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NEW EDITOR, NEW PUBLICATION

As you may or may not know Reid Trummel has resigned as the *Alfa Bits Newsletter* editor effective this issue. I want to personally thank Reid for the wonderful job he has done in producing the *Alfa Bits* for almost three years. He went above and beyond as editor, producing a visually stunning online production. I have agreed to take over the editing duties on a temporary basis. Because I don't have the same publishing software as Reid used, I have had to start over nearly from scratch. This first issue was created in a period of less than three days.

Moving forward, I have made some design changes. I have opted for a cleaner simpler design. Eventual changes and improvements will take place through each subsequent issue. I welcome your input, suggestions, and submissions.

Thanks, *George Kraus*

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From the Driver's Seat

First things first, then go outside and PLAY!

By Roger Dilts, Pres.

Obviously, you've noticed the change in format of the Alfa Bits this month. Long-time editor Reid Trummel has turned over the reins in order to pursue a variety of other interests. Reid successfully brought the Bits into the 21st century as a web-based publication with extraordinarily high quality graphics and a professional level of publication. The shift away from the dead-trees version saved AROO over \$10,000 *per year*, gave advertisers a chance to be "on the web," and let us share our club activities with a wider world of interested, potential members. I thank Reid for his efforts and accomplishments and wish him the very best in his future endeavors. George Kraus has stepped up to take over through the end of the year and is sure to put his mark on our newsletter. George is a retired graphic arts professional, justly famous for his attention to detail. He is certain to carry on the tradition of all Alfa Bits editors in keeping us informed and entertained every month. Be sure to thank Reid and George for their contributions to our club.

Coming right up is this Sunday's final installment of the AROO Cup Rally Series. If you'd like to take one last shot at getting tuned up for the Monte Shelton, or just having a great Sunday morning with friends, be sure to come along. We start at the French Prairie Rest Area on southbound I-5. Registration starts at 9, first car out at 10:01 and we end with lunch in Molalla. Cost is a mere \$20 per car, \$15 if you RSVP to me as arcvolcon@gmail.com before Saturday night. Rules are the same as for the Northwest Classic, with two classes: vintage (NO calculators or rally tables) and open (anything you want).

Summer is when AROO goes outside to play, having tours and a picnic instead of a meeting. So be sure to check elsewhere in this issue for details on this Wednesday's AROO Summer Evening Tour. Led by AROO VP Dave Fish, we'll be cruising some favorite Washington County roads, ending up at the Rock Creek Tavern for dinner.

July 18th will see the AROO Picnic, again put on by Russ and Carol Paine. Expect a leisurely tour to a lovely winery or two, followed by a casual lunch at Babica Hen. Again, watch your email for Event Alerts and next month's Alfa Bits for details. We'll wind up with a Summer Tour in August to close out the season.

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May 6, 2015 Time: 7:00 P

Location: Buster's BBQ

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Absent: LeeAnne

Members in attendance: Jim Gunther, Dan and Diane Summers, Denny and Pat Pillar, Dave Beech, Neil D'Autremont, Bill Eastman, Patrick and Tammy Iaboni

Upcoming events and liaison reports:

1. Minutes review – Russ - approved
2. Treasurer's Report - Cindy – surplus to date; will allow us to revisit Holiday Party budget
3. Past events reports:
 - a. April 5, AROO Cup Rally #2 – Another great turnout, becoming a regular local rally event!
 - b. April 18 Old Spider Tour – 18 cars, excellent one day tour, Thanks Erik!!
 - c. May 3 AROO Cup Rally #3 – 15 cars
4. Upcoming events:
 - a. May 16-17 Joint NWARC Tour: we have a confirmed 20 rooms reserved for the May 16th NW Tour with 3 of them coming from Vancouver, BC. 20 cars will be great, 25 would be maximum.
 - b. May 20: membership meeting: LeeAnne/Cindy hosts – Preview new AROC Website and Gordy Hyde presents previous national convention highlights
 - c. June 17; AROO Evening Tour – David – Washington Co. roads
5. Reid's report: MSNCR, Bits and website – need input for newsletter by Sunday please
6. Calendar Review – Bob – all set
7. Membership Report - Yulia – mail box moved.
8. Merchandise/Apparel - Lee Anne – absent.
9. Competition and track – Mark – Helmets must be Snell 2010 starting Jan, 2016. Tech inspection process for track day – open discussion item for Fall Track Day
10. Advertising/Promotion – George – good shape!
11. AROC report – Pres. Cindy – credit card transactions for AROC updated; Timberlake database; Alfa Romeo canopy available for events – i.e. Vintage Races Portland

New and Continuing Business 7:30 - 8:30

1. Board communications – Roger summarized AROO Code of Conduct and board member signature history back to 2009. In sum – all board members to be included on any email communications and email should be limited, best to conduct board business at monthly board meeting.
2. Reid's proposal for compensation to do AlfaBits - withdrawn by Reid.
3. General discussion by board and members regarding "call for action" email which was distributed inappropriately to only selective board members and club members. Not resolved, open item for next board meeting.

Adjourned 8:39 pm

Submitted by – **Russ Paine, Secretary**





AROO – NWARC JOINT TOUR

Well, we finally got the joint event to happen and it was a success. Twenty two cars, some with navigators, showed up including one Audi SUV! AROO provided 12 cars, Seattle 6 and BC had 4. What a great collection of Alfa's! We all joined together and started the tour from Exit 68 on I-5 and headed east thru Randle and Packwood and into Mt Ranier National Park. Weather was cloudy but no rain. Off to Naches for a planned lunch stop which turned out to be a bit overwhelming for the staff but we all had lunch. Early lunch finishers decided to take off on their own for the next half of the route which would lead to Ellensburg, our night destination. Well, there was a little surprise in store for everyone since it "appeared" to have an error in the route instructions stated mileage. Or was it an error? Was it a trick to see if you could navigate out of a possible problem?? Only tour writers Dennis and Stu Moss will ever know. Everybody figured it out and got right back on course and had a fine time. Route was north up the fun, fun Yakima Canyon Road then east to the Columbia River to view the Ginkgo Petrified State Park. Fabulous view and very informative on what happened here millions of years ago. Seattle group provided the drinks and eats for the hospitality hour before dinner. Thanks NWARC. A delicious dinner was provided one block away from the motel at the Roadhouse Grill.

Sunday morning brought people heading home using various routes. Most of us headed east again to the Columbia River then south, ending up in Sunnyside for lunch. Then off to Mapton Bickleton Hwy to Goldendale and home.

I want to thank Stu for helping on the route, Gordy Hyde from Seattle for his part. Gordy is National Secretary and Cindy Banzer our National President and both attended. A special thanks to our ever supporting member, Keith Martin, for handing out his great swag from Sports Car Market. Every attendee said "where are we going next year"! That answers the question of if it was worth it and did people enjoy meeting new Alfisti from the Northwest.

Submitted by — *Dennis Torgeson*

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[Click HERE to see all AROO activities](#)

TOM MCGIRR'S SUMMER TOUR-JUNE 26-28TH

This will be a rather relaxing tour with something for everyone. Great roads, a ½ day of leisure and shopping, fabulous views, lots of fellowship and great food, wine and beer! If you have not been on a Tom McGirr tour before, this would be a great first experience.

We are heading to Leavenworth Washington for two nights (<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 (<http://www.bavarianlodge.com/>). Tell them you are with the Alfa club. Room block expired at the end of May but likely still rooms. Also, lots of other alternatives in town.

This is designed as a three day tour beginning Friday, June 26th **BUT YOU COULD JOIN US SATURDAY IN LEAVENWORTH.** It will start at 8AM from Lewis and Clark Park just East of Troutdale on the Sandy River. **BRING A SACK LUNCH!** We will be visiting the Wanapum Indian Heritage Center and the Wild Horses Monument along the way. Diner will be at a German restaurant the first night.

Saturday, you can sleep in, have the morning to explore the town and lunch on your own. We will enjoy a nice 2 hour drive in the afternoon to Lake Chelan where we will do some wine tasting and have an early dinner overlooking the lake (www.vindulac.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 if you intend to come. Both restaurants require early reservations for large groups especially on weekends in the summer. Send me a note when you register for a room via e-mail mcgirt@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 and number in your party. Non-Alfa guests are welcome as long as you can personally vouch for their character and they are willing to follow the Alfa's.

Submitted by — **Tom McGirr**

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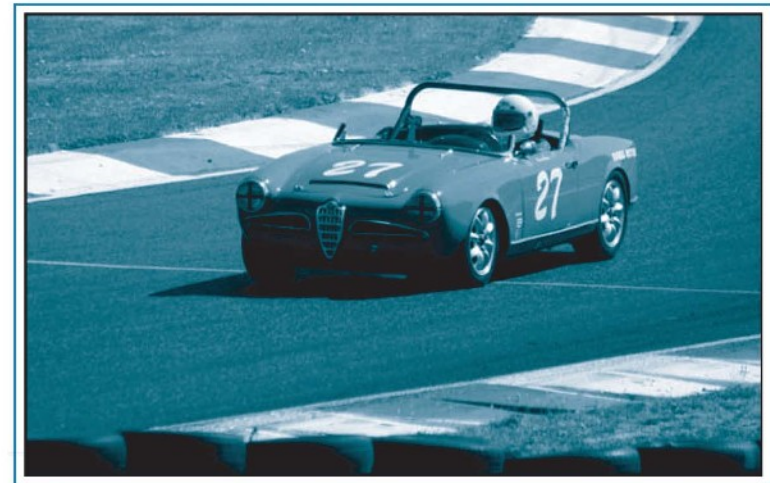
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