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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Now *this* is a vintage race car. See our exclusive feature in this issue.

Photo by Editor



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DRIVER'S SEAT



First things first

A couple of items from the AROO Board. First, everyone should be pleased to know that Cindy Banzer was elected Vice President of AROC. Cindy is a long-time AROO member, and has served on the AROO Board and as AROO treasurer for many years, as well as organizing the Holiday Banquet and participating in many AROO events. She has ably represented AROO on the national AROC Board and has been AROC Treasurer, too. Her position as vice president gives AROO a strong presence at the national level of our club, ensuring that we will have a voice in policies and decisions that impact AROO and *alfisti* throughout the country. Be sure to congratulate Cindy for this accomplishment and thank her for her service to AROO.

Second, Steve Meunier has stepped down from the Board due to work demands. Newcomer Bob Stewart was willing to step in and fill out Steve's term. The Board approved Bob's appointment and he is already off and running, taking care of the <u>on-line calendar</u> and planning an event for early next year. Bob has that perfect combination of enthusiasm and retirement, plus a passion for Alfas (and a very nice GTV) that will make him a great Board member. Steve, thanks for your work on the Board, and welcome, Bob!

Looking down the road

With summer winding down, Oregonians can start enjoying the beauty of our glorious fall, and what better way to spend a crisp, golden day than to join your friends on a AROO adventure?

First off is the AROO Fall Tour led by Tom McGirr this coming weekend, September 14-15. It's not too late to register for what is bound to be a great weekend of motoring pleasure. If your calendar has cleared out a last-minute space for this tour, see information elsewhere in this issue on how to join in this tour.

Then show up for this month's general membership meeting at the Lucky Lab Brew Pub for good friends and good times. Plans were still in the works at press time, but you can be sure of a great evening with all your AROO buddies. And free beer and snacks!

Then keep the momentum going at the Third Annual AROO President's Tour on Saturday, September 28. In response to requests for shorter events, this will be a half-day tour. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Browns Ferry Park at 5855 SW Nyberg Lane in Tualatin. We'll head out at 9 a.m. for an easy-paced drive, ending with lunch at Tree's Restaurant in Sherwood. Check out the menu here: Lunch stop. As is traditional on this tour, expect cool roads, flawless instructions, prize drawings for nice stuff, and dash plaques for the first 15 cars. No charge for the tour. And no gravel this year, either. I promise. Really.

Since the pace will be easy on the Tour, you can revit up at Track Day on Sunday, October 6. Satisfy your need for speed or volunteer and help put on a great event. If you can't do either, at least help out by praying for dry weather.

The AROO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be Sunday, October 20⁻ at Caro Amico Italian Café on Barbur Blvd. This is our annual chance to celebrate and thank everyone who has pitched in and volunteered for AROO in any way this year. This club would be nothing without our volunteers, so whether you worked for days on the Monte Shelton or pulled one shift at a Track Day, please come join us. Don't be shy, we all want to say thanks, and the meal will be on AROO. It's our treat.

Board of Directors Meeting, August 7, 2013



MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:10 p.m. at Busters Barbeque Restaurant in Tigard.

Those in attendance: Cindy, Dennis, Lee Anne, Reid, Roger and Yulia, and guests Don Best and Bob Stewart.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Minutes review. The June minutes were reviewed and seconded. Mark was absent.
- 2. Treasurer's report. Cindy went over the report. Group decided that no approval or seconding of the report was needed.

B. PAST EVENTS:

- 1. Reviewed the events of June, including the Evening Tour of Tonkin collection, the AROO Cup Rally, summer McGirr tour. Specifically discussed the AROC convention. Russ Paine's private tour was very appreciated. Some discussion of the need for more volunteers. 31 people from Portland and 30 from Seattle attended.
- 2. Regarding the summer picnic, folks agreed it was a great location and food, but want to insure that next year's picnic does not conflict with the Forest Grove Concours. Russ gets 2 Big Gold Stars for picnic and AROC Convention.
- 3. Reid talked about the Monte Shelton Rally, appreciating how successful it was and his appreciation of his team and all the volunteers. \$2000 transferred to AROO and approx. \$1800 was donated to the March of Dimes. Cindy mentioned the event running out of food for both lunches, which needs to be corrected.
- 4. Aug 21 evening tour started at Holiday Inn in Wilsonville and ended up at Wanker's Corner. Reid to put in Alfa Bits.

C. UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept 14-15. AROO Fall Tour by Tom McGirr Tom requests that we promote this event. Salem to coast. Roger to mention at the 8/21 tour.

Sept 18. AROO membership meeting. Need host for the meeting. Cindy will call Bob Ames and see if he can put together a slide show. Yulia will be back-up. Cindy said that Lucky Lab wants to know if we want the room for June, July and August of next year and board agreed that we did not.

Sept 29. President's Tour. 3rd Annual. Agreed no gravel roads. Will try a half day, a.m. tour then lunch.

Oct 6. Track Day, Erik.

Oct 20. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Caro Amico. Lee Anne said event details will be determined as we get closer to the date.

D. CONTINUING AND NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion of repercussions of Black Flags at Track Day.
- 2. Membership Erik: 180+ members.
- 3. Reid reported that next year's MSNWCR is sold out. Tom Marcos will be getting sponsors.
- 4. June 28-30, 2014, Portland Historic Races. Dennis suggested we make it a big Alfa event. Free BBQ for members. Dennis will look into putting something together.
- 5. Bob Stewart wanted to know if anyone was interested in having either the Jan or Feb meeting at an indoor carting place. Suggested 1 p.m. meet and race, followed by 3 p.m. go to restaurant.
- 6. Festa Italia. Is it too late?
- 7. AROO 45th anniversary event. Roger will follow up.
- 8. AROO projector replacement, board approved for Roger to look into it.



PAST EVENTS

"A very significant Alfa..." by Brandon Adrian

Editor's note: I saw this car at the AROC/ARA Convention in California in July and was immediately charmed by it. Obviously an unrestored old race car, it also made a great subject for photography. While preparing to include some photos of it in this newsletter, I wrote to the Convention organizers for the identity of the owner, and they sent an email written by the owner wherein he described the car and its history. I thought it would make a great feature for the newsletter and contacted the owner, Brandon Adrian, who gave permission to print the story. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

The car is a very early 1958 Giulietta Spider Veloce 1300 750F series, chassis number short wheel base (SWB). This car is a true preserved time capsule and historical nostalgic race car survivor which has its natural, original racing patina still intact. It has been an early SCCA race car its entire life since new and was never registered for road use until recently in 2013 by me. The car's odometer only shows 30,571 miles which are believed to be the original total miles. As an all original Veloce 750F, all parts on the car are original Alfa Romeo factory Veloce parts. This true "survivor" is not restored, but



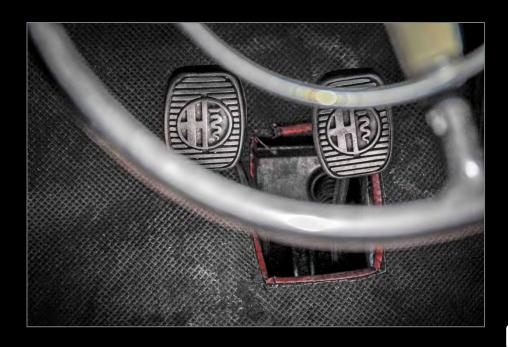
"A very significant Alfa..." continued

rather a preserved and original race car that "is as it was" from the legendary 50's and 60's golden era of motor sport racing. The natural patina and timeless aura of the car still exudes all of its original 1950's and 60's racing history. Great care was taken to preserve this history when the mechanical restoration was undertaken. The asfound patina and battle scars from its early days of racing were preserved and remain. It is apparent that this car was retired sometime in the late 1960's before the fender flaring of the 1970's. The car was part of the John Murphy collection in Atlanta, Georgia. The car was acquired by Murphy in the early 80's where the car sat in the collection until his passing in the early 2000's. It was sold from the collection's estate to the last previous owner, a father and son collector in the mid 2000's, before being sold to me.



"A very significant Alfa..." continued

PAST EVENTS





Racing History:

This Giulietta Spider Veloce AR1495.03327 was entered and ran in many races all along the east coast 1958-1968. Early in its racing career the car was piloted by ex-Ferrari driver Bob Grossman as well as entered later in races by the owner/driver team of Kay Smith of Morristown, NJ and Neil Fogelberg of Raway, NJ.

Here is the currently known event and race history of the car in order by month and year:

May 3, 1959, SCCA National Sports Car Championship/VIR-Shrine National Championship Sports Car Races. Track: Virginia International Raceway, USA. Group: G-Production. Driver: Bob Grossman. Result: 9th overall, 4th in GP class. Car entered as #9.

www.racingsportscars.com/race/Virginia-1959-05-03c.html

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August 9, 1959, SCCA National Sports Car Championship/Montgomery, NY. Track: Montgomery airport course, USA. Group: G-Production. Driver: Bob Grossman. Result: 7th GP class. Car entered as #97.

www.racingsportscars.com/results/Montgomery-1959-08-09h.html

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March 26-27, 1966, 16th Hershey Hill Climb (Spring), Appalachian Sports Car Club, Inc., Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association (PHA). Driver: K. Smith. Hillclimb time of 64.3119, 1st place. Reference: Entry and time information provided by Ron Mann of the Pennsylvania Hill Climb Association (PHA).

"A very significant Alfa..." continued

PAST EVENTS



November 19-20, 1966, Hershey Hill Climb (Fall), Appalachian Sports Car Club, Inc., Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association (PHA). Driver: K. Smith. Hillclimb time of 57.895, 1st place. Car entered as #83. Group: F Production, 1st Place. Reference: Entry and time information provided by Ron Mann of the Pennsylvania Hill Climb Association (PHA).

June 3-4, 1967, Jefferson Hill Climb, Jefferson, Pennsylvania. Driver: Kay Smith. Car entered as #183. Hillclimb time of 49.517, 4th in F Production 2 (FP2). Reference: Entry and time information provided by Ron Mann of the Pennsylvania Hill Climb Association (PHA).

June 10-11, 1967, Duryea Hill Climb, Reading, Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Blue Mountain Region Sports Car Club. Driver: Kay Smith. Car entered as #83. Hillclimb time of 169.950, 3rd in F Production (FP).

September 2-3, 1967, Fleetwood Hill Climb. Fleetwood, Pennsylvania. Driver: Kay Smith. Car entered as #83. Hill Climb time of 61.640. 1st in F Production 2.

October 7-8, 1967, Weatherly Hill Climb, Weatherly, Pennsylvania (SCCA sanctioned). Sponsored by the Weatherly Rotary Club. Driver: Kay Smith. Car entered as #83. Hillclimb time of 80.721. 3rd in G Production (GP).

October 15, 1967, SCCA October Regional Six Hour Race *Les Six Heures/* Washington, D.C. Track: Marlboro. Group: G-Production. Drivers: K. Smith and N. Fogelberg. Car entered as #83. 17th overall and 3rd in G-Production. Completed 168 laps.

1967, Redding Road Races. Track: Redding Pennsylvania Airport, Redding, Pennsylvania (SCCA-sanctioned). Driver: K. Smith. Reference: (Kay Smith during telephone conversation on April 19, 2013.

April 27, 1968, SCCA New York Championship Races/Lime Rock, Connecticut. Track: Lime Rock Park. Group: G-Production. Driver: K. Smith. Car entered as #83.

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"A very significant Alfa..."











AROC Convention Photos by Editor

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Fred McNabb's Duetto undergoing concours judging at AlfaCalifornia2013. Judging is so thorough that it even includes a gender check of the car (as seen at lower right). Dennis Torgeson, left, was among the judges.





AROC Convention Photos by Editor

PAST EVENTS



Portland Historic Races

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Mark Carpenter completing one of racing's trickiest maneuvers: backing into your pit stall, and he makes it look easy!





PAST EVENTS



The next 30 days or so...

September 14-15, AROO Fall Tour

It's not too late to join this fabulous tour. Contact Tom McGirr (503.910.8719) ASAP if interested.

September 18, Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FREE BEER FREE BEER FREE BEER FREE BEER FREE BEER FREE BEER FREE BEER

September 28, 3rd Annual AROO President's Tour

Meet at 5855 SW Nyberg Lane, Tualatin, at 8:30 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure. A half-day tour, as many requested in our survey last year. Lunch at Tree's Restaurant. NO GRAVEL.

October 2, Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

October 6, AROO Track Day

Volunteers needed! Contact Ken Hart at Ken. Hart@alfaclub.org or 360.574.7402

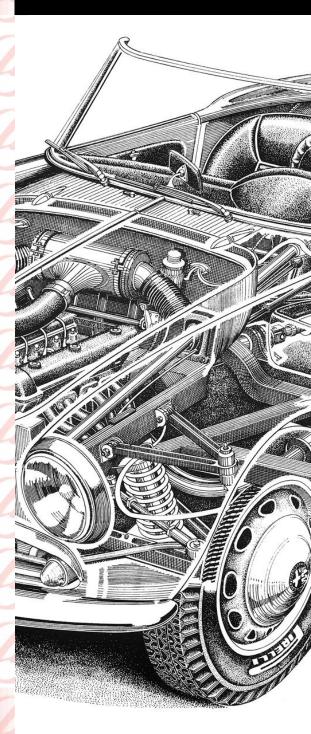
October 16, Monthly Meeting

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

October 20, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Calling all volunteers! Please join your fellow volunteers at 6 p,m, at Caro Amico Italian Café, 3606 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland 97239. RSVP to Lee Anne Barham or 503.484.8950.

FUTURE EVENTS



Year View full Activity Calendar on AROO website

AROO Fall Tour

What are YOU doing September 14-15? How about a drive to the beach?

With the forecast being SUN and temps in the high 70's/low 80's, it sounds like perfect weather for an Alfa tour! AND IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!

The route will departs from the Salem Waterfront Park next to the Willamette River. We will enjoy some nice designated scenic roads through Kings Valley, then head down Hwy 36 to Mapleton and have lunch at a nice park along the Siuslaw River. Afterwards, we will drive on great BLM/county roads along the river to Reedsport. We will stop at Oregon Dunes Overlook for a grand view of the dunes then head to the Fireside Motel. I anticipate arriving at 4:30 p.m., so there will be time to explore the tide pools before happy hour and dinner.

Sunday morning we will drive up to Cape Perpetua which offers spectacular views of the ocean and Oregon Coast. Thereafter we will visit a couple of very nice art galleries, one in Yachats and another in Newport, before driving back north. A late lunch is planned at the Rogue Nation Hops Farm near Independence where we can salute a great year of Alfa tours and friendship with a beer and sandwich.

Preferred motel is Fireside... they still have a few rooms available. Otherwise, Google Yachats and call around. The Fireside's number is 1-800-338-0507. ID yourself with the club. Dinner will be at "ONO," a very nice and reasonably priced restaurant.

NOTE: It is suggested you obtain a US Forest Day Pass for EACH day in advance. They are available at the Portland Regional office located at 333 SW 1st Ave # 100, Portland 97204, (503) 808-2468.

Directions to Salem Waterfront Park: From I-5S, 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 and left on Water to parking area. If you are coming to Salem the night before, The Grand Hotel is just a 1/4-mile from the park. DEPARTURE: 8:30 a.m. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH!

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

mcgirrt@columbiabank.com or phone 503.983.3656







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Think of it as the analog version of social networking! We look forward to seeing you there!

Lucky Lab Pub

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Wednesday, September 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m.







The President and First Lady cordially invite you to the

Third Annual AROO President's Tour

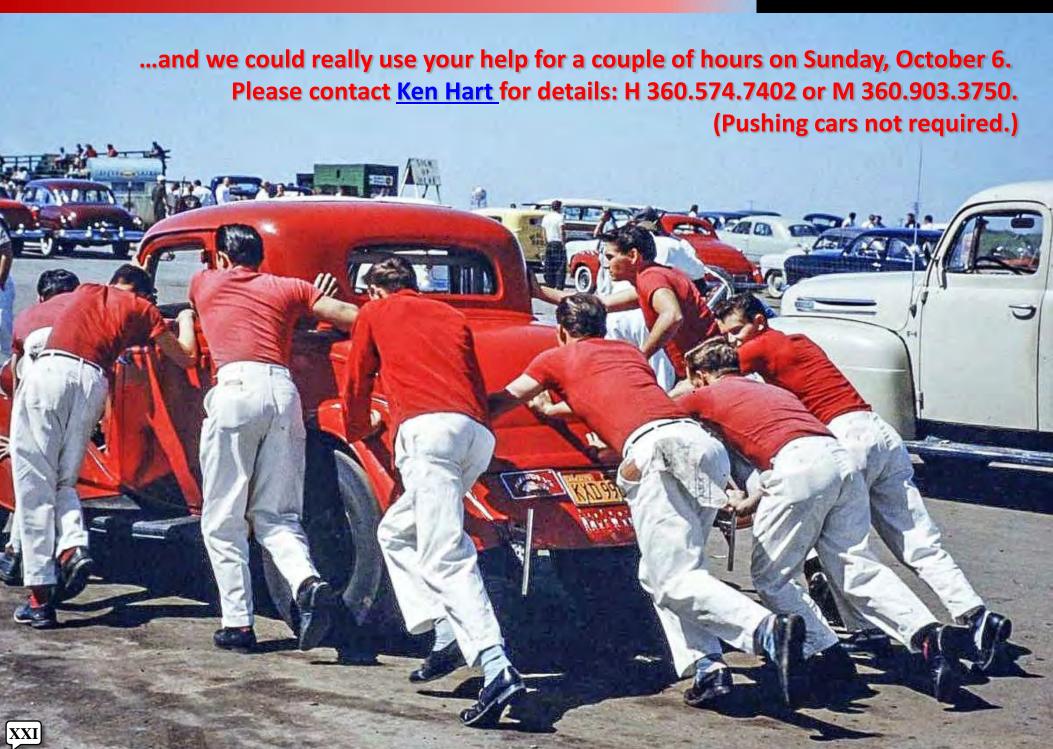
Saturday, September Twenty eighth, Two thousand thirteen

Gather at 5855 SWNyberg Lane, Tualatin, Oregon, at Eight Thirty a.m.

Depart promptly at Nine a.m.

Lunch at Tree's Restaurant

No Gravel



AROO Fall Track Day, Sunday, October 6

FUTURE EVENTS



September 2014 Tour Opportunity by Tom McGirr

As many of you know, I put together car tours for the club as well as for another infamous group called the "Alfa Wannabes." The latter is a neat group of people and mix of very nice cars (including a few Alfas) that like to do extended-length tours to destination spots. Next year, I am taking the group to Glacier National Park in Montana.

The tour will include a night in Spokane at the historic Davenport Hotel, two nights at Lake McDonald Lodge in Glacier, a night at Many Glacier Lodge (also in the park), and then a night at Lake Coeur d'Alene Resort in Idaho. I have chartered three of the old historic Red Busses with open tops (photo below) to take us up and over the Road to the Sun so that we do not have the hassle of fighting for parking spots at the numerous vistas. I encourage you to check out the lodges and the Red Busses on the internet at the links below.

The dates of the tour are September 2-7, 2014. If you are interested, let me know. I will be happy to reserve a room for you or put you on the waiting list. A refundable deposit will be required.

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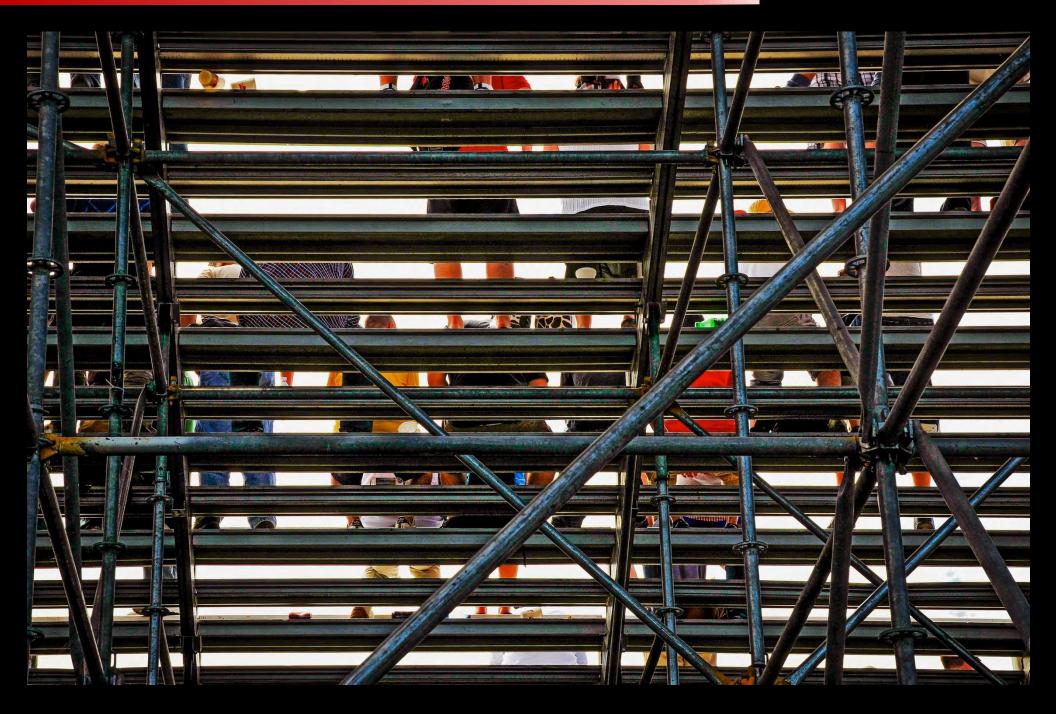
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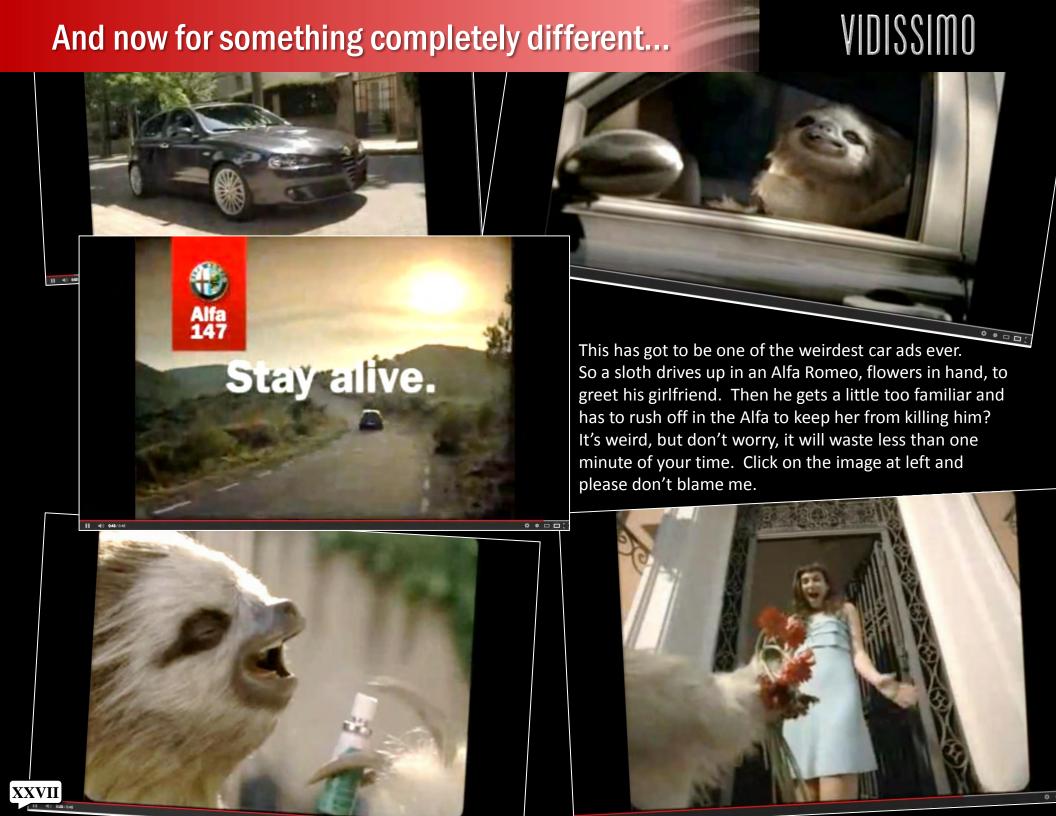


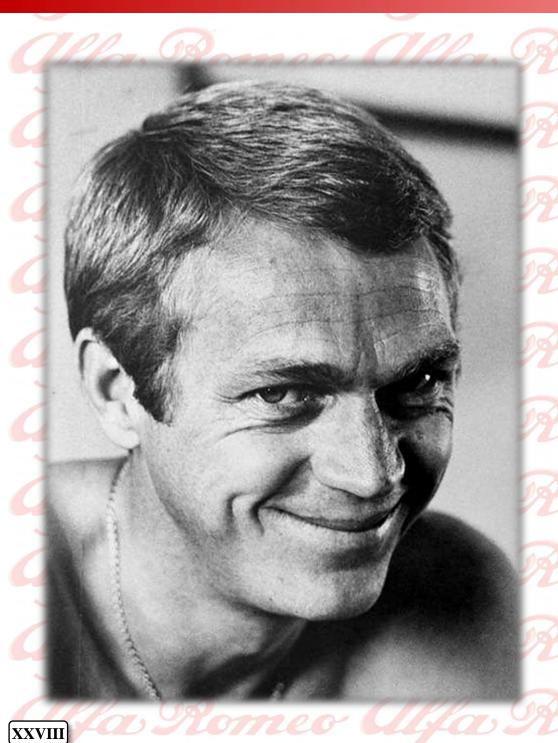
An unusual view of the Canadian Grand Prix by Editor

SOME OTHER STUFF









See, Steve's a happy guy right now. He just took a look at he activities calendar and, well, there's just so much good stuff coming up.

You can still get in on the Fall Tour; the monthly meetings at the Lucky Lab Pub are starting up again; the AROO President's Tour is a must-do, and only a half-day for all those who asked for that; and then there's a Track Day – and all this is in just the next few weeks!

And when Steve's happy, everybody's happy...



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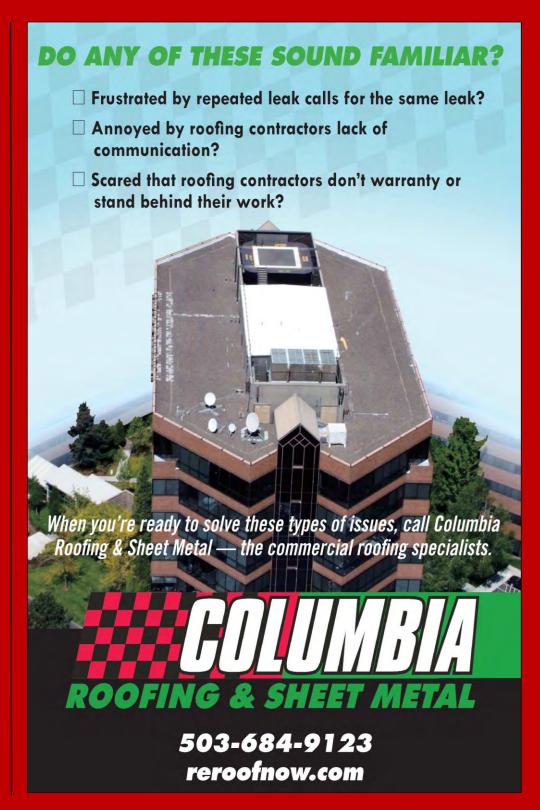
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For Sale: 1969 GTV

BUY-SELL-TRADE

1969 Alfa Romeo GTV. AR-343 Blu Olandes (dark blue) with tan interior. 124k miles. Local Portland club car since before the first AROO National Convention. Purchased out of California in 1986. Well maintained over the years. Original 1750 with Spica injection. Engine and transmission rebuilt about 30,000 miles ago. Repainted nine years ago, new windshield and new headliner installed at same time. Brakes rebuilt recently with new pads, rebuilt calipers, one booster and fresh ATE Blau fluid. Stops great. Driveline rebuilt with new joints and balance from Driveline service. Quiet original rear axle, 4:55 ratio. Owners manual included. New 185/70-14 tires on freshly powder coated original rims (Portland Powder Coat). Slightly lowered with a set of Rugh (continued next page)







For Sale: 1969 GTV

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Engineering sport springs and Bilstein gas shocks. This car is ready for club events of any kind. Runs like a train and great fun to drive. Spica injection works well – starts instantly and purrs hot or cold. Too many Alfas and too little storage space forces this one out of the nest. Prefer to see it picked up by a local AROO member. \$21,500. Erik Roe, erikroe@mac.com_or 503.706.8304.







For Sale: 1985 Spider Graduate

1985 Alfa Romeo Spider Graduate. I've owned it for about nine years, and while it has 190,000 miles, everything has been rebuilt in the last 12 including a new top, interior, paint, engine overhaul, and transmission overhaul (two years ago). I have the original shop manual and a folder of receipts. The car has always been loved and well cared for. It's a real head turner, runs great, and is a total blast to drive. I am only selling it because I don't have a garage, and would prefer not to have it live under a cover. Asking \$5250 OBO. Call 971.409.7949.









BUY-SELL-TRADE

For Sale: 1974 GTV 2000

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

For Sale: 1974 Alfa Romeo GTV

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

Body has some dings and door hinges do not line up.
Windshield removed and needs rust repaired around cowling
before it can be re-installed.

Wheels in good condition and tires with no mileage since new.

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Contact:
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For Sale: Alfa Romeo Collectible

Located in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and belonging to a Mr. Taco Joustra of a high-end men's clothing store there, this interesting Alfa Romeo collectible is available for sale at a price to be negotiated.

If interested, please contact Mr. Joustra at dominio@dominio.nl

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Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Coloniale by Viotti

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