



# Alfa Bits

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*Thursday evening at the MSNWCR.  
Photo G. Kraus*



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2017 MSNWCR. Photo George Kraus.

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# Alfa Bits

FROM THE EDITOR

Photo Cliff Brunk

**G**reetings everyone. I will be out of the country — walking Japan — for most of October so there will not be an October issue of the *Bits*. This current issue will take the place of September and October. Doug Zaitz will send out any special announcements during my absence.

This coming Saturday is the Old Super tour. See page 9 for more information. Also for September we head back indoors for our monthly meetings. We have selected a new venue. We will now meet at the Old Spaghetti Factory. 0715 SW Bancroft St Portland, OR 97239. See page 6 for details.

Sayounara,

*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](http://www.alfaclub.org).

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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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.



## HOT NEWS -- AROO Members have been invited to a private tour of the Greg Whitten AND Jon Shirley Sports Car Collections in Bellevue, Washington!

On Saturday, October 21st, from 11 am to 3 pm, NWARC President Fred Russell will be hosting a not-to-be-missed visit to these two incredible private collections in Bellevue (Seattle), Washington.

Alzheimer's Association can be found at <http://www.alz.org>. To contact the office in Oregon nearest you, please call 1-800-272-3900. You can also send an email to [infoalzoregon@alz.org](mailto:infoalzoregon@alz.org).

***Please contact Doug Zaitz as soon as you can  
- RSVP is required!***

AROO members may bring up to three guests. Fred requests the name and phone number for each attendee at least one week in advance. Wrist bands will be issued to each attendee, as we will be visiting these collections with the British Columbia and Alberta Ferrari Club Chapters and their guests. Attendees will have "free reign" of both (adjacent) warehouses during the four hour scheduled visit. Fred will be attending to the Shirley collection; Greg Whitten will be attending to his collection. Greg is known for pulling cars out of the warehouse and giving the crowds something to listen to!

Both Greg Whitten and Jon Shirley are well known for their philanthropic activities; they request that in lieu of admission to their collections, a donation be made to the charity of our choice. Your AROO Board of Directors has chosen that charity to be the Alzheimer's Association of Oregon, in the name of Monte and Sue Shelton. We are requesting your donation of \$20 (total) from each adult to visit both collections.

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*With such unrestricted access to these cars, and their incredible values, we are asking that all unaccompanied minors be leashed and restrained during the visit. Accompanied minors are welcome, however they must be under the complete and fully attentive control of their parent(s).*

*These automobiles are not to be touched, leaned on, sat in, sneezed on or otherwise sullied. Please be aware of your belt buckles and camera lanyards when approaching these automobiles. Not only would Fred like to keep his job, he would love to invite us back for a repeat visit in the future. Please let him have that opportunity!*

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**Getting there:**

For those who desire, AROO will be meeting for an informal group departure from Vancouver, WA for the drive up to Bellevue. This is not an intended to be an organized tour. The group will be leaving from the Starbucks located in Crossroads Center at 14300 NE 20th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98686. Departure from this Starbucks will be at 8:15 am prompt. If you're running late, don't worry, you have the address of where you need to be by 11 am.

- **From I-5 North** take NE 139th Street (Exit 7B), turn right onto NE 139th, then turn left onto NE 20th Ave ramp, then turn left into Crossroads Center shopping center, Starbucks is located at the south end of the shopping center to the left.
- **From I-205 North** take NE 134th Street/NE 23rd Ave (Exit 36), then continue straight onto NE 23rd Ave, then turn left at NE 139th Street, then turn right at NE 20th Ave, then turn left into Crossroads Center shopping center, Starbucks is located at the south end of the shopping center to the left.

Our destination will be at the intersection of 116th Avenue NE at NE 22nd Place in Bellevue, WA. Fred has placed signage at this intersection to direct you. The distance for this leg is 162 miles, taking about 2-1/2 hours.

- **From I-5 North** take NE 4th Street (Exit 138), then turn left at 116th Avenue NE and continue north to NE 22nd Place, then turn right and follow signage to parking area.

*If you get lost, please contact Doug Zaitz at (509) 768-4312 or Fred Russell at (425) 308-6621.*

**Arriving early and staying late:**

We have set aside a block of ten "AROO" rooms at the Redmond Marriott, 7211 166th Avenue NE, Redmond, WA 98052 at \$139 per night for Friday 10/20 and/or Saturday 10/21. Our contact is Stephanie Beinke at [stephanie.beinke@marriott.com](mailto:stephanie.beinke@marriott.com) or at (425) 433-4571. This block of rooms is being held until September 20th at this price. After that date, the block rate no longer exists. Please make your reservations early!

**Other things to consider doing:**

Exotics at Remond Town Center Car Show (like a cars-n-coffee) - every rain-free Saturday, April through November, from 9-11 am, with more info at <https://www.exoticsat.com/about/>. This is next door to the Marriott Hotel.

For Saturday late afternoon/early evening NWARC is considering a joint Pizza and a Movie dinner with willing AROO members at Wild About Cars, 11200 Kirkland Way, Kirkland WA 98033 . More info to follow on this as plans firm - but in a nutshell this will be an opportunity to socialize with NWARC members and watch a car-related movie (perhaps the original Italian Job?) on the big screen while having pizza and beer... It won't be a late night, perhaps 5-8 pm. Interested? Speak up!

***Below is a quick intro of Jon and Greg and their collections.***

**Jon Shirley**, served as president of Microsoft Corporation from 1983 until 1990, then served on the Board of Directors until 2008. As time allowed, he followed his passion for race and uniquely historic cars the same way he ran Microsoft, with a living plan and the attention to detail. Jon got hooked on car shows in the early 90s after he and his wife spent three days polishing and preparing their newly acquired '67 Ferrari 275 GTS/4 NART Spyder for Pebble Beach. This was Ferraris first year at Pebble Beach. Jon then expanded his enthusiasm for vintage racing and touring which is the primary focus now. The collection represents the mix of show winners, vintage racers, and Grand Tourers with Ferrari, Delahaye, Jaguar, MG, Mercedes-Benz, Ford, Austin Healey, Porsche, Shelby, Lotus, and Alfa Romeo, mostly classic or vintage with a few newer cars, but all with a significant place in automotive history. Jon now spends much of his time touring, and visiting car & art shows, museums, and private collections.

**Greg Whitten** didn't start Microsoft, but when he hired on in 1979 there were just over 10 employees. He guided development of MS Basic, OS/2, Office, and Windows architecture until retiring in 1998. Now he helps to run Numerix, a leading provider of risk analytics software, and enjoys his family and a passion for technology and cars. His collection is dominated by Ferraris but includes Aston Martin, Lancia, Jaguar, ERA, Hispano-Suiza, and Morgan. Greg's passion for the cars is primarily driving them on track or around the area and features many of the newer, technologically advanced cars. The ERA R2B "Romulus" was an advanced powerful race car in 1935 with a straight 6 cyl, twin camshafts, a supercharger, and pre-selector gearbox. His two Ferrari LaFerraris with their hybrid power, integrated dual clutch system with the electric motors, complex cooling systems, and active suspension and aerodynamic controls demonstrates today's advancements in vehicle design. Rarely seen at the world's car shows, he is often found at the vintage race events like the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion or other tracks where he can enjoy and exercise his cars the way they were meant to be used.



## GENERAL MEETING NEW LOCATION!!!

**This month's general meeting is now at a new location.**

# The Old Spaghetti Factory

## 0715 SW Bancroft St Portland, OR 97239

There is plenty of parking available!

We will have a limited "banquet" dinner menu with full beverage bar available - more info on that soon!

**You can reach the Old Spaghetti Factory (OSF)** from northbound SW Macadam Avenue then right onto SW Bancroft Street; from southbound SW Hood Avenue left onto SW Bancroft Street.

Access from I-5 is very easy as well:

**From Southbound I-5** towards Hwy 43/SW Hood Street at Exit 299A towards Hwy 43 Lake Oswego, stay to the left then left onto SW Bancroft.

**From Northbound I-5** towards Hwy 43 / Macadam at Exit 299A, then right at signal onto SW Curry Street, then right onto SW Moody, then left onto SW Bancroft.

**August 2, 2017 AROO BOD**

**Time: Meeting Called to Order by Doug Zaitz at 7:05 PM on a 103deg evening**

**Board Members Present at Buster's:**

Chris Bright; Dave Beach (w/Carpenter proxy); Cindy Banzer;

**Board Members Present Via Zoom:**

Douglas Zaitz; Bill Gillham; Sue Halton

Board Members Absent: Bob Stevens; Tom Burnett, Jim Gunter

**AROO Members Present:**

none

**Liaison Reports****1. BOD Minutes (Dave Beach)**

**a. June 2017** Approved (submitted for ALFA BITS 7/1 after editing by BOD comments)

**2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer)**

Cindy submitted balances in the 3 Chase accounts: Discussion on over-running budget items

AROO Main Checking \$6727.45

AROO Savings Account \$30,251.29

NW Classic Rally Account \$79871.77 (large jump due to 2017 Rally entries and sponsorships; soon will make large payouts for Rally)

**3. Past Events Reports:****a. June Evening Tour (Tom Burnett - absent)**

Reported by attending BOD that was well attended, perhaps upward of 60 people; great route, fine dinner at Grand Lodge in Forest Grove

**b. July (Picnic) Winery Tour (Sue Halton/Paine's):** over-budget, but large turnout; fun roads Sherwood to Hillsboro; 2 wineries; AROO-provided box lunches

**4. Upcoming Event Reports:**

**a. August 16th Evening tour (vice General Meeting)-** (BillG-BOD) begin I-5 SB French Prairie Rest Area near Wilsonville; end at "Flight Deck" in Salem; about 1.5hr drive

**e. August 21st Monday Solar Eclipse Tour** (DougZ-BOD joint with NWARC FredRussell); tour to Bend; overnight in Vancouver, WA.

**f. Old Super Tour Saturday Sept16** (DaveB-BOD, DickLarsen); BOD approved \$900 budget item toward food/museum; one day including North Bonneville and WAAAM in Hood River, ZigZag.

**g. September General Meeting** (JimGunter-BOD) review MSNWCR 2017 w/ photo show

**h. Annual Volunteer Dinner** (CindyB-BOD) Sunday Oct15; Ernestos

**i. October Gen meet** (Doug Z -BOD) 2017 Italian Trip Review & Slideshow

**j. Tour to Seattle to visit Whitten & Shirley (adjacent) Museums, joint with NWARC** (DougZ-BOD; Neil d'Autremont) - October 21st Saturday day trip format, 3-4hr visit

**k. November General Meeting** (DaveB-BOD) investigating SurveyMonkey for new BOD voting; annual fund-raising auction

**l. AROC report:** (Cindy B AROC Prez): Doug Zaitz was awarded the Char Sommers Volunteer of 2017!!!!!! (at national convention just concluded in Montreal); the 2018 National Convention will be "marketed" in conjunction with our AROO MSNWCR occurring the weekend before, with Convention Pre-Tour in between.

**5. Merchandise/Apparel Report** (Jerry Lomas, Chair) BOD approved \$1000 budget for JerryL to begin supplying AROO merchandise (i.e. AROO decals)

**6. Competition Report** (MarkC) a. Reminder to **all** organizers of **all moving events**- must use Naughton Insurance Form for all moving events ( form link located on AROO website to AROC-US website.)

**7. AlfaBits/AROO Website Advertising Report** (Jeff Tunick-Chair): following on lack of Alfa Romeo repair shops in PDX area; JeffT writes short article for ABITS as to what is desired from membership

**New and Continuing Business**

**1. New General meeting Location: NOTE: Old Spaghetti Factory is September general meeting location!!!** (trial run)

**2. MSNWCR;** BOD briefly discussed 2 potential new committee members who've come forward to allow extension of The Rally beyond #30 in 2018.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Dave Beach - AROO Secretary**

**September 6, 2017 AROO BOD****Time: Meeting Called to Order by Doug Zaitz at 7:04 PM****Board Members Present at Buster's:**

VP Chris Bright; Dave Beach (w/Gillham proxy); Mark Carpenter; Tom Burnett; Bob Stevens; Jim Gunter

**Board Members Present Via Zoom:**

Pres Douglas Zaitz;

Board Members Absent: Cindy Banzer; Sue Halton

**AROO Chairmen:**

Jeff Tunick Advertising (emailed absence)

**Monthly Reports****1. BOD Minutes (Dave Beach);** Aug 2017 Approved (submitted for ALFA BITS 9/7); also will prepare tonight's minutes for inclusion in Sep/Oct ALFA BITS issue**2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer)**

Cindy emailed balances in the 3 accounts:

AROO Main Checking \$6657

AROO Savings Account \$30,253

NW Classic Rally Account \$30405 (includes seed money for next year, 2017 payments due to March of Dimes and "AROO"; entries for 2018)

**3. Membership (Bob Stevens):** Sept has 13 anniversaries; 3 new; increasing connection with Eugene area membership prompted discussion of prospects touring between Portland/Eugene**Past Events Reports:****1. 2017 MSNWCR (Jim Gunter)** "scattered" commitments of volunteers impacted smoothness from Committee standpoint; however, attendees minimally impacted and event successful based upon review comments; made money; already 65 entries for 2018;**2. August 16th Evening tour (vice General Meeting)- (Bill Gillham)** was well attended, ( 2 Supers, Old Spiders, a Sprint, a JrZ, 2 or 3 Duettos, some square tails, 2 GTVs and others.) Larry Marks came up from Eugene, Very Cool. Meridian Road is the best and the restaurant Flight Deck was quirky as usual. 22 people stayed for dinner.**Upcoming Event Reports:****1. Old Super Tour Saturday Sept16 (DaveB-BOD, DickLarsen);** fires in Gorge may dictate a last minute different route; approx 23 RSVPs, 13 cars so far**2. September General Meeting (JimGunter-BOD)** NOTE: at new venue Old Spaghetti Factory on waterfront; we will receive a limited menu of meal

selections in return for "individual billings"; projected 40 attending; JimG will review MSNWCR 2017 w/"Carrara&amp;Tunick" photo show

**3. Annual Volunteer Dinner (CindyB-BOD)** Sunday Oct15; Ernestos**4. October Gen meet (Doug Z -BOD)** Oct 18th; 2017 Italian Trip Review & Slideshow**5. Tour to Bellevue to visit Whitten & Shirley (adjacent) Collections, joint with NWARC (DougZ-BOD; Neil d'Autremont; NWARC Fred Russell) -** October 21st Saturday day trip format, 1100-1400hrs @ Collections; for people wanting to stay over Sat eve, Mariott@Redmond \$140 and Hyatt@Bellevue \$160 set up and will have an evening pizza dinner/car movie social event; in lieu of entry fee, will request attendee donations to Alzheimers Assn Oregon in name of M&S Shelton.**6. November General Meeting (DaveB-BOD)** investigating SurveyMonkey for BOD voting; need auctioneer for annual fund-raising auction; discussed issuing separate notice for "election slate"**New and Continuing Business****1. 2018 MSNWCR:** 65 entries to date; now under contract with Valley River Inn, Eugene, with room reservation availability beginning Oct 1st (\$139+); RM is reviewing lower valley past RI's for beneficial inclusion!!**2. 2019 NWCR:**

a. new main sponsor: Chris Bright will draft a "prospectus" for soliciting new main sponsorship to fill in behind Monte Shelton's 30 year-long historical commitment

b. Identified the following 8 minimum positions needed filling for a complete "NWCR Committee": **Chairman; Vice Chair; Treasurer/Registrar;****Volunteer Coordinator; Rally Master; Food; Paraphernalia;****Webmaster/Communications**c. The following AROO members have come forward to **begin** the filling of the above positions: **Chris Bright; Tom Burnett; Bob Stevens; Doug Zaitz****3. AROO trailer:** Mark Carpenter volunteered to deliver it to Bill Gillham's for indeterminate storage period**4. 2018 50th AROO Celebration;** short discussion on potential late September 2018 event timing, noting 2018 will be AROO 50th and MSNWCR 30th years, as well as AROC convention in Olympia...big year!!**Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM****Respectfully submitted:****Dave Beach - AROO Secretary**



## 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

**Starting Time:** - 830AM...ending about early dinner time in ZigZag near Welches, Oregon

**Starting point:** - The parking lot of Beaches Restaurant off Hwy 14 in Vancouver, next to Columbia River

**The end point:** ZigZag Inn(as of 8/26; could change due to turnout)

**Tour Leader:** - Dave Beach

**Tour details:** - Rally style instructions and entry/meal costs will covered for each vehicle, as described below, 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); dinner near ZigZag (you cover)

**Please RSVP:** - To Dave Beach ([beachblueberry@gmail.com](mailto:beachblueberry@gmail.com)) with how many guests expected so he can order accordingly.

## **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.

## **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.  
21 Greg Whitten & Jon Shirley Collection Tour

### **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.](#)

Welcome new members & congratulations to everyone with an anniversary in September.

*August Member Anniversaries*

Don Best	13 Years
Joseph Elwell	1 Year
Charlie Frazer	6 Years
Daniel Hones	3 Years
Mike Kremers	28 Years
Michael Lambert	13 Years
Bob Macherione	31 Years
Russ Pain	35 Years
Joseph Potter	3 Years
Joe Sacamano	13 Years
Bob Stevens	14 Years
Lars Svendsgaard	21 Years
Rick Warner	23 Years

*New Members*

Dennis Howell  
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David Roberts



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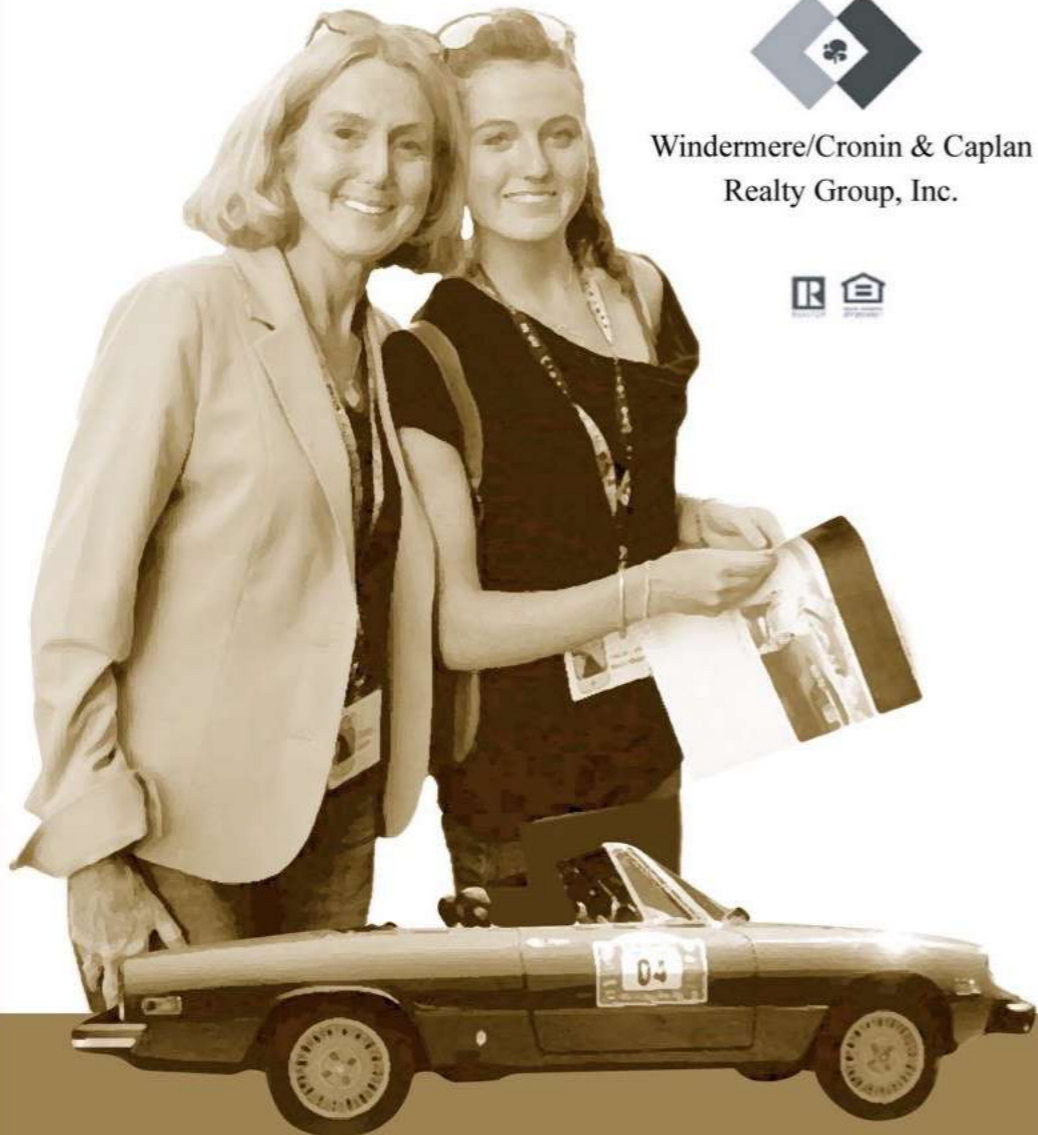
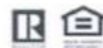
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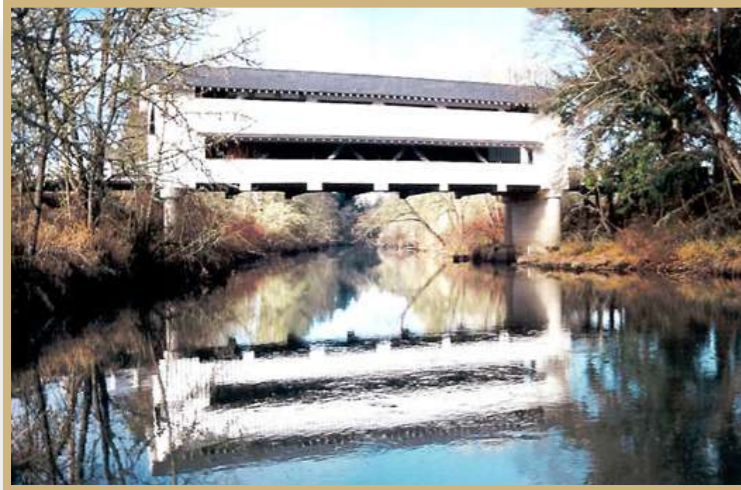
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# AROO COVERED BRIDGE TOUR

September 23-24



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.

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!

Questions? Call Tom McGirr at 503-983-3656.



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.



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 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!



Summer Tour, Photo Tom McGirr.

*It's 2 AM...you are sleeping well because you are covered by the Columbia Roof Advantage*

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# 2017 Summer Tour Recap

By Tom McGirr



I started planning car tours shortly after I bought my first Alfa in 1998. That is nearly 19 years! In the beginning, tours were one or two days and we had to run the route, record mileage, then start all over when you found the road became gravel or the bridge was under construction. As the tours became longer and the destinations more distant, pre-driving the entire route became a real challenge. With the advent of Garmin mapping programs, the internet and Google Earth, it is now possible to plan multi-day tours without having to pre-drive every mile. While there can be some potential unexpected surprises along the way, everything went very well on our trip to Southern Oregon.

With a Starbucks in hand, we departed from Salem at a very early 7:45am. Getting to Ashland while avoiding i-5 means lots of side roads and more time, but the scenery and

sometimes challenging roads made it worth it. We first traveled some of Linn and Benton County's best scenic designated byways to Fort Hoskins State Park. Thereafter, we headed south by means of Territorial and Bellfountain roads past Veneta avoiding I-5 until mile 122. After only 2 miles, back onto Driver's Valley Road... so appropriately named! Lunch was at Tolly's in Oakland.



After a short I-5 stint to Wolf Creek Tavern, we headed west on a narrow, often single lane road to and along the Rogue River which dumped us back on the freeway a short distance from Ashland. Our destination was Callahan's Lodge.

Some of the old times may recall we stayed there on a former McGirr tour. We left on a Sunday morning and the lodge completely burned down that night. Fortunately Callahans was rebuilt a

few years later. The rooms were all very nice, great food and staff.

After an early dinner, we raced down to Ashland to enjoy The Odyssey performed in the outdoor Shakespeare theatre. What a treat! The play was somewhat modernized and the result was a light and sometimes hilarious presentation, which was a good thing as the play lasted 3 ½ hours!



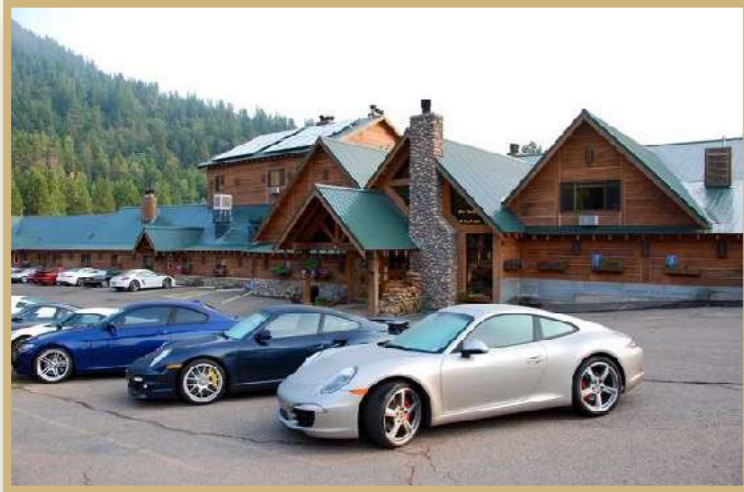
Friday was a day of wine tasting. We visited 4 wineries including Pebblestone (I am a wine club member there), Dancin' Vineyards (I am now a wine club member there!), Plaisance Ranch (which had some great Syrah's) and John Michael's Champaign Cellars (the latter I would not recommend). Dancin' Vineyards is a 'must see' if you are in the area. Food was great and so was the wine.

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# 2017 Summer Tour Recap

Continued



The highlight of the tour was dinner at Caldera Brewing located in Ashland. Owned by Jim and Brenna Mills (my daughter and son-in-law), we enjoyed an outstanding 5 course dinner paired with beer. This is the 20 year anniversary for the brewery and their beers have won many awards including Best Amber in the World in 2016 at the World Beer Cup in Europe. The entrée's looked and tasted like they should be in Bon Appetite magazine. While you may think I am bragging (I am!), ask anyone one on the tour and you will get the same response. If you are heading south, you owe yourself a stop for lunch or dinner. You will not be disappointed!

Saturday we ended up on Alternate Route #5. In anticipation of the challenges presented by the numerous fires all over the state, I actually prepared 5 potential routes. With Hwy 138 being closed east of Diamond Lake, the first 4

were rendered worthless. That being said, we had a great drive though Butte Falls over to Joseph Stewart State Park, then headed over to Canyonville via Tiller. This is a GREAT road and for some reason, there was NO traffic so we had a ball.

After doing some winetasting in Roseburg, we drove to Steamboat Inn on the Umpqua River.



This is a special place and you should try to stay there sometime. We enjoyed a long relaxing informal happy hour on the deck overlooking the river. Then there was a formal happy hour hosted by the Inn in the Library with appetizers. Dinner was very good as well. It was pretty smoky as the main Umpqua Complex Fire was only 10 miles down the road. The next morning we awoke to ash covering our cars!

We slept in till 10 am at which time we drove over the Calapooya Mountains via a well maintained one-lane forest service road to Springfield for a late lunch at a local brew pub.

There was a nice mix of Alfa and Alfa Wannabe members on this trip. We had old and new Alfa's, young and young at heart drivers and enjoyed the company of club members from Grants Pass and Ashland. All in all, fun was had by all.

Remember the upcoming Covered Bridge Tour September 24-25.



More photos next page.



Photos Tom McGrir



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## 1972 Alfa Spider for sale



Nasko engine with high compression pistons, euro cams, fresh rebuilt SPICA pump by Wes Ingram, recently tuned by Jim Trofitter. Dave Rugh springs, adjustable upper control arms, nice canvas top, and many other goodies.

Some scrapes and rust bubbles - definitely a driver's car.

\$10K or make offer. Car is in Lake Oswego, clean Oregon title.

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## For Sale \$12,500 OBO

1983 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce with 85,000 miles that has been well sorted. Car is an excellent daily driver and the convertible top is in great condition.

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2000 CC Fuel injected double overhead camshaft engine with 5 speed manual transmission with disc brakes all around; Ansa Exhaust system. Cromodora Wheels in excellent condition

Many new extra parts including cosmetic, wiring and electric components come with the car that are yet to be installed. Car has brand new still in the box floor mats that will come with the vehicle.

The car spent most of its life in California and Arizona before I purchased the car in June of 2016 and the car currently resides in Portland, Oregon. The car has NO RUST...see pics of the undercarriage.

I have made the following improvements in the past year:

- Rebuilt the complete top end
- New suspension including Bilstein Shocks
- New Rotors all around; repack wheel bearings
- New ceramic brake pads
- New Yokohama Tires
- New Radiator

- H4 headlights
- New Blower Switch
- New light switch on steering column from Alfaholics
- New speedometer cables
- New leather interior including seats, emergency brake boot, shift boot, door cards

Manual transmission is flawless and the clutch is excellent.

All mechanical service done by Nasko's in Portland, Oregon

All service records available and total approximately \$8000.00 in the last year.

Prior service records from AZ are also available. Car was repainted at some point in its prior life and it shows quite well.

Seller is an active member of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Oregon

Additional Photos available on Flickr:  
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## For Sale 1992 Alfa Romeo 164S

\$2500 OBO - 1992 Alfa Romeo 164S

- Beautiful and rare car, but needs some repair
- Black leather interior (fair condition)
- Tires have lots of tread left (Toyo Proxes)
- Also may need a new alternator (has had trouble retaining charge with new battery)
- Retractable sunroof hangs up a bit
- Parked for quite awhile (some oxidizing)
- 175,508 miles - Only second owner
- Leaky seals (burns oil) \*

\* It has been stored for about 10 years (9 years indoors).

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prefer the two-door coupe to the more practical four-door sedan? The answer comes readily enough. The Sprint Veloce is a different life-style, a different state of mind.

The Sprint Veloce's boldly original personality took shape on the sketchpad of Giorgetto Giugiaro of Turin, one of the

world's most respected car designers, and was refined in Alfa Romeo's own styling center. There this new model was given a more tailored look, with special moldings added along with flared wheel openings and the rocker panels. A new rear-view mirror design was also adopted.

