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THE SMALL PRINT



FROM THE EDITOR

Hello all. This is the last issue of the Alfa Bits for 2016. We still have several important events for the remainder of the year including the Holiday Party - see page 10 for more detailed information. In addition we have open elections for AROO Board of Directors positions - page 15. Also in this issue, Tom McGirr announces a new Summer Tour, and on page 18 there are some great photos of the Santa Fe Concorso by Marian Gillham. A new Giulietta Spoken Here by Bill Gillham is on page 24. Enjoy and see you in the New year!

George Kraus Editor

Alfa Bits is the official newsletter of the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon. It is published 11 or 12 times per year in PDF

format and is downloadable from the club's website, www.alfaclub.org.

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ABOUT AROO

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.



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. Double space between paragraphs.

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

Cheers, George Kraus Editor.

BREAKING NEWS



Breaking News!

AROO Board Member Doug Zaitz nominated for AROC Board of Directors

At the November, 2016, AROO Board of Directors meeting, AROO member Doug Zaitz was unanimously nominated to run for the upcoming national AROC Board of Directors election. AROC bylaws allow up to two members from each local chapter to serve on the AROC Board simultaneously. Cindy Banzer and Bill Gillham represented AROO at the national board, until Bill recently retired, leaving AROO with only one national representative.

She stated, "Doug has been invaluable in helping the local chapters to learn how to post their local events onto the national website, as well as incorporating their local websites into the AROC site. He carries through on every task he takes on. It is a pleasure to work with him both in AROO and AROC."

Last year, when Zaitz ran for the AROO Board, he submitted this statement, "I joined AROO in 1988 shortly after I purchased my first of many Alfas, a 69 GTV; in the 1990-2000s, I was on the Board for three or four terms, serving as Secretary, Vice-President and President. I served on the national AROC Board for

two terms and have attended nearly every AROC convention. My father, Ron, an active AROO member was the Club webmaster for many years and, in his legacy, last month I took over the helm as web manager for both the AROO and NW Classic Rally websites. The great people of this club motivate me to participate and do what I can to help us thrive."

The AROC election will take place in March via Survey Monkey or, if preferred, hard copies that can be mailed into the AROC election coordinator.

Driver's Seat

DRIVER'S SEAT

Alfa Bits President's Column – November 2016 – Doug Zaitz



In the spirit of volunteerism, I have stepped forward, again, to write this month's Alfa Bits President's column.

Firstly I'd like to thank our tireless AROO volunteers one last time, for this year, following our very successful club-sponsored volunteer dinner several weeks ago!

Secondly I'd like to thank those of you who came to the October General Meeting and patiently sat through my several-hundred-slide slideshow. I ran through them quickly, and didn't see too many nodding-off heads, so perhaps it was a success...

But in consideration of that speed, and to provide an opportunity for those of you readers who were not able to

attend the meeting (shame on you!), I have decided to provide several articles in the AlfaBits reviewing the high points of several of the destinations that we visited on the 2016 Car Guy Tour last September.

We start off this month with the visit to the Hombre Cheese Farm and Panini Maserati Collection – excellent organic aged Parmesan Cheese AND vintage Maseratis – can it get any better?

This month's General Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16th. This month's program will be the annual AROO Auction. And we've asked Patrick laboni to come and be our auctioneer for the evening! It's guaranteed to be an entertaining evening!

Please bring us your unwanted, your unwashed, your misfit and your duplicated goodies and treasures from the garage and library! Donate these items to the club and help raise some operating cash, to be applied to the annual Holiday Dinner Your discards will certainly be another Alfista's treasure!

And lastly, and by no means of least importance, it is that time of the year to nominate and vote for our new AROO board members for their next two-year term. We have five nominees, and are welcoming any others (by when this is printed, those will be write-in opportunities).

Balloting will be by mail (you gotta love both Oregon and Washington!), and we have no concerns with voter fraud in this group! Please do your duty and participate! If you can't be a director, then at least vote for one, or five...

Please join us on Wednesday the 19th for an evening of friends, food, good wine and an the annual AROO Auction -- see you there!

GENERAL MAATING

GENERAL MEETING AND AUCTION

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2016 CAR GUY TOUR TO ITALY

Hombre Organic Cheese Farm & Panini Maserati Collection By Doug Zaitz — PART ONE



The world's pre-eminent collection of Maserati prototype and production racers and sports cars, as well as sports cars from other significant marques.

A short preface to this series of articles ~

During this past September, I participated in the 2016 Car Guy Tour to Italy, hosted and coordinated by Frank Mandarano, of Concorso Italiano fame in years past. This was my second time to go on this phenomenal tour, the first time being in 2007. I decided to go this second time, as less than 30% of the pervious activities were duplicated.

This demonstrates how the automotive design and fabrication process has changed in the last ten years. There is much more automation, and greater output of the more pedestrian automobiles. (now including Maserati).

The automotive design work performed by the independent design studios is now done in-house at

all of the major western, Japanese and Korean automotive manufacturers, leaving only China and India as the prime consumers of third-party design services.

The design studies, such as Pininfarina and Bertone, have either adapted to design things other than cars (Pininfarina - the new Coca-Cola dispensing machines in Mickey-D's), or have gone out of business (Bertone). Only Zagato remains as the last of the family-owned design studios. ItalDesign



1960 Maserati Tipo 63 "Birdcage" with mid-engine V12. Chassis composed of over 200 pieces of welded steel tubing, creating a space-frame weighting only 36 kg (80 lbs).

(Giugiaro) was purchased by Volkswagen, and Pininfarina by Mahindra (of India). This article outlines the Car Guy Tour visit to the Hombre Cheese Farm and the Panini Maserati Collection. This is always a reward stop to make when in the Modena area of the Emilia-Romagna Region of Italy, both for the automotive (and tractor) enthusiasts, as well as for the parmesan cheese lovers.

The Panini family made its name and fortune publishing, printing and packaging sports cards (without the bubble-gum, of course), similar to our collectible baseball cards. Ask any Italian adult if they collected Panini sport cards during their childhood, and you'll get at least a smile!

Umberto Panini, following a several year sojourn to Argentina, returned to the family business in Modena to work in the publishing business. In the early seventies he purchased land and began to build his vision of a self-sufficient organic cheese farm. Today that dream exists just outside of Modena, where he now has 300 hectares (750 acres) of organic farmland and dairy. The 500 cows produce 6,000 liters of milk daily, eventually creating 12 wheels of cheese. They have 7200 wheels aging for 24 months on-site.



Panini has collected a large variety of vintage tractors, steam, gasoline and diesel powered, ranging from the earliest days to the 1970s. The collection includes many unusual Italian manufacturers, as well as American manufacturers as well.

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Hombre produces 7200 wheels per year (12 per day), each aging for 24 months. Each wheel requires 500 liters (143 gallons) of milk.

Panini was able to obtain the Orsi Maserati Museum collection shortly before it was to be broken up and sold at auction in England in the mid-1990s. He, to the benefit of all Modenesi, was able to acquire the entire collection and house it in the Modena area, at his cheese farm.

The Panini Maserati collection contains significant racing cars, pre-war and post-war, as well as significant factory prototypes and production models. Panini has a soft spot in his heart for Alfa Romeo, and has several vintage Giuliettas as well.

Upstairs Panini has on display dozens of vintage motorcycles, including rare and unusual models from Maserati, Ariel, DKW and so on. Be sure to allot sufficient time to see the bikes and motorcycles if that's your interest – they can be easily overlooked by the sheer number of cars to be seen downstairs.

Tours can be arranged to see the cheese production facilities, as well as the cheese aging cellar. There is a quaint gift and cheese shop on site, where wedges of aged Parmegiano Reggiano can be purchased. Remember that hard (aged) cheese is NOT a meat product, and can be transported into the USA without issue. Remember too that visiting the cheese shop and production facilities is NOT visiting a farm when you fill out your customs paperwork upon return to the USA.

This museum is open to the public, at no cost, however reservations are required, and visit must be made from April through October. Contact info follows in the website info below.



1958 Maserati 420M, specifically built for 500 miles of Monza (Monzanapolis), driven by Sterling Moss; dual overhead cam in-line six, 4.2 liter, mix of 250F and 450S components. First European race car to be sponsored by non-automotive sponsor.



Vintage Maserati Alfieri Motorcycle, T4 single cylinder, 250 cc

Websites of Interest:

Website for Hombre Organic Cheese (in English) http://www.hombre.it/en/index.htm

Contacts and US Importer http://www.hombre.it/en/contatti.htm

Website for Panini Collection http://www.paninimotormuseum.it/index.php

Website for Panini Collection (excellent & comprehensive) http://www.maserati-alfieri.co.uk/alfieri311.htm

Story of the Maserati Collection https://jerrygarrett.wordpress.com/2015/05/02/whatever-happened-to-the-fabulous-maserati-collection/

PART TWO IN JANUARY

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36 kg (80 lbs) wheel with "Parmeggiano Reggiano" DOP (Denominazione di Origine Protetta) seal assuring quality



1953 Maserati A6GCS Pininfarina Berlinetta (only four produced); dual overhead cam in-line six, 2.0 liter, 170 hp.



Vintage Maserati Alfieri Motorcycle, L125 T2 Gran Touring single cylinder, 125 cc

Videos of Interest:

Panini Maserati Collection Video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3t11RRYSFbg

Typical DOP Parmesan Cheese Production in Emilia https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2UztqQJ-XE

Cutting a wheel of cheese at Panini Hombre https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyLZe3gmUF8



1957 Maserati 250F Prototype, driven by Fangio, did not qualify at Monaco GP due to engine failure; dual overhead cam in-line six, 2.5 liter, 240 hp.

PART TWO IN JANUARY

AROO ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



AROO Annual Holiday Party

— Sunday December 4, 2016 —

At the Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC)

No Host Cocktails** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Dinner is \$40 per person, gratuity and parking included House wine is \$24 or bring your own - corkage fee is \$18

Please mail checks to:

(Your check written to AROO is your reservation)

Cindy Banzer

6506 SE Stark St. Portland, Oregon 97215

Multnomah Athletic Club, 1849 SW Salmon Street, Downtown Portland Parking at MAC parking garage across Salmon Street from main MAC entrance

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Cash or Checks only for your No Host Bar purchases

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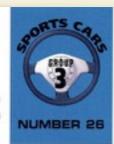
ENJOYING YOUR ALFA



ITALY 1962-1965

Alfa Romeo GIULIA SPIDER

The Giulia Spider was an improved version of the 750 and 101 Series Giulietta Spiders that appeared in the 1950s. With bodywork by Pininfarina and Alfa Romeo's classic twin-cam drivetrain, motoring didn't come any sweeter than this.



Produced by



VITAL STATISTICS

Top speed:	111 mph
0-60 mph:	10.5 sec.
Engine type:	In-line four
Displacement:	1,570 cc
Max power:	112 bhp at 6,000 rpm
Max torque:	104 lb-ft at 4,500 rpm
Weight:	1,951 lbs.
Gas mileage:	30 mpg
Bellevi	42 245



"...more agile than the coupe."

Although most modern hatchbacks would out-drag a Giulia, it is the seat-of-the-pants feel that makes this car so special. The steering is

direct and accurate and the gear shifter is a joy to use.

Torquey, smooth and delightfully free-revving, the twin-cam engine has a thoroughbred bark and a spirited urge that remain highly respectable. Through corners the Giulia is all about poise-with a shorter wheelbase it is even more agile than the coupe."

The interior oozes period charm, with colorkeyed dashboard, console, and door panels.



Milestones

1955 The Pininfarina-

1956 A Veloce

version of the Sprint coupe 90 bhp thanks to twin Weber



300 or 1,600 or engine

1959 The new 101



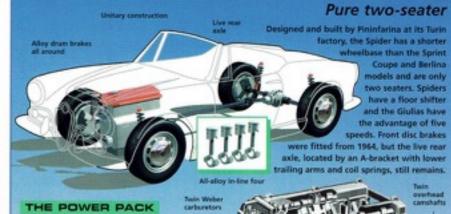
1962 Alfa Romeo

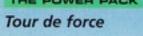
570-cc powerplant. A hood oulge is required to clear the

1965 Production

comes to an end. All cars are

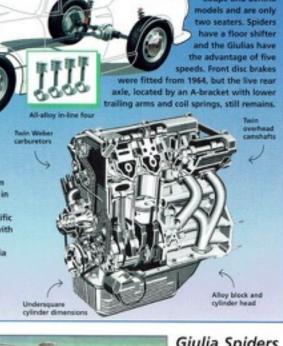
VALUE	GUIDE -	
ORIGINAL PRICE		
1964	\$3,395	
CURRENT VALUE		
	\$20,000	
Fast and stylish, the Giulia is still available at affordable prices.		





UNDER THE SKIN

Alfa Romeo's classic all-alloy twin-cam four-cylinder features inclined valves in a crossflow head. For a four-cylinder unit it has an astonishingly high specific output for its day. In 1,290-cc form, with twin Weber carburetors, output is an astonishing 92 bhp. The 1,570-cc Giulia was built to answer requests from American sports car drivers for more performance—first as the 92-bhp model and then as a Veloce (Sprint) version producing 112 bhp.





A Giulia Spider is an adequate car for historic rallying.

Giulia Spiders

The Giulia Spider combines the classic lines of the previous Giulietta with the extra power of a 1,600-cc engine and an updated cockpit. The Giulias are among the most roadable sports cars of their era and yet are still affordable to many enthusiasts.

0-60 mph RIVAL CARS **POWER** WEIGHT 121 mph 10.1 sec. 148 bhp 2,549 lbs. 119 mph 8.4 sec. 150 bhp 2,473 lbs. 111 mph 10.5 sec. 112 bhp 1,951 lbs.

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OCTOBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AROO Board of Directors meeting Minutes - October 5, 2016

Directors Present:

David Fish

Mark Carpenter

Cindy Banzer

Sue Halton

Bob Stewart

Directors Present via Zoom

Doug Zaitz

Bill Gillham

Directors Represented via Proxy

David Beach (Cindy B)

Russ Paine (Mark C)

AROO Members Present

Jim Gunter

Meeting started at 7:05 PM

Liaison Reports:

- 1. September Minutes (submitted by Bob Stewart via Email) Approved as read and submitted to the ALFA BITS editor
- 2. Treasurers Report: (submitted by Cindy Banzer via Email)

The AROO main checking account balance \$7856.09 (note 2 checks have not yet cleared)

The NW Rally checking account balance \$27,939.18

The AROO Savings account balance \$30,238.79

Major expenditures in AROO main account will be for the Volunteer Dinner, budgeted at \$2000, + the upcoming Holiday Dinner, budgeted at \$2000.

Finances - discussed and approved

3. Past Events Report:

- a. September Meeting was just dinner and tire kicking.
- **b.** McGirr tour to Yachats was enjoyed by all.

4. Up coming Events:

a. 9:30 AM October 8, Giulia Super Tour to Newport:

- Bill Gillham leading, Starts at the I-5 South Bound Rest Area Charbonneau). End late afternoon in Newport at the Rogue Brewery in South Beach.

b. October 19, General Membership Meeting:

- Doug Zaitz will present slides from his "Car Guy tour to Italy"; He will also write an article for the November Alfa Bits.

c. Sunday October 16, 2016 Volunteer dinner for AROO and NWCR Volunteers:

- Organized by Cindy Banzer to be held at Ernesto's.

d. Sunday December 4, 2016 Holiday Dinner - at Multnomah Athletic Club:

- Cindy Banzer will organize. Bill Gillham will create a Season's Greeting Card with following information:
- No Host Cocktails* 5:30 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Dinner is \$40. per person, gratuity and parking included

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Multnomah Athletic Club,

1849 SW Salmon St. - Portland Parking at MAC parking garage across Salmon ST. from main entrance

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5. MSNWCR Report:

a. Jim Gunter reporting:

- Jim says he is monitoring the cash flow, profit and loss etc, reconciling two different accounting programs. Both systems balance but he is working out the details. The 2016 Rally made \$9900 profit, allowing the March of Dimes donation of \$2500. (NWCR has donated \$130,000 to the March of Dimes over the years).
- 9 cars are prepaid for 2017, with 69 cars signed up so far.
- 2018 will be the 30th year of the rally. We hope to do something special to coordinate with the AROC Convention in Seattle.
- Will transfer \$2000 to AROO main account for now.
- Pictures to George K for Alfa Bits.
- Tami Iaboni will do apparel; currently Dave Beach Volunteer Coordinator (looking for alternate given Beaches frequent absences).
- Mark stated AROO needs to start looking for Chairman/Chairmen replacements for he and Jim, as they both will retire after the 30th Anniversary Rally.

6. Calendar Review:

-Activities were covered in Up coming Events (above)

7. Membership Report:

- No Report

8. Merchandise Report:

- No Report (Bob Stewart will contact Yulia to arrange transfer.)

9. Advertising, Promotion, and website:

- Doug says the Web site is now updated.
- Email Blasts seem to be working.

11. AROC Report:

- 75 people signed up for AROC Italy trip; unfortunately there were only 45 spots working on a second date.
- AROC had 43% return on the Survey. Will be used to help sell advertising
- this Month's Alfa Owner is 48 pages,

New and Continuing Business:

- November 16, General meeting Auction & Board election (DougZ will send email "Call for candidates")
- Vote by mail run by Cindy Banzer with help.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Bill Gillham - Assistant Secretary

AROC BOARD AT PALM DESERT

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN YOUR AROC BOARD MEMBERS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017

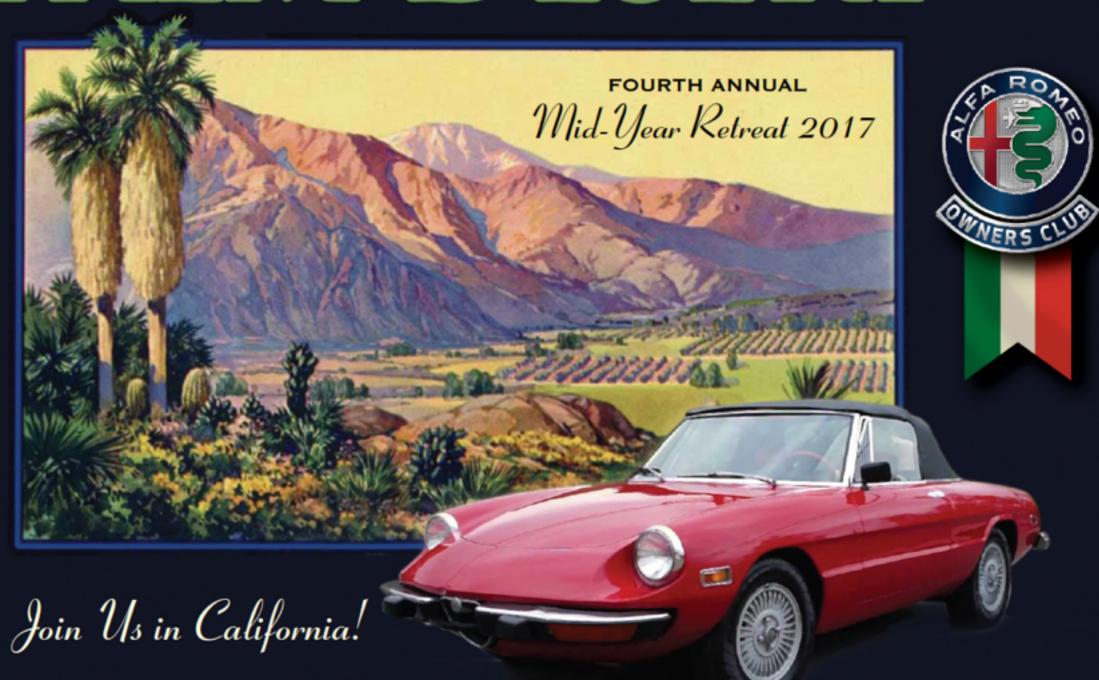
PALM DESERT

10:00 AM Drive through the beautiful Coachella Valley

> 12:30 PM No-host lunch, Location TBD

> > 4:00 PM Pool party, Palm Desert

6:00 PM Cocktail reception, Palm Desert



FOR DIRECTIONS & MORE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT AROC PRESIDENT CINDY BANZER
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IT'S BOARD ELECTION TIME

It's AROO Board Election time!

Each year five positions for a two year term on the ten person AROO Board become available. Recently, the AROO Webmaster via email announced the openings with a deadline for submission of applications for November 3, 2016. Five volunteers stepped forwarded to be considered for this election cycle. Their brief biographical statements are below.

Watch your mailbox for your ballot, which will arrive shortly. In addition to the nominees, write-in candidates are also permitted. With your ballot, you will find an enclosed a return envelope addressed to AROO, 12988 Meadowood Rd SE, Jefferson, OR 97352. Or you may scan and email your ballot to AROO co-Secretary at hooligan.racing.llc@gmail.com or bring it to the AROO General Meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at Ernesto's Italian Restaurant, 8544 SW Apple Way, Portland, OR. Ballots must be postmarked no later than November 16, 2016. To ensure the integrity of the ballot, kindly insert your ballot into the envelope and indicate on the outside back flap either your AROC Member Number or Your Name as listed with AROC. If you choose, you may include either your name or membership number on the top of the ballot; if you do this, please fold over the ballot portion, allowing your personal identification to be removed prior to reviewing your marked choices.

> Bill Gillham, m) 541 979 2210 AROO Vote by Mail Coordinator

AROO 2016 Board Election - The Candidates

Cindy Banzer

Current AROO Treasurer and AROC President; AROO-affiliated since 1984; 2nd owner, green '78 Spider; proud sponsor & participant, AROC Convention/numerous NW Classic Rallies; been behind the wheel of most post-war Alfas. Canadian barn-find 1900 without brakes; Giulietta Spider with stuck gas throttle; daughter, Alexandra Martin-Banzer, upstaging Mom in NW Rally—a snippet of 28 years of Alfa stories. "The rush of driving your Alfa, top down, hearing the tight whine of the transmission, down-shifting through the curves, feeling the pavement below your feet--a simple thrill we must pass on to our children" reflects my passion and commitment to AROO.

Tom Burnett

My love of Alfa Romeos and Club affiliation began in 1983 when my parents purchased their first Alfa—a dark blue '76 Spider. My B.F.A in Sculpture and Art History from Oregon State University, 1996, strengthened my love for Alfa's; their fantastic designs and engineering offers endless entertainment, whether I'm tuning, maintaining or driving them. As a long time enthusiast, I feel this is a great time to give back to those who helped foster this love of the Alfa Romeo brand. I look forward to this new opportunity to grow within the club by serving on the AROO Board.

Mark Carpenter

Falling in love with Alfas in high school, I purchased my first Alfa, a 1958 Giulietta Sprint, in 1971. My Alfas have ranged from a 1984 GTV6 to my current 1957 Giulietta Spider Race Car. Also, I have a 1959 Giulietta Spider Veloce, with 70,000+ miles driven in it over 22 years; I'm restoring a 1965 2600 SZ. My many years in AROO have included Board member, Chair and Treasurer and volunteer for 3 National Conventions held in Oregon, an originator and 10-year volunteer of the NW Classic Rally and again volunteering. I love the Club, the cars, and the members.

Jim Gunter

My 29 years of AROO membership has included 3 Board terms and since '89 volunteering for the NW Classic Rally, putting in 10 years as Chairman, a job I resumed after retiring as CEO of a flooring business. I am committed to continuing the Rally as a premier automobile event. I enjoy motorsports and caring for my 3rd Alfa. One of the most important goals of the AROO Board is to rebuild the membership and increase participation in Club activities by determining member's interests; I would enjoy being part of the organizational effort. Alfisti are a great group of people.

Bob Stevens

I've enjoyed AROO activities since moving to Oregon. In the 90's, I bought a basket-case GTV, my dream Alfa; rebuilding it took seven years. Joining the Alfa Club of the Rockies in 2000, I served 10 years on the Board, including six as Treasurer and organized several driving events each year. Additionally, I served on Rocky Mountain Fiat Lancia Club Board, and was on the organizing committee of Automezzi (Colorado's Italian-only car show). I like working on our two Italian cars almost as much as driving them. It would be a privilege to contribute to AROO as a Board member.

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BY JOSEPH POTTER

SUMMER TOUR FOR 2017





'Fun awaits the brave!'

WINE/CULTURE/GOURMET FOOD/ MICRO BEER/GREAT ROADS? MUST BE ANOTHER TOM MCGIRR AROO TOUR!

I know you probably are wondering why I am writing an article about next year's AROO SUMMER TOUR when many of us are putting our beloved Alfa's into sleep mode for the winter. Seems like advanced planning on steroids! However, in order to secure the lodging and tickets of choice, often there is no alternative.

The summer tour will take place August 24-27, Thursday-Sunday. Tour departs from Salem with the first destination being Ashland. I have reserved Callahan's Lodge which should be able to handle at least 19 couples and perhaps 23 if they get the new rooms added in time. Overflow will be at one of the motels down the hill. We will be having an early dinner at the Lodge then heading down to the Elizabethan Theatre to see Homer's epic play The Odyssey. I have secured 46 tickets so we are all set!

Friday we will enjoy some wine tasting at several nice wineries in the Applegate Valley. That evening, we will have dinner at Caldera Brewing Company, which is owned by my daughter and son-in-law. Those expecting pub food may be disappointed...this is a really nice place to eat and they set the bar, as far as I am concerned, for micro beers!

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SUMMER TOUR FOR 2017





MUST BE ANOTHER TOM MCGIRR AROO TOUR!

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Saturday will take us on a leisurely drive to Steamboat Inn on the Umpqua River. Again, I have reserved the entire facility at this point. It is SO relaxing to sit on the decks overlooking the river and enjoying a nice glass of wine or beer! They do a fabulous job on dinner which also includes a pre-function in the library with wine and appetizers. Sunday will feature some nice back-roads back to civilization.

I have personally advanced the deposit on the tickets and will be required to pay deposits for lodging in early 2017. Hence, <u>I am asking those who</u> think they will be coming to let me know as soon as possible. I will need to ask you for a deposit (amount unknown at present) to cover the lodging deposits and my advance. A second billing will come out closer to the event.

I will be assigning rooms in accord with the date of your reservations. There are only a limited number of cabins at Steamboat that are actually on the river so you may want get on the list early. This tour will be a 'sell out' as I have a number of Alfa Wannabe members who are licking their chops to snap up any openings.

Send me an e-mail c/o tmcgirr@columbiatrustcompany.com. Questions: Tom McGirr 503-983-3656



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

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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

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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!).

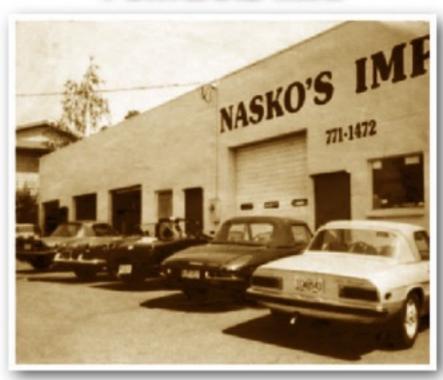
The final day will bring us back to the world of reality but I have a nice route that minimizes I-5 as best I can.

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

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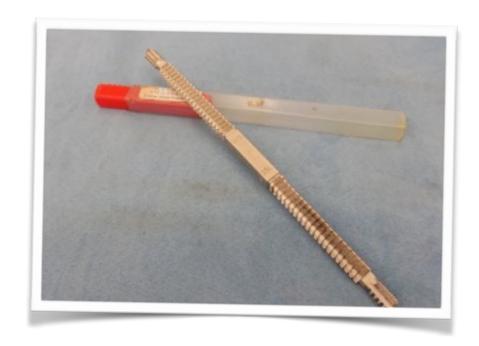
RESTORATION TECH, TOOLS, & TALK



Restoration Tech, Tools and Talk Hooligan's Gift Guide for Gear Heads.

I have spent nearly my whole life in the company of characters who like to get their hands dirty. The fishermen, mechanics, carpenters, artists and other curmudgeons in my past (both male and female) all had one admirable trait in common; they considered tools one of their most valued possessions. Buying a special gift for folks like that is nearly impossible. If they want a tool they usually just go buy it. So the trick to buying a Gear Head a tool is to find one he or she needs but doesn't know about. It requires stealth and research. Perhaps this guide will help.

These are tools with proven utility, the examples shown in the pictures are from my own tool box, they have been used and loved over the long haul. My tools must earn their keep.



1. JAWCO #8 Thread Chasing File. Thread files are used to clean up galled threads on fasteners, they are especially useful for cleaning up bolt or stud sizes that aren't commonly found in tap and die sets, or where the threads are so distorted that a die won't even start on the damaged threads. They come in both Metric and Standard thread pitches. I like the #8 metric file for use use on Alfa fasteners. It is made in the USA and is available at good tool stores, Amazon and Ebay, \$12.00 to \$20.00 each.



2. Robinair #18548 four in one Brake Tubing Bender. Used to hand bend brake and fuel lines. There are a lot of different tubing benders on the market, this one is the best, Robinair #18548 is made in the USA. There lots of Chinese knock offs but the Robinair is the one to buy. I bought mine from MAC Tools, Amazon and Ebay also have numerous listings. \$42.00 - \$52.00 each. (Continued next page)

RESTORATION TECH, TOOLS, & TALK





by Bill Gillham

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3. SK #45173 - 3/8 inch Drive Professional Slim Design 4.5 inch Ratchet. This is my favorite ratchet, It is a 3/8" drive ratchet installed in a 1/4" drive frame. Very handy for all those tight spots on an Alfa. This small ratchet also keeps the ham handed among us from over torquing fasteners! The SK is 1/2 the price of the Snap-On version and is a lot tougher. I bought mine at Salem Tools, It is available from any SK Dealer, including Amazon. \$40.00 - \$50.00



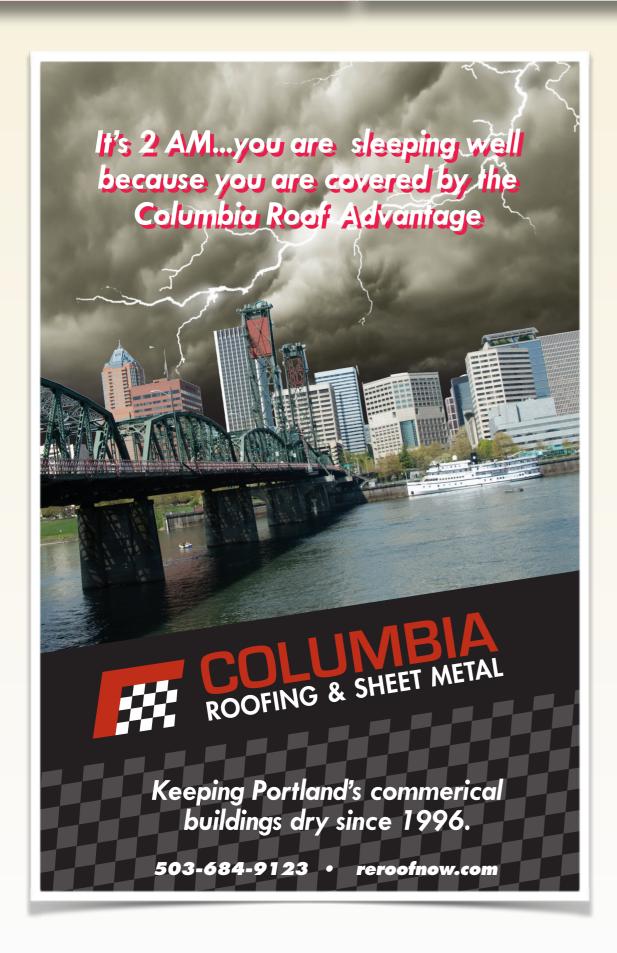
4. Mayhew Pro #66004 Metric Hollow Punch Set. Used to punch precision holes in gasket materials, leather, plastic and other soft materials. It will also punch perfect round washers by using a small punch on the inner holder and a larger one on outside. The Mayhew

Kit is made in France. We use the Mayhew kit in the shop nearly every day. It is one of my all time favorite fabrication tools. There are lots of punch sets out there in the \$20.00 to \$40.00 range, but few will hold up to heavy usage. The Mayhew kit is amazing, it is sharp, tough and comes with an unlimited life time guarantee. Available from McMaster Carr, Amazon, Ebay and others. This punch set is a bit expensive but worth it. \$175.00 to \$200.00 each.



5. Felo #07157 22155 Wood Handle Screwdrivers, set of 5. There are screwdrivers and then there are German screwdrivers. We have tried them all and these are the ones we use. They feature Beech wood handles, a shaft that goes completely through the handle and a leather end cap. These Made in Germany screwdrivers are very tough and useful tools. I get mine from Amazon but there are other suppliers. **\$25.00 to \$30.00 a set.**

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ACTIVITIES FOR 2016

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.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.

Click HERE to see all AROO and non AROO activities.

*Final dates to be announced.

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