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Auction night at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Photo David Beach

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FROM THE EDITOR

Photo Cliff Brunk

Here we are at the start of another new year. It's hard to believe the past 2 plus years have gone so fast. When I was *asked* to "help put something out" I didn't envision being the full time *Bits* editor. This is the 27th issue I have published. It's been my pleasure to be your editor and it looks like I will continue for the foreseeable future. Please feel free to contact me with ideas, comments, or complaints.

On the subject of time and the shortage of — another dear friend Peter Eulau has passed. He was only 65. Many of you knew Peter. He was very active in the Volvo group. He will be greatly missed.

Check out the newly revised *Activity Calendar* on page 14. Lots of great events planned for the new year.

Don't forget our January 17th general meeting. The program will be presented by Roger Dilts. He will have information about the Cup Rally Series. See page 6 for details.

Cheers,

George Kraus

Editor

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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

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 - January 2018 – Doug Zaitz



Dave Beach

What snow? What ice? What rain?

Why do I say this? I have been very fortunate to be able to start the winter season and the New Year in the sunshine and temperate climate of the Southern California desert! ? If only I had my Alfas here...

A small group of AROO and NWARC Alfisti are now in Palm Desert preparing for the Fifth Annual AROC Mid-year Winter Retreat, hosted by our own Cindy Banzer. If you were to find yourself in the warmth of the southwest desert, you should attend the events of this three-day Alfa-centric get-together over the MLK weekend!

Your Board of Directors and various Chairs have been busy planning for this year's events. It's shaping up to be one of our busiest years, filled with special anniversary events: the 40th Old Spider Tour in April, the 50th anniversary of AROO in June, the 30th Northwest Classic Rally in July,

followed by Sempreverde 2018 – the AROC National Convention to be held in Olympia, Washington August 4-12.

We are planning our usual events too, the June and August Evening Tours, the old Super Tour, Tom McGirr's fantastic Summer and Fall tours, and a very special opportunity to share our Summer Picnic and Tour with the Forest Grove Concours Tour in mid-July. Alfa Romeo will be the featured marque at Forest Grove this year, and AROO is working closely with the organizers. Alfas will be featured in several judged classes, as well as an on-grounds corral to show our un-judged cars. Remember to mark your calendars for July 14-15 and plan to be at Forest Grove!

Also in the works is a group visit with the Northwest Alfa club to the Labor Day weekend IndyCar race at PIR – more on that as it develops!

At the AROC National level, some of us are headed back to Italy in May for the Second Annual "AROC Goes to Italy" tour, hosted by Steve Austin's Great Vacations. If you have any interest, this trip is sold out, however AROC is planning a third tour in May 2019. Visit the AROC national website for more information, and get your reservation in now (no financial commitment until this fall).

Also AROC National is looking at the possibility of an organized trip and tour to Austin, Texas in October to attend the Formula 1 race at the Circuit of the Americas – with Alfa Romeo fielding a pair of cars!

On a more local note, this month's General Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17, at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the river in Portland. We start our year with a presentation by our very own Rally Cup Chairman Roger Dilts, who will give an interesting talk on this AROO longtime springtime tradition – the AROO Cup Rally school and rallies.

Please join us on Wednesday the 17th for an evening of friends, good food and wine -- see you there!

Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon McGill Award

“Presented annually as recognition to the member whose contributions and achievements have served to promote and perpetuate our club”



It was an honor to receive the Bob and Margret McGill award last year, and now I have the privilege to choose the next recipient.

During the past year, there have been various members who have stepped forward to carry this club to where we are today: Cindy Banzer, Dave Beach, Mark Carpenter, Bill Gillham, Jim Gunter, Doug Zaitz, and others. They have been the little Alfa engine moving AROO down the road. They have worked endlessly and without complaint to do what needed to be done. I think we all owe them a big thank you.

I believe there is one member who especially deserves the McGill award. He is the steering mechanism of our little Alfa. He took on the responsibility as leader to make sure the thousands of little things that need to get done, got done. Not only did he delegate and coordinate the activities of the other AROO Board members and volunteers but also managed AROO's web-site, club event email announcements, and the technology integration between AROO and AROC web resources.

So, it is my honor to pass the McGill award to Doug Zaitz for 2018.

Sincerely,
George Kraus
 2017 McGill award recipient
 AROO Newsletter Editor



GENERAL MEETING The Old Spaghetti Factory

0715 SW Bancroft St Portland, OR 97239



Roger presenting awards to AROO Cup Rally Series winners at the AROO banquet.

Kick off the New Year at the AROO meeting, Wednesday, January 17 at the Old Spaghetti Factory. The program will feature a presentation by Roger Dilts on the AROO Cup Rally Series and the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic. Come share a meal with your friends and learn about the AROO style of TSD rallying. Roger has been the chair of the Rally Series for ten years, teaching the rally school and writing and presenting many events. He's driven and navigated, but mostly enjoys being "back-stage." AROO's rally season starts up in March and we are always excited to have new folks participate. If you're curious about this fun and challenging motor sport, join us for what promises to be a lively presentation.

See page 30-33 for 2017 AROO Cup Rally Series Wrap-up.



The November Auction General Meeting Recap



future?! Lisa McNabb brought us up to date with the planned 2018 50th Year AROO Party, scheduled for June 7-10, 2018. All in all, a fun evening in an Italian atmosphere.

Dave Beach, outgoing secretary, announced results of election of Board members for 2018-19: New rookie members, Jerry Lomas, and write-in candidate, new member John Clemson. Re-elected Doug Zaitz. and first time elected, previously board-appointed members Chris Bright and Sue Halton. Congrats and thanks for these AROO members coming forward.

Dave Beach, The Beav



November Auction Meeting: To celebrate winter coming, on a pretty terrible driving night, 25 brave souls ventured to the Old Spaghetti Factory for the AROO annual auction meeting. Volunteer Auctioneer, member Glenn Vanselow, whipped up the crowd and brought in big bucks (Cindy ??) for the Club treasury. Well, at least a few members loosened their wallets! Numerous goodies went home to happy folk, including some very nice jewelry from Snow Owl Design (courtesy Rick Martin). Certain member from Canby donated numerous goodies for the evenings entertainment. Each person received a copy of the current Sports Car Market magazine, (courtesy of Keith Martin with able assistance of Bradley Martin). Club Treasurer, Cindy Banzer, was frantically recording high bidders. We had the pleasure of some very young Alfisti visiting...the

AROO November 2017 BOD Meeting

BOD Present: CBright,MCarpenter,JGunter,TBurnett,DBeach

ZOOM: DZaitz; BGillham

BOD Notified Absent: CBanzer(no proxy), BStevens(no proxy), SHalton(no proxy)

Others present: JLomas(Merchandising Mgr)

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

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

Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Time: 7:04 pm - 8:20 pm

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

1. Oct Minutes online Review; BOD Approved

2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer email) approved; spending down reserves according to 2017 budget philosophy; lengthy discussion regarding loss of track income (and reduction of financial exposure along with that activity); need for NWCR reserves; approx \$3,400Main/32,000NWCR/30,000AROO savings

3. Past Events Reports:

- a. 2017 NWCR (JGunter): catching up with award recipients; owe March of Dimes \$2k in December
- c. Volunteer Dinner; \$55/person for pre-wine, hors o'derves, during-wine, buffet;
- b. Tour Shirley&Wanta&Whitten Collections (DZaitz): \$1410 donations collected for Alzheimers(in Shelton's name); discussed need for short thank-you notes to Fred Russell NWARC, Jon Shirley, Bruce Wanta, Greg Whitten
- c. General Meeting (DZaitz) - AROC Goes to Italy presentation; 27 attendees; consensus that Old Spaghetti Factory format working well (friendly staff; easy menu process); **need good attendance as room is only reserved for us as long as another larger group doesn't request; change meeting time earlier to 700PM**

4. Upcoming Event Reports:

a. November15: General Meeting & Auction (DBeach): Directors nomination and voting (DBeach/DZaitz coordinate; Confirmed retirement: Beach, Gillham; confirmed re-running: Bright, Halton, Zaitz, Lomas): 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

9 Burnett: elected years 2017-2018

10 Stevens: elected years 2017-2018

DBeach has developed "SurveyMonkey" for voting process; expect to close ballot Friday midnight, Nov3rd (previous deadline 10/29). Will be options for "write-in" names

b. December3: Holiday Party; MAClub as recent years; BOD estimated a 50-50 \$\$ split for member attendance with AROO treasury; annual McGill award to be presented; (historically decided by current recipient (GKraus) and current Pres (DZaitz))

5. Merchandise/Apparel Report (JLomas): reported on progress of soon-available items; decals have arrived \$2/each; will bring to Nov meeting; brought box of apparel; post-meeting TBurnett and JLomas sorted box between door-prize and auction purposes

6. Update of Bylaws (RDilts): DBeach will forward files this month from last Bylaws overhaul (~2004) to RDilts for editing.

7. AROC Liaison Report (DZaitz); Dec ALFA OWNER will feature our 2017 MSNWCR; mid-winter retreat in Palm Desert CA Jan 12-14, 2018 in planning stages.

Future Business

- 1. NWCR 30th Anniversary (2018)** (JGunter); DBeach has met with TBurnett in transferring **Volunteer Coordinator** role; Day one routing fine-tuning; 58R & 22T entrants to date; \$35k set for meals; \$12k owed shortly to Hotel as retainer; meeting with World of Speed this Friday 11/3 to plan 2018 home-base; New committee members (need apprenticeship period in 2017/18; **BStevens, TBurnett, CBright and DZaitz** have all come forward to fill Committee roles (Treasurer; Webmaster; Volunteer Coordinator; Apparel; Vice-Chair; Rally Master; etc. **no defined Chairman at this time**); efforts ongoing to select new "main" sponsor for NWCR post-2018
- 2. Policy on permitting / inviting non-AROO members** to AROO (AROC chapter) events, related to expenses incurred; **BOD sponsor remains unidentified to draft policy.**
- 3. Indy Cars Labor Day 2018;** BOD uncertain at this time degree of AROO participation; perhaps joint planning with NWARC.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Beach, Secretary

AROO December 2017 BOD Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Time: President Doug Zaitz opened the meeting at 7:18 pm.

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

Attendees

Doug Zaitz, Chris Bright, Cindy Banzer, Sue Halton, Mark Carpenter, Jim Gunter, Tom Burnett, Bob Stevens. Attending via Zoom: John Clemson.

Excused absence:

Jerry Lomas (proxy to Doug Zaitz)

Board Business

President Doug Zaitz

1. Welcomed re-elected Board Members (Chris Bright, Sue Halton, and himself)
2. Thanked retiring Board Members (Dave Beach, Bill Gillham)
3. Welcomed new Board Members (Jerry Lomas and John Clemson)
4. Led the nomination and election of 2018 officers.

President: Doug Zaitz, Vice-President: Chris Bright,
Treasurer: Cindy Banzer, Secretary: Sue Halton

5. Appointed the following Committee Chairs.

Membership: Bob Stevens, Merchandise: Jerry Lomas

Advertising: Jeff Tunick (pending)

Sponsorships for AROO and the Northwest Classic: Mark Carpenter

Liaison Reports

1. November Minutes: Approved as emailed.
2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer)
 - a. We have about \$6,000 in cash.
- b. We will contribute \$1,400 to the Alzheimer's Foundation (proceeds from visit to Jon Shirley and Greg Whitten Car Collections.).
 - c. November Auction raised \$825.
 - d. Discussion of events and costs and the need for new revenue in 2018.
1. Cost of 2017 events was about \$11,000. Expect 50 Year Anniversary Celebrations to increase 2018 expenses.
2. Ask organizers to recommend the charge for their event. Charge a minimum of \$20 for tours.
3. Encourage contributions.
 3. Past Events Reports:
- a. Doug thanked Cindy Banzer for arranging the annual Holiday Dinner. It cost \$4,300, \$387 more than 2016. AROO subsidized the dinner and gifts in the amount of \$1,600. The Silent Auction made over \$1,000.
4. Upcoming Event Reports:
 - a. January General Meeting: AROO Cup Rallies by Roger Dilts
 - b. February General Meeting (Allen Stevens, Forest Grove Concourse)
 1. Plans to have a corral to park Alfas.
 2. Will coordinate with picnic.
 - ? c. Valentine's Day Tour (Bob Stevens (?) will lead tour.)
 - d. March General Meeting: John Clemson, Restoration Shop
 - e. April General Meeting: Mark Carpenter, Racing
- f. May General Meeting: Keith Martin will host a Swap Meet at "his place", 19th and NE Sandy.
- g. September General Meeting: Jim Gunter, Rally
- h. Idea: Mini Rally School put on by Roger Dilts, Potential Rally Master for 2019

5. 2017 NWCR (Jim Gunter)
 - a. \$2,400 will be rolled over for 2018.
 - b. \$550 spent for refunded entries.
 - c. \$2,000 returned to AROO.
 - d. \$1,300 to March of Dimes.
6. AlfaBits Update (George Kraus) –No Report.
7. Membership Report (Bob Stevens)
 - a. Total Members: 186
1. Standard: 161
2. Gold family: 6
3. Verde: 8
4. Verde family: 2
5. Platinum: 1
 - b. New Members
 1. October: 6
 2. November: 5
 - c. December Anniversaries: 13
8. Merchandise/Apparel Report (Jerry Lomas) – No Report.
- 1 9. Competition & Track Events Report (Mark Carpenter)
 - a. Reminder - must use Naughton Insurance Form for all moving events
10. AlfaBits/AROO Website Advertising Report (Jeff Tunick) – No Report.
11. AROO Calendar, Website & Emailings Report (Doug Zaitz)
 - a. The website is up to date.
12. AROC Liaison Report (Cindy Banzer)
 - a. Mid-Winter Retreat in Palm Desert Jan 12-14, 2018

New and Continuing Business

1. General Meeting dinner service at Spaghetti Factory for January / February / March / April / May (Doug Zaitz & Chris Bright)
 - a. Positive response. Continue for 2018.
 - b. 6:30 arrival time. Meeting will start at 7 p.m. Food ordered and served by 7:30.
 - c. OSF needs desired menu, estimated meal count and room request one week prior to meeting
 - d. Separate checks continue to be acceptable.
 2. Board of Directors meeting at Busters
 - a. Zaitz made reservations for 2018, all months except July, at 7 p.m.
 3. AROO 50th Anniversary (2018) Event (Lisa McNabb) – No Report
 4. NWCR 30th Anniversary (2018) Event (Jim Gunter)
- MOTION:** Jim moved that we take \$1,000 from the Rally General Account and add it to the March of Dimes donation of \$1,300. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Board agreed to move \$5,000 from NWCR to AROO checking account.
 6. IndyCar Race Labor Day Weekend PIR Sept 2, 2018
 - a. Joint activity with NWARC (Fred Russell) – still pending
 7. AROO Bylaws document (Roger Dilts) – No Report
 8. Formula 1 (Chris Bright)
 - a. Alfa may be back in Formula 1.
 - b. Tickets might be available for possible group trip to Austin, Texas in October 2018.
 9. Cindy stated that AROC Board member John Justus has software that can rotate ads in Alfabits. We can use it for AROO and the Northwest Classic.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Halton, Secretary



A letter from the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club (Seattle)

Dear Members of AROO,

On behalf of the directors and members of the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club, I want to say thank you for donating the Janet Guthrie book, AROO hat and Old Spider Tour shirts to our holiday party and auction table. In all, we raised over \$1300 to donate to a local charity. Without your help and generosity we wouldn't have so much fun, so many happy party goers, and wouldn't be able to assist some NW people in need.

Thanks again!

Joanie Vivaz
NWARC Secretary

ASK MS. ALFIE

DEAR MS. ALFIE:

My husband-to-be promised me that we would go to Europe, but instead he bought a '67 Alfa Giulia Super. On our wedding day, my new husband promised me my very own Alfa, but what we got was a Berlina parts car. Can this marriage be saved? P.S. We made it to Europe.

Signed, Concerned Bride

Dear Bride: Yes, the marriage can be saved. Here is your next tactical move. Learn to love the Alfas as you do your husband. Then the passion that he bestows on his cars will also be shared with you. Ms. Alfie suggests you start driving his Alfa as much as possible — then he will have no choice but to buy another one. Remember, men who love Italian cars will never be boring. P.S. I'll wager a set of 750 Veloce cams that when in Europe, you went to Italy and the Alfa factory.

DEAR MS. ALFIE:

Our son has had a problem for over twenty years. He keeps buying Alfa Romeos — over forty at last count. Now he has us involved, driving these little cars back and forth all over the country. Last summer the Sports Sedan we were delivering to Maine broke down in Reno. Our son Federal Expressed us two rolls of nickels and instructions to play the slot machines until we had enough money to fix the burned valve! Now even his wife has caught the Alfa fever. Other than that, he is fairly normal. Is there a cure?

Signed, A California Mom & Dad

Dear Mom and Dad: Probably not. Look at the good side — you get to drive fun little cars across the United States, and make all those retired folks trundling along in motor homes wonder if somewhere, somehow they have made a terrible mistake in their transportation choice. Honk and wave next time you are in Portland!

DEAR MS. ALFIE:

Recently, I met this guy who owns an old Alfa, but otherwise seems interesting. Sadly, all he wants to do is work on his Alfa or ramble on about Alfa lore. Although I sometimes have trouble staying awake, there are cultural benefits. I've learned all about Alfa racing (never, never mention the word Brabham), what A.L.F.A. stands for (Always Looking For Another), and the difference between a 750 and 101 chassis (all things being equal, the 750 will be rustier). Alas, something is still missing. Do you think a meaningful relationship can be developed on the basis of that four letter, passion-filled word — ALFA?

Signed, Baffled in Lake Oswego

Dear Baffled:

Yes. Betty Crocker used to say, "the quickest way to a man's heart is to bake him a cake." Ms. Alfie says from personal experience, the quickest way to win the heart of an Alfisto is to develop your relationship with his car, drive it in the PIR time trials and be there for all social functions. Here is a Ms Alfie tip, something that never fails to keep an Alfa-fanatic interested. Find a derelict Alfa for about \$200 (\$250 if it runs), put it in your garage and call it your "project car". Your only problem will be making sure he doesn't bring all of his friends over with him to work on your car. And remember, sooner or later the car will get left in the garage but you will still be close in heart and mind. P.S. If you need help finding a project car, Ms. Alfie will loan you her complete bound version of the East Metro Nickel Ads for the past 18 months to browse through

Feeling lonely? Neglected, confused or divided loyalties because of your relationship with an Alfa or someone who has an Alfa? Ms Alfie is here to answer your questions and concerns. Just drop a note to: Ms. Alfie, 7017 SE Pine, Portland, OR 97215. All names kept confidential.



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VINTAGE ALFA ROMEOS— A PRUDENT INVESTMENT???

Keith Martin

Ever since the Road and Track article on collectible cars, our little Alfa world has been buzzing with questions. What are our cars really worth? Are they poised to "take-off"? Should we buy some now and stick them away in a garage as an investment? Can we make money by restoring cars and selling them? Which are the best cars to buy? How much should we pay? Should we sell our cars now and for how much?

First, a disclaimer. No one can predict the future, but we can look to history as our guide. The collectible car market seems to climb in fits and starts, but never goes down appreciably. In other words, if you buy that concours SS in Hemmings for \$25,000, it probably won't depreciate. However, it might be a long wait until it is worth \$35,000 — or it might get there in six months. Anyone who claims to really know where the market is going probably has a bridge to sell you too. The following are my thoughts, based on over twenty years of buying and selling Alfas.



First, cars are a gamble, and you should never gamble more than you can afford to lose. Cars are perishable items, and deteriorate for all sorts of reasons — fires, theft, etc. And tragedy always seems to strike just when you've forgotten to renew your insurance.

Second, don't fool yourself about hidden costs. Even if you buy a perfect car that needs nothing (I've never seen one), you will need a climate-controlled place to store it, insurance has to be paid, the car must be started every month or so and properly warmed up, rodents have to be kept from the wiring, etc. All of these things require money and energy.

So if you have some disposable income, and a place to keep your "investment/toy", here are my recommendations. If the top goes down, the price goes up. My personal



all around favorites are '67-'69 Duetto. They have timeless beauty, most mechanical parts are readily available, and they are terrific drivers. The good ones for \$6,000 are a thing of the past — expect to pay upwards of \$10,000 for a really nice car. I prefer original to restored, but good original cars are becoming scarcer daily. Can you make money by restoring one? A friend recently had a semi-ground up on his '67 and the bills came to over \$12,000 even at Oregon Alfisti labor rates. The same job would have cost more than \$20,000 in California. The car still needs about \$1,500 worth of cosmetic attention, but is beautiful and drives better than new. Market value is about \$15,000. So it's a good thing this restoration was for love rather than money, and that my friend makes his living from a regular job.



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VINTAGE ALFA ROMEOs --

A PRUDENT INVESTMENT???



In a nutshell, very few Alfas have reached the point where you can buy a basket case or semi-roller for \$1,500, restore it and make money, if you place any value on your own time. Zagato cars, SS's and the like not included.

The Alfa market is becoming a national one — the least effective way to get top dollar for your car is probably our local newsletter, because we all have "sticker-shock" when we see a 750 Spider Veloce for \$22,500. The best way is Hemmings Motor News, then the LA Times and SF Chronicle. This requires patience, and the ability to sift through endless telephone "tire-kickers". Putting "serious only" or "no dreamers" in your ad helps; I personally won't send pictures unless someone will send me a check for \$5. There are too many photo collectors in the world.

Here are my personal estimates of current market prices. It is important to remember that no two cars are alike, and therefore, each automobile must be evaluated separately in accordance with its own particular factors and condition. An automobile priced above these estimates is not necessarily overpriced, nor is one priced below a bargain. These numbers serve only as one measure of value.



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For clean, complete, correct, straight cars:
 750 Spiders, 7,500 -10,000 (Normale), 9 - 18 (Veloce). Deduct 2,000 for 101 1300's. Sprints 3,500 -6,000 (Normale), 6-9 (Veloce). 101 Spiders 7 - 10, (Normale), 10 - 16 (Veloce). Sprint GT (I'm bearish on this car — but willing to have the market prove me wrong) 3,500 - 5,500. 69 - 74 GTV, 4,500 - 9,000. Duetto - 6,500 - 15,000. Supers 1,200 - 2,000. Berlinas - 800 - 1,800. Alfetta GTs (terribly difficult to find nice ones) 2,500 - 4,500.

Easiest cars to sell, regardless of price, in order: 750 Veloce Spider, 101 1300 Veloce Spider, Duetto, 1600 Veloce Spider, Sprint, 750 - 101 Spider Normale, 69 -74 GTV.



Best buy, dollar for driving value — the fully dressed Alfetta GT's, with leather, A/C, sunroof. They are going begging at \$3,500 all over the country, nobody is buying them and they are great cars.

Thoughts on 71 - 80 Square-tail Spiders. The value on these cars will stay low so long as Alfa continues production. Once it ceases, look for a five year adjustment period, and then a gradual increase in prices. My personal favorites as collectibles are the 76 - 79 cars with vinyl, no power accessories, no A/C (less things to break). Easy to maintain, and reasonable to acquire (3,000 - 5,000) My wife likes the big black bumpers because they provide a semblance of parking lot protection, compared to the 71 - 74 cars.

Now, let's put all of the above numbers into perspective. Do you think that \$10,000 is a lot of money for a 1600 Normale? Remember, cars are expensive today. A Graduate will cost over \$17,000, an Acura Legend is pushing \$30,000.

What's your car worth? Exactly what someone is willing to pay for it. The most common mistake is to look at the pile of parts in your garage and say — that's a \$20,000 car. To get top dollar, you must not only have a top car, but patience and some advertising savvy. Because Jimmy DoRight sold his concours Sprint for \$12,000 doesn't mean that your rusty runner with the seats from a 59 Plymouth is worth even \$1,500.

A caution on engine mods — The largest market for Alfas is California, and their emission regulations are the most stringent in the nation. Licensed Calif. mechanics are forbidden by law from even working on cars that have had the pollution controls modified or removed. So from an investment point of view, think twice about replacing that Spica pump with Webers, and never, ever throw any pollution equipment away — unless you are willing to sacrifice the entire pool of Calif. buyers.

In summation — a nice, original convertible Alfa is probably a better investment than a CD, but far less easy to take care of and infinitely riskier. However, you can't drive your CD on the annual wine tour, or run it to Mount Hood on a glorious sunny day.

Only buy the cars you really, truly want to own. Never be afraid to pay a top price for an absolutely top car — they are always the easiest to sell. And most of all, consider this whole column just one more justification for running out and buying another car or two!



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G. Kraus

The Annual Valentines Tour and Spring Italian Tune-up.

Set your calendar for the Sunday of February 11. Time and place to be announced in the February Alfa Bits.

Tour will feature a back roads tour through the countryside ending with brunch and Valentine gifts for every one.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:

Board Meeting at Buster's Barbecue in Tigard at 7 PM
Contact Doug Zaitz at doug.zaitz@alfaclub.org or
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THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:

Monthly Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 7:00 PM —
September through May. Evening tours — June, July and
August. Check the complete AROO calendar [HERE](#).

January

3 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.
17 AROO Monthly meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 7:00 PM.

February

7 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.
11 AROO Valentine's Tour.
21 AROO Monthly meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 7:00 PM.

March

7 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.
10 AROO Rally School.
11 AROO Cup Rally 1.
21 AROO Monthly meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 7:00 PM.

April

4 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.
8 AROO Cup Rally 2.
18 AROO Monthly meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 7:00 PM.
28-29 Old Spider Tour.

May

2 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.
6 AROO Cup Rally 3.
12 Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon - Annual Swap Meet & Garage Tour.
17 AROO Monthly meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 7:00 PM.

June

3 AROO Cup Rally 4.
6 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.
7-10 AROO 50th Anniversary Party, Host: Lisa McNabb
16-23 Alfa Wannabe Tour East WA & North ID Host: Tom McGirr
20 AROO Evening Tour. This event is in place of the general meeting.

July

No Board of Directors Monthly Meeting this month, Tigard.

8 Sports Car Market Alfa Display at the Portland Art Museum

12-13 Rose Cup Races

14 AROO Summer Picnic and Wine Tour.

15 Forest Grove featuring Alfa Romeo.

No General Meeting this Month.

26-29 AROO Monti Shelton NW Classic Rally.

August

1 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.

5-12 AROC National Convention, Olympia WA

15 AROO Evening Tour.

23-26 McGirr Summer Tour.

30-31 Portland Grand Prix, Indy Car traces at PIR. (Continued into Sept)

September

1-2 (Continued) Portland Grand Prix, Indy Car traces at PIR.

5 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.

8-9 Columbia River Classic SOVREN Historic Racing at PIR

15 AROO Old Super Tour.

19 AROO Monthly meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 7:00 PM.

TBD Fall Tour

October

3 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.

14 AROO Volunteer Reception. Host Cindy Banzer.

17 AROO Monthly meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 7:00 PM.

November

7 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.

21 AROO Monthly meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 7:00 pm.

December

2 AROO Holiday Party.

4 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.

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

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*George's Veloce engine compartment
Photo G. Kraus*



All photos Chris Bright

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

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Cliff Brunk	1 Year
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Ethan Fry	1 Year
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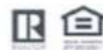
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2018 Alfa Wannabe Tour — June 16–23, 2018



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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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.

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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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2017 AROO Cup Rally Series Wrap-up



Mike and Jacob May AROO Cup Rally Series start up.



Bob and Puff Stevens AROO Cup Rally Series start up.

By Roger Dilts, Series Director

Another great AROO Cup Rally Series drew to a close with the awarding of trophies at the annual AROO holiday party. The father and son team of Michael and Jacob May took home the AROO Cup in the Vintage class, while PS Sundar and Juergen Kritschgau won the Standard class. The rules are the same for both classes, but in vintage no calculating devices are allowed, so it's seat of your pants and long division, while standard class navigators sweat over their calculators to feed their drivers up to the minute data to keep them on time.

This year saw 17 teams in Vintage and eight in Standard. Competition in the classes was sharp, with some good battles for places. One very interesting outcome this year was that in every rally the winning Vintage team had a better score than the winning Standard car. Complete series results are in the accompanying table.

The 2018 season starts in March with the rally school and first rally. Watch the Alfabits and your email for more information. To find out what AROO TSD rallying is all about come to the January meeting.

Results continued next 3 pages.

2018 Schedule

Rally School	March 10, 9:am (Location To be Determined)
Rally #1	March 11, 9:am (French Prairie Rest Area)
Rally #2	April 8, 9:am (French Prairie Rest Area)
Rally #3	May 6, 9:am (French Prairie Rest Area)
Rally #4	June 3, 9:am (French Prairie Rest Area)

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Vintage Drivers										
Name	March	April	May	June	series total	series place				
	place	points	place	points	place	points	place	points		
Maynard Chambers	2	10	6	5					15	6
Sue Colisch	5	6	10	1					7	10T
John Eastburn	4	7	5	6					13	8
Kathleen Ellis			2	10	3	8	1	12	30	2
Brian Ellison	11	0			5	6			6	12T
Lynn Gibner					4	7	6	5	12	9
Ed Godshalk					10	1			1	16
Ed Grayson	8	3	3	8			8	3	14	7
Bill Helzer							5	6	6	12T
Dennis Howell	7	4	8	3	2	10	3	8	25	4
Michael May	1	12	4	7	1	12	2	10	41	1
Fred McNabb	6	5	1	12	7	4	4	7	28	3
Bob Stevens	3	8	7	4	6	5	10	1	18	5
Joe Sweeney	9	2			8	3	9	2	7	10T
Rand Wintermute	10	1	9	2	9	2			5	14
Chris Wooley	12	0							0	17
Al Zorich							7	4	4	15

Results continued next page.

Vintage Navigators										
Name	March	April	May	June	series total	series place				
	place	points	place	points	place	points	place	points		
Bill Colisch	5	6	10	1					7	8T
Jerome Deluz	9	2			8	3	9	2	7	8T
Angie Eastburn	4	7							7	8T
Bob Ellis			2	10	3	8	1	12	30	2
Jacob Godshalk					10	1			1	18
Bob Grasso	10	1	9	2					3	16
Sarah Gray	2	10	6	5					15	5
Jeff Gretz	8	3	3	8			8	3	14	6
Paul Laberton			5	6					6	11T
Sonya Maul	11	0			5	6			6	11T
Jacob May	1	12	4	7	1	12	2	10	41	1
Lisa McNabb	6	5	1	12	7	4	4	7	28	3
Mike Mueller					4	7	6	5	12	7
O'Connor							5	6	6	11T
Claudia Reinhaus	7	4	8	3	2	10	3	8	25	4
Stearns							7	4	4	15
Puff Stevens	3		7		6	5	10	1	6	11T
Debbie Wintermute					9	2			2	17
Roger Wooley	12	0							0	19

Results continued next page.

Standard Drivers										
Name	March	April	May	June	series total	series place				
	place	points	place	points	place	points	place	points		
Steve Aaker					1	12			12	7
Neil d'Autremont	6	5					2	10	15	6
Paul Eklund	1	12					RM	12	24	3
Brian Esler	2	10			2	10	3	8	28	2
Bill Ferber	3	8	3	8					16	4T
Lynn Gibner	5	6	2	10					16	4T
Juergen Kritschgau	4	7	1	12			1	12	31	1
Eris Seeder	7	4							4	8

Standard Navigators										
Name	March	April	May	June	series total	series place				
	place	points	place	points	place	points	place	points		
Greg diLoretto	6	5					2	10	15	6
Beverly Esler	2	10			2	10	3	8	28	2
Kelly Ferber	3	8	3	8					16	4T
Mike Mueller	5	6	2	10					16	4T
Jake Seeder	7	4							4	7
Yulia Smolyansky	1	12					RM	12	24	3
PS Sundar	4	7	1	12	1	12	1	12	43	1



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Dehen sells the Varsity jacket for \$575 (Dehen1920.com).

\$175 each. \$320 for the pair.

Contact **Glenn Vanselow** at glenn.v@comcast.net for more information.



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1973 Alfa Romeo Spider. 76,xxx miles on the odometer, 5 speed manual with a strong motor converted from the Spica fuel injection system to dual Weber carburetors. Beautiful red paint with refreshed black interior, newer top, original wood Personal steering wheel, and after-market roll bar professionally installed. New tires on original silver Turbina wheels. Includes an additional beautifully recovered dashboard, extra gauges and housings, headlight covers

(not installed), grille protector (not installed), several boxes of spare parts, service records, manuals and car cover.

Never driven in the rain and stored indoors. Current owner is an AROC/AROO active member and this car has participated in many of the AROO events over the years. Title in hand, \$14,000 OBO. Contact Dan Hones at dan@2hemi.com for more information and photos.



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- 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).

Thanks,
Brian Wolfe 503-313-0750



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

Additional Photos available on Flickr:
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