hour for non RSVP.

3 – Entry fee for AROSC members and guests is \$8 per person. RSVP for preregistration is required: email [info@arosc.org](mailto:info@arosc.org).

You also have the optional extra opportunity of touring the famed Petersen Vault, which has been re-organized and is available for docent-led, detailed tours. Vault admission is \$25 per person and by advance registration only. The Vault includes around 150 examples of some of the world's truly special cars, including Henry Ford II's personal Ferrari Barchetta, the one-of-a-kind Round Door Rolls Royce, Type 57 Bugatti owned by the ex-Shah of Iran, plus special hot rods, historic race cars and motorcycles.

Lunch is available on premises in the Johnny Rockets Diner, and all members (and their guests) who have RSVPed will get a 20% discount for purchases in the Museum Store.

– *Norm Silverman*



*The "Aerodynamics" exhibit in the Howard Gallery. The car shown was a concept by Oldsmobile. Both photos courtesy of Petersen Automotive Museum.*



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# Spring Tour Gets a Makeover

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Save the date (April 27), prep your car for altitude (Hwy. 2) and fast cornering, and be ready to view some new horizons.

Our traditional weekend overnighter event has shifted gears toward brevity, simplicity and economy. The Spring Driving Tour is now a Spring Day Drive (with options).

We are headed for the fully repaired and drive-worthy Angeles Crest Highway, and a nice lunch in Wrightwood.

More info to come, but if you're already interested, feel free to email Jim and Elyse Barrett at [info@arosc.org](mailto:info@arosc.org).



*Approach to Chilao Visitor Center.  
Elyse Barrett photos*

## **Preliminary Itinerary**

Saturday, April 27

**9:00 a.m.** Meet at Mission San Fernando Rey de Espana

**9:30 - 10:30** Drive SF Mission to Chilao Visitor Center

**11:00** Road House comfort stop

**11:00-12:30** Drive ACH to Wrightwood

**1:00-2:30** Lunch at a fabulous, friendly restaurant in town

**3:30 - 4:00** Foot Cruise Main Street Wrightwood

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# Annual Banquet 2013



*Our group provided the first customers for the Lunada Bay House extension in Palos Verdes, and enjoyed it and the event, food and music very much. M.J. Kutkus photo.*

This year we upgraded the venue and jazzed up our Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet a little – actually a lot, on both counts. Our event was held at the Lunada Bay House in Palos Verdes with music provided by club member Steve Johnson’s Jazz Legacy Trio. Attending were over 50 members and guests from both social and competition sides of the Club.

The fine Italian buffet was served in a spacious, brand-new (and ADA compliant) dining room with an ocean view. After our much-enjoyed meal, AROSC Competition Director Terry Watson, assisted by past comp director Bruce Colby, conducted the year-end award presentations. The winners of the trophies in the Time Trial and Race classes, both Alfa and non-Alfa categories are listed in a table on page 19.

The Alfa Cups for 2012 were awarded to Doug Bender and Bruce Colby. Their names have been inscribed on the Alfa Cup plaque which hangs in the Clubhouse. In 2013 Alfas will run with non-Alfas for trophies due to insufficient Alfa participation last season. So this is the last year for the Alfa Cup unless something changes.



*Alfa Cup winner Bruce Colby accepts the trophy from Terry Watson. Dicie Sizemore photo.*



*Other Alfa Cup winner Doug Bender says thanks. Ken Sizemore photo.*

Terry Watson is the recipient of the coveted Charlie Cup this year. Club President Mike Riehle presented the cup and reviewed the awesome, outstanding effort Terry has put in during the past year toward the success of our competition program. Terry was pleasantly surprised and graciously accepted the award. The Charlie Cup is given in fond remembrance of Charlie Thieriot, the man



*Mike presents Terry Watson with the Charlie Cup. Dicie Sizemore photo.*

who dedicated much time and effort to getting our Time Trial and Race program started 40 years ago, and kept it running long after that.

On behalf of the AROSC Board of Directors, Club Vice President Jim Barrett presented a Certificate of Appreciation to a very surprised M.J. and Sheila Kutkus. The printed and

signed certificate is a recognition of their many contributions to the Club at both the social and competition events, including organizing the Annual Awards Banquets.

After the awards ceremony, Mike briefly reviewed upcoming Club events. The full AROSC 2013 Calendar was made available by our Alfacionada editors as handouts and a copy was placed on each table. Sheila then conducted a lively raffle drawing for the many prizes donated by the generous members of the Club.



*Steve Johnson (trombone) and his Jazz Legacy Trio. Dicie Sizemore photo.*

It was a wonderful event! The jazz trio added a classy touch. A great finish to our Golden Jubilee!

– M.J. and Sheila Kutkus



*Class P winner Bob Russell and Allie. Ken Sizemore photo.*



*Al Cortes with Shin and Michiko.  
Dicie Sizemore photo.*



*Evelyn and Happy. Ken Sizemore  
photo.*



*Irene, Mitch and Kyong McKibbin.  
Ken Sizemore photo.*



*Jim presents M.J. with his special  
award. Dicie Sizemore photo.*



*Terry and Beverly Major. Ken Sizemore  
photo.*



*Above: Andrea McKibbin won TT  
Class Q. Below: Pat and Christina.  
Both Ken Sizemore photos.*



*Sheila and Chris. Dicie Sizemore photo.*





*Terry Watson, Dennis Fibrow, Terry Major and Rich Mathias show off their trophies. M.J. Kutkus photo.*



*That winning McKibbin Clan! Mitch, Andrea, and Mike show their gold, Irene in front. Ken Sizemore photo.*



*Above: Paul, Adrienne and Randy have some laughs at the bar. Below: our excellent photographers Ken and Dicie Sizemore. Both photos by M.J. Kutkus.*



*Jordan, Monique, Val and M.J. Dicie Sizemore photo.*



# 2012 Year-End Awards, TT and Race

## Time Trials Alfa

Class	Pos'n	Name	Car	Points
A	1	Manuel Minassian	GTV	18

## Time Trials Non-Alfa

Class	Pos'n	Name	Car	Points
M	1	Roy Tsaugawa	Corvette	13
P	1	Robert Russell	240Z	13
P	2	John Fedele	Miata	12
Q	1	Andrea McKibbin	MR2	18

## Alfa Cup

Class	Pos'n	Name	Car	Points
Group ABZ	1	Doug Bender	Sprint GT	10
Group CDEF	1	Bruce Colby	Sprint GT	15
Group CDEF	3	Norm Silverman	Guilia Ti	7

## Non-Alfa Race

Class	Pos'n	Name	Car	Points
L	1	Jeff Ross	Factory 5	18
M	1	Mike McKibbin	Mustang	18
N	1	Donald Wagner	Mustang	18
N	2	Steve Hamilton	Mustang	18
O	1	Greg Nelson	RX7	42
O	2	Tony Presto	RX7	34
P	1	Mitch McKibbin	Miata	22
P	2	Rich Mathias	Miata	15
Q	1	Dennis Fibrow	MR2	36
Q	2	Terry Major	MR2	31

# "We Ran Great, Until We Didn't!"

All photos by Mike McKibbin



*A collection of Alfas under the watchful eyes of Santo Rimicci.*

## Season-Opener at Willow Springs was a Shakedown Cruise for Many

The nights were freezing, but we could not ask for better days for racing and time trials, with temperatures in the mid-50s to mid-60s and clear skies. A new event format was introduced this year in which points are now awarded daily, rather than the entire weekend being considered as one event.

A beautiful weekend, however, did not necessarily mean a trouble-free one.

Perhaps it was a bad omen when we fired up our Mustang GT and backed it out of the trailer to discover a couple of freeze plugs on the trailer floor. These are the kind of parts you don't think you will ever need, and most of the morning was spent trying to round up a set. Also, Don Wagner had tire issues through most of the weekend and eventually DNF'd. It was great to see Todd McNall and Emilio Valsecchi return after a long absence with a new race car, John Purdy's 1971 Datsun 240Z, which ran great until it didn't. Joe Cobb

had battery issues from the time he arrived. Gil Rios made a couple of laps in his Porsche 914-6, before it called it quits. Mike Mulligan lost an alternator on the apex of Turn 4 during Saturday's qualifying race (how does one do that?), and Dennis Fibrow lost a rear main seal in the MR2.

One of the most reliable cars in our club is Beverly Major's MR2, which



*Emilio Valsecchi racing his ex-John Purdy 240Z*

developed unexplained overheating issues almost immediately on Saturday morning, and they persisted throughout the entire weekend. Chivalrous husband Terry gave Bev his car for the final race Sunday, then soldiered around in her car during Sunday's race at freeway speeds.

Perhaps the character of this Club is best defined, however, by the action of its members when one or more of us were facing adversity. The best example came Saturday night when a group of nearly 10 competitors surrounded and worked on Bev Major's car to discover and attempt repairs. Greg Nelson seemed to have been able to diagnose the overheating problem,



*Emilio Valsecchi and Todd McNall working on the 240Z.*

but no one seemed to be able to do anything about it. Greg, with whom I have had several heart-pounding races with over the years, also had his head under the hood of Big Dog, trying to help Rob Rhodes figure out a misbehaving Holley carburetor.

Yes, as usual, Big Dog had issues. Once the new freeze plugs were in place (getting them in was a joy), the carburetion issues began again, and the old problem of incinerating plug wires returned.



*Greg Nelson and Rob Rhodes with the "Big Dog."*

March 2013



*Craig Hillskemper's high powered M3.*

Speaking of Greg Nelson, both he and his car were flawless. He ran away and hid in both of Saturday's races, and on Sunday was only beaten by Craig Hillskemper's beautiful M3.

The consensus is that the best race in Alfa Club memory was the race for 6th place involving drivers Terry Watson, Terry Major, Dennis Fibrow,



*Jodi Fibrow keeping track of lap times and race positions.*

Richard Mathias, and Edmond Lo (they finished in that order), all of them finishing within a 1.2 second span. Terry Watson got a good start and was generally in front of this herd, which were swapping places with each other multiple times a lap. Whoever happened to be right behind Terry Watson would then take shots at him, although this generally resulted in some vulnerability to repeated attacks from behind. This melee went on from Lap 1 right down

to the checkered flag, and was truly memorable.

In time trial, it was good to see the return of Asa Keszek in his Mazda RX7, as well as Brad Gray, who took a first place Class O ribbon in Terry Watson's car. Brad took the chief starter, Billy, for a few laps to show him what it was like on the other side of the flags, and, in Brad's words, it got Billy excited.



*Dennis Fibrow, Andy Steben (1st Place TT ribbon) and Terry Watson.*

Andy Steben won Class Q both Saturday and Sunday in his Alfa Romeo, running a very nice 1:46. Also in this class was former Presidente Norm Silverman, who signed up his famous Alfa Romeo, but instead brought a red Ford Fiesta, bettering his best Saturday time by 6 seconds when he ran the street-legal car at 1:54 on Sunday.

Joe Cobb has had better luck with his Mustang since he started trailering



*Joe Cobbs (Mustang) and Andrew Petreas on the front straight.*



*Fastest time of day: Tim Lui in his Mazda RX8.*

to the track. Far too often in the past, he has driven the Mustang to the track, but ended up trailering it back, usually with the help of AAA. The car rewarded him with 1:41 and winning Class M.

The real head-turner, however, was Tim Lui, driving a Mazda RX8 in Class N. He ran a 1:36 on Sunday afternoon, which was not only a win in Class N, but also the fastest time of the weekend. In fact, the second



*Top Time of Day winner Tim Lui and Terry Watson.*

fastest time of the weekend was also a Class N car, Marten Schacht in his Porsche 993 with a 1:37.1. By contrast, the next fastest time was Craig Hillskemper's M3 in race group, which ran a 1:37.9.

In Sunday's race, I had a great time running with Greg Nelson. I caught him down the front straightaway, and

we ended up going through Turns 1, 2, and 3, side-by-side (my inside position on 3 finally gave me the advantage). Face it; Big Dog is a faster car. Then the engine started running a bit rough (probably the first plug wire to burn), and Greg was suddenly on my tail. He ended up getting around me, but he wasn't getting away either, and as I was planning my counter-attack instead of paying attention to the racetrack, I got unsmooth on the approach to Turn 9, snapped the car around 180° and sailed off backwards into the dirt. I got back on, made up a couple of the positions which had been lost, and probably lost power in another cylinder along the way. When I pulled back on the track, it was in front of brother Mitch and his Miata, who always frets about how he or his car is doing. He is a great driver, and on this weekend he won Class P on both Saturday and Sunday.

Great weekend. Good times. Wonderful people. Looking forward to the next event.

—Mike McKibbin and Beverly Major



*Mitch McKibbin on the front straight.*



*Terry Watson's rear tire after Saturday's race. Through steel cords and ballooning!*

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# TT and Race Result, Willow Springs International Raceway, January 19-20

## Open Race Overall Results, Jan. 19

No.	Name	Car	Class	Laps	Total Time	Best Time
29	Greg Nelson	RX7	O	12	20:29.395	01:39.737
99	Mitch McKibbin	Miata	P	12	20:40.681	01:40.678
166	Matt McFadden	Miata	TCRA	12	20:41.538	01:41.857
91	Rob Rhodes	Mustang	M	12	21:10.704	01:43.641
291	Terry Watson	RX7	O	12	21:13.876	01:44.314
10	Terry Major	MR2	Q	12	21:14.434	01:43.969
93	Edmond Lo	Civic	TCRA	12	21:14.623	01:43.915
48	Dennis Fibrow	MR2	Q	12	21:15.089	01:43.976
51	Richard Mathias	Miata	P	12	21:15.127	01:43.843
60	Donald Wagner	Mustang	N	12	21:53.02	01:46.097
681	Anthony Rimicci	GTV	O	4	21:28.263	01:42.506
18	Beverly Major	MR2	Q	4	DNF	01:49.64

## Open Race Overall Results, Jan. 20

No.	Name	Car	Class	Laps	Total Time	Best Time
39	Craig Hillskemper	BMW M3	M	12	31:00.478	01:39.975
29	Greg Nelson	RX7	O	12	31:15.832	01:38.857
112	Gary Joseph	Celica	TCRA	12	31:31.138	01:40.059
91	Mike McKibbin	Mustang	M	12	31:32.246	01:38.436
681	Anthony Rimicci	GTV	O	12	31:39.560	01:39.672
99	Mitch McKibbin	Miata	P	12	31:53.178	01:42.066
291	Terry Watson	RX7	O	12	31:54.802	01:41.615
93	Edmond Lo	Civic	TCRA	12	31:55.078	01:41.766
10	Beverly Major	MR2	Q	11	32:02.10	01:51.884
18	Terry Major	MR2	Q	10	31:35.110	01:54.727
51	Richard Mathias	Miata	P	10	28:53.634	01:42.786
906	Gil Rios	914	N	7	24:09.387	01:48.217
60	Donald Wagner	Mustang	N	2	15:16.319	01:51.192

## Time Trial Results, Jan. 19

Class	No.	Name	Car	Best Lap
<b>M</b>	9	Stephan Asseo	Mustang	01:41.701
	47	Joseph Cobbs		01:44.482
<b>N</b>	10	Marten Schacht		01:41.977
	672	Ray Chang		01:46.94
<b>O</b>	29	Bradley Gray	RX7	1:42.726
<b>P</b>	1	Mike Steben	GTV	01:47.305
	2	Fred Sirschein	Miata	01:58.547
<b>Q</b>	5	Andy Steben	GTV	01:47.633
	69	Brandon Adrian	GTV	01:51.524
	517	Manual Minassian	GTV	01:52.936
	9	Andrew Petreas	X1/9	01:55.488
	105	Norm Silverman	Fiesta	02:00.953

## Time Trial Results, Jan. 20

Class	No.	Name	Car	Best Lap
<b>M</b>	47	Joseph Cobbs	Mustang	01:41.900
	9	Stephen Asseo		01:42.177
<b>N</b>	11	Tim Lui	RX8	01:36.052
	10	Marten Schacht		01:37.114
	369	Sean Taing		01:46.185
<b>O</b>	29	Bradley Gray	RX7	1:42.726
	9	Arthur Zapf	Cayman	01:40.973
	13	Asa Keszek	RX7	01:47.033
	25	Frank Duran	Mustang	01:56.959
<b>P</b>	1	John Fedele	Miata	01:45.921
	2	Cory Fedele	Miata	01:46.313
	2	Fred Sirschein	Miata	01:59.417
<b>Q</b>	5	Andy Steben	GTV	01:46.853
	105	Norm Silverman	Fiesta	01:54.661



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## *Legacy License Plate Program Up and Running*

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The California DMV Legacy Plate program, under which you may secure black or blue vintage-look license plates to accurately replicate your classic Alfa's plates from its year of manufacture or sale, is now fully functional, with (at least these) two ways to procure replica plates.

First, the appropriate DMV site – <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/legacyplates/index.htm> – is up and available for use. There are no fees charged, except the purchase of plates.

Second, an enterprising bunch of guys in the S.F.V. have established a one-stop shop. ON-SITE (a business partner with the DMV) can order

the plates for you, and provide other special services. Their contact info online is [www.cadmvapproved.com](http://www.cadmvapproved.com), or by telephone at 855-4MY-TAGS.

The backstory: This past fall, legislation (AB 1658, authored by Los Angeles assemblyman Mike Gatto) became law, establishing the California Legacy License Plate Program. The law requires at least 2,500 paid applications be received by the DMV on or before January 1, 2014 or 7,500 orders. The initial issuance of your plates will cost \$50; renewals \$40.

It's a cool deal; another fun reason to be a classic car owner in California.

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### *In Memoriam: David Herting*

A long time Alfa enthusiast and member of the AROC Southern California and San Diego Chapters passed away on January 24, 2013 while in hospice care in San Diego. He is survived by his loving and caring wife Erika and his two daughters.

He was a graduate of Cal Tech and was known for his vibrational analysis of brake systems as well as participating in the Apollo space program.

His first Alfa was a 1900, and over the years had many other Alfas. Dave and Erika have participated consistently for many years in track events put on by the AROSC chapter racing an Alfetta sedan and a red GT Junior. His enthusiasm for sporting cars has been long standing. He did have to make a concession once when he decided to buy a Sunbeam Tiger instead of a Cobra, as Erika insisted on a car with roll up windows and a roof. His most recent Alfa was a 2600 convertible, which he and Erika dubbed "Brutus."

Erika and Dave hosted Alfisti from both chapters at their home when driving tours were in the Fallbrook area. He will be missed. – Ed Aenlle



*Dave, having a look, and how I'll always remember him. Bruce Colby photo.*



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It's not a Club event, and it falls between the HB Concours and the Buttonwillow track weekend, but if Huntington Beach is a trek for you



*Bianchina at the 2012 Motor Classic*

and you don't do track stuff, this event in a very pretty park could be just the thing. Please note that you *must* sign up by May 19th!

The best part is that a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Pasadena Humane Society, Rotary Club of San Marino and the Petersen Automotive Museum.

– Will Owen,  
*words & pictures*



*Porsche RS in the Porsche Corral at the 2012 Motor Classic*

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### *April*

27 Spring Day Drive: Angeles Crest Highway from west to east, weather permitting. Lunch in Wrightwood.

### *May*

4-5 Time Trial and Race, Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Desert Center.  
19 Spaghetti Cookoff, Pool Party and General Meeting, Chatsworth.

### *June*

2 Huntington Beach Concours and Club Concours #2, Central Park, HB.  
9 San Marino Motor Classic, Lacy Park, San Marino.  
15-16 Time Trial, Race and Enduro, Buttonwillow  
29 or 30 Alfapalooza, Long Beach.