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Our Cover This Month

Top: Concours winners proudly display their awards at the 2015 Annual Meeting and Banquet; see the story beginning on page 12. Photo by Sheila Kutkus.

Bottom: Lunch stop at Carla's Route 62 Diner in Yucca Valley; more starting on page 22. Steve Edelman took this photo.

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

March 1 – Driving School, Streets of Willow.

March 22 – Reagan Library tour. More info on Page 10.

April 12 – La Jolla Concours. Non-Club event with Alfa Romeo classes. Details on Page 10, and at their website: www.lajollaconcours.com

April 24-26 – Wine Tour, San Luis Obispo area. See details on Page 10.

May 2-3 – DE, TT and Race, Chuckwalla.

May 17 – SoCal Shop Tour – TBD.

June 7 – Huntington Beach Concours, HB Central Park. This will not be a Club concours, but a number of members plan to attend and/or enter. Get info at hbconcours.org

June 28 – Franklin Canyon Reservoir Concours, Beverly Hills. Club Concours.



Note: Board of Directors meetings are generally held on the last Sunday of the month. Anyone with business to bring before the Board is requested to please contact Il Presidente Mike Riehle.



Al fresco refreshments at the Polo Grounds in Palm Springs. Enjoying the company and the lovely weather, clockwise from left, are Jan, Joyce's sister Ronda, Joyce, Doug, Chris and Chuck. Photo by Mike Riehle.

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

Took the Sprint out for a run to Harbor Freight the other day. (Camarillo is the original home of HF and it probably has the world's largest and best staffed HF store.) Afterward the darn car wouldn't start. Figured it was flooded and, sure enough, after the engine cooled down it started just fine. A few days later, I took it for another run, parked it in the garage and then tried to start it 20 minutes later. No joy. Pulled the plugs and, guess what, the plugs were dry! Vapor lock is a common problem on the 750 cars, but unlikely since our car has an electric pump. So, I did a complete electrical tune-up – plugs, points, and condenser. Didn't find anything horribly wrong, but it seems to have solved the problem. While I was at it, I shimmed the distributor to limit the total spark advance to 40 degrees to keep it from pinging when going up long grades.

The February AROSC Palm Springs weekend was delightful even though there was no car show. We certainly put our new board member, Fabio, to the test. As the coordinator for this particular event, he had to look for a hotel, work with Bonnie and Charlie and Doug and Joyce, and come up with ideas for things to do on Sunday. We started the weekend with lunch at Carla's Route 62 Diner in Yucca Valley, then made our way to the hotel in Indio to rest up for the party at Doug and Joyce's. We had a crowd of about 30 who had a great time, but no one guessed the mystery wines since Doug snuck in a little known Italian wine. Even our resident

Italians, Fabio and Alessandra, were scratching their heads, and that was after Doug unveiled the bottle! By the way, Doug's 1959 100-4 is running again and is about to receive its proper Healey blue color coat. It has been off the road for several years, and it was great to see that the body work was finished and to hear it run.

Sunday was confusing, but it all worked out for the best. We breakfasted at the hotel and then headed over to Stan Deller's for a garage tour. Stan had his cars all lined up and the red carpet rolled out. I had seen his lovely Giulia Super the month before, but it was new eye candy to everyone else. Stan has a very nice home with a pool and several fruit trees including orange, tangelo and grapefruit trees. Advance word must have leaked because a few people came prepared with bags for the booty. From there, some of us went to watch polo, some went downtown to catch the tail of Modernist Week, and some headed home. Lots of people including me were taking pictures, so look for a few in this issue.

Next month brings up the Driving School at the Streets of Willow and our guided tour of the Reagan Library. I expect the Driving School will be over by the time you read this, but there will still be time to make it to the Reagan Library. Dust off your Alfa and drive it to the event to get in the preferred parking section. Then, feel free to hang out, tour the cars on loan from the Petersen, or just see the regular exhibits.

April is the Wine Tour. This is

one of our big events and I encourage you all to attend. If you just do competition events and don't have an Alfa, that's okay. Offer to haul back a case of wine or two for someone in a two-seater and you will be fondly remembered forever. Try to get up to the hotel Friday night for the informal potluck if you can; this has become so popular that most Wine Tour participants do attend. The actual wine tour begins on Saturday. We generally hit a few wineries and then head back to the hotel to freshen up for the dinner. Only the hardcore few hit them all.

The really hardcore can continue wine tasting on Sunday.

If wine isn't your thing, consider the La Jolla Concours D'Elegance. I haven't been, but this is a well known event and Jay Mackro assures me that they have a designated class for Alfas. See Jay's announcement on page 10.

"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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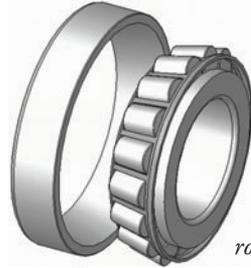
The Tech Guy ... *Bearing in Mind*

One of the joys of owning older cars is that we can work on them. With no fancy electronics involved almost everything can be handled with a few simple tools. The current crop of newer cars require a shop full of computers and diagnostic tools to do even the simplest diagnosis and repair. The added safety, efficiency and reliability of modern cars has come at a cost; what were once lively mechanical beasts are now appliances to be used and then thrown away.

With that in mind this month I plan to talk about wheel bearings, particularly front wheel bearings. Modern cars still have wheel bearings but they have become fully sealed sub-assemblies, remove-and-replace items, but our older Alfas use tapered roller bearings that required periodic servicing.

A tapered roller bearing is a bearing where the inner race and outer race are matching cone shaped with cylindrical rollers held in a cage between the two races. The rollers are usually attached to the inner race by means of a cage and collectively referred to as

the inner race. Tapered roller bearings handle axial (in-out) loads better than a straight roller or ball bearing. However tapered roller bearings have to be used in pairs and have to be adjusted

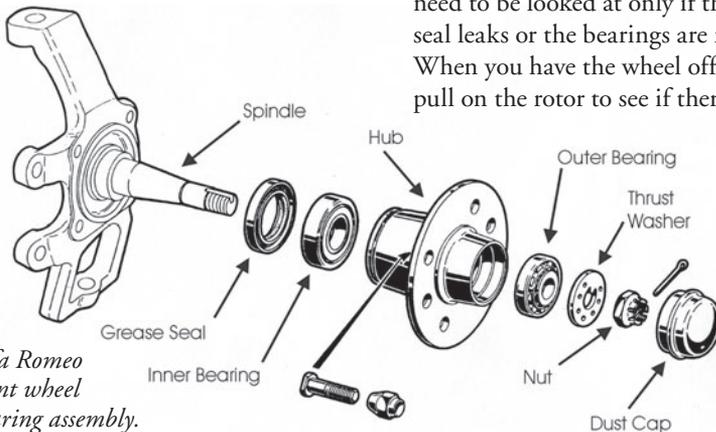


Tapered roller bearing.

properly for the right combination of end play and preload.

What are end play and preload? End play is the in and out movement of the hub along the direction of the spindle shaft. Preload is the amount of pressure of the cone race against the rollers. Normally you want the end play to be near zero and the preload to be near the minimum. Excessive end play will cause the wheel to wobble and damage the bearings. Excessive preload will cause the bearings to run too hot and shorten their life.

In most cases the wheel bearings need to be looked at only if the grease seal leaks or the bearings are noisy. When you have the wheel off you can pull on the rotor to see if there is any



Alfa Romeo front wheel bearing assembly.

in and out movement. If so, the bearings need to be at least adjusted. On our Alfas the wheel bearing assembly consists of a grease seal, the inner bearing, the outer bearing, a thrust washer, a nut to hold it all together and a dust cap to keep it clean.

There are lots of videos on YouTube.com that show how to grease and replace front wheel bearings, and a video is worth more than I can write. And even if your only problem is a bad grease seal you should choose to replace the bearings also. It is only about \$50 per side, and if the grease seal has failed the bearings probably have a lot of wear on them too.

After you get the bearings greased and the hub back on the spindle you need to turn the nut to adjust the end play and preload. You should spin the hub as you tighten the nut to insure the bearings are all set correctly. I

usually tighten the nut down snug to seat everything and then loosen the nut until I can just move the thrust washer. Then move the nut so that the nearest slot lines up with the pin hole in the spindle. Put in a new cotter pin and bend the ends over, tap on the dust cap, replace the rotor, caliper and wheel and you're all done.

If you're only checking the bearings you can just pop the dust cap, slacken and re-tighten the nut and put the dust cap back on. No need to remove the brakes and hub.

Most people never need to worry about wheel bearings, but the older the car the more likely it is. Replacing wheel bearings is a job that any good do-it-yourselfer can do with just a few hand tools. And a pair of gloves, of course; it is a little messy.

— Gene Brown



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Come Drive With Us!

Visit the Reagan on March 22

Our day at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum Starts at 9AM when parking for AROSC members will be available at the Staff parking lot on Presidential Drive, Simi Valley, California 93065 Admission is \$16 per adult, \$13 per 62+ Senior. Our tour is scheduled to begin at 10AM; prompt arrival is important. Club member and Petersen docent Gene Brown will conduct the Petersen car exhibit portion of the tour. Lunch will be at around 12:30PM at the Reagan Country Cafe on-site.

After lunch Norm and Evie Silverman will lead a Canyon Run back to Casa Silverman for an afternoon of interesting wines, beers and cheeses. Depending on time, the route may include from one to three of the following canyons: Black Canyon, Box Canyon and, for sure, Santa Susana Pass.



Tour SLO Vineyards April 24-26

The AROSC Annual Wine Tour is set for Spring! Join us April 24-26 in the beautiful San Luis Obispo area. Mark your calendars and make your hotel reservations now by calling: Best Western – Casa Grande Inn, 805.481.7398. We have a special group rate, so be sure to say “Alfa Romeo / AROSC” when you book your room. For more info, contact Margi at margibrown23@gmail.com

Alfa Romeo Featured at the 2015 La Jolla Concours

This year’s La Jolla Concours includes a class for 1954-1965 Alfa Romeo Spiders and Coupes. The class for pre-1976 Italian sports cars could accommodate later Alfas. They are seeking show-quality Alfas, primarily Giuliettas and Giulias.

The concours will be held on Sunday, April 12th at Scripps Park above La Jolla Cove. This fine event has expanded into a three day car festival; besides the Sunday concours, there’s a tour on Saturday plus Friday and Saturday evening receptions. More information is available at: www.lajollaconcours.com

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We honor our winners!



Alfredo Garcias was again the perfect venue for our annual prizegiving. Sheila Kutkus photo.

Our Annual Meeting was a lot of fun for people from both the Competition and Social sides of the club, with more than 50 members and guests in attendance.

We were served a fine Italian buffet in the spacious dining room of Alfredo Garcias restaurant in Palos Verdes. After our very enjoyable meal, Il Presidente Mike Riehle welcomed everyone, thanked Sheila and MJ for making the arrangements and introduced the 2015 Board, including our newest member, native Italian Fabio Trave.

Concours Chair Jeff Srinivasan, assisted by his wife Margaret, then took the stage to present the year-end awards to the 2014 Concours winners in four categories. Hector Vasquez, Mike Riehle, Bob Russell (accepting

for Art, who was injured in a bicycle accident), and Norm and Evie Silverman were on hand to accept their trophies.

Filling in for Competition Director Terry Watson, Dennis Fibrow, assisted by Terry Major, conducted a lively year-end Competition Award presentation. Rich Mathias, Beverly Major, Roy Tsugawa, Jeremy Cottrell and Terry Major were present to collect their awards. The complete list of winners in the Concours, Time Trial and Race classes is on page 15.

A very surprised Jodi Fibrow was the recipient of the coveted Charlie Cup this year. Terry Major, in presenting the cup, reviewed the outstanding effort Jodi has made toward the success of our Competition program over the past several years.



Charlie Cup winner Jodi Fibrow. Dicie Sizemore photo.

The Charlie Cup is given in fond remembrance of Charlie Thieriot, the man who dedicated much time and effort to get our Time Trial and Race program started 40 years ago, and kept it running long after that.

After the ceremony, Mike briefly reviewed our calendar of events for the next few months. Norm re-capped the benefits of attending the world famous AROSC Driving School, and Sheila brought the event to a close with the drawing of door prizes.

It was a great afternoon, and we hope to see you at our race and concours competitions in the coming months! — *M.J. and Sheila Kutkus*



Alessandra and Fabio help us with all things Italian. Ken Sizemore photo.



Our Comp emcees/presenters Dennis and Terry are also winners, and Terry got a trophy. Ken Sizemore photo.



Bonnie and Adrienne. Dicie Sizemore photo.



First Lady and Il Presidente, Chris and Mike. Ken Sizemore photo.



Val and Monique brought their beautiful 2000 Touring Spider to many events in 2014. Ken Sizemore photo.



Concours Director Jeff Srinivasan. Ken Sizemore photo.



Cindy and Jerry have returned to the Club to continue enjoying their love of Alfa Romeos. Ken Sizemore photo.



Event Organizer Supreme Sheila does the Door Prize honors. Dicie Sizemore photo.

Participation in 2014's three Club Concours events was strong, and awards given in four classes: Open, Closed, Daily Driver and Race Prepared. The winners were determined by totaling each entry's points earned across all three judged events. Points were determined by a panel of judges, each of whom judged all the entries in each class they judged, ensuring consistent scoring. The class-winning Alfas spanned almost 20 years of Italian beauty and technology, with close competition in both the Daily Driver and Open Classes. Special mentions go to the Best of Show winners at the individual events: Mike Riehle and Chris Burke's Sprint and Art Russell's Giulia Spider (twice!). For this year we have at least two Club Concours planned, with the first at the Highway Earth Car Show on Sunday, June 28th. Please consider entering your Alfa even if it's not perfect; we know you love it and we want to see it on the show field in 2015! If you'd like to join our growing judging ranks (no experience is needed!), an email to info@arosc.org is all that is required to participate. — Jeff Srinivasan

2014 CONCOURS AWARDS

NAME	CAR	CLASS	PLACE
Hector Vasquez	1974 GTV America	Race Prepared	1st
Mike Riehle & Chris Burke	1959 Sprint	Closed	1st
Pat & Cindy Terrise 1	978 Spider Veloce	Daily Driver	1st
Chuck & Jayne Meschter	1967 GTV	Daily Driver	2nd
Art Russell	1963 Giulia Spider	Open	1st
Norm & Evie Silverman	1965 Giulia Spider Veloce	Open	2nd

2014 RACE & TT AWARDS

TIME TRIALS	Award	Name	Car
Class L	2nd	Greg Rich	Mustang
Class M	1st	Roy Tsugawa	Corvette
Class N	1st	Frank Gussman	Porsche
Class P	1st	Jeremy Cottrell	Miata
Class P	2nd	Jimmy Riodan	Mazda
Class Q	1st	Andy Steben	GTV
Class Q	2nd	Mike Steben	GTV
Class Q	3rd	Chris Levalle	Miata
RACE	Pos	Name	Car
Class O	1st	Greg Nelson	RX7
Class O	2nd	Gary Glazier	BMW
Class O	3rd	Terry Watson	RX7
Class P	1st	Chris Mayring	Miata
Class P	2nd	Phil Guiral	Miata
Class P	3rd	John Fedele	Miata
Class Q	1st	Terry Major	MR2/Miata
Class Q	2nd	Beverly Major	MR2
ASM	1st	Richard Mathias	Miata



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January Willow Springs Race Weekend



Alfa-Only Run Group on the big track at Willow Springs. All photos by Terry Watson.

AROSC's 2015 January Willow Weekend started early Saturday morning at a clear, crisp 40 degrees, which warmed up to a comfortable 70 as the day progressed, and which lasted throughout the weekend.

It looks like the Blankenship effort last year carried over to this year, bringing lots of Alfas and creating a size of group we have not seen in a while. One treat was the newly purchased Alfa 4C brought by the Russells, plus one other, as well as an Alfa 8C. These cool new cars, and a schedule that included daily Alfa Only Run Groups (15 in the group) helped bring them out! Another treat was the debut of the Bruce Colby Project Car. The 914 looked the part of a very beautiful and FAST race car when it took to the track.

We got some great help from Asa Keszek assisting Mike E with gridding and other necessary items. Our new phenom, "Mad Max Mitch" McKibbin, put quite a spin on our normal weekend activities by announcing the lineups for TT and Race, as well as giving his all with live, from-the-booth, race commentary. His talent

is indisputable and his words add hot sauce to the jalapenos!

Our normal camp area moved to the Turn 1 side of things as there was plentiful electricity for the motorhomes, chargers and Chili Fest crockpots! After all, we have priorities.

Sun Spot Saturday Racing

Saturday's Open Race was a big event. Wow: 25 cars! And, we finally had a truly world-class pace car in the beautiful Alfa 4C. The start happened twice, for half the field! Did he wave a yellow or a green, or a green and a yellow? I don't know, but I started when the starter waved the flag. From mid-pack and back it was a go, until I lightly tagged a swerving green Miata, putting me into the dirt just before start/finish. It seems there were multiple people in the dirt at the start due to the front pack going slower than the back. We solved this flag problem later and I am sure it won't happen that way again!

My race start was not as good as the waving yellow start, but I had a darn good time until the 10th or 11th lap. I was gaining substantially on Rich and

Dennis through Turn 8. We knew throughout the race the sun was going to be a problem, and halfway through it certainly was! Okay, Turn 8 flat, Dennis' car lengths in front of me, Rich directly in front of Dennis. Just before Turn 9, right when the sun was hitting my eyes, I saw a puff of smoke down low in front of me. I tried to adjust, noticed Dennis' MR2 cutting to the inside just before apex and Rich's Miata perpendicular to the track behind a wall of tire smoke. He was spinning and I could not tell if he was going inside or outside. Going too fast to think, instinct edged me left onto the dirt, missing the front headlight



4C and 8C, together at last!

of Rich's spinning Miata by inches. Later on video I could not believe we did not have head-on contact. My car continued toward the green outside wall of Turn 9. I was trying to slightly rotate the car to the right but steering doesn't work too good out there. I hit the new hay bales at about a 30 degree angle, launched the car over the hay bale in to the small ditch, before the hill climbs to the green wall. I got lucky, drove the car to the hot pits (it wasn't steering too good, and a lot of tire rub/noise etc). This was a true racing incident. No one to blame, but plenty to learn.

The rest of the race was special for many. Glen in the Formula Mazda finished 10 seconds ahead of the field.



Bruce Colby Project 914 on the grid.

Bryan S and Gary G had an epic BMW battle royal, then the Boxster of Thomas S, a ways back. Next, Chris, Greg and Tony stayed within 10 seconds of each other in their Miatas. John F and Edmond L had the Pac Rim battle with a Miata and a CRX within 1 half a second of each other, Phil's Miata followed by 2 Mustangs, Robert R and Joe C. More Pac Rim coming, Dennis F MR2, John and Jorge in Miatas followed by Vince (Welcome Back) Rinner's Mustang. Then Rich M and Dan W in Miatas. There is Nigel in the Boxster, Jeremy C in the Miata and Beverly M following in a 3rd and 4th gearless MR-2. That was Saturday's Race. Let's do it again tomorrow!

Saturday Night was your typical Oak Hills Brewery Beer Fest, except



That Formula Mazda in the paddock.

we didn't have any cups. Thanks again to Jerry and John of Oak Hills Brewery for brewing and supplying the keg. When the cups showed up, the bench racing started, and the beer disappeared. Everybody was complimentary about the liquid refreshment that came with a bowl of chili and a Beverly Major birthday cake. Thanks also to Jodi Fibrow for preparing the Saturday Night Chili Fest.

Attrition Reduces the Sunday Field

Sunday's Open Race had half the cars as attrition precluded many of Saturday's entries from continuing. Sunday's race took place two hours earlier than Saturday, resulting from the race director holding a vote on the subject of getting the sun out of the race. Glenn's Formula Mazda cleaned house with Nigel (Boxster), Gary (BMW), Chris, Greg, Phil, Tony, John F, Jorge, John A, (Miatas), Joe Cobb (Mustang), Dan (Miata), Dennis (MR2), Jeremy (Miata) following. It was impossible not to stay glued to the battles. Mitch gave great commentary on the Chris Mayring/Greg Nelson monumental start-to-finish battle for the ages. At the end of that race,

they were looking for each other's paint on their cars. The Phil Guiral/Tony Presto battle was the same. They swapped and raced, swapped and raced. The next great battle was John Fedele and Jorge Mazlumian. These two had a race-long battle which ended with one needing a shower for himself and his car, as the Turn 9 dirt struck again in the twilight of this race. Too bad Jorge had to stick his head out the window to see, but it sure was entertaining. Dennis had a little sputtering trouble but finished and Jeremy Cottrell finished his first AROSC-sanctioned race. Congratulations RACERS, well done!

Keep in mind, AROSC picked up some extra charger operated AMB transponders. If you are looking to purchase a transponder please call Dennis or Jodi Fibrow for details and reasonable pricing.

We want to thank all AROSC competitors, volunteers, and Directors, as well as all entries from AROSC, Santos, Raceline and Track HQ for another great weekend!

– Terry "Sunny" Major, with a little help from my friends



AROSC Time Trial
Willow Springs - January 17, 2015

Class	No.	Name	Car	Best Lap
L	10	Michael Sorbian	M3	01:34.645
	55	Chris Tallon	GT3	01:35.548
	65	Matthew Rogers	GT3	01:47.007
M	111	Roy Tsugawa	Corvette	01:38.561
		Michael McKibbin	Mustang	01:39.530
N	71	Erwin Perl	996	01:56.217
	9	John Handel	M3	01:28.867
	619	Tom Chen	911	01:36.130
O	4	Robert Russell	4C	01:41.472
	68	Fabrizio Rimicci	Giulia Super	01:41.631
	681	Anthony Rimicci	GT	01:42.500
	7	Chuck Miller	911	01:46.295
	1	Dylan Rundle	350Z	01:50.470
	44	Mario Cano	NSX	01:54.294
	73	Steven Cooke	GTV	01:55.033
P	126	Pilun Chen	MR2	01:36.813
	50	Terry Murphy	Mustang	01:43.400
	11	Kirk Lewis	Milano Verde	01:43.690
	9	Alvin Isidro	Fiat 500	01:43.966
	70	Manuel Minassian	Giulia Super	01:46.038
Q	17	Doug Bender	Sprint	01:46.212
	47	Briggs	Mustang	01:49.254
	76	Jimmy Riordan	Protege	01:44.418
	682	Giafranco Masdea	GTV	01:44.605
	176	Stephen Lennartz	Protege	01:45.916
	66	Art Russell	GTV	01:46.949
	333	Erin Kennelly	GTV	01:50.264
R	33	Afshin Behnia	Giulia Ti	01:51.711
	102	Brandon Adrian	GTA	01:55.511
	5	Andy Steben	GTV	01:45.932
	1	Mike Steben	GTV	01:50.117
	105	Norm Silverman	Giulia	01:56.237
	2	Fred Firschein	Civic	02:04.591

AROSC Time Trial
Willow Springs - January 18, 2015

Class	No.	Name	Car	Best Lap
M	579	Alex Simovich	997	01:45.388
N	2	Jason Kim		01:38.493
	681	Anthony Rimicci	GT	01:40.888
O	672	Ray Chang	964	01:47.653
	44	Mario Cano	NSX	01:50.852
	836	Melvin Dea	Boxster	01:50.905
	42	Edward Lichstein	911	01:44.630
P	17	Doug Bender	Sprint	01:44.656
	44	Hector Vazquez	GTV	01:46.640
	682	Giafranco Masdea	GTV	01:42.074
Q	102	Brandon Adrian	GTA	01:42.445
	66	Art Russell	GTV	01:47.019
	5	Andy Steben	GTV	01:46.681
	1	Mike Steben	GTV	01:51.484

**AROSC Open Race Overall
Willow Springs - JANUARY 17, 2015**

Pos	In	No.	Name	Car	Class	Laps	Total Tm	Best Tm
OA	Class							
1	1	30	Glenn Bjorkman	Formula Mazda	K	12	19:16.632	01:32.807
2	1	28	Bryan Shelby	BMW M3	N	12	19:29.517	01:33.663
3	1	325	Gary Glazier	BMW 325i	O	12	19:30.678	01:34.819
4	2	254	Thomas Stone	Porsche Boxster	N	12	20:05.679	01:37.816
5	1	4	Chris Mayring	Mazda Miata	P	12	20:09.929	01:38.955
6	2	666	Greg Nelson	Mazda Miata	P	12	20:17.014	01:39.881
7	3	88	Tony Presto	Mazda Miata	P	12	20:21.632	01:40.238
8	2	8	Adam Gershon	Mazda RX7	O	12	20:34.549	01:40.459
9	4	112	Gary Joseph	Toyota Celica	P	12	20:44.261	01:40.368
10	5	44	John Fedeale	Mazda Miata	P	12	20:54.779	01:41.513

**AROSC Open Race Overall
Willow Springs - January 18, 2015**

Pos	In	No.	Name	Car	Class	Laps	Total Tm	Best Tm
OA	Class							
1	1	30	Glenn Bjorkman	Formula Mazda	K	12	19:08.290	01:31.774
2	1	705	Nigel Maidment	Porsche Boxter	N	12	19:24.037	01:35.212
3	1	325	Gary Glazier	BMW 325	O	12	19:29.847	01:35.216
4	1	4	Chris Mayring	Mazda Miata	P	12	19:58.304	01:38.692
5	2	666	Greg Nelson	Mazda Miata	P	12	19:58.628	01:38.479
6	3	8	Phil Guiral	Mazda Miata	P	12	20:23.854	01:40.518
7	4	88	Tony Presto	Mazda Miata	P	12	20:24.352	01:40.579
8	5	44	John Fedeale	Mazda Miata	P	12	20:40.374	01:41.777
9	6	176	Jorge Mazlumian	Mazda Miata	P	12	21:20.104	01:41.456
10	2	183	John Adams	Mazda Miata	O	11	19:24.745	01:44.047

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AROSC Season Opener in Palm Springs – Fun in the Sun



Sweeping scenic vista on Route 62. Another painterly piece from Steve Edelman.

The first adventure on the 2015 AROSC calendar brought together a nice group of Alfisti for chatting, wine tasting and eating – all flavored by the light-filled atmosphere that materializes when a bunch of happy people meet. Unfortunately, not many of our classic Alfas were on hand since the traditional concours was not held this year and a few Giulias and Giuliettas were left to sleep at home. But not their owners!

The weekend kicked off at noon on Saturday in Yucca Valley, where comfortable warm weather welcomed 20 people as they gathered at Carla's Route 62 Diner, another detour from the tradition of the lunch at the Schwartz's house in Joshua Tree. Orders were quickly filled, and conversations across tables made the two-hour lunch disappear in the blink of an eye.

The headquarters hotel was also a break from the past. Due to the events

associated with the Modernism Week in Palm Springs, most rooms were already sold out by the end of last year, so we checked in at the Quality Inn & Suites in Indio, reached after a pleasant 40-minute drive from Yucca Valley. The subsequent couple of hours before moving to La Quinta for dinner at the McHattie's were individually filled with either relaxing on site, or some light activity, such as visiting the Palm Springs Art Museum that hosts important creations,



Our lunch bunch chowing down at Carla's. Steve Edelman photo.



Who says there was no car show? A nice array at Carla's. This one is by Fabio Trave.

among which was a head sculpture by Modigliani (another piece of art from Italy, to pair with Alfa Romeo).

By 6PM about 30 Alfisti were happily browsing around Joyce and

happily consumed, many clustered around Doug's Austin Healey, with body still in the making. While the engine was on, its sexy sound



Alessandra, Pat and Bruce at Carla's. Fabio Trave photo.

Doug McHattie's beautiful Italian-flagged home, ready to compete in a wine-tasting game: two white and two red to be rated, with the challenge to guess the country of origin.

Thereafter, as grilled shrimp and the famous Doug Burgers were being



The famous Dougburger! Below, hungry Alfisti gather for dinner. Steve Edelman photos.





Doug's Healey 100-4 project gets the gearheads' inspection and discussion. Below, the dinner was pretty good too! Steve Edelman photos.



drowned all talk in the garage. The evening ended with a loud round of "Happy Birthday" and cake for Norm.

Sunday morning was nice and sunny again, and a crowd of about 20 Alfisti reconvened at Stan's garage between 9 and 9:30AM. We had a second breakfast – the first at the Indio having been quite a challenge for seats, as the hotel was full and almost every guest showed up at the same time – then hung out in Stan's backyard with trees literally full of oranges, grapefruit and huge lemons. A recipe of limoncello was shared, to allow us to make complete use of such



Alessandra and giant lemons. Mike Riehle photo.

beautiful fruit, including their skins. Eventually many moved on to discuss the Alfa Romeo sitting in the garage, the ethereal white Giulia Super with original sunroof!

The group disbanded at about 11AM, with some joining Joyce and Doug to watch polo matches, others driving in to downtown Palm Springs

to check out events of the week, and a few to make their way back home.

Left to our own devices, we devised an independent Alfa event on the coattails of Palm Springs Modernism Week and survived, happily. Same time next year? — *Fabio Trave*



Above, cutting up on Stan's back patio are Fabio, Alessandra, Steve and Bruce. Mike Riehle photo. Left, getting ready to leave Stan's. Steve Edelman photo.

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Our 2015 Calendar of Events

<p><i>March</i></p> <p>1 Driving School, Streets of Willow. 22 Reagan Library tour.</p>	<p><i>April</i></p> <p>12-La Jolla Concours (Non-Club event) 24-26 Wine Tour, SLO area.</p>	<p><i>May</i></p> <p>2-3 DE, TT and Race, Chuckwalla 17 S0-Cal Shop Tour – TBD.</p>	<p><i>June</i></p> <p>7- Huntington Beach Concours, HB Central Park. Not a Club concours, but a number of members plan to attend. 28 Franklin Canyon Reservoir Concours, Beverly Hills. AROSC Club Concours.</p>
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