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**Old Spiders  
Go Touring,  
May 4-5**



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## ABOUT THE CLUB

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dennis Torgeson in his recently acquired Spider – blue with red interior; beautiful! – leads Mike Mittelstead through Turn 12 at Portland International Raceway during the “Fast Tours” laps, part of our Match 23 Track Day.

*Photo by Editor*

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# Stop me if you've heard this one before...

So a guy in an Alfa Romeo sweatshirt walks into a bar, and the bartender says, "We don't serve Alfisti here," and the guy says, "That's all right, I'm hungry for fish and chips."

No, but seriously, I hope that you're one of the lucky ones joining the Old Spider Tour on May 4-5. Details are elsewhere in this issue (see Table of Contents), and there just may be a room or two remaining available at the host motel in The Dalles, but I wouldn't put off booking it. It's looking like this much-anticipated annual event is going to fill.

You've probably noticed the multiple covers by now. Another benefit of our new format and thinking outside the gearbox allows us to have several covers. Two are photos of Fiats from our last Track Day, but since they were driven by members, we thought they deserved to be featured. The new red Fiat is driven by Club President Roger Dilts, while the olde burnt-orange 128 sedan is driven by Mike Mittelstead. And then there's even a cover to promote the Old Spider Tour coming up in a few weeks. Details are elsewhere in this issue, I swear.

Speaking of walking into a bar, last summer I visited an olive orchard where they produce olive oil. The tastings aren't nearly as good as those at wineries, but sometimes you just need variety. Anyway, among the equipment there was an "Alfa Laval" brand olive washer. Who knew? Or maybe it was a well-disguised Alfa 4C undergoing testing prior to its official debut?

If you missed our Spring Track Day, you missed a good one. The weather held off and attendance was very good. We were stretched just a bit thin in the volunteer department, so believe me when I tell you that we have a place for you at the next one, in the fall. There are some photos in this issue and there'll be more next time. If it looks like an exciting, interesting day, you'd be right.

Once again this month we have some free beer and snacks waiting for you at the monthly meeting, now just a few days away. Speaking of which, did I mention the free beer, free snacks and free entertainment at our monthly meeting?

No, but seriously.

[Reid Trummel, Editor](#)



"All the veloce  
that's fit to print"



I'm in the FIAT parked just off the intersection of Jackson Quarry Road and Helvetia Road in rural Washington County, manning a timing control for the April AROO Cup Rally. I put the red and white sign out to mark the exact timing point and I have my rally clock, time log, and pen at the ready. And I'm pretty sure I'm facing the direction that the cars are supposed to come from. I'm ready.

It's early April and the weather is cold again after a glorious warm spell last week. The fields and trees are bright green, but the sky is low and dark and gray and a hard rain is rattling on the roof, so I won't be setting up the usual lawn chair to time from. I hope this lets up before the cars arrive. Running a timing control single-handedly is not too bad, but adding the need to run the wipers so I can see the car numbers could make things a bit more tense. The first four cars are experienced teams, so they should arrive in order, making things a bit less hectic, so I should be OK. I just noticed that I may also need to run the defroster so I can see out.

The first car is not due for two hours and I just realized that the one thing I did not bring was the magazine I'd planned to read. The signs, clocks, batteries, registration forms, liability waivers, card table, car numbers, clipboards, pens, cookies, and dash plaques all went into my "rally master box" per my checklist. The latest *New Yorker*, however, is on the dining room table. So I have plenty of time to write my column.

This is what passes for fun for rally volunteers. Some of us spend days or weeks laying out, measuring and calculating a rally, then drafting instructions that are challenging for the front of the pack, but comprehensible for all. Others staff checkpoints in rainstorms or desert heat, plagued by rattlesnakes and irate armed locals. Some organize hotels, meals, beverages, apparel, trophies, traffic barricades, permits, insurance, and a million other details that make an event appear carefree and seamless to the participants. That's just the volunteers. The rallyists spend hours in a car calculating time, speed and distance, deciphering incomprehensible instructions, trying to stay "on time and on course" and wondering why they gave up golf for a "good drive spoiled."

The classic car hobby is full of twisted ideas of fun. Why else would someone buy a wreck of a "project," pour in thousands of dollars and hours, only to sell it for half what they have into it, counting the value of their own labor as \$0? Why else spend money that you quit keeping track of years ago, along with frantic all-nighters before race day in pursuit of points that might lead to a plastic trophy? Why tour in a 40-year old car with no AC, nav or power anything, only to arrive smelling slightly of gasoline. That is, if you don't arrive scrunched in the cab of a tow truck with a very greasy driver and a very irritated spouse, while your classic rocks gently on the flatbed.

Why, indeed?

Because it's fun. It's not "work;" we don't have to do it, we chose to. We get to use our best skills to accomplish something that is meaningful to us. It feels great to take a beaten and abused machine and turn it back into a thing of beauty by applying our talents and know-how. It feels great to put on an event that people enjoy. It feels great to use a car that has history and soul and grace, instead of power assist. And it feels great to win. And even just to try.

What did you do just for fun this month? If you came up short, check the AROO activity calendar and join us in an upcoming event. Just for fun.

[Roger Dilts, Club President](#)



# Board of Directors Meeting, March 6, 2013

## CLUB BUSINESS

**LOCATION:** Buster's BBQ, Tigard at 7 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Steve, Erik, Dennis, Reid, Cindy, Roger, Russ, Yulia.

**1. No minutes review** – Mark absent.

**2. Treasurer's Report** – funds set for Track Day. Payments and receipts in order.

**3. Past Events:**

a. Valentine's Tour – 12 cars.

b. Feb membership meeting well attended – decision made to repeat Free Beer and Snacks for March

c. Ski Trip – only 4, will promote earlier in season next year.

d. Rally School – 18 attendees.

e. Cup Rally #1 – 13 cars.

**4. Upcoming Events:**

a. March meeting – Mark host. Decision made to budget \$1000 for club marketing (free refreshments, etc. at meeting to be funded by this budget).

b. Track Day – on track.

c. Cup Rally #2 – April 7.

d. Old Spider Tour – strong registrations so far.

**5. Reid reviewed Bits, website, MSNWCR** – all good order.

**6. Calendar** – Steve reviewed/updated.

**7. Membership** – Erik reports 178, down from ~200 this time last year.

**8. Merchandise/Apparel** – Yulia needs source for club logo glasses, cups, etc. Cindy had a recommendation (I did not catch details).

**9. Competition and Track** – Erik provided more details on Track Day, prep in good order.

**10. Advertising/Promotion** – Covered earlier with \$1000 budget decision.

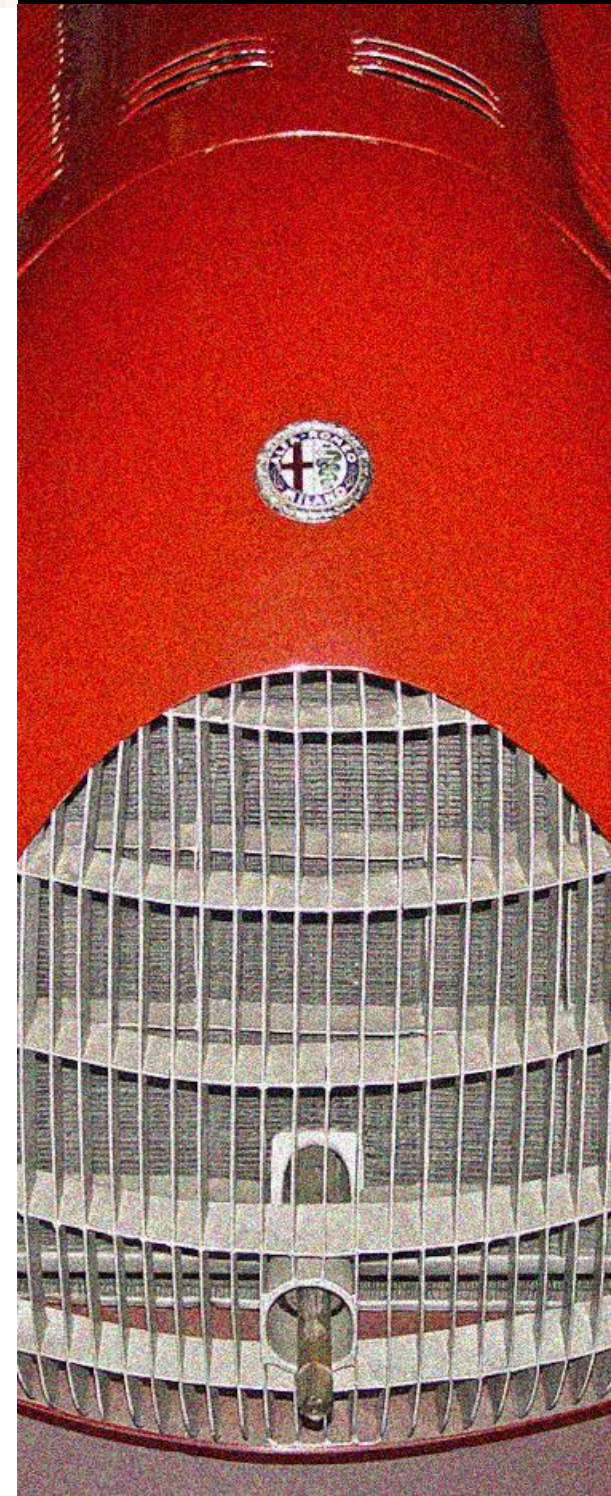
### NEW AND CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Board phone calls to roster results (most of us contacted majority of our list segment):

Schedule too busy; Older demographics – too many activities or less interest in car/tech/track centric activities; Rebuilding car then will return to active; Garage tour suggested; Interest in exotic/historic marques and design – suggested an event to attract/recognize members with other marques; All positive comments on digital Bits; Is club a social, fraternity, or technical club discussion.

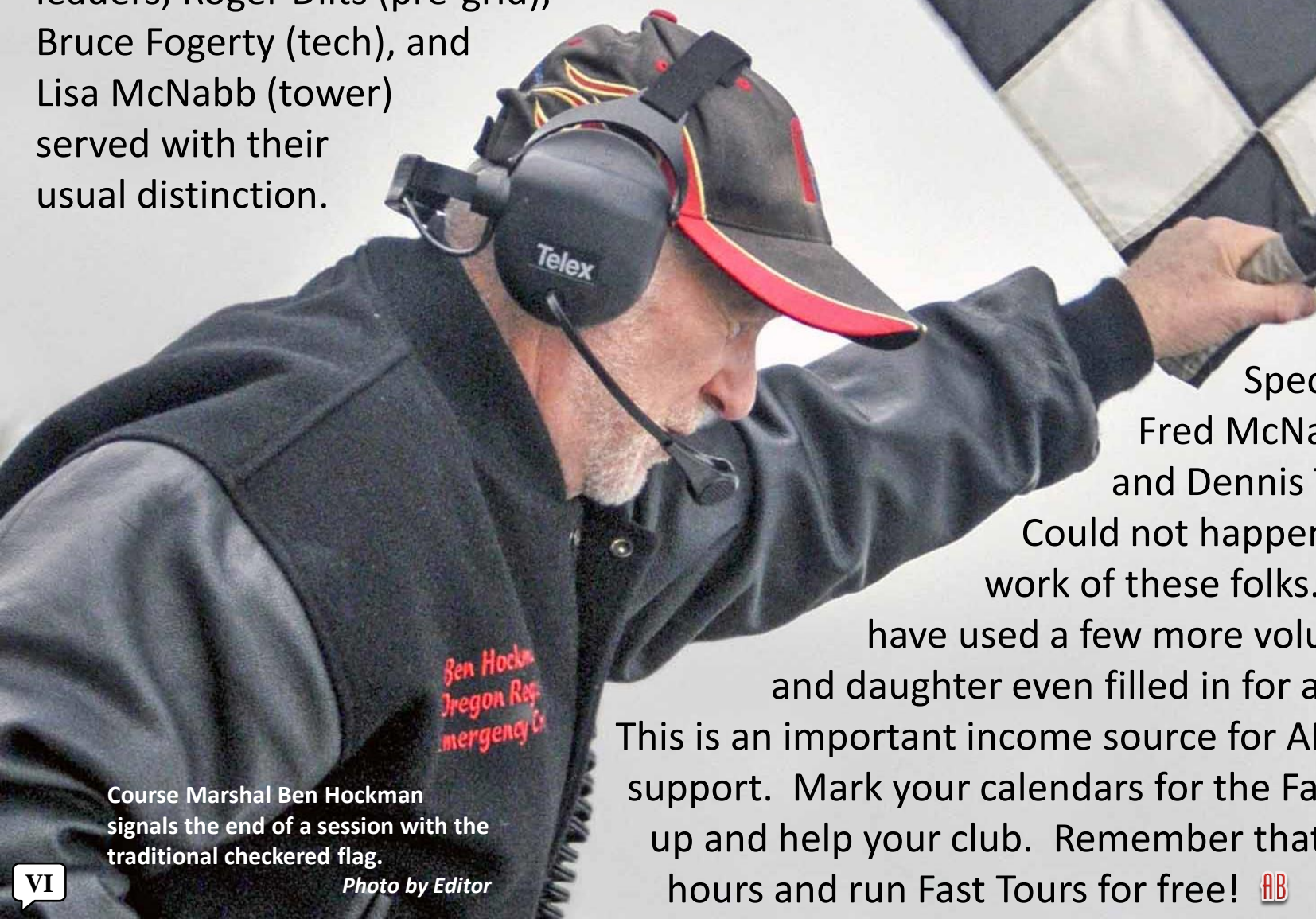
2. Cindy suggested recruiting a female for vacant Board position and then went and successfully recruited Lee Anne Barham. Full Board support for Lee Anne.


Submitted by [Russ Paine](#) for [Mark Carpenter](#), Secretary.





We had a great event, with our usual fantastic weather. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time to make this a successful event. The ever-reliable group leaders, Roger Dilts (pre-grid), Bruce Fogerty (tech), and Lisa McNabb (tower) served with their usual distinction.



Special thanks also go to Fred McNabb, Mark Carpenter and Dennis Torgeson. This event Could not happen without the all-day work of these folks. However, we could have used a few more volunteers, and my wife and daughter even filled in for a bit up in the tower! This is an important income source for AROO and needs your support. Mark your calendars for the Fall Track Day and sign up and help your club. Remember that you can work a few hours and run Fast Tours for free! 

Course Marshal Ben Hockman signals the end of a session with the traditional checkered flag.

*Photo by Editor*



### *The Best Way to Speed in Your Car – Legally!*



Well, Alfa Club Track Day is again here, hope the weather cooperates so we can make some money. Volunteering again, I like radio duty in Pre-Grid and so I will sign up for it. 9-11 a.m. shift works good for me. Think I will take out the '74 Spider and find out how it is going to perform on the track.

Hmmm, no roll bar so I will do "Fast Tours" at noon at no cost to me since I am a worker bee for the club. OK, time to go. Get the loose junk out of the trunk and back of the seat – don't want anything rolling around in there when I am in my "Fangio concentration mode" – need all the help I can get.

Call on PA system, "All Fast Tour cars to pre-grid." That's me, so on goes the super race helmet I bummed off of Neil. Nice fit, thanks Neil. Time to line up with Roger Dilts in his Alfa, ugh, Italian, oh, its a Fiat 500! Boy, I will dust that can off!

Bill Eastman is the leader in his Miata. Should be up his tail pipe too. Fast Tour rules are single file, no passing, and speed limited on front and back straights. Three laps and then into the pits for the second car in line to pull over and let the rest of the line move up so each driver can learn the correct approach to the apex for faster cornering, i.e., "No 180's off the track."

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OK, time to size up the cars I will be following. Hummm, Ferrari, Fiat 2800, Roger's new Fiat, Subaru WRC and a few other mixed bag of makes. We take off, car motor is warm but tires are cold so hold those 2 liter, 140 ponies are in check – don't want a black flag and get kicked off the track on the first laps.

Second lap and Bill is turning up the wick on speed. 80 MPH is projected top speed on straights and we mostly abide by that. Into the corners hard. Damn, I thought I would be right on Bill's Miata bumper but for some reason he is pulling away. Starting to push car in corners so I don't look like a 90-year-old driver to the few spectators in the bleachers who are all yawning – got to look good all the time!

OK, now getting the hang of it, all the cars are smoothly making lap after lap. Boy, I am really learning a few things about hitting the corners just right. Really getting into the rhythm of the boy-racer feeling and I use that term very lightly. Nice to have zero threat of another car trying to pass you so you can really concentrate on your driving. Bill's pace is real nice, swift, but not overly aggressive, but "spirited." I am liking this!

After about 18 laps I feel I have tested the new car and everything has held together and performed well, besides am getting a little tired and that's the time to come in. Bill probably led 30-plus laps so everyone could get the real feel of being a racer plus check out their cars' performance. What a hoot that was.

Track held only about eight cars, with nobody a threat to any other driver, got a feel for what real racers go through and the cost was FREE! Fast Tours at noon are a real value even if you don't volunteer and have to pay the very small sum of \$20 to do this. Value in car control, pushing your ability in handling and just plain fun.

Come out and try it, you won't be disappointed or intimidated by real racer types, we are just regular driving enthusiasts who want to have some fun in a controlled environment and be able to say, "Yeah, I did laps on PIR at the Alfa Track Day!"





Ed Slavin coaches a Track Day driver on the grid between sessions.





Nick Frezza in his full-race Panoz.















Mark Batz in his Corvette and Nick Frezza in his Panoz on the front straight.





Launch Control. Ken Hart, Track Day Chair, signals for the GTV driver to join the on-track traffic on the front straight.





Track Day Chair Ken Hart, left, and former Track Day Chair Ed Slavin enjoy a lively conversation on the grid at the Spring Track Day.







Dan Sommers shaking out Frank Anderson's Giulietta.



Darwin Abrahamson and Ferrari and Turn 12.







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Cars in a formation technically known as "all jammed up" at the entry to Turn 4.





Alan Stokke in Turn 1, the photographers' favorite location.





Mike Mittelstead, Fiat 128 sedan, Turn 12, and the Yokohama tires writing checks that the suspension can't cash.





Ferraris look dramatic anyway, but especially on a track.

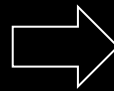


# A Course with No Name (it felt good to be out of the rain) *by Reid Trummel*

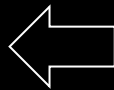
Light occasional rain and cool temperatures greeted the 11 teams who braved the elements to participate in the second of the four-rally AROO Cup series, April 7. Rally Master Reid Trummel (that'd be me) planned a course to make course-following only mildly "interesting" while rewarding those who kept strict track of course timing.

Rally Series Chairman Roger Dilts greeted entrants with his trademark well-organized registration table in the parking lot of the Sylvan Zoo House restaurant, complete with the registration list, waiver forms, Route Instructions and Supplemental Instructions ready for distribution, and even delicious cookies distributed before the event, perhaps as a reward or pre-consolation prize.

*Registrar Roger Dilts trying to stay warm as Lynn Gibner signs the waiver form at the Registration Desk.*



*Simon Levar, center, chats with other entrants in the overcast chill of the April rally morning.*



After some brief announcements, entrants were turned loose to depart at their leisure on the critically important Odometer Calibration Transit, in this case of 10.04 miles distance.

The rally structure followed the typical four-checkpoint format, but the first of those checkpoints was a first: a "Do It Yourself" checkpoint where entrants declared their arrival time at a specified location. The inside tip was that you didn't have to declare the time that you *actually* arrived there, but rather, you could measure the distance to that point, and doing

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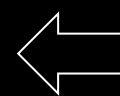
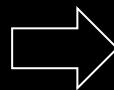


some math that involved the assigned speed, calculate the exactly correct arrival time, if – and only if – your odometer correction factor was perfect. It's not as hard as it sounds – although a truly perfect odo correction factor can be a bit elusive – and six of the 11 teams apparently figured it out and registered single-digit scores, including a perfect score of 0 by car 1, Simon and Karen Levear. Penalty total for all 11 cars: 779.

Checkpoint 2, staffed by yours truly on a lonely stretch of Wren Road (checkpoints are almost always sited in lonely



*There were no Alfas in the AROO rally, but there was a bright yellow 914 if that counts. Larry LeFebvre and Brandon Harer discuss the Route Instructions while waiting to embark in the veteran rally car.*



*The look that says it all. Bill Eastman reviews the Route Instructions that apparently produced less than total delight, while Bob McNabb and Lisa McNabb confer in background.*

locations), saw six teams scoring in single digits – including perfect scores of 0 by car 2, Bill and Sue Colisch, and car 4, Larry LeFebvre and Brandon Harer – with three teams scoring in triple digits (names withheld). Penalty total for all 11 cars: 894 – the “hardest” checkpoint of the day.

Checkpoint 3, also staffed by yours truly and also on a lonely stretch of blacktop – this one known as Leisy Road, just south of Wren – seemed to be about as challenging as checkpoint 2 with six teams again scoring in single digits, and again three teams in triple digits. Penalty total for all 11 cars: 721.

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The final checkpoint, staffed by Roger and sited on a – you guessed it! – lonely stretch of Jackson Quarry Road, proved a bit more challenging for some as only three cars scored in single digits, but five cars were in the very low double digits for a penalty total of 520, meaning that overall it was the “easiest” checkpoint of the day, or at least it was the least-penalized.

As always we ended where we began, at the Sylvan Zoo House restaurant, lunch was ordered, scores were calculated, and finally, lavish awards (dash plaques, lavish dash plaques) were presented to the top three teams.

Big thanks to the volunteers who made it all possible (that’d be Roger and me) and to the 11 teams, fully 10 of which came to the finish to claim their prizes, or at least eat lunch.



## FINAL RESULTS APRIL 2013 AROO CUP RALLY

PLACE	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	REG 1	REG 2	REG 3	REG 4	TOTAL
1	Sue Colisch	Bill Colisch	2	0	2	10	14
2	Bill Eastman	Yulia Smolyansky	2	7	6	4	19
3	Simon Levear	Karen Levear	0	5	6	10	21
4	Larry LeFebvre	Brandon Harer	6	0	31	4	41
5	Bob McNabb	Donna McNabb	49	8	2	2	61
6	Gary Eddings	Kathryn Sherrell	39	8	3	13	63
7	Fred McNabb	Lisa McNabb	3	48	11	13	75
8	Kathleen Ellis	Bob Ellis	1	300	1	7	309
9	Doug Naef	Christine Merris	77	14	247	147	485
10	Jim Trofitter	Bonnie Trofitter	300	300	112	10	722
11	Lynn Gibner	Linda Guthrie	300	204	300	300	1104

The next rally – number three in the series and with Simon Levear as the rally master – is scheduled for Sunday, May 12, when yours truly will be staffing a checkpoint on a lonely stretch of... you get the idea. I hope to see you there at the appointed moment – and not before and not after!



# The next 30 days or so...

## April 17, Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Lucky Lab Pub  
915 SE Hawthorne Blvd  
Portland 97214  
(503) 236-3555

Presentation: Erik Roe presents the new Alfa 4C. This car has been in the news much of late with the March premiere at the Geneva Auto Show. Erik has pulled together information and videos to help us all get a better appreciation of the car that will put Alfa back into the US market and have some of us considering what it might take to own one. This car has some amazing design elements, not to mention styling that captures your attention.

*And don't forget the FREE BEER and FREE SNACKS!*

## May 1, Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Open to all members  
Buster's Texas Style Barbecue – in the Meeting Room in the back  
11419 SW Pacific Highway  
Tigard OR 97223

## May 4-5, Old Spider Tour

Details elsewhere in this issue.

## May 12, AROO Cup Rally 3

The third of the four-rally series. Simon Levear is the rally master. Begins at the Sylvan Zoo House (formerly the Sylvan Steak House, and prior to that, Big Red's). Please arrive by 9:15 a.m. for registration.

# FUTURE EVENTS



 View full [Activity Calendar](#) on AROO website



# FREE BEER FREE SNACKS

And free is a good price.

We have our own private room at the Lucky Lab Pub. It's like our very own clubhouse. And there's free beer, free snacks, good friends, and fun times waiting for you there. We've also scheduled a great presentation that we think you'll really enjoy when Erik Roe presents the new Alfa 4C. This car has been in the news much of late with the March premiere at the Geneva Auto Show. Erik has pulled together information and videos to help us all get a better appreciation of the car that will put Alfa back into the US market and have some of us considering what it might take to own one. This car has some amazing design elements, not to mention styling that captures your attention.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Lucky Lab Pub](#)

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Wednesday, April 17,  
beginning at 7:30 p.m.





We will tour east where the weather will be fine and the roads spectacular.

All Alfas are welcomed, but we really encourage those of you with old Spiders (Giulietta and Giulia models) to join us. The tour pace will match your car's 155x15 tires!

We will travel about 250 miles the first day, and less the second day, with the route bringing you back to Portland. Tour cost is just \$10/car to help offset expenses. Day trippers are welcomed, but please consider joining us for the overnight stay – there is always a good time with this group.

Our overnight stop will be in The Dalles. We have a limited number of rooms reserved at a special rate at the Celilo Inn.

Questions: Erik Roe [erikroe@mac.com](mailto:erikroe@mac.com) or (503) 706-8304

**Dates:**

May 4-5 (only days from right now!)

**Overnight stop:**

The Dalles, Celilo Inn, 541-769-0001, AROO gets a preferred rate, mention Alfa Club. *Only a few rooms left, please do not delay.*

**Saturday Dinner:**

Group dinner at Romuls, the fine Italian Restaurant of The Dalles, fixed price. Special selection of items for AROO including Lasagna (perfected!), Penne a la Vodka (a light vodka tomato sauce w/proscuitto, chicken and peas), and Veal Piccata. Dinner includes Caesar salad, bread, entree w/vegetable desert, coffee or tea. Vegetarian or gluten free meal is available. No corkage fee - bring your favorite wine!


**Start Location:**

Lewis & Clark State Park, exit 17 off I-84 east bound (gas at exit 16).

**Start Details:**

8:15 a.m. Drivers' Meeting, May 4th, full tank of fuel, please.

**Lunch:**

Picnic style with an option to pick up lunch if you don't pack your own. 





## Roads Less Traveled

I read in the last Bits that there was interest in more one-day tours. Well, if that is true, then you need to put the June 22-23 drives on your calendar. Both drives are designed to be run independently or, if you want to have twice the fun, you can do both days. You can opt to join us Saturday evening for a GREAT authentic Italian dinner in Albany (prepared by an Italian no less! ) and then head home or stay at the Comfort Suites in Albany (room block in the name of Alfa Romeo Car Club).

Each day will be journey through Oregon history. Sunday's tour will start from Molalla River State Park near Canby at 8:45 a.m. (From Portland, take Exit 282a onto Hwy 551 towards Canby-Left onto Arndt onto S. Knights Bridge-Left onto Holly to park). This route will feature some absolutely beautiful valleys and some fabulous roads that I, for one, had never been on before.

We will visit an 1871 train depot, the Utopian community of Aurora (founded in 1856), stop for an ice cream bar at the oldest operating store in Oregon (located in Butteville), visit the Newell House museum near Champoeg, check out a booster station from the now defunct Oregon Electric RR, drive by some cool old 1850 homes in Dayton, and end the tour in Independence just West of Salem. Total tour miles: 100. A short drive from there will put us in Albany for happy hour and dinner.

Day two departs from Monteith Riverfront Park in downtown Albany at 9 a.m. After driving through three historic districts, we pass through the remnants of the communities of Oakville, Pirtle, Orleans, and Peoria, ending up at what was known as Boston, Oregon. There we will be given a tour of the Thompson Mills, an old operating grist mill dating back to 1858. After a short visit to the Shedd Museum, we pass through Halsey, Harrisburg, and end up in Brownsville where we will enjoy a burger and brew at the Brownsville Saloon, then visit the Brownsville Museum and tour the historic Moyer House. Afterwards, you can wander around town on your own before heading home with a better appreciation of our local history. Total tour miles: 90.

Please send me an email to let me know if you are coming and what parts of the tour you intend to participate in. I especially need a meal count for Saturday's dinner as well as for the Sunday lunch. Saturday is BYOLunch. Be sure to make your room reservations as well.

Tom McGirr, 503.910.8719 or [mcgirrt@wcb.com](mailto:mcgirrt@wcb.com)





## Annual Alfawannabe Car Club Tour

As some of you know, I also put on tours for the “Alfawannabe Car Club.” This is a group of sports car enthusiasts that asked me to start putting on tours for them about eight years ago. Most of these folks have very fancy, high-powered cars including a few Lambos, Type 3 Porsches, and even one of those V-12 twin turbo Mercedes AMGs with way too many ponies. For some reason, they are content to follow Paula and me in our little 2000cc Spider, hence I took the liberty to come up with a fitting name for the group. They probably do not really want an Alfa. I, on the other hand, can always say I have more fun for the buck than any of them! How many Alfa’s could I buy for the price of that AMG?

Past tours have taken us to the Wallowa Mountains, Ashland with Shakespeare, Crater Lake and the Oregon Caves Monument, Paradise Lodge at Mt. Rainier, and the Olympics, among other places. Several AROO folks have joined us in the past and always felt welcomed.

We are heading off to the North Cascades this summer. Timing of the trip is not the best for Alfa owners who are heading down to the AROC Convention, but I wanted to let you know that there are a few openings should you want to join us. I would need to know no later than May 1.

This is a four-day tour. Day One swings by St. Helens then takes in the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma. Dinner is at the Sea Star, a very upscale restaurant. Day Two takes in the major sights in the North Cascades and ends up in Winthrop with happy hour and dinner at Sun Mountain Resort. Day Three heads up to Okanogan near the Canadian border to taste some ice wine, then across the scenic Sherman Pass to Lake Roosevelt and down to Grand Coulee. Day Four will stop at Dry Falls and Desert Wind Winery and then home. As a heads-up, this group likes nice hotels, good food and fine wines, so the costs are a little more than a typical AROO tour.

If you would like more information about this tour or would like to be put on the mailing list for future tours, contact me, Tom McGirr, 503.910.8719 or [mcgirrt@wcb.com](mailto:mcgirrt@wcb.com)





## Fall Leaf Tour to Yachats

The AROO Fall Tour will take us to the beach this year.

*NOTE: The dates are one week later than originally publicized.*

I have a great route planned through the country from Salem on the way to Kings Estate Winery where we will taste some wine and have lunch. From there, we will drive over some very fun BLM/Forest Service roads along the Siuslaw River coming out onto the coast. Sections of the road are totally tree-canopied, so if the fall colors are showing then, it will be pretty.

After a great happy hour, we will enjoy some fresh seafood for dinner. I will also have a different route home for those who want to tag along. There are a couple of galleries and a cool nature park we can check out as well.

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STEVE SAYS

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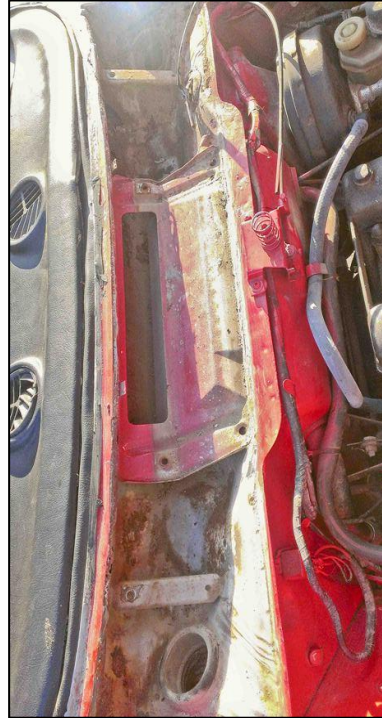


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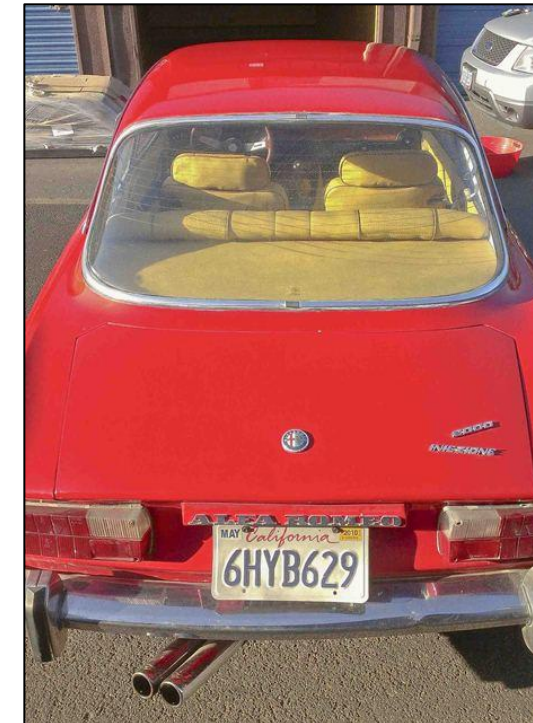
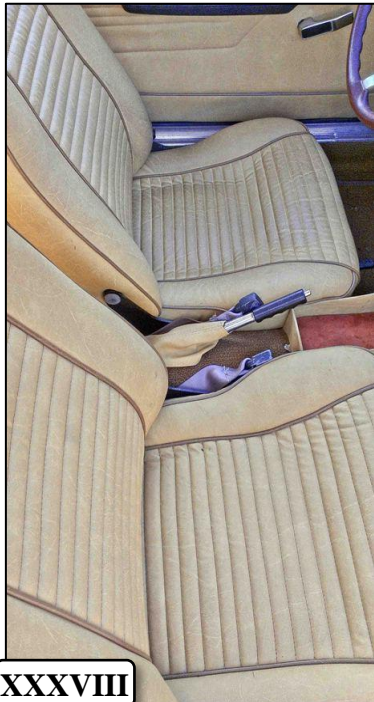
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