



# ALFA BITS

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*May Meeting  
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## ABOUT AROO

In the late 1950s, two Giulietta Spider Veloces came to Portland. They were featured on a local TV show to promote a sports car race, participating in a race which they dominated, winning converts in the growing sports car scene. As interest and knowledge of Alfas grew, Alfa fans – known as “Alfisti” – began to gather at Rambo Motors, the new Alfa dealer in Portland, which trained mechanics and supported a racing team. In the early 1960s, Bob Rinde, Rambo's sales manager, joined the national Alfa Romeo Owners Club and others followed. By October 1968 there was enough local interest for Bob McGill to apply to start a chapter, making AROO the sixth AROC-US chapter.

## AROO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Although located in Oregon, AROO welcomes members from the Pacific Northwest and around the world. For the latest information check out our [website](#) page for events and published newsletters. The monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Ernesto's Italian Restaurant, 8544 SW Apple Way, Portland 97225.

June, July and August are evening tours. Check the newsletter for details.

## INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBMISSIONS TO THE AROO NEWSLETTER

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**Photos** should be in JPEG (.jpg) format. Thanks.

Cheers, *George Kraus* Editor.



2016 Old Spider Tour. Photo George Kraus



## About the Club.



## The Board of Directors

### “Track” days at PIR. Watch!

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2016 Old Spider Tour. Photo George Kraus

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**From the Drivers seat**  
**Submitted by: Yulia Tregub**

The summer is just around the corner and we invite you to participate fully in the life of the club, whether by organizing, volunteering or just showing up for events. On June 12 is a finale for AROO Cup Rally Series with rally #4 written by Bill and Sue Colisch. It starts at usual location at French Prairie Rest Area, far back parking lot. I-5 Southbound at MP 282 (south of Willsonville). Registration at 9am, Drivers meeting at 9:45am.

AROO Rally Cup series is a great series of events which are perfect practice rounds for people who are going to participate in Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally or just enjoy rallying with friends on a Sunday morning. Summer is when AROO doesn't have regular meeting and instead we go outside to play, having tours and a picnic in July.

Our evening tour is on June 15 and organized by Dave Beach. It starts out in the same location as Rally Cup at French Prairie Rest Area, I-5 Southbound at MP 282 and laid out to NE Salem for about 1.3 hours, ending at grill restaurant. Starts at 6:00



2016 Old Spider Tour  
Photo George Kraus



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## AROO Board of Directors meeting Minutes - May 4, 2016

### Directors Present:

Pres: David Fish  
 VP: Bob Stewart  
 Treas: Cindy Banzer  
 Yulia Smolyansky  
 Sec: David Beach  
 Mark Carpenter

### Directors Present via Zoom

Doug Zaitz  
 Russ Paine  
 Bill Gillham

### Directors Represented by a proxy

Diane Sommers - (says Doug Z)

### AROO Members Present:

Erik Roe  
 (Daniel Smolyansky)

### Meeting started at 7:25 PM

### Liaison Reports:

1. **April Minutes:** Approved as read with one minor correction and submitted for the ALFABITS
2. **Treasurer Report:**
  - a. CindyB: "financials" submitted to BOD via email this afternoon: un-budgeted "OldSpiderman" shirts now included in OldSpiderTour; track day lost money(see below); current year negative position offset by cash reserves; MSNWCR not yet incorporated into 2016 financial status
3. **Past Events Report:**
  - a. YuliaS: 3rd Mini Rally: 12 entrants; need clearer email-blasts to improve entrant counts.
  - b. ErikR: Old Spider Tour: 7 old spiders; 30 participants
  - c. MarkC: Track Day was a "struggle": insufficient AROO volunteers(7-8); insufficient income (lost ~\$2300)
  - d. (sponsor Neil d'A absent): Swap Meet April30: 20 attendees, swapped some items, good time swapping lies, enjoyed hospitality
4. **Upcoming Events:**
  - a. YuliaS: May 18 general meeting: Alcan Winter Rally video presentation
  - b. DaveB: June 15 evening tour laid out from Wilsonville I-5 Rest area to NE Salem, about 1.3hr, ending at grill

restaurant; BOD input: leave at 600PMc. MarkC (JimG absent): MSNWCR Report:

1. Rally route 99% completed, has been "trialed"
2. much work has been progressing "in background"; full Committee meeting not yet convened; some volunteer "lead positions" not yet filled; concerns expressed by BOD
3. MSNWCR Chairperson(s) currently committed thru 2018, but need to identify future committed Chairperson for "training/orientation" during these next 2 years, or decide future AROO commitment for this event
5. **Membership Report:** YuliaS: membership has risen slightly; (checking to see that POBox expense has been paid)
6. **Merchandise Report:** YuliaS: ??
7. **Competition and Track:** MarkC: lengthy BOD discussion about future of holding track days given apparent waning AROO membership interest and AROO financial exposure; ErikR comment: "insufficient marketing?"; DaveB: proposed that the Fall day be "AROO Members Only", acknowledging that it would be a "\$\$ loser" even minimizing expenses, but that it would be a "test" of member interest (currently, track day costs Club ~\$11,000); BOD voted to hold a "yea/nay" vote at June BOD meeting as to continuing with any 2016 Fall Track Day; (can request PIR refund of down payment ***NLT August 8th.***)
8. **Alfaclub.org:** DougZ: "Event Blasts" are being sent to members as needed. BOD Discussion recommending sending separate "Blasts" for separate events
9. **AROC Report:** CindyB: proposal for an AROC-planned, member-funded, 2017 trip to Italy: 10 days, target \$4000/attendee excluding airfare

### New and Continuing Business:

10. **Alfa Club Trailer:**
  - a. BobS/(DougZ): The trailer was relocated early May to Gillham's in Jefferson. Zaitz has taken photographs of the trailer's particulars to assist in obtaining Oregon title (needed!) and registration (necessary?). Zaitz could not find MSO in packet of trailer information inside trailer. Bob Stewart will check tires to see if they need to be replaced (due to age, not wear). Trailer appears to be in excellent condition otherwise.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
**Dave Beach - Secretary**

*Enjoying*

*Your Alfa*



*Booklet scanned and provided by Dave Beach*



*Alfa Romeo*

ALFA ROMEO, INC. 231 JOHNSON AVENUE, NEWARK 8, N. J.  
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Dear Alfa Owner:

After some two years in the United States, I became increasingly aware that many people considered the Alfa Romeo a car, the driving of which should be left to experts. This puzzled me for awhile. I then began to realize that some people have gotten this impression because of Alfa's glorious racing history. In fact, the reverse is true--an Alfa Romeo is a sheer delight to drive, even for the average driver.

In discussing this with Alfa Romeo owners of long standing, it appeared that it would be worthwhile to produce a booklet of this nature leaning heavily on the experiences and knowledge of many enthusiastic and knowledgeable Alfa owners.

What follows is the result.

While it is in no way intended to replace the technical details furnished in the Owners Manual, it is light reading and I am sure well worth a few minutes of your time.

Sincerely,  
ALFA ROMEO, INC.

Arturo M. Reitz,  
Vice President



### *Enjoying Your Alfa*

The delightful car you now drive has a fault. It irritates people who like to think the best must be difficult to live with. The idea of this booklet—come to think of it, the idea of your Alfa Romeo—is to make people who feel that way miserable.

Your Alfa is definitely one of the best and enjoying it is the easiest thing in the world. What's more, enjoying an Alfa goes on all the time. It isn't given to flightiness in the rain. It doesn't try to be cranky in the morning. And it won't turn temperamental at night.

Your Alfa will not make you the world's greatest driver. No car can. But it will convince you that some intelligent people have gone to a great deal of trouble to make a portion of your life as enjoyable and effortless as possible.

We have nothing to tell you that you won't find out yourself. There are no mysteries about an Alfa. But, as a collection of hints, perhaps these pages will help you find some Alfa pleasures a little sooner.

### *To begin with, you start . . .*

Take starting, for instance. It's a plain and obvious sort of thing. But a suggestion: when the weather turns cool you will show a commendable respect for fine machinery if you push the clutch pedal to the floor while holding the key on. It takes quite a load off the engine.

All Alfas have an "easy-starting device." That's a graphic but long-winded name for something that does the job of a choke. Don't make use of it a habit. It isn't that it will wear out. But it pours a lot of raw gasoline into the engine, much of which can't be used. It's a grand thing on a cold day and means instant starts. But pulling it out (or pulling it up, depending on what Alfa you own) isn't necessary in warm weather. Even in cold weather, push the easy-starting device in (or down) as soon as possible after starting for the same reason. Too much gasoline going nowhere.

If you have a Veloce, in cold weather caress it a little by pressing the accelerator part way to the floor while your left hand turns the key all the way over.

With any car, don't let the starter grind the engine over time after time after time. If by any chance it doesn't catch the third or fourth time, turn the key all the way off. Wait a few seconds. Then try again.

Let the car warm up a bit before moving off even in the summer. In really cold weather, remember that "warming up the engine," while fine, doesn't do a thing for the thick, cold grease in the gearbox or differential. A couple of slow miles would be kind.

Most drivers abuse most cars in cold weather. The abuse comes from lack of lubrication while the oil is cold and slow-moving. The abuse doesn't come to the attention of most owners' check-books until the following spring or summer. It's quite easy not to drive straight away from the curb. Try it and feel smug.

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## JUNE 15 2016 EVENING TOUR TO SALEM ROADHOUSE GRILL

OK AROO Alfisti: Looking at your calendars, you will see the June 15th annual evening tour (vice general meeting). Right?

This year's tour will start at the south-bound I-5 rest area (just south of Wilsonville) and will occupy about 1-1/3hrs down pleasant Willamette Valley roads to the Original Roadhouse Grill on Lancaster Ave in N.E. Salem.

We will depart the rest area at 600PM sharp (it's that Rallying blood...)....meaning careful planning on your part to beat the traffic either by starting early, or devising a clever route to get to the rest area.

I will be handing out driving directions, which will include some trivia questions for alert navigators. Our route will be along those wonderful Willamette Valley roads just made for Alfa's.

The Original Roadhouse Grill fits AROO just nicely, with varied menu selection, peanuts on the floor...and peanuts to chew while waiting for your steak, burger, seafood, chicken, etc, etc to appear. I've reserved a side area for us, fitting ~40 folks. It's a lively spot, and on my trial run on a Friday eve, the service and food were great... prices reasonable. (The meal is on you...)

If you feel you'd like to attend but might struggle to travel with the main group, email me NLT a day in advance and I will send you the directions for the tour. I promise great tops-down weather..... really!

Tour Meister, Dave Beach

## ALFA ROMEO OWNERS OF OREGON 2016 SUMMER TOUR

August 25-29 (Thursday-Monday)

**YOU NEED TO SIGN UP NOW IN ORDER TO SECURE A SPOT!**

This will be a 5 day/4 night trip (think of it as a mini-vacation) to the Wallowa Mountains. The roads and scenery on this trip are really outstanding! If you have not been out here before, you owe it to yourself to see some of the finest offerings in Oregon and the country.

In order to make a trip like this possible, it is necessary to secure lodging *early* as once these places are full, there are no other options. Hence, I personally have reserved Wallowa Lake Lodge and will be required to pay ½ of the cost (\$3,200) in early January and the balance in late May. Any unreserved rooms will be released May 25<sup>th</sup>. It is unlikely you will be able to find lodging thereafter.

If you want to secure a space, you need to send me a deposit of \$250 asap. A subsequent billing for the balance of the Lodge cost will be sent out in late April.

DETAILS: The tour is going to depart from Government Camp on Mt. Hood on Thursday mid-morning with the destination being Baker City. We will drive towards Maupin, see White River Falls, enjoy the high desert via Bakeoven Rd as well as a spectacular section of Hwy 19 past Cathedral Rocks in the John Day Fossil Beds. Time permitting, we will take a short walk among the fossil beds as well take in the Sumner Dredge Park, an excellent exhibit telling the story of the mining in the area. Lodging will be the Always Welcome Inn (special rate of only \$76 + tax) and dinner will be at Barley Browns Tap House, a great place to enjoy a craft beer and unwind after a day's drive.

Friday, we head towards Wallowa Lake Lodge. We will follow sections of the original Oregon Trail (stopping to walk in the actual wagon ruts), take in Hells Canyon Overlook (Snake River) and drive the Wallowa

Mountain Loop road before arriving at the Lodge in the early afternoon. The lodge is located on the lake and is a classic. I still remember the last time we were there, enjoying a glass of wine and appetizers on the deck watching the sun set over the lake.

We will be able to actually unpack our suitcases as we are staying here two nights! They have given us a special price of \$100/night for lodge rooms and the cabins will run between \$180-\$225.

After enjoying a late breakfast (those that have been on my previous tours know that anything past 7:30 is unusual), those that are so inclined can join us for the short drive to Joseph to explore the shops and galleries, many of which feature world class bronze works cast in Joseph. I may try to schedule a foundry tour as well.

After lunch, we will drive back to the lake area and take the tram to the top of Mt. Howard where you can enjoy a glass of beer or wine and gaze out at the mountain tops and valleys. If you take the short hike to the mountain top, the views become *spectacular!* You can even see the Sawtooth Mtns in Idaho. Thereafter, we return to the lodge for an extended happy hour and dinner.

Continued next page.



After *another* late morning breakfast, we head over to Condon on some wide open roads through the open prairies. Once we get past LaGrande, I guarantee you will have a smile on your face as you cruse through the corners and through the vast grasslands. Once we arrive at the Condon Hotel, you will be greeted by our hosts with a complimentary glass of beer or wine. Racheal, one of the managers, will provide us with some fabulous appetizers in the Saloon and thereafter, a gourmet dinner in the formal dining room. Condon Hotel has 18 rooms, all quite nice and ranging from around \$150-\$275 list price (I do not know what our discounted rate will be yet). I have also made a room block at the Condon Motel down the street for any overflow. Their rooms will only be \$62 a night if you want to save a few bucks or the hotel is full.

Monday morning, you will have the option of following me on some more back-roads to Salem, including the very fun Hwy 293 out of Antelope to Hwy 97, the Old McKenzie Pass Hwy and a lunch stop. If you are short on time, you could conceivably follow us to Condon, then split for I-84 and be home Sunday evening. Or, you can stay Sunday night and drive directly home Monday morning. Condon to I-84 will put you in Portland in about 2.4 hours and Salem in 3.4 hours, plenty of time to make an appearance at work.

While officially an Alfa Romeo Car Club tour, past Club participation has been light. Hence, I have opened the tour to the Alfa Wannabe Car Club and friends. There is only room for 12 more couples although I will maintain an alternate list in case of cancellations.

**Let me know you are coming via e-mail and 2) Send me a check c/o Tom McGirr, 3420 Dogwood Dr S, Salem OR 97302.** Once I get your RSVP, I will send you the lodging contact and room block info from which you will make your own reservations in Baker City and Condon. Hope to hear from you soon. Questions? Give me a call at 503-983-3656 or e-mail c/o [mcgirrt@columbiabank.com](mailto:mcgirrt@columbiabank.com).

PS. The 2016 Alfa Wannabe Tour is going to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park May 29-June 5<sup>th</sup>. I have 20 couples signed up so as of now, the tour is full. However, there inevitable will be a cancellation or two so *if you are interested I will put you on the alternate list*. Think of this as more a guided vacation. In addition to grand lodges, good food, fabulous scenery and some very nice roads, the tour instructions include all the key viewpoints and geyser basin trails. What a way to start the driving season!

**Let me know you are coming via e-mail & send me a check c/o Tom McGirr, 3420 Dogwood Dr S, Salem OR 97302. Once I get your RSVP, I will send you the lodging contact and room block info from which you will make your own reservations in Baker City and Condon.**

**Hope to hear from you soon.**

**Questions? Give me a call at 503-983-3656 or e-mail c/o [mcgirrt@columbiabank.com](mailto:mcgirrt@columbiabank.com)**



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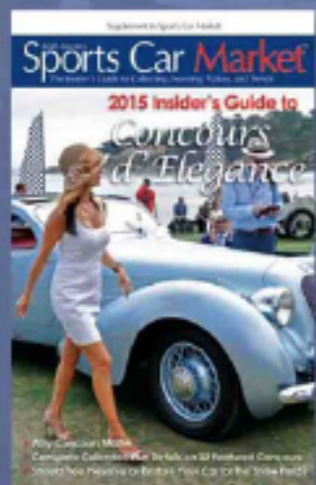
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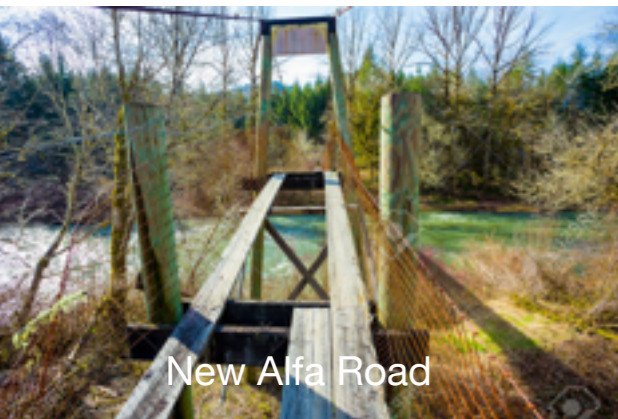


**TIME TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM FOR THE FALL TOUR TO THE COAST!**

Wildcat Covered Bridge

Mark your calendars for September 17-18. We (that be me and whoever wants to tag along) am heading to Yachats. I have made a room block at the Fireside Motel. Room rates range from \$100 for non-oceanfront to \$170 with fireplace. Ask for the Alfa Romeo Car Club rate. (800) 338-0507.

A few weeks ago I spent a day chasing a “new” route to the beach from Salem. After using my Garmin mapping program and Google Earth, I was sure I had succeeded. However, as any of you that have put together tours, it is always a good idea to test drive route. So, with some beer and sandwiches, off I went with my brother who offered to join me for the day.



New Alfa Road

After a stellar start, and multiple comments about the view and quality of the road, the ‘road’ became gravel and then two ruts leading off into the wilderness. I plan on going back sometime with my 4 x4 and seeing what lays yonder. I had already programed in Plan B into my Nuvi and we once again began to get really enthused only to have things go south once more. At least Plan C became a Jeep road in only a few minutes. Regrettably, we never reached the beach that day. As Eric Roe knows, sometimes it takes a while for the plan to come together!

The good thing is that we did find a few sections of new roads which will allow us to see a few new sights on the trip including Alsea Falls which previously had a gravel road to and from.



Cape Perpetua

I really love the route out to Lorane and the great road along the Suislaw River to Reedsport. Lots of gentle turns on a decent road canopied by the trees and great views of the river. If the weather is good, we may take in Mary’s Peak, the highest point in the coastal mountains.

I am hoping to be able to have dinner at Heidi’s Italian Restaurant. Really good food and the chef/owner studied in Italy to hone her culinary skills.



Alsea Falls

The room block EXPIRES August 15. Mid-September is actually one of the busiest times at the coast so if you fail to reserve a room, you may be out of luck.

Be sure to send me an e-mail letting me know you are coming so I can make dinner arrangements.  
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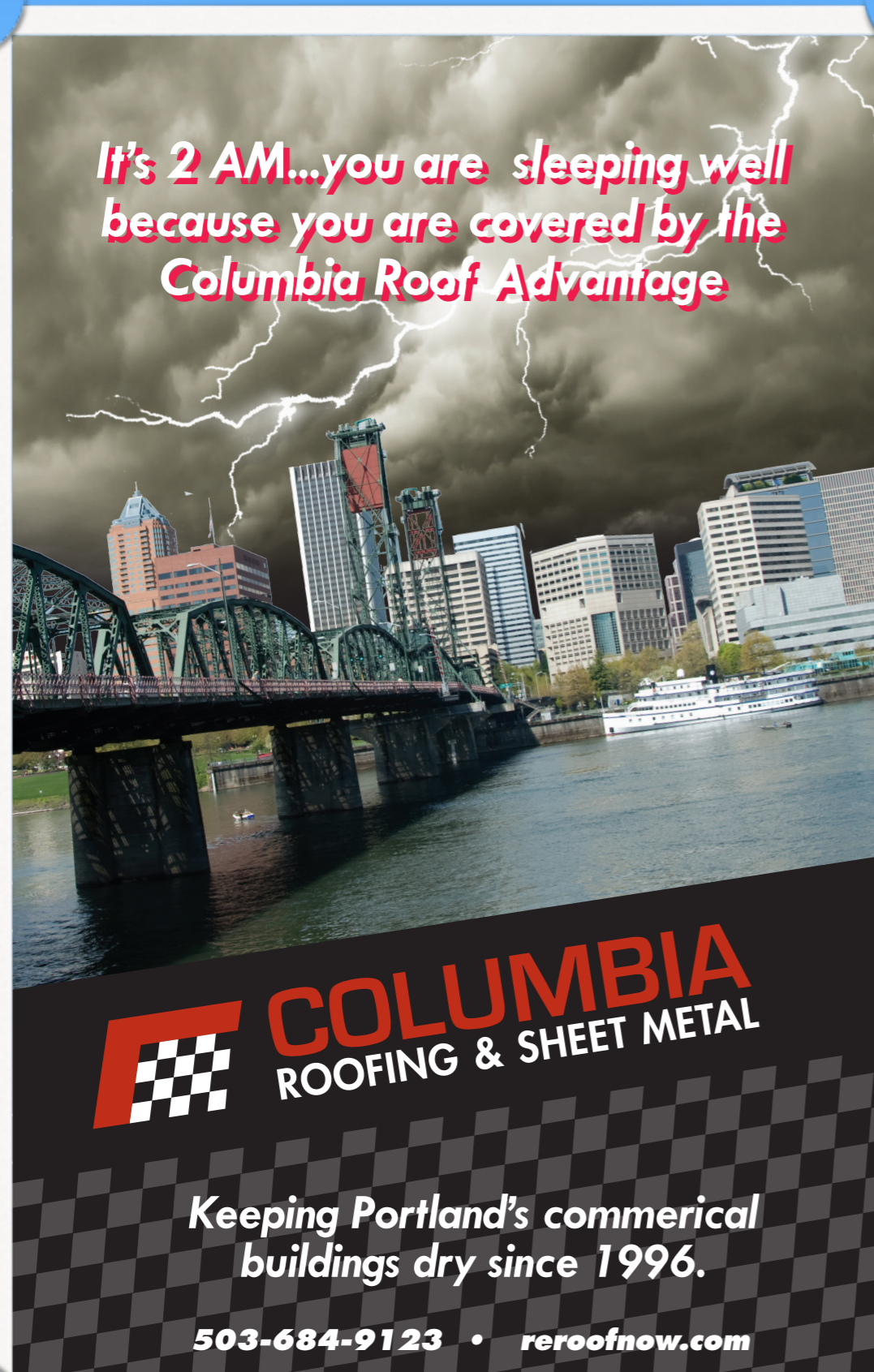


2015 picnic tour. Photo George Kraus

### July Picnic Tour

The Tour is July 16 and will be the same format as last year. We will start at my house (31395 SW Firdale Rd. 97113) with meet, greet and story telling accompanied by coffee, tea and scones from 9-10 am and depart by 10:15 for a nice ~1.5 hour tour (new route, some overlap with last year). We will pickup sandwiches enroute in Yamhill and end up at Arborbrook Winery for lunch and wine tasting. There will be an optional 2nd winery after lunch to Styring which is owned by a car nut (Mustangs) , Steve Styring. He'd love to see a bunch of Alfas, makes good wine and promised to comp our tastings. Warning: there is a mile or so of gravel to get to Styring from Arborbrook ...Steve has different car clubs come up including the Corvette Club so I think it doable.

Thanks,  
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## **EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:**

Board Meeting at Buster's Barbecue in Tigard at 7 PM.

## **THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:**

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

### **January**

**6th** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.  
**20th** AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### **February**

**3rd** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.  
**17th** AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.  
**21st\*** AROO Valentine's Tour.

### **March**

**2nd** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.  
**12th** AROO Rally School.  
**13th** AROO Cup Rally 1.  
**16th** AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### **April**

**3rd** AROO Cup Rally 2.  
**6th** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.  
**16-17th** Old Spider Tour.  
**20th** AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.  
**24th** AROO Track Day.  
**30th** AROO Swap Meet at Sidedraft City.

### **May**

**1st** AROO Cup Rally 3.  
**4th** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.  
**18th** AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.  
**29th** 2016 Alfa Wannabe Tour.

### **June**

**1st** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.  
**12th** AROO Cup Rally 4.  
**15th** AROO Evening Tour. This event is in place of the general meeting.  
**15-19th** AROC National Convention.

### **July**

**1st** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.  
**7-10th\*** Portland Historic Races.  
**16th** AROO Summer Picnic.  
**20th** MSNWC Pre-Rally Party.  
**28-31st** AROO Monti Shelton NW Classic Rally.

### **August**

**3rd** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.  
**7th\*** Columbia River Concours d'Elegance.  
**17th** AROO Evening Tour.  
**25-29th** McGirr AROO 2016 Summer Tour.

### **September**

**7th** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard  
**17th\*** AROO Fall Tour.  
**21st** AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM  
**25th** President's Tour

### **October**

**5th** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.  
**8th** AROO Track Day.  
**16th** AROO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.  
**19th** AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### **November**

**2nd** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.  
**16th** AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### **December**

**2nd** AROO Holiday Party.  
**7th** Board Meeting, Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM Tigard.

**[Click HERE to see all AROO and non AROO activities.](#)**

\*Final dates to be announced.



The Monte Shelton  
**NORTHWEST CLASSIC RALLY**

Presented By  
**THE ALFA ROMEO OWNERS OF OREGON**

Dear NW Classic Rally Volunteer-to-be,  
As the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon presents the 2016 edition of the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally, we are asking that you give us your time as a volunteer this year. With help from you and the other volunteers, the Northwest Classic Rally will continue to be the premier event of which we are all proud. The 28th Northwest Classic Rally will be held July 28th through 31st. We need your help to put on what is sure to be a fantastic event.

Please take a few minutes to complete the attached/enclosed Volunteer Participation Form and return it to me, either by postal mail or by scanning and emailing No Later Than June 15, 2016. I will make every effort to match you to your selected tasks. I need you to complete and return the form even if you have previously let me or someone else know that you are going to volunteer (enabling me to get shirt sizes, meal counts, etc). Please provide complete for each person volunteering. Be sure that your email address is legible. All further correspondence will be by email.

Rally volunteers will receive associated meals compliments of the Northwest Classic Rally, along with the "goody" bag, including this year's apparel. For planning purposes, please be sure to note which meals you will be needing and your clothing size.

Our 2016 destination is The Oregon Gardens Resort, near Silverton, Oregon. At this point in time, the OGResort is full, however, we have made alternative arrangements with the Silverton Inn, (under Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon, NW Classic Rally, (503-873-1000). Volunteers must make their own lodging reservations.

I apologize for the lateness of this request, however, we still need your help and appreciate the time it takes to complete this request.... If you have any questions about volunteering, please call my cellphone at 503.307.6014, or, better yet, email me at [beachblueberry@gmail.com](mailto:beachblueberry@gmail.com).

Thanks for volunteering,

**Dave Beach**

2016 MSNWCR Volunteer Coordinator  
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Unfortunately, once again, a group of people is complaining about PIR and trying to persuade Portland's Mayor Charlie Hale, the city council and anyone that will listen to make changes, even shut it down.

I, the exalted board of directors for the Pacific Northwest Spec Miata Championship "of the World" and all of the many participants of PIR ask you to go to the website below and fill out the on-line petition in support of PIR; it will be sent directly to Charlie Hale. It is very easy and does not take very long.

Thank you,  
Dave - your El Presidente' that loves racing at PIR!

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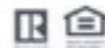
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## Restoration Tech, Tools and Talk

### Restoration Carts: Part 2

#### Advanced Restoration Carts and Attachments

*Photos and text By Don Gillham*

Over the last few years working on restoring Alfas with my Dad, I have had to build and modify many of our restoration carts. I have discovered that putting a little bit more time into planing their usability and engineering can have a big impact on how smoothly restorations can go, over the life time of the cart. See example **Image #1**

Shown in Image one is an adjustable mounting plate for a suspension point cart. The plate is mounted first to the car after it has been jacked up onto jack stands when the car is first being put on the cart. The cart is first affixed in the rear trailing arm mounts then set down slowly and carefully on the front where the two center bolts are just dropped in and tightened up with nuts and lock washers. Two main advantages to this type of design are, it can fit a couple of different body lengths/discrepancies and you don't have to try to drill or egg-out a hole through two heavy steel plates while dangling over the front fender or nose. (note: it looks like the sand blasters swapped six of our fasteners for two of theirs with spaces to get under the plate.)



*Image #1*

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Another thing you may have noticed in our cart photos is that the long side pipes on our carts open to the front and rear of the car. This is actually not coincidence or just a byproduct of how we chose to cut the tubing, it is so that we can mount attachments with nesting tubes to aid in work on the tail or rear of the car. See **Image #2 & #3**.

Attachments such as these allow us to extend the frame. Which can be useful if for example we need to stabilize part of the front or rear, isolate the position of a particular part of the car in space or apply serious hydraulic leverage. See **Image #4**. Restoration carts are very useful tools by themselves, but with a little planing can be instrumental in facilitating how possible a restoration even is.

**-Don Gillham**



*Image #3*



*Image #2*



*Image #4*



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# The Back Seat

