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Our Cover This Month

Our Club Concours #2 is the centerpiece of Turnout #3 at Franklin Canyon Park, in the third annual Highway Earth Classic Car Show. See who won on pages 12-15. David Waelder photo. Bottom: A hot time was had by all at Buttonwillow, with an excellent Race Group turnout. More details in the story on pages 16-17. Photo courtesy Terry Watson.

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

July 23 – Summer Day Drive, Angeles Crest/Hwy. 2 to Wrightwood. See adflyer on page 10.

August 7 – Summer Party and General Meeting at the Cline's, Fountain Valley. See details on page 11

August 15-21 – Monterey Weekend. See pages 22-23 for info.

September 10-11 – DE, TT & Race, Willow Springs.

September 17-18 – Coronado Speed Festival and post-race dinner. Info on page 21.

October ? – Club Concours #3, TBD.

October 14-16 – Wine Tour, San Diego County. Save the Date info, page 21.



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.



The Morgan firm in England built three-wheeled cars from 1911 until 1952. They have lately been making motorcycle-engined three-wheelers reminiscent of the hairy little beasts of their Golden Age, though (mercifully!) with modern engines and electrics. This one was photographed at Highway Earth by David Waelder.

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

Chris and I made it to Franklin Canyon Park for Highway Earth and our second 2016 Club Concours, but just barely. We foolishly assumed we remembered exactly where it was.

After an early morning run through Laurel Canyon, we realized we were in the wrong canyon and fished out the directions. So much for setting a good example by being early. At least Laurel Canyon was fun.

We had a good turnout, including three 4Cs. At this rate, Jeff might have to start putting them in their own class. Mel, one of the 4C owners, and I talked for quite a while. Turns out he also has a 1965 Spider in the restoration shop. Seeing two 1965 Spider Veloces (mine and Norm Silverman's) side by side was his idea of serious research candy. We had two very nice race cars parked side by side. A big thank you to Jeff for a job well done! And, if you have ever wondered how your car was judged, Jeff would love to teach you how to be a judge. We normally judge in teams of two, which makes it easy for beginning volunteers to learn the ropes.

Evan Klein, organizer of this event, is an Alfa guy and has owned a spider for many years. I'm sure you all know that ALFA stands for Always Looking for Another. Evan must have the bug, since he has now acquired a Giulia Super and restored it to its former glory. That fresh coat of maroon paint is just a bit unusual, and looks simply fantastic.

Franklin Canyon Park was plenty warm, but not as hot as last year. We worried because the trip home though

the Valley can be brutal, and it was. Chris and I melted, but the Spider's temperature gauge held steady. The spider has developed one problem: a little oil is showing in the coolant. The engine was rebuilt about 30 years ago, so I expect the O-rings around the high-pressure oil feeds to the cams have deteriorated and the head will have to come off. More about that next month.

July 23rd is the Summer Day Drive up the Angeles Crest Highway ending with lunch in Wrightwood. Steve Edelman is the event organizer and his flyer appears on page 10. Wrightwood is a bit far from home for us, so we have made plans to stay the night and have a leisurely drive home on Sunday. I know a few others are of similar mind, and a local Alfisti will join us in the evening to swap Alfa experiences. If nothing else, we will all get together for dinner.

A mere two weeks later is the annual Summer Party and we are looking forward to a fine time in Chuck and Jan Cline's backyard in Fountain Valley. Not only is it a great event, but this year the Clines and the Silvermans can regale us with their recent experiences in Italy at Mille Miglia time. And don't forget the "Clean Out Your Garage" sale. Bring something. Alfa Romeo parts are always welcome, but other items such as home-grown eggs, fruits and vegetables are also well received. One year someone even donated a wine cooler! Sorry, the '67 GTV seats I bought last year are gone, but Chuck will offer up the '67 GTV bumpers that we forgot to sell last

year. Did you finish those Alfa books you bought last year? Bring them back and let someone else enjoy them. This event always seems to attract our seldom-seen members, past presidents, and others who personally remember much of our Chapter's history. More event details on page 11.

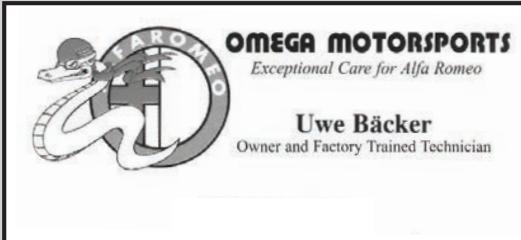
Who is going to Monterey? I hope everyone knows by now that the Historic Races and the Pebble Beach Concours aren't the only events that week. You can avoid the crowds and go to the pre-Historics. Chris and I especially like the Little Car Show in Pacific Grove. Concorso Italiano is on Saturday as is the Concours d'LeMons. Legends of the Autobahn should be extra big this year since BMW is the featured marque at the Historics. Oh, and I have lost track of how many auctions will be held.

In the midst of this cacophony of car activity Evie Silverman has organized the traditional AROSC dinner on Thursday night (see page 22 for more info).

It's not too soon to start thinking about the Coronado Speed Festival in San Diego. This year it is September 16-18 so mark your calendars. This event has been aptly described as the smaller, cheaper, less-crowded alternative to Monterey. Chris and I have gone the last two years and have enjoyed it immensely. If you do go, be sure and get a sticker for car club parking which will let you park right behind the grandstands.

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 & Chris



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The typical starter for an American V8 from the 1970s can weigh 20 or more pounds. Even the starters for the 4-cylinder Alfas can be heavy, something you know if you have ever changed one. The 2-liter Alfas went to a larger starter (1.1 kW vs. 0.7 kW) and added a third bolt to the starter mounting. Alfa also added a support bracket from the front of the starter to the motor mount bracket to prevent the weight of the starter from cracking the bell housing. If you have a 2-liter Alfa 4-cylinder, be sure that this bracket is in place, otherwise the bell housing will crack.

The 2 liter starter motor will also bolt on to a 1600 or 1750 engine (using the correct pinion gear). If this is done a suitable support bracket should be fabricated and installed.

But as in the case of most things, there is always somebody who wants to change things. In 1962 Chrysler Corporation started using gear reduction starters. As the name implies, these starters have a gear train between the starter armature (the rotating part of the starter) and the pinion that engages the teeth on the flywheel. By using this gear train, they were able to use a smaller and lighter motor that ran at a higher speed. This also used less current but provided the same, or greater, torque as the conventional direct drive starter.

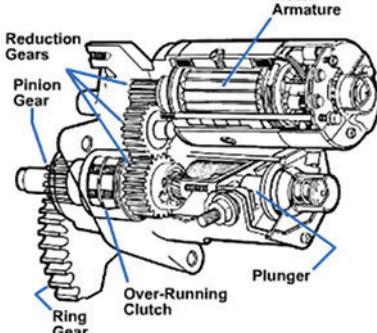
A direct-drive starter that generated

150 pound-feet of torque could be replaced by a smaller motor generating 50 pound-feet of torque running at three times the speed and using a 3:1 gear train. The gear reduction starter will typically get the engine up to starting speed faster but will not be able to sustain that speed as long as the direct-drive starter. But since the engine will start quicker, the starter does not have to run as long. The decreased weight of the starter and the reduced current required allowed for the use of a smaller, lighter battery, which is a big plus when trying to

build lighter, more efficient automobiles. The gear reduction starter was eventually adopted by most manufacturers.

Then somebody thought: why use field coils to generate the magnetic field for the starter motor; why not just use magnets?

Improvements in magnets allowed for the development of the permanent magnet starter motor, first introduced in the late 1980s. This reduced the size and weight of the motor and also resulted in less current being required since there was no field winding to energize. By the 1990s almost all starters were of the permanent magnet gear reduction design. By combining the benefits of gear reduction and permanent magnets the new starters are half the weight of a direct drive starter, use less current and generated less heat, all of which are good. And,



of course, the battery could be even smaller and lighter.

One thing to remember, the standard fix for a stuck starter—banging it with a big hammer—should not be done with a permanent magnet starter. You could easily break one of the magnets loose, which will mean that you now get to have the fun of replacing your starter.

Gear reduction starters for our Alfias are readily available. It appears that WOSP Performance in the UK makes gear reduction starters for

almost every car. A starter for a 2 liter will run about \$300 and are available from some stateside suppliers. Of course a gear reduction starter for a Chevy small block is less than \$100. Makes that engine swap look more affordable.

So starter mechanisms for automobiles have changed a lot over the last 100 years and I'm sure that there will be more improvements to come. I may even have to do another column on starters in another 10 or 15 years.

— Gene Brown



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This year's Day Tour will include a visit to Vasquez Rocks, twisty scenic mountain roads, including Angeles Crest Highway, and our destination, the town of Wrightwood where we will enjoy lunch at Mexico Lindo restaurant.

Some members have made arrangements to stay overnight so you won't be alone if you are considering adding this option. Rooms fill up quickly so book now.

Please RSVP to Steve Edelman by July 10th at arsq90-ARSteve@yahoo.com so we can let the restaurant know how big our group will be. Driving instructions will be emailed closer to the event date.



SUMMER PARTY IS AUGUST 7TH

Plan Your Potluck Dish and RSVP!!



Traditions are built and respected among the Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California. One of them is the annual Summer Party! The 2016 observance of this traditional gathering is coming up, on Sunday, August 7th, chez Cline, in Fountain Valley, from 12:00 Noon to 5:00PM.

This event is a potluck lunch, so please bring something to share. Homemade dishes are desired: hot or cold. We suggest antipasto, salads, casseroles, pastas and/or desserts. Please bring beverages of your choice to share, and RSVP to info@arosc.org to let the Clines know what you are bringing. Driving instructions will be provided in response. If you can't bring a dish, please make a \$5 donation per person and Jan will buy what's needed to round out the menu.

The afternoon will feature our annual Clean-Out-the-Garage auction for fabulous Alfa parts, tools, and related items that need new homes, a second life or that can be repurposed. Remember, you can't take this stuff with you to Alfa Heaven. We will

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AuctionMaster Blankenship keeps things rolling along.

hold a live auction for all these items.

We will also offer a silent auction for Alfa-related auto books, magazines, art, tools, and more. As a preview, we still have a set of GTV bumpers in fairly good condition that need a new home. Great stuff! Prepare your bids now!

After you RSVP to info@arosc.org, Jan or Chuck will call you regarding food dishes to bring to the party, so we won't have too many of one kind.

This is also an official AROSC monthly Club meeting. Il Presidente, we are certain, will be brief

Ciao, C & J

Club Concours 2 a Sparkler at Highway Earth



Franklin Canyon Park has been an LA oil baron's hacienda, grazing land, and the location for several TV series shoots. David Waelder photo.

Another perfect day was enjoyed by 30 Alfa Romeo enthusiasts who drove 18 vintage and modern Alfa Romeos to Franklin Canyon Park, high in the Hollywood Hills, to participate in the third annual Highway Earth Classic Car Show on June 26th. Organized by Evan Klein, a fellow Alfisti and friend of the Club, the event consisted of an eclectic mix of 150 modern and vintage, hot rod and classic, and outrageous and downright gorgeous vehicles. It took a slow stroll around a wonderfully picturesque lake to take in the entire scene, but your effort was certainly rewarded.

Turnout #3, the same spot of last year's Club Concorso (our "show-within-a-show"), played host to this year's event, safely holding 18 Alfa Romeos, including nearly everything from the 1958 Giulietta Sprint Veloce brought by Fred Stewart to the nearly-modern 164 of Jay Mackro

and Catherine Kusnick. Throw in not one, not two, but three 2015/6 Alfa Romeo 4C sportscars, and consider that Evan himself showed a newly restored Giulia Super (the 19th Alfa at the show!), we had a real party going on!



Our gracious host, Evan Klein. David Waelder photo.



Eighteen Alfás ring our assigned area, from GTV to 164. Jeff Srinivasan photo.

After everyone got loaded in, at 9:15 am sharp, the judges met to discuss the difficult task ahead: how to fairly and quickly (we had Highway Earth Show Group Photo scheduled at noon that none of us wanted to miss) judge the eight Alfás that were pre-registered for the Club Concorso. Add into the mix a ninth walk-on entry from well-known Alfa enthusiast Brandon Adrian, and our team had quite a cool job to do. I would like to thank Norm Silverman, Jay Mackro



Mike (right) conducts a quick meeting before Jeff and Margaret (left) present Concours ribbons. David Walder photo.



Our new promo stand anchors the Alfa turnout. Jim Barrett photo.

and Chuck Meschter who joined me in the enviable task of swarming around and under these fine examples of Italian engineering and design. The competition was fierce and all the classes enjoyed close competition, except for the Closed Class, where Fred's Sprint Veloce mentioned above

was the sole entrant and swept the major awards as well.

See below for the full results and please consider joining us this October (date and locale to be announced) for the third and final Club Concorso of 2016

— Jeff Srinivasan, Concorso Director

Closed Class

1. Fred Stewart & Hector Vazquez

Open Class

1. Fred Stewart & Hector Vazquez
2. Norm & Evie Silverman
3. Mike Riehle & Chris Burke

Competition / Race Prepared

1. Art Russell
2. Brandon Adrian*

Daily Driver

1. Norm Bianchi**
2. Pat & Cindy Terrise**
3. Gerry Perlman

People's Choice

Fred Stewart & Hector Vazquez

Best of Show

Fred Stewart & Hector Vazquez

* Non-AROSC member

** These two awards were incorrectly awarded at the Concorso; this is the correct finishing order. My apologies to the entrants.

— Jeff Srinivasan



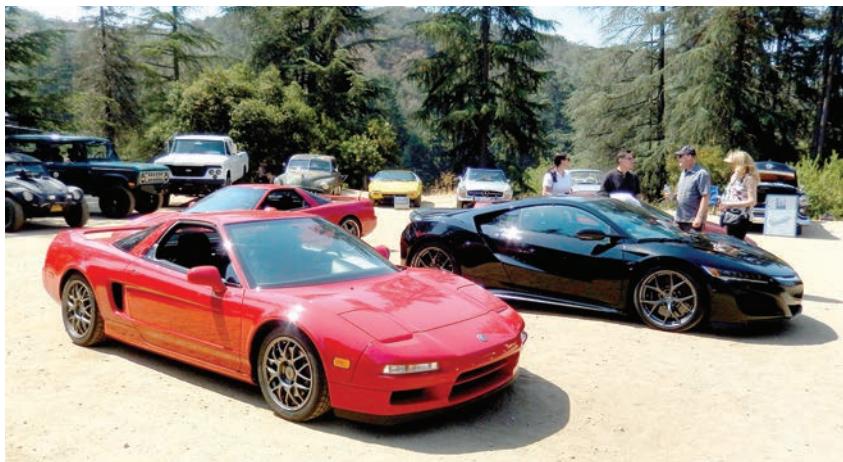
Unique Nissan Figaro, one of 200 grey-marketed in the US, and one of two in this issue. Jim Barrett photo.



Rare and gorgeous 1955 Chevy Nomad, brought by AROSC member Al Evans. Jeff Srinivasan photo.



Left, Fred Stewart and Hector Velasquez won Closed, People's Choice and Best of Show, and at right Art Russell won Race Prepared. Jim Barrett photos.



The NS-X returns! A new one (black) sits with two earlier ones (red). Jim Barrett photos.



Left, Jay and Catherine were raffle winners again. Elyse Barrett photo. Above, Art Russell's little winner. David Waelder photo.

Hot Laps and More at Buttonwillow, June 4-5



This month about 60 brave and hardy AROSC track drivers made it to Buttonwillow Raceway to run in our annual shared event with NCRC. I say “brave and hardy” because the temperatures at Buttonwillow can be challenging in June, and yes, it was hot! Like 106°F!

Shared events can sometimes get a little tricky, but things always run pretty smoothly with NCRC, and this weekend went very well. We had a nice turnout in the Time Trials groups, and an excellent turnout for Race group. We also had a few new people sign up for the one-day “school” sessions. Hopefully they have now been bitten by the bug, and will be back for the next meeting at Big Willow in September.

Enduro

We had enough interest to run a two-hour enduro starting about 5 PM on Saturday. At least by this hour of day the sun was not as high, and

the temperature was going down a bit. The enduro initially had about 15 cars entered, and that number dropped to 13 the week before the event, with eight finally taking the grid. Several of the drivers went “Iron Man” and drove nearly two hours without a driving partner. When that is the case, we require the driver to exit the car during the required five-minute fuel stop, which allows them to cool down a bit. The enduro was a hard-fought battle between Emilio Cervantes in his Super Miata versus Aaron Schroeder in his '83 Mustang. Unfortunately, Mustang rear hatch could not be closed and secured correctly after a pit stop, resulting



in Aaron losing a couple of laps and ultimately finishing third to Emilio (first place), and Sonny Watanasirisuk (second place), both in Super Miatas. Emilio turned a blistering 1:58+ lap time. Our long-time AROSC racer, Greg Nelson finished up in fourth place. The enduro also saw the return to racing of Mitch McKibbin, sharing his Miata with brother Mike.

Sprints

There was a lot of good clean driving in the sprint races both days. However, the heat was too much for the Miatas of Phil Guiral and John Fedelle, who both dropped out. Rumor has it Phil will be getting a new engine in his daily driver/racecar. No word on John's car. The worst car problem of the weekend befell a tube-frame Camaro. The driver smelled something burning, pulled into the hot pits, activated his fire suppression system, and jumped out of the car. He walked away, turned around, and suddenly his car was engulfed in flames. Fortunately, the fire and rescue crew was right on it, but the car still sustained a lot of damage. There was no harm to the driver, either, other than

the big hit to his bank account. Once again, we like to stress the importance of good safety equipment just in case you ever need it.

Kudos to the Crew

A lot of our regulars were not able to attend the event for various reasons. Paul Blankenship did an admirable job handling the registration activities. Mike Easterman drove a long way to bake in the heat and work the tower and gridding. Jodi Fibrow spent the weekend holed up in the timing tower keeping track of all the cars. I understand things got a little exciting for a few minutes after an NCRC guy set a box full of active transponders on top of the timing equipment!

Dennis Fibrow got stuck with the overall Comp Director stuff, since I was one of the guilty "no-shows", and he probably did a better job than I would have. It is great to have a bunch of capable and dedicated people in our organization!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on September 10-11 at Willow Springs!

— Terry Watson,
Competition Director



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Okay, we have some extra space, so here are four of my kinda fuzzy iPhone shots from the AROC Convention reception at the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville. Good photos are on 24-25.



Here is Tania shooting that Nissan Figaro we promised. She wants one.



Alfisti, meet Giulia! It was certainly a hit with the crowd there.



Relatively late model Fiat 500, with front-hinged door ...



... and its immediate ancestor, the postwar Fiat Topolino.

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April 23-24: Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch – Race & TT

June 4-5: Buttonwillow – Race & TT

September 10-11: Willow Springs – Race & TT

November 12-13: Streets of Willow – High Performance Driving School

December 30-31: Laguna Seca – Race & TT

Save the dates!

You know you want to get your car on the track this year, so save these dates and make a New Year's resolution to do it!

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Come to the Coronado Vintage Races September 17th-18th

In September the Club will be returning to Naval Air Station North Island, in San Diego Bay to attend the annual Coronado Speed Festival. We will soak up some vintage sports car culture, tour Naval exhibits and watch Alfas compete in several race groups.

The Coronado Speed Festival is a re-creation of the sports car races of 1950s and '60s when they were often held on military runways. The pits are open to spectators and the Navy will have aircraft and amphibious vehicles on display. Bring your Alfa Romeo and you can park right behind the grandstands (you'll need to obtain a pass in advance – see below).

AROSC and the San Diego chapter will get together for dinner on Saturday evening. Most of us will go to the races on Saturday only, but there will

be racing on both weekend days.

To attend this terrific event, you need to do four things:

- Get your event tickets online at: <https://www.fleetweeksandiego.org/events/tickets/>

Online tickets cost \$27.89 for one day and \$38.44 for two days.

- Book your hotel room at the Best Western Plus, located at 4041 Harney St. in Old Town at: 619 298 4707.
- Request your corral pass from Hillary Griffith of AROC-SD at hillarygriffith@cox.net
- Email: info@arosc.org if you are coming to the Saturday dinner so we can give the restaurant a count.

Watch for more information in the next newsletter and subsequent eblasts.

—*Jay Mackro*

Fall Day Tour Heads to San Diego October 15th

On Saturday, October 15, please join us for an exploration of the North County San Diego wine country on the AROSC 2016 Fall Day Tour.

There are a surprising number of fine establishments in the area between Escondido and Rancho Bernardo, and we will sample a few while learning and enjoying the backcountry roads. Our pals in AROC San Diego will be joining us. Their local knowledge was inspiration for this event.

Although this is intended as a simple day drive, it is a bit of a drive just to get here, so we suggest making

a weekend of it. There are plenty of local accommodations for those wanting to stay over on Saturday evening. We will not be making a group reservation at any specific lodging, but will have referrals for you.

Expect the unexpected and watch this space for updates. Email info@arosc.org with your questions. RSVPs are needed and will be accepted at info@arosc.org any time before Sept. 28.

Ciao for now!

—*Jim Barrett*
AROSC Membership Bucket Seat

Monterey Weekend, Aug. 18th -21st

SO MUCH TO DO, SO LITTLE TIME TO DO IT

Last-Chance Sign-ups and Reservations

Here comes summer and the ultimate Classic Car Weekend, The Monterey Historics, August 18th - 21st! If you're going, here is the friends and family inside scoop on Alfa fun. Read up and book your favorite venues.

Lodging –Thanks again to our friends at Delta Sierra, we again have a limited block of rooms at the reliable Laurel Inn, Salinas. Incredible rates are available for two, three or four nights. See info and registration form at end of this article.

AROSC Thursday Night Dinner – Our 11th annual Thursday night feast is at a new venue. Our host for many years has opened a new restaurant in Monterey – Ambrosia India Bistro, 565 Abrego St., Monterey, CA 93940, and we are transitioning to that new venue. They will provide us with both an Italian and Indian buffet for \$25 per person tip and tax included (see menu at the end of this article). Expect a special guest or two, and enjoy! This event sells out: an RSVP is required to normanev@msn.com

Alfa Friday at West and Maggie Clark's – This wonderful and special annual wine tasting will be held on Friday evening, August 19th, 4PM-7PM. A complimentary dinner of tri-tip sandwiches, green salad, baked beans and potato salad will be served. RSVPs are absolutely required no later than Friday, August 1st to magclark@aol.com. They will provide address and directions when you RSVP. Donations of old grape juice are welcome.

Concorso Italiano on Saturday – at the Black Horse Golf Course. Please enter Concorso Italiano vehicles directly at www.concorso.com or call 425.742.0632 for more info.

Post-Concorso Dinner on Saturday – in the Clubhouse at Blackhorse. The evening starts with 5PM no-host cocktails, then 6PM dinner, arranged by ARA to keep us out of the post-event traffic. The menu includes: prime rib, cheese ravioli, roasted chicken, ratatouille, flat bread with caramelized onions and mozzarella, and tiramisu for dessert. Cost is \$50 per person. Book and pre-pay online by August 7th at the club website: click on “Post-Concorso Dinner” on August 20th in the “Event Calendar” section. Or, click on this link to go directly to the event and sign-up info: http://alfaromeoassociation.com/content.aspx?page_id-233974&item_id-529344

Laguna Seca Historic Races – Corral Tickets have to be purchased directly from the track: www.mazdaraceway.com/buy-tickets. Laguna Seca will send tickets and passes directly to you. Neither AROSC, ARA nor Delta Sierra will have extra tickets.

Free on Saturday – The Concours d'LeMons is still the leader of the underground movement to openly celebrate the oddball, mundane and truly awful of the automotive world. Click on the link following for more info or to register <http://www.concoursdlemmons.com/>. Join other autoholics who are more interested in things with motors and wheels than jewels and gold chains

Reservations Info

Laurel Inn, 801 W. Laurel Drive, Salinas – Please do not contact the hotel directly. Reserve your room by mailing a printout of this part of the page with the room info below completed, and with your check made out to “Delta Sierra Alfa Romeo Club.” Address it to DSARC, Attn: James Treadwell, 4713 Lake Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608.

Room prices below include tax, etc. First-come, first-served

Single (1 K bed) Smoking? [] Y [] N	Double (2 Q bed) Smoking? [] Y [] N
[] 2 nights (Fri 8/19 & Sat 8/20) \$231.80	[] 2 nights (Fri 8/19 & Sat 8/20) \$258.20
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AROSC Alfa Romeo Dinner Menu at Ambrosia Indian Bistro

Salad Bar: Mixed greens and fruit

Italian

Spaghetti and meatballs
Cheese Tortellini with Pesto
Chicken Piccata
Meat Lasagne
Dessert: Tiramisu
Nominal extra charge for tea, coffee, soda and the no-host bar.

Indian

Basmati saffron rice
Chana Masala
North Indian Butter Chicken
BBQ Tandoori Chicken
Dessert: Rice Pudding

How We Skimmed the 2016 AROC Convention in Nashville And Got Away With It

Tania and I lived in Nashville for not quite 30 years, and we try to get back every other October, when the muggy heat of summer has subsided (or at least dried out a little). But the news that the small but scrappy Tennessee AROC Chapter had nailed the National Convention, just 15 years after its last successful outing, and that the *Bellissima!* show of Italian postwar coachwork at the Frist Museum and a reception at the Lane Motor Museum would be on the agenda, made us decide that mid-June might be nice too.

Of course, we'd be staying with the friends who usually host us instead of at the Airport Marriott, and the pressures of friends and family (of which we have plenty of both) meant that the two of us could attend only the

two museum activities, and I would go to the banquet alone.

According to good buddy Bob McKeown, who was once again Head Cheerleader for the convention effort, attendance was right at 450 this time. We'd have liked another week, just to get some more Convention events into the schedule, but we did get to revisit the Frist show, and that's where Tania took the photos you see here.

This show was put together and curated by Ken Gross, a former Petersen curator and tireless arranger of many other automotive-themed museum shows. I had the privilege of sitting with him at the banquet, and can say he is as amusing and pleasant face to face as on the podium.

— Will Owen



BAT 7 Rear view. All photos by Tania Owen.



The first of the series, BAT 5 (above) was about the most radical in concept, though BAT 7, the second, embodied some aerodynamic lessons learned from its forerunner. BAT 9 (below), the last in the series, was more conservative and more production-friendly; you might notice a family resemblance to the Giulietta Sprint Speciale.



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Our 2016 Calendar of Events

July	August	September	October
23 – Summer Day Drive, Angeles Crest/Hwy. 2 to Wrightwood.	7 – Summer Party and General Meeting with the Clines, Fountain Valley. 15-21– Monterey Weekend: Monterey Motorsports Re- union, Concorso Italiano, Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance ... you know the drill.	10-11 – DE, TT & Race, Willow Springs. 17-18– Coronado Speed Festival and post-race dinner.	TBD – Fall Concours 15 – Day Tour, San Diego County