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ABOUT THE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Driver Frank Stippler put on a great performance in this Alfa GTA 1600 at the Goodwood Revival in September. See additional photos of the action there in this issue.

Photo by Editor



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Una musica dolce

But first, a couple of non-musical notes...

In September, Bob Hui and I attended the Goodwood Revival in England. It's a little difficult to describe since it includes great cars, great racing, great airplanes, great flying, and great costumes (period dress). They bill it as "A Magical Step Back in Time," and I'd have to agree that they lived up to it. I've included some pics from Goodwood in this issue, and there will likely be more in the next issue or two.

We're going to print a calendar again this year, but this time it will have a more conventional format with a photo-page above and a date-grid page below. We'll also show the club events for the year, but must add a caution that listing event dates this far in advance is risky and some of those dates are bound to change. Keep checking this newsletter and the website for updates, and of course it is always best to contact event organizers for the latest information.

Now then, returning to our theme of *musica dolce* ("sweet music") this month, I thought it would be fun to share a few favorite driving songs and place links right here where you can click on the title and go to a video on YouTube and see how you like them.

I know that it's fashionable to say that the best music is the sound that the car's engine makes, and I will admit that neither of my Alfas even has a radio installed. However, for those times when you're in a position to listen to some music while driving, maybe you'll enjoy these somewhat off-beat selections. I mean, there's no point wasting space listing the commonly popular stuff, so herewith are some lesser-known selections that I think you may enjoy:



Istanbul (Not Constantinople) Heard it at the Goodwood Revival and can't get it out of my head. A swing-style classic of the period by The Four Lads, 1953.

<u>Mambo Italiano</u> While we're in the early fifties, here's one that you may have heard before, but probably not for a very long time. Rosemary Clooney, 1954.

<u>History Repeating</u> The retro-style video is worth the price of admission; very well done. You may also remember Shirley Bassey as the singer of the theme song to the classic James Bond thriller, <u>Goldfinger</u>. The Propellerheads, 1997.

<u>Destination Unknown</u> (aka Destination Calabria) I think of this as the theme song of the Northwest Classic Rally. If it doesn't lower both your stress level and your lap times, you're doing something wrong. Love the saxophone. Alex Gaudino, 2003.

Send me links to YouTube videos of some of your favorites and we'll share them here next time.

CON BRIO





And the hits just keep on comin' at station AROO

AROO's driving season wrapped up with the President's Tour and Fall Track Day, but that doesn't mean we are done with club activities. Far from it. Here's what's on tap for the rest of the year:

October 16: General Membership Meeting. Continuing our run of interesting programs, good friends and free beer, Reid Trummel will host the meeting, presenting photos of his recent to trip to the Goodwood Revival and whatever else photographic he decides to share.

October 20: AROO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This is our annual show of thanks to any and all of our members and friends who have contributed their time and effort to AROO this past year. As a volunteer organization, we would be nothing without these folks, whether they are timing cars on an AROO Cup Rally, running the tower at Track Day, or hauling wash buckets at the Monte Shelton. So if you came out for even an hour to help in any way, please join us as our guest for an evening so we can thank you and celebrate together. Dinner is at Caro Amico Italian Cafe, 3606 SW Barbur Blvd, in Portland, starting at 6 p.m. See details elsewhere in this issue and be sure to RSVP to Lee Anne Barham at leeanne.barham@alfaclub.org And yes, please bring a guest.

October 26: Griot's Garage Demo Day. AROO member Neil d'Autremont, owner of Sidedraught City, will be introducing AROO to the many fine Griot's Garage car care products he carries, demonstrating their use, and offering same day discounts. Join us at 10 a.m. at 1001 SE Main in Portland for what will be an interesting and informative morning, including some BBQ items provided for lunch.

November 20: AROO Auction and Board Election. Our traditional annual fund-raiser continues, so start now by checking the garage and house for those valuable car parts, tools, books, magazines, wine, photos, collectibles, jewelry, and clothing items. Or, frankly anything someone might want. Even a whole car. Haul them down to the Lucky Lab and donate them to AROO. And bring your cash, checks, euros, whatever so you can bring home some choice items for yourself. Last year we made enough to cover our meeting room rent for the entire year, so please do your part and help us do it again this year.

Before the auction, we'll hold the annual election for Board members. As always, five members' terms will be ending and not everyone is seeking re-election. The AROO Board sets our calendar and budget and otherwise conducts the business of the club. If you are interested in serving, ask any Board member about their duties and throw your hat in the ring. The November ALFA BITS will include a ballot and we'll count votes before the auction.

December 8: AROO Holiday Party. The AROO year winds up with our Holiday Party on December 8. Be sure to attend to enjoy the company of friends old and new and to learn who wins the AROO Cup and the McGill Award. Details will follow in future issues.

So there you have it, another great AROO year and it ain't over yet.



Board of Directors Meeting, September 4, 2013



Meeting called to order 7:02 p.m. at Busters Barbeque Restaurant in Tigard.

Those in attendance: Russ, Dennis, Roger, Reid, Erik, Mark, Lee Anne, Cindy and guest Bob Stewart (who moved to Board Member status during the meeting) and member Ken Hart, Track Wizard.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. New Board Member. Reid moved and Lee Anne seconded the motion to approve Bob Stewart as a Board member. It was approved by all.
- **b. Minutes review.** The June minutes were presented by Lee Anne and reviewed, a motion was made and approved. Russ made the motion to approve and Erik seconded the motion. It was approved. Thanks Lee Anne for stepping in for Mark while he was out of town.
- c. Treasurer's Report. Cindy presented the treasurer reports. We reviewed them and approved as presented. No motion or vote as nothing seemed out of orderd
- d. Past Events Reports:
- 1. August 21 AROO Evening Tour by Denny Torgeson. Eight cars and one motorcycle showed up and we all had a great time.
- 2. Columbia Concours event happened and Reid gave an update on where it is headed next year.
- e. Upcoming events:
- 1. September 14-15. AROO Fall Tour by Tom McGirr.
- 2. September 18. AROO Membership Meeting; no host as of yet reported.
- 3. September 28. Annual President's Tour.
- 4. October 6. Track Day with Ken Hart and Erik Roe.

October 20-Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Caro Amico-Lee Anne to set up at 6:00 p.m.

- f. Reid's Report. Alfa Bits, website, MSNWCR, all seem to be working good. Not many questions, the MSNWCR is sold out for next year and will soon have a waiting list.
- g. Calendar Review. Bob Stewart has taken this job over. Thanks Bob.
- h. Membership. Erik reports 182 members.
- i. Merchandise/Apparel. Yulia was not present.
- j. Competition and track. Upcoming event and on track to be a great event. We need volunteers and the motorsporteg.com is currently taking registrations.
- **k.** Advertising/Promotion. Lee Anne has AROO "business cards" for distribution to cars and people.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. AROO 45th Anniversary event. Neil d'A reports he needs someone else to work on the event.
- b. The black flag issue has been agreed upon and no specific letter will go out. We have revised the rule on black flags and it will be in the next event's drivers meeting in October.
- **c.** The request of andysautosport.com to be on our website was rejected.
- d. Neil has proposed an October 26 Alfa Club Day at the Sidedraught City for a Griot's Garage products demonstrations and barbecue.
- e. Ken Hart asked for funds for some anti-fatigue mats for the workers at track day. Lee Anne moved that we approved \$300 for the purchase, Bob seconded it and it was approved with a vote.
- f. Sykart event was brought up. We need a \$90 deposit. It was moved by Cindy, seconded by Russ, and approved for January 22, 2014.

Adjourned 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by Mark Carpenter, Secretary



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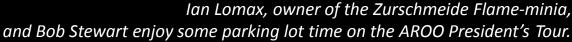
PAST EVENTS

By Roger Dilts

Slipping in between downpours, the third annual AROO President's Tour still managed to draw enough members to call it a success. Crazy me, I actually took the Spider out of storage with the hope that there would be a real break between storms. But it was more a decrease than an absence, so the little red FIAT 500 pulled duty, while the Spider stayed home, looking a bit forlorn and drippy.

In response to input from members during the year, I made this a half-day tour, and it worked out great. We met at Browns Ferry Park along the Tualatin River (like we needed more water, right?), and motored over Pete's Mountain, down into Wilsonville, up over Parrett Mountain, across 99W, and back into the





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Chehalem Mountains before dropping down to Smith's Berry Barn for a break. We picked up local apples and other treats and even some early Halloween decorations.

After the break, we headed north, catching twisty bits as they came, up to Blooming Fern Hill Road. Although wet and drippy, the sun occasionally broke through to reveal that lovely Oregon back-road splendor of fields, barns and misty hills. We dropped down into the lush Tualatin Valley and followed Spring Hill Road and North Valley Road south, around Pinotrich Ribbon Ridge. North Valley Road swings east there and we re-crossed our earlier route, ending up at The Trees Restaurant in Sherwood for a hearty lunch. Bob and Donna McNabb won the drawing for some Moonstruck





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PAST EVENTS

chocolate bars, Lisa
McNabb got a nice bottle of
Italian white wine, and
Keith Martin drew the
winning ticket for a bottle of
Sangiovese.

The roads were very nice and certainly uncrowded, scenery was terrific, we had a good showing of cars, including Ian Lomax's Berlina, Keith Martin's stepnose GTV, and Rick Warner's Lancia Fulvia Sport. And we all had a great time, in spite of the weather.

You should have been there.





Rick Warner's Lancia Fulvia Sport and Keith Martin's stepnose GTV.

Alfa Romeos in the Goodwood Revival





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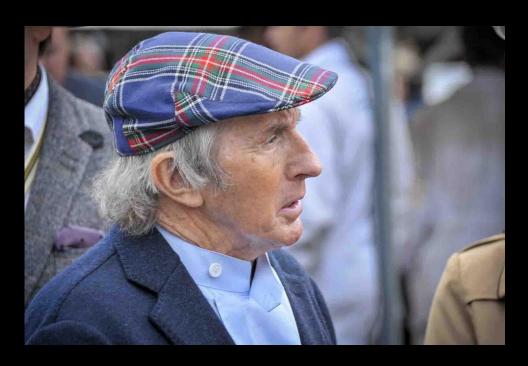
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Seen at the Goodwood Revival









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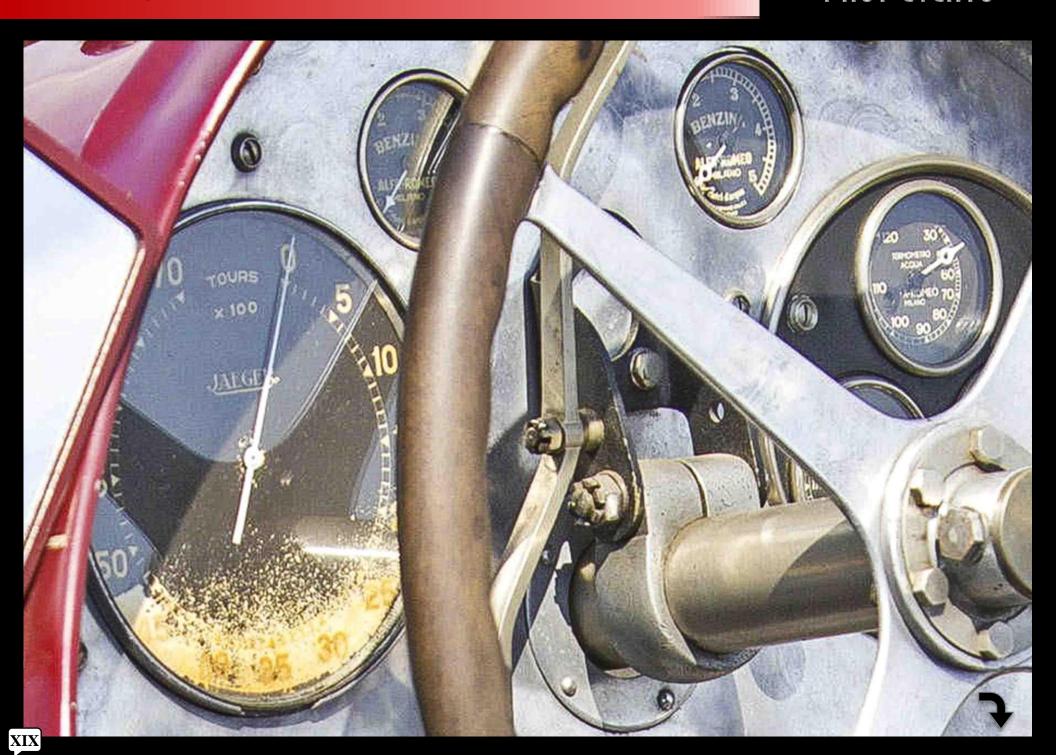
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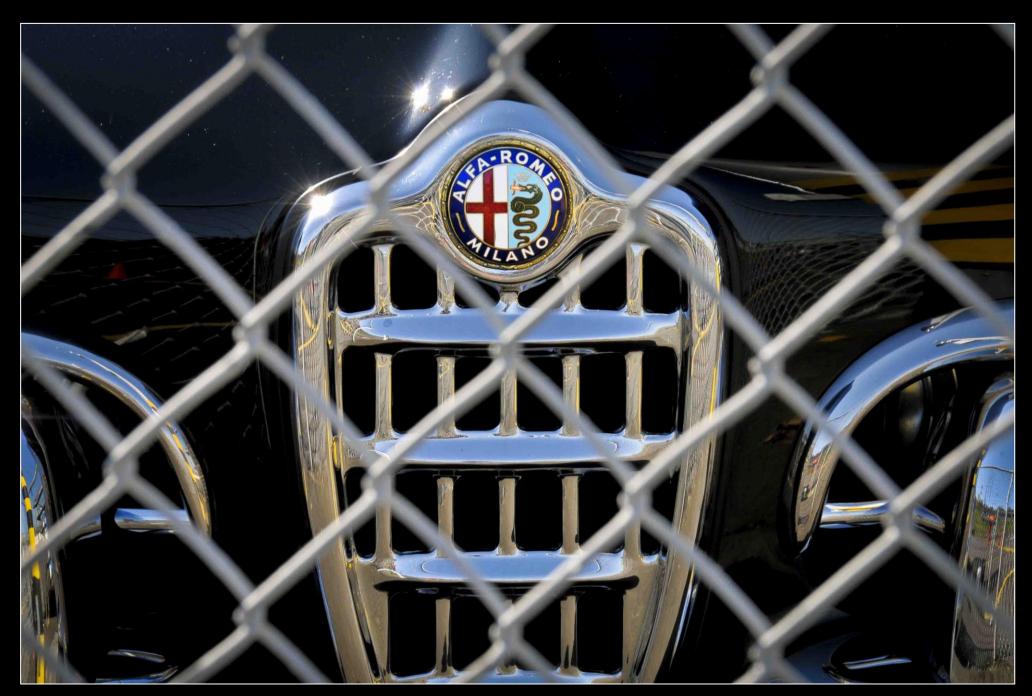


Sold for \$9.5 Million!





Seen at Track Day







The next 30 days or so...

FUTURE EVENTS

October 16, Monthly Meeting

In addition to the usual free beer and snacks, Reid Trummel will make a presentation on his trip to the Goodwood Revival last month. The Revival is considered one of the top car events in the world, and if you've ever thought about attending, this will be a great opportunity to get some details and insights.

October 20, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

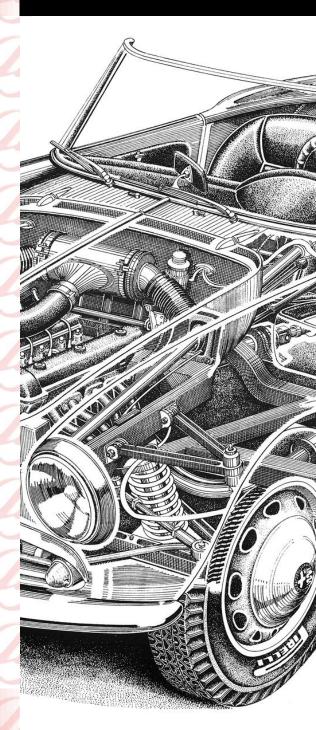
Calling all volunteers! We encourage you and a guest to join us for dinner at 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 20, at Caro Amico Italian Café, 3606 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland 97239. It's our way of thanking you again for your tremendous support of our club events. Reservations are necessary by October 13 so please RSVP before then to Lee Anne Barham or 503.484.8950.

October 26, AROO Griot's Demo Day

Neil d'Autremont, owner of "Sidedraught City" - an ALFA BITS advertiser and Northwest Classic Rally sponsor - will hold another one of his great tech sessions for the Alfa club on Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. The folks at Sidedraught are looking forward to presenting a session on clay bars, polishes and waxes, and will demonstrate some new techniques and products that will improve your visibility from the inside of your Alfa or your daily driver. Some folks who have tried these techniques have had a "religious experience" as glass care is one of the most difficult and frustrating aspects of car care. We will also discuss techniques for leather and vinyl care. Following the session. we'll barbecue hamburgers and hot dogs, so please let us know who and how many are coming in your party so we can be sure to have enough for all. Please RSVP to neil@sidedraughtcity.com

November 20, Annual Election and Auction Meeting

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



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The subject of this month's presentation is the Goodwood Revival, a Bucket-List event that is one part vintage race, one part costume party, and one part celebration of a classic era of motoring.

Reid Trummel attended the event last month and will describe his trip and show photos.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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The engine "is a joy. revving and pulling smoothly through its range ...", a muscular 2.5 litre V6 with Bosch L-Jetronic fuel injection for punch. Also, as you would expect from a car in the classical GT mold, the GTV 6 has over-sized 4-wheel disc brakes for when more power isn't the answer. The suspension is independent up front and the rare deDion design in the rear. Taken as a total, the GTV 6 system is unique, and provides handling qualities well-known for impressing drivers the first time out.

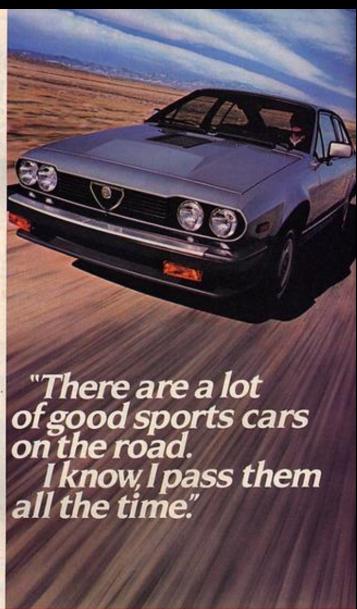
Which leaves its looks. There are no two ways about it, the GTV 6 is a stopper, no pun intended. The interior is the renowned Alfa Romeo blend of sensibility and sensuality.

Road & Track summed up the GTV 6 thusly: "No twist, no wiggle, no rattles, no bad habits, Real quality."

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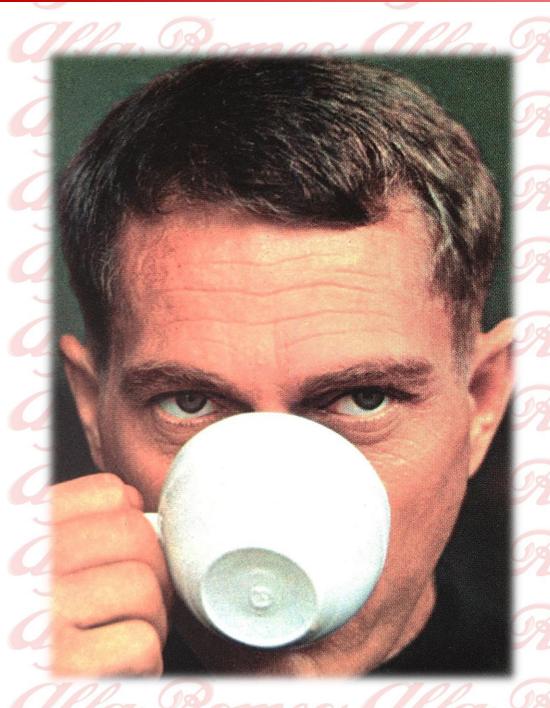
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Here's your chance to take a couple of hot laps with Fangio. Although this was filmed in Modena in a Ferrari, Fangio had great success with several marques, including a World Championship for Alfa Romeo.

Note the lack of a roll bar or a shoulder harness (is he even wearing a seat belt?) and the token helmet. Note the suspension travel and opposite steering as he exits corners onto the long straights. And note his stoic, nonchalant facial expression throughout. This is probably just a test run for an adjustment of some kind, yet he's lapping at speeds that very few of us could hope to achieve.

Click on the image below and away you go. And hang on.





See, Steve's just not a decaf kind of guy. And he subscribes to the theory that he drives way too fast to worry about cholesterol.

And anyway, caffeine and cholesterol are two of the basic food groups, right? Right.

So grab a little gusto mi amigos y amigas, and check the activities calendar. You won't find caffeine or cholesterol listed there, but seek and ye shall find.

Just ask Steve.



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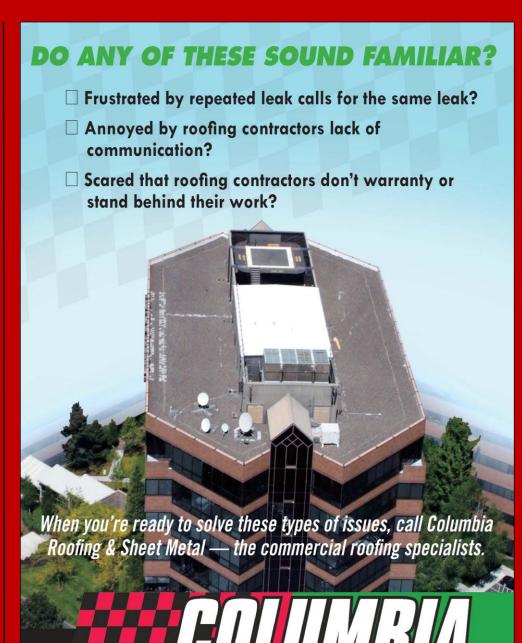
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Overall nice looking car in need of detail attention. Asking \$9,500.

Contact:
Brian 503.367.3088
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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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