



Newsletter of
the Alfa Romeo
Owners of
Southern California



Concorso #2 = Beach Day! We return to Huntington Central Park on June 2 for our next friendly competition. Details on page 5.



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e Verso
l'Auto!*

**Presidents'
Message**

Driving Ambition

On Sunday May 5th, we thoroughly enjoyed our very special AROSC May Wildflowers Tour, a redux of the "In Search of Wildflowers" event of years past that was regularly robbed of superblooms. We were similarly challenged, but truly loved the excellent route Steve Edelman researched and planned for us.

Imagine a cool (three clothing layers required!), blustery spring day, full of blue skies and fast-moving clouds. The sunlight was intense, and the hillsides were still tinged a living green. Add to that some great (EMPTY!) twisting roads, with corners whose speed-suggested yellow signs were seriously ignored, and really, how much fun can you possibly absorb? We're still buzzed from the massive and pleasant stimulation.

Even though we have already had some pretty cool AROSC events this year, I can't help but also dwell on how incredibly fortunate we are to live

in SoCal. Others less fortunate in this country put their Alfas away in October to only drive them again in April (if they start!). Sitting Alfas become unhappy and tend to let their owners know.

So, have you got your sweet Italian car out of the garage? And it's probably time for another oil change and wax job, right? You *know* you'll be rewarded by gorgeous mechanical music, and you will appreciate the lingering wisps of spring while you enjoy your Alfa's return to the roadways.

AROSC continues to grow and prosper. We are now this country's largest chapter, and probably one of the most

active. Your directors set up the 2024 events calendar last November, and your next seven months of fun can be easily viewed on the website: http://www.arosc.org/info/2024/2024_Calendar.pdf

Please let us know where you would like to go in 2025. Member suggestions are very welcome - we need new ideas for tours short and long (overnighters are fun!). We love our cars and love them the most while in motion. Please share your brainstorms!

Oh, and those who didn't attend the 2024 Wine Tour were missed. We now know that *important* pinots are available just north of Santa



Barbara. Our picnic lunch venue, Babcock Winery, provided some pretty special wines to taste with the judged picnic basket lunches. Extra bottles from that tasting *may* show up at the upcoming Summer Party in July as part of our incredible garage goodies auction. Start sorting now so you can bring your most-desirable Alfa bits to the auction.

More sharing: AROSC has updated business cards to recruit new members or remind friends of activities. They are perfect to slip under an Alfa windshield wiper. Did you know that there is a QR code on the back side that leads directly to the join AROC/AROSC website? Please let us (info@arosc.org) know if you would like some!

Thanks for being in our club, and happy springtime!

Jim and Elyse
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In Search of

Wildflowers



We had a fun day on May 5th enjoying some *great* driving roads (Oh, that Bouquet Canyon!), majestic scenery and lunch.

Our tour went from Castaic Lake through Antelope Valley in search of wildflowers, with a stop at the Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve where we took in the views of the valley on a walk in the fresh, blustery air.

Story and photos to come in the July-August edition of this fine publication.

– *Steve Edelman*



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New Date is May 19th

Son of the Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia Rallye

**Thank you for your
overwhelming
support of this
event. The waiting
list is full.**

The weather is drying out and most of the roads in our rallye have been repaired. Although a stretch of both Mulholland and Benedict Canyon will probably still not be open, we have rescheduled the event to May 19th. Two boring detours will be necessary, but we can live with those.

We have a sellout crowd ready roll, and those still on the RSVP roster may wish to check in with us.

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– John & Alana Ireland



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Concorso #2 - June 2

Huntington Central Park

Take Your Alfa to the Beach - Huntington Beach That Is!

Our second AROSC Club Concours will take place at the Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, June 2nd. This will be the 38th Huntington Beach Concours and will include a salute to the 60th anniversary of the Mustang, BMW cars and Yamaha motorcycles, as well as some great Alfas.



This event will be held on the picturesque lawns of Huntington Beach Central Park, adjacent to the Huntington Beach Public Library and Cultural Resource Center on Talbert Avenue between Goldenwest and Gothard Steets.

If you plan to exhibit your car, you must register by noon on Friday, May 24th. Early registration is recommended.

Registration costs \$55/car at <https://www.hbconcours.org/register-vehicle/>. Driver and one passenger can ride into the event with each registered car. You can request that your Alfa not be judged, but you'll still need to register through the Concours website to park it on the field. If you don't register an Alfa, you can still join the fun; spectator entry is \$15 per person and parking is available at the adjacent Sports Complex.

The Huntington Beach Concours organizers have defined their Alfa Romeo classes in a way that doesn't fit our club's usual classes, but we can make it work with your help. So please select a class as defined below when you register your car:

- 06A Open: All open Alfas through 1995
- 06B Closed: All closed Alfas through 1995
- 06C Sedan: All Alfas 1996 and newer

Special Message for Daily Driver Entrants: For AROSC members with classic (pre-1996) Alfas who typically compete in the Daily Driver Class, please enter your vehicle in 06B or 06C above. If you wish your car to be judged as a Daily Driver, or have questions about the other classes, please contact Concorso Directors Jeff Srinivasan at rogue1man1@mac.com and David O'Donoghue at bomberodavid@aol.com.

The AROSC section of the Huntington Beach Concours has historically been an integral part of this very large, friendly event and with your help, will continue that tradition in 2024. So, polish up your Alfa, bring a picnic lunch, chairs, comfortable shoes and sunscreen, and we'll see you there!

– Jeff Srinivasan, David O'Donoghue and Jay Mackro

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June 29 - save the date

Wine Tasting & Education on Boutique Vineyards

Please join us at our home on June 29th where we will be pouring wine from our estate vineyards.

Bring your favorite appetizer or small bites to share. Tastings will be \$10 per person for a flight or glass, and bottles will also be available to take home.

We will gather on Saturday, June 29, 2024, from 3 to 6 PM.

RSVP to Naomi at
pnn333@hotmail.com and you will receive driving instructions and other details for the afternoon.

Looking forward to seeing and serving you!

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Summer Party !

AROSC's mid-year celebration has a date and a destination! Our 2024 Summer Party is set for Saturday, July 20th at the home of Val Dietrich and Monique Goossens in Palos Verdes Estates. The nearby Pacific Ocean should provide pleasant views and air temperatures.

As with last year, we will be having a catered lunch. Our plans are to serve artisanal pizzas, cooked on-site in wood-fired ovens, with a chopped salad alongside. We are asking you to bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. And of course, we would love to have you share a bottle of your favorite wine.

Please start searching your automotive treasure trove for items to donate to our auction. For newbies, the best items have a connection to Alfa, motoring sports, or Italy. Last years' sale was our most successful yet. So we are asking for a repeat performance by Paul Blankenship and Jeff Srinivasan as auctioneers.

Meanwhile, save the date for fun in the sun with *Alfisti* friends on Saturday, July 20th and watch your email for more information.

Ciao,
Val & Monique



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AROSC Concorso #1

Our Alfas Take Off at the Santa Monica Museum of Flying



The 2024 AROSC Club Concorso Season kicked off on March 10th with a well-attended event at the Santa Monica Museum of Flying. It was cool in the morning, but the sun came out and made for a beautiful day.



Muscle Alfas (below left) flank a Blue Angels jet in front of the museum. We get a close-up comparison of the popular *Montreal Verde* (below right) on a '77 Montreal and a '23 Giulia Quad.

Mike Kearns' striking gold '72 Montreal won Closed class and Best of Show.



There were 14 judged entries in five classes, and a total of 22 Alfas in attendance – the main museum lot was a showplace filled with Alfas.

Concorso Director Jeff Srinivasan, assisted by David O'Donoghue, led three teams of judges, while appreciative *Alfisti* socialized and admired the beautiful cars. After the ribbons were awarded, we

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strolled over to The Cloverfield Restaurant for relaxing fellowship and lunch, then returned to the Museum of Flying for an extremely interesting tour guided by museum director Steve Benesch.

A very pleasant day was had by all, with special thanks to the judges - Jay Mackro, Hal Croulet, David Waelder (photography, too!), John Ireland, Robert Jackson, and Mike Riehle.

Keep the polish and microfiber towels handy - Concorso #2 in Huntington Beach is June 2nd!

Results (Blue, Red, White Ribbons)

Modern

1. Elcid & Susy Aranas, 2023 Giulia Quadrifoglio
2. Don Cole, 2023 Stelvio Veloce
3. John Ireland, 2023 Giulia

Closed

- 1 Mike Kearns, 1972 Montreal
- 2 Steve Cole, 1977 Alfetta GT
3. David Ballantine, 1979 Alfetta Sports Sedan

Open

1. Adil Farooqui, 1965 Giulia Spider Veloce
2. Mario Cano, 1988 Spider Veloce

Daily

1. Tony Santarelli, 1977 Montreal
2. Michel VanLancker, 1979 Spider Veloce

Competition Prepared/Race

1. Bill Johns, 2016 4C

Best of Show (Purple Ribbon)

Mike Kearns, 1972 Montreal

People's Choice (Green Ribbon)

Adil Farooqui, 1965 Giulia Spider Veloce



Our Concorso #1 Winners

(L-R) Modern Elcid & Susy
Open and People's Choice -
Adil

Daily Tony; Race-
Prep/Competition, Bill

Best of show and Closed,
Mike (page 9)

Jeff (L) makes judging
assignments to (L-R)
John, Mike and Hal.

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Top (L-R): We assemble for prizegiving, then lunch; Mario and Karen at lunch; Don and Steve at lunch and David and John at John's blanket.



Our Museum of Flying tour included experimentals, home-builts and warplanes, plus access to the Board Room where some Donald Douglas artifacts were on display.



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Wine Tour '24

A Return to Santa Barbara County



We returned to the Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Rita Hills growing regions for this year's sampling of the grape and were not disappointed. Headquarters was again the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott and we added a Friday night welcome party in a private room that served to kick off the event in style, with hearty hors d'oeuvres and wine!

Another departure from our touring process was to break the group into two and run the route in both directions.



We visited three wineries: MiraLaguna, Lafond and Babcock. Grenache and pinot noir were the reds of the weekend. Among the whites, we discovered picpoul and light chardonnays. The trend is away from butter.

Lunch was a picnic at Babcock Winery with a return to the competitions of old. Themes were "Spring in California", won by Bonnie and Charlie Schwartz, and "Alfa Romeo", won by Evelyn and Norm Silverman.

Thank you, everyone, who made the tour such fun!



Top-bottom clockwise: cat at Lafond; Willy's 4C at MiraLaguna; Babcock's store; Alfas circled at Lafond; fabulous picnic lunch at Babcock!

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Drivers' meeting (above) kicks off the tour and navigators (right) are on the job. Below, our gracious and talented hosts at MiraLaguna, Willy and Eileen Ma (left and center) entertain at their hacienda overlooking the pond.



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Above: At Lofond, Mailla (far left, top) hosts our tasting in the barrel room.

Below center: Christine introduces the wines in oak-shaded lunch venue at Babcock (left).

Right: picnic winners!

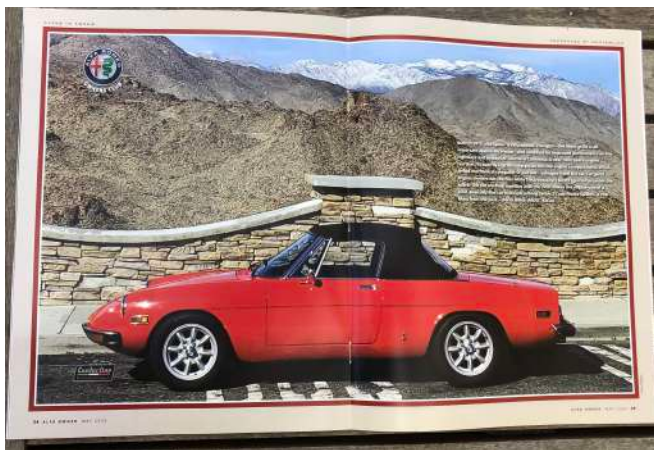


The Members' Page

Welcome & Welcome Back

As Spring gives way to Summer, we wish to celebrate the arrival of these new members who joined in the months of March to May: Alexander Broumand, Kuniko Chijiwa, Stuart Coleman, Ada Garza, Colin Gunther, Martyn Horspool, Geoffrey Melkonian, Avo Pashayan and John Reitzel.

Plan to come drive with us soon!



Congratulations to our Steve Edelman (photographer) and Harry White (owner) for innocently collaborating on the centerfold of the May Alfa Owner. AROSC makes the national magazine look pretty and good! Go get your copy and read the caption.



1960 Alfa Romeo 2000 Touring Spider. Owner: Val Dietrich, Palos Verdes Estates, CA

The current owner acquired the car in 1981. The goal was to make a great looking car into a great driving car. Paint, upholstery, and chrome were performed in 1996. The aesthetics of the car are also unique. The car is all black with a black interior except for the red dash and carpeting. The roof bows were cut for a much sleeker roof line, similar to the lines of Touring's prototype version of the 2000 Spider.

The San Marino Motor Classic is one of our favorite regional events. Go see Val's 2000 on August 25th in Lacy Park.

Mille Grazie to all of our member-contributors, whose stories and images make this May-June edition of *Alfacionada* an important part of our active *Alfisti* life: David Waelder, Jeff Srinivasan, David O'Donoghue, Steve Edelman, Paul Blankenship, John Ireland, Ron Avery and Bonnie Schwartz.

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Classified Ads

Spare
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As the old saying goes, better to have it and not need it, than need it and not have it. This is spare I bought to make me truly run flat safe. It is a lovely smokey gray Alfa alloy. It came mounted on a new/never used Pirelli tire. I kept that for my new spare wheel that matches the four that came with my car. But until I found that, this has ridden in the trunk of my previous and my current Giulias. Never had to put it on the car ... which is the whole point. This will work as a spare for 17-, 18-, and 19-inch Alfa wheels since the circumferences and diameters are when wearing the correct size tires, are within fractions of an inch of each other. \$225. No tax or other stuff.

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Always Looking for AROSC Memorabilia/Automobila!

Calling all historians and AROSC packrats!

We are amassing an honest-to-goodness Chapter Archive of past issues of *Alfacionada*. We specifically need the years 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967. Someday this history will reside on our website and in Club Express for everyone to read and enjoy.

The effort is being led by Dan Ritter. Please email info@arosc.org to let him know what you can contribute. *Grazie!*

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