



# Alfa Bits

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BERTONE SPIDER  
Photo Doug Zaltz



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*Valentines Day Tour. Photo Bob Stevens.*

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Photo G. Kraus

# Alfa Bits

## FROM THE EDITOR

It's March and this morning it snowed! What crazy weather. I don't know about you but I am ready for some dry days and we have some great driving activities scheduled that deserve some dry weather. One such event is the Cup Rally series March 12 and May 2. In addition we have the Old Spider Tour April 29-30. Check our Activity Calendar (page 5) for more details and other events.

As always I am looking for content to fill these pages I encourage you to participate by submitting articles, photos, want-ads and paid advertising. Your content contributions and paid advertising will greatly improve and sustain the club.

Cheers,

*George Kraus*  
Editor

## ALFA BITS

Alfa Bits is the official newsletter of the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon. It is published 11 times per year in PDF format and is downloadable from the club's website, [www.alfaclub.org](http://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.

## Alfa Bits President's Column – March 2017 – Doug Zaitz



*8C2900. Photo Doug Zaitz*

I would like to thank Neil d'Autremont for his presentation on vehicle preparation for concours events. While we had issues with our A/V equipment (namely us Apple folks having trouble with Windows!), Neil was able to talk us through his presentation.

I would like to urge everyone to come to this month's General Meeting – we will have an out-of-town guest talk about his new day job: Fred Russell, president of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club, will be driving down (probably in a very fast and expensive Porsche GT3) from Seattle, with a slide show and talk. After spending a number of years photographing cars all over the world for a well-known console racing game, he is now curator for the Jon Shirley car collection. This presentation is guaranteed to be full of great photography and plenty of Fred's storytelling.

As a reminder, we begin the AROO Cup Rally season this month with Rally School on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>, and the first Rally on Sunday

March 12<sup>th</sup>. This year's series is brought to you again by Roger Dilts – thank you again for your efforts to make this series happen again this year!

Be sure to follow both the AROO website calendar (downloadable PDF) and the AROC Chapter Events listings on the national AROC-USA website ([www.aroc-usa.org](http://www.aroc-usa.org)). And if you are traveling outside our area, be sure to check the AROC Chapter Events listings for the area you are visiting

We continue this month in the AlfaBits with a fourth photo essay from my September trip to Italy, participating in Frank Mandarano's Car Guy Tour. This month's article covers our visit to the Corrado Lopresto Collection, an extensive collection of prototypes and serial number one's of Alfas, Lancias, and other Italian marques – note however that he collects no Ferraris, Maseratis or Lamborghinis. He collects cars for their design and engineering, not for their popularity!

And lastly, please join us on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> for an evening of friends, food and beverage, and an interesting program at Ernesto's in Beaverton -- see you there!



*David Cohen Alfa Romeo 2C2900 LWB Coupe in the Jon Shirley Collection*

## **EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:**

Board Meeting at Buster's Barbecue in Tigard at 7 PM  
Contact Doug Zaitz at [doug.zaitz@alfaclub.org](mailto:doug.zaitz@alfaclub.org) or  
509-768-4312.

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## **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**

4 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
18 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### **February**

1 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
12 AROO Valentine's Tour.  
15 AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### **March**

1 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
11 AROO Rally School.  
12 AROO Cup Rally 1.  
15 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### **April**

2 AROO Cup Rally 2.  
5 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
19 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.  
29-30 Old Spider Tour.

### **May**

3 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
7 AROO Cup Rally 3.  
13 Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon - Annual Swap Meet & Garage Tour  
17 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.  
29 2017 McGirr Alfa Wannabe Car Tour

### **June**

7 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
11 AROO Cup Rally 4.  
21 AROO Evening Tour. This event is in place of the general meeting.

### **July**

5 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
15 AROO Summer Picnic.

### **August**

3-6 AROO Monti Shelton NW Classic Rally.  
4 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
16 AROO Evening Tour.  
24-27 McGirr AROO 2017 Summer Tour.

### **September**

6 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
16 AROO Old Super Tour.  
20 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM

### **October**

4 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
15 AROO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.  
18 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### **November**

1 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
15 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### **December**

3 AROO Holiday Party.  
6 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.

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AROO would like to welcome all new members and congratulate everyone with an anniversary in March. You make the club. Thank you all.

### March Member Anniversaries

Robert Ames	8 Years
Cindy Banzer	11 Years
Mark and Barbara Carpenter	43 Years
Jacque Consenz	13 Years
Terry Frederickson	7 Years
Steve Goldman	16 Years
Bob Hoye	3 Years
Christina Kellogg-Gratchner	18 Years
Steve Kendall	36 Years
Joe and Donna Collmann	17 Years
Ron Krueger	38 Years
John McDonald	3 Years
Gary Powers	28 Years
William Richards	41 Years
Jeff Roberts	2 Years
Mike and Marilyn Schroedl	21 Years
Edward Slavin and Kimberly Lindstrand	13 Years
Daniel and Clara Stanton	21 Years
Glenn Vanselow	16 Years
Mike Yates	21 Years

### New AROO Members in March 2017

Dale Birkland  
 Ethan Fry  
 Stephen Thompson and Melissa McPherson  
 James Trofitter, Jr. and Victoria



*Valentine's Day Tour. Photo Bob Stevens.*

## Corrado Lopresto Collection

By Doug Zaitz



*Main showroom floor at the Corrado Lopresto Collection in Milan, Italy*

***This article outlines the Car Guy Tour visit to the Corrado Lopresto Collection, near Milano, Italy. While 2016 was my second time with the CGT, it was my first visit to this amazing collection. I want to return to spend more time look at the cars, and talking to Sig. Lopresto about them.***

Just outside of downtown Milan, in a rather unimpressive business park is a warehouse – a warehouse filled with fantastic prototypes, one-offs and serial number one's. This is the realm of Italian Architect and car collector Corrado Lopresto, whose passion for Alfa Romeo and Lancia is unequalled in Italy.

His collection is comprised of beautifully restored and lovingly conserved automobiles will take your breath away – these cars are truly unique, if not by design but by presentation.

Sig. Lopresto started his automotive passion at the age of 18 with the purchase and restoration of a Fiat Balilla Lusso, which was finished about the time he started university in Milan. This was later followed by the restoration of a seven seat Fiat 1100 Ministeriale, which was very rare and unusual, and guided him in his quest to collect the rarest of cars: the lowest of serial numbers and prototypes. That particular car is still in his collection, in fact, he says he's never sold a car from his collection – which makes me feel better too!



*1962 Alfa Romeo Ghia 2600 Spider Speciale prototype (unique)*

Over the years he has amassed over a hundred interesting and fascinating cars, built upon unique coach-built cars, and low serial number and prototype production cars.

**All photos Doug Zaitz**

*(Continued next page)*



*1960 Alfa Romeo Touring 2000 Sprint "Praho" show car (unique)*

In 2001 Sig. Lopresto participated in his first concours d'elegance, showing his Alfa 6C2500 Touring Cabriolet at the prestigious Villa d'Este, where he won the Coppa d'Oro (Best in Show). Over the ensuing years he has amassed over 200 trophies including four bests at Villa d'Este – the only person to ever do so – as well as five bests at Pebble Beach, and many other Bests worldwide. In just 2015 alone he took home 50 "Best in Show" awards.



*1963 Alfa Romeo Bertone Giulia GT Spider (unique, derived from Giulia GT).*



## Corrado Lopresto Collection

By Doug Zaitz  
(Continued)



1955 Alfa Romeo Zagato 1900 SSZ

Most of the cars speak for themselves. While the casual observer may recognize the model easily, oftentimes there is much more to the story of the car and why it is in the collection than is at first apparent.

The cars on display were the best known and most have been photographed appearing in Lopresto's new coffee-table book "Best in Show". However there are many more cars outside of the show room, either not yet worthy of a "Best in Show", or not yet restored. There were more than a dozen unique cars awaiting their spot in the restoration queue.

But what I found even more fascinating than the wonderful cars in the show room were the more pedestrian cars in the storerooms: Here are the prototypes and first serial numbered cars representing the cars we own and drive...



1960 Alfa Romeo Zagato 1300 SZ "Coda Tronca" (prototype, unrestored – half conserved, half untouched – won Coppa d'Oro at Villa d'Este 2016)



1962 Alfa Romeo Centro Stile Giulia (unique, note lack of Kamm tail, different rear fender treatments)



1930 Alfa Romeo 6C1750 Gran Sport Supercharged, re-bodied in 1938 by Aprile (unique)



1972 Alfa Romeo Alfetta GT 1750 prototype (unique, Giugiaro & Centro Stile)

### Websites of Interest:

<http://www.loprestocollection.com/it/>

<https://www.classicdriver.com/en/article/cars/lose-yourself-breath-taking-collection-golden-boy-corrado-lopresto>

<http://petrolicious.com/here-s-why-one-of-the-coolest-collections-has-no-ferraris>

### Website listing particulars for many of the cars in the collection

<http://www.automotivemasterpieces.com/collezione-lopresto-italy.html>

### Video Interview (subtitled)

<http://www.carwellcasswell.com/corrado-lopresto/>

### Review of the book on the Lopresto Collection: "Best in Show"

<http://petrolicious.com/book-review-best-in-show>

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

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ITALY 1959-1965

## Alfa Romeo GIULIETTA/GIULIA SS

It looked as exotic as a baby Ferrari but was considerably more affordable. There were other small sports cars on the market that could generate the same performance, but none could offer anything like the unique Bertone styling of the Alfa Romeo Giulia SS.

Produced by Alfa Romeo S.p.A., Milan, Italy



### VITAL STATISTICS

Top speed:	113 mph
0-60 mph:	10.9 sec.
Engine type:	In-line four
Displacement:	1,570 cc
Max power:	112 bhp at 6,500 rpm
Max torque:	98 lb-ft at 4,200 rpm
Weight:	2,610 lbs.
Gas mileage:	25 mpg
Price:	\$4,165



**"...enjoy the experience."**

"There's character in the driving as well as in the looks. That wonderful steering wheel takes effort to move at parking speeds but underway, once you've come to terms with the body roll, the SS has excellent handling. The brakes will generate a good 1 g of stopping power so you can safely let the noisy twin-cam rev to beyond 7,000 rpm and just enjoy the experience. Zero to 100 mph comes up in a little over 33 seconds."

The beautiful alloy-spoked, wood-rimmed steering wheel dominates the interior.



### Milestones

**1956 Zagato unofficially** re-bodied the crashed Giulietta SS belonging to Carlo and Dora Letta di Priolo. The car is 238 lbs. lighter and is immediately very competitive. Approximately 18 cars are built from 1957 to 1958.



The Alfa Romeo SS was designed and built by Bertone.

**1959 Alfa Romeo signs** a deal to supply chassis platforms and engines to Zagato.

**1960 The official SZ** with a shorter wheelbase and fitted with a 110 bhp engine from the Giulietta SS, is launched at the Geneva show.



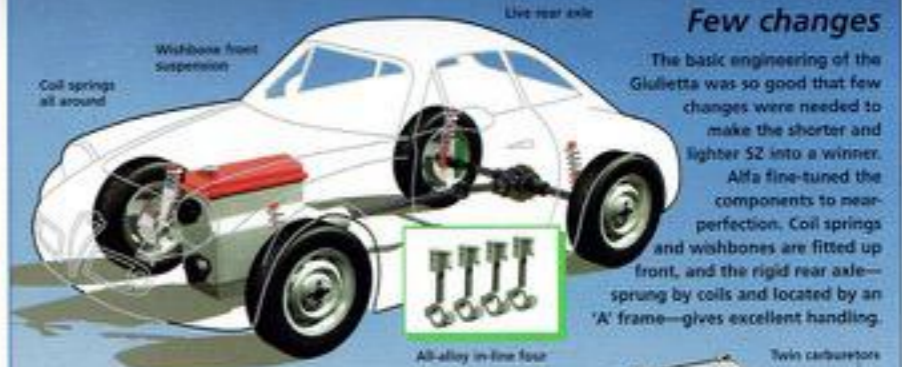
The SZ name was reborn in the late 1960s in this exotic form.

**1962 The SZ becomes** the SZT with a new aerodynamic Kamm-style tail.

**1963 SZ production** ends. In all, 360 round and 44 square-tail cars have been built.

VALUE GUIDE	
ORIGINAL PRICE	1960 Alfa SZ \$4,500
CURRENT VALUE	Alfa SZ \$60,000
The SZ was the best-looking Alfa of the special-bodied Giuliettas.	

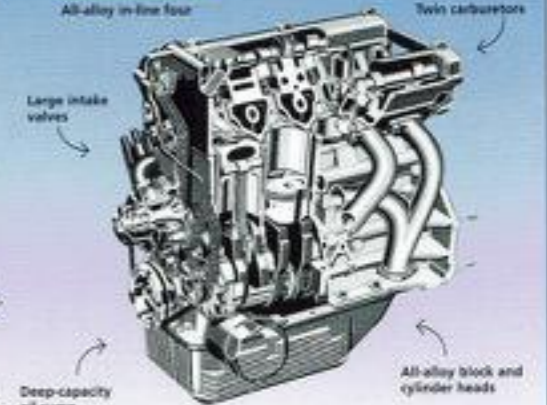
### UNDER THE SKIN



#### THE POWER PACK

##### Light and powerful

Alfa built its reputation on twin-cam engines in the 1920s and 1930s. The Giulietta's all-alloy 1,290-cc in-line four is attractive with its polished cam covers and a beautiful finned alloy oil pan. Large valves and twin Weber carburetors allow the engine to breathe efficiently and to rev freely and sweetly. It is also very tuneable: Virgilio Conero of Turin, the acknowledged master of Alfa engines, was able to increase the engine's power to 127 bhp, producing a top speed of 130 mph in the slippery SZ.



##### Few changes

The basic engineering of the Giulietta was so good that few changes were needed to make the shorter and lighter SZ into a winner. Alfa fine-tuned the components to near-perfection. Coil springs and wishbones are fitted up front, and the rigid rear axle—sprung by coils and located by an 'A' frame—gives excellent handling.



The SZ started the relationship between Alfa and Zagato.

##### First of the few

Zagato, traditionally the most radical of the Italian coachbuilders, forged strong links with Alfa Romeo after the SZ. During the 1960s and 1970s it built several other production models using Alfa components. One of the most unusual of them all was the 1989 SZ.

### NOSE TO NOSE

TOP SPEED	0-60 mph	POWER	WEIGHT	RIVAL CARS
110 mph	12.0 sec.	75 bhp	1,890 lbs.	ALFA ROMEO GIULIETTA SZ
115 mph	12.5 sec.	75 bhp	1,422 lbs.	PORSCHE 256 SUPER
112 mph	12.0 sec.	100 bhp	1,890 lbs.	LOTUS ELITE

February Board Meeting Minutes**Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2017**Time:** 7:08 pm - 8:10 pm**Location:** Buster's BBQ (Zoom Address: <https://zoom.us/j/821708448>)**Zoom Phone:** (415) 762-9988, Meeting ID 821-708-448

Present: JGunter, JLomas, MCarpenter, BStevens,

ZOOM: DZaitz, DBeach, BGilliam, TBurnett, SHalton, GKraus

Absent: CBanzer; CBright

Liaison Reports

1. January Minutes were approved; DBeach will forward to GKraus for Feb ALFABITS
2. ~~Treasurer's Report~~ (Treasurer CBanzer absent)
3. January General Meeting (VP CBright hosted): presentation by World of Speed ExecDir David Schaefer enjoyed by 30 members despite lousy weather; updated membership on upcoming events
4. Upcoming Event Reports:
  - a. February General Meeting (DZaitz hosts/article) - possibility of Mark Scholtz and the monthly Portland Cars & Coffee Event
  - b. March General Meeting :BillG proposed a 4 person panel of AROO Restorers (BillG; DennyP; SMoss; DSalvador ?)
  - c. Valentine's Day Tour - DZaitz to contact DFish(volunteered to host) one last time, otherwise will be cancelled this year
  - d. April General Meeting - (MCarpenter hosts/article) - will present Historic Races at PIR; (will write AlfaBits Column for April)
  - e. AROO Cup Rallies: (RDilts email): Rally School will be Max's Brewpub in Tigard; all Rally's are posted on AROO website calendar
  - f. Old Spider Tour (ERoe hosts/article) - two day, group dinner, April 29-30
  - g. Swap Meet & Moss Garage Tour (TBurnett hosts/article); coordinating with Mosses; on calendar for Saturday, May 13; AROO supplies drinks; BBQ ;h. 2017 NW Classic Rally (JGunter Chairman): 71Rallyists; 24 Tour entrants; 80 Resort@Mtn rooms reserved/filled; Donald Osborn speaker; lunch stops/meals confirmed; Resort menus undecided at this time
5. ALFABITS Report (GKraus): Articles & Columns due to Editor NLT Sunday midnight after monthly BOD meeting!!! PLEASE USE SIMPLEST FORMAT POSSIBLE!!!

6. Membership Report (BStevens): list of new and anniversary members (back thru September) sent to ALFABITS editor; will do each month; will develop standardized "New Member" package and deliver such.
7. Merchandise/Apparel Report (Chairman JLomas): proposing "minimal inventory" approach (least outlay of AROO funds); found a local printer that will print images on merchandise with small volume requirements; welcomes ideas and vendors who produce "short-turnaround".
8. Moving Events Report (MCarpenter): Reminder - must use AROC Naughton Insurance application for all AROO moving (Rally's, Tour's, Autocross) events; will check various event hosts accordingly.
9. AlfaBits/AROO Website Advertising Report: (**NEED CHAIRMAN** and tasks definition; i.e. maintains master list spreadsheet; advises CBanzer on billing; serves as POC for all AROO advertisers, etc.)
10. AROC Report (~~Cindy Banzer~~) (DZaitz) Mid-Winder Retreat was well attended, particularly from SOCal; organized touring was "classy"

New and Continuing Business

1. Finalize 2017 events schedule (Doug Zaitz)
  - a. Tonkin FIAT/Alfa - rumored delays in Giulia arrivals; gathering "test ride" applicants for them; have 4 - "4C's" in stock
  - b. July Tour coordination & articles (SHalton hosts/article); SHalton coordinate w/Paine's)
2. AROO 50th Anniversary (2018) Event (Lisa McNabb emailed will present ideas at March BOD meeting)
3. NWCR 30th Anniversary (2018) Event (JGunter); yet again expression of need for AROO membership to decide future of NWCR beyond 2018; **Establish a Steering Committee? Define SurveyMonkey Poll??**
4. BOD briefly discussed (no conclusions) possibility of using Zoom for most AROO BoD meetings
5. Briefly discussed Ernesto's Restaurant for General Meetings
6. Update of AROO Bylaws document (RDilts email no progress so far)
7. Brief discussion regarding Annual Holiday Party; will return to MAC for 2017 d still need discussion of degree of subsidizing costs (food, wine, parking, gratuity, fees); majority of BOD believes MAC good value and quality.

# March is here - Can Spring be too far behind!

From AROC President,  
Cindy Banzer



ballot, you will find the candidates' biographical information and incumbents' voting records. Options for a mail-in ballot will be included in the March, 2017, issue of the *Alfa Owner*. Voting concludes on April 15, 2017.

2017, the 50th Anniversary of the Montreal will be honored. Go to the AROC website, [www.aroc-usa.org](http://www.aroc-usa.org), for the link to the Convention. When calling the hotel for accommodations, be sure to use the code, ALF, and call the hotel directly rather than using the #800.

- ◆ Big news for the monthly *Alfa Owner*! Your Board approved a six-month expansion of the magazine from its current 32 pages to 48 pages. With new advertising requests streaming in, content was being squeezed out. The expansion will bring you more of the articles you have been asking for.
- ◆ AROC Goes To Italy 2017—with 45 AROC members, we will be heading to Italy in May. Due to the overwhelming demand for the trip, there will be a 2018 trip that replicates this year's itinerary. We expect final details for 2018 to be available by this June. If you want to be on the fast track for the 2018 trip, please send AROC Administrator Barb Clark an email, [aroc.office@gmail.com](mailto:aroc.office@gmail.com), noting in the message, AROC Goes To Italy 2018.
- ◆ The 2017 Convention, Alfa expo17, is fast approaching. Held in the beautiful city of Montreal, Canada, July 13-16,
- ◆ AROC Administrator Barb Clark will be sending out emails to all Chapter Presidents of record to assist with updating officer contact information. Please be watching for the missive and help her to keep our records up-to-date.
- ◆ Visit the AROC Merchandise opportunities on the AROC website, [www.aroc-usa.org](http://www.aroc-usa.org), to find exactly the item you need to kick-start the Spring driving season.

On behalf of your AROC Board, please know that you are a valued member of the Alfisti community. As always, feel free to reach out to me by email, phone or snail mail for questions, suggestions or just to chat.

With Best Wishes,  
**Cindy Banzer, President**

I hope this missive finds you digging out from the winter weather and preparing the car for the upcoming driving season. Portland has endured a vicious winter, recently being identified as the 3rd most depressing winter in the Country. I don't know which cities made 1st and 2nd place, but I am truly empathic. On to AROC news,

- ◆ Watch your email this weekend for the 2017 AROC Board of Directors election. Ten outstanding candidates are on the ballot, all deserving of your consideration. Included with the on-line

## 2017 AROO CUP RALLIES & RALLY SCHOOL

*By Roger Dilts, Series Director*

First off is the Rally School. We will again be at Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub at 12562 SW Main St. in Tigard, on Saturday March 11. Max's opens at 9:00 a.m., registration starts at 9:30 and we'll start the school at 10:00 and go until 1 or 2 in the afternoon. Cost is \$10 per person and includes a printout of the 2017 General Instructions, the Test, the good old table top rally with full explanation, and a laminated card of the Default Route Instructions. Please RSVP back to [aroo.cup.rallies@alfaclub.org](mailto:aroo.cup.rallies@alfaclub.org), or call me at 503.330.4715 to let me know that you will be coming to the Rally School.

Same format as in the past: I'll run through the basic definitions and rules with example photos, and then show a "rally by powerpoint" taking you turn by turn through a rally with explanations as you follow along with the instructions. Then we'll hear from local rally aces sharing their tips on driving and navigating to win, or rallying just for fun.

The AROO Cup Rally Series starts the next morning, March 12. We'll again start at the French Prairie Rest Area on SOUTHBOUND I-5, exit at milepost 282. Registration opens at 9 at the farthest back parking area; rallyists meeting at 9:45 and first car out at 10:01. Yet again this rally falls on the first day of the time change (spring forward...) so adjust your timepieces accordingly or be embarrassed. Cost is still an incredibly reasonable \$20 per car, and is reduced to a mere \$15 if you email me before 10 pm the night before letting me know you are coming. There will be cookies for all, with dash plaques awarded to the top 3 cars. Finish is at lunch, rally master's choice. Please note there is a 20 car limit for each rally, so be sure to let me know in advance that you are going to be there, but no more than a month ahead of time.

There will again be two competitive classes: Vintage, which allows NO calculating devices or rally tables (and that applies as soon as you get the route instructions), and Standard, which allows calculating devices. Both classes allow only non-programmable time pieces, original equipment speedometers and odometers and NO programmable calculators, laptops, tablets, phone apps, etc. We will also have an Open class, which is timed but not scored. In this class you can use anything you want. The Rally Series is not limited to classic cars.

The rest of the Series is as follows: Sunday April 2, Sunday May 7, and Sunday June 11, all with the same starting specs as above.

So... if you'd like to move up in the pack on the Monte Shelton, or are ready to try this challenging motor sport for the first time, please join us. All are welcome.

Rally on,  
*Roger Dilts, Director*  
AROO Cup Rally Series



### 2017 Schedule

<b>Rally School</b>	<b>March 11, 9:am (Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub)</b>
<b>Rally #1</b>	<b>March 12, 9:am (French Prairie Rest Area)</b>
<b>Rally #2</b>	<b>April 2, 9:am (French Prairie Rest Area)</b>
<b>Rally #3</b>	<b>May 7, 9:am (French Prairie Rest Area)</b>
<b>Rally #4</b>	<b>June 11, 9:am (French Prairie Rest Area)</b>

*Read article above or click on link for more information.*  
SUNDAY April 2, SUNDAY May 7, and SUNDAY June 11

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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 can handle ONLY 19 couples. 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 thinking Callahan's would have 4 extra rooms ready, which will not be the case. It might be possible for you to get lodging down the hill at a later date. However, unless I hear from you soon, I will be releasing the surplus play tickets.

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 for both taste and variety (46 on tap at last count)!

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## 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. 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 originally reserved sufficient rooms for 23 couples at Steamboat. **Because Callahans is limited to 19 couples, I will be releasing the surplus rooms at Steamboat soon. The nearest lodging close to Steamboat is 17 miles away, so unless your reserve with me soon, or are super lucky to find they still have a room available, you will not be staying at Steamboat.**

A supplemental billing will be going out for meals, etc that will be pre-arranged.

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](mailto:tmcgirr@columbiatrustcompany.com) if you want to reserve your spot. Deposits can be sent to Tom c/o 3420 Dogwood Dr. S, Salem OR 97302. Questions: Tom McGirr 503-983-3656





# 2017 Valentine's Day Tour

Story & Photos

By Bob Stevens



This year's Valentine's tour took a left turn before it even started when David Fish came down with the flu two days before. He had already spent the considerable time and energy required to lay out a challenging route and line up a nice restaurant. On the Friday before, David asked Bob and Puff Stevens to take his place in the lead.

Sunday morning arrived with surprisingly beautiful weather and a constant stream of Alfisti to start the year's first outing. David and Colleen Rugh were already at the French Prairie rest area South of Wilsonville in their Alfa-red VW by the time Bob and Puff arrived in their GTV at 9:00. Next to arrive were Fred and Lisa McNabb in their 67 Duetto followed by Dan Stanton and Clara Connor in a maroon GTV. New members Jim and Victoria Trofitter, participating in their first club event, were next in a 71 Spider. A steady stream of arriving participants in no particular order were Dan and Susan Homes (73 Spider), Jim and Nancy Gunter

(79 Spider), Dick and Kathy Larson (77 Porsche), Jeff and Scheyenne Tunick (83 Spider), Stu and Shirley Moss (67 Super), and Joe Sweeney in his 87 Spider.

Especially nice cars were driven by new members Steve and Melissa Thompson in their white 2016 4C, and Rick Martin in his Silver '67 Maserati Mistral.

After a brief drivers' meeting, we were on the road at 9:35 headed South on I-5 to the Aurora exit. No stopping for antiques in Aurora this time as there was a schedule to keep. Northeast bound out of town on 99E we connect with Lone Elder Road which has no street sign (thanks, David, for your hints in the instructions). Working our way east with a series of short bursts of speed, sharp surprise corners, beautiful countryside and wooded sections we arrive at Feyrer County Park for a short break.



Back in the cars we are now headed northeast for some of the more challenging roads of the tour. South Kuban Road was a particularly good place to experience the reason we love our vintage cars so much. Good road, tight then sweeping curves, up and down the mountainside then a gorgeous view for miles from the ridge top. Next, a sprint to lunch.

Thanks to David's excellent directions, we arrive at the Stone Cliff Inn almost exactly on time. The restaurant staff had prepared the balcony with one long table so that we could all be seated together and the extensive menu provided everyone with a nice selection. After food and conversation we all headed our separate ways to take advantage of a rain-free, sunny afternoon.

The tour was just a little over 80 miles. Beautiful weather, good roads, great autos and congenial friends made for an enjoyable morning drive through the great state of Oregon.



## 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 29<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto: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. The 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](mailto:tmcgirr@columbiatrustcompany.com). 503-983-3656**

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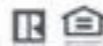
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**750/101****Fuel tank Filter Cleaning***Al Rossman/Dave Beach*

Perhaps your ol' sprint or spider isn't what it used to be. You've tuned it, electrified it, carbureted it, and it still doesn't go. Perhaps you've overlooked the always fun to clean tank fuel filter. What makes it fun is that it's INSIDE the tank. This past weekend, we pulled the filter out; you'll need a 17mm allen wrench and maybe a cheater to help free it if it's not been done in recent memory... or ever. The filter is a nice piece of work; brass mesh surrounding a metal frame; with an o-ring gasket set in top end thru which the fuel intake pipe passes. A vertical sheetmetal cylinder, about 1 inch larger diameter than the filter, and somewhat taller, is spot welded inside the tank; it's purpose is to prevent fuel sloshing from destroying the filter in those 1.5- G corners..or other Rally surprises. The bottom of this cylinder has two 1/8inch diameter holes, one front, one aft, which allow fuel access to the filter when fuel level drops below the top of the spot-welded cylinder.

We found the two holes plugged with sand and rust. Apparently someone tried to run the car on sand and water in the past, because the cylinder was half full of sand and rust. The filter brass mesh had several holes, which we repaired with J-B-Weld, after soaking the TOTALLY varnish-plugged filter in carburetor cleaner for 2 hours.

Obviously the only fuel (and sand and= rust) passing thru the filter was thru the holes in the filter. The fuel pump seems to have miraculously survived this punishment, as the little 1600 ripped right along during a subsequent test drive.

Well worth the effort!!

**101 Brakes - Some Thoughts***David Beach*

When Alfa put disk brakes on the front of the 101 spider, they must have been thinking about braking down miles of the Swiss/ Italian Alps....the Girlings are gigantic, considering the weight of the car. But that brings some drawbacks which I think center around the size....volumetric capacity... of master cylinder.

After discussions with a couple old 101 hands, Les Hurlock and Glenn Herz, I thought I'd put it on paper and see if others have similar experiences. Actually, the place to start is alignment of the rear brake shoes... alignment at 90 degrees to the face of the axle and herefore evenly spaced from the drum wearing/steel surface in all directions. This isn't just to get even wear on the linings. What it really accomplishes is allowing you to set the shoes so they are as close as possible with minimal drag, yet full contact with the slightest movement of the slave cylinder piston. This gets me to the master cylinder. The diameter of the master

cylinder appears to have been chosen so that a 80 pound grandma could actuate the brakes... it is small so that there will be adequate force developed with minimum foot pressure. Unfortunately the drawback is that there is little volume change with this small diameter without a lot of pedal stroke. This same, relatively minimal master cylinder volume has to also move relatively large diameter pistons, six all total, on the front Girling disc brakes. If the back brakes are set loosely, then the result is that you feel as though you may run out of pedal stroke before you displace enough volume to actuate all four wheels' brakes. The lesson is square up the back shoes and then set 'em as tight as you can and still be able to turn the drum by hand without grunting.

One more thing to consider about Girlings master cylinder. Watch that you don't try to over-adjust the pushrod-link between the master cylinder and the actuating lever arm on the pedal shaft. It is possible to get over-zealous with a result that the master cylinder piston can never uncover the 'supply hole' from the reservoir. This means that you can release the pedal, but the piston doesn't travel back far enough to release hydraulic pressure back into the reservoir and presto...locked-up brakes. I won't mention who discovered that the hard way.

I've found that properly set up, these brakes are ferocious for a 32 year old, non-boosted design.

# AROO COVERED BRIDGE TOUR

September 23-24



This year's two-day Fall tour will feature 23 covered bridges, fall leaf colors and a stay at the recently remodeled Village Green Resort in Cottage Grove.

The trip will begin in Silverton and take in 15 covered bridges and some great driving roads over a course of about 4 ½ hours. Included in your instructions will be a brief history of each bridge. Lunch is planned for Plank Town Brewery in Springfield. We will reach the Village Green in time to enjoy the pool, weather permitting, and wonder the beautiful gardens. This motel is now owned by Moonstone, the same folks who oversee the Oregon Gardens in Silverton.

I was able to negotiate a GREAT rate of \$129 for their DELUXE rooms which have a fireplace and a very nice patio facing out to the gardens. The next day we will enjoy a leisurely 3 ½ hour drive taking in another 7 covered bridges and finish the tour with a late lunch at another brewpub in Independence.

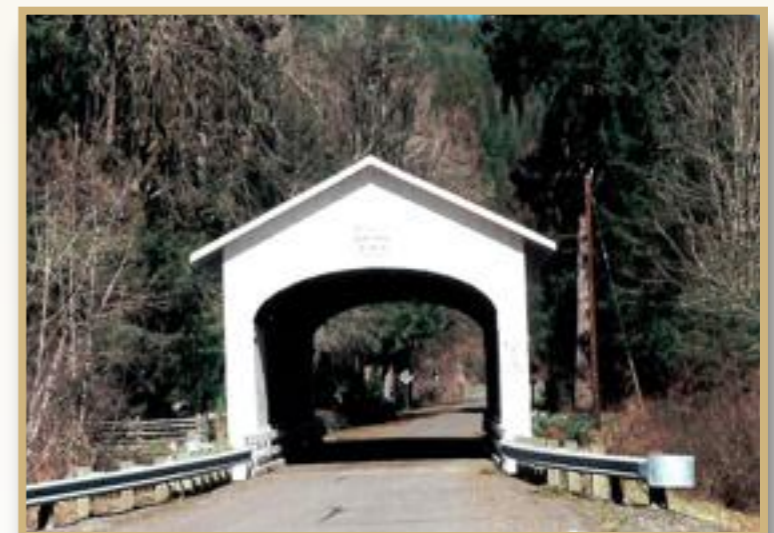


I have not yet received the formal room block contract so not sure it is set up yet at the Village Green. When it is, you should reference Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon and make sure you are quoted the \$129 rate when you call. 800-966-6490.

While designed to be a two day tour, day trippers are welcome as well. You can stick with us through lunch in Springfield or tour down to Cottage Grove and spring up I-5 home.

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#### TOUR ITINERARY:

Our drive will be based in Asheville, NC

**THU - APR 6:** Afternoon meet at Host Hotel and Dinner.

**FRI - APR 7:** Drive to Hot Springs Resort & Spa, NC and Hot Tub soak! <https://www.nhotsprings.com>  
Those not partaking of the waters can visit the town of Hot Springs. Return to Asheville for Dinner.

**SAT - APR 8:** Drive, return to Asheville for Catered Dinner and a Silent Auction of John's Alfa memorabilia and spare parts. All proceeds from the auction will be split between the Blue Ridge Orchestra & Mid-Atlantic AROC.

**SUN - APR 9:** Short Drive, Lunch and return Home.

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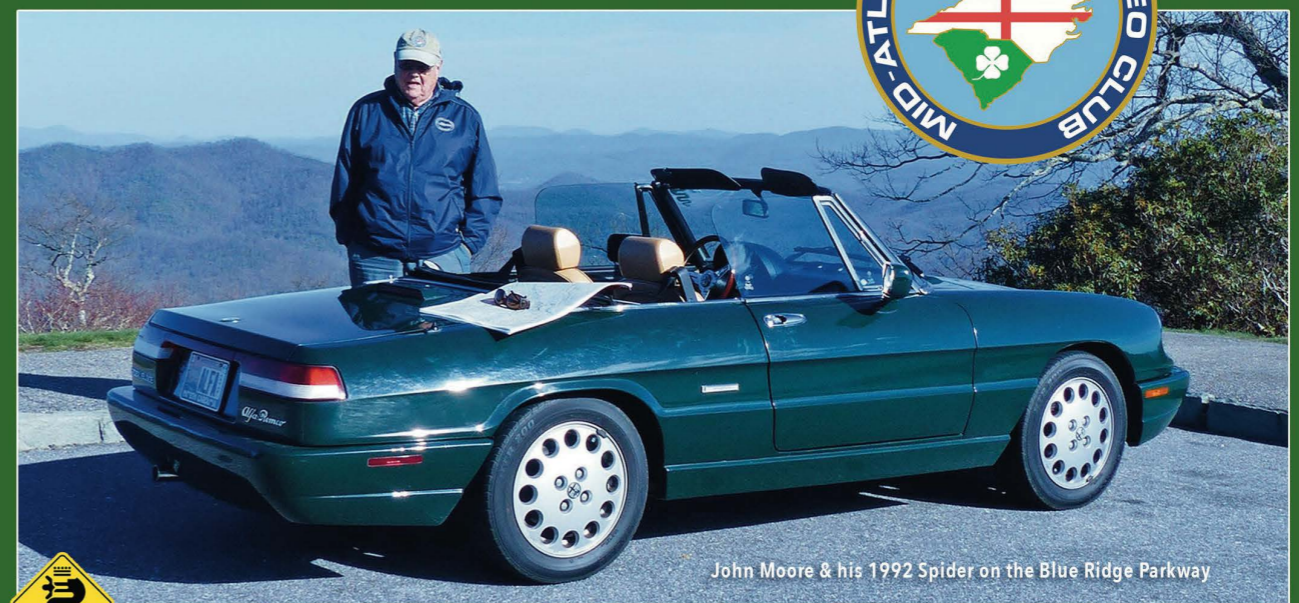
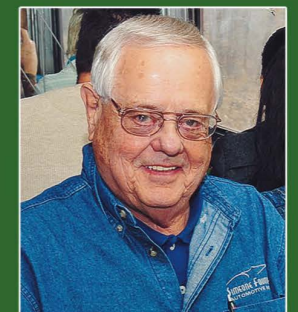
Ask for Alfa Romeo Club group rate. Room block held until March 23, 2017. Cancellation with no penalty by April 3, 2017.

This year our Spring Tour is dedicated to John Moore, our fellow Alfisto, who passed away on 9/29/2016.

Long time Alfa enthusiast John and his wife Ruth enjoyed participating in many Alfa events, especially our drives around the Asheville area in his 1992 green Spider. John & Ruth were previously very active members of AROC in Oregon before moving to Asheville in 2012. Among many other things, John was president of the Blue Ridge Orchestra. <http://www.blueridgeorchestra.org/johnmoore>



Vintage Alfa Romeo Plate  
from John's Alfa memorabilia



John Moore & his 1992 Spider on the Blue Ridge Parkway



**NOTIZIA!** A firm head count is needed for reservations. You may join us for any day of the Tour. Please inform us of number in your party for each day's meal and drive, and for Hot Tub reservations.

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# FRED RUSSELL – AT THE MARCH MEETING

BY DOUG ZAITZ



Fred Russell has the second best job in the world. It makes sense since he's been lucky all of this life. As a teenager he applied for a photographer job at the local police department and they hired him. At age 18, he bought his first Alfa Romeo three days prior to someone "loaning" him a 52' sailboat to keep for 5 years. Fred got to ride in the Goodyear blimp, and has participated in the Mille Miglia Historica twice and attended it at least 6 times. He raised two great daughters while enjoying a career in the printing industry and still found time for an amicable divorce while owning Alfa Romeos. All of this, is just life and not why Fred is coming to speak to AROO.

You see, Fred made a career change at age 51. He entered the video game industry at Microsoft / Turn 10 Studios, makers of the Forza Motorsport video games as a content coordinator focused on the cars within the game. Again, he's a bit lucky since he didn't own an XBOX, and can barely spell the word computer. He did have a lifetime of cars, car detail knowledge, travel experience, and a friends list that was rather long. For the next 5 years, Fred travelled the world to gather the photos and details for all the vintage and a few of the new cars for the games. This is the best job in the world for a car guy. He's been to most museums and many private collections globally, plus visited a ton of private individuals with cool cars - all of these were his playground. After 5 years, over half a million photos, and lots of air miles, he'll share some of his sights with AROO as well as talk about his current job -- curator of Jon Shirley's car collection.

Yes, Fred is a lucky guy with a few stories to tell and photos to go along with them.

**ED: FRED WILL BE AT THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING!**



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