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*2019 Concorso #1 at the Petersen: 35 Alfa Romeos and 60+ enthusiasts!
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On the Cover This Month

Top: A small slice of the Alfas in attendance at what may be the best-attended concorso in Club history. Alfa Romeo is winning quite a few new enthusiasts with their latest crop of serious, fun-to-drive machines. David Waelder photo. See story page 19.
Bottom: This year's wine tour took in vineyards from Templeton on from our base hotel in Paso Robles. Great roads, great tasting opportunities, lots of good food and fun with Alfa friends. This is another Waelder photo, but we have plenty from others as well. See some of those and our story starting on page 14.

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

June 2 – Huntington Beach Concours.

June 9 – San Marino Motor Classic, Lacey Park, San Marino.

June 15 – Alfa Day at Alfa of Santa Monica. See info on page 10.

June 23 – Highway Earth, Concorso #2, Franklin Cyn., Beverly Hills. See adflyer page 12.

July 14 – Malibu Coast Summer Day Drive. See story on page 18.

July 12-21 – AROC National Convention, Pittsburgh. Info on page 25.

August 4 – AROSC Summer Party. See invitation on page 22.

August 11-18 – Monterey Weekend: The tradition continues; details on page 26.



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.



Weather on the Wine Tour was perfect, as was the hospitality we experienced. Here's the lovely setting at the Adelaide Inn for Friday's tidbits and tasting. See more on pages 14-17. David Waelder photo.

See additional notice of our recent events on our website, arosc.org

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

Kudos to Chuck and Jan Cline for putting together the April Wine Tour to Paso Robles. I know the area fairly well, but they managed to scout out drivers' roads and Italian wineries that I knew nothing about. The Saturday night dinner was at Big Bad Bubba's BBQ, an excellent place we have been to before that is thankfully walking distance from our Adelaide Inn. Sunday morning we all went to the Estrella Air and Car Museum near the airport. It is one of those attractions that is well worth a visit, but keeps getting skipped in favor of hitting one more winery. See the write-up and pictures starting on page 14.



More kudos are due to Norm Silverman and Jeff Srinivasan for our Concorso #1 and tour of the Petersen. We had an excellent turnout of about 60 people and 35 Alfas. That was the most of our marquee I have seen in one place since the Best of France and Italy last year. The link to David's pictures is on our website. Check it out and note the many new cars and faces. And yes, our 1959 Sprint was there.

June is the season for car shows. I swear we could go to one every single weekend. June 2 is the Huntington Beach Concours. It is an informal event on the grass, under the trees, and close enough to the ocean to almost guarantee perfect weather. The next weekend, June 9, is the San Marino Motor Classic. It is a little more exclusive with higher end cars and is also on the grass in a beautiful venue. Both of these have been club events in the past and both are well publicized online.

We have also been invited to be the center of Alfa Day at Alfa Romeo of Santa Monica on June 15th. Some dealers don't seem to know or care that there is an Alfa Club, so we are really excited to have this opportunity. Bring your Alfa for display, test drive the new Alfas, and grill the sales staff on tech topics. Oh, did I mention that it is free and beverages and snacks will be provided? See page 10 and expect an e-blast with more details.

Registration is now open for the June 23rd Highway Earth Car Show at Franklin Park in the Hollywood Hills (see page 12). This is our second Concorso of the year and always attracts a good group of Alfas. Details are still pending, but this event fills up, so get online and sign up now! We will parking in Turnout #3 once again this year. Evan Klein is an Alfa enthusiast, a great guy and his event attracts eclectic and fascinating cars. If you have never been there, it's a lovely spot. You might want

to check out the pictures from last year on our website to fully appreciate it. Maybe this year I will actually walk around the reservoir, enjoy the views and take some pictures.

July 14 brings up the Malibu Coast Summer Day Drive which is a brand new event for us. Jeff Srinivasan is planning for us to start the day at Malibu Cars & Coffee. Then we will then drive some of the many twisty roads through the canyons out to PCH and conclude with a seaside lunch. See the promo on page 18

Hey, is anybody planning to go the National Convention this year? I know Pittsburgh is somewhere on the other side of the country, but take a look. Links are conveniently posted on the AROC website and the Three Rivers Alfisti Chapter has put together one heck of a schedule, July 12th-21st that just happens to coincide (no accident I'm sure) with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. Never heard of it? That's because we are all from California! Take a few minutes and check out what looks to be a great convention.

Mark your calendars for the AROSC Summer Party on August 4th. This is one of those events where only the new members need to be clued in. Bring your own beverage and something for the potluck lunch. Then settle in to feast and socialize. After lunch we will have an auction, so bring those white elephant items you have been meaning to rehome. Alfa parts are always welcome, as is just about anything else from farm fresh eggs to picnic baskets. See the blurb on page 22.

It looks like we are going to have a Board Meeting before the party starts. So please come early, but don't be surprised if we try to recruit you to help us run our Club. We are always looking for new people with new ideas.

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– Mike & Chris

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TECH GUY ... *Controlling the Spark*

In an internal combustion engine (ICE) which uses intermittent combustion as opposed to continuous combustion (gas turbines, jet or rocket engines) it is necessary for the ignition to occur at the correct time in the cycle. If the ignition occurs at the wrong time, then the engine will run poorly or not at all.



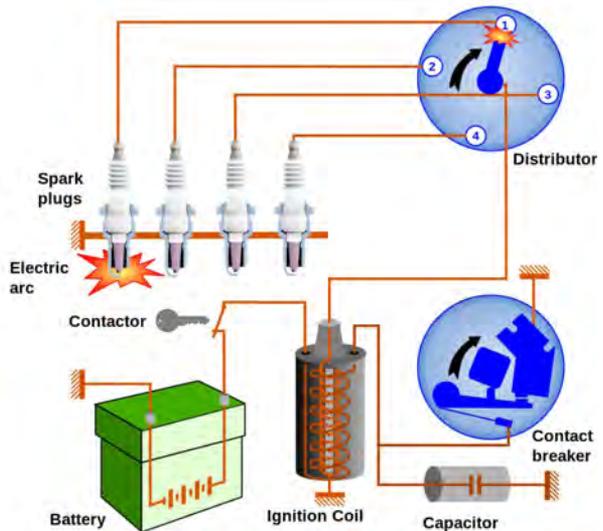
Mr. Brown and Montreal in repose. Steve Edelman photo.

The engines used in automobiles are either spark ignition (SI) or compression ignition (CI) engines. Gasoline engines are an example of SI engines and diesel engines are an example of CI engines.

In the SI engines, the ignition is usually initiated by a spark from the aptly named spark plug. Until recently the energy to the spark plugs was controlled by a Kettering ignition system, invented by Charles Kettering and first used on the 1910 Cadillac.

The system comprises a battery, a transformer (usually referred to as a coil, the distributor and the spark plugs. The distributor consists of a shaft, rotated by the engine, a set of contact points, a rotor and the distributor cap. The distributor cap has an input contact in the center and a set of output contacts on the periphery, one for each cylinder. The rotor has a center contact that connects to an arm. As the distributor shaft rotates, the contact points are opened and closed by means of a cam on the distributor shaft, and the rotor passes close to the output contacts of the distributor cap.

The way that the ignition system worked was that the primary winding of the coil would have one end connected to one



Ignition System Schematic

side of the battery and the other end connected, through the contact points, to the other side of the battery (ground). The contacts would turn on and off the current flow through the primary winding of the coil. When the contacts were closed, energy from the battery would flow through the coil. When the contacts opened the current flow would cease.

This change from current flow to no current flow would induce a high voltage pulse in the secondary winding of the coil (one side of which was connected to ground). This high voltage pulse (anywhere from 10,000 to 25,000 volts) would go to the center contact on the distributor cap, the rotor would pass the energy to one of the output contacts and then, by means of a high tension lead, to the spark plug. This high voltage pulse then causes a spark in the combustion chamber igniting the fuel and powering the engine.

There is usually a capacitor connected from the contact points to ground. This capacitor performs magical electrical things to keep the points from arcing as they open and close. This arcing can cause excessive wear on the contacts resulting in poor ignition performance. The capacitor is not needed on systems with electronic ignition, such as transistor or capacitive discharge ignition, or where the mechanical contacts have been replaced with optical or magnetic switches.

Of course, as in a lot of things, timing is important. It doesn't do any good to have the high-voltage pulse be generated when the rotor arm is not near any of the distributor cap output contacts, or to have the spark plug fire at the wrong time in the engine cycle. The first problem can be remedied by aligning the cam on the distributor shaft to the rotor arm position and then to the distributor cap position. This is done by the mechanical makeup of the distributor allowing the rotor and the cap to only fit in one position. The second problem – firing the spark plug at the correct time – is accomplished by allowing the distributor to be rotated to achieve the correct ignition timing. This is done by the mechanic and once achieved then the distributor body is locked down to keep the correct timing.

But there is more to the timing than just that. In the next column I will get into the dynamics of the ignition system.

– Gene Brown



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New Event June 15th –

ALFA DAY IN SANTA MONICA!

Test Drives – Tech Topics – Munchies



Our calendar just got one more Alfa show-off opportunity – to be the center of Alfa Day at Alfa Romeo of Santa Monica on June 15th.

We are invited to bring a clean car and spend the morning test driving Giulias, Stelvios and 4Cs, grilling the sales staff on tech topics related to those new models, getting to know the dealership, hanging out with some L.A. members we may not see often, and enjoy a variety of beverages and snacks.

The dealership (formerly known as Auto Gallery) is under new management and has an enthusiastic cadre of their recent purchasers who want to learn more about what it means to be an *Alfista*. About 100 of those folks will be invited to come see our cars and visit.

We need to give the store a headcount, so please RSVP to Elyse Barrett by June 10th.

It will be a fun day!

Date: June 15th

Time: 9AM - 2PM

Location: Alfa Romeo of Santa Monica, 1820 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90404

Mandatory: Alfas Only! You'll be given a placard to fill out and leave on your windshield.

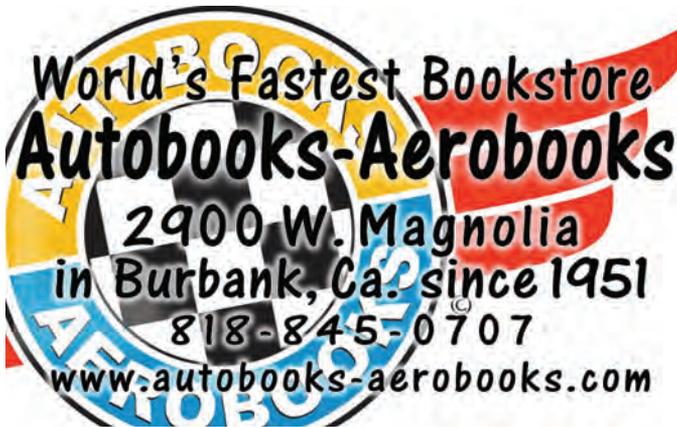
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WINE TOUR 2019

Italian Delights and Surprises



Chuck and Jan head 'em up and move 'em out. Steve Edelman photo.

AROSC's annual wine tour usually begins on a Friday evening at our destination hotel with greetings to participants not seen since the last tour, the welcoming of new participants and, of course, food, drink, wide-ranging discourse, and the distribution of maps and driving directions.

This year's tour took us to the eastern side of the Paso Robles wine growing region in search of Italian varietals produced by small, family-owned enterprises. All the wineries visited are located in the rolling hills east of Highway 101. We were delighted that tour day one began sunny and warm.

We are sure that most participants were not amused by the first 15 miles of our tour proceeding east along HWY 46; a boring stretch of straight, four-lane asphalt. But of course you must sometimes be patient with the mundane until you get to the truly good stuff. The turnoff to Hwy 41 began the good stuff – a twisting, hilly, two-lane ribbon of smooth asphalt that was a delight. The next 22 miles to the Bella Luna winery were worth the wait.

Shortly after arriving at Bella Luna we were honored by a fly-over by a vintage T-28, a two-seat Air Force training aircraft. The pilot made several low passes before departing. What a wonderful preview to the Estrella Warbirds Museum tour planned for Sunday. The pilot is the father of one of Bella Luna's employees. Bella

Luna's co-owner, Sherman, is also a pilot. Unfortunately we were unable to chat with him as he was mending a vineyard fence at the time. You didn't taste his Fighter Pilot Red?

Sherman will be flying the Estrella Warbirds Museum's C-47 transport to Normandy, France for the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion.



Vines at Bella Luna. Jim Barrett photo.

We departed Bella Luna for our second winery and lunch stop at Sarzotti, family-owned for three generations. The Sarzotti facility includes a covered picnic area and ample parking for all 10 AROSC Alfas and assorted "Alfa-badged" non-Alfas, as well as the Sarzottis' 4C (Jim's) and Maserati Levante (Jenny's). Oh, and their wines



Strong Alfa content on this tour; second stop is at Sarzotti in Templeton. Steve Edelman photo.

were very good also. Loved their Bella Figlie red.

We back-tracked onto on El Polmar Road to Main Street in Templeton to what is known locally as "Tin City" – a cluster of corrugated steel buildings housing several small wineries, a brew pub, a pasta maker and restaurants located just off Highway 101 a few miles south of our hotel.

Here, we were treated to some excellent Italian-style wines at Giornata. Since the owners open their tasting room by appointment only, they were prepared to make this a special event for us by providing chairs, tables and a variety of munchies for pairing with their wines, and a presentation on their wine production methods and philosophy All in all a fun event.

Dinner that evening at Big Bubba's Bad Barbecue, was just a half-block walk from our hotel. It was tasty and hearty, and we all slept well

We began the next day's drive with something a little different by visiting the Estrella Warbirds Museum at the Paso Robles Airport. This far-ranging display of vintage military aircraft also hosts collections of WWII memorabilia, military vehicles, restored dirt track race cars and vintage cars, both foreign and domestic.



Tucked into the Tin City milieu, Giornata accepts Alfas of all shapes and vintages. Below, Stephanie and Brian Terrizzi, founders and vintners at Giornata provide insights into today's viticulture. David Waelder photos.



The museum is worth visiting again, as we barely had time to see everything. Once everyone was on visual and informational overload, and ready to depart, we proceeded to the Clesi winery for more Italian varietals.

Clesi is located south of the museum on Templeton road a short sprint down Hwy 101. Clesi produces a number of Italian varieties including Malvasia Bianco, Dolcetto, Sangovese, Negro Amaro, Barbera, Greco and Montepulciano. The winemaker's Sicilian roots are his inspiration for these wines that are food-focused and restrained.

And with the last winery in our mirrors, we bid farewell to Paso Robles. We couldn't have asked for better weather, wine, roads and friends. We hope that everyone who joined us for this event had an entertaining and memorable weekend.

—Jan and Chuck



Above, Alfas and Alfisti line up in front of bomber in non-original colors. Left, mordant humor of combat soldiers displayed on amphibious assault craft. David Waelder photos. Below, new tour participants Helen and Laura enjoy the drive. Steve Edelman photo.





Save the Date –

Malibu-PCH Summer Drive is July 14th

Please join AROSC for a morning drive that starts in one of SoCal's most beautiful regions, the Malibu Hills, winds its way to Pacific Coast Highway for a stretch of driving *con brio* along the Pacific Ocean, and ending in a coastal restaurant for a scrumptious lunch, all with your fellow enthusiasts and their Alfa Romeos.

Look for more details in the next *Alfacionada* but count on gathering around 9AM on Sunday, July 14th in the Malibu area, with an optional early visit to Malibu Cars & Coffee for an amazing, multi-marque gathering at Malibu Bluffs Park.

The plan is to next embark together on a drive-at-your-own-pace tour through the Malibu Hills over amazing roads. We then hit PCH for a westerly run that keeps the Pacific Ocean firmly on our port side until we reach a to-be-announced lunch spot for food/drink and great conversation.

The way home is your call, but suggestions for more driving joy will be available.

Save the date and plan to join your fellow AROSC member for some summer-time fun.

– Jeff Srinivasan

A Day at “The Pete” for Concorso #1



Concorso #1 from above. Elyse Barrett photo.

AROSC's Concorso Season Opener was an incredible event on Sunday, May 5th, where 35 Alfa Romeos and over 60 enthusiasts gathered at the Petersen Automotive Museum for day of four-wheeled bliss. Thirteen diehard Alfisti polished, shined and dusted their Alfa Romeos and a gaggle of judges descended upon those gorgeous machines with clipboards and pens in a flurry of activity that crowned champions of the day (see listing below). Congratulations and thanks to all the Concorso participants.

With the maximum possible three ribbons for any one Alfa, Hector Vasquez and his 1974 GTV (which he personally modified to accurately reflect period



Concorso Director Jeff and Hector Vasquez. Evan Klein will photograph Hector's car. David Waelder photo.

Alfa Romeo racing machines) stood head and shoulders above the competition. In addition to his Class win and Best of Show ribbon, when he and his GTV earned the coveted People's Choice Award, Hector was given the opportunity to be featured in *Highway*, the event overview and lifestyle



Art's Open class winning Giulia Spider. David Waelder photo.

magazine published every year by friend of AROSC, Evan Klein (founder of the Highway Earth Classic Car Show, coming up on Sunday, June 23rd). Hector is the third Club member so honored, along with 2018's Pat Quilter (who earned second in Class at this Concorso) and 2017's Art Russell (who took top honors on the Open Class here).

Be sure to join us for the next Club Concorso, at that Highway Earth Classic Car Show. Watch your email inbox for details on this fast-approaching event.

A special thank you goes to Norm and Evie Silverman who worked extremely hard to set up and execute a fine event. And let me offer my personal thanks to my fellow judges, Jay Mackro, Mike Riehle, Chuck Meschter, John Ireland, and David Waelder, without whom our Club Concorsi would not be possible. And if you'd like to join his hardy corps of Alfisti, please don't hesitate to send me an email.

– Jeff Srinivasan, AROSC Concorso Director



Ian & Julie, whose Giulia Quad took second place in Modern class, chat with Norm. David Waelder photo.



Congratulations to our Concorso #1 winners (L-R): Steve, Art, Hector, Pat, Brandon, Mario, Susan and David, Ian, John, Bob and Giuseppi. David Waelder's camera

Club Concorso #1 Results

Closed Class

1. Steve Cole, 1977 Alfetta GT
2. Pat Quilter, 1956 Giulietta Sprint
3. John Britton, 1986 GTV6

Daily Driver Class

1. David & Susan Waelder, 1991 Spider Veloce
2. Bob Schmitt, 1969 Spider 1750
3. Mario Cano, 1988 Spider Veloce

Modern Class

1. Brandon Adrian, 2017 Giulia Quadrifoglio
2. Ian & Juliet Bishop, 2018 Giulia Quadrifoglio
3. Giuseppe Greco, 2018 Giulia Quadrifoglio
4. Chuck & Jan Cline, 2019 Giulia Ti

Open Class

1. Art Russell, 1963 Giulia Spider

Race (Competition Prepared) Class

1. Hector Vazquez, 1974 GTV America
2. Brandon Adrian, 1973 Autodelta GTV (Rally)

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- Hector Vazquez, 1974 GTV America

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AROSC Summer Party

It's never too early to plan!!



Save the date! Our Summer Party is coming up, Sunday August 4th in the O.C. – an event we all cherish and enjoy!

Please note that we have changed the day of the party to Sunday, since last year's attendees experienced traffic woes on Saturday.

The Clines will be hosting at their home in Orange County. This is a potluck lunch, so please bring something to share. Hot or cold homemade dishes are desired. We suggest antipasto, salads, casseroles, pastas and/or desserts. Please bring beverages of your choice to share. RSVP to info@arosc.org Driving instructions to the Cline's will be provided in return.

Once you have RSVP'd, Jan or Chuck will call you regarding what dishes to bring to ensure we have the widest variety possible. If you can't prepare a dish, please provide \$5 per person to Jan and she will buy what's needed to round out the menu. Please RSVP no later than July 25th.

We will feature our annual "Clean-Out-the-Garage" auction for Alfa parts, tools and related items that need new homes. Remember, you can't take this stuff with you to Alfa Heaven. We will hold a live auction for all items, including Alfa-related and miscellaneous auto books, magazines, art, tools, and more. There are only a few odds and ends left from last year's auction, so please bring more to round out the offerings. Remember the words of the late comedian George Carlin that your "stuff" is important, and you always need more space for your "stuff". So bring more of your "stuff" so that others can buy it and sell their "stuff".

This is also an official AROSC monthly Club meeting. So if you have questions for Board of Directors, this is the time to ask.

– Jan and Chuck

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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| 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, 92 dB. |



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Spring at Buttonwillow & Fontana – Two Beautiful Track Weekends

AROSC's second 2019 competition weekend, March 30-31, opened on Saturday with excellent weather and over 150 entrants, of which about 20 were from the Club. Aron Bitterman and Speed Ventures put on an excellent event – strictly a Time Trial, no racing. As an interesting side note; they had 50 Teslas entered with their own dedicated Celebrity Drive/Instructor Randy Pobst. Our own Paul Blankenship was able to corner him and gain some insight from Randy on the instruction of beginner racers. Hopefully Paul made a good impression and we will see mention of our Club in the next month's SCCA magazine. For your info, Randy is a bylined contributor to the publication.

The weekend also included the debut of the Mazda Miata formerly known as the Major Miata. The Wolf family (picture below), very nice folks, purchased both Miatas from Beverly and Terry Major. Son Collin had top time in his class on Sunday, and since there were three entrants in his class, he was awarded a first place ribbon. His time for the #13 Clockwise configuration was 2:11.497, very respectable. There were not enough entries on Saturday or Sunday to award ribbons in all classes. However this should not discourage Club members from entering their cars.

The Club again partnered with Speed Ventures for the May 4-5th event at the AAA Fontana Speedway. It was run on the ROVAL course configuration. This was a great opportunity for members to put their cars, briefly, on the "Big Track".

I would like to thank Chris Wolf for helping Paul and me at the event. They parked their trailer next to Garage 5 aka "Race Central" so it was a meet-and-greet happening place for the Alfa Club entrants.

– Don Wagner





It's Convention Time!

When: July 12th-21st Where: Pittsburgh

For those who like to travel and meet Club members from all over the country, the AROC National Convention is the place! This year *Cortile Della Corsa 2019* is the name and it is being staged by the Three Rivers Alfisti chapter, within the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 12th-21st.

In keeping with tradition, there are pre-convention driving tours (July 13th-16th), Board of Directors Meeting and Town Hall, TT and Autocross at Pittsburgh International Race Complex, gimmick rally, banquet, concorso and farewell luncheon – and more, July 16th-21st. Check the March through July issues of *Alfa Owner* for detailed stories about is planned, and visit the sponsoring chapter's website www.threeriversalfisti.org for additional details.

Registration is filling up, so if you haven't committed, now's the time. The hotel for the 2019 National Convention is The DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh Cranberry. The negotiated rate is \$119 per night. We cannot emphasize how important it is to book your hotel room early. Convention organizers have arranged for the entire hotel to belong to Alfa Romeo – including all AROC Convention attendees, as well as PVGP Alfa Romeo vintage racers. Make reservations via the link via the Convention website: <http://www.threeriversalfisti.org/lodging.html> or directly with Hotel DoubleTree by Hilton (910 Sheraton Dr., Mars, PA 16046) by calling 724-776-6900 and mention the group discount code DEL associated with *Cortile Della Corsa*.

Time to Plan for Monterey!

AROSC Dinner is August 15th

Tradition reigns again during Monterey Car Week! Evelyn Silverman continues her long run of organizing the Thursday Night Welcome Dinner for *Alfisti* and friends at the Ambrosia India Bistro on August 15th, so plan to start your visit that night!

The menu is the same as last year: an Indian and Italian buffet. The cost is \$25 per person, with tax and tip. Beverages are available for purchase. The address is 565 Abrego Street, Monterey. You must RSVP to Evelyn either by e-mail at Normanev@msn.com or by phone at 818-314-1262. Response deadline is August 13th!

If you need rooms, try the new lodging arrangements made by ARA and Delta Sierra AROC at the Lighthouse Lodge & Cottages in Pacific Grove. The special room rate is \$382.34/night with a three-night minimum stay. Book directly with the lodge and you must mention "Delta Sierra Alfa Romeo Club." You must reserve by July 15 to get this rate.

After Thursday, it's up to you how to go car-crazy, but the calendar looks like this:

August 13th: Automobilia Monterey, in Seaside; Concours On The Avenue, in Carmel.

August 14th: Automobilia Monterey; The Little Car Show, Pacific Grove; Auction previews (Russo & Steele, RM Sotheby's, Gooding & Co., and more), various locations.

August 15th: Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance, Carmel (and on the roads to Big Sur and back); Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Practice/Qualifying, WeatherTech Laguna Seca Raceway; Dinner with AROSC.

August 16th: The Quail: A Motorsports Gathering, Carmel Valley; Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Laguna; More auctions; Wine Tasting Dinner at West & Maggie Clark's, in Pebble Beach.

August 17th: Concorso Italiano, Blackhorse Golf Course, Seaside; Post Concorso Italiano Dinner; Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Day 1 Races; Concours d'Lemons, Seaside.

Sunday, August 18th: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance; Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Day 2 Races.

Alfa Romeo Corral Information at Laguna Seca

Purchase your Alfa Romeo Corral Passes online when you buy your tickets/paddock passes to the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at WeatherTech Laguna Seca Raceway. Passes are \$40 and are good for all four days of racing. Our Alfa Romeo Corral is in the prime "Lakebed Section" of the track, right down by Turn 2. To purchase corral passes, just scroll down to the "Corral Parking" section after you have selected your desired General Admission and Paddock Passes. Alfa Romeo is the first corral listed (of course!).



Alfas Abroad: Techno Classica Essen 2019

Once again Our Man in Germany, Thorsten Klein, visits Essen's annual Springtime Classic show and sends us some mouthwatering images.



The Touring-bodied 2000 Spider with hardtop in place stands out, as does the 6C (below). Is it a Villa d'Este?





Above, a lovely pair of Giulias, Sprint GT and sedan. Below, along with another GT and sedan, we see the tail end of the rare (over here) Alfa 6, the first production car to use the 2.5 V6. The layout was like the Alfetta's, but with a front-mounted gearbox. It was designed for the executive-car market, but did not sell well.





Okay, now let's consider the concept of a Club Bus – an ALFA ROMEO bus, no less! We American fans would probably break out in hives at the notion, but even car freaks in Europe are more accepting of mass transit ... and you'll have to admit that a Wine Tour bus might definitely have an upside. Just sayin'. By way of contrast, the vehicle below will carry just one very lucky (and probably very busy) person. Your Newsletter Guy is betting it's a Gran Prix Alfetta.



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We would love to attend every concours and car show in SoCal, but alas, our calendar is topped up and AROSC cannot make all of them official Club events. But we have our favorites and if you have time, we recommend attending or entering these for fun and to broaden your automotive horizons.

June 2nd: Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance Now celebrating its 34rd year, the HB concours benefits the children's wing of the Huntington Beach Central Park Library. There is a full slate of classes for Alfa Romeo and a beautiful space for picnicking. Visit www.hbconcours.org/ for particulars.

June 9th: San Marino Motor Classic In its eighth year at Lacey Park, the San Marino Motor Classic (shown above) brings together upwards of 200 Brass Era, Depression Era and Post WWII luxury vehicles and benefits the Pasadena Humane Society and ASPCA. This year, "Concorso Ferrari", comprising more than 100 classic Ferraris previously displayed in May on Colorado Boulevard in Old Town Pasadena, will grace the emerald lawn at Lacy Park. For details, go to <https://www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com/>

November 10th: Veterans Day Car Show AROSC's Vic Galich has staged this benefit for the Paralyzed Veterans of America every Veterans Day in the beachfront parking lot on Coast Hwy. since 2010. A great mashup of rods, customs, sportscars, and his own Alfas, this is a fun way to honor our service members and spend a fall day in the fresh air at the beach. Visit www.veteransdaycarshowhb.org for information.

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