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60+ Alfisti enjoyed the 2018 Holiday Party! Story and photos pages 16-20.



Our Wine Tour is planned for April 5th-7th. Further details are on page 21.



Club Concorso #1 is at the Petersen on May 5th. See info on pages 14-15.

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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; a 12-month calendar of events is emailed with every January issue of this newsletter, and detailed information is in Previews. Check both; email any questions to info@arosc.org, and a Club director will respond.

On the Cover This Month

The Holiday Party seems to be growing every year, with 2018's edition drawing more than five dozen of us. Thanks to M.J. and Sheila Kutkus for hosting another major invasion of their lovely back patio, and to M.J. for taking this photo. The smaller photos are of past events: the Petersen Concours shown was from 2017, photo by Kirk Gerbracht, and the winery sign was from our last visit to the Templeton/ Atascadero area in 2015, taken by Elyse Barrett.

AROSC Board of Directors, 2018

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

January 12 – Annual Awards Banquet. See adflyer on page 10.

January 19-20 – Mid-Year Retreat, Palm Desert. See updated info on page 21.

January 26-27 – Driving School, Streets of Willow. See Track Calendar, page 26.

February 8-10 – Cruise to San Diego with *USS Midway* tour. See pages 12-13.

February 23-24 – DE, TT & Race, Willow Springs. See Track Calendar, page 26.

March 16-17 – Classic Auto Show at OC Fairgrounds. See page 25.

March 30-31 – TT & Race, Buttonwillow. See Track Calendar, page 26.

April 5-7 – Wine Tour, Atascadero/Templeton area. See info on 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.



Your relatively new Board of Directors, 2019 version. Top row: Terry Watson, Don Wagner, Norm Silverman, Jim Barrett, John Britton, Mike Riehle and Chris Burke. Middle, Evie Silverman, Sheila Kutkus. Seated, Jay Mackro, Elyse Barrett, Jeff Srinivasan, M.J. Kutkus. Jan Cline was absent. Photo by M.J. Kutkus.

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

Subscribers to *Classic Motorsport* could not miss the extensive article in the January issue on the Montreal featuring an example that was prepped to Group 4 specifications. But how many of you noticed the tiny blurb about the GTV-6? In a readers poll the GTV-6 edged out the Datsun Z as the most undervalued car. Both are slowly inching up in value, so get yours now.

The election results are in, and all nine volunteers on the ballot were elected. As you might expect, voter turnout was rather uninspiring, but it was bigger than 2017, and did inspire a little levity. Election Committee Chair Will Owen complained that he ran out of fingers and toes when he tallied the votes. He further allowed as anyone demanding a recount could damn well move to Florida.

If you did not make it to the Holiday Party, if was your loss. I know, I say that every year. It is still true. A big thanks to our hosts, MJ and Sheila. See pictures and write-up on page 16-19, note the presence of many new faces and new members. Welcome!

Terry Watson wrapped up his Competition Director career in fine form. Some last-minute beating of the bushes scared up a few more participants and made the December event at Auto Club Speedway (Fontana) another financial success. Don Wagner may be taking over as Competition Director, but it is not like Terry is really leaving. You will see him working events in the coming year.

Our websites are still in need of a volunteer. We are looking into dedicating a portion of our budget to a service to provide a flexible site management package that can be tailored to our requirements. However, we really really need a volunteer to help enter event notices, results, photos and news, and generally keep the pages current. As I said last month, our current ad-hoc patchwork all works after a fashion, but not very well.

The annual meeting in January is where we honor those who have contributed generously to the Club and award our annual Concours and Race high-point trophies. Don't think you're in the running for a trophy? No matter. Come out anyway, enjoy the camaraderie and the food, and vow to do better next year.

The November *Alfa Owner* says the AROC Mid-Year Retreat in Palm Desert will be January 18-20. Members in the Western states shoud have received invitation post cards in the mail by now. If you haven't and want to attend, visit arosc-usa.org and RSVP to the national headquarters office. Typically, there is a AROC Board Meeting on Friday and a day drive and party on Saturday. People come from all over Southern California and Arizona to meet the Board and generally have a good time. Chris and I try to attend every year and this year will be no exception.

The following weekend, January 26th-27th, is the driving school at the Streets of Willow. I know we usually don't have a driving school in January, but it's not like the track can always give us our first choice of dates. The Streets is actually one of my favorite tracks because it is such a technical track. In simple English that means it has a lot of different kinds of turns. It is hard to overestimate the value of a good

driving school. Chris used to lose her composure when she made an auto-X boo-boo in the MR-2. Now she spouts a few unladylike comments, straightens it up and gets back on the gas. I can only say that I am very proud of her.

February 8th-10th is an overnight cruise to San Diego. John Britton has planned and scouted the stops starting with Friday evening party in Oceanside. On Saturday the group will drive to San Diego and tour the *USS Midway*. See page 12-13 for more details.

We have rented the big track at Willow Springs for February 23rd-24th. This is the HPDE, Time Trial & Race event that we typically have in January. So, if you have fun at the School, this is your chance to come back and do it all again.

March 15th-17th brings up the 2019 Classic Auto Show. This year they heeded our pleas and have moved the event from the L.A. Convention Center to the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa. This means more space, less congestion and cheaper and easier parking. It has been a long time, but I used to show my English-bodied Alfa (Who am I kidding?) at the Highland Games there with the Morgan Club. Check out their website at <https://www.theclassicautoshow.com/> homepage and see Norm Silverman's write-up on page 25.

Mark your calendars for the Wine Tour in early April. Details are still being planned but I can tell you we are heading up to the Atascadero/Templeton area. See Jan and Chuck's notes on page 21.

And this just in: the January issue of *Alfa Owner* features our Paul and Mary Blankenship as the Member Mini-Profile subjects. Nice to see them recognized.

Remember, if 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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TECH GUY ... *Let There Be MORE Light*

In the last column I wrote about the evolution of the headlight. While Europe (and most of the world) progressed, headlights in the United States sat still. From 1940 to 1957 the only legal headlights were 7-in. round sealed beam units with two filaments, one for the high beam and one for the low beam. In 1957 the four-headlight system appeared, wherein each side of the car had one combination high/low beam and one high beam. The light size was reduced to 5¾ in. and cars could be designed to use either the two-headlight or four-headlight system. In 1974 a new headlight design was added in the U.S. with the introduction of the rectangular sealed beam headlight. In 1978 the halogen sealed beam headlight was introduced to the U.S.

The point of all this is that until 1983, when the replaceable bulb headlight was first introduced, there were only four types of headlights; 7-in. round, 5¾-in. round, 200-mm rectangular and 165-mm rectangular. If you needed a new headlight for your car, you just bought the right size and you were set.

The reason I bring all of this up is that my Montreal has European headlights instead of the U.S.-required sealed beam headlights. While they work well, the reflectors are getting old and the reflective material is starting to flake off. I could switch to 5¾-in. sealed beam headlights or one of the many replaceable bulb 5¾-in. headlights that I can use that are made today. But I kind of like having Carello headlights, I just don't want to pay \$100+ per light for Carellos.

While at the Best of France and Italy car show, one of the vendors had a number of NOS Carello headlights for sale, so I picked up a pair with the intention of putting them on the Montreal. This is where I discovered a big difference between U.S. and European headlights. I'm used to all 5¾-in. headlights being interchangeable (paying attention to high/low beam, of course). That is not true of European headlights. While the size of the light is correct at 5¾ in. (146 mm) other aspects of the light are different. The Montreal headlights are like a U.S. light in that they fit into a bucket on the car and have a retaining ring to hold them on. The headlight adjustment screws are attached to the bucket and the entire headlight, bucket and trim ring move to adjust the headlight. On the headlights I bought, the mounting tabs and the adjusting screws are part of the actual headlight and so these lights will not fit into the Montreal. Well, you learn something new every day. I always wondered why there were so many part numbers for Carello headlights, and now I know. In addition to the mounting method for the light, the mounting method and type of bulb used can also be different. Also, some European headlights have an additional hole for a parking light bulb. So if you want to convert your car to Carello headlights, make sure you get the correct Carello part number for your car.

P. S. If you know of anyone who needs a pair of Carello low-beam headlights for a 1961-67 Fiat 1300 or 1500 or a 1966-76 Fiat 850 Familiare, I have a set.

— Gene Brown



Carello European (Fiat) headlight



Carello U.S.-market Montreal headlight

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Please RSVP to Sheila by Monday, January 21st
Sheila.k@verizon.net or (310) 542-3448

Directions: There are many ways to get there, but to finish with a scenic drive, get on Pacific Coast Hwy (CA-1) at the southern border of Redondo Beach, turn south on Palos Verdes Blvd, go 1.4 mi, then slight right onto Palos Verdes Dr West. Go 2.9 mi, destination on the right, after Yarmouth Rd. The restaurant is in the courtyard. Park in the rear structure, take the elevator up, or park along the perimeter of the plaza.

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Touring Season Starts Early – Cruise to San Diego and see the *USS Midway*



The USS Midway, shown against the backdrop of downtown San Diego. Photo is courtesy of the San Diego Tourism Bureau.

AROSC's touring season starts early in this year with a jaunt to San Diego, February 8th-10th. Save the date and make your hotel reservations early; this will be a sellout. Here are the preliminary details.

Friday February 8 / Group A

For those who wish to commence the weekend on Friday, it is recommended that one of the hotels in Oceanside be booked for this night as I have booked my Time Share room at the World Mark, 1301 Carmelo Drive, Oceanside, and wish to host all of you for a barbecue on the balcony. Bring a steak and I will help you cook it, also a bottle of wine or beer to drink. Barbecue commences at 5PM.

Saturday February 9 / Group A & B

At 8:30AM Group A, who will already be in Oceanside, will meet up with group B who are to join us at the parking lot in front of the World Mark (see address above), where we can have a photo shoot, and enjoy a coffee; I will have a box of Starbucks ready for all.

At 9:30AM we will depart Oceanside on the I-5 to downtown San Diego and our headquarters, The Hampton Inn, 1531 Pacific Highway. We will park in the Hampton Inn's underground lot on arrival, make a convenience stop and regroup in the lobby before leaving to have some brunch in one of the many restaurants in the vicinity.

After brunch we stroll down to the aircraft carrier *USS Midway* Museum, 910 N. Harbor Drive. Our tour includes over 60 exhibits, plus the flight deck, galley, engine room, so we should be on board for about two hours.

After the tour, we can check in at the hotel, freshen up, and meet for a cocktail party. This will be a Wine Tour-style gathering (bring a bottle and some snacks).

Dinner has not yet been decided, but the thoughts are to walk a very short distance to one of the many wonderful restaurants of Little Italy.

Sunday, February 10

The Hampton Inn provides a full American breakfast for us to enjoy, so we'll meet at 9AM in the restaurant to enjoy breakfast then a leisurely walk back to the wharf area to see the other ships on display, or do some shopping in town, before the next leg of the cruise, to Coronado Island.

At 11AM we'll depart the Hampton Inn for Coronado Island, where lunch is booked at Il Fornaio. We can take in the city views and get snapshots of our Alfas with the San Diego skyline in the background (think: *Alfa Owner* magazine center-fold). We'll disperse after lunch for a lovely drive back up the I-5 to our homes, after a memorable trip to wonderful San Diego.

RSVP to me at info@arosc.org, and book your lodgings soon. The block of rooms will be held until January 26th.

—John Britton



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May Is Concorso Time at the Pete

AROSC's 2019 Concorso Season will kick off in conjunction with our annual visit to the Petersen Automotive Museum on May 5th in mid-Wilshire Los Angeles.

We'll be the stars of the outdoors, arrayed on the third floor of the parking structure, while a new lineup of exhibits will be the shining attraction indoors. We will view Didactic Automotive Art, selected special Bruce Meyer cars in the Bruce Meyer Gallery, a century of legendary California-built competition winners from midgets to Gurney Eagles, the latest in super high-performance motorcycles, and a few real surprises.

As usual, Concorso participation is free (but requires an RSVP; see below). Parking at the Petersen will be free for AROSC Members; museum admission will be discounted, but an RSVP is required.

Please confirm your participation to: normanev@msn.com Watch your email for additional details as the date approaches.

To participate in the Concorso, please provide an additional RSVP to Jeff Srinivasan, Concorso Director: (email) rogue man1@mac.com or text 818.653.9679.

Basic Petersen Day Itinerary

8AM to 9:30AM Concours participants placement

9:30AM Judging

11:15AM Concours Awards

11:30AM Tours begin

1:00PM Lunch (optional)

Afternoon free time or Vault Tours (must book in advance)



Great turnout for the 2017 Concorso at the Petersen. Photo by Kirk Gerbracht.

2019 AROSC Club Concorso Schedule

Still have your calendar nearby? Here is the 2019 Club Concorso schedule. We have as many as three events planned. Maybe this is the year your clean driver or fresh restoration makes its Concorso debut!

Concorso #1 Sunday, May 5th, Petersen Automotive Museum, Mid-Wilshire District, Los Angeles. Club Concorso (All Classes + People's Choice) plus guided tour of the Petersen followed by no-host lunch at Drago's.

Concorso #2 Sunday June 23rd, Highway Earth Classic Car Show, Franklin Canyon Park, Hollywood Hills. Club Concorso (All Classes + People's Choice). Bring your picnic lunch or snacks, or patronize the food trucks.

Concorso #3 Sunday September 22nd (TBC), Italian Cars on the (Huntington) Beach (All Classes + People's Choice) plus post-show no-host lunch at a nearby venue.

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Holiday Party 2018!



Happy winners of the ever-popular prize drawing. Steve Edelman photo.

The AROSC's 18th annual indoor/outdoor Clubhouse Holiday Party at MJ and Sheila's in Redondo Beach had a great turnout of more than 60 Alfisti. Members and guests from all facets of the chapter gathered to share time, stories and lunch, as fabulous Alfas overflowed the driveway.

From their travels this year, MJ and Sheila imported some tasty Alaskan main-course recipes for barbecued Ketchikan Salmon, Denali Filet Mignon and Juneau Chicken. MJ had help with rotissering the beef and grilling the chicken by barbie enthusiast, John Britton, who added some genuine Aussie touches that resulted in the most succulent filet and tender chicken to ever come off a barbie.

Hot and cold running side dishes and desserts filled in the menu with popular standards like potato latkes, chile relleno casserole, baby greens salad, trifle, and chocolate chip cookies, and new additions such as quinoa salad, empanadas and



Group Shot L-R: Steve, Dan, Mary Ann, Jim, Elyse, Maggie. MJKutkus photo.



Fantastic array of veggies on display for just a minute – the latkes are already gone! Steve Edelman photo.



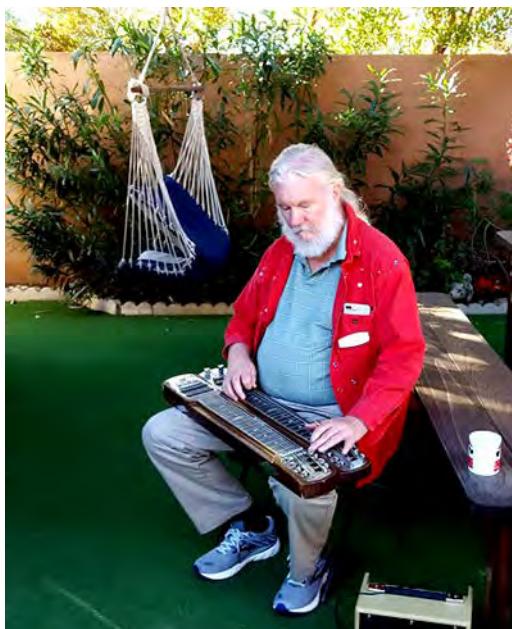
Alfa ceramics by Helen Brown offer holiday cheer. Elyse Barrett photo.

extra-crispy roasted potatoes. Sheila thanks the many ladies and gents who helped direct traffic among the tables, serve, and assist with the entire event, especially First Lady Chris Burke for her help in set-up through take-down.

Music for the party was provided by member Pat Quilter, playing exquisite holiday melodies on steel guitar. Pat is an accomplished musician and his music brought an air of elegance to our event.

We also welcomed new members, Richard and Virginia Contreras, happy recent purchasers of a certain special Sport Sedan.

The traditional wine tasting table was groaning under the



Pat serenades us on the steel guitar. Steve Edelman photo.



The full banquet table and its happy attendees. Foreground foursome L-R: Monika, Shannon, Bob and Ed. M.J. Kutkus photo.

weight of the bottles from vintners far and wide. Many red blends, some extraordinary varietals and special finds from our favorite sources. MJ and Sheila's collection of stemware always seems to survive the day with no breakage, so why choke a landfill with plastic when you have fun glasses, many with memories attached?

The other tradition of door-prize-giving rounded out the afternoon, delighting us with Alfa beanies, cookies, clever ornaments, puzzles and petite panettone. Thanks to all who contributed the many items and thank you, Dan Napier and Terry Watson for running an entertaining drawing.



Table #1, from left: Doug, Evelyn, Bob, Doug and John. MJKutkus photo.



Alfas filled the neighborhood. Jim Barrett photo.

The fabulous reviews are once again in: “We had a wonderful time!”; “Thank you for another great event!” What’s not to like about this party? If you missed out in 2018, plan to come this year, same time, same place!

– Sheila



Racing guys talk about racing: Chuck, Mike, Art, Doug and Terry. MJ Kutkus photo.

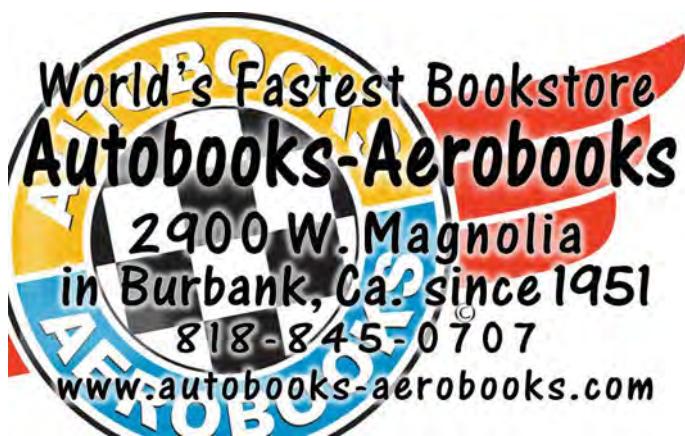
Holiday Party Extra: Tabletop Seminars



Jay, Art, Catherine, Doug, Doug (foreground right). Elyse Barrett photo.



Richard, Norm and John resolve the burning issues of the day. Jim Barrett photo.



Save the Date: April 5-7 The Wine Tour Wants YOU



Wine enthusiasts unite for the 2019 AROSC Wine Tour, planned for the weekend of April 5th-7th in the Central Coast region of Templeton/Atascadero, south of Paso Robles.

We've not sampled the wines in this area for some years, so we believe a re-visit is in order. We may find a new winery or two, perhaps under new ownership or a new winemaker. We will be will search out new Italian varietals and of course, great Alfa roads.

As usual, we plan a casual Friday evening get-together at our hotel. The actual tour will include Saturday and Sunday starting out from our hotel (TBD) in the Templeton/Atascadero area. One or more local eatery for Saturday breakfast and dinner, and Sunday breakfast/brunch will be suggested for the group. Stay tuned; eblasts will update you.

Jan and Chuck will begin reconnaissance sorties in the area very soon and provide information as the itinerary is formalized.

This is a tough mission, but somebody has to do it!

—Jan & Chuck Cline

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December Race Weekend: California Speedway Infield



by Terry and Beverly Major

Giulia Quad with Peter LeVay and nephew Adam at Fontana with snowy San Gorgonio in background. Paul Blankenship photo.

Here are some memorable moments from AROSC's race weekend this past December at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana!

- It was May of 2014 when we were last here on the 1.4 mile, 13-corner road race track, including two straights with moving cone chicanes. Pretty flat with plenty of character!
- We had a beautiful contingent of cars, including many Miatas, a beautifully prepared '72 Ford Capri (Maurizio Brandhoff), multiple Alfas, NSX, NASCAR stuff, Subaru, BMW, Datsuns run by Ian Stewart, Camaro, Saab, Lotus, various Porsche products, Scion, Audi and Cadillac!
- In the Saturday qualifier at Turn One, a BMW (Aleksandr Likhterman) and a white Ford truck were very close resulting in spin at the front of the pack with everyone avoiding the melee. There were 17 entries in Saturday's points race and 15 results. Looks like the NASCAR contingent was up front in the end. We did have a Red Alfa driven by Dave De Rosier, along with six Miatas finishing the qualifier!
- Did you see Santa Claus this weekend? Were you good or bad? The event infield included enjoying an evening Christmas lights drive through the fan zone, looking at lights!
- Club member Mario Cano brought a hybrid NSX and put some serious hot laps after some serious family concern. He was looking for some Saturday night entertainment and we all ended up at Logan's Roadhouse for a pretty great time after the track. Big variety of people and a lot of stories. (not sure how much of that conversation could be believed!, but I am sure of how much dessert we all consumed!) This was right next to Terry and Don's hotel, so they only staggered a tiny bit before turning in for the evening. Not quite the same for Paul Blankenship, as he is still looking for Tom Bodett's light left on!
- John Wolf arrived on Sunday to check out the scene. He just purchased cars to begin an entertaining tenure with Alfa Club! The cars are prepared Miatas with he

and his 16-year-old son Colin are running that show! They are looking forward to the January school! John got a ride along with Phil Guiral in the Boxster and John Fedele in the Alfa 4C. John has a Z06 Corvette and limited track day experience. We used John to grid some race cars for the quali and open race. He is already fitting in nicely!

- It is interesting to run into an old friend at the track. I ran into Gian Cardinale. (Race Miata #51) I did not know him but he has my open trailer from long ago. Sold to Tony P, then Tony to ??, then ?? to Gian Cardinale. Same ramps, tire rack and bottle cap opener. Beverly spotted it and authenticated, due to the opener!
- About then Jorge Mazlumian strolled with his grandkids, missing his past racing with the Alfa Club. Jorge Raced Alfas then to a built Miata. Jorge and I raced together over 10 years and I found later, by chance, he was pediatrician to my grandkids Indy and Ashley. Talk about a small world.
- Douglas Weber driving the blue NASCAR truck gave great battles. Blizzard qualified better but Doug passed on track after a close race. Doug in the blue truck won!
- In the case of the missing transponder, we did some slow infield laps with track workers, safety workers and myself, Beverly and John Wolf using our head scanners to save someone's checkbook. Yes, we found it in the grass right of the chicane before the east hairpin. Someone recovered some Christmas money!
- In Lot 14 there was a Cal Club slalom going on both days. We have put together weekends in that South West Parking lot for a really good time. On the big track, Petty driving experience/school had the oval going pretty hard, with sprinkles of Andretti Open Wheel experiences as well.
- Sunday we had plenty of track time. Turnout was light but the people attending were very pleased. Everything but the many many chicane cones on the front straight and back straight was satisfactory.
- Paul's lunchtime Intro Group was pretty thin, some instructors took to the track, but the black flag made it clear we were not supposed to occupy the track with the intro group in session! Another lesson for the Alfa Romeo High Performance Driving School!
- Beverly got to pace the field for Saturday racing with Ross Beckwith's Altima and Sunday light up the GTI to keep the field in check, prior to the green flag.



Jorge Mazlumian came back to us with his grandkids. Terry Major photo



Very cool '73 Capri. Terry Major photo.

- To see who is hot and who is not, check out the results and lap times for all sessions at <http://racehero.io/events>
- Special thanks Don Wagner for registration, to Daniel Tanenbaum for the wireless timing, Paul Blankenship for the comedy shop, Watson for the checkbook, Scott Thomas and corner workers, Terry and Beverly floaters and all of the participants for the show! Let's do this again!
- See you at The Streets: Remember to improve your skills at the next World Famous Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California High Performance Driving School held at the Streets of Willow on January 26th-27th, 2019, when it's time again to "Put it on the Track!"



Terry Watson with Doug Weber, 1st Place Race on Sunday and Fastest Time of Day driving blue NASCAR truck. Paul Blankenship photo.

Classic Auto Show

AROSC to Participate at New Location



Looking sharp on setup day, 2018. Jim Barrett photo.

March will bring us back to the Classic Auto Show, this time at the Orange County Fairgrounds and Event Center in Costa Mesa, on the weekend of the 16th-17th. The two-day festival celebrates special marques and designs from the recent past and bygone eras, and our Club has been invited to display our Alfas, encourage new membership and participation in our track and touring events.

We have room for a number of cars to be parked in our area and Norm Silverman is organizing this for us. Participants will get discount admission tickets, and the fun of being part of this energizing event. Show-goers will get a chance to see how Alfas fit into the classic milieu and have a little get-together on Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

There will again be a celebrity stage lineup, led by grand marshal Adam Carolla with Mark Greene, Dave Kindig (Kindig It Design and Bitchin' Rides), Mark Worman (Graveyard Carz), Mike Finnegan (Roadkill and Finnegan's Garage), Wayne Carini ("Chasing Classic Cars"), Bogi (All Girls Garage) and racecar driver Lyn St. James.

The layout will be new because the venue is a bit different than the Los Angeles Convention Center, but the "Grand Boulevard" where the rarest cars are displayed will again run through the show.

Out-of-towners can make a weekend of it. Discounted group rates are available at the official Classic Auto Show hotels: Costa Mesa Marriot, 500 Anton Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 or Crowne Plaza Costa Mesa, 3131 Bristol St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

Interested? Contact Norm via email at normanev@msn.com

Join Us at the Track

Just starting out, experienced or a racer?
we have a run group just for you!

All marques are welcome.

You don't have to drive an Alfa to run with us!



2019 Schedule

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| Jan 26-27 | Streets of Willow, HPDE Driving School |
| Feb 23-26 | Big Willow, DE, TT & Race |
| Mar 30-31 | Buttonwillow, TT & Race |
| May 4-5 | Auto Club Speedway, TT & Race |
| Sept 14-15 | Streets of Willow, HPDE Driving School |
| Oct 12-13 | Big Willow, DE, TT & Race |
| Nov 23-24 | Laguna Seca, DE, TT & Race |
| | This is another 92 db event, so start building that Laguna muffler! |

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1979 Alfa Romeo Spider – Past *Alfacionada* newsletter editor is reluctantly having to sell this pretty Spider after 28 years of delightful ownership. Our eight-year-old daughter (can you believe it!) is commanding too much of our time so, our Spidey has been sadly neglected and needs to find a new home. Car was restored (including engine rebuild) and has been kept in tip-top shape by Alfa Performance Connection. All service records available. It has been shown at many Concorso Italiano (a featured Alfa in 1998) and Best of France and Italy shows, participated in many AROC events, and was featured in the “Original Alfa Romeo Spider” book by Chris Rees. Relatively recent replacements/repairs include the Spica fuel injection pump, top, starter motor, tires, transmission, tires, and was just smogged. Runs great! Detailed description. \$5,000. Randall Higa, AlfaTruth@yahoo.com 213-220-2476.

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