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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome! This is my second issue of the *Alfa Bits*, and I have made a few changes. For one thing, it is now published using Apple Keynote software*. I have redesigned and made a few tweaks to the mastheads and page format. For those advertisers that have a website or email contact, a click on their ad will directly connect you to their website or email address. The same is true for the Northwest Classic Rally Sponsor page.

I encourage any and all submissions of either articles or photos for future issues. It's your newsletter, and it will greatly improve with your participation. Submissions are due by the first Wednesday of each month. I will try to publish the *Alfa Bits* one week before the general meeting which is the third Wednesday of each month.

Cheers, *George Kraus* Editor.

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From the Driver's Seat

By Roger Dilts, Pres.

Live Report from the NW Classic Guinea Pig Run

One of the final steps to putting on an event as complex and important as the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally is a full scale run-through with experienced eyes. Just as you would never publish a book without careful proofreading, you would never unleash over 100 cars on a two-day driving event without a test run to catch any errors. In the rally world, that test run is called a "guinea pig." I'm at the half-way point, just having driven the route from Portland to Redmond and spending a couple of hours de-briefing what we found. When one typo can throw off an entire event, we need to keep our eyes peeled for such minutiae as whether a speed limit sign has periods or not in the "M.P.H."

Our team is me and Stu Moss. Stu has participated in nearly every Monte Shelton, except the very first one. He's driven in winning cars several times, but this will be the first time navigating since he was a teenager. Although I would have brought the Spider with the freshly rebuilt steering box, the over 100 degree heat dictated the VW Jetta TDI wagon instead. The other guinea pig teams are Bill and Kelly Ferber, who will lead one of the tour groups on the Rally, and Keven Poirier and Chris Hale, running a fully computerized car to catch any computational errors. Rallymasters Marcus and April Song are also along.

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Starting at Monte's on Alder we do the odo check, then just start to click through the regularities, noting places where assigned speeds seem too high or low, places where a warning could be made for a blind intersection or rough road, or suggest how a confusing instruction could be clarified. With some cloud cover, the heat is a bit less oppressive than predicted, but the AC is much used and appreciated. We have lunch at the Sweet Home Subway, then press on over the mountains, one regularity at a time.

We just came back from a meal where we de-briefed the day, sharing our observations, comments and suggestions. Lots of lively discussions, digressions on past rallies and road adventures. It's a great group that has a lot of experience presenting and competing in rallies. We've caught typos, lowered or raised speeds, deleted unneeded instructions and in general had a great day perfecting a world class event. Tomorrow we do Day Two.

If you are running the rally, you'll experience the results of our work, but you will not notice the mistakes we caught and the improvements we made. If you won't be driving or navigating, please come to the start to support those who will be there, and those who spent their time creating this wonderful event.

MINUTES - AROO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 3, 2015 Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Buster's BBQ

Attendance: Reid, Roger, Bob, David, Cindy, Yulia, Mark, George,

Absent: LeeAnne & Russ; both gave proxies to Roger

Members in attendance: Renee Damm, Marinus

1. Minutes review – read and approved
2. Treasurer's Report - Cindy
3. Past events reports
 - a. May 16 - 17, Joint AROO - NWARC Tour: Excellent turnout. 10 cars from AROO, 10 cars from NWARC, 4 from British Columbia.
 - b. Good cars, good roads, good fun. Great job by Denny to organize this successful tour. See Alfa Bits for details.
4. Upcoming events:
 - a. June 14: AROO Cup Rally #4
 - b. June 17; AROO Evening Tour – David – Washington County roads ending at the Rock Creek Tavern
5. Reid's report: MSNCR, Bits and website – We need timers for NSNCR.
6. Calendar Review – Bob – all set
7. Membership Report - No news
8. Merchandise/Apparel - Lee Anne – absent.
9. Competition and track – Mark – We must use AROC National rules under the terms of our AROC-provided insurance. A letter to this effect is coming from AROC.
10. Advertising/Promotion/Alfa Bits – George has picked up the editorship of Alfa Bits through the end of this year.
11. AROC report – Pres. Cindy
 - a. New national database is up and running.
 - b. National convention registration is looking good.

New and Continuing Business 7:30 - 8:30

1. Reid is resigning from his several committee and other functions effective immediately except for MSNCR, from which his resignation will take place after this year's event. He will remain a board member for the rest of his term. See his attached resignation notice for details.
2. General discussion by board and members regarding “call for action” email which was distributed to only selected board members and club members. A motion was made and seconded to drop discussion and not distribute to remaining board members. Vote was 5 to 5; motion not passed. Issue was left open.

Adjourned 8:55 pm

Submitted by – Bob Stewart for Russ Paine, Secretary

ATTACHMENT TO JUNE 2015 AROO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Reid Trummel's Resignation Notice

Effectively immediately I will no longer perform the follow functions for the club:

1. Design, authorship, photography and updating of the club website. I have been performing these duties of my own initiative, as there is no appointed position of website manager. I will provide the login/password data to whomever the Board approves to receive it. I hereby license use of my images currently on the website, all but one of which images are my creative product, for three months so that an orderly transition may be made.
2. Administration of the alfaclub.org forwarder email addresses. I have been performing these duties of my own initiative, as there is no appointed position for this.
3. Creation, production and distribution of "Event Alerts" and other electronic publicity and promotion of club events. I have been performing these duties of my own initiative, and apart from the newsletter and the wall calendar – both of which have also been my responsibility – they are and have been effectively the only promotion of club events.
4. Management of the club youtube channel. I have been performing these duties of my own initiative, as there is no appointed position of youtube channel manager. I will assist whomever the Board appoints to become manager of that channel. I request appointment of such person(s) within 30 days so that an orderly transition may be made.
5. Creation, production and distribution of the annual club wall calendar. I have been performing these duties of my own initiative, as there is no appointed position of calendar publisher.
6. Creation, production and distribution of the annual club holiday card. I have been performing these duties of my own initiative, as there is no appointed position of holiday card publisher.
7. Any other functions or services that I have been performing on my own initiative, and that I have not listed here.

Additionally, I hereby resign from the following Board-appointed positions with effective dates indicated, or earlier if directed by the Board:

1. Newsletter editor, effective immediately. As this is an electronic newsletter and is my creative product, the only club-owned property related to it are the finished issues, all of which are available for download on the club website.
 2. Chairman of the Northwest Classic Rally, effective with the final financial closeout of this year's event that normally occurs in approximately October or November. I request that the Board appoint an agent of its choosing to perform a financial review and/or audit of all rally finances under my leadership, the records of which are complete and readily available.
- Regarding 2016, I wish to remind the Board that I have signed a lodging contract for the 2016 rally with the Oregon Garden Resort for July 29-31, 2016. I believe that it may be possible to cancel this contract without penalty, should the Board decide to pursue that option. Since this contract is in my name, I request that the Board pursue any attempted cancelation through me.
- This concludes my statement.

Respectfully submitted,
Reid Trummel

AROO Evening Tour

By Cindy Banzer.

Visualize - mellow, warm, pre-summer weekday evening. Top down, a mere hundred miles to put on the odo, tach revving to slightly below red line, about thirty Alfas fifteen minutes ahead, trying to catch up from a late start. Caught up. Food, spirits and talk to follow. Sound familiar?

What a great start to our summer ritual of All Things Alfas! AROO's (Oregon) David Fish and his 18 year old son, Matthew Chrenka, designed a driving route that challenged the best of cars through the renowned vineyards of Washington County, taking us along the spine of hills, affording a vista of mountains and cloud formations never before seen. Almost like being in heaven.

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Thunk - back to reality. Destination achieved. Nourishment and kibitzing on whom missed what turn and how far off course did they go. What a great way

to spend an evening. Riding along as navigator was AROC Secretary Gordy Hyde. Tensions of preparing for the Alfamilia Nordest 2015 Convention melted away with each curving chevron rounded and the apex of roads reached, only to see a roller coaster stretch of pavement below us. Intimately familiar with the area from riding his Yamaha R6 motorcycle, Matthew offered a circuit that evoked thrills and chills, us not knowing what the next corner would bring.

The route took us by Bald Peak scenic view point and over lots of scenic and winding Washington County roads. After we drove through downtown Hillsboro and North Plains, we were back out in the country. Our last sight was driving under the longest railroad trestle in Washington county.

Arriving at Rock Creek Tavern, where Alfistis occupied most of the top floor, we were regaled with live music and the sight of our pocket rockets below. While we joked with David's sons, Matthew and Jakob, driver and shot-gun, for relegating their tall Dad to the backseat of their GTV6, the reality is that it was the perfect way to capture the hearts of the young generation. Laying the groundwork to help the next generations develop a passion for Alfa Romeos was the perfect side benefit to a marvelous evening.

Thanks go to Matthew for a wonderful tour, to Jakob for handling the pre-tour paperwork and to dad David Fish for envisioning the evening as a family affair. One last question - how did you arrange the perfect weather!



Photo by Yulia Tregub

*Background photo by Gordy Hyde ,
Alfa 4C Spider on display at "An
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AROO Summer Picnic Tour – Saturday, July 18th *Hosted By Russ and Carol Paine*

One of the AROO celebrations of summer and Alfes is a tour and picnic on Saturday leaving at 10 a.m. with a short driver's meeting at 9:50 a.m. Prepare your car and yourselves for a pleasant drive on Chehalem Mountain roads among others, a wine tasting and a destination picnic provided by AROO in Dundee and catered by Babica Hen. The event winds down by 2 p.m. leaving individual time to make your way home.

We will begin from Russ and Carol's home 31395 SW Firdale Rd, 97113 (503-866-8870). See directions below. We will have coffee, tea and scones starting at 9 a.m. and will arrange cars and participants for a group picture before we depart.

Lunch orders from Babica Hen – please email or call in your lunch order to russ.paine@frontier.com (503-866-8870) by Wednesday, July 15th. Note: sandwiches are generous so you may want to split one with your companion. Assorted cold beverages are provided.

Choices: Turkey and Avocado; BBQ Chicken; Garden Hen (all veggie); and Tuna Melt.

We will be stopping at **Hawks View Cellars** (11 a.m. approximate) along the way to Dundee ending at Tertulia Cellars and **Babica Hen** for lunch (12:45 p.m. approx)

Directions to Paines:

We are 0.9 miles off of 219 on the righthand side of Firdale Rd. Our driveway is beyond our house – you will see two newer homes serviced by this entryway, ours is the second one back as you approach with shop and more extensive landscaping. As a reference, if you come out Farmington Rd. until it “T’s” with 219, you would take a right then the first left is Firdale Rd (very short distance on 219, there is signage). If you are traveling south on 219, we are the last right before reaching Bald Peak Rd. and after passing Unger Rd. and Lukas Rd.

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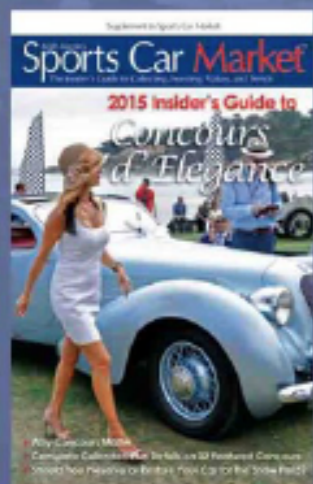
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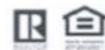
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THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:

Monthly Meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM — September through June. Evening tours — July and August. Check the complete AROO calendar [HERE](#).

July

1 Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.

9—12 Portland Historic Races Portland.

15 No meeting this month. (See Summer Picnic Tour this issue.)

18 Summer Picnic Tour. (See page 6 this issue)

22—26 Northwest Classic Rally.

August

2 Columbia River Concours d'Elegance.

5 Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.

19 No meeting this month. Evening Tour.

September

2 Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.

11-13 Oregon Festival of Cars.

16 AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

September (continued)

19 AROO Fall Tour.

27 AROO President's Tour.

October

3 Concours de Maryhill.

7 Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.

18 AROO Volunteer Appreciation dinner.

21 AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

27 AROO Track day PIR.

November

4 Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.

18 AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

December

2 Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.

6 AROO Holiday Dinner.



Monte Shelton's NORTHWEST CLASSIC RALLY

July 23-26, 2015

The Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally is a celebration of classic cars. It is conducted over the course of four days in mid-summer and begins in Portland, Oregon. It is organized around a traditional time-speed-distance rally and comprised of pre-1981 collector cars and their enthusiastic owners. Organized by the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon and with the Monte Shelton Motor Company as the primary sponsor, the event is a benefit for the March of Dimes.

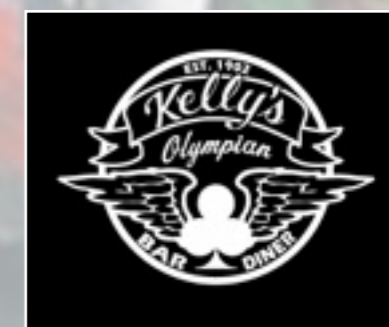
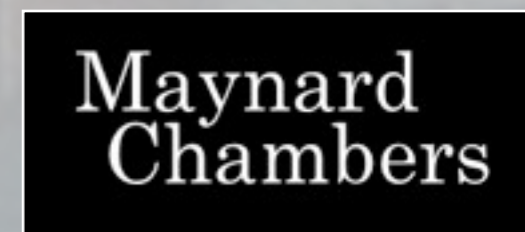
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We would like to invite you to become a member of this family by entering the Northwest Classic Rally. In this four-day celebration you will encounter great cars, great roads, great people and great fun!

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AROO Cup Rally Series winds up well.

by Roger Dilts, Series Director

This year's AROO Cup Rally Series ended with 16 teams showing up for the June edition. Running over many of the same Clackamas County roads as the first three editions, this was full of tricks and traps, requiring thorough knowledge of the rules, quick thinking on the fly, and sharp eyes for details. The field included old hands with years of experience and new folks who had joined our group at the Rally School in March and carried through to the end. Cars were an interesting mix of classics and newer, with two Alfas joined by a Porsche 911, a TR6, BMW 2002, Mini Cooper, and the scary black '65 Mustang.



Roger Dilts

holding speed by feel and experience. Any calculations need to be by paper and pencil and very few reference times are provided.

Half of the teams managed to get through without being caught off course at a route control, leaving the order of finish to be determined by time penalties, as usual. Yulia and Don in her GTV were the low point team, but Yulia was running a Curta as practice, so was not competing. There was one zero scored on the first TSD, by Matt Crandall and Bill Lowblad in a tangerine '68 Porsche 911 and numerous single digit scores, showing some real fine work by hard-working rally teams.

The high scores reflect both the complexity of the rally and the fact that all the cars but one were in the vintage class, running without calculation devices of any kind. Reflecting the same pattern seen in the Northwest Classic, teams strongly prefer the seat-of-your-pants style of staying on course and just

The rally ended at Passadore Pizza in Molalla with awards and discussion of traps. No one filed challenges and there were a lot of smiling faces, so the rally master felt pretty good about that. Final results are in the table.



Maynard Chambers in the TR6 and Matt Crandall in the 911 make final preparations.

A mixed field waits on the start time.



TABLE



Driver /Navigator	TSD1	TSD2	TSD3	TSD4	RC1	RC2	TOTAL	PLACE
Simon Levear/ Karen Levear	6	32	6	32	0	0	76	2
Fred McNabb / Lisa McNabb	23	34	8	40	0	0	105	4
Ed Grayson / Jeff Gretz	300	123	76	71	60	60	750	14
Steve Bledsoe / Kris Bledsoe	300	300	37	4	0	0	641	13
Matt Crandall / Bill Lowblad	0	225	114	6	60	60	525	11
Maynard Chambers/Mel Lee	44	191	28	4	60	60	447	8
Mike May / Keith Seigfred	57	150	103	9	0	60	379	7
John Eastburn/ Angie Eastburn	28	124	212	17	0	60	441	9
Dennis Howell/ Claudia Reinhaus	139	151	233	200	60	0	843	15
Carolyn Emrick/ David Emrick	5	25	57	6	0	0	93	3
Don Best/ Yulia Smolyansky	2	10	13	13	0	0	38	Non-comp.
Roger Wooley/ Jim Barless	120	12	49	203	0	60	444	10
Kathleen Ellis/ Bob Ellis	11	216	65	3	60	0	415	6
Eric Sowle/ Dave Sowle	27	46	95	18	0	0	186	5
Sue Colisch/ Bill Colisch	12	15	32	3	0	0	62	1
Jacleen Simons/ Dan Simons	53	34	300	172	0	0	559	12

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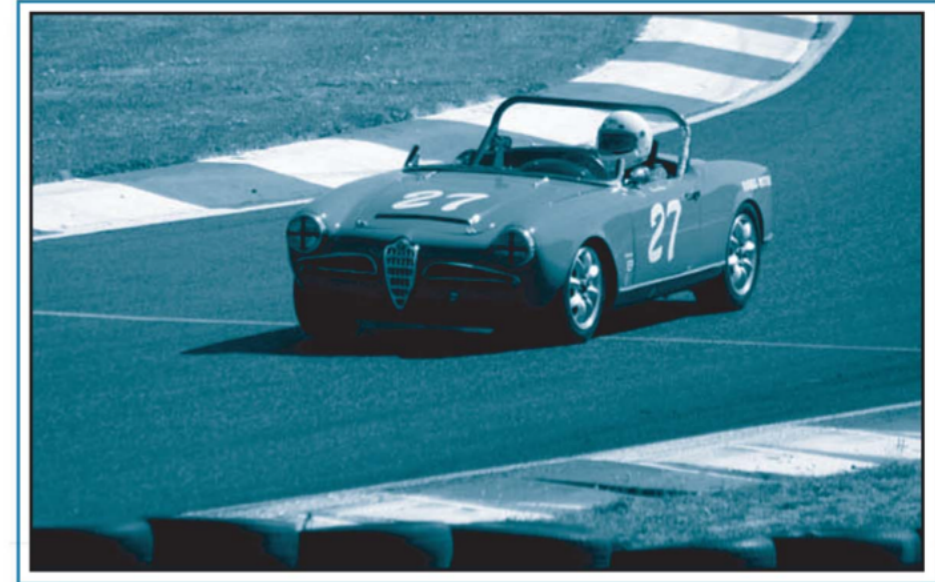
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