



ALFA BITS

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*Bill Gillham's shop
Photo the Gillham's*

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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In the late 1950s, two Giulietta Spider Veloce's 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

Please note the following suggestions for submitting material for the newsletter:

Articles should be submitted in 14pt, MS Word format (.doc), or as text in the body of an email. Keep formatting to a minimum, no tabs, indents, etc. Bullets, numbers and letters are okay but don't indent them. A single space after each sentence is preferable to two and double returns between paragraphs. Don't use indents or tabs.

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

Cheers, *George Kraus* Editor.





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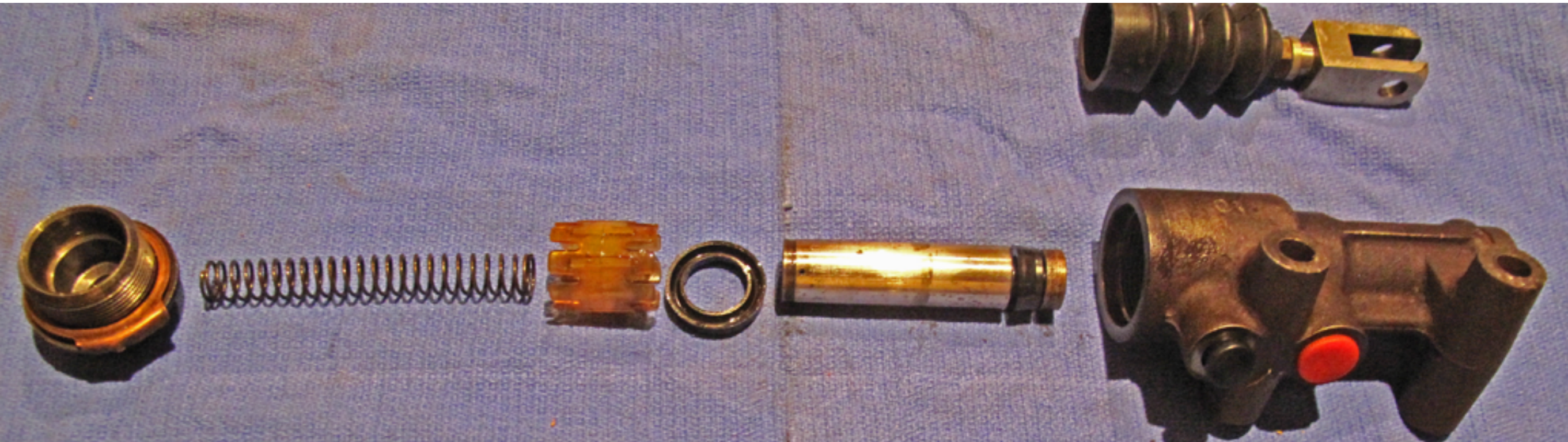
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From the Drivers seat
750/101 Girling Master Cylinder Lessons
by Dave Beach, AROO/AROC

This months Drivers Seat is actually a great tech article submitted by Dave Beach. Enjoy.



This photo is of an original Girling Master cylinder (3/4" bore in this case). **The critical lesson here is adjustment of your brake pedal clearance**, accomplished by threading/unthreading the saddle bracket, (shown in upper right of photo to right of rubber bellows), such that the piston, (shiny "cylinder" shown in middle of lower part of photo), is allowed to fully seat in the bore of the master cylinder. When assembled, the spring forces the piston to seat into the bottom (furthest to right of photo) of the Master Cylinder bore, provided you have allowed clearance for its full "seating".

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From the Drivers seat

750/101 Girling Master Cylinder Lessons (continued)



This is a close-up of the previous photo, showing the ever-critical small piston holes (there are 2, one shown, one on opposite side of the piston) which must be "just exposed" to incoming fluid, from the cylinder reservoir, in order to properly "re-fill" the brake hydraulic system whenever the brake pedal is fully released. Without these tiny holes exposed to input from reservoir, you cannot bleed the brake system..in simplest terms, you cannot fill the brake system with fluid...you won't "have brakes"!! Operationally, whenever you apply the brake pedal, the piston is forced forward/out of its cylinder bore, moving the small holes past the lip of the seal shown above, creating a closed "compression chamber", just like when the intake valves close on your engine to beginning the compression stroke.. As the piston moves further into the "compression chamber" end of the cylinder, it's "increasing presence" builds pressure in the system (exactly like the engines pistons build compression as they rise in their cylinder).

Consequently, the brake fluid under compression moves out (via brake lines) into your wheel cylinders/calipers, moving shoes/pads onto drums/rotors.

PS: the piston is shaped like a solid rod, except for it's left end bored out as shown to permit fluid to enter the "compression chamber" via the 2 small holes.

PPS: the seal shown bears the brunt of the compressive force applied as you stand on your brake pedal. On the Girling, the shaped plastic sleeve helps to keep the seal lip properly seated.

PPPS: there is a second seal, at opposite end of the piston, which only serves to retain fluid coming into piston/cylinder by gravity from the reservoir...it is not under significant pressure by any means.

PPPPS: on top photo, the red plug is the cylinder inlet from reservoir, the black plug is the outlet line to brake system.

by **Dave Beach**, AROO/AROC

AROO Board of Directors meeting Minutes - June 1, 2016**Directors Present:**

Pres: David Fish
 VP: Bob Stewart
 Sec: David Beach
 Mark Carpenter

Directors Represented by a proxy

Doug Zaitz; Diane Sommers - (via David Fish)
 Yulia Smolyansky; Bill Gillham - (via Dave Beach)
 Cindy Banzer - (via Mark Carpenter)

Directors Absent:

Russ Paine (comments/votes sent via email prior to meeting)

AROO Members Present:

Neil d'Autremont

Meeting called to order by Pres. Fish at 7:10 PM Buster's**Reports:**

- 1. May Minutes:** Approved as drafted with corrections from some BOD
- 2. Treasurer Report:** none
- 3. Past Events Report:** BobS: reported excellent presentation at May General Meeting by Director Smolyansky RE: Alcan Winter Rally
- 4. Upcoming Events:**
 - a.** DaveB: June 15 evening tour laid out from Wilsonville I-5 Rest area to NE Salem, about 1.3hr, ending at Original Roadhouse Grill restaurant; will leave at 600PM per feedback from May General Meeting attendees. Will send reminders
 - b.** MarkC MSNWCR Report: Rally planning advancing well; regular Committee meetings held alternate Tuesdays; DaveB reported that Volunteers responding well to requests for information; still need a Saturday evening speaker
 - c.** BOD sorted out upcoming author schedule for "Driver's Seat"

d. June 12th Mini-Rally on schedule; no details reported.

5. Membership Report: none

6. Merchandise Report: none

7. Competition and Track: MarkC: following up on last month's commitment, held a brief discussion, with input from Chairman Neil d'Autremont, about future of holding track days given apparent waning AROO membership interest and AROO financial exposure; Moved, seconded, and passed, including all proxies and with 2 nay votes, to **cancel the Fall 2016 Track Day** (can request PIR refund of down payment **NLT August 8th. WHO REQUESTS???**). After brief additional discussion, and request from Chairman d'Autremont, voted, with all proxies and with one nay, to **drop all future Track Days at PIR**. Following brief discussion, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to **purchase new timing clocks for ongoing AROO rally activities.**

8. Alfaclub.org: no report

9. AROC Report: no report

New and Continuing Business:

10. New Business: Pres Fish has been approached (apparently on a recommendation of AROO member Theresa Davenport) by Glencoe High School students with an interest in Rallying. Brief discussion on taking positive action to follow-up (**Pres Fish??**) with possible Rally School and/or student participation in up-coming AROO rally activities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Dave Beach - Secretary



... then you drive

You're started. How about driving? Just one thing, really: Relax. An expert would say . . .

Don't hang onto the wheel, hold onto the wheel.

There's quite a difference. You'll be surprised the first time you remember this and find yourself hanging, then relax to holding the wheel. Fingers guiding, not gripping is the idea. Your Alfa wants to track straight down the road. Don't try to correct for every little bump; let the Alfa do it while you sit there appreciating the sure-footed suspension.

And sit back in that seat. It's very tiring for passengers and people in other cars to see drivers sitting hunched over the wheel or straight up like a pole and that fine bucket seat not getting a chance to hold you as it was designed to do.


Now that engine. You may know a lot about it already. It's all aluminum. (Alfa engines have been for years.) Or you may neither know nor care much about it. Fine. You don't have to. The only thing we'd suggest is that you remember that it likes to work. It doesn't like to struggle. That's known as "lugging." But it likes to work.

Engines work by turning. That's what the tachometer (revolution counter) tells you: how fast the engine is turning (revolutions per minutes).

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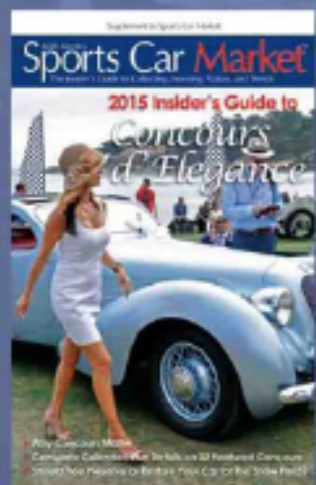
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Start location and time: The Paines, 31395 SW Firdale Rd. Cornelius OR 97113. Meet, greet and car talk from 9-10 am, Saturday July 16th. Arrive when you can, this is a relaxed start to a great Saturday! We will have coffee, tea and scones to fuel our start, please also have a full tank of gas.

We will depart by 10:15 and tour local Washington County roads for ~1.5 hours picking up our preordered sandwiches at Zippy's in Yamhill. Please see menu below and let Russ know your orders by July 9th, send to russ.paine@frontier.com Our destination will be one of our favorite small wineries who offer excellent

whites and reds in a nice patio setting, Arborbrook. Please consider buying a bottle or two to enjoy at home, AROO and Arborbrook are hosting the lunch and tasting.

After lunch, there is an optional, second winery very close by, Styring, which is owned by a car guy and big fan of Mustangs, Steve Styring. He has invited us and would love to see Alfas at his beautiful property and will comp our tastings. Note: There is a short stretch of gravel (~1 mile) to get to Styring from Arborbrook so we will stretch out and go slowly.

Looking forward to a wonderful day of cars, friends, good roads, fabulous weather and enjoyable food and beverages!
Russ Paine

Sandwich Menu

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Tipper

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Veggie

Mushrooms, olives, green peppers, onions, lettuce, tomato, swiss, cream cheese, avocado
☞ 6.75

Tuna

☞ 6.25

French Dip

Beef & au jus on a deli roll
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Tuna Melt

Tuna, swiss, tomato, oven-grilled
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Reuben

Corned beef, sauerkraut, swiss, 1000 island dressing
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Roast beef, onions, tomato, swiss, grilled on sourdough
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Turkey Wrap

Turkey, cheese, lettuce, tomato, special seasoning, balsamic vinaigrette
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Spicy Chicken Wrap

Chicken, cheese, lettuce, tomato, jalapeno, secret sauce
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Veggie Wrap

Mushrooms, olives, green peppers, onions, lettuce, tomato & avocados, cream cheese, balsamic vinaigrette
☞ 6.25

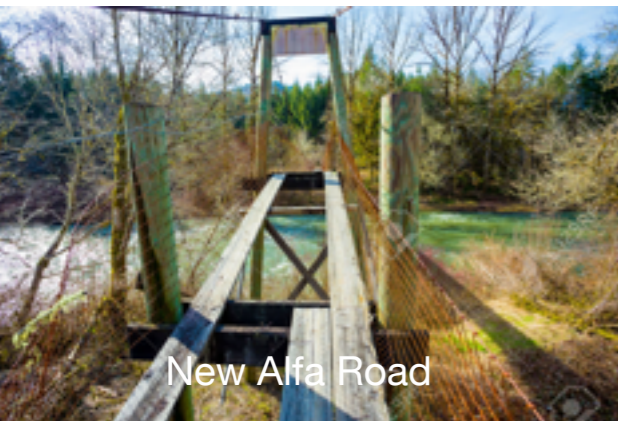
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Wildcat Covered Bridge

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.

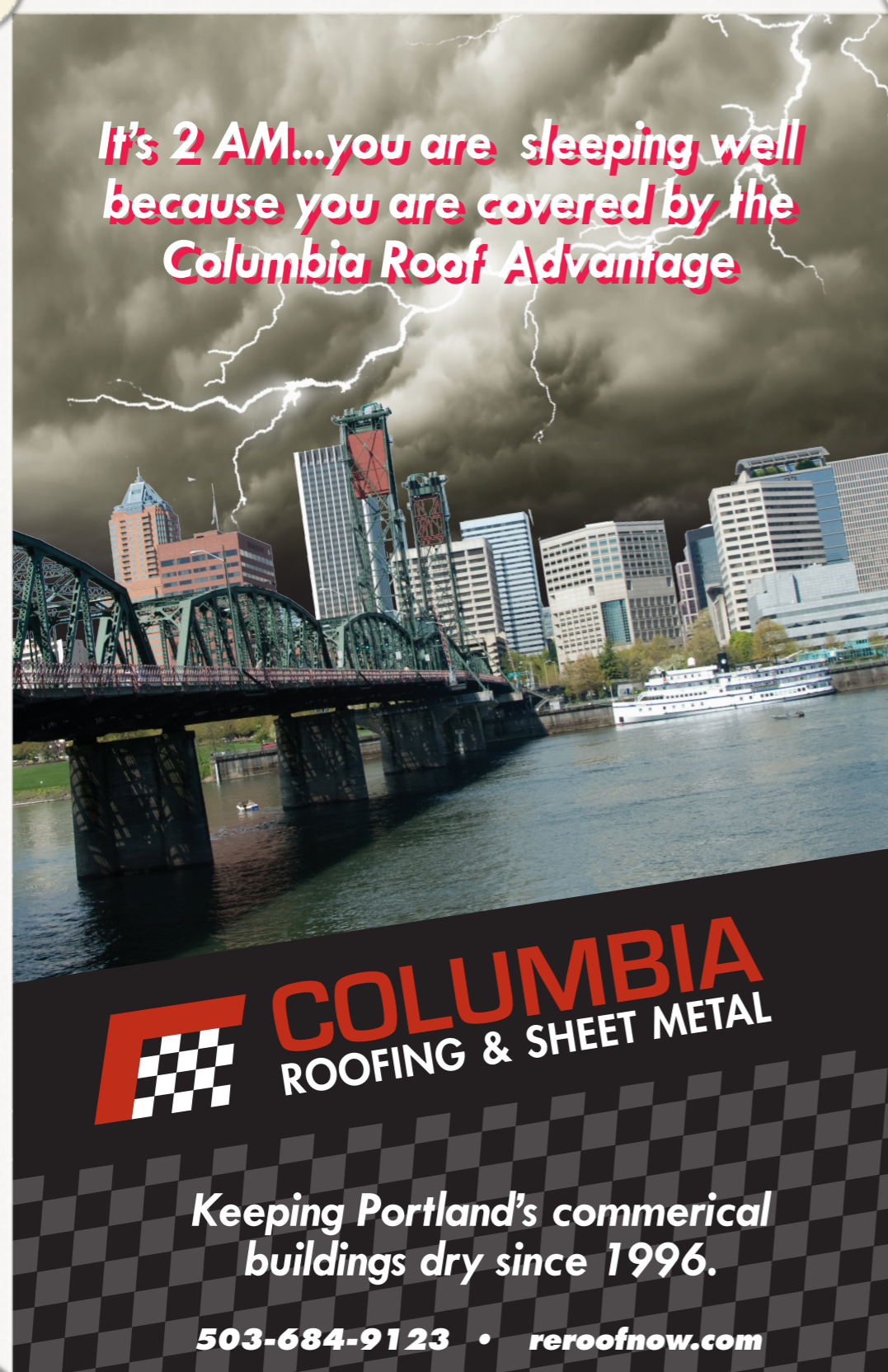
I am hoping to be able to have dinner at Heidi’s Italian Restaurant. Really good food and the chef/owner studied in Italy to hone her culinary skills.



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.

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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.

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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.

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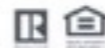
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1978 Alfa Romeo Spider with less than 36,000 original miles.

Well-maintained, always garaged, completely rust-free 1978 Alfa Romeo Spider with less than 36,000 original miles.

All original exterior and interior, except for after-market Sony stereo. Original leather seats and carpeting are intact and in excellent condition. The dash is intact without cracks or separations. Original repaint still looks great. This Alfa is equipped with the stock alloy Campagnolo Campanatura 38 wheels, even on the spare. Cloth top is in very good condition and the window is intact and unclouded. Original stock tonneau included. This car is rust-free.

This Alfa is especially fun to drive. The original 2.0 liter engine was enhanced with factory spec european cam, exhaust manifold, dual Weber carburetors and air filter assembly by Carlo Durante of Alfa of Tacoma and a high-voltage ignition system by Nasko of Nasko's Imports in Portland. The car has its original 5 speed manual transmission and transaxle. Serviced by Alfa of Tacoma or Nasko's since 1978.

In phenomenal condition inside and out.

Call (360) 607- 4276 and leave message for showing and potential test drive.



Many Alfa Spider and GTV parts for sale.

Front stainless Steel bumpers 1971, no bumps, \$500.00, Wheels, suspension parts, miscellaneous small body parts, Chassis stiffener never installed \$500.

Cal Neil at 503-781-0183

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Free GTV6/Alfetta Sheet Metal

81 GTV6 shell going to scrap yard around xmas. There are still lots of very useful and usable body panels. Free to anyone who wants to cut them off.

Contact scottmpope@gmail.com.

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One ton folding Shop Crane \$50

12 Ton Hydraulic Press \$75

Contact Dan Stanton connerstanton@q.com

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82 Spider Veloce for sale

Now that I have a '15 4C Spider, I need to find a good home for my '82 Spider Veloce. I've been driving it summer months every year. I bought it new from Monte Shelton in 1982, one owner. Maintenance except oil & filter and spark plugs has been dealer or Nasko. Red with tan interior, 65866 miles. Garaged, so there doesn't seem to be any rust. Original seats with some scratches but intact. Solid shift performance. New Michelin tires, maybe 3K mileage on them. New gas tank and tank fuel pump last year due to tank rust. All original equipment is included.

Upgrades: Added 2 speakers to rear deck (without drilling into the computer amplifier/equalizer under drivers seat
Security system
Fog lights
Upgrades may or may not be functional

Please notify me if your item has sold!



Needs: Original 34 year-old top should be replaced if you will be driving in rain,
A/C upgrade (original Freon no longer available)
Paint touch up or repaint
1982 Blaupunkt radio/cassette player should be upgraded

Extras: Hard top

Asking price: \$14,900. I am considering doing the upgrades but I would be happy to sell to an AROO member at this price and spend the summer on the road in the 4C. ;)

William Kirkham

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The Back Seat

