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FROM THE EDITOR

Photo Cliff Brunk

Hello everyone. As the weather turns cool and wet and we head back indoors it's the perfect time to work on our cars for the coming warm weather season. One of my projects was replacing my break light switch that failed on the Old Super Tour. I think the drivers behind me thought, wow he never brakes for the turns. I also have a petty leak that I might have to do something about. Plenty to do...

Don't forget our November 15th general meeting program will be the annual AROO Auction. AROO member Glenn Vanselow has stepped forward to be our auctioneer for the evening. See page 7 for details.

Old Spaghetti Factory. 0715 SW Bancroft St
Portland, OR 97239.

Cheers,

George Kraus

Editor



ALFA BITS

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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.

President's Column – November 2017 – Doug Zaitz



Zaitz & Russell

Where did this year go? As I write this month's column, winter has returned to my humble abode in Deer Park, Washington. It's mid-evening and the temperature has dropped to just 11 degrees – yes, that's Fahrenheit, not Celsius! So returns frozen ground, snow-covered yard, frosty windshields and twice-daily trips to the back porch to bring in another 40 pound bag for the ever-warming automated pellet stove!

The Alfas are parked for the dark winter – as we approach our minimum of just under eight hours of “sun up” in the Spokane area – up after 8 am, and down before 4 pm. West Linn, Oregon – my former place of residence, it's not!

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

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

Thirdly I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your thoughtful donation to the Alzheimer's Association of Oregon as part of your attendance to the Greg Whitten, Jon Shirley and Bruce Wanta car collections. Over 70 of you and your guests made the trek up to Bellevue to visit these incredible collections. We raised \$1,400 as our donation in the names of Monte and Sue Shelton. We will have photo coverage of these collections and our visit in the next issue of the Alfa Bits.

This month's General Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15th. This month's program will be the annual AROO Auction. And AROO member Glenn Vanselow has stepped forward to be our auctioneer for the evening – it's guaranteed to be an entertaining evening!

Please bring us your unwanted, your unwashed, your misfit and your duplicated goodies and treasures from the garage and library! Donate these items to the club and help raise some operating cash, to be applied to the annual Holiday Dinner. Your discards will certainly be another Alfista's treasure, or at least they will help fund those hors d'oeuvres and the “free” bottles of wine at your AROO Holiday Dinner table!

And lastly, and by no means of least importance, it is that time of the year to nominate and vote for our new AROO board members for their next two-year term. We have four nominees, and are welcoming any others by write-in opportunity.

This year our balloting is by internet using Survey Monkey – which you've seen in previous national board elections – thank you Dave Beach for spearheading this effort and making it happen, flawlessly! Please do your duty and participate. If you can't be a director, then at least vote for one, or all four and write in your fifth choice!

Please join us on Wednesday the 15th for an evening of friends, food, good wine and the annual AROO Auction -- see you there!



Photos Cliff Brunk.

2017 AROO Annual Board of Director Nominations & Elections

Membership: November each year is election time to select Board members who gather the first Wednesday evening of each month to meet and guide AROO.

This year, Bill Gillham and Dave Beach are retiring from the BoD after their 2 year terms, and Chris Bright and Sue Halton, both BoD-appointed, will run for their first election. Doug Zaitz, current President of your BoD, will run again for a BOD position. AROO member Jerry Lomas has also thrown his hat into the ring.

Each year an election is held to select 5 of the 10 board members from AROO membership for a 2 year term, thus ensuring some historical base as well as new input each year. BoD meetings are about 1-1/2hrs in length, currently held monthly at Buster's BBQ in Tigard. Attending in person to maximum extent possible results in the most effective dialogue,

but some members occasionally connect via on-line networking ("ZOOM" or similar).

Each member is responsible to plan and host a monthly general membership meeting (or evening tour) as well as "other duties as assigned/volunteered". The "Executive" portion (officers) of the BoD is selected at the December BoD meeting, the first meeting you would attend during your 2 year term. Perks: who knows, you might hear of the newest Alfa for sale or other intriguing possibilities...

You are encouraged to jump into guiding the Club's future. Please advise outgoing secretary Dave Beach (beachblueberry@gmail.com) of your interest in joining this slate of candidates. Each candidate on the ballot must supply a short 200-word statement for the ballot no later than close-of-day October 29th.

AROO Annual Holiday Party Sunday December 3, 2017

At the Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC)

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

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

Dinner is \$45 per person

(AROO covers gratuity, appetizer and 2 bottle of wine per table)

Additional House wine, \$24; corkage fee, \$18

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GENERAL MEETING

The Old Spaghetti Factory

0715 SW Bancroft St Portland, OR 97239



Our **7:00 pm** November 15 General Meeting will be held at The Old Spaghetti Factory at 0718 SW Bancroft, south waterfront, as per the last two months (**note our NEW earlier starting time**).

It is, of course, the annual Club Auction Fundraiser and completion of election process for bi-annual Board of Director positions.

Please go dig into your inventory of fine Alfa Romeo related items of interest...(this could be bottles of favorite beverage or food consumed on club or personal picnics). Alfa-related books? Alfa-related works of art? Really cool AR parts? Surely you have some item of interest to loosen wallets of AROO membership on November 15th! As displayed at the October meeting, special items up for auction are two "AROO Lettermen's jackets". Both are one-owner and in near-mint condition. 100% wool body in rosso red. Genuine cowhide sleeves. One has cowhide collar. One has knit collar. Great provenance. Bought new by the champions of the 2002 AROO Rally Cup mini rally series and a former AROO vice president. AROO patch on front. Alfa Romeo script on back.

Additionally, Merchandizing Chair, Jerry Lomas, has come up with numerous items of interest for the **Lady Alfisti**...outerwear with no logos! It should be a great "auction eve"!

Looking forward to a fun meeting...always including a touch of the holiday season!

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.

AROO October BOD Meeting**BOD Present:**

Stevens,MCarpenter,JGunter,TBurnett,DBeach,CBanzer,SHalton

ZOOM: DZaitz

BOD Absent: BGillham (proxy to Beach) ,CBright (proxy to Zaitz),

Planned absence: GKraus(ABITS Editor), JTunick(Advertising Mgr), F&LMcNabb (50th Chair)

Others present: JLomas(Merchandising Mgr)

Note attached files: AROO 50th Anniversary Celebration Proposal; Monthly Treasurer

Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Time: 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm

Location: Buster's BBQ (the back room), 11419 SW Pacific Hwy (99W), Tigard, OR 97223

1. **Sep Minutes** online Review/Approved (already published in Sep/Oct ABITS)
 2. **Treasurer's Report** (Cindy Banzer) approved; aligned with budget
 3. **Past Events Reports:**
 - a. Recent 2017 NWCR (JGunter): more Alfas participated; estimated carryover \$28k for 2018 after expenses all paid; 2018 has more \$\$ uncertainties at this point
 - b. Sept16 Annual Old Super Tour (DBeach) - under budget; 30 members, 20 cars, mostly Alfas, including 7- 105/115 sedans; favorable comments by many after visits to North Bonneville; WAAAM, Applevalley Ice Cream; ZigZagInn
- BOD brief discussion of archiving "waiver forms" in minutes binder
- c. September General Meeting (JGunter): about 35 attended new location: Old Spaghetti Factory on south waterfront, Portland; two great photo slide shows (Carrara/Tunick) of 2017 NWCRally; BOD consensus new location worked well

4. Upcoming Event Reports:

- a. **October15:** Volunteer Dinner (CBanzer); set up at Ernestos; 35 last year; so far only 15 RSVP'd; open to non-AROO membership who volunteered for AROO events
- b. **October18:** General Meeting (DZaitz) - AROC Goes to Italy presentation
- c. **October21:** Tour to Bellevue Whitten & Shirley Collections (DZaitz): currently 69total, 33AROO; 1100-400pm tour; informal dinner & car movie after; BOD discussed & postponed until Nov meeting matching AROO Club donation to Alzheimers (The Sheltons) of the attendee "required" \$20/adult admission
- d. **November15:** General Meeting & Auction (DBeach): Directors nomination and voting (DBeach/DZaitz coordinate; Confirmed retirement: Beach, Gillham; confirmed re-running: Bright, Halton, Zaitz): current history as follows:
 - 1 Beach: elected years 2016-2017 (retiring)
 - 2 Gillham: elected years 2016-2017 (retiring)
 - 3 Smolyansky: elected years 2016-2017 (withdrew August 2016; BOD appointment filled by Bright in Dec2016; Bright re-running)
 - 4 Diane Sommers: elected years 2016-2017 (withdrew August 2016; BOD appointment filled by Halton Aug2016; Halton re-running)
 - 5 Zaitz: elected 2016-2017 (re-running)
 - 6 Banzer: re-elected 2017-2018
 - 7 Carpenter: re-elected 2017-2018
 - 8 Gunter: elected years 2017-2018

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October Bob Minutes Continued

9 Burnett: elected years 2017-2018

10 Stevens: elected years 2017-2018

Beach proposes use of "SurveyMonkey" for voting process; BOD discussion of slate: JLomas stepped forward to run; BOD will canvas for membership interest

e. December3: Holiday Party (CBanzer); MAClub as recent years; postponed discussion on degree of AROO subsidy for attendees

5. AlfaBits Membership Report (BStevens) 10 anniversaries including a 49year!; 1 new member

6. Merchandise/Apparel Report (JLomas): has developed a history binder of past merchandizing; Window "AROO" Decals on order (1000 ea, 45c ea cost); has contacted 4 past suppliers for "non-size-dependent" items. after discussion, BOD passed motion to fund \$2k for JerryL to set up contracts with 2 suppliers for items (IE: blankets, umbrella, tote, caps) and further develop concept of "advance orders" for size-dependent items (shirts, jackets, etc)

7. AROC Liaison Report (CBanzer); will shortly be announcement for AROC ballot: BOD passed motion supporting CBanzer for re-election (nomination to AROC from AROO Chapter)

Future Business

1. AROO 50th Anniversary (2018) (LMcNabb distributed excellent draft event agenda to BOD via email; attached to minutes); BOD lengthy discussion of events, schedule, budget requirements lead to many questions given 2018 commitments (NWCR & AROC convention nearby); will discuss more detail at Nov BOD meeting

2. NWCR 30th Anniversary (2018) (JGunter)

- a. Day one routing completed!!; have 600+ people on email distribution for event
 - b. New committee members (need apprenticeship period in 2017/18; **BStevens, TBurnett, CBright and DZaitz** have all come forward to fill Committee roles!!! **no defined Chairman**)
 - c. need to acquire new "main" sponsor for NWCR post-2018
- 3. Policy** on permitting / inviting non-AROO members to AROO (AROC chapter) events, related to expenses incurred and AROC bylaws remains postponed; BOD sponsor remains un-identified to draft policy.
- 4. Future Financial stability:** (*After adjournment*) BOD talked about expanding an existing Spring-time AROO event (perhaps the OldSpiderTour) to include all the Italian makes at a 2+ day annual show/tour/dinner type of event that would require minimum AROO membership energy, and serve an empty void in the PDX, and/or Oregon area????

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Beach, Secretary

The Excellent "Old Super Tour" one day adventure

AROO's 2017 Old Super Fall Tour re-cap – by David Beach



Continuing on with tradition, this was a one day adventure, beginning at the Beaches restaurant parking lot in Vancouver, driving our toys upriver along the Washington Hwy 14...to avoid, we thought, the wildfires roaring in the lower Columbia Gorge. Avoided...sort of. The view was sobering, but the 30 members in their 20 cars all claimed a fun adventure, despite the 2mile backup to cross back into Oregon at the Hood River Toll Bridge. We visited the North Bonneville Dam Visitors Center (touring down inside a generator!). Then we got just a taste of the Western Antique Air



and Auto Museum (WAAAM) in Hood River while eating our sack lunches. And, there was a very nice ice cream stop for group photos at Apple Valley Farms before some "Alfa roads" up around Mt Hood....End of the day we recuperated at the ZigZag Inn for dinner and reminiscing.

Photos Jeff & Scheyenne Tunick



Past Presidents – AROO

FIRST YEAR 1968 OFFICERS

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Jack Quinlin

Secretary

Ric Zittenfield

Events

Jerry Edwards, Bob Ivey, Pete Latrell

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Ric Zittenfield, Frank Churchill

1975 – 2017 PRESIDENTS

- 1975 Bob McGill
- 1976 Jim Merritt
- 1977 Roy Traver
- 1978 Dick Peterson
- 1979 Dave LaBriere
- 1980 Alan Ainsworth
- 1981 Bill Gillham
- 1982 Bill Daemke
- 1983 Bob Parry
- 1984 Dick Larsen (Bob & Margaret McGill - 1st McGill Award)
- 1985 Jon Anderson

- 1986 Steve Kendall
- 1987 Dave Beach (1st AROO/AROC Convention 1987)
- 1988 Keith Martin
- 1989 Bob Hui
- 1990 Bob Hui
- 1991 Dave Roe
- 1992 Tom Walker
- 1993 Bob Hui
- 1994 Jon Anderson
- 1995 Jon Anderson
- 1996 Doug Zaitz
- 1997 Dan Mahoney
- 1998 Char Sommers
- 1999 Char Sommers
- 2000 Char Sommers (2nd AROO/AROC Convention 2000)
- 2001 Char Sommers
- 2002 Char Sommers
- 2003 Glenn Vanselow
- 2004 Glenn Vanselow
- 2005 Marty Schneiderman
- 2006 Marty Schneiderman
- 2007 Marty Schneiderman
- 2008 Marty Schneiderman(to August)/Glenn Vanselow
- 2009 Neil d'Autremont (3rd AROO/AROC Convention 2009)
- 2010 Erik Roe
- 2011 Roger Dilts
- 2012 Roger Dilts
- 2013 Roger Dilts
- 2014 Roger Dilts
- 2015 Roger Dilts
- 2016 David Fish
- 2017 Doug Zaitz

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.
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 7:00 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.](#)

*Covered Bridge Tour
Photo Tom McGirr*

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

August Member Anniversaries

John Arscott	37 Years
Bruce Fogerty	18 Years
Jeff Gretz	4 Years
Dean Hanson	49 Years !!!
Brian Minsinger	12 Years
Dennis Pillar	37 Years
John Prohodsky	2 Years
David Rossman	20 Years
Allen Rossman	31 Years
Philip D. Weaver	18 Years

New Members

John Parkey 88 Spider



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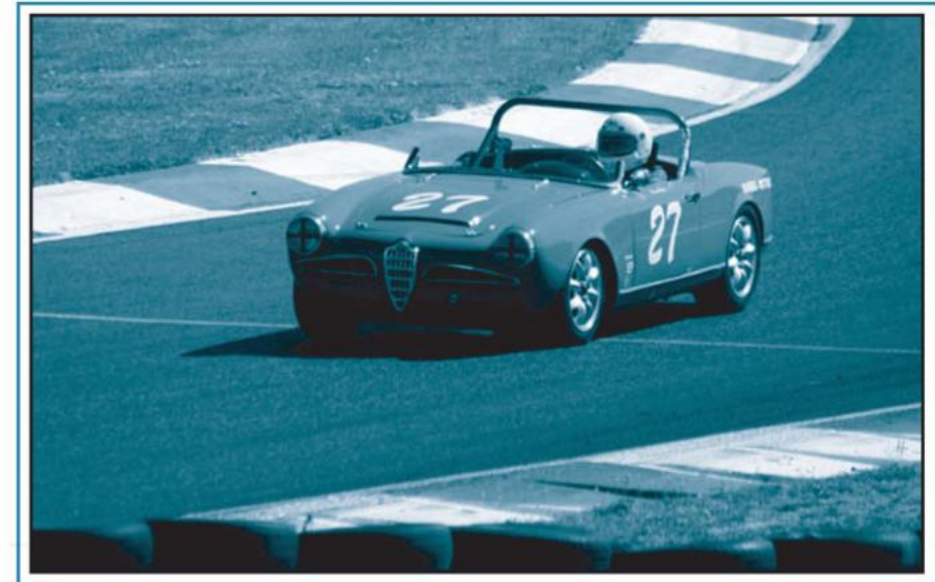
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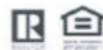
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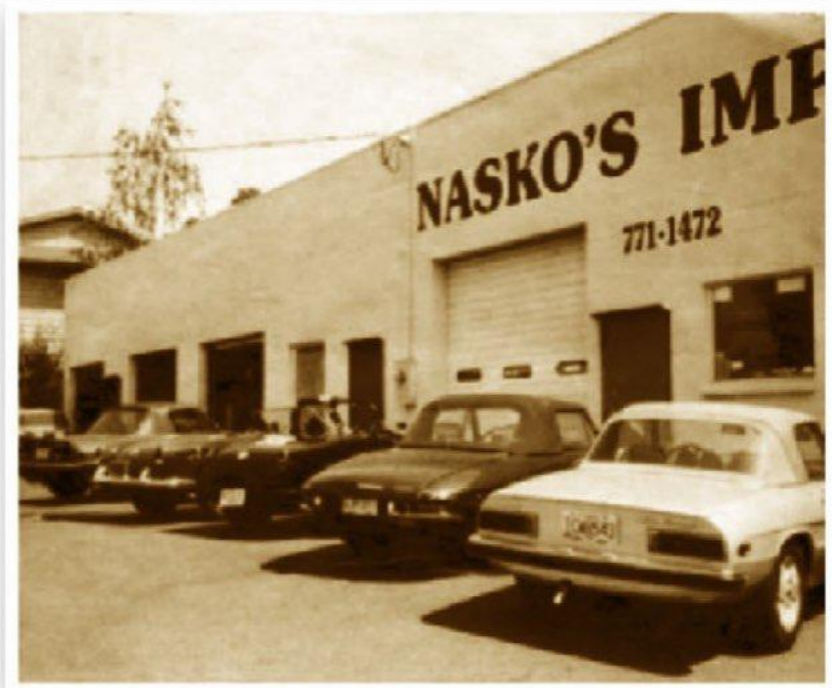


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2018 Alfa Wannabe Tour — June 16–23, 2018



Hat Rock State Park

Hard to believe it is time to start thinking about the 2018 tour. I still have very fond memories of our 2017 trip to the Canadian Rockies, hot spring resorts and especially Prince of Wales Hotel in Alberta.

Time to reserve your spot. I will be limiting the tour to 20 couples. I am asking for an initial deposit of \$750 to cover some initial deposits that need to be made. Please send me an e-mail c/o tomsredalfa@gmail.com indicating your interest and mail your deposit to my attention c/o 3420 Dogwood Dr S, Salem OR 97302. I will keep a wait list once I reach the magic number. I am still awaiting formal contracts for some of the lodging facilities so I am unclear when their deadlines will be but I anticipate being able to make full or partial refunds up to 60 days of the event and if there is someone to take your spot, then later.

The 2018 Alfa Wannabe tour takes us to Northern Idaho. Being sensitive to some who felt the drive times each day were a little long last year, I have designed this tour with that in mind. What follows is a day by day outline of the tour.



Walla Walla wine country

Day One: Portland to Walla Walla Washington

We will head East on I-84 crossing into Washington via Bridge of the Gods. I really enjoy this road for its beauty. Drive time is only 4 hours and 235 miles. We will visit one of my favorite wineries, Walla Walla Vintners (great wine at a reasonable price) before checking in at the Historic Marcus Whitman Hotel. You will have time to check out the town or sample wine at one of many wine tasting rooms downtown.

Day Two: Walla Walla to Coeur d'Alene Resort.

The drive through the Palouse Mountains and the wheat fields is spectacular. We will be only covering 191 miles today with drive time estimated to be 3 ¼ hours. Upon arrival, we will board a

charter boat and cruise Priest Lake for three hours while enjoying lunch and your favorite beverages. Around 4pm, we will check-in to your lake view rooms and have several hours to check out the resort, go for a swim, or just sit on your deck and enjoy the view. Limos will pick us up around 7 to take us to Cedar's Floating Restaurant, where I highly recommend the cedar planked salmon (but I have also enjoyed some great prime rib there as well).



Day Three: Leisurely Drive to Wallace Idaho!

We will head to St Maries and drive up the scenic St. Joe River where we will enjoy a box lunch along the river. There is a nice exhibit of the log flumes used to get the logs down the hills and into the river as well as a neat museum in an old caboose.

We arrive in Wallace in time to enjoy a tour of a working silver mine. This place is pretty cool as the guides are actually retired miners who worked there.
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2018 Alfa Wannabe Tour — June 16–23, 2018

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They will demonstrate the equipment (ie: use the drills/etc) so you will actually experience how it was to work in the mine. Drive time is 4 hours over 203 miles.

Day 4-Bike the Hiawatha bike trail!

Yes, you read this right. We will be picked up in the morning and ferried to the trailhead where our bikes, helmets and lights will be waiting. Lights? They will be handy as we travel through several tunnels on what is an abandoned RR track. This is an outstanding bike trail over trestles and through very scenic country. The trail is about 15 miles long-all downhill. Check out the following links for more info.

<http://www.ridethehiawatha.com/>

<http://www.ridethehiawatha.com/the-trail>

<http://www.ridethehiawatha.com/media>



View from Elkins Resort

After lunch in Wallace, we are off to Priest Lake. The afternoon drive will take a little more than 3 hours over 194 miles. Our destination is Elkins Resort, located on the lake. We

will be staying in individual log cabins, each with their own bath, and many are Lake Front.

Day 5-A day with NO DRIVING!

After breakfast, we will board one of 4 pontoon boats for a lake cruise. We will head through a narrow channel to Upper Priest Lake, a primitive area. When in the channel, you will see trout two feet long and a LOT of bald eagles perched in the trees alongside contemplating dinner. The Canadian Rockies are at the north end of the lake. The boats will be equipped with ice chests full of beverages and box lunches. Upon return to dock, we can relax along the lakefront and toast to great friends and fellowship. I will need 3 volunteer 'Captains' to drive the boats.



Davenport Hotel

150 miles over 3.5 hours will get us into Spokane in the early afternoon. Upon checking into the Davenport, you will be able to take in Spokane Falls, Riverside Park and/or enjoy one of many wine tasting shops in or around the hotel. Still working on the dinner plans but there are some great restaurants in town!

Day 6-Great Driving Roads to The Dalles

This will be the one long day of driving. We will cover around 340 miles over 6 plus hours. Destination is Ceillo Inn, a nice place overlooking the Columbia River and Bonneville Dam. After happy hour on the deck, we will head into town for a 'farewell dinner.'



View from Ceillo Inn

Day 7-Drive the Old Scenic Hwy home.

Those that are so inclined can follow me the last few miles to Portland. We will get on the old highway, take in the many waterfalls in the area, view the damaged landscape in some areas, and finish up at McMinnimin's Edgefield for lunch.



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Covered Bridge Tour Re-cap

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rest as it had to accommodate a steam engine. It is the only RR Covered Bridge west of the Mississippi.

The Village Green provided lodging and dinner Saturday evening. Prior to dinner, many of us enjoyed a happy hour next to pool. Sunday's ½ day drive ended at the Three Legged Dog in Independence (which opened just for us!) with a great lunch and a few beers.



Another Tom McGirr Tour! Despite being a little biased, I thought it went without a hitch! Weather cooperated, cars behaved, and no U-turns!

We met in Stayton where the first bridge is located. From there, we took in 15 covered bridges the first day and 7 on the second day for a total of 23 bridges! We had a nice mix of cars including Michelle Rand's 'new to her' Ferrari (which she took on the tour despite having taken possession just a few days prior), a neat 67 Tiger that gulped gas (10 miles/gallon!), an old Porsche coupe, Bill Eastman's elderly BMW, a few Porsche's and a real nice mix of Alfa's.

Each bridge was different from the others in age, length, construction, color, etc. I included a brief description and history of each which made it easier to appreciate the unique features. The Rail Road bridge in Cottage Grove was much higher than the



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

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For Sale \$10,500 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

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