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Alfa Bits

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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 a common type font, MS Word (.doc), simple text format, 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. Please don't use indents or tabs. Double space between paragraphs.

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

Cheers, *George Kraus* Editor.



Photo George Kraus

August 17th "Hooligan's Smartphone Scavenger Hunt and Trivia Test.

Presented by Bill Gillham

Holding a meeting activity when you facing off against really nice summer weather, the Olympics and the Monterey Weekend, is daunting task. But task or not 12 intrepid Alfisti showed up at Ernesto's up to play the latest iteration of the classic AROO Scavenger Hunt.

After introductions and some quick instruction on how to play the game the players were off searching for Smartphone pictures of Alfa related signs and numbers, or sitting in the car searching the internet for the trivia answers while enjoying the warm evening breeze.

Some of us enjoyed a bit of creative tire kicking in the gathering dusk while leaning over the hood of an Alfetta GT.

About 3 hours the scavengers met back up for chatting and beverages at the Oak Hills Mcmenamines Pub. Beers, wine and Ice creams latter the meeting broke up;A good time was had by all and 4 of the teams who actually turned in the game.

The Scores:

Team # 5 - Cindy Banzer and Sue Halton - in group C (Members longer than 15 years)

141 points + 4 bonus points

Team # 14 - Scott Pope and his son Goran - in Group A (Members 5 years of less)

100 points + 1 1/2 bonus points

Team # 15 John Prohadsky - competing alone - in Group A

84 points

Team # 11 Jeff Tunick and Scheyenne Tunick - in Group A

50 points

Jeff and Scheyenne are new AROO Members - Welcome! we are glad you came.

See what you missed: - The Scavenger Hunt and the Trivia test. (Questions and Answers included Next page) - Bill Gillham

Alfa Trivia Test - Part 1:

Rules: Answer the questions as completely as possible. 3 points maximum for each question. You may use the Smartphone to help answer the questions.

1. In the post war period of Formula 1 racing Alfa Romeo has had 3 drivers whose last name started with an F, the "3 F's" Name them (first and last names)

- F #1 **Luigi Fagioli**
- F #2 **Giuseppe "Nino" Farina**
- F #3 **Juan Manuel Fangio**

2. One of the "3F's" had an advanced degree which one was it?

Giuseppe Farina

3. What was the degree?

PHD in Law from University of Turin

4. The "3 F's" all drove a particular model of Alfa Romeo Race Car what was it?

Typo 158 and type 159 "Alfetta" Kraus

5. Name the model and year of Alfa Romeo Race Car that first displayed the Quadrifoglio and Triangle symbol on the hood.

Ugo Sivocci's 1923 RL Targa Florio

6. Who was the chief engineer who designed that car?

Giuseppe Merosi

7. In 1948 who won the Watkins Glen Grand Prix?

Frank Griswold

8. What was he driving?

1938 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900 B

9. The second place finisher was a famous sports car racer, who was he and what was he driving?

Briggs Cunningham - "Blu Merc"

10. The WGGP winning car has participated in several Monte Shelton NW Classic Motorcar Rally's. Who was the owner of the car at the time?

David Cohen

11. Who owns the car now?

John Shirley

12. Name the first Alfa Romeo dealer in Oregon.

Rambo Motors

AROO Trivia Test - Part 2:

Rules: Answer the questions as completely as possible. 3 points maximum for each question. The Judges Interpretation of the answers is final. You may use the Smartphone to help answer the questions.

AROO Trivia:

1. What year was the club formed?
1958

2. Who organized the AROC application and shepherded the club into existence?

Bob McGill

3. AROO has held 3 AROC National Conventions, what years were they held? (double points if you can also name the chairmen).

**1987 - Dick Larson
2000 - Mark Carpenter
2009 - Bill Gillham**

4. What year was the first Northwest Classic Motor Car Rally first held?

1989

5. AROO publishes an award winning newsletter the "Alfa Bits." Name the current editor for the online edition.

George Kraus

6. Before the "Alfa Bits" went digital it had been published on paper since the first hand typed mimeographed edition, who was the last paper edition editor?

Ruth Hall

7. Two AROO members have served as President of the AROC, name them both, 3 points each.

**Cindy Banzer
Bill Gillham**

8. Since 1984 eight AROO members have been elected and have served on the AROC board of directors. Name them. 3 Points each.

**1. Bill Gillham
2. Bill Daemke
3. Jim Troffiter
4. Doug Klein
5. Doug Zaitz
6. Char Somme
7. David Beach
8. Cindy Banzer**

9. Several AROO members have Alfa's with special nicknames. Write the Alfa nickname by the Alfa's owner and identify what model the car is. 3 points each

- 1. **Denny Pillar "Old 27" - 1964 Giulia Spider**
- 2. **Bob Hui "Mitty" - 1972 GTV**
- 3. **Bob McGill (now Bill Eastman) "Old Blue" - 1958 Giulietta Spider**
- 4. **Bill Gillham "Hooligan" - 1967 Giulia Super**
- 5. **Mark Carpenter "Whoee" - 1958 Giulietta Spid Veloce**

10. If you drove your Alfa to the meeting tonight, take it's picture with your Game Number and include it with the Scavenger Hunt photos. 5 points.

Your car:

AROO Trivia Tie Breaker:

Rules: This Photograph was taken in 1975 in Portland it was printed in the December 1990 Alfa Bits. One of this handsome couple is an AROO Member, the other is an Italian Film Star. Answer the questions zlf you can. The answers will only be used as a tie breaker.

The AROO Member?

Bob McGill

The Film Star?

Gina Lollobrigida

The Alfa Romeo?

Giulia Sprint Speciale

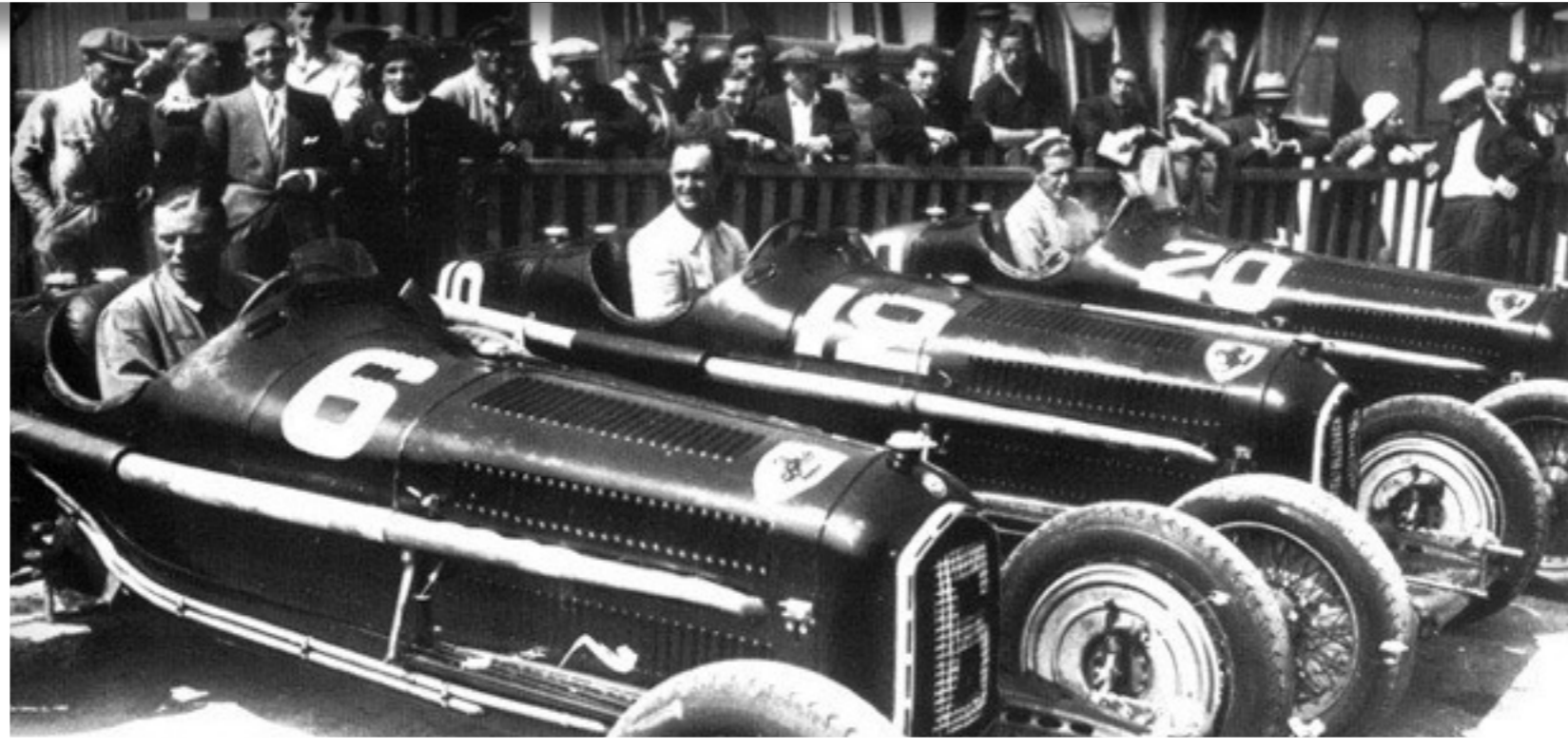
Name the Alfa's rare accessory?

Chrome Wheels

Where in Portland was the photo taken?

Bob McGill's "Special" covered parking spot at KOIN TV in downtown Portland.

bonus point each.



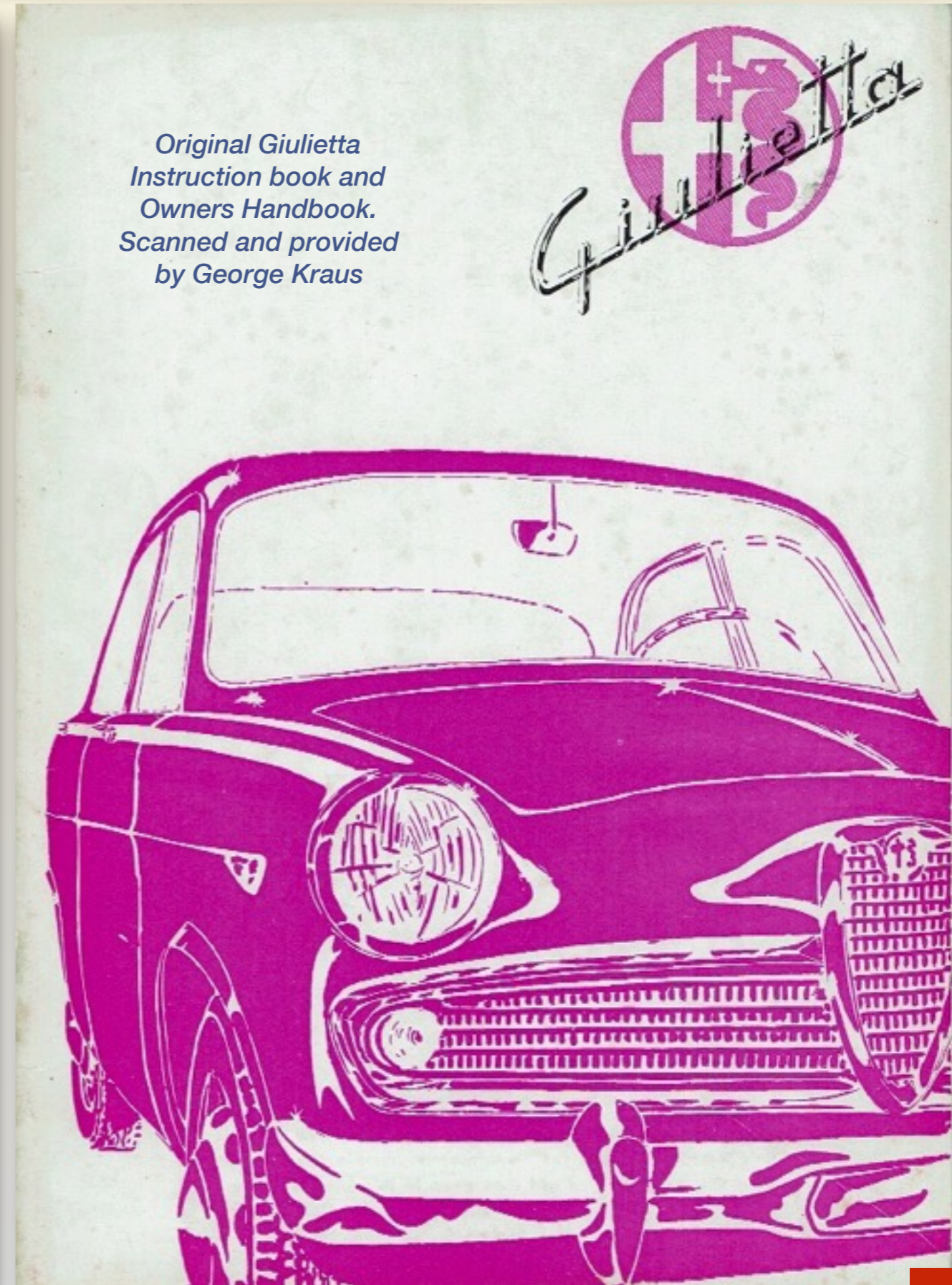
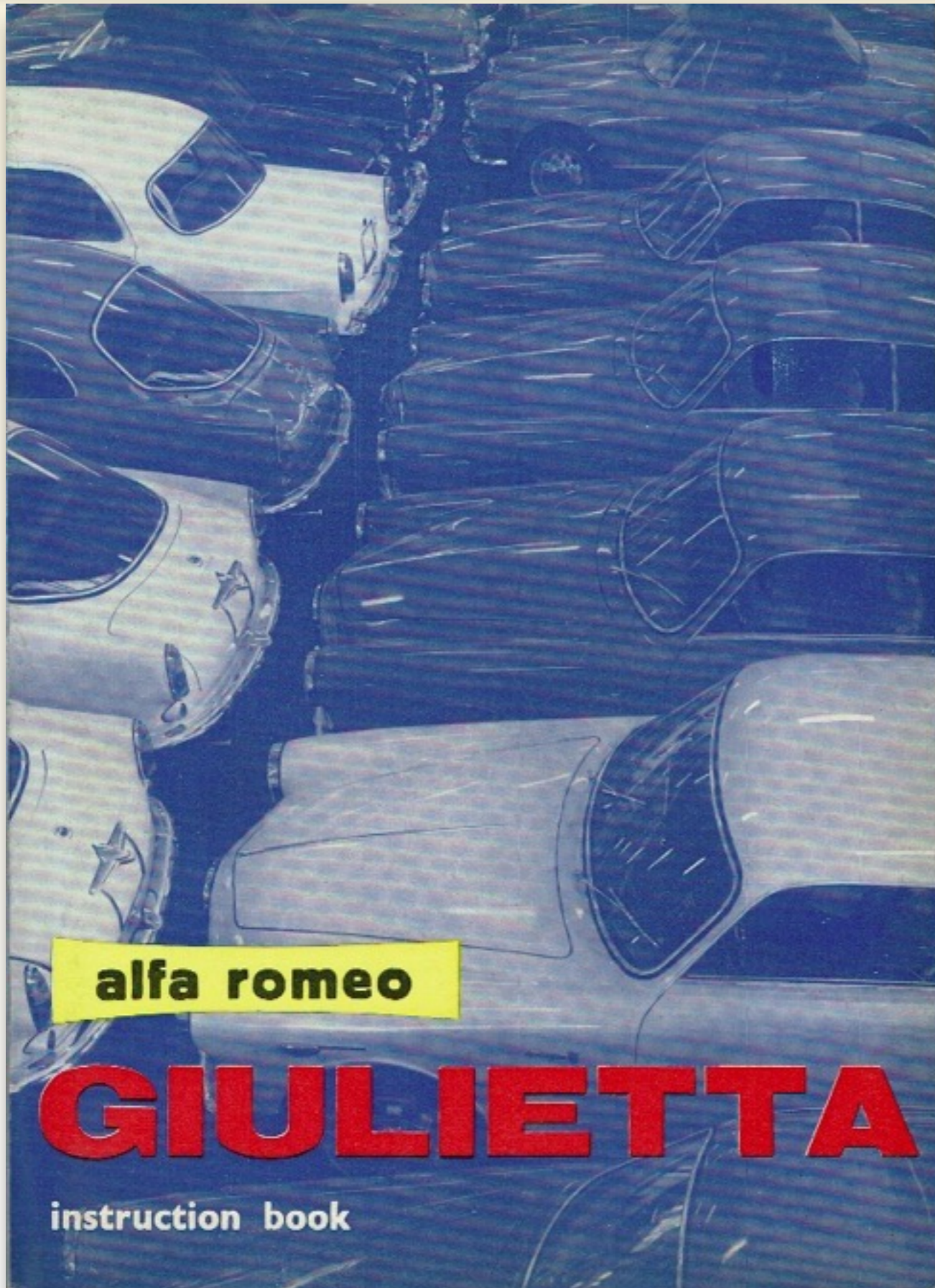
General Electric used to use the jingle "Progress is our most important product" in their advertisements. At AROO we'd morph that to "Volunteers are our most important asset."

As you've heard various folks say (many times!) none of our activities happen without folks stepping up to make them happen. This is our chance as a club to recognize and celebrate your contributions. Our rallies, picnics, track days, tours, swap meets, and all the other good stuff we do just wouldn't happen without our volunteers.

Accordingly, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 16** for the AROO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner as our guests. This will be held at Ernesto's, 8544 SW Apple Way, Portland. Festivities will commence at 5:30. Food and a bottle of wine for each table will be provided by AROO; additional beverages will be available for purchase

So if you helped us out this year, please join us (and bring your spouse/partner/significant other/guest) to accept our gratitude and have a great time.

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Brake Caliper Stuck Piston fix

By Denny Torgeson



Decided to rebuild your ATE (other brands might work also) brake calipers yourself but have run into a problem with rusted, stuck pistons that will not budge with 130 pounds of air compression? Well here is the answer. Bill Gough made this adapter for me when I encountered that same problem.

What you do is screw this adapter into the caliper's main brake steel hose orifice keeping the bleeder screw in tight. You then put a piece of steel or plywood as close in size to the center slotted opening in caliper.

This will only allow both pistons to be pushed out the same length amount for easy removal. If you do not do this the least stuck piston will come all the way out and then there is no way to get the most stuck piston out without having the pressure. And what is the magic to get them out? Grease! Attach your manual hand grease pump threaded end into the adapter and start pumping.

They will be forced out via the hydraulic type pressure. It can take some tough pumping and time but it works, be patient. I always cover the caliper with an old towel since the pistons usually come out with a big bang and grease/brake fluid might be spread. Make sure your fingers are not by the pistons when you are applying the grease pressure as they can come out like a shot". Also wear eye protection in case any of the fluids should come squirting out. A little messy to clean up but using brake clean in all the channels will do the trick of cleaning out all the grease. Now do this procedure at your own risk using common sense.

You can borrow this adapter anytime from me, Dennis Torgeson at dennisht@comcast.net or cell 503 704 1800.

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Close-up



Keith first joined the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon club in 1969

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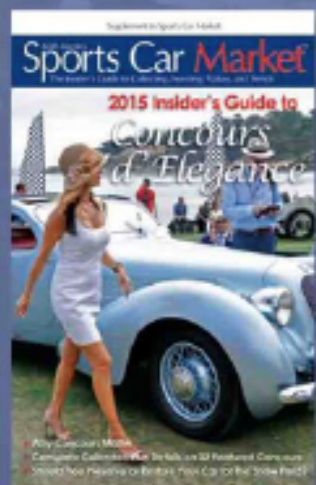
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LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

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.

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.

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.

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.

Tom McGirr. tmcgirr@columbiatrustcompany.com 503-983-3656.



Wildcat Covered Bridge



New Alfa Road



Cape Perpetua



Alsea Falls

2017 ALFA WANNABE CAR TOUR OPPORTUNITY

It is now 'OFFICIAL.' The 2017 Alfa Wannabe Car Club Tour will be going to Canada. We will be departing Monday, May 29th (Memorial Day). Lodging has been secured for 20 couples.

For those that may not be familiar with this 'club,' it is comprised of sports car enthusiasts who are willing to set aside 4-7 days so as to enjoy some of the wonders of the Northwest outside of our immediate area. We usually stay at nice resorts, enjoy good food and most importantly, enjoy meeting new friends. Alfa's are well represented in the club.

On the next page find the Itinerary as well as a number of pictures of our trip. If you are interested in joining us, please let Tom McGirr know c/o tmcgirr@columbiatrustcompany.com or 503-983-3656. A \$200 deposit is required to hold your spot (used to cover the deposits I have made to secure lodging).



*Day One: Campbell's Resort
at Lake Chelan above.*



Day Three: Halcyon Hot Springs



*Day Two-Ainsworth
Hot Springs Resort*

Itinerary:

We will head to Lake Chelan the first day, staying at Campbell's Resort on the lake. Next day we drive north crossing the Canadian border and then head east to Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort, arriving in time for a couple of hours in the pools before dinner.

Day 2 we head to Halcyon Hot Springs Resort, which features an assortment of hot pools to choose from.

Day 3, after a short ferry ride, takes us north a ways to Reblestoke National Park where we will drive up to the summit for some very impressive views. Thereafter we stop at Radium Hot Springs for a soak and then take the short drive to Big Horn Meadows Resort in the town of Radium Hot Springs.



Day Five: Prince of Wales Lodge



Day Four-Big Horn Meadows Resort in Radium Hot Springs

Day Four: Roads to Radium Hot Springs



Day 4 we drive over the Crow's Nest Summit and then head south to Waterton Lakes in the Canadian version of Glacier National Park. Prince of Wales Hotel opens the day we arrive and I was able to secure rooms! This place is just one of those places you need to stay one time. Yes, the rooms are a tad small and the some complain about thin walls, but just take a look at the setting! (pics below). We will be arriving in time to experience High Tea, another 'must do' when one is here.

Up to this point, the driving time per day is around 5 hours.

Day 5 is a little longer drive and dependent on whether the Road to the Sun is open. Odds are it will not be but last year it open in late May. With global warming in high gear, who knows. In any case, we will be heading down to Glacier Park and then east over to Coeur'd Alene Resort. We are staying in the tower overlooking the lake with great views. Dinner will be at the Cedars Floating Restaurant, where one really should try the alder planked salmon (but the prime rib and steaks are good too!).

The final day will bring us back to the world of reality but I have a nice route that minimizes I-5 as best I can.

Questions? Please contact me, Tom McGirr. tmcgirr@columbiatrustcompany.com. 503-983-3656

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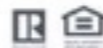
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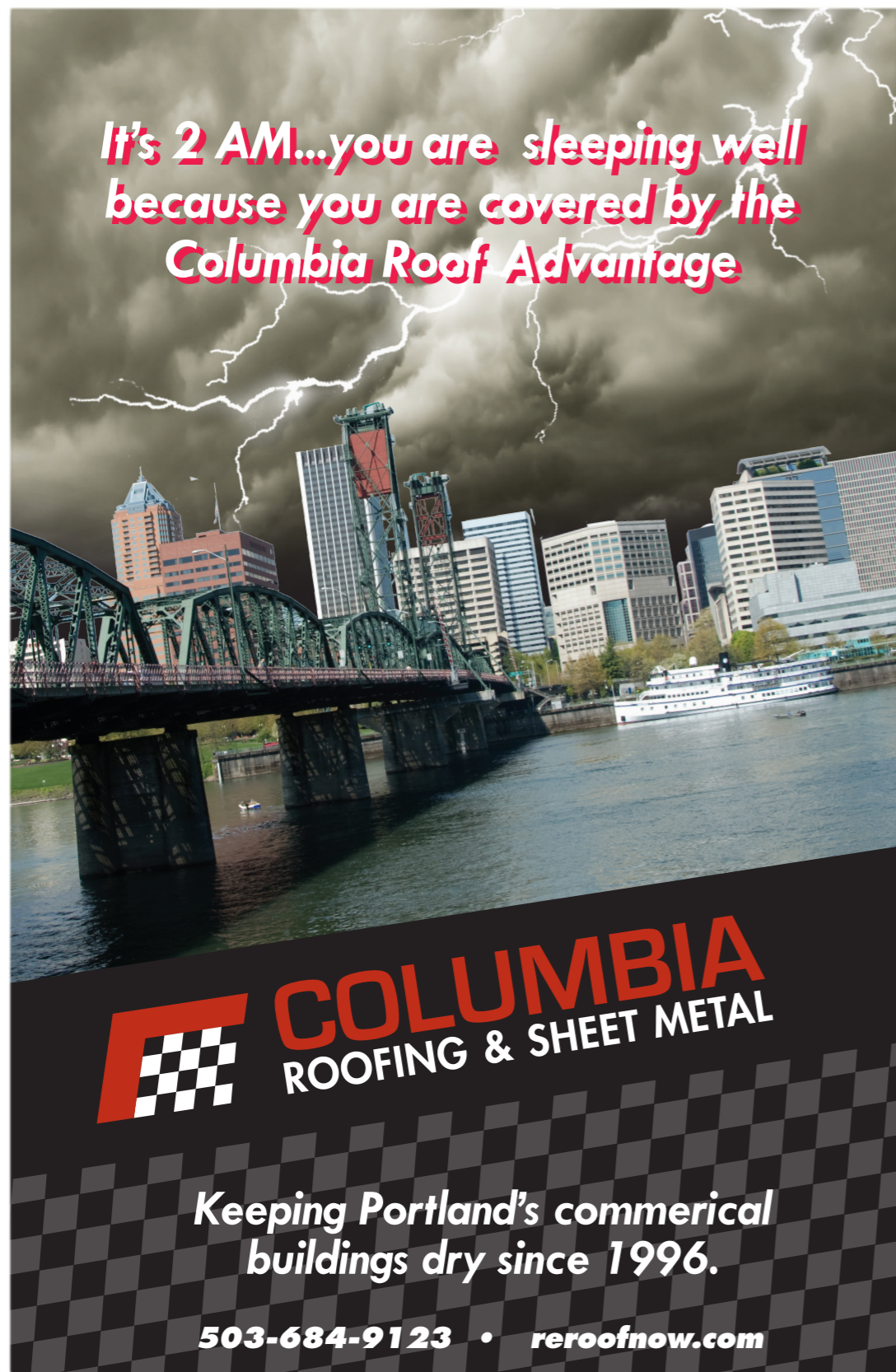
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Board Meeting at Buster's Barbecue in Tigard at 7 PM.

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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.
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.
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.

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*Final dates to be announced.

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82 Spider Veloce.

I need to find a good home for my '82 Spider Veloce. I've been driving it summers only every year. New from Monte Shelton in 1982, one owner. Maintenance except oil & filter and spark plugs has been dealer or Nasko. 65866 miles. Garaged. Original seats. Solid shift performance. New Michelin tires, gas tank and tank fuel pump. All original equipment is included. Original 34 year-old canvas top should be replaced if you will be driving in rain. Hard top included.

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William Kirkham
503-583-2783 (work)
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1994 Alfa Romeo 164LS - \$6500

I am the third owner of this California car and no expense has been spared to update and improve her during the 6 years of my ownership. This is a reliable vehicle which I would drive anywhere. It is smooth and powerful. The exterior paint and the black leather interior are very good. Cold AC. Climate control works well, but one might wish to install a rebuilt LED. Newer sound system and speakers. No drips. No rust. No oil consumption. Transmission and brakes are fine. I have receipts for expenditures much greater than asking price.

Joe Sacamano, 541 478-3545 and email joseph@gorge.net
(Mosier)



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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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