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Front cover: Old Spider Tour 2006. Get ready for OST 2012. Photo by Erik Roe

Back cover: Neil d'Autremont on the track at PIR. Get ready for Spring Track Day 2012. Photo by Joe Cantrell

March 17 (Saturday) 6:00 pm

AROO Volunteer Dinner

Caro Amico ~ An Italian Cafe
3606 SW Barbur Blvd. Portland, OR
(www.caroamicoitaliancafe.com)

All AROO members who volunteered at any AROO event during the last year (and those volunteering at the upcoming Track Day) who responded to the RSVP are invited to attend.

March 21 (Wednesday) 7:30 pm

General Meeting

High Rocks Restaurant and Lounge, Gladstone, OR
Host: Neil d'Autremont

March 25 (Sunday) Spring Track Day PIR

Registration is now open for our Spring Track Day. Track Day is open to all makes and models, so even if you can't come out with your Alfa, plan to come out and give the "other" car a run around the Portland International Raceway. Registration is done on line at www.motorsportreg.com -- go to March 25 on the calendar and look for "Alfa Romeo, (AROO) Oregon Chapter." And don't forget that volunteers not only keep this event viable, but they have fun too, helping out with one of the many positions we always need help with. Please sign up to help out today via email (eslavin@nic-mail.com) or the volunteer sheet at the general meeting. See you around the track.

March 26 Old Spider Tour Room block expires

March 31 – April 1 (Saturday – Sunday)

Chump Car World Series PIR

April 1 (Sunday) AROO Rally #2, Sylvan Steakhouse and Saloon

5515 SW Canyon Ct, Portland, OR

9:15 Registration

9:45 Driver's Meeting

10:01 First Car Out

\$20 per car/\$15 if pre-registered with Roger Dilts, series director, arcvolcon@gmail.com before 9 pm Saturday

April 4 (Wednesday)

AROO Board Meeting at Buster's

April 18 (Wednesday) 7:30 pm

General Meeting

High Rocks Restaurant and Lounge, Gladstone, OR
Host: Erik Roe

May 1 Summer Tour Reservation Deadline

May 5, 6 (Saturday and Sunday)

Old Spider Tour - Day tourers welcome.

Start: Lewis & Clark State Park, I-84 E exit 18

Drivers Meeting: 8:15

Depart: 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: TBD

Lodging: Imperial River Company, Maupin OR. www.deschutesriver.com (A unique Lodge located on the Deschutes River) **Dinner:** Group dinner at the Imperial River Company Lodge. Please call 800.395.3903 TODAY for reservations; mention Alfa Romeo Club. Room Rates are \$89 and \$129, Double occupancy. Room block expires March 26. Please Contact Erik Roe if you are coming: 503.706.8304 or erikroe@mac.com See Article, page 9 for details.

June 1 Fall Tour Reservation Deadline

June 8-10 (Friday – Sunday) Summer Tour: North Cascades National Park.

Motel Reservations must be made by May 1. Room block under AROO. June 8-Inn at Soap Lake: 800-577-8514. Back-up motel: Notaras 509-246-0462. June 9: Buffalo Inn: 360-873-2103. Room Block in my name and/or AROO. Ask for Marshall when making reservations. Note: some rooms share bath. Back-up motel: Totem Pole: 360-873-4525. Let Tom McGirr know if you are coming: mcgirr@wcb.com. Room costs \$60-\$130 at each motel. See Article, page 8 for details.

July 26-29, 2012 (Thursday –Sunday)

Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally

Destination: Mount Bachelor Village Resort, Bend, nwclassically.org

September 15-16 (Saturday and Sunday)

Fall Tour: Back Roads to Condon

Motel reservations must be made by June 1. Old Fashioned Chuck Wagon BBQ Dinner. Room Block under AROO: 541-384-4624.

Let Tom McGirr know if you are coming: mcgirr@wcb.com.

See Article, page 12 for details.

FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

**Roger Dilts
President, AROO**

We need to talk...

First: these are my opinions on some issues that have not yet been resolved by the Board, so this is just me talking, not the Board.

Every year the AROO Board must approve a budget for the coming year. As in any budgeting process we have to foresee our income and expenses based on our experience and then adjust the items until we can agree on the package. While the content is one of dollars, the process is really one of policy: deciding what is important to the club, what should be supported, and what needs to be left undone.

We met in February to final the budget and the first draft looked pretty good. Under the financial policy that the Board approved last year, we are aiming to slowly spend down a portion of our accumulated funds by supporting and improving club events for the benefit of AROO members. This year that would mean that our budget would project a deficit of around \$1,200, which is right about where we were.

But then we needed to correct some projections. Last year we did well on track days, but we could not responsibly rely on that happening again, so we reduced our projected income. After that and a few other adjustments we found ourselves projecting a deficit of more than \$8,000, not an amount anyone was comfortable with. So we'll need to make more changes.

Since we have someone to do our website essentially for free now, we won't need to budget \$2,500 for that, which eliminates much of the reduced income projected from Track Days. We can make other small adjustments, but the budget for AROO is dominated by a single item: printing and mailing paper versions of the Alfa Bits to our members. To make real changes to the budget we need to take a hard look at that.

Last year we spent \$10,300 on printing and postage expenses for the Alfa Bits and that includes the months when we sent a Hot News postcard or a holiday card instead of a full issue. In round numbers that comes out to over \$4.00 each to get that issue into your hands every month. We can nearly eliminate that expense by

improving how we get the Alfa Bits to you by using digital media. We are still working on how to make the transition, but I think emailing the Bits instead of mailing is the best way to go. This digital format frees us from a page limit, allows color and video in every issue, and gives our advertisers the ability to link to their websites in their ads, among other advantages, all at virtually no cost. No printing. No mailing. NWARC has switched to this method of getting their newsletter out and it looks great.

But, you say, you like the Bits the way it is and you are paying for a subscription with your dues. First, you'll still be getting the Bits (and likely a full issue every month – no postcards). But more important you need to realize that of the \$60 you pay for an annual membership, AROO gets exactly \$10. If you allocate all that to Bits production, you are only paying for the first two issues and change. Beyond that, Bits subscriptions are entirely subsidized by other events and activities. These events are under pressure to create income and reduce their expenses to feed the Bits. Some people think that's OK. I don't. We have a club where approximately 30% of the members participate in events, volunteer their time, sponsor the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic, advertise in the Bits, and otherwise contribute to AROO. If they are asked to work more volunteer hours and pay more for the events they do, then we will have a club in which one-third of the members are paying to do things so that the other two-thirds can read about them for free. That's not a situation I support.

The Board understands that this is a contentious issue and we'll work to make the transition as smooth as possible. If you'd like to share your opinion on this issue, please talk with me or any Board member. But I believe that once it's all done, we'll wonder what the fuss was all about and we can go back to driving our Alfas and enjoying the roads with our friends.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MINUTES

Minutes from AROO Board Meeting February 1, 2012

Meeting called to order: 7:45 P.M.

Those in attendance: Roger Dilts, Reid Trummel, Ed Slavin, Steve Meunier, Yulia Smolyanski, Mark Carpenter, and Ed via Proxy

Old Business:

Minutes review: January - No report, as Mark was not present; Erik took notes but was unable to be at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy was not at the meeting

Past events report:

Board retreat - January 7, 2012 - Roger reported the event was beneficial and officially thanked Ed for making his office available for the event. No decisions were voted on, but rather a working session to move issues along in general discussion

Upcoming events:

1. General meeting February 15 - Reid will present information on the Arizona auctions
2. Valentine's Tour is February 19, 2012
3. AROO Rally School - March 3
4. AROO Cup Rally Series Rally #1, March 4

Calendar Review: Steve - minor changes and updates

Membership Report: Erik-not present

Merchandising: Yulia - asked questions on type and budget

Alfa Bits/Website: Neil - not present

Track/comp: Patrick not present - Ed reported on annual PIR users meeting

NW Classic Rally: Reid reported that 93 people have signed up

New Business:

- A.** Reviewed and postponed any budget decision for 2012 until Cindy can review the proposed change -- Cindy was not present and a number of items came up that were probably going to be adjusted and were referred back to Cindy to recalculate a total after this input.

- B.** Select web designer/host for the website - Approved to have Reid be the "Website Editor" for now and to approve Alan Chockie as the designer of the site. Reid will work on getting the site up and running. Neil will also help in this process. This was moved by Steve, seconded by Yulia

- C.** Had a general discussion of member marketing at events. Mark to check on cost of a banner display rack with membership applications and Alfa Bits for events such as Track Day and the Monte Shelton NW Classic Rally event.

Yulia motioned to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Remember to cast your AROC Ballots for AROO Members Cindy Banzer and Bill Gillham, the voices of and for Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon on the National Board of Directors. Ballots are due on-line by midnight April 15.



Rally School Draws a Crowd

AROO's annual rally school attracted nearly forty eager students from around the region to sharpen their skills for the coming season. The distinguished faculty of Reid Trummel, Roger Dilts, Yulia Smolyansky and Simon Levear covered the basics of understanding and applying the General Instructions, along with expert advice on driving and navigating to win. In addition to the presentations, students took home a table top exercise for practice and a quiz to test their knowledge before they jump into the competition. The crowd was dominated by novices with no rally experience, but there were also some familiar faces with a few more miles on them.

With folks still enjoying their breakfasts, Reid kicked off the lectures with a detailed run-through of the General Instructions. Understanding these sometimes obscure (but never ambiguous!) rules can confound anyone just starting out and can even be debated by the pros. Reid's expert presentation was well received and will go a long way in making this challenging sport less daunting for everyone.

Roger followed up with a "Rally by PowerPoint" illustrating and explaining many of the concepts that Reid had just introduced. This is always a popular and helpful section of the school and was once described by an expert rallyist as "making her hands sweat just looking at the pictures," so you know it's got to be good.

Yulia next shared some tips for navigating to win, along with a tutorial on rally math, an always challenging topic. Simon spoke on driving to win and Roger closed things up with "Rallying for Fun."

The feedback was good and everyone seemed to learn something useful. The rally school is always fun to put together, something we look forward to doing every year as a great way to kick off the rally season. If you get the rally bug this year, be sure to join us next time.

-Roger Dilts


AROO CUP RALLY SERIES SETS PARTICIPATION RECORD

The 2012 AROO Cup Rally Series kicked off to a fine start with the March 4th event, drawing a record 18 teams to the top of Sylvan hill for the start. Written by veteran rallyist and NW Classic Rally Master Simon Levear, the route wound up, over, around, and down Skyline, exploring some of the area's twistiest roads. As the first event of the season, it was "trap free" so teams could shake out any cobwebs accumulated over the winter without threat of getting too terribly lost. Many of the teams were fresh from the previous day's rally school and eager to test their new knowledge on the road.

After warming their tires and calibrating their odometers, the teams tackled the first regularity. Four teams made it through with only a one-second penalty: Renee and Marinus Damm (fresh off a second place finish in the Historic class, third overall, in the Thunderbird Rally) in their red rally prepped BMW 325ix; Fred and Lisa McNabb (also in a red BMW and fresh from the desert); Bob and Donna McNabb (kept fresh and crisp in their top-down MGA); and long-time rallyists Dave and Colleen Rugh (in their red Duetto, one of only two Alfas entered). With eight other teams scoring in the single digits, the pack was tight and the race for the medals was on!

The second regularity upped the challenge, with defending AROO Cup Champions Teresa Davenport and Yulia Smolyansky in a SAAB with two seconds tying veteran navigator Dave Reich and novice driver Linus Neidermeyer in Dave's astounding Audi RS4. Only three other teams were in single digits, spreading out the pack considerably.

Regularity number 3 saw Teresa and Yulia score a perfect zero, Vlad Valuev and Galina Kadryova, also in a SAAB, scoring a "one" to tie with Marcus and April Song in their Toyota and Renee and Marinus.

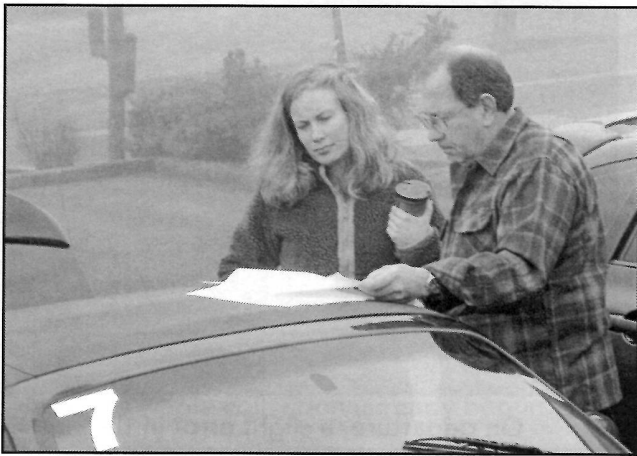
In the final regularity Sue and Bill Colisch scored a perfect zero in their Nissan, followed by Teresa & Yulia and Lynn Gibner & Linda Guthrie in a Porsche scoring just one penalty point apiece. All but three other teams were also in single digits, bringing the event to an exciting conclusion.

Most everyone shared a nice lunch and award presentation at Sylvan Steakhouse. Once all totaled, the top finishers were the Songs with 15 points in third, Vlad and Galina with 13 in second, and Teresa and Yulia taking the top spot with a mere seven penalty points. Complete results are posted on our website, alfaclub.org. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to course volunteers Mitch, Reid, Larry and Roger. Next month's event will be penned by Reid Trummel. It will not be "trapless" and will be held on April Fool's Day. You have been warned!

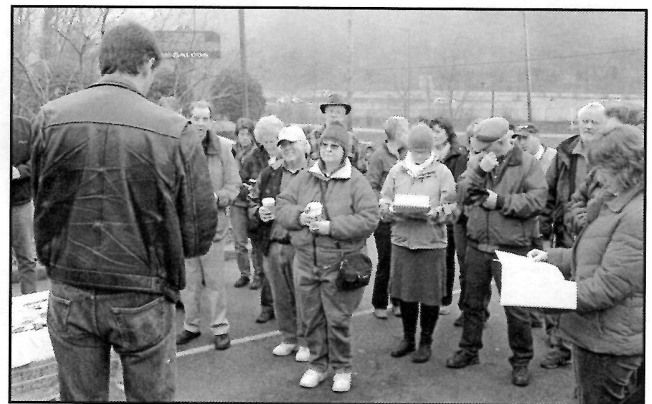
- Roger Dilts



Maynard Chambers makes final preparations before heading out.



Bill Eastman and daughter Kate review their route instructions.



Rally Master Simon Levear gives final instructions on the March Rally



Colleen Rugh prepares to navigate the Duetto.



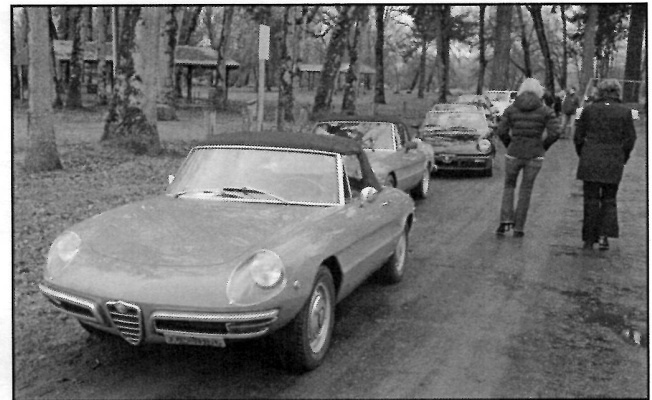
VALENTINE'S TOUR

Another beautiful winter day to drive Alfa's and our Valentines through the countryside. The 2012 Valentine's Tour was a success with 16 cars driving through Yamhill and Washington counties.



The drivers meeting took place promptly at 10:15 AM, and the lively well-rested group headed west on Scholls Ferry Rd to Old Scholls, then out into the Chehalem Mountain area. The roads were dry, clean of gravel and twisty! The 6 Alfas and lone Ferrari led the pack of other lesser vehicles out to our first stop in Carlton, where

we all got muddy feet and those concours ready Alfas got a little dirt and mud on themselves. Only one lost soul to this point, albeit with a GPS, no less, but we were able to corral them.



On departure, a slight error in the instructions caused the lead cars to head east instead of west, but thanks to Bruce and Kathy we had them back on course and quickly made up time so we could get to lunch in Sheridan at Café Uncorked. The food was excellent and the carmaraderie was even better. We followed up with a wine tasting at Coleman Vineyards just a few minutes down the road, sampled and enjoyed some wine and then enjoyed a nice drive home in the dry weather.





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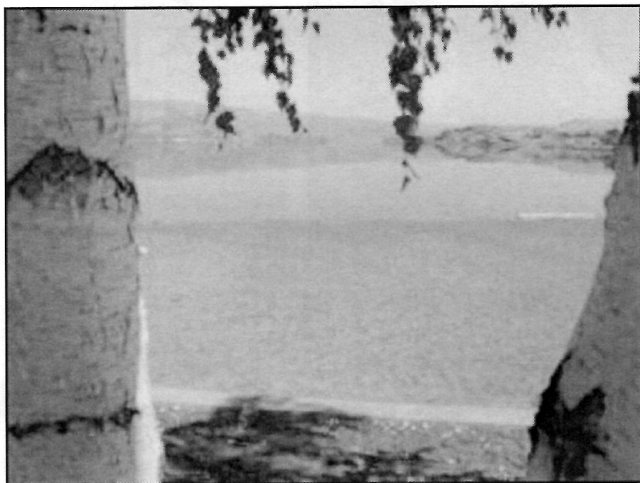
Thanks to those folks who came out especially those in the Alfas and Ferrari!

- Neil d'Autremont
photos by Neil d'Autremont

SUMMER ALFA TOUR

NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK JUNE 8-10

Time to reserve your rooms for the Summer Alfa tour to the Northern Cascades National Park. Dates are June 8-10. First day we head into central Washington over some great country roads through Bicklelton (blue bird capital of the world) to Prosser Washington. We have lunch at Mojave located at Desert Winds Winery. This winery is now a destination resort spa and some very good wines under \$20. We will do a little tasting and enjoy a sit down lunch.



Soap Lake

Next we head to Soap Lake and stay (where else?) at the Inn at Soap Lake. This lake features natural hot springs to soak away all the aches and pains derived from being in an Alfa all day. Plan on bringing your swim suit as you can enjoy the actual lake water (I am told it is warm!) or enjoy the same mineral water in your private bath! Call 1-800-557-8514 and refer to AROO or my name. Alternative lodging can be found at Notaras Lodge (509) 246-0462.

Day two will take us over the North Cascades Hwy, the northern most highway in Washington. These mountains are referred to as the American Swiss Alps and the views are spectacular. We will stop in Twisp for a deli sandwich and a short walk down the historic storefronts.

Thereafter, we will take in number of overlooks and few short walks to truly enjoy the sights before we arrive in Marblemount where we stay at the Buffalo Run Inn (360-873-2103). When you call the Inn, make sure to ask



Poorman Creek, Twisp River Road

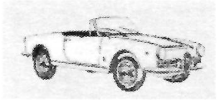
for Marshall, the owner, to secure your room. All rooms are blocked so you cannot register online. Note: some of the lower cost rooms share a bath. If this is a problem for you, or they are full (I could only block 14), call the Totem Pole Motel, which is only a few miles down the road (360 873-4535) in Rockport. Dinner at the Buffalo Run will offer a wide range of options including (what else?) Buffalo, Elk as well as more "normal" food including 7 vegetarian options. Day 3 has us returning to Portland via a lunch break in Enumclaw.

Room prices range from as low as \$60 at each resort to \$130 and many points between and meal costs are fairly reasonable as well, so get those Visa cards out and make your reservations now. Room Block expires **May 1**. Let me know if you will be coming c/o mcgirrt@wcb.com or 503-910-8719.



Marblemount, WA

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May 5 & 6

Winter is slacking off a bit. Time to get your spider or other favorite Alfa back on the road and ready for another season of AROO events! Coming soon will be the Old Spider Tour, May 5th & 6th. Day trippers welcomed. This tour is an almost annual event dating back over three decades. Please join us this year! If you are driving an old spider (Giulia or Giulietta) you get to lead the pack. All Alfas are welcomed.

This year, like past, we will be heading east in search of sunshine and blue skies! Our route will take us out along the famous and spectacular Columbia River Gorge. I am making arrangements for early summer weather, but no promises. Plan for twisty, scenic roads with no traffic.

We will be staying overnight in Maupin this year. The Imperial River Company, right on the Deschutes River, still has a few rooms left for our group. Early sign up has been great! Glad to see so many folks planning ahead. AROO has a special discount rate, but the block of rooms expires March 26th. Call today and make a reservation!

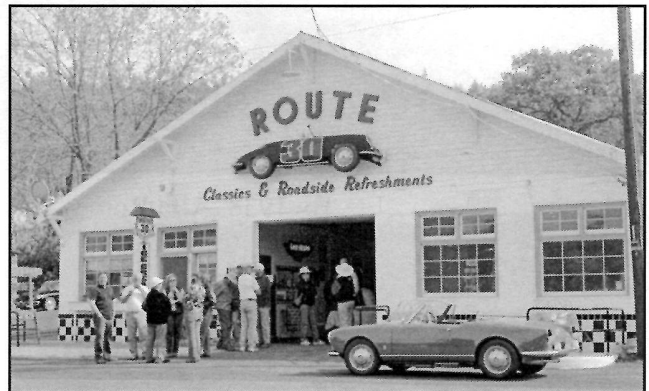
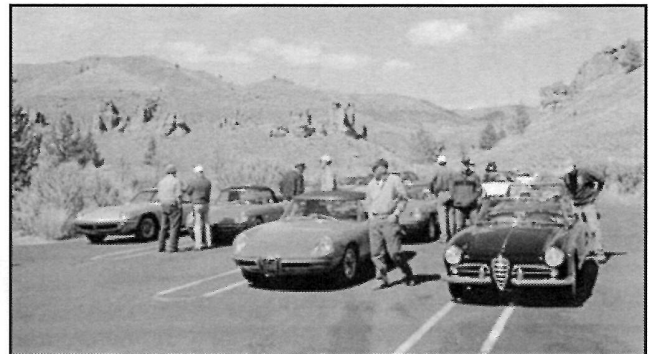
Below are the specifics for this year's tour:

- Date:** May 5th and 6th
- Starting Place:** Lewis & Clark State Park, I-84 E exit 18
- Driver's Meeting:** 8:15 AM, depart 8:30 AM (full tank of fuel)
- Lunch:** TBD, pack your own, or there may be an option to buy.
- Lodging:** Imperial River Company, Maupin Ore. 800 395 3903. This is a unique Lodge on the Deschutes River! Call today. Mention the Alfa Club! Our block of rooms expires March 26th. Room rates \$89 and \$129, double occupancy.
- Dinner:** Group dinner at the Imperial River Company Lodge.

Please make your hotel reservation TODAY! In addition, to help with the planning, please contact me. I need to coordinate lunch and dinner. You can reach me at 503 706 8304 or erikroe@mac.com. I hope you can join us!

- Erik Roe

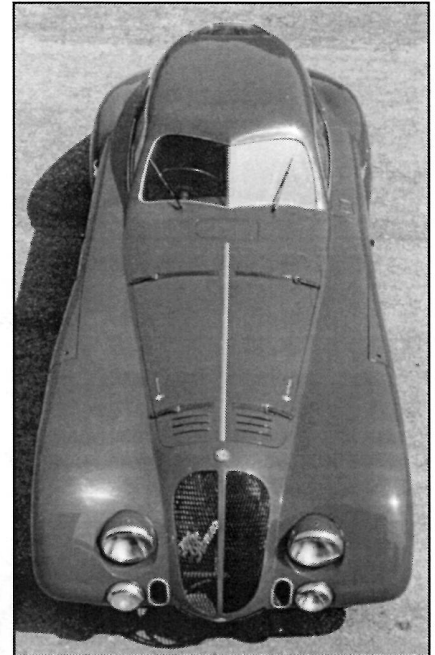
OLD SPIDER TOURS PAST



ALFA HISTORY

Vittorio Jano developed a small series of sports cars in 1935 using engines designed for the type B Formula One cars. The motor was a straight 8 with dual overhead cams driven by a gear train mounted between the cylinder blocks. Fuel was distributed by two electric fuel pumps with two updraft Weber carburetors. There were two Roots style superchargers and lubrication was by two mechanical oil pumps. The 2905 cc motor developed 220 hp at 5300 rpm.

At the Mille Miglia of 1936, three Scuderia Ferrari 8C 2900 s placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their class. In 1937 the Portello works introduced the 8C 2900 B series which had horsepower reduced to 180 hp but they continued to make their mark in racing history.



By 1938, Alfa Romeo was preparing to enter an 8C 2900 B in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Carrozzeria Touring set out to design a berlinetta Superleggera body having its fenders incorporated into the body of the car and a teardrop profile tapering to a sharp tail. The motor was bored out to 2926 cc and was now rated at 220 hp at 5500 rpm.

On June, 18, Alfa put its 8C 2900 special bodied berlinetta to the test at Le Mans. Drivers for the event were none other than Clemente Biondetti and Raymond Sommer. Attaining speeds of 220 kmph it was not long before the Alfa was 11 laps ahead of the field. But then the dream of victory ended as the transmission failed causing an early retirement.

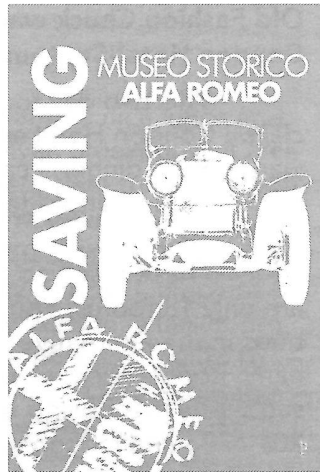
The car never raced again and was passed from one collector to the next and nearly forgotten until 1968 when the Scottish Doune Museum acquired the car. It remained there until 1982 when an English collector decided to restore it. After a four year restoration, Alfa Romeo purchased the car and placed it in the Museo Alfa Romeo in Arese, Italy where it resides today.

Article from "Canzone di Alfa" , the Newsletter of Tennessee Alfa Romeo Owners Club

1 March, 2012
Appeal to all the
'Alfista': save our
heaven!

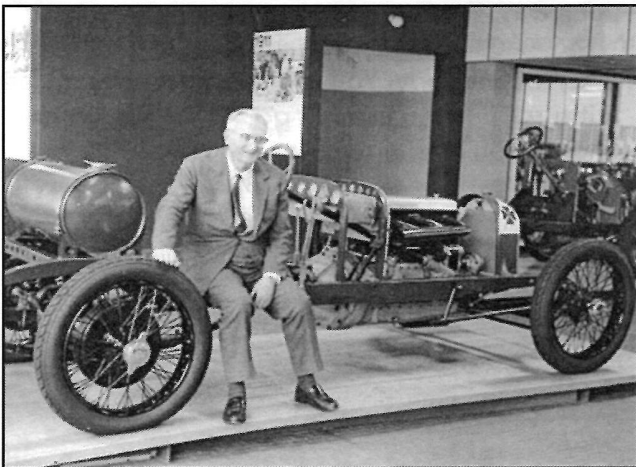
Posted by Maurizio Sala
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Regarding the
 Alfa Romeo Historic
 Museum, here's a
 interesting story
 pointed out during an
 interview with Andrea
 Vecchi, the President of the Alfa Romeo Club of
 Milano.



"I worked for 10 years at Alfa Romeo
 in Arese. During 2009 the last Alfa Depts. in
 Arese were closed by Fiat: Design, Mechanics
 (where were ready 2 alloy V6 engines with 320
 and 550 hp); the Alfa Romeo Centro Stile has
 disappeared. Also the Historical Museum would
 be dismantled and the collection... sold.

The Institutions reacted: in November
 2009, the Mayor of Arese asked to the Italian
 Ministry of Cultural Heritage Protection to
 evaluate the constraint of the Historical Museum
 in Arese, to prevent the risk occurring with the
 sale of the whole collection (already begun...).



Luraghi at the museum - Archivio Maurizio Sala

A blog was created by the Alfa Club of
 Milano. In just a week more than 950 messages
 have been received from all over the world: this
 is the great 'Alfista' Family!

On January 31th 2011, the protection
 was confirmed by the Ministry of Culture and the
 Historical Museum and his collection – over 250
 stunning cars - were... saved.

Or not?!? On February 7th 2011, the
 Management of Fiat Group Automobiles
 decided to close the Historic Museum and the
 access to the archive. The official reason was
 'maintenance'. But until now – after more than 13
 months – the Ministry of Culture, without whose
 authorization any revamping can be done, has
 not yet received any request for 'maintenance'.



6C 2300 Alfa tributo del 2 aprile 2011

On March 18th, Fiat and the City of Turin
 officially opened the new Automobile Museum
 of Torino, which changed its name from Carlo
 Biscaretti di Ruffia (its founder) in Gianni Agnelli
 Museum.

Many media reported this episode: "Fiat
 has opened an automobile museum in Turin,
 while silently they has closed the Alfa Romeo
 Historical Museum, the 3 rd most important
 museum in the world."

In the meanwhile, the lawyers of the Fiat
 Group on March 25th 2011 presented to the
 Council of state two separate appeals against the
 constraint placed by the Ministry on the cars of
 the Collective heritage and the Museum.

What is surprising are the tones that
 FGA's lawyers have used, and their justifications
 horrify for any fan of automotive history: "As
 for the museum collection of Alfa Romeo,
 most cars are of dubious value collectible" --
 "Furthermore, it is totally unjustified and unlawful,
 setting the constraint on the cars as unique
 models, such as the two Alfetta 159 F1 world
 champions, as they are two identical vehicles and
 is illogical to attribute the uniqueness."

In response to this act, 101 Alfa Romeo
 from 1936 to today, gathered in the central
 Milano square, Piazza del Duomo, the birthplace
 of Alfa Romeo.



For this reason, we are trying to involve new Italian and International institutions so that they take a position on the matter, and they persuade Mr. Marchionne to reopen the Museum of Alfa, the House of all the 'Alfista' in Milano! In the next weeks, in April, the Fiat appeals against the constraint placed by the Ministry will be discussed.

We need everyone, including our American Alfista brothers! We do not want this legacy of the Humanity is dismantled, and that the cars sold or moved in Turin. The risk is that the extraordinary archive of the Historic Museum will be dispersed, just to build in the same location a new shopping center.



Other brands push strongly their own history, and they created new art museums, such as Porsche, Mercedes, Audi and BMW.

The BMW Museum in 2011 has been visited by millions of persons; it is true, it is beautiful, but only in the museum of Alfa the visitors feels a perfume mixed of oil, leather, steel and that "sport-vintage" feeling that nobody else will ever have!"

Thanks to Andrea for this information.

Please, "save our heaven"... there's nothing else to add!

-- Maurizio Sala

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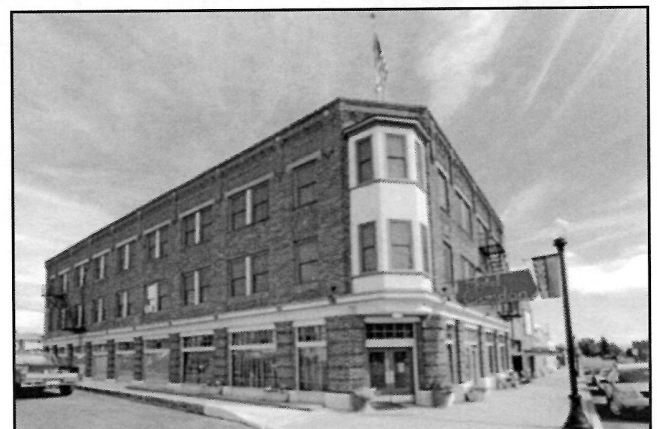
This two day tour features a stay at the classic Condon Hotel and an authentic chuck wagon BBQ dinner. I can attest that the prime rib is great and their old fashioned pork and beans are to die for!

I have reserved the entire hotel but there are only 18 rooms. You may have to battle bed bugs in the alternative location so make your call early. Room block will expire June 1 unless I am successful in lobbying for a later date. Call 1-800-201-6706 and indentify as being part of AROO.

For those that have not been here before, Condon is a quaint little town in Central Oregon. The roads in and out of Condon are fabulous if you like fast, twisty and radar free. The old hotel is very classy. After an extended happy hour in the Library, we will be having some folks come in and do an old-fashioned chuck wagon dinner for us featuring prime rib, unbelievable homemade baked beans, and all the fixings. I used these folks last year and they were great!

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Again, it is important to make your reservations early. You can cancel your room later if it turns out you can not go. As always, let me know if you intend to go as I will need to give the caterers a good meal count. Tom McGirr mcgirrt@wcb.com. 503-9108719.



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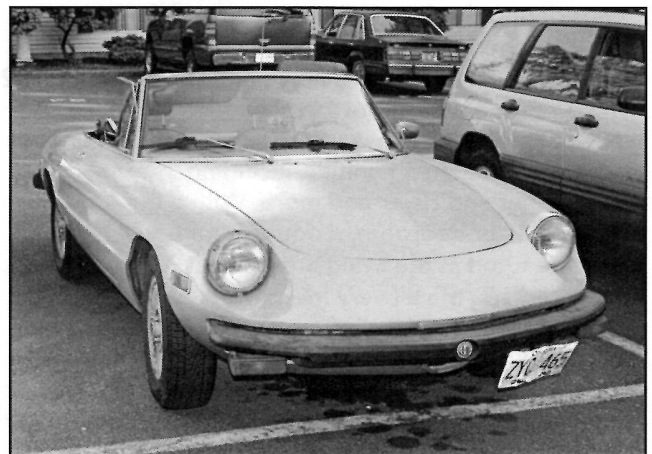
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Best Regards, Bruce Rueger bruce.rueger@gmail.com



1984 Alfa Romeo Spider

She's in good condition although she has some cosmetic damage on driver side fender which I was in the process of repairing but then had no money to finish the work...it just needs finishing and paint. It is charcoal gray (original color) with black top and tan interior...a very good looking car. I really hate to part with it, but must. I am asking \$4,500 negotiable..it has been kept under cover always. It will no doubt benefit with a tune up; I haven't really been able to drive it for awhile. But it does run, just needs minor work and will be very worth it for someone who appreciates spiders. I just have come to a time in my life that I must be practical. I original paid \$5,700 for this car and I have complete records of service from the time it was owned by the first owner. It has had three owners counting myself.
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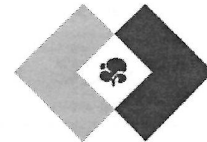
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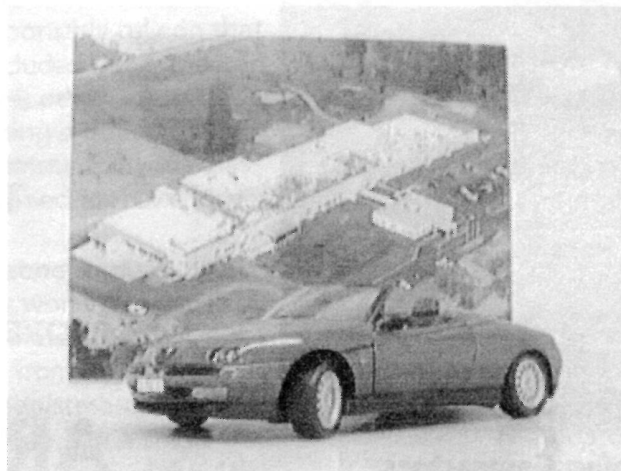
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