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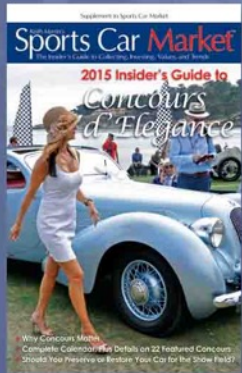


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## ABOUT THE CLUB

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Club President Roger Dilts, left, and AROO member Kit Hulse working in pre-grid at our Spring Track Day on March 28. We'll have extensive photo coverage next month.

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What a great start for the new AROO year. After waiting through winter, we really put the hammer down in March, with the very successful Rally School and the first AROO Cup Rally of the series. Then we held the Swap Meet, in which there was, admittedly, less swapping than meeting, but some goods and money changed hands, those who enjoy brats did so, and Bill Eastman got his garage cleaned out. So a good day.

A week later we all came together to put on a very successful Track Day. We had a field of more than 80 cars, made manageable by a full contingent of enthusiastic volunteers, who kept things flowing smoothly from registration, tech inspection, and pre-grid to "The Point" and the response truck. There were no major problems and no one got sent home early, although a few had to experience being schooled in proper track behavior. The weather cooperated and we made money to fund club activities. Another good day.

We just wound up the second AROO Cup Rally in the series and continued having a good turnout, even though the Director (that would be me) scheduled it on Easter morning. But, we made up for that with Easter baskets for everyone, timing crews in bunny ears, and chocolate rabbits for the podium winners. The weather was fine and competition spirited.

This month's regular membership meeting will be a social hour, with no guest speaker. We'll review current and upcoming AROO events, have swap and sell, maybe have a prize drawing or two and then just hang out and relax. Our new meeting room at Ernesto's in Beaverton is a perfect location: the food is great, the service excellent, parking is easy. If you haven't been to an AROO meeting in a long time (or ever) be sure to join us. See your old friends and meet some of the new folks who have found out what a great club we have.

Then on Sunday April 19, one of the most anticipated events on the AROO calendar, the Old Spider Tour, continues. This year's OST will be a single day of touring, with picnic lunch, cake, great roads and great friends. Bring your spider, old or not, any other Alfa, or any car. Really we'd rather have you along than sitting at home, so please join us, whatever you drive.

And this is just the start of a great year. Be sure to sign up for the first joint club tour with the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club (the western Washington chapter of AROC) from Seattle coming up in May. This will be a chance to meet other Alfisti and experience some roads you may never have driven on before. Details are elsewhere in the Bits. Lots more to come folks, we're just getting started, so don't get left behind.

[Roger Dilts, Club President](#)







March 4, 2015 Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Buster's BBQ

In attendance: Mark, George, Reid, Roger, Bob, David, Yulia, Lee Anne, Cindy, Russ, Paul Eckland, Ken H., Erik R., Barbara Clark – AROC Administrator (new), Jason Saarm – American Collectors Insurance.

Absent: None.

Upcoming events and liaison reports:

1. Minutes review – Russ - approved.
2. Introductions – new attendees (Barbara, Paul, Jason as guests); a full board.
3. Treasurer's Report - Cindy – Track income ahead of projections.
4. Past events reports:
  - a. Valentines Tour (Feb 22) – Roger – 20 cars, fabulously led and a great repeat route.
5. Upcoming events:
  - a. March 7 AROO Rally School, Max's at 10 am \$10 – 12 registered to date.
  - b. March 8 AROO Cup Rally #1 – good list of participants developing.
  - c. Mar 18: Membership meeting at Ernesto's – Mark – SVRA and Historics to Festival changes – Sandy Bauer and Mark Scholz – 250 cars expected.
  - d. Mar 22 AROO Swap meet – Bob will organize and assist Bill E. \$200 budget approved.
  - e. Mar 28 Track Day – strong registrations to date under new pricing strategy.
5. Reid's report: MSNCR, Bits and website – all in good order.
6. Calendar Review – Bob – AROC website and newsletter now includes AROO events. A suggestion made to also add AROO activities to the AlfaBB.
7. Membership Report - Yulia – 168; post office box to move to more convenient location.
8. Merchandise/Apparel - Lee Anne – By end March full transition from Yulia.
9. Competition and track – Mark – Erik monitors Motorsport.reg registrations.
10. Advertising/Promotion – George - +\$1000 to budget – Excellent job George!
11. AROC report – Pres. Cindy – Dealer relationship improved; new AROC website close to completion; cross promotion with ARI.

New and Continuing Business 7:30 - 8:30

1. Dennis update on tour with NWARC – absent, no report.
2. Concerns about adequacy of AROC insurance coverage – Roger summarized his extensive work and findings, submitted a comprehensive draft for Board review.
3. Track Day work sessions report – 6 attendees, major revenue source for AROO, promotes AROO locally. Focus on volunteers recruitment. Roles and responsibilities clarified – Job descriptions added – Tech, Tower, Point, PreGrid. Major work areas now have managers in support of Ken H. – current Track Day Director.
4. Approved a \$1500 expenditure proposed by Reid to fund a Track Day marketing video.

Adjourned 8:50 PM.

*Submitted by Russ Paine, Secretary*



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### April 15, AROO Monthly Meeting

Details on the next page.

### April 19, Old Spider Tour

It's a single-day drive this year, Details on a following page.

### May 3, AROO Cup Rally #3

You know the drill. If you don't, contact Roger.

### May 6, AROO Board of Directors Meeting

You're not coming to the meeting again this month, are you?

### May 16-17, Joint AROO-NWARC Tour

This is a test event. If you're thinking that you won't go this year, but you might go next year, you're probably wrong. If enough people don't go on it this year, there won't be a second one.





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THE APRIL MEETING FEATURES

# SOCIAL TIME

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Wednesday, April 15,

beginning at 7:30 p.m.,

but feel free to come early and  
have dinner before or during the meeting.





Plan to join us for the 2015 Old Spider Tour:  
a tour with a long history and a great way to enjoy your club and your Alfa.

This year it will be a day of touring on some of our best northwest roads with your Alfa,  
your co-pilot and a picnic lunch.

We will depart the outer Portland area in the morning and be back about 6 p.m.

Please arrive at the start with a full tank of fuel.

We welcome you and your Alfa (any vintage or type), but especially encourage  
***all AROO Old Spiders (pre 1965)*** to get out and join us.

Although the date is in April, top-down weather is expected, but bring a warm coat and a hat for the morning.

Get your Alfa out of hibernation now. Drive it at least 100 miles prior to make sure all systems are GO!

Specifics:

Date: Sunday, April 19th

Start point; Lewis & Clark State Park, exit 18 off I-84 Eastbound, ***fill your fuel tank at exit 17.***

Time: Arrive at 8 a.m. for donuts and coffee; driver's meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Route: A variety of nice roads, views and some nice twisty bits.

Stops & Lunch:

We will stop to enjoy the scenery and each other's company often.

Lunch will be a picnic style - bring your own.

Enjoy a piece of cake after lunch - a celebration of several AROO icons.

Contact Erik Roe at 503.706.8304 or [erikroe@mac.com](mailto:erikroe@mac.com) with questions.



# This car is not on a rally.



But as long as we're on the subject,  
the next AROO Cup Rally will be Sunday, May 3.

[Contact Rally Series Director Roger Dilts](#)  
for more information and/or to pre-register.

[Contact Rally Master Simon Levear](#)  
with interesting bribes.



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(Alfisti Motor Adventure NW)

Here is your chance to experience the roads in central Washington state that you most likely have never been on before. This is Washington's version of our central Oregon roads that we know so well that have led us to Condon, Heppner, Ukiah, etc. The Seattle club is anxious to show off what they have in exciting roads, so the joint club tour was born. NWARC and AROO make up two of the largest Alfa clubs in AROC and it is time for us to get together and meet each other.

If successful, this tour could lead to bigger things next year for the two clubs so lets get excited.

We will join up with the Seattle group at exit 68 on I-5 on Saturday morning and then go east on Hwy 12 towards Randall, Packwood and through Ellensburg, then on to many other locations. We will arrange plenty of pit stops and gas stops and of course a nice location for lunch. There are many neat towns and roads to explore in central Washington and we are lining up the most interesting. After touring we will return to Ellensburg for the evening festivities. Sunday after breakfast at the hotel, the Seattle group will have their route home as well as the Oregon group that will head south to home. This is just a one-night-on-the-road tour. Seattle area Alfisti and Oregon area Alfisti have a lot in common and this event will allow us to get well acquainted.

Here is the important event information:

Dates: May 16-17

Where: Ellensburg, Washington, Best Western Lincoln Inn and Suites, 1-509-925-4244, "Alfa Romeo Club"  
rate \$104 – includes full breakfast and a 10% discount per room at our dinner location.

Twenty rooms have been blocked, so *reserve yours NOW!*

Saturday Night Dinner: Roadhouse Grill, just a few blocks from the motel.

Individual checks, order off the menu.

Departure point and time: Elmer's Restaurant parking lot (Delta Park off I-5 – across I-5 from PIR) at 8:00 a.m.

Come early for breakfast if you wish. We will drive up I-5 to exit 68 to meet the Seattle group.

Let's get a big participation from AROO as Seattle is making noise about having more cars than we will!

Any questions please call Dennis Torgeson 503.704.1800



## Wienerschnitzel, sauerkraut, Liebfraumilch und oom-pah music ?

### It must be the AROO Summer Tour to Bavaria ... Washington

May 28 is the day that our room block expires. Snooze, and you may lose. Leavenworth is a hopping place in the summer and the motels are usually full. You can TRY to get lodging later, but it may not be with us.



This will be a rather relaxing tour with something for everyone. Great roads, a half day of leisure and shopping, fabulous views, lots of fellowship and great food, wine and beer! If you have not been on a club tour before, this would be a great first experience.

We are heading to Leavenworth, Washington, for two nights ([www.leavenworth.org](http://www.leavenworth.org)). This is a German-themed town in the North Cascades, a beautiful mountainous area. Lodging is at Bavarian Lodge, phone: (888) 717-7878 ([www.bavarianlodge.com](http://www.bavarianlodge.com)). Tell them you are with the Alfa club.



This is designed as a three-day tour beginning Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> **BUT YOU COULD JOIN US SATURDAY IN LEAVENWORTH.** It will start at 8 a.m. from Lewis and Clark Park just East of Troutdale on the Sandy River. We will have lunch in Bickleton at the Bluebird Tavern, the oldest operating tavern in Washington. Dinner will be at a German restaurant the first night.



Saturday you can sleep in, have the morning to explore the town, and lunch is on your own. We will enjoy a nice two-hour drive in the afternoon to Lake Chelan where we will do some wine tasting and have an early dinner overlooking the lake ([www.tsillancellars.com](http://www.tsillancellars.com)). Sunday's route has some great roads east of Goldendale, passing through Trout Lake and down to the Gorge.



It is REALLY helpful to let me know EARLY if you intend to come. Both restaurants require early reservations for large groups, especially on weekends in the summer. When you register for a room, send me a note via email [mcgirrt@columbiabank.com](mailto:mcgirrt@columbiabank.com) or give me call at 503.983.3656. Please make it clear whether you are doing the full tour or joining us on Saturday. Non-Alfa guests are welcome as long as you can *personally* vouch for their character and they are willing to follow the Alfes.



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