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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



← A scene from  
AlfaCalifornia last July.  
Photo by Editor



→ A scene from the Goodwood  
Revival last September.  
Photo by Editor

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# It's 2014, do you know where you are?

Let's start the year with a quote from Hunter S. Thompson, just to set the tone:

**"Life has become immeasurably better since I have been forced to stop taking it seriously."**

Now then, where were we? Oh yes, the first newsletter of the year. The first "e-zine." In no particular order:

Lots more photos from the Goodwood Revival are in this issue. So sue me. I like photographing cars and I had some fun with Photoshop, so I thought I'd might as well foist them on you. There may be further foisting next month. Could be a *full-fledged foist-fest!* Say that five times real fast.

Speaking of foisting, feel free to send me your newsletter contributions. Remember that we have don't have a strict limit on the number of pages in this format/medium.

## AROO Website Update

Don't forget the club website, [alfaclub.org](http://alfaclub.org). There's an up-to-date (usually, most of the time) activities calendar there, as well as additional useful information about club activities.

## Northwest Classic Rally Update

If you're wondering why you don't see much about the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally in the newsletter, it's because it is sold out and there is a waiting list, and there has been for a long time. Yes, we're already way oversubscribed for an event that is still several months in the future. That said, we give special consideration to club members, but please, if you want to enter this year's rally, do not delay. The registration form is available for download on the [rally website](#) on the "Registration" page.

Likewise, if you'd like to volunteer for this year's rally, please contact [Volunteer Coordinator Roger Dilts](#) ASAP. Even our roster of volunteers fills up early, so again, please do not delay contacting Roger if you'd like to volunteer. It's a great way to be part of the action and have some fun while serving your club.

And then there are the rally sponsors – we never get too many of those! If you or your business or you know of someone who would be interested to learn more about sponsoring the rally, contact [Sponsor Coordinator Tom Markos](#).

## As the years go by...

We active member types often wonder why we don't see more of the inactive members. Actually we think about it quite a bit, and then to avoid driving ourselves crazy and shrug and let the thought go. But perhaps as we start this year filled with all kinds of great club activities, you'll refer to the AROO Calendar (you did get one in the mail, didn't you?) and pick out a few activities to try this year. To break the ice, try coming to a monthly meeting. There's one on Wednesday.

[Reid Trummel, Editor](#)



"All the veloce that's fit to print"

Yes, it's me again. No, despite what Bob Stewart says, I'm not president for life.

So with that out of the way, let's look at the year to come, and it looks to be great. Starting off is the January meeting, featuring Michelle Rand showing photos of her visit to *Padua Auto e Moto d'Epoca*, which must be something like "Padua old car and motorcycle show." Michelle is a very knowledgeable collector and is sure to have some great shots to share. These are cars we are not likely to see anywhere else, so come join us for the first meeting of the year.

A week and a half later, on the 26th, Bob Stewart has organized the first ever AROO Karting Challenge at Sykart. If you haven't done this before, it's a blast to scoot around the indoor track on a go-kart, shamelessly nudging your friends into the wall. These are tossable little units that are easy to handle. Socializing after.

February is the Valentine Tour on the 16th. Looks like it will be a repeat route of the very scenic 2013 President's Tour that was sparsely attended due to rain. So if you missed out on that tour (and even if you didn't) you should join us. Expect roses, chocolates, and prize drawings for other romantic goodies to go with the holiday. The revived AROO Ski Trip closes out February.

March sees the AROO Rally School and the kickoff of the AROO Cup Rally Series, which continues monthly through June. If you've ever wanted to start or get better at TSD rallying, be sure to join us. Spring Track Day is March 15th to satisfy your need for speed. We've also revived the traditional AROO Swap Meet, set for March 22nd, so you'd better clean out the garage to make room for the stuff you'll buy. Rumors of grilled bratwurst are confirmed.

April sees the Old Spider Tour on the 26th and 27th, which is always a great event. While the Valentine Tour might be too chilly for top down cruising, there are no excuses in April. We typically hit sunny weather in eastern Oregon and always have fine roads, great meals and the best of company, so calendar this one now.

Memorial Day weekend we'll be doing the first-ever inter-chapter tour with Alfisti from the Delta-Sierra Chapter. Denny Torgeson is coordinating what promises to be a fantastic event. Expect to meet up in Ashland on Thursday night, tour for a couple of days in the wilds of southern Oregon and return home with a big grin on your face and lots of stories to tell about new roads and new friends.

We'll have an evening tour and the Portland Historics in June and the summer picnic in July, winding up with the 26th annual running of the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally. August promises a Tom McGirr-led summer tour and another evening tour in place of the August meeting.

Speaking of meetings, we do meet monthly at the Lucky Lab on Hawthorne (unless we are touring, picnicking or holiday partying). If you haven't come by for a while, expect a review of past and future events, sell and swap, prize drawings and an interesting and informative program. So come to an AROO meeting and have a beer on us.

September will feature another Tom McGirr tour and the Fourth Annual President's Tour. October will kick off with the Fall Track Day and wind up with the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. November we'll have our auction and December will be the Holiday Party.

There you have it, another AROO year of new and traditional events: tours, meetings, track days, rallies and social events. So pick a couple of things to do with AROO this year and calendar them right now. It's gonna be great!

[Roger Dilts, Club President](#)

Location: Buster's BBQ, Tigard

Called to Order: 7:05 pm with Attendees: Bob, Dennis, Reid, Roger, Russ, Cindy, Yulia, Lee Anne.

## Business, Events, and Liaison reports

1. Minutes review – Reviewed and approved. Bob moved, Dennis seconded, motion carried.
2. Treasurer's Report - Cindy provided detailed reports, reviewed and approved.
3. Membership Report - not available.
4. Past events reports:
  - a. Oct 6, Track Day – Excellent weather and day; net revenue ~\$3000.
  - b. Oct 16, Membership meeting – Well-received Goodwood photo review by Reid. 35 attended.
  - c. Oct 20, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Caro Amico – Popular and well done; 48 attended; Board approved over-budget expense.
  - d. Oct 26, AROO Griot Demo Day at Sidedraught City – 30+ attended; store owner Neil D. reported it as a success.
5. Upcoming Events
  - a. Nov 20, AROO Auction, Bob hosting; Auctioneer is Doug Klein and promotion blasts by Reid.
  - b. Nov 20, Election, Denny to conduct election with assistance from Cindy. Mail in ballots to Cindy's address. George Kraus has agreed to run for a Board seat. Yulia agreed to run again. Candidate statements can be submitted to Reid for inclusion in November Bits. (Need to publish a ballot in the November Bits with early mailing to Denny and ballot counting at the meeting.)
  - c. Dec 8, Holiday Banquet – Cindy organizing. RSVP by Dec 2. \$39 per person. AROO covering gratuity. Board will send holiday card to members with details; Reid producing, coordinating and sending card.
  - d. January Membership Meeting – Roger has arranged for Michelle Rand as speaker.
  - e. Karting event – January 26 – Bob.
6. Reid's report: Bits, website and MSNWCR – rally full and has waiting list.
7. Calendar Review – Bob – we completed full year review for dates to include in 2nd Annual AROO Calendar produced by Reid and to be sent in December.
8. Merchandise/Apparel –Yulia – no changes.
9. Competition and track – no report. Ken Hart to advise on 2014 track dates.
10. Advertising/Promotion – Lee Anne plans to order more business-sized promo cards.

## Continuing and New Business

1. AROC Board nominations. Congrats to Cindy for her reelection as AROC VP. Two AROO member slots on the Board. Deadline for nominations is January 15. Several ways to nominate: 3 chapters officers sign, 15 members sign, AROO Board nominates. Roger will promote second AROO member in upcoming President's Column and otherwise.
2. Budget motion to subsidize annual AROC Board attendance by AROO member - \$1000. Bob moved, Lee Anne seconded, motion carried.
3. Preliminary discussion of 2014 advert costs for web-based e-Bits vs. previous printed version. Dennis will begin ad revenue notification process at rates reduced from old rates by 50%.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:10 p.m.

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

## Colisches Sweep AROO Cup!

By Roger Dilts, Director, AROO Cup Rally Series

As far as anyone (including those who came very close themselves) knows, no team has ever won every AROO Cup Rally of the series. This year navigator Bill and driver Sue Colisch pulled it off, if just barely to begin with.

The season kicked off in March with the Baby Steps rally, with pretty much turn-by-turn instructions just to get everyone used to being back in the car. Bill and Sue diced it out with Fred and Lisa McNabb and won in a squeaker with 18 penalty points to Fred and Lisa's 19, with Ed Godshalk and Rick Warner right behind at 21. Rally Master Reid Trummel kicked it up for the April rally, "A Course with No Name." This time Bill and Sue stayed ahead of Bill Eastman and Yulia Smolyansky, 14 to 19, almost blowing the last regularity with a 10 second penalty after a 2, a zero and another 2. Karen and Simon Levear were right behind with 21 points.

Simon hopped out of the driver's seat and into the rally master's chair for the May Rally. Bill and Sue took this one with only four total penalty points (3-0-0-1), with Ann Fry and Yulia taking second and Rick and Debbie Warner in third, both with 19s. With the Cup (but not the sweep) in the bag by this point, the trap-heavy "Three Billy Goat's Gruff" wound up the series. Unbeknownst to the rallyists, this was a rerun of the March rally, with different instructions. Bill and Sue took this one with a decisive 34 to Larry LeFebvre and Brandon Harer's 58 and Bob and Donna McNabb's 136. Complete results are in the accompanying tables.

Once again consistency and participation paid off. Bill and Sue are skilled, hardworking and competitive rallyists and really nice people to boot. Now all they need is an Alfa!



Left, Brandon Harer and Larry LeFebvre preparing for action in a rally veteran 914, and right, Gary Eddings contemplating the rich variety of cars in an AROO Cup Rally.



# 2013 AROO Cup Rally Series Recap

# PAST EVENTS



Yulia Smolyansky and Ann Fry  
with Yulia's rally-ready GTV.

Drivers 2013	March		April		May		June		TOTAL	Series place
Name	place	points	place	points	place	points	place	points		
Steve Batchelor	13	0							0	17T
Sue Colisch	1	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	48	1
Bill Eastman			2	10					10	10T
Gary Eddings	9	2	6	5	8	3	7	4	14	7T
Kathleen Ellis	6	5	8	3			6	5	13	9
Ann Fry					2	10	5	6	16	6
Lynn Gibner	7	4	11	0			8	3	7	13
Ed Godshalk	3	8			5	6			14	7T
Larry Lefebvre			4	7			2	10	17	5
Simon Levear	4	7	3	8	RM	12			27	3
Rick Martin	5	6							6	14
Bob McNabb	12	0	5	6	6	5	3	8	19	4
Fred McNabb	2	10	7	4	4	7	4	7	28	2
Doug Naef	10	1	9	2	10	1	10	1	5	15
Eric Sowle	11	0							0	17T
Jim Trofitter	8	3	10	1	7	4	9	2	10	10T
Rick Warner					3	8			8	12
Christine Wooley					9	2			2	16

Navigators 2013	March		April		May		June		TOTAL	Series place
Name	place	points	place	points	place	points	place	points		
Josh Batchelor	13	0							0	16T
Bill Colisch	1	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	48	1
Bob Ellis	6	5	8	3			6	5	13	8
Kim Godshalk					5	6			6	13
Paul Gustavson	11	0							0	16T
Linda Guthrie	7	4	11	0			8	3	7	12
Brandon Harer			4	7			2	10	17	5
Karen Levear	4	7	3	8					15	6
Donna McNabb	12	0	5	6	6	5	3	8	19	4
Lisa McNabb	2	10	7	4	4	7	4	7	28	3
Christine Merris	10	1	9	2	10	1	10	1	5	14
Kathryn Sherrell	9	2	6	5	8	3	7	4	14	7
Yulia Smolyansky	5	6	2	10	2	10	5	6	32	2
Bonnie Trofitter	8	3	10	1	7	4	9	2	10	9
Debbie Warner					3	8			8	10T
Rich Warner	3	8							8	10T
Roger Wooley					9	2			2	15



## McGill Award Presented to Bill Haines

By Roger Dilts

In 1984 AROO conferred the first McGill Award on its namesakes, Bob and Margaret McGill, to recognize their contributions in creating and sustaining AROO over the years. Since then the award has been presented annually to the member or members whose contributions and achievements have served to promote and perpetuate our club, as selected by the AROO president and the current McGill Award recipient. Although it is awarded annually (except for a gap from 1993 to 1995), it is based on the person's contributions to the club over time. The award is a plaque that is kept for the year by the recipient, whose name is engraved on it along with all the other members who have received the award, before being passed on to the next recipient. Those whose names are engraved on the plaque are:

Bob & Margaret McGill 1984  
 Dick Larsen 1985  
 Bill Gillham 1986  
 J. Anderson, D. Larsen, B. Parry 1987  
 Ed Ng 1988  
 Steve Kendall 1989  
 Mark Carpenter 1990  
 Bob Hui 1991  
 Bob & Margaret McGill 1992  
 Erik Roe 1996  
 Robert Parry 1997  
 Dan Sommers and Diane Sommers 1998  
 Betty Anderson 1999



2000 Lisa McNabb  
 2001 Chris Finks  
 2002 Lisa Jackson  
 2003 Fred McNabb and Dennis Torgeson  
 2004 Patrick Iaboni and Tami Iaboni  
 2005 Jim Gunter  
 2006 Char Sommers  
 2007 David Rossman  
 2008 David Beach  
 2009 Roger Dilts and Dave Reich  
 2010 Ed Slavin  
 2011 Neil d'Autremont  
 2012 Fred & Lisa McNabb

This year the award goes to a decades-long AROO Member, Bill Haines. During many of those years Bill was responsible for mailing the monthly Alfa Bits. He'd pick up a couple of hundred copies from the printer, haul them back home and with the help of his kids attach the address labels and postage. Then he'd take the whole heap to the post office for mailing. Every month for years. In addition, Bill has served on the AROO Board and volunteered or driven in the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally, the AROO Cup and many, many tours. Whenever I need a last-minute volunteer, I know I can count on him to come through. Bill also helped me buy my first Alfa, threatening to buy it if I didn't! Last year's recipients, Fred and Lisa McNabb, and I were very pleased to present the 2013 McGill Award to Bill at the Holiday Party. When you see Bill, be sure to offer your congratulations and let him know that you appreciate all he does for AROO.









This photo is rendered in a style of image editing used frequently in the Hagerty Classic Car Insurance magazine. It involves reducing saturation, increasing shadow detail and increasing midtone contrast. It produces a somewhat surreal effect that is interesting for its painting-like quality.





At first glance the GTA appears to be racing uphill, but in fact the track is level here. It is the GTA – not the track – that is pointing up as it squats on its rear suspension under heavy acceleration.









Italian national colors.



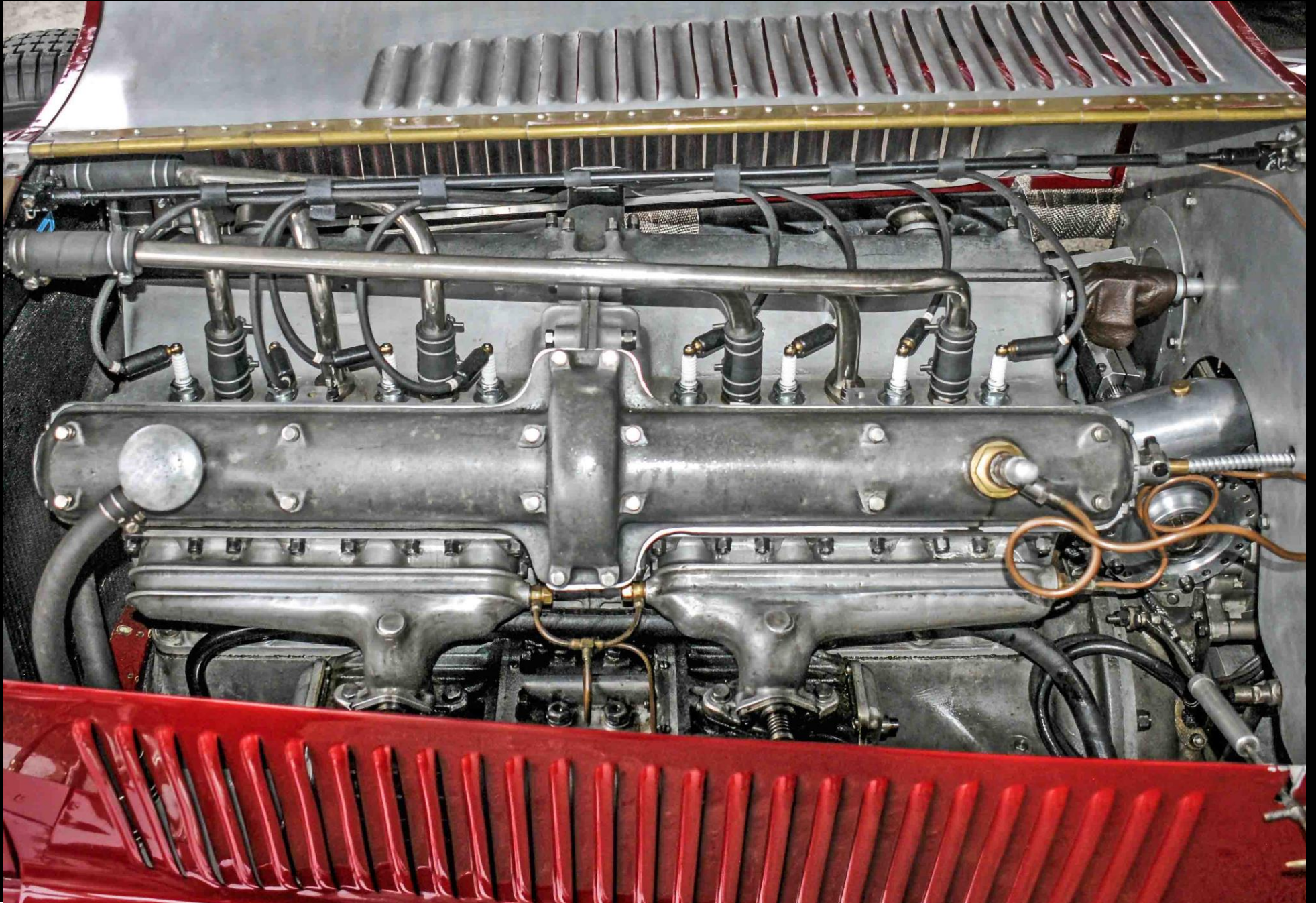




You've got to be a really fast painter to compose an oil-on-canvas of race cars. (Thank you Photoshop!)











A Cobra sandwich on Ferrari bread. "Panini serpente"?



The next 30 days or so...

FUTURE EVENTS

## January 15, Monthly Meeting

Same as last year: Starts at 7:30 p.m. in our private room at the Lucky Lab Pub, 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland 97214. Details on this month's attraction are on the next page.

## January 26, AROO Karting Challenge

So we were going to say "1st Annual," but first let's see how this goes...  
...details elsewhere in this issue.

## February 5, AROO Board of Directors Meeting

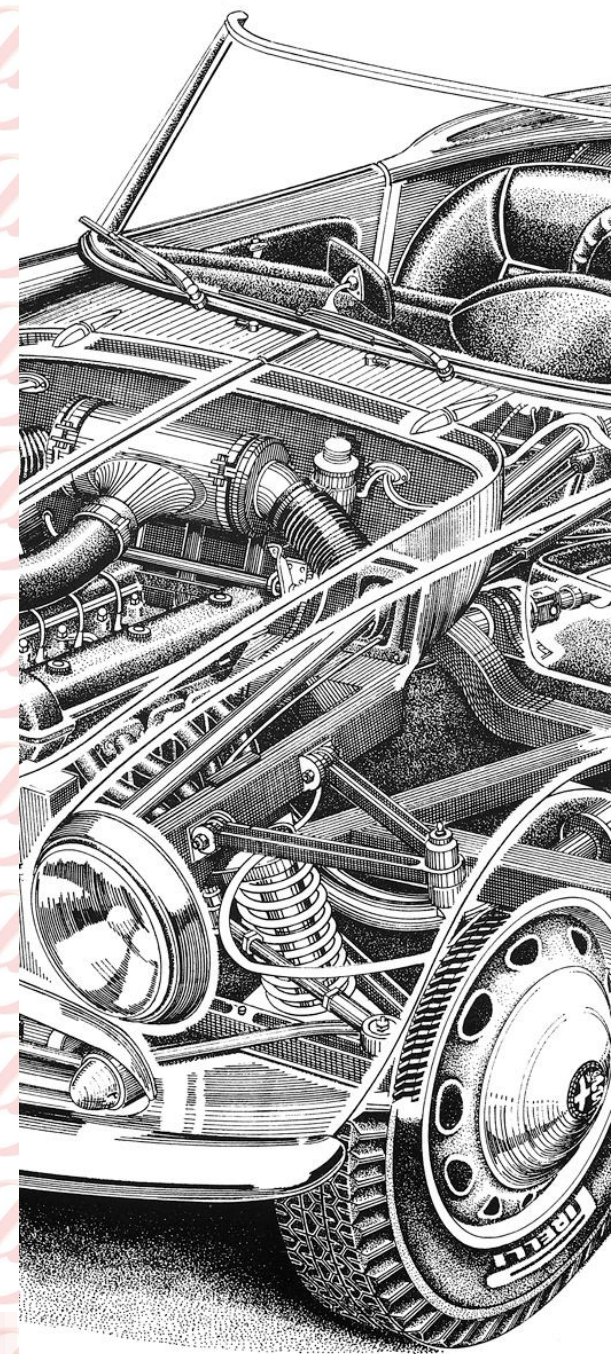
Open to all members. Held at Buster's Texas Style Barbecue - in the Meeting Room in the back - at 11419 SW Pacific Highway, Tigard OR 97223. Free sausage-making demo!

## February 16, Valentines Day Tour

This will be a re-run of the route used for the (mostly) rained-out President's Tour of last fall, so if you missed it, you can still do it! Starts at Brown's Ferry Park in Tualatin. Meet at 8:30 a.m. and depart at 9, tour through scenic back roads and enjoy lunch at Trees Restaurant in Sherwood. Roses and chocolates for all and holiday-appropriate gifts for lucky winners.

## February 19, Monthly Meeting

Who knows what madcap hijinks might ensue? Show up, drink beer, laugh, smile and nod. We're counting on you!



# FREE BEER

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.

Michelle Rand, AROO member, Northwest Classic Rally participant and sponsor, Peerless GT owner, and international woman of mystery will make a presentation about her trip to the *Padua Auto e Moto d'Epoca*, which must be something like "Padua old car and motorcycle show." Michelle is a very knowledgeable car collector and is sure to have some great insights and great photos to share.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Lucky Lab Pub](#)

915 SE Hawthorne Blvd  
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Wednesday, January 15,  
beginning at 7:30 p.m.



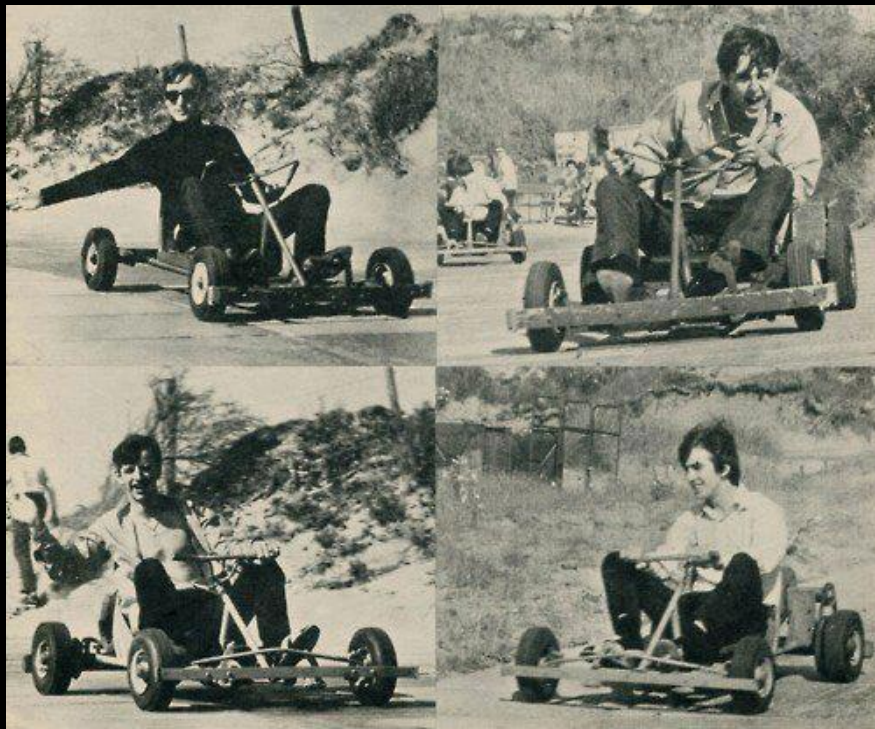
# AROO Karting Challenge

# FUTURE EVENTS

Think you're faster than Fangio?



Cooler than The Beatles?



Time to stop posing and prove it!

**Where:** Sykart Indoor Racing Center, 8205 SW Hunziker St, Tigard

**When:** Sunday, January 26, 1 p.m.

**What:** Each driver will compete in two ten-minute races

**\$:** 25\$

**After:** Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub, 12562 SW Main St, Tigard

**Please arrive by 1 p.m.**

Plan on a total time of about 2 hours at the track. This will include getting everybody there, registration and signing of consent forms, going through the orientation, getting fitted for helmets, and running two races. Afterwards we will retire to the Fanno Creek Brew Pub (1 mile away) for libations and a debrief.

Races are 10 minutes long which (depending on how fast you are) results in about 15 - 20 timed laps of the track. Lap record is ~ 27 seconds. My experience is that anybody who approaches the lap record has earned the right to be addressed as "Tazio".

Other details:

1. Karts are equipped with transponders linked to an automatic timing system. Each driver gets a printout of his/her lap times at the completion of the heat.
2. Full face helmets with visors must be worn. They have them available free of charge. One may also use one's personal helmet. Auto or motorcycle helmets are acceptable. Motorcycle helmets must be DOT approved; dirt bike helmets are not acceptable. If you've got a good helmet you like, bring it along.
3. No open-toed shoes or sandals allowed.
4. Drivers must possess a valid driver's license.
5. Expect it to be cool on the track. Running internal combustion engines indoors requires a great deal of ventilation.

**Reserve Your Entry! We will be limited to 24 entries.**

Email Bob Stewart at [Bob.Stewart@AlfaClub.org](mailto:Bob.Stewart@AlfaClub.org)



All the fun and excitement of the AROO Spring Track Day is but two months away!

Make plans now to be a part of this thrilling and stimulating event.

Available run groups include lightweight, welterweight, and cruiserweight!

EMTs are standing by!

Hi Reid, as a member of AROO, I thought you might like to hear my perspective on driving in Italy. I have been here three months and am currently renting a Fiat Panda. My wife Darci calls it "Smoky" and I call it "Poky." We are staying for about a year just exploring the country and doing some art work. We were thinking of bringing our '62 Giulia over here for the summer of 2014, but now having been here awhile we have changed our mind as even the Giulia is too big to fit in most places.

Driving here is not for the faint of heart; however, the Panda has turned out to be a blessing as it seats four or luggage and is small enough to get you out of tight spots. Renting by the month (\$548 + 3000 km), is a lot cheaper than weekly (Hertz). Alfa Romeos are a little more expensive, but are also much bigger and harder to park in most places, other than the MiTo.

We are currently living in the heart of old Gaeta next to a 2000-year old Roman fort, and the parking space at our apartment is just big enough to fit the Panda. Even then it takes several tries to wedge it in and you can forget about opening the back doors.

But getting back to the driving, first the Carabinieri are always right! You always stop at traffic lights but stop signs are simply optional. If you are coming up to a traffic light you are expected to fill in any empty space on your side of the road. When the light changes it is sort of like the start of a Formula One race. If you are at a light behind a large truck – and there are plenty of them – you are expected to pull around it to either the left side or the right side lane or no lane, even the left turn lane if there is one. When the light changes you are to out-gun the truck and be on your way. If not you will be run over, honked at, severely scorned and to boot be stuck behind that truck for the rest of your trip.



If there is room to pass, you pass, if not you are to drive on the far right side as reasonable or you are branded a major road obstruction and should probably just buy a bus or train ticket. This spring we are headed up Sienna and may rent an Alfa



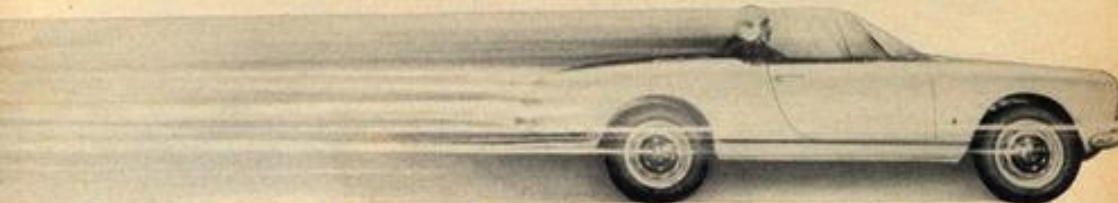
Ciao,  
John & Darci (Spetter)  
*Far left, John and friend.  
Left, the first storm of the  
year in Gaeta.*

# not all Italians are explosive and emotional about winning races...

Partial list of 1964 Alfa Romeo wins—MONTE CARLO—Internat. Monte Carlo Rally, Giulia T.I. Super, 1st, 1600 cc. class, Touring category... U.S.A.—"12 hours endurance race of Sebring", Giulia TZ, 1st, 2nd, 1600 cc. class, Gran Touring category... ITALY—Targa Florio, Giulia TZ, 1st, 2nd, class of 1600 cc., 3rd, 4th, overall, Gran Touring category... GERMANY—1000 km. of Nurburgring, Giulia TZ, 1st, 2nd, Class of 1600 cc., 11th, 12th, Gran Touring overall... FRANCE—"24 hours of Le Mans, Giulia TZ, 1st, 2nd, class of 1600 cc., 13th, 15th, overall, Gran Touring category... FRANCE—25th Alpine Rally, Giulia TZ, 1st overall, Gran Touring category... BELGIUM—24 Hours of Francorchamps, 2000 Sprint, 3rd overall, Giulia T.I. Super, 4th, 5th, Touring category, Giulia T. I. Super, 1st, class up to 1600 cc.... FRANCE—Tour de France, 2000 Sprint, 1st, class from 2000-3000 cc., Touring category, Giulia TZ, 1st, class 1300-1600 cc., Gran Touring category... FRANCE—Rally of the Roads of the North, 2000 Sprint, 1st, Touring category, Giulia T.I. Super, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1600 cc. class, Touring category... FRANCE—"Snow and Ice" Rally, Giulia T.I., 1st, 1600 cc. class, Touring category... ITALY—Rally of Flowers, Giulia T.I. Super, 1st, 2nd, Giulia T.I., 3rd, 4th, 5th, 1600 cc. class, Touring category... FRANCE—Rally of the Automobile Club of the West, Giulia T.I. Super, 1st, overall, Giulia T.I. Super, 4th, 5th,

6th, 7th, Touring category... PORTUGAL—Rally of Portugal, Giulia T.I. Super, 1st, 2nd, overall... BELGIUM—Grand Prix of SPA, 2000 Sprint, 1st, class up to 3000 cc., Giulia T.I. Super, 1600 cc. class, Touring category... SWEDEN—Rally of the Midnight Sun, Giulia T.I. Super, 1st, 2nd, 4th, Touring category... U.S.A.—Roadracing Championship of Watkins Glen, 1st, Giulia TZ, class up to 2000 cc., 6th, overall, Gran Touring category... GERMANY—"12 hours of the Nurburgring," Giulia T.I. Super, 1st, class of 1600 cc., 2nd, overall, Touring category... ARGENTINA—500 km. of Buenos Aires, Giulia T.I., 1st, overall, Touring category... ITALY—Intercontinental Cup, Giulia TZ, 1st, 2nd, 8th, class of 1600 cc., Gran Touring category... FRANCE—Auto Show Cup Race, Giulia TZ, 1st, class up to 1600 cc., 4th, overall, Gran Touring category... FRANCE—1000 km. of Paris, Giulia TZ, 1st, 2nd, class of 1600 cc., Gran Touring category... AUSTRALIA—"8 Hours of Melbourne," Giulia T.I. Super, 1st, overall, Touring category... ARGENTINA—Grand Prix of Kaiser Industries, Giulia T.I., 1st, 2nd, overall, Giulietta T.I., 3rd... FRANCE—Albi Track Race, 2000 Sprint, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Touring category... FRANCE—Rally of Mainz, Giulia T.I. Super, 1st, Giulia T.I., 2nd, Touring category... FRANCE—Rally Mistral, Giulia T.I., Super, 1st, "Ladies' Cup"... ITALY—"10th Cup Asti-Saorema," Giulia T.I., 1st, overall... ITALY—Rally of Spring,

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