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*Thursday evening at the MSNWCR.
Photo George Kraus*



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The furthestmost eastern check-point on the MSNWCR. HOT! Photo George Kraus

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FROM THE EDITOR

Photo Cliff Brunk

Well, by the time you read this AROO will have finished another successful Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally. The 29th. From what I saw and experienced as a volunteer it looked like everyone had a good time. My friend Greg Byes and I had the furthestmost eastern checkpoint in the rally. We were just east and north of Dufur Oregon in the middle of nowhere. And it was HOT!!!. But ,we did learn to love Dufur — the WE3 Coffee & Deli made a good lunch and great thick milkshakes.

Set your calendar for next year. The 2018 NWCR is the 30th — not to be missed.

As I mentioned last month there has been an idea put forth for publishing a service guide of local Alfa resources — Medford to Vancouver WA.? These would be sources for parts and services to keep our Alfa's rebuilt, repainted, upholstered, and running well. Ideas, interested? Contact the AROO board with your thoughts.

Cheers,

George Kraus

Editor

ALFA BITS

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

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I am always looking for content to fill these pages and 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.

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

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 **The Old Spaghetti Factory**, 0715 SW Bancroft St., Portland, OR, 503.222.5375. June, July and August are evening tours. Check the newsletter for details.

August 11, 2017

*To: All Volunteers
Re: 2017 Rally*

Well----Now you've really done it. And it was great!

The surveys and comments are in from entrants of the 2017 Northwest Classic Motor Rally. While there will always be a few exceptions the overall comments came in as complements. In general what we heard was:

- The route was very good and challenging
- The scenery was beautiful
- The accommodations were good
- The food (especially lunches) was very good –a little slow Friday night
- The rating of the rally to other car events was good – mostly 8 to 10 out of 10
- The most important complement was that almost everyone will be back in 2018

The success of this event rests primarily on the shoulders of the volunteers. Your efforts to help entrants enjoy the weekend while performing the required duties of your assignment will not be forgotten for some time. I am surprised at the positive

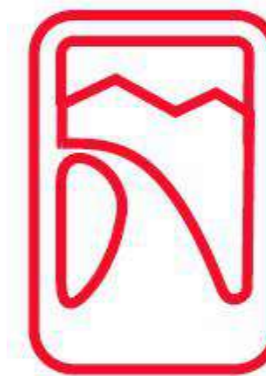
reviews the rally group extended toward the check point workers who are doing their best to record every second that may change their scores. They have been appreciative of the people that catch their off course, help them wash their cars, collect their payment for the rally and even the volunteer that will tow their car when it breaks. I believe ultimately what is really appreciated is the spirit and friendly attitude of volunteers when they interact with the rally and tour groups.

The rally has an organizing committee that guides the various functions of this event. It is necessary to have one group to oversee the rally and its different facets and provide information to all involved. Please remember, though, that we are all volunteers and will do our best to help wherever we can. With that in mind we hope you will consider helping again next year. In addition we have some grille badges from this year available if any of you would like one. Let me know please.

We are finalizing the contract with the destination hotel and should have that information in about 10 days. We will be staying in the Eugene area and rallying the roads around that area. We will contact you in the next few weeks to discuss potential

needs for 2018. Thanks again for your contribution to a very successful rally and we can hardly wait for edition number 30. We hope you feel the same.

Sincerely,
Jim Gunter
Chairman/Volunteer



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THE EXCELLENT "OLD SUPER" ONE DAY ADVENTURE

AROO's Annual Old Super Tour

Continuing on with tradition, this is a one day adventure, driving our toys along (mostly) 2-lane jaunts, combined with other adventure. This year's adventure, North Bonneville Dam Visitors Center (and tour down inside a generator) and the Western Antique Air and Auto Museum (WAAAM) in Hood River. And there will be a very nice ice cream stop for group photos....

Details

Date: September 16, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m., ending about 5 p.m.

Starting point: The parking lot of Beaches Restaurant off Hwy 14 in Vancouver (WA), next to the Columbia River

The end point: TBD near ZigZag near Welches (OR)

Tour Leader: Dave Beach

Tour details: Rally style instructions will be provided for each vehicle who RSVP'd.



Tour Expenses: \$2 toll crossing at Hood River (you cover); \$12 WAAAM entry (AROO covers); lite box lunch (AROO covers); \$3 ice cream (AROO covers); optional dinner near ZigZag (you cover)

Please RSVP: To *Dave Beach* at dave.beach@alfaclub.org with how many guests to expect

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:

Monthly Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 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.
19 AROO Evening Tour

August

3-6 AROO Monti Shelton NW Classic Rally.
4 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.
16 AROO Hooligan's Excellent Evening Roadtrip.
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 Old Spaghetti Factory 7:30 PM.
23-24 McGirr AROO Fall Tour.

October

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

November

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

December

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

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

[Click HERE to see AROO and other AROC-US Chapter Events.](#)

Congratulations everyone with an anniversary in August.
You & the new members make the club. Thank you all.

August Member Anniversaries



Bill Daemke	2 Years
Lonnie Dicus	2 Years
Roger Dilts	10 Years
Rolf and Suzanne Donahower	29 Years
Marc and Carrie Ereminas	22 Years
Dennis Everson	3 Years
Andy Gordon	43 Years
Steve and Barbara Harrold	16 Years
Alex Haugland	1 Year
Donald and Leslie Jackson	25 Years
William Lloyd	1 Year
Jake McCusker	1 Year
Scott Pope	4 Years
John Ross	4 Years
John Spetter	10 Years
Alan Stokke	10 Years
Roger Vrilakas	35 Years
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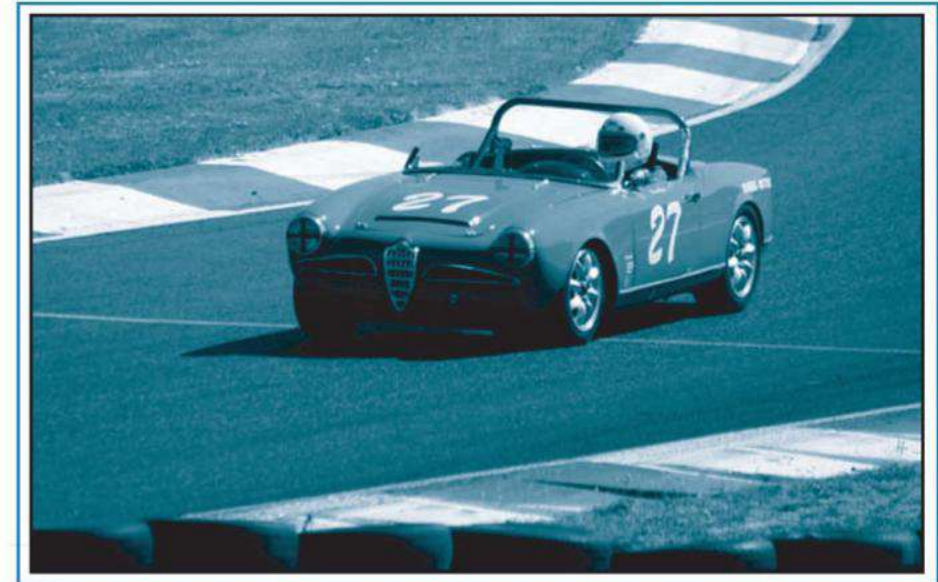
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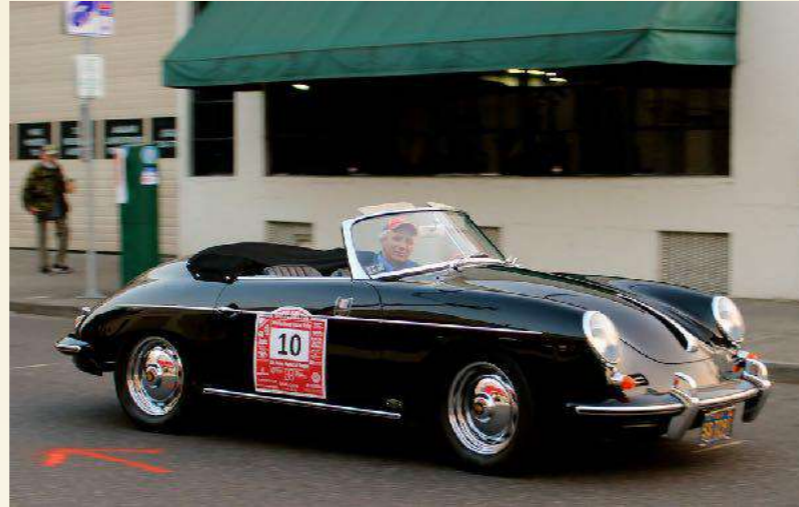
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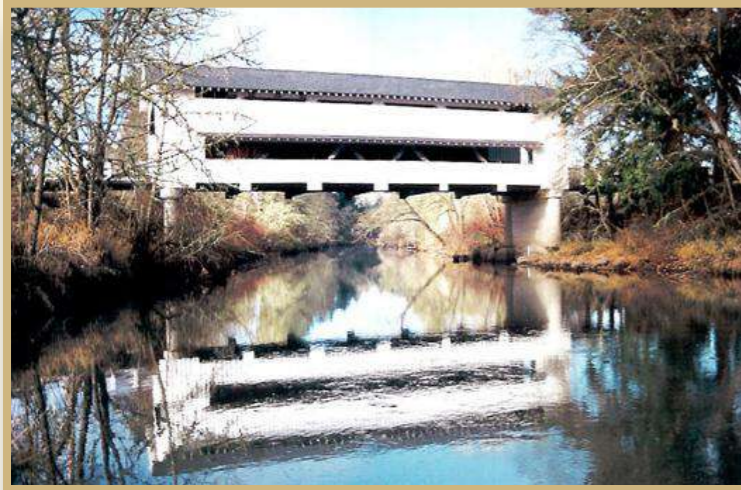
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September 23-24



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The trip will begin at **9:30 AM** from Coolidge and McClaine Park (313 Charles Street) in Silverton. Plan on being there a little early for a short driver meeting. We will be taking in 23 covered bridges over two days. While being a somewhat leisurely drive for a McGirr Tour, it will have some great driving roads. We see 15 bridges over 170 miles the first day with your instructions providing a brief history of each bridge. Lunch will be in a park so bring your own!

We will reach the Village Green in time to enjoy the pool, weather permitting, wonder the beautiful gardens and have a traditional AROO happy hour on our garden front patios. Bring some snacks to share!

This motel is now owned by Moonstone, the same folks who oversee the Oregon Gardens in Silverton. Dinner will be on your own at the Green around 7 pm.



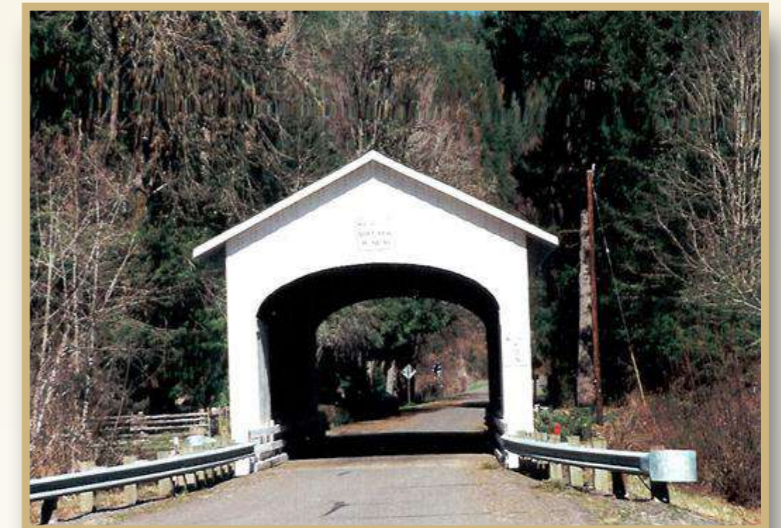
I was able to negotiate a GREAT rate of \$129 for their DELUXE rooms which have a fireplace and a very nice patio facing out to the gardens.

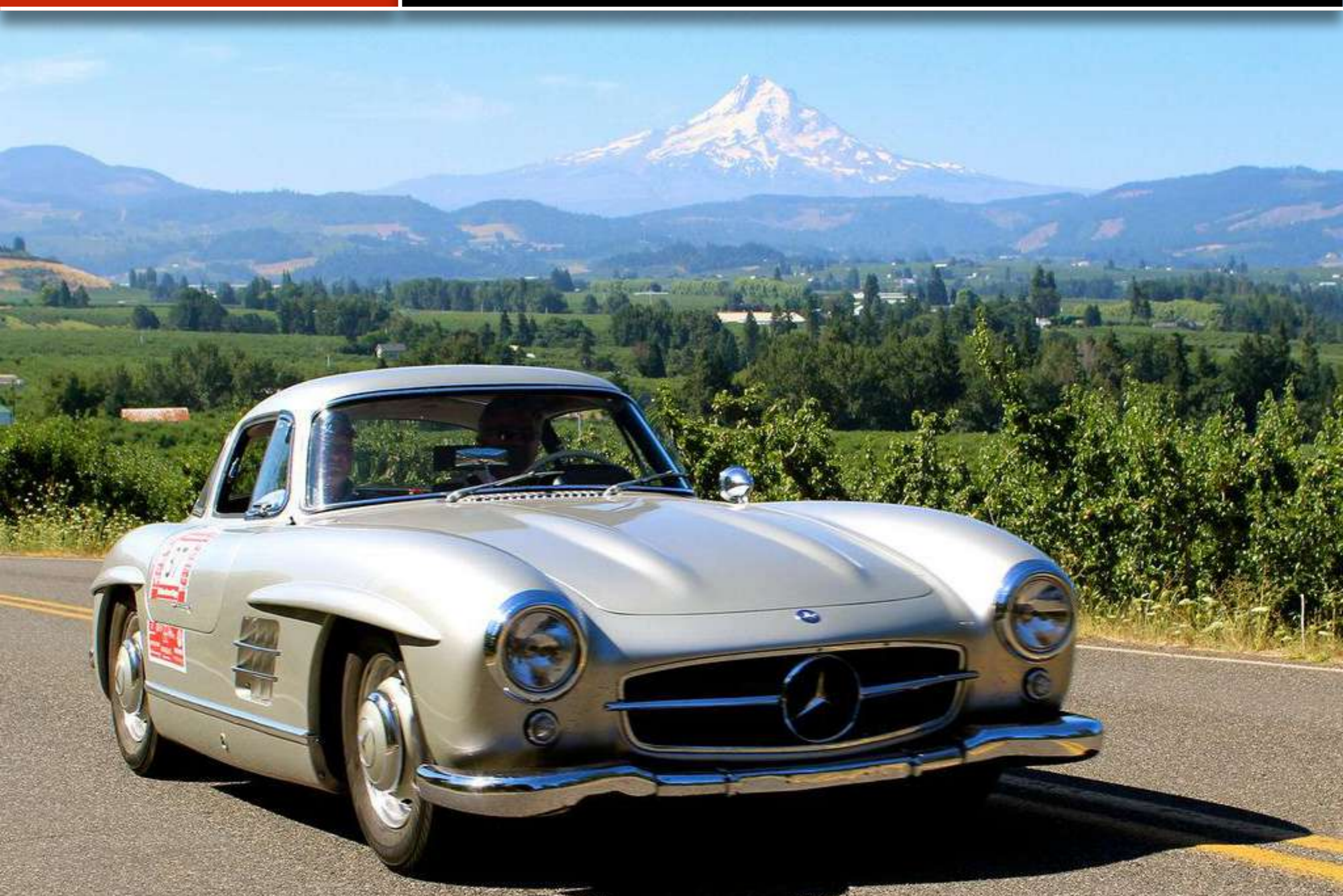
The next day we will enjoy a leisurely 3 ½ hour drive taking in another 7 covered bridges and finish the tour with a late lunch at a brewpub in Independence.

You can make your room reservations now by calling the Village Green and referencing Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon. Rate should be \$129. 541-942-2491 or 800-966-6490.

While designed to be a two day tour, **day trippers are welcome** as well. You can stick with us through lunch or tour down to Cottage Grove and I-5 it home. However, do try to stay the night...great fellowship!

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Details:

Date: - August 16, 2017

Time: - 6:45 PM

Starting point: - The South Bound I-5 Rest Area at Charbonneau. We will gather in the back parking lot. Look for the electric blue Giulia Super.

The end point: "The Flight Deck " in Salem, at the Salem Airport. (1.5 miles from I-5 for the trip home).

Tour Leaders: - Bill and Marian Gillham.

Tour details: - Rally style instructions will be provided to each participant.

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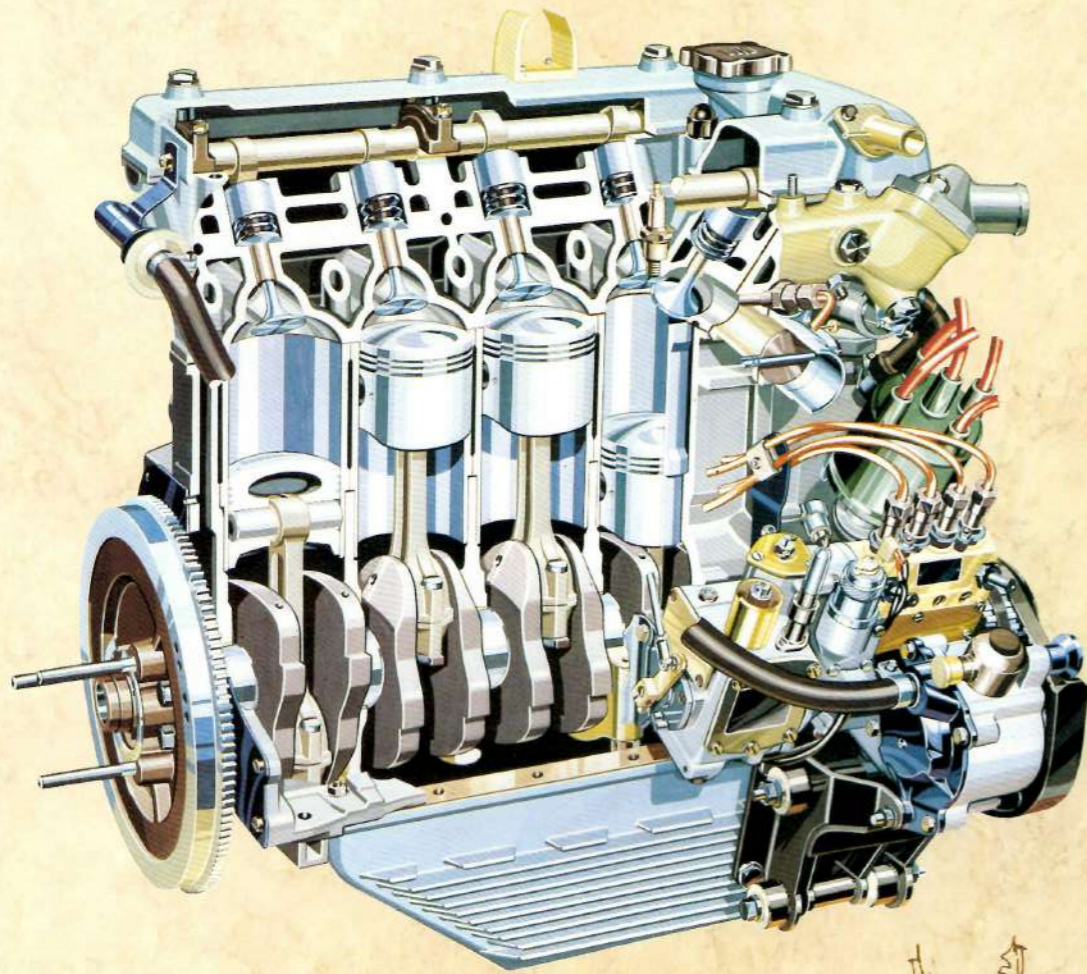
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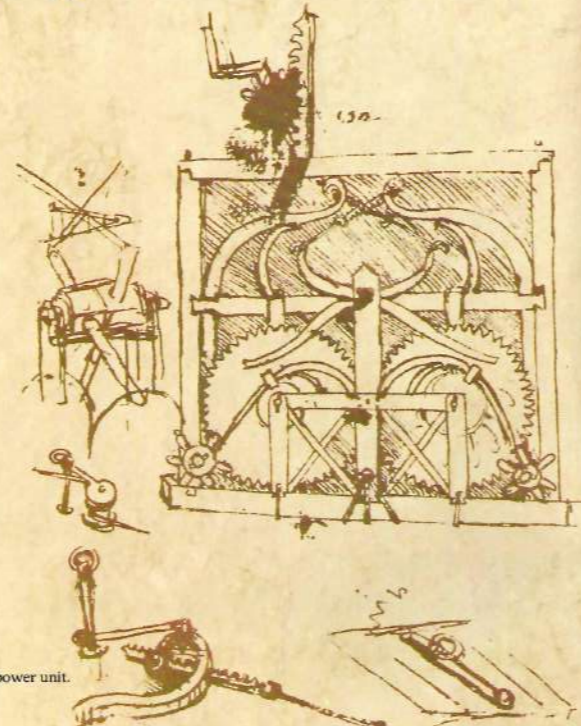
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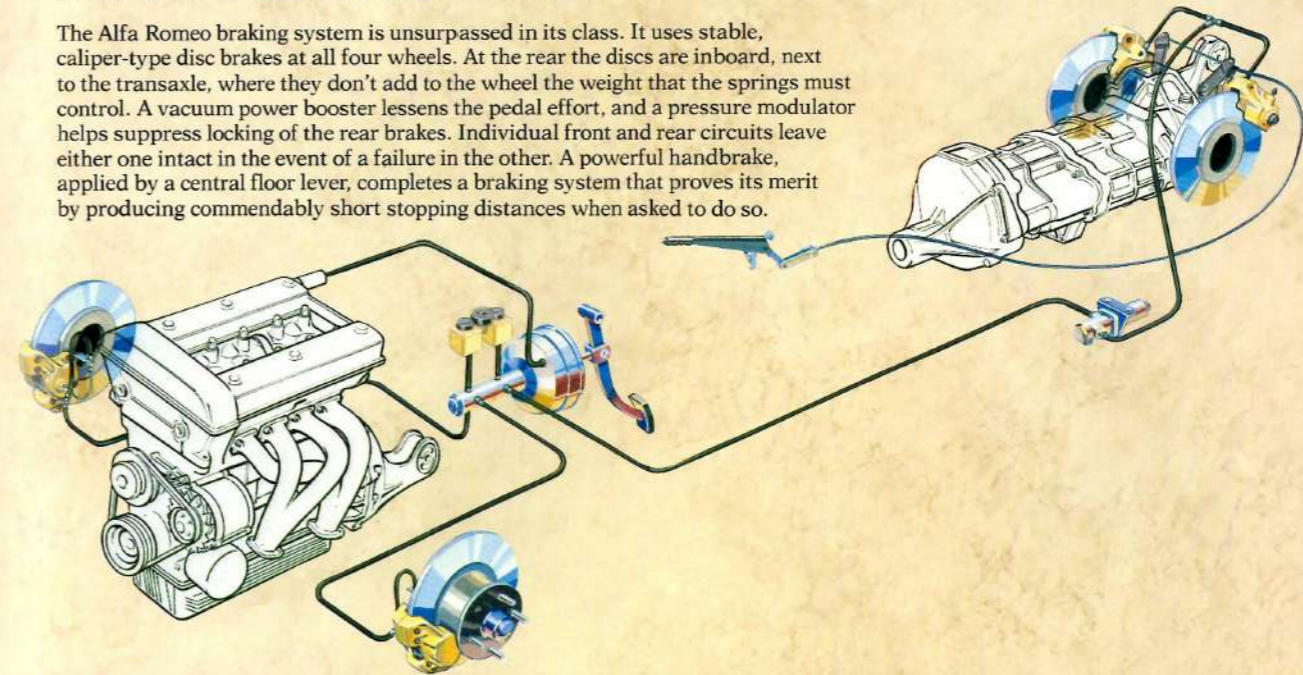
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transaxle on the frame, so those heavy parts don't have to bounce up and down with the axle. (Less unsprung weight). It links the two wheels by a light, rigid tube, the De Dion tube, that keeps the tires at the right angle to the road under all conditions. And radius arms and an ingenious mechanism known as a Watt linkage locate the rear axle and wheels with unusual precision. Sometimes — as this time — road and racing needs are the same.

