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Slush-covered cars greeted Old Spider Tourers on Sunday morning. Fortunately, it quickly melted and roads were mostly dry. *Photo by Editor.*

Fred McNabb acknowledges the checkered flag while leading the "Fast Tours" during our Spring Track Day.

*Photo by Editor.*



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"All the veloce  
that's fit to print"

The photo on the right dates from about 1950. Check out the guy on the right. Have you ever known anyone in a high school dance class - a mandatory dance class like from a co-ed PE class - to be so into it? This cat is alone in his own time zone. *He is feelin' it!*

Now check out Male Dance Partner #2 in the center of the photo. Let's call him, "Deer in the headlights." He looks numb. He ain't feelin' nothin' but the desire for this to be over with.

Now the quiz: Which one grows up to drive an Alfa?

Some of you did not go on the Old Spider Tour. I could go on about the many virtues of it, but my mission here is not to make you feel bad. OK, maybe a little.

The roads. Oh, yeah. The scenery. Uh-huh. The veloce? Don't look down. And there was great food (I was in the Army for a long time and have very low standards for cuisine, but I'm told it was good even by civilian standards) and there was wine and conversation and laughter. *We were feelin' it!*

In other news, there are more such opportunities in the offing. The offing is that part of your life that you haven't wasted yet. There are tours, one more AROO Cup rally, the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally and a track day in the fall. There are also some evening tours that replace the monthly meetings in the summer.

You can sit it out or you can *feel it!* Any questions? Class begins shortly...

[Reid Trummel, Editor](#)





If you've been to an AROO meeting this year, you've enjoyed interesting programs, good times with your friends and a beer on the club. We kicked off the year in January with Michelle Rand sharing photos of her trip to Padua Auto e Moto d'Epoca, a feast of old cars, car parts and the people who enjoy them. In February, Craig Stegall and Richard Mayor reminded us of the importance of insurance coverage for our cars (and ourselves), and what can go wrong without it. In March Tom Kreger packed the house with his engaging story of participating in La Carrera Panamericana. Local favorite Ed Godshalk returned in April, sharing his "Automotive Adventures in South Australia."

This month Mark Wigginton will share his experiences at Portland International Raceway. Mark will be retiring after many years managing PIR, the only racetrack in the US that is a city park. Mark's work has really benefited the local car scene and he has always been an ally for AROO, so come to the meeting on Wednesday and say thanks!

Our monthly meetings are more than great programs: you can hear reports of past events, get the word on upcoming ones, learn what's for sale, hang out with old friends and meet some new ones. We've had a lot of folks come to their first meeting after buying an Alfa or moving to the area, and they've been impressed. Of course you might win a polo shirt, hat or other AROO gear, or you can buy stuff if your raffle ticket doesn't get pulled. And yes, this year AROO has been springing for beers and snacks, so you don't need to worry about your nutritional needs.

As always, though, in June we switch from inside meetings to driving events. In place of the monthly meeting in June we hold the Summer Evening Tour. Doesn't that sound lovely? What could be sweeter than an evening drive in the soft summer air, top down, in your Alfa? This year we'll start from the Sylvan Zoo House (AKA Sylvan Steak House, AKA Big Red's) at the top of Sylvan Hill off US 26. Meet at 5:45 p.m., Wednesday the 18th, depart promptly at 6 for an hour and a half tour of classic Washington County back roads. Low speed. Easy. Summery. We'll end at a location yet to be determined for dinner at 7:30. No program, just fun.

Then in July we have the traditional AROO Summer Picnic. This year we've scheduled it on Saturday, July 19, so as not to conflict with the Forest Grove Concours, so no excuses. Russ Paine is laying out a brief tour to a perfect location with wonderful food. More details as the date gets closer, but you can count on a great time.

In August we'll have the second annual "Nobody wants to go to a meeting in August Tour." Watch future issues of the eBits and your email for details.

So that's it: come to the May meeting and say goodbye and thanks to Mark for all his years at PIR and have a beer with your buddies, 'cause we're closing the tap down until September. And show up and have fun at one or all of our summer meeting substitutes. Wouldn't it be great if they did that at work?

[Roger Dilts, Club President](#)

April 2, 2014

Location: Busters

Time: 7 pm; Called to Order: 7 pm

In attendance: Roger, Russ, George, Cindy, Dennis, Reid, Yulia, Mark, Lee Anne. Guests: Ken Hart.

#### Old Business, Upcoming events, and Liaison reports

1. Minutes review – Russ Paine – Mark moved, Lee Anne seconded approval; Approved.
2. Treasurer's Report - Cindy Banzer – General review of YTD actual vs. budget and events' budgets.
3. Past events reports:
  - a. March 8 AROO Rally School – Roger – 20 participants, overall went very well.
  - b. March 9 AROO Cup Rally #1- Roger – 18 cars, a record, excellent results.
  - c. March 15 AROO Track Day - Erik/Ken – 68 cars, profitable, safe and successful
  - d. March 22 AROO Swap meet – Dennis – 25-30 attendees, decent results with some sales and swap.
4. Upcoming events
  - a. April 6 AROO Cup Rally #2 – Reid – Viewpoint Lounge at conclusion, private room. Email blast for details.
  - b. April 16 – General Meeting – Yulia – Ed Godschalk is speaker.
  - c. April 26-27 Old Spider Tour – Erik/ Dennis – 10 rooms only reserved to date. Promotion to be done.
  - d. May 22-24 S. Oregon Tour with Delta-Sierra – Dennis – 5 rooms only reserved to date. Route set. Need at least 15 cars so may be rescheduled.
5. Reid's report: Bits, website and MSNCR – 130 for Rally; 4 new Platinum and 4 new Gold sponsors. 2015 site is Eagle Crest Resort and 2016 site is Oregon Garden Resort.
6. Calendar Review – Bob (absent).
7. Membership Report - Lee Anne – 177 member count, packets sent, new names to Reid for Bits.
8. Merchandise/Apparel –Yulia – no news.
9. Competition and track – Mark – no news.
10. Advertising/Promotion – George – social media to be used for promotions. AlfaBB, Yahoo Groups, link to SCCA. Will promote S. Oregon Tour to expand exposure.
11. AROC report – Cindy – Letter from AROO to AROC legal counsel to be done at May meeting. Convention locations – 2015 – Connecticut; 2016 - Montreal.

#### Continuing and New Business

1. Issues surrounding providing instructors for novice drivers at Track Days – NO use of "instructors" terminology. New term TBD by mid/end Summer 2014.
2. PIR Donation – some discussion, declined based on expected high expense.
3. Incident at March General Meeting – Respect staff message and areas off limits message to be delivered by Roger at April meeting. Limit beverages by AROO to beer only.

Meeting adjourned – 8:45 pm.

[Submitted by Russ Paine, Secretary](#)











Left: Fred McNabb waves a car out onto the track while Ben Hockman displays the green flag to indicate the beginning of a session.

Right: Dennis Torgeson, in pre-grid, waves to the driver of a car exiting the track at the conclusion of a session.











**Erik Roe issues instructions at the beginning of the tour.**



**Dick Larsen prepares his Old Spider.**

### **Erik Roe**

**Host, Organizer, Leader of the 2014 Old Spider Tour**

*Photos by Erik, Dick Larsen and Editor*

The Old Spider Tour was once again favored by the weather gods! The early weather forecast was grim mid-week before the event: rain and cold weather were predicted. However, as the date neared, things looked more promising and on the morning of the event we had no rain, although the roads were wet in a few areas. This year, we kept away from Mt. Hood!

Once again, the Old Spider Tour was about driving. On Day One we completed 310 miles of some of Oregon's best roads from the Portland area to John Day, and the break in the weather seemed to bring out the old Spiders! This year we had a great collection including Kevin Blount's 59 Veloce (black), George Kraus's '60 Veloce (black), my '60 Veloce (Gray), Keith and Wendy Martin's '65 Veloce (blue gray), Dick Larsen's '65 Veloce (red) and Bill and Pam Haines's wonderful '66 Spider (white). What a great collection for the tour that honors Bob McGill's purchase of "Old Blue," a 1958 light blue Giulietta Spider that he bought new from Rambo Motors! As we left Washougal and enjoyed a nice drive along the Washougal River, we had 22 Alfas purring in the cool morning air. The first leg of the route took us through some nice curvy hill climbs and then back to WA-14.

I always claim this tour will be a traffic-free event. Usually, this means that by the time we get outside of the metropolitan area, we have the road to ourselves. This was indeed true this year, but I was really pleased at the lack of cars on WA-14, too, even before we were completely clear of the urban area. Even the one motorhome on our route was moving briskly and then pulled off, yielding the delightful two-lane WA-14 along the Columbia River to our collection of gorgeous Italian cars.

Our first stop was Spring Creek Fish Hatchery. This gave folks a chance to drain their "tanks" and refill with fresh Peet's coffee and Helen Bernhard's donuts – two of my NE neighborhood favorites. After some discussion, a few more tops came down and we were off! This was an easy group to lead. From WA-14, we crossed into Oregon at The Dalles. This is a toll-free bridge and allowed us a nice view of the Dalles Dam. The water was running fast over the dam spillway, making a vibrant spectacle





as we pattered by. With the sun growing warmer, the day was just getting better. We had started our tour driving along the evergreen-wooded Washougal River, and then quickly found ourselves in the open Oregon wheat country – a great variation in scenery.

After a really short run on I-84 east, we jumped off at the Celilo Falls exit and headed east on the old Hwy 30. The Deschutes River was a calm and inviting sight as we came to Futon Canyon for a great run south and east on Hwy 206. This bit of road combines a gentle hill climb with some great twisties. My old spider was singing at 5000 RPM for most of this section while the 155 tires held the line with inspiring confidence. Great fun.

Our next stop was at the newly opened Cottonwood Canyon State Park along the John Day River, just off Hwy 206. The sun was out and warming now. All enjoyed the wide open spaces of this former private ranch land. Nearby, the John Day River ran fast and full. Birds of prey and other wildlife were easy to spot. From there we toured into Condon for lunch.

Many folks visited the Country Flowers deli for a bite and some gift shopping, while others picnicked by the Condon High School sports field where a track and field event was going on. The weather was sunny and a little cool, but nice enough to eat outside.

Our next leg took us on Hwy 206/207 towards Heppner. This piece of road is twisty and runs up down with the hills and valleys. There are even a few big sweepers where you can see the road behind for some distance and hear the line of Alfas running hard on the smooth two-lane route.

And with no traffic it was like we were driving on a private road!

Our post-lunch stop was at the Willow Creek RV Park (camp ground). This was a quick stop. We then drove Willow Creek Road (NF-53) to Hwy 395.

This was the first time we used the Willow Creek Road on an Old Spider Tour, and what a great road: smooth, curvy and the scenery starts out with smooth rolling hills and climbs. Eventually we were driving among big Ponderosa Pines with snow on the side of the road. It was a really fun to speed along in an old convertible, top down, engine singing, wonderful views and snow off to the side. Did I mention there was no traffic?







From Willow Creek Road we took 395 south to John Day. Like the other roads, 395 is smooth, scenic and curvy. We did drive through a little hail on 395, but just for a few minutes before we were back in the sun. Upon arriving at the hotel in John Day, we had the usual post-tour parking lot party. Stories and highlights of the day circulated, and there were no break downs; just lots of great driving and a fun group.

We woke up on Sunday to a change in the weather! Snow! Luckily it was very light and as we pulled out of John Day, the weather turned to sun again. Lunch was at the Imperial River Lodge (Maupin), which was a nice break from the drive home. However, as we rolled into Portland, it was raining.

Many thanks to those who came along in addition to the old Spider drivers: Cindy Banzer & John Killian, '76 Spider; Reid & Sue Trummel, '72 Junior Z 1600; Dennis Torgeson, '74 Spider; Dennis & Pat Pillar, '67 Duetto; Fred & Lisa McNabb, '67 Duetto; Mike & Marilyn Schroedl, '67 GTV; Rem & Sherrie Wilson, '76 Spider; Tom & Paula McGirr, '91 Spider; Doug Prentice, '72 Spider; Joe Sacamano, '78 Spider; Russ Paine, Giulia Super; Jim & Nancy Gunter, '69 Spider. If I missed you, thanks for coming and my apologies – somehow my notes got wet!

Special thanks to Dennis Torgeson for helping put on the event. It was good time.





**Rally Master Simon Levear conducts the drivers meeting.**



**Eventual winners Ann Fry and Yulia Smolyansky in Yulia's GTV.**

### **Roger Dilts, Director AROO Cup Rally Series**

The AROO Cup Rally Series continued to be challenging, fiercely competitive, and a whole lot of fun for all involved. Rally Master Simon Levear devised a tough course as shown by the high scores, but everyone made it to the end and even thanked Simon for his efforts, so you know it was a good day.

After a rallyists' meeting under a threatening sky, ten cars headed out from the start on the odo leg. The first regularity ran up Parrett Mountain on Bell, Ladd Hill, and Heater Roads, a lovely route if you are touring and a challenge to stay on speed for rally teams. Lynn Gibner and Linda Guthrie in a black Boxster got only a two-second penalty, as did Rick Martin and Lynn Tucker in a bronze Jaguar Mk II, with Sue and Bill Colisch in a reddish Volvo 122s a second back and Gary Eddings and Kate Sherrell in a blue MG Midget with a 4. No shortage of car diversity this day!

Back down the mountain on the second regularity and Bob and Donna McNabb in their white MGA nabbed a mere 1-second deficit, with Ann Fry and Yulia Smolyansky in Yulia's red Alfa GTV tying Bill and Sue with just a 2 second penalty.

After a transit back to the east side of the valley, the third regularity messed around below Pete's Mountain and included a trap that caught three teams. Ann and Yulia had no trouble, nailing a perfect zero, while Bill and Sue had 5 and Doug Naef and Christine Merris, comfortable in their Mercedes, snuck in with a 9. Through some creatively circuitous route planning, legs 3 and 4 were timed at the same location with seven cars scoring in single digits, including Lynn and Linda with a flawless zero, newcomers Mike and Vicky Layman in their MGB GT with a 1, Richard DeWolf and Dennis Hall in a Jag E-Type with 3, and Fred and Lisa McNabb with 8.





**Clockwise from left, Karen Levear, Simon Levear, Roger Dilts and Don Best at the scoring table.**

The placement of the timing control also allowed the hardy volunteers to get rained on twice without having to relocate.

The final leg led to lunch at the Ram Restaurant and Brewhouse in Wilsonville for awards and stories. Final results are in the table. With Bill and Sue not competing this year, Ann and Yulia got the gold, followed by Bob and Donna McNabb second, and Gary and Kate coming in third. This report can't end without recognizing first-time rallyists Mike and Vicky Layman who stopped to help a dog out of the road and searched for its owner. Three hundred penalty points is a small price to pay for heroism. In addition to Simon writing the rally, we had help at checkpoints and the scoring table from Karen Levear and Don Best.

The rally series winds up next month on Father's Day. If you haven't participated yet, it's not too late to get in on the fun or practice for the Monte Shelton. I'll be driving the FIAT 500 with Bill Colisch navigating, so don't miss the chance to see me embarrass myself. Bill says we'll get a dash plaque... don't bet on it.

Place	Car #	Driver/Navigator	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	R/C	Total
∅	2	Sue Colisch/Bill Colisch	3	2	5	1	22	0	33
1	5	Ann Fry/Yulia Smolyansky	14	2	0	12	6	0	34
2	10	Bob McNabb/Donna McNabb	14	1	31	3	9	0	58
3	9	Gary Eddings/ Kathryn Sherrell	4	14	19	20	29	0	86
4	4	Rick Martin/Lynn Tucker	2	5	50	19	17	0	93
5	3	Richard DeWolf/Dennis Hall	16	53	15	3	21	0	108
6	7	Doug Naef/Christine Merris	43	44	9	4	2	60	162
7	8	Lynn Gibner/Linda Guthrie	2	300	13	0	14	60	389
8	1	Fred McNabb/Lisa McNabb	15	300	13	8	7	60	403
9	6	Mike Layman/Vicky Layman	300	300	15	1	81	0	697



## May 21, Monthly Meeting

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 attractions are on the next page.

## June 4, Board of Directors Meeting

Open to all members. Location varies. Contact Club President Roger Dilts to confirm the location of the next meeting if you would like to attend.

## June 15, AROO Cup Rally #4

REMEMBER THE NEW STARTING LOCATION: [Baldock Southbound Rest Area](#). Yes, we're now rallying in a heretofore little-used and lightly traveled quadrant southeast of Portland. (I just love using "heretofore" in a sentence.)

## June 18, Evening Tour

This tour replaces the regular monthly meeting in June. Details will be in the next ALFA BITS. Meantime, save the date.



We have our own private room at the Lucky Lab Pub, like our very own clubhouse. And there's free beer, free snacks, good friends, and fun times waiting for you there.

**This month, Mark Wigginton, retiring manager of  
Portland International Raceway, will speak on the subject of  
“Stories of Portland International Raceway”**

You won't want to miss this month's club meeting as we are honored to have as our guest speaker, Mark Wigginton, Manager of Portland International Raceway. Mark will let us in on the track events that he has witnessed and been part of for the last 14 years as manager. Mark is due to retire from city service very soon. He also is a column writer for Sports Car Market, reviewing various books on collector cars for Keith Martin. We also will get a heads up on what the future holds for the revenue-producing club track days that we hold twice a year. Will it continue? Will costs go up? More noise restrictions? Will there be improvements at PIR?

So be sure and be at the meeting as Mark will keep you laughing with the “inside stories” of PIR.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Lucky Lab Pub](#)

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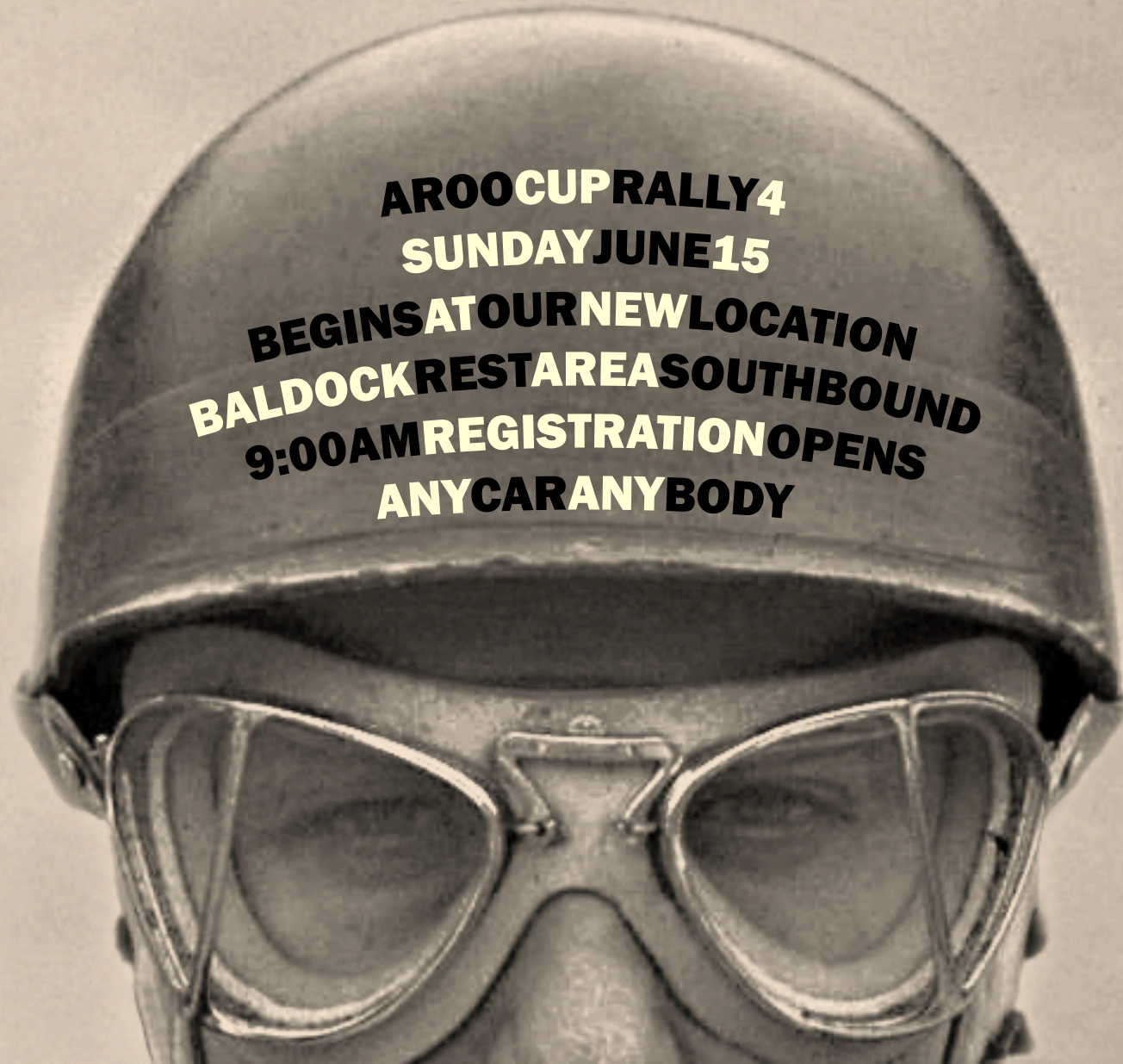
Wednesday, May 21,  
beginning at 7:30 p.m.



The AROO Board meets on the first Wednesday of the month, most months, and all members are invited to attend. Contact Club President [Roger Dilts](#) to confirm the location if you would like to attend the meeting. Dancing shoes optional.



Don't miss this final opportunity in 2014 to experience [all the fun](#) of an AROO Cup rally!



**AROOCUPRALLY4**  
**SUNDAYJUNE15**  
**BEGINSATOURNEWLOCATION**  
**BALDOCKRESTAREASOUTHBOUND**  
**9:00AMREGISTRATIONOPENS**  
**ANYCARANYBODY**



## It's Time to Make Your Summer Tour Reservations!

This will be a three-day trip beginning on Friday, August 22, and ending Sunday afternoon.

Friday we wind our way through some nice country roads in Washington, stopping for lunch at the old Blue Bird Tavern in Bickelton.

Our first night's destination is Pendleton. Lodging is at Knights Inn (541) 276-3231. Our group rate is only \$45!

(No, you do not need to bring baseball bats to kill the roaches... this place has great reviews).

Dinner will be at Virgil's At Cimmiyotti's where some of the best steaks in the northwest are served!

If you can't spring loose for the day, consider driving up to Pendleton on Friday evening and joining us Saturday morning, or catching at noon on Saturday for the rest of the tour.

Saturday morning we will start off as tourists, and what better way to learn about the Wild West than by taking the Pendleton Underground Tour. Pendleton had a very active underground community in the mid-to-late 1880s and much has been preserved. Run by a non-profit organization, you truly feel you are walking back in time. The tour ends inside the Working Girls Hotel, one of 18 bordellos that "served" the cowboys and miners of the time. It is a hoot!

[Pendleton Underground Tours](#)

Next we will visit the Umatilla County Historical Museum. Housed in a 1909 train depot, they have assembled an outstanding collection.

In addition, an 1879 one-room school and homestead have been relocated onto the grounds.

[Heritage Station Museum](#)

The final stop before we head to Condon is the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute. This museum celebrates the history of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes. They have done a wonderful job in collecting and displaying many artifacts.

I have visited here before and look forward to seeing it again.

[Tamastlikt Cultural Institute](#)

After lunch, we will take a non-direct, lots-of-fun, three-hour drive to Hotel Condon. Despite being a short drive, it is guaranteed to make you smile so make sure things are buckled down! Many of us have stayed at the Condon Hotel before. Check out their website if you have not been there. [Hotel Condon](#) Be sure to click the "events" tab to see a great picture of our Alfas parked in front of the hotel on a previous visit.

Rob, the manager, has enticed his lady friend, Rachael, to move to Condon to run their restaurant, which does special dinners for groups. The proposed menu, including appetizers, is mouth watering! The room block will expire around July 1, hence I recommend calling them very soon to secure a room. After these 20 rooms are gone, the only alternative is the Condon Motel (where you might want to bring that baseball bat to address those pesky roaches!). I negotiated a very special rate at the Condon Hotel: \$125 for the luxury rooms (normally \$229) and the balance of the rooms are \$100 (normally \$169-189!). Dinner will only be \$30/person and we can bring our own wine. 800-201-6706.

This tour will have something for everyone. A few new roads, some great old roads, superb food, nice views, and some cultural history to boot.

Let me (Tom McGirr) know you are coming so I can coordinate with the vendors. [mcgirr@columbiabank.com](mailto:mcgirr@columbiabank.com) or (503) 983-3656.

## A Six-Day Tour to Spokane, Glacier National Park, and Coeur d'Alene

If you can free yourself up in early September and want to drive some of the nicest roads in the west to one of the most spectacular national parks in the country, let me know. I am leading a tour to Glacier National Park beginning September 2 and returning to Portland on September 7. I have 22 couples committed, but still have room for four more. A number of your fellow Alfa owners are joining a nice mix of sports cars for this six-day tour.

- 1 The first day we drive to Spokane and stay in the elegant Davenport Hotel. Dinner is at Anthony's overlooking the Spokane Falls.
- 2 The next day we drive into Glacier and stay two nights at the historic Lake McDonald Lodge.
- 3 The next morning we will board one of three 1926 Red Busses for a private tour of the park allowing us to stop at all the main vista points along the Road to the Sun.
- 4 The following day, we get to drive the famous Road to the Sun on our own as we journey to Many Glacier Lodge. Time has been allotted to enjoy several short hikes to some of the must-see sights in the park.
- 5 Saturday we get to drive the Road to the Sun again as we head to Coeur d'Alene Resort in Idaho. A charter boat will pick us up at the dock and take us to The Cedars, a floating restaurant known for its smoked salmon and great views. After dinner, we will enjoy an evening tour on the lake.
- 6 Sunday is dedicated to some fun back roads back home.

This will be a very special tour with very nice accommodations, good food and super nice people. Cost will be in the neighborhood of \$2100 per couple including meals, lodging, gratuity and taxes.

If you would like more information, give me a call: Tom McGirr, (503) 983-3656.

**The deadline to get in this exclusive tour is May 20.**

## Fall Colors Tour

It's not too early to put this on your calendar and make your motel reservation.

The trip will depart from Estacada and follow the North Clackamas River which traditionally has a very impressive fall leaf show about this time of year.

We will wind our way around the Cascade Mountains eventually ending up in Bend.

Lodging is at the Double Tree (old Phoenix Hotel) in downtown Bend.

Be sure to mention the Alfa Romeo club when making your reservations.

Dinner is tentatively planned at a little Italian place, the owners of which are Alfa fans.

As always, let Tom McGirr know you are coming. [mcgirrt@columbiabank.com](mailto:mcgirrt@columbiabank.com) or (503) 983-3656.



TERM	MEANING
Asking	Very flexible; I realize that I will never get my asking price. Thousands of dollars off if you got cash in fist. No offer will insult me!
Body fair	No metal remaining below the bondo.
Body good	Body is not really good. It's useable, not more. Don't assume anything. All major holes were fibreglassed, then filled with bondo.
Burns no oil	Just leaks like a sieve.
Call any time	It's hard to sell it.
Completely restored	Fixed it so that it can be sold, but still shows that it was done the "El Cheapo" way . . .
Concours	Had it washed and waxed.
Deliver for expenses	I'll do anything to get rid of this car!
Desirable Classic	Nobody likes it.
Drive anywhere	Within a few miles of your home, during daylight hours, when it's not too cold (or too hot) outside, and when you don't need windshield wipers.
Drive it away	I'm on a hill.
Engine quiet	Thank God for 60-weight oil and STP.
Estate sale	We're cleaning out the garage.
Fine old Classic	Old car.
Firm	\$1,000 off for cash.
Former show winner	At the 1967 Kiwanis pancake breakfast.
Good investment	Value has hit rock bottom.
Good shape	Just some hidden frame damage.
Has been appraised	I want an outrageous amount for it.
Has classic lines	Yeah, the Edsel does too.
Immaculate	Had it washed.
Interior needs some work	Mountain lions were fighting in it.
Leaving the country	Bank is going to repossess it.
Major tune up	Sandblasted the spark plugs.
Modern Classic	AMC Pacer.
Must sacrifice	Can't give it away.
Need money	Finally gave up; found a better car. Didn't have any money to keep the car in decent shape. Honest seller. God bless.
Needs major overhaul	Ready for the boneyard.
Needs minor overhaul	Needs extensive work.
New chrome	Rechromed a few items.
New top	Only 4 years old.
No time to restore	Parts nonexistent.
Other interests force sale	Spouse said "dump it".
Parts car	All useable parts have long been stripped off.
Rare Classic	Nobody liked it when new.
Restored	Fixed up.
Rough	Too bad to lie about it.
Sharp	Whitewall tires.
Solid as a rock	Everything rusted together.
Stored 20 years	Engine froze when new.
You finish	There's no light at the end of the endless tunnel.
99% complete	Most important stuff is gone.
95% restored	And about 75% to go.
99% restored	Can't find the rare parts needed to finish.







**Duetto Spider** Two-seater sports car. Four cylinders, 1570 cc. 125 hp (SAE). Over 115 mph. **\$3950 POE**



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