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ABOUT THE CLUB

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Your editor's Junior Zagato 1600 at the Mounts Winery, part of a tour arranged by Russ and Carol Paine during the AROC Convention.

Bill Eastman sent this photo of his Giulietta on Highway 36, westbound out of Red Bluff, California, en route to the AROC Convention.



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Wow, is this a great summer or what? It's not even over yet and we've had a tour of the Ron Tonkin collection, a "Tom McGirr Tour" (Summer Tour), the Portland Historics, the AROC Convention, the AROO summer picnic, *and* the 25th annual running of the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally. Whew! I'm worn out, but pumped for more.

Denny Torgeson really stepped up and organized a first class visit to Ron Tonkin's outstanding collection of Ferraris and other fine cars in mid-June. Normally, we'd have the Summer Evening Tour in place of the June meeting, but Denny managed to swing a private showing of these fabulous cars, so we went for it. What a great time! And you can count on another great "Torgy" event on August 21, when Denny hosts the Summer Evening Tour in place of the August regular meeting. So even if you missed the Tonkin Collection, you didn't miss the traditional AROO Summer Evening Tour. Be sure to come along for what undoubtedly will be an excellent driving event.

A couple of weeks after the Tonkin event, many of us joined Tom McGirr on a fascinating tour of the central Willamette Valley, checking out a number of historic homes and interesting local museums. And great roads. I never fail to be amazed at the places Tom finds and the effort he expends to find a cool area, research it and present it in a fun tour route, complete with nice accommodations and excellent food. Tom is presenting the AROO Fall Tour September 14-15, visiting the beautiful Siuslaw River canyon, Yachats on the coast, and lunch in Independence. So if you missed the summer one, you are not out of luck. Be sure to reserve your room, and let Tom know you are coming.

AROO had a good showing at the Historics with the car corral in the infield and Denny Pillar and Mark Carpenter out of the track.

By all reports the AROC National Convention in the SF Bay Area was a hit. Several AROO groups made it down, and most made it back, although the stories seemed to involve a number of breakdowns and heroic (if not miraculous) recoveries. Yulia represented AROO with a TSD rally trophy and Mark Carpenter seems to have won something in the arts and craft competition. You'll have to ask him about that one. Thanks to Russ and Carol Paine for their able hosting of the AROO hospitality suite. No hints of a future AROC Convention on the west coast again for a while, so if you missed it, you'll be in for a long drive to the next one.

Russ and Carol Paine also hosted this year's AROO Picnic, held at the lovely Apolloni Winery outside of Forest Grove. We toured for an hour or so through the hills and valleys of Washington County, then pulled into what felt like a bit of Italy, a winery owned by Alfredo Apolloni. After a tour of the wine cavern and some tasting, we enjoyed lunch in the shade and authentic gelato. It was a wonderful time and more folks should have been there to enjoy it.

A recap of the summer can't help but feature the Silver Anniversary of the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally. The route put together by Rallymaster Simon Levear was stunning: rural vistas, mountain lakes, forest paths, and just enough tricky stuff to make it fun for the top competitors, but not so daunting as to frustrate the majority of rallyists. Chairman Reid Trummel's choice of the Oregon Garden Resort was perfect and the food was fabulous. Treasurer/Registrar Renee Damm did a masterful job managing the money and a million other details. The always-ready volunteers made it all run well from registration to the Beer Wash and everything in between. As a testament to the quality of the event, it is now already fully subscribed for next year and Monte says he's in for another 25! Thanks to everyone who made this one to remember.

Fall's looking good with a surprise guest speaker for the September membership meeting, the third annual President's tour on September 29, Fall Track Day on October 6, and the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on October 20. But you'll hear enough about those in the weeks to come. Right now, summer ain't over yet, so fire up the Alfa and get yourself to an AROO event. Don't let us have fun without you.

[Roger Dilts, Club President](#)

Board of Directors Meeting, April 3, 2013

CLUB BUSINESS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m. at Busters Barbeque Restaurant in Tigard.

Those in attendance: Steve, Russ, Dennis, Roger, Reid, Cindy, Erik, and Mark.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Welcome Lee Anne Barham, new Board Member, but she was out of town so we gave her all kinds of jobs to do! Actually, April Fools as she was out of town, but we respected the new person not to pile all the bad jobs on her... yet!
- b. Minutes review-The February minutes were reviewed, a motion was made and seconded to accept them, and approved. Mark was out ill at the March meeting so the February minutes were not approved.
- c. Treasurer's Report-Cindy reported that the track event was on budget and that it was a positive event in the gain on assets prior to the event. Final numbers are not in yet. The rest is on-budget. Motion to approve by Steve and the honorable Russ Paine seconded the motion and it was passed to accept Cindy's view of our financial status.
- d. Membership was reported by the very clever engineer Erik at a standing of about 180 members. The March membership meeting seemed to be well attended.
- e. New events to happen:
 1. AROO Cup 2 is ready for April 7 with Reid in charge.
 2. April 13 is the Special Events Fair with Reid and we need someone to help promote the fall track day.
 3. April 17 is the April membership meeting with Erik as the host. He may have a 4C movie, stay tuned and come drink some special malt beverages.
 4. May 4, 5 The Old Spider Tour to honor Bob and Margaret McGill and the purchase of their brand new 1958 Alfa Spider Giulietta Spider. Erik is once again putting on the event. (For those who missed knowing Bob and Margaret, you could come out and hear the wonderful stories of a couple of people who helped us bring the club along and made everyone feel welcomed.)
 5. Alfa Bits and website are still working well. Next Wednesday is the next publishing deadline.
 6. NWCR report by Reid in that there is about 120 entrants, but the billings are going out soon and some openings may be available, wait and see.
 7. Calendar – Steve is working on the yearly calendar of events. Tom McGirr's Fall Tour, September 7-8 tour dates are being moved, stay tuned for further updates.
 8. Merchandising –Yulia is working on book purchases, but was not at the meeting. More update at the next general meeting.
 9. Track and competition-Erik is working with motorsport.com and learned some more ways to use the website. Ken Hart provided a great event, but ran into Mark early and listened to Mark and got delayed. Other than that, the event went well. GOOD JOB KEN AND ERIK AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING THE OLD, EXPERIENCED GUARD OF DENNIS TORGESON, FRED MCNABB AND OF COURSE THE LOVELY LISA.
 10. Advertising and promotion was given to Lee Anne, hope that is OK with her, we will see.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. The board discussed and voted to send Nasko a letter regarding his behavior at the last track day. Roger is doing to draft the letter and send it. The board voted unanimously to state that if two black flags in any track day will exclude Nasko from the balance of the day and from future events. It is a safety and liability issue. The two black flag rule will also apply to other participants. This was moved, seconded and approved by all board members.
2. Fall Track Day conflicts with the Maryhill Loops Hill Climb and a TCO event of which many members may be gone for that event along with the Mahogany and Merlot event at Lake Chelan. So it is an issue that is being worked on to figure out what to do.
3. Lee Anne is gone, so she is going to hopefully work on the volunteers' appreciation dinner.

C. ADJOURNED at 8:41 p.m. as Roger closed the meeting.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m. At Busters Barbeque Restaurant in Tigard.

Those in attendance: Russ, Dennis, Roger, Reid, Erik, Mark, and Lee Anne.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Welcome Lee Anne Barham, new Board Member, officially as she was out of town on the last board meeting.
- b. Minutes review-The April minutes were reviewed, a motion was made and approved. Reid made the motion to approve and Russ seconded the motion.
- b. Treasurer's Report-Cindy was absent, but she did send the reports with Lee Anne. We reviewed them and approved the report. Russ moved to approve and Reid seconded the motion.
- c. Membership was reported by the very ever-clever engineer Erik at a standing of about 182 members.
- d. Past Events:
 1. April 7 was AROO Cup Rally #2. Reid was the rally master. 11 cars participated with the Colisch's being the winners.
 2. April 13 was the Special Events Fair presented by Reid, promoting the AROO track day and MSNWCR among other events.
 3. April 17 was the general membership meeting. Erik had a very good presentation of the new Alfa Romeo 4C. Looks like the real deal.
- e. New Events:
 1. May 4-5. The Old Spider Tour to honor Bob and Margaret McGill and the purchase of their brand new 1958 Alfa Spider Giulietta Spider. Erik is once again putting on the event. For those who missed knowing Bob and Margaret, you could come out and hear the wonderful stories of a couple of people who helped push our club along and made everyone feel welcomed.
 2. May 12 is the AROO Cup Rally #3 with Simon Levear in charge.
 3. May 15 is the general membership meeting. Tom Kreger will make a presentation on his Pike's Peak Hill Climb in his 1953 Lincoln that he races including the Carrera Panamericana.
 4. June 19 is the evening tour by Dennis Torgeson.
 5. July 21 is the annual picnic by Russ Paine. It will be a Sunday tour, wine tasting and tour.
 6. NWCR report by Reid in that there is about 120 entrants with 82 paid entrants and 32 unpaid entrants. It will be opening up if the unpaid entrants are still not paid.
 7. Calendar. Steve was out of town, no update.
 8. Merchandising. Yulia is out of town.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Track and competition. Erik is working on an update, but no new news. Fall Track Day conflicts with the Maryhill Loops Hill Climb and a TCO event, of which many volunteer members may be gone for that event along with the Mahogany and Merlot event at Lake Chelan. So it is an issue that is being worked on to figure out what to do.
2. AROC Convention tour was discussed with Dennis and others.
3. Advertising and promotion was given to Lee Anne, hope that is OK, we will see.

C. ADJOURNED at 8:30 p.m. as Reid moved and Dennis seconded the motion. Roger closed the meeting.

Submitted by Mark Carpenter, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting, June 5, 2013

CLUB BUSINESS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:06 p.m. At Busters Barbeque Restaurant in Tigard.

Those in attendance: Russ, Dennis, Roger, Reid, Erik, Mark, Lee Anne, Yulia, Cindy and guests Bob Stewart and Neil d'Autremont.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Minutes review. The May minutes were reviewed, a motion was made, seconded and approved. Reid made the motion to approve and Russ seconded the motion.
2. Treasurer's Report. Cindy was absent, but she did send the reports with Lee Anne. We reviewed them and approved the report. Dennis moved to approve and Reid seconded the motion.
3. Membership was reported by the very ever-clever engineer Erik at a standing of still about 182 members.
4. Past Events.
 - a. May 12 was AROO Cup Rally #3. Simon was the rally master. 10 cars participated with the winner being the Colisch's, followed by Godshalk, and Fry-Smolyansky.
 - b. The May 4-5 Old Spider tour had 30 cars at the start. A big thanks goes out to Dennis and Erik for continuing the great tradition of the McGill's tour. Erik has taken on the long-standing event to both honor Bob and Margaret McGill and the purchase of their new 1958 Giulietta Spider.
 - c. May Membership meeting featured Tom Kreger and his Pikes Peak run in the 1953 Lincoln Carrera Panamericana car.
5. New Events:
 - a. June 9. AROO Cup Rally #4 with Roger as the rally Master and he reported it is all ready to go!
 - b. June 19 is the evening Tour with Dennis. He has lined up a viewing of the Ron Tonkin Collection.
 - c. June 22-23 is the AROO Summer Tour by Tom McGirr.
 - d. June 28-30 is the Portland Historic Races with several Alfa Club members racing and the Alfa Club Car Coral.
 - e. July 21 is the annual AROO picnic that Russ has put together at a local winery.
 - f. The July Board of Directors meeting is canceled and a number of people are headed to the national convention in California.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. MSNWCR report by Reid is that things are final and the Calendar is up to date via the website. Speakers include Dale and Sally Lafollette and not yet fully sure on others. 96 cars are paid to date. All is looking good.
2. Calendar Review. Steve was absent but the Columbia River Concours is August 4 and AROO is donating \$200 to sponsor the Alfa Romeo Class.
3. Merchandise/Apparel. Yulia report that only three people have committed to items.
4. Track. Erik has reported the he is working with motorsportreg.com on some issues and getting a better handle on how it all works.
5. Advertising and Promotion. Lee Anne is new and just getting thrown into the deep end, thanks for taking on this issue.

C. CONTINUING AND NEW BUSINESS:

1. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Lee Anne has it scheduled for October 20 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Festa Italiana. Lee Anne is working on this and Mark is to call Dommick Begee on the event.
3. AROC convention in California. Hospitality Room with Russ Paine is being worked on.

D. ADJOURNED AT 8:24 P.M.

Submitted by Mark Carpenter, Secretary



I should have known that things might be jinxed when we showed up to Molalla State Park, the starting point for the tour, only to find the gates locked. We were not alone, as quite a few fishermen were counting on access to the boat ramp. State taxes *not* at work! However, with our first museum stop, only 15 minutes into the drive, folks were able to “hold it.”

Our first stop was the train depot in Canby. This is the oldest train depot in Oregon dating back to 1871. The museum opened up an hour early for us and even had donuts and coffee ready for us! Great collection of stuff and the volunteers were very well versed in the history of the times. Worth a stop if you are in the area!

Next we stopped at the Aurora Community Museum. This area was originally founded as a Utopian community in 1856. Dr. Keil originally came from the east coast to establish a colony at Willapa Bay, WA. On his journey to the west, his son died. Having promised his son he would see that he reached the west coast, he transported his son’s body in a whiskey filled lead lined coffin and buried him in Willapa Bay. Aurora Mills was a highly successful society where communal members exemplified the credo “each according to his ability and to each according to his need.” Society was known for its industriousness, quality of product, good food, hospitality and music. Each day, four trainloads of people





stopped to eat here. Dr. Keil died in 1877 and the colony disbanded in 1883. The museum curator gave us a quick history lesson and a private tour of the many exhibits.

After lunch, we visited the oldest operating store in Oregon, which is located in Butteville. This place was established in 1863! There we enjoyed some great ice cream for dessert.

Next stop was the Newell House near Champoeg. Robert Newell was very involved in creating the Oregon Territory and Champoeg was the original center of government for the territory until it destroyed by a flood in 1861. The house was built in 1852 and has some great exhibits.

On the way to St. Paul, we drove through Donald to see an old railroad booster station. Donald was named for RL Donald, construction supervisor for the Oregon Electric Railroad. The first electric locomotive was invented in the 1840s but commercially viable service started in the 1880's. Booster stations were located every 5-7 miles to boost power to the overhead power lines. In 1905, the Willamette Valley Traction Company was organized to build an electric interurban railroad from Portland south to Salem. It started service in 1907 and added Eugene in 1910. Passenger





service ended in 1933 due to completion with the car and diesel locomotives. The electric engines ceased service in the early 40's.

After a tour of old homes in Dayton, we drove through some very pretty valleys near Hopewell to Zena Church and Cemetery. Established in 1850's, it is located on a hill overlooking the valley. We stopped to enjoy the view and read some of the very old tombstones.

Shortly thereafter, Tom led us on a series of wild drives with lots of dead ends, U-turns and other unplanned destinations. It seems he had a very bad case of Scribner's error which had us looping back looking for a road that was around 5 miles further down the road. The only good thing, if you can call it that, was that we discovered Chuck Reigler's spider had broken down. While several offered a potential diagnoses, we were not able to get him running so AAA was called to the rescue. Bummer! Tom finally stumbled onto the correct road and we proceeded on to Monmouth and on to Albany. The highlight of the tour was the dinner. Tom arranged for a special Italian dinner prepared by the owner of Pizza King in Albany. Do NOT let the name influence you! The owner is married to an Italian, has studied in culinary school in Italy, and really knows how to cook authentic Italian food. It was simply outstanding!





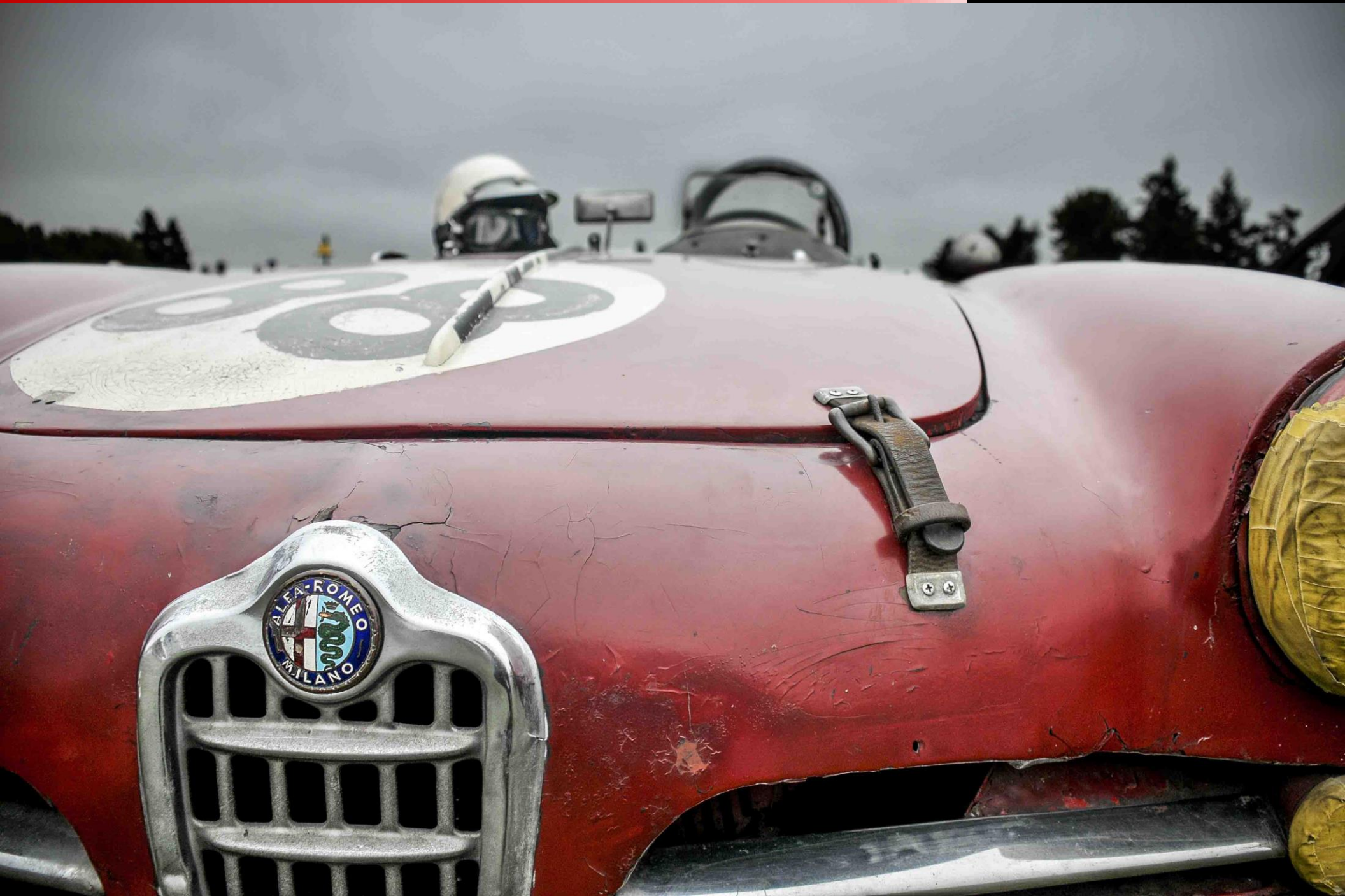
Sunday's drive started out in a little drizzle, but the rain stopped shortly thereafter and we had decent weather the rest of the day. We stopped in what was originally Boston, Oregon to visit the grist mill. Built in the early 1850's, it is a great exhibit of early Oregon business. We were given a private tour of the facility and they even opened the flood gates to the pond to let us see the mill machinery operate.

Another highlight was the Brownsville Museum (also known as the Linn County Museum). This place has an outstanding array of exhibits. We spent at least an hour there and felt we were racing through. It has one of only three original covered wagons that came across the Oregon Trail. We also took a private tour of the Moyer House, built around 1856. Among the highlights was a beautiful hand rail up the main stair case that had been twisted as it turned the corner to the second floor. We all marveled at how it was made. In addition, they removed old paint for the ceilings to reveal the original hand painted scenes on the ceilings. They are very cool! I would recommend a trip to Brownsville to see both exhibits and enjoy the other historical buildings. When you are there, stop by the Brownsville Saloon for a burger and beer-YUM!

Be sure to sign up for the Fall Tour in September. Dates are September 14-15. Call the Fireside Motel in Yachats to reserve your room and let Tom know you are coming.











Beauty and the Beast.





xviii Barbara Carpenter looks on from the grandstands as Mark awaits his turn on the track.

The next 30 days or so...

August 21, Evening Tour (Monthly Meeting)

There is no regular monthly meeting this month, but there is an evening tour on the third Wednesday. See the next page for details.

September 4, Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Open to all members.

Buster's Texas Style Barbecue – in the Meeting Room in the back.

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September 14-15, AROO Fall Tour

See **UPDATED** details elsewhere in this issue, and note that the room block expires Saturday, August 17.

September 18, Monthly Meeting

More information next month; just remember to save the third Wednesday of each month.

September 29, 3rd Annual AROO President's Tour

For now, save the date. More information coming next month.

FUTURE EVENTS



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

AROO Evening Tour, August 21 by Dennis Torgeson

FUTURE EVENTS

Time for a nice evening drive with your fellow Alfa Club members. This will be a fun, medium-paced tour on roads most of you have never been on before. So here are the specifics:

MEET: Holiday Inn – Wilsonville off I-5 (North exit, not the town of Wilsonville), 25425 SW 95th Ave, Wilsonville 97070. Coming from the north on I-5, take Exit 286, then right on Elligsen Rd/Boones Ferry Rd, then left at the light on 95th, pass Chevron Station to Holiday Inn, “you can't miss it.” Those of you coming from the south, take Exit 286 and then left onto Elligsen Rd.

TIME: I would like to LEAVE the Holiday Inn parking lot at 7:00 p.m., so if you can, be there before that time. I know traffic can be tough, but no one will be left behind if you are a little late.

DESTINATION: We will end up at Wankers Corner Saloon & Cafe, 8499 SW Main, Wilsonville, for refreshments or food for those who are hungry.

The tour will last an hour to an hour and a half, so we should be at dinner before total darkness. Please make an effort to join us and enjoy open air driving (you coupe owners can roll down the windows!), warm weather and friendship.

Looking forward to seeing a long line of Alfas!



AROO Fall Tour, September 14-15 by Tom McGirr

FUTURE EVENTS

8:30 a.m. Departure from Salem Waterfront Park.

Destination: Yachats, on the Oregon coast.

Lodging: Fireside (800-336-3573). **Block Expires 8/17.** If full, check out link to other options: <http://www.yachats.org/lodging.html>. It's not essential that you stay at the Fireside – *it is essential that you join us!*

Saturday Lunch: BYOPicnic in a park along the Siuslaw River.

Dinner: Ono Restaurant in Yachats.

Sunday: Cape Perpetua, two art galleries, then a short drive to Salem.

Sunday Lunch: Rogue Nation Hop Farm in Independence (near Salem).

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<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/passes-permits/recreation>

Directions to Salem Waterfront Park: From I-5 S, take Salem Parkway to Commercial, stay in right lane and bear right onto Salem Bypass (just past Salem Gospel Mission/Honda dealership). Right on Union at stop light, and left on Water to parking area. Bathrooms located just south of carousel. If you are coming to Salem the night before, The Grand Hotel is just a 1/4-mile from the park.

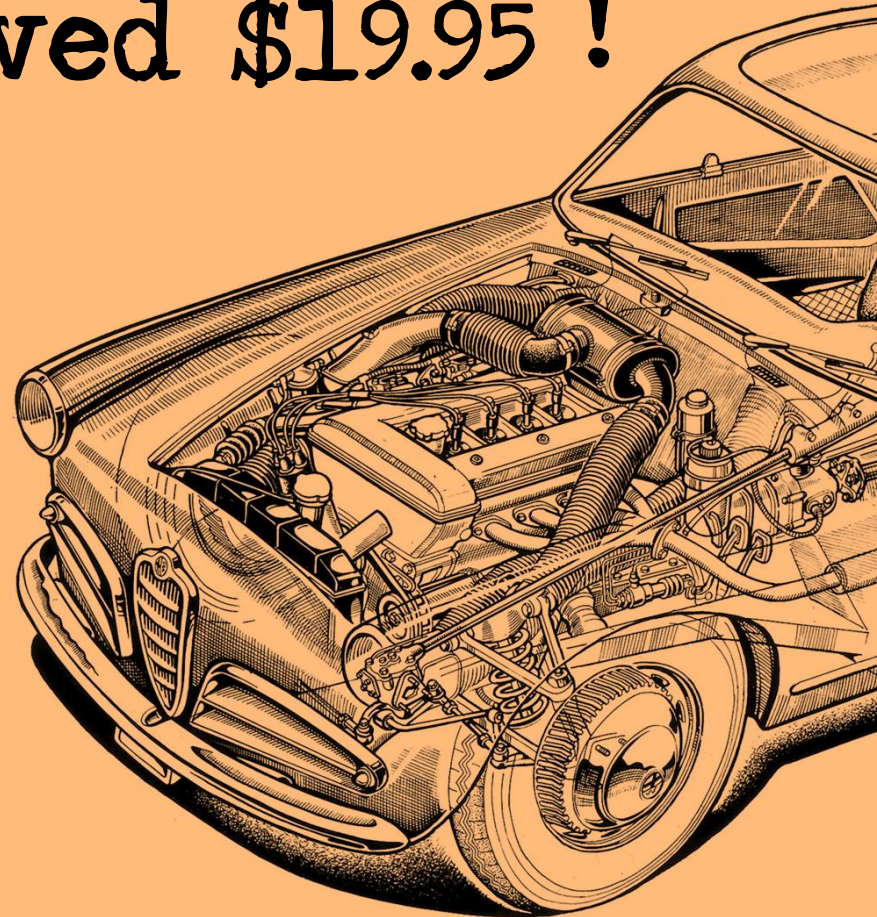
Please let me (Tom McGirr) know if you are coming (so I can let the restaurant know how many folks to plan for).

Tom McGirr, 503.910.8719 or mcgirrt@wcb.com



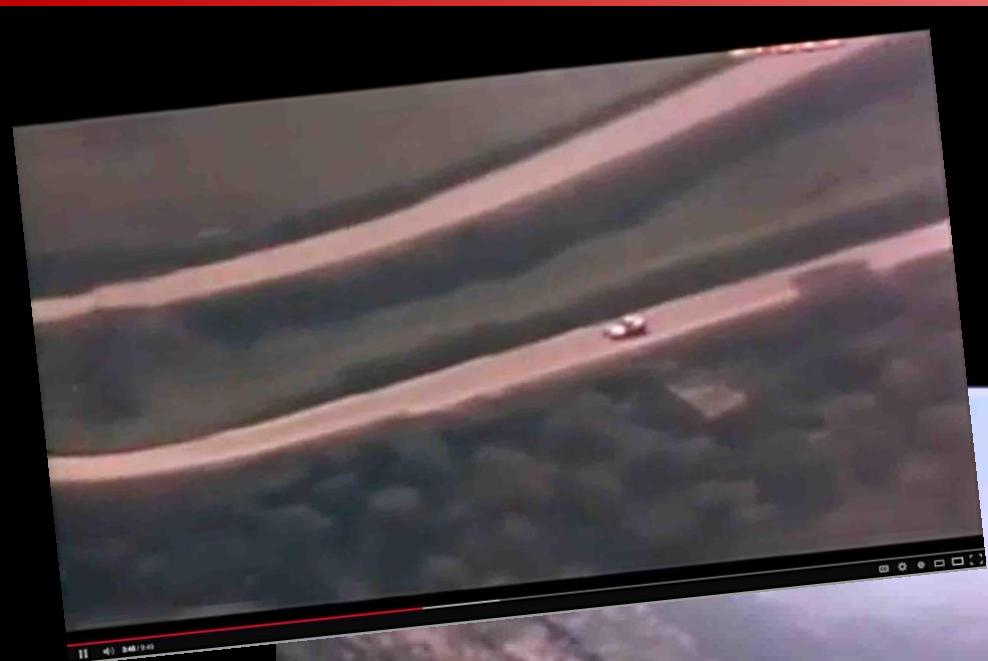


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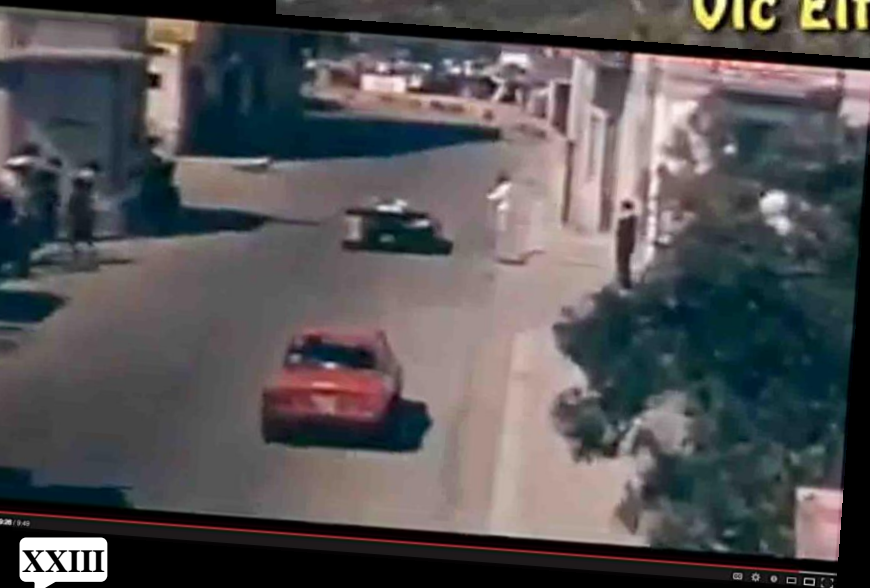
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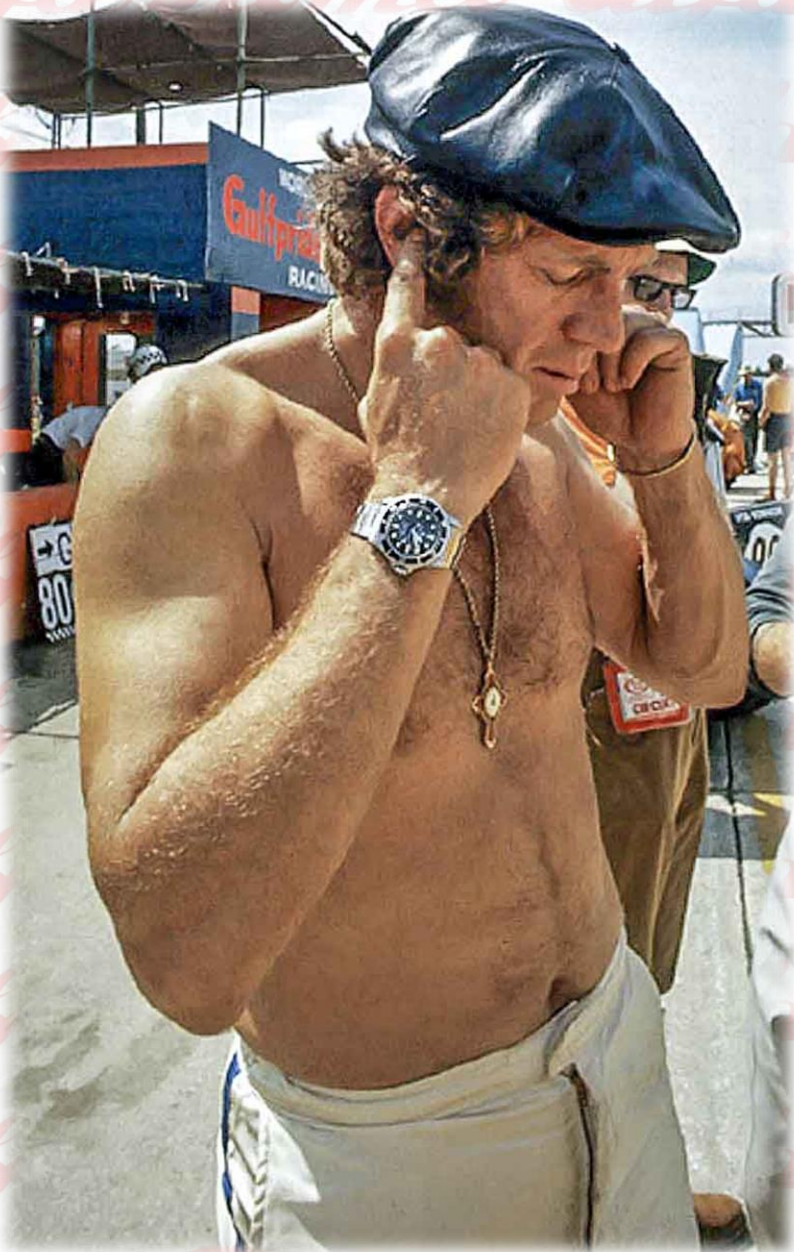
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**Targa Florio
1970
Commentary By
Vic Elford**

Driver Vic Elford narrates this look at the 1970 Targa Florio race, with four Alfas, each hoping to beat the Lone Ferrari entry. Will they do it? Click on the image at left to find out.





See, Steve's not a big fan of excuses. He's more of a *"Be There and Be Ready"* kind of guy.

So when he hears someone saying that they can't make club meetings and activities because of blah, blah, blah, to him it sounds just like blah, blah, blah, and the best you'll get from Steve is, "Did you say something?" See you at the meetings and activities.

Did you say something?

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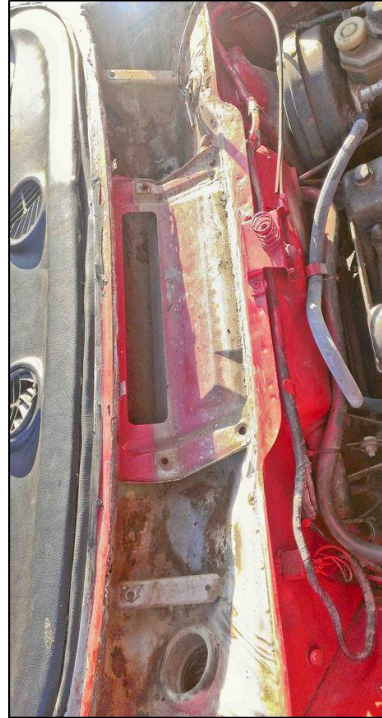
Great ten-foot car with racing mods. A street car with some racing mods, my beautiful little Alfa was being prepared for a racing career when the owner suffered an injury. The car can now go either way, track or street. Wes Ingram engine and suspension. Some rust, some things need to be hooked back up (heater, radio, etc.). Interior is good, no dash cracks. Reluctantly being sold by Martin Rudow for \$8500 firm, the car can be seen in Seattle at [Group 2 Motorsports](#). Call Martin for details at 360.678.3146 or email vintagedrift@eschelon.com. I have all service records. To see the car, call Group 2 at 206.378.0900



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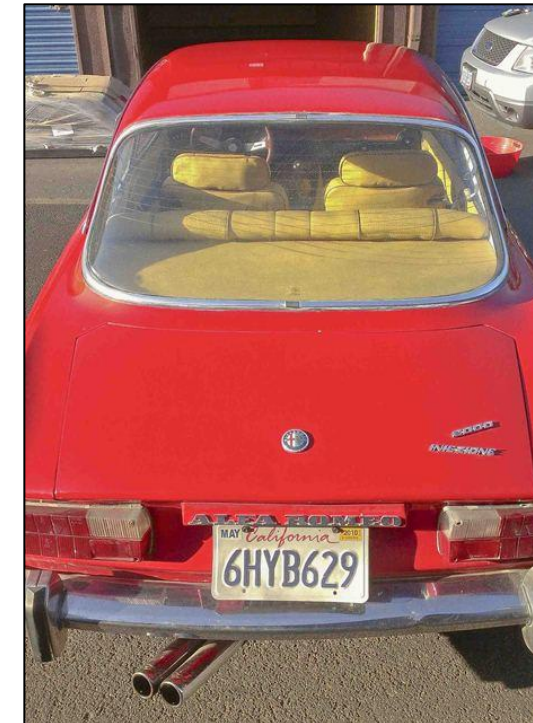
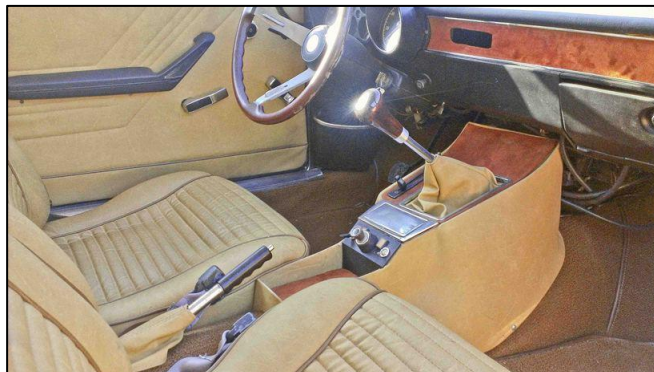
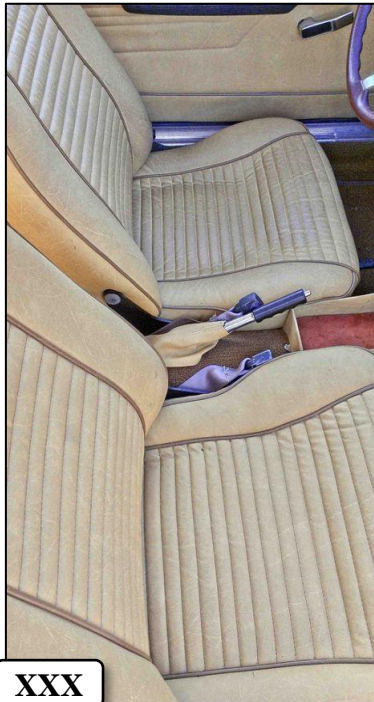
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\$5,000 spent at Nasko's (all documented) on mechanicals.
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