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FROM THE EDITOR

Photo Cliff Brunk

The last three days of last week I pulled and reinstalled my Giulietta motor. In the process I changed all rear engine seals and gaskets including the oil pan gasket—renewed and properly sealed. I also resurfaced the flywheel and installed a new clutch set. We did it all in three days. Thanks to Greg Byes for his two days of hard work. I couldn't have done it with you. I have a few remaining bits to finish up and lots of cleanup and detailing. Hopefully all the hard work will fix my oil leak. Now I'm looking forward to the driving season!

And, speaking of the “driving season” check out the *Activity Calendar* on page 13 for great events planned for the new year.

On Saturday, March 17th is a Tour and Shop Visit to *Hotrod Dreamwork's* in Canby Oregon. This should be an interesting event.

Also, don't forget our March 21st general meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the river in Portland.

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.

In The Drivers Seat—

March 2018 – Doug Zaitz



AROC Exec Board Amelia Island AROC

This month's column is being written in Jacksonville, Florida, where this past weekend I attended the 23rd Annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. AROC and AROO were well-represented by Cindy Banzer and myself, and with a cadre of Alfa club members from across the country we manned our (missing) booth (a whole other story there!) next to the Alfa Romeo corporate stand on the Concours fairway.

This weekend was the AROO Cup Rally school and first rally, coordinated by Roger Dilts. AROO is back for another rally season, and I hope many of you are taking advantage of this great opportunity to sharpen your skills

for the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Motorcar Rally in late July. Thank you, Roger – once again – for your volunteerism and enthusiasm!

Don't forget this coming Saturday, March 17th – we have a short tour to Canby to visit the Hot Rod Dreamworks Shop, with a lunch (no-host) following at the Backstop Bar and Grill, also in Canby. We meet in Wilsonville at the Starbucks on SW Boones Ferry. See our article in this month's Bits.

Note the hot news for this year's 40th Annual Old Spider Tour on April 21st. It will be a one-day event, as it was at its inception by Bob McGill, who honored "Old Blue", his 1958 Giulietta Spider, on its twentieth birthday in 1978. Bob purchased his car for this fortieth birthday. This year we celebrate Bob's 100th birthday, the car's 60th, and our 40th running of this popular event. Please consider joining us for this special one day event – information is on the website and in the AlfaBits.

AROC's "Sempreverde" National Convention will be held in Olympia, Washington August 4-12. Pre-Convention Tours begin on Sunday, and run for three days. The convention proper begins on Wednesday, and runs through Sunday. All events will be hosted by the Hotel RL (Red Lion) in Olympia, Washington. The convention website is up and running, so please go to www.sempreverde2018.org and register now. And you can use the hot-link there to make your hotel reservations at the Hotel RL Olympia (Red Lion).

This month's General Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, March 21, at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the river in Portland. We continue our membership meeting programs this month with a presentation by Sandy Bauer who will give presentation on the upcoming 58th Annual Rose Cup Races, featuring the Pirelli World Challenge, vintage racing and some other fun features over July 12-15. Visit <http://www.rosecup.com> for more information.

Please join us on Wednesday the 21st for an evening of friends, good food and wine – we hope to see you there!

AROO BoB February Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Buster's BBQ (the back room)

11419 SW Pacific Hwy (99W), Tigard, OR 97223

Present: Doug Zaitz, Chris Bright, Cindy Banzer, John Clemson, Sue Halton, Jerry Lomas, Jim Gunter, Niel d'Autremont, Roger Dilts, Fred McNabb, Lisa McNabb, Bob Stevens and Puff Stevens.

President Doug Zaitz opened the meeting at 7:17PM. He thanked everyone present for their help in ensuring the vitality of the Club.

1. Minutes (Sue Halton): The Minutes for the January meeting were not available.
2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer): Cindy distributed four reports.
 - A. 2017 Budget vs. Actual Expenditures.
 - a. The contribution of \$1,400 to the Alzheimer's Foundation is still pending.
 - b. Our expenses were a little above the budgeted amount.
 - B. 2018 Estimated Budget, based on last year's expenditures.
 - C. The 2018 Profit and Loss Budget Overview.
 - D. Cash on hand in Club Accounts as of February 7, 2018.

Upcoming Events

1. February General Meeting: Allen Stevens will speak on the Forest Grove Concourse.
 - A. Alfa Romeo will be featured, so Allen is inviting our Club to participate in the event.
 - B. We will have the opportunity to tour with the Concourse cars at their Saturday event. More information will be forthcoming.
2. Valentine's Day Tour (Bob Stevens)
 - A. The deadline is the 10th. There are 20 cars confirmed to date.
 - B. Waiver forms may not be needed; however, a copy of the form will be emailed to Bob.
3. March 10, 2018: Rally School (Roger Dilts) would like an emailing promoting the school and the upcoming AROO Cup Rally series be sent to members.

4. March 17th: Shop Tour
5. General Membership Meeting, Old Spaghetti Factory.
 - A. Location scheduled through May, 2018. Feedback from members very positive.
 - B. Larger room holds about 60 people. We can be 'bumped' for larger groups. Chris Bright will explore option of paying an additional fee to retain the larger room.
 - C. Need a minimum of 20 - 40 people per month to keep location.
 - D. Restaurant prefers a single payer, though bills alcohol individually. Since members prefer individual checks, we will attempt to handle this issue in-house.
6. April 21, 2018: The Fortieth Old Spider Tour (Eric Roe)
 - A. All day tour plus dinner.
 - B. Eric has budgeted \$250 from AROO.
 - C. Board members suggested charging \$10 per car entry fee.

Reports

1. Membership (Bob Stevens) is holding steady at 185. We have a 50th year individual anniversary coming up this month.
2. Merchandise (Jerry Lomas)
 - A. Will have caps, mugs, duffle bags, decals, fleece blankets, umbrellas purchased from 'Bryce'. Showed example of logo to be put on blankets. Jerry will bring samples to the General Membership Meeting.
 - B. Special Requests: Have a request for magnetic logos, but would like input from Board on special orders. Special orders would have to be paid in advance.
 - C. Fiftieth Anniversary: Lisa McNabb said that there might be pictures and sample items available to order, but no actual merchandise on hand.
 - D. Northwest Classic: Jim Guntner stated that they might have some small items and Alfa attire, but that merchandise had not sold well in the past. He pointed out that participants and volunteers receive a shirt and other items at registration.

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AROO BoB February Meeting Minutes

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3. AROO Calendar and Website (Doug Zaitz) are up to date.
 - A. Doug suggested that he add a Fiftieth Anniversary web page with a logo, schedule and registration form.
 - B. Lisa agreed. She also plans to have the schedule in the next AlfaBits.
4. AROC Liaison (Cindy Banzer)
 - A. The larger Alfa Owner magazine is successful. AROC has hired an advertising coordinator and expects to attract more national advertisers.
 - B. AROC will have a booth at Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance 2018.
 - C. AROC Goes to Italy 2018 is scheduled for May. A May 2019 trip is almost sold out.
 - D. The AROC Sempreverde 2018 National Convention will be held in Olympia, Washington in August.
 - E. The AROC 2019 National Convention will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in connection with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.
 - F. The AROC 2018 5th Annual Mid-Winter Retreat, held over three days in Palm Desert, California, was a smashing success. Over 125 people participated, representing 13 States. It is open to all AROC members.
 - a. There are already requests for next year's schedule
 - b. People are volunteering to be involved in it and offering sponsorships.

New and Continuing Business

1. AROO Fiftieth Anniversary (Lisa McNabb)
 - A. Schedule: June 2018. Same weekend as Rose Festival.
 - a. Thursday: Meet and greet with Registration in evening, possibly 6:00 – 8:00 at Tonkin's.
 - b. Friday: 2 or 3 tours, 20 cars per tour. Possible Evening Reception at World of Speed (Mark Carpenter).
 - c. Saturday: 3 tours (Mountain, Sea, Valley) plus a wine tour. All day with a stop for lunch. Tours may be different from the Friday tours. Evening dinner with 3-4 speakers on history of Club. Keith Martin offered to be MC. Possible locations are a winery, the Chart House, or Hayden's Grill
 - d. Sunday: Car show with judging. Bill Eastman and David Salvador are Chairs. Will be held at Clean Water Services in Tigard. Will have a Continental Breakfast and Awards.
 - B. Hotel: The Grand Hotel at Bridgeport Village or the Century Hotel in Tualatin.

- C. Numbers: Estimating 80 for Saturday night dinner. Can vary number of tours with sign-up.
- D. Administration/Publicity/Miscellaneous
 - a. Survey Monkey available through AROC for Registration.
 - b. Sending info via AlfaBits. Doug will email members.
 - c. Still need a Regalia Chair.
 - d. Participants will receive a tee shirt or quarter zip polo with logo.
 - e. Wendy Martin may offer engraved stemless wine glasses.
- E. Finances
 - a. Lisa requested \$10,000 from AROO, primarily for food, printing.
 - b. There was general discussion regarding financing of the event, including Registration and Tour fees, a single fee versus pay-per-event, sponsorships, paying in advance, paying by credit card, donation.

MOTION: Cindy Banzer moved to tentatively allocate \$5,000 as a potential contribution to the Fiftieth Year Anniversary. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. 2018 Northwest Classic Rally (Jim Guntner)
 - A. Numbers: 64 Rally cars and 23 Tour cars, a few more expected.
 - B. Hotel: Participants need to make their reservations.
 - C. The route is close to done. Potty breaks are an issue.

Announcements: Doug reminded members that we need a place to store the trailer. Bill Gillham is keeping it temporarily.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sue Halton
Secretary

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AROO's 2018 Old Spider Tour April 21st



Once again (last time?) Erik Roe is organizing for you an opportunity to participate in AROO's Old Spider Tour. As many of you know, this tour has a long history within AROO, dating back to the 1970s. This tour was initiated by Bob and Margaret McGill to celebrate Bob's birthday (April 19th) and the anniversary the purchase of his 1958 Alfa Spider aka Old Blue (April 15th, 1958, \$3,200). The car will be 60 years old this year (still in service) and Bob would have been 100 years old! We affectionately refer to these early convertible Alfa Giuliettas and Giulias as "Old Spiders". If you have one, you know how special these cars are!!

For this tour, we welcome you and your Alfa (any vintage or type), but especially encourage all AROO's Old Spiders (pre 1965) to get out and join us. Before the tour date, be sure to get a hundred miles or so on your older Alfas to shake it out and ensure all systems are GO for the tour. We will be driving remote roads, there may be even gaps in cell phone coverage (gasp!).

This year, we will once again enjoy open roads and great weather (roads for sure, the weather most likely!). Count on a day of about 250 miles.

Tour Specifics:

Date: April 21st, back in Portland same evening

Start point: Lewis & Clark Park, Exit 18 off I-84 East Bound, full tank of fuel!

Meeting Time: 8 AM, donuts & coffee served!

Lunch: Picnic lunch en-route - pack your own lunch and beverages

Cake: Erik will bring a special cake to celebrate at lunch

Route: A variety of nice roads, views and some nice twisty bits

Feel free to contact Erik Roe at 503 706 8304 or erikroe@me.com with questions.





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General Meeting *The Old Spaghetti Factory*

Join us on March 21st, 2018 at 0715 SW Bancroft St Portland, OR 97239



March's General Membership Meeting will be another special evening! Sandy Bauer will give presentation on the upcoming 58th Annual Rose Cup Races, featuring the Pirelli World Challenge, vintage racing and some other fun features over July 12-15. Visit <http://www.rosecup.com> for more information.



AROO Tour to and Shop Visit at the Hot Rod Dreamworks in Canby, Oregon.

Join us for a tour of the Hot Rod Dreamworks auto restoration facility located in Canby, Oregon on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

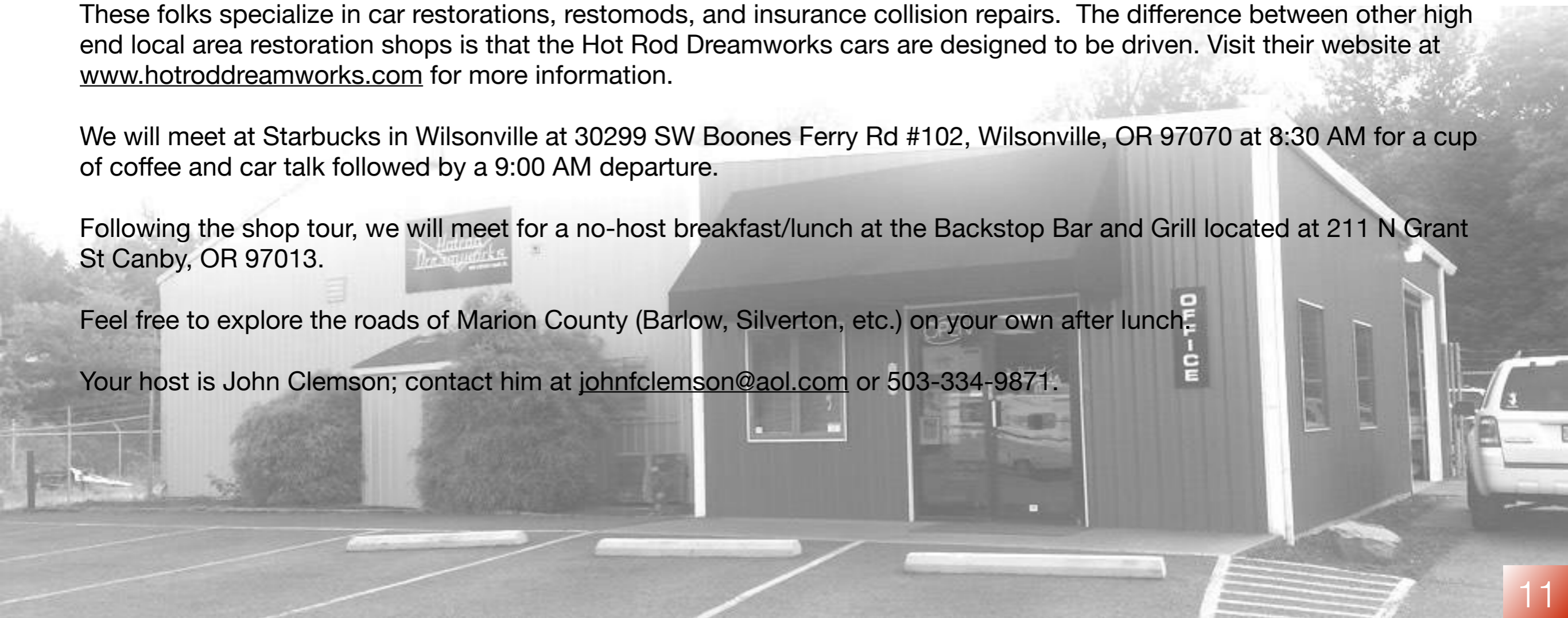
These folks specialize in car restorations, restomods, and insurance collision repairs. The difference between other high end local area restoration shops is that the Hot Rod Dreamworks cars are designed to be driven. Visit their website at www.hotroddreamworks.com for more information.

We will meet at Starbucks in Wilsonville at 30299 SW Boones Ferry Rd #102, Wilsonville, OR 97070 at 8:30 AM for a cup of coffee and car talk followed by a 9:00 AM departure.

Following the shop tour, we will meet for a no-host breakfast/lunch at the Backstop Bar and Grill located at 211 N Grant St Canby, OR 97013.

Feel free to explore the roads of Marion County (Barlow, Silverton, etc.) on your own after lunch.

Your host is John Clemson; contact him at johnfclemson@aol.com or 503-334-9871.





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8:00 am All automobiles in place
8:30 am Gates Open

9:00 am Judging of cars begins;
Donald Osborne conducts roving
interviews

9:00 am - Exotic Auto Emporium
Opens (pre-owned classic cars for
sale)

11:00 am-12:00 - Book and Poster
Signing with Dwight Knowlton

11:00 - am Jacob Miller and the
Bridge City Crooners

Noon - Judging completed

1:30 pm - Trophy Presentation begins
hosted by Keith Martin and Donald
Osborne

4:00 pm - Best in Show Trophy
Presentation

4:30 pm - Concours concludes



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Single day parking \$5; Three-day parking: \$15

Motor home Pass (includes two 3-day admission tickets): \$175

Car Corrals by brand: \$90 (includes two 3-day admission tickets, special parking & parade lap)

Gates Open 7:30 am

Race Groups:

(4) Pirelli World Challenge: GT, GTS, TC (2 race groups)

(4) Amateur groups: Great American Stockcar Series - GASS • Spec Racer Ford • Spec Miata • Vintage Group

Sandy Bauer

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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 7:00 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.
17 Tour and Shop Visit to Hotrod Dreamworks in Canby, Oregon.
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.
21 Old Spider Tour (one day tour) Erik Roe.

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.
16 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. *New slot*

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.
6-7 Fall Tour
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.](#)

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

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

March Member Anniversaries

Robert Ames	9.Years
Cindy Banzer	12.Years
Mark and Barbara Carpenter	44.Years
Jacque Consenz	14.Years
Terry Frederickson	8.Years
Steve Goldman	7.Years
Christina Kellogg-Gratchner	19.Years
Steve Kendall	37.Years
Joe and Donna Kollman	18.Years
Ron Krueger	39.Years
Terry McDonald	4.Years
Bill and Kaye Nelson	1.Year
Gary Powers	29.Years
William Richards	42.Years
Mike and Marilyn Schroedl	22.Years
Edward Slavin and Kimberly Lindstrand	14.Years
Daniel Stanton	22.Years
Glenn Vanselow	17.Years
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New March Members

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AROO Annual Swap Meet & Garage Tour

May 12 (Sat) – AROO (Oregon) – Annual Swap Meet & Garage Tour

May 12 (Saturday) – AROO (Oregon) – Annual Swap Meet & Garage Tour, 10 AM – 3 PM at the Sports Car Market World Headquarters, 401 NE 19th Ave, Portland, OR 97232. For more information, contact Tom Burnett at tom.burnett@alfaclub.org or 503-288-4404.

Bring out your best (and worst) Alfa Romeo parts and pieces for the Annual AROO Swap Meet to be held on May 12 from 10 AM until 3 PM! Sponsored by Keith Martin and the Sports Car Market, and hosted by Tom Burnett.

Food (BBQ hamburgers and dogs) and beverages will be served starting at 11 AM. We'll have lots of room for your tables and your truck beds to lay out your treasures for the next Alfista to purchase.

Bring lots of cash as well to make those deals easy to manage for the buyer and the sellers.

Remember rain or shine 10 AM – 3 PM Saturday May 12!

Details to follow!



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2018 AROO Cup Rally Series



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2018 Schedule

Rally School	March 10, 9: am (Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub)
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)

The first rally is the next day, Sunday March 11. We start at the French Prairie Rest Area on southbound I-5, milepost 282, at the farthest back parking area. The restrooms are even open this year! Registration opens at 9, rallyists meeting at 9:45 and the first car departs at 10:01. The cost is \$20 per car, reduced to \$15 if you RSVP to me at aroo.cup.rallies@alfaclub.org before 9 p.m. Saturday the 10th. The rest of the series runs April 8, May 6, and June 3...same start, etc. Check out the schedule attached to this email, which will look great on your fridge door or garage wall!

We'll be running three classes again this year: Vintage (no calculation devices of any kind or rally tables), Standard (calculators and rally tables ok, but nothing that calculates your average speed or time off CAST automatically, like computers integrated to the car, rally apps... you know what I mean!) and Open (unlimited, practice your A-box skills!). Each event is limited to 20 cars, so RSVP early. You can only reserve a spot one rally at a time.

AROO Cup Rally Series Starts March 10
by *Roger Dilts, Series Director*

Hello rallyists!

The 2018 AROO Cup Rally Series begins Saturday March 10 with the Rally School at Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub, in Tigard. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the class starts at 10. Cost is \$10 per person, cash or check only. If you need a refresher before the season starts or if you've always wanted to try TSD rallying, it's a great introduction. We'll go over the rules, strategies and teamwork, and take a rally by PowerPoint...one turn at a time. Please RSVP to me at aroo.cup.rallies@alfaclub.org before 9 pm Friday the 9th to reserve your spot.

These rallies are a great way to enjoy your Alfa on the road as it's meant to be driven, but any car is welcome. You'll be with other newbies as well as veteran competitors, so you'll have folks to learn with and learn from. It's great competition in a fun and challenging motor sport run at legal speeds on public roads. Not a race, our rallies are precision driving competitions. The March rally is on country roads in Marion and Clackamas County, ending at Bella Vita Pizzeria in beautiful Molalla. I hope you'll join us.

Best,

Roger Dilts
Series Director

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This will allow us to check in at the Surftides Oceanfront Motel around 3pm. You can enjoy a long beach walk or their pool prior to Happy Hour and dinner at a yet to be determined restaurant.

I only blocked 10 rooms, as I have to 'guarantee' 80%. Hence, I would suggest if you are leaning towards going, call and make your reservations NOW and cancel if you can not go. If we blow through the room guarantee, you still should be able to get a room there, or at a nearby motel.

WARNING: The first 7 motels I called were ALREADY COMPLETELY FULL for the weekend of Oct. 6 and I called in mid-January! Snooze, lose.

Please drop me a note if you sign up. I can give the restaurants a head's up.

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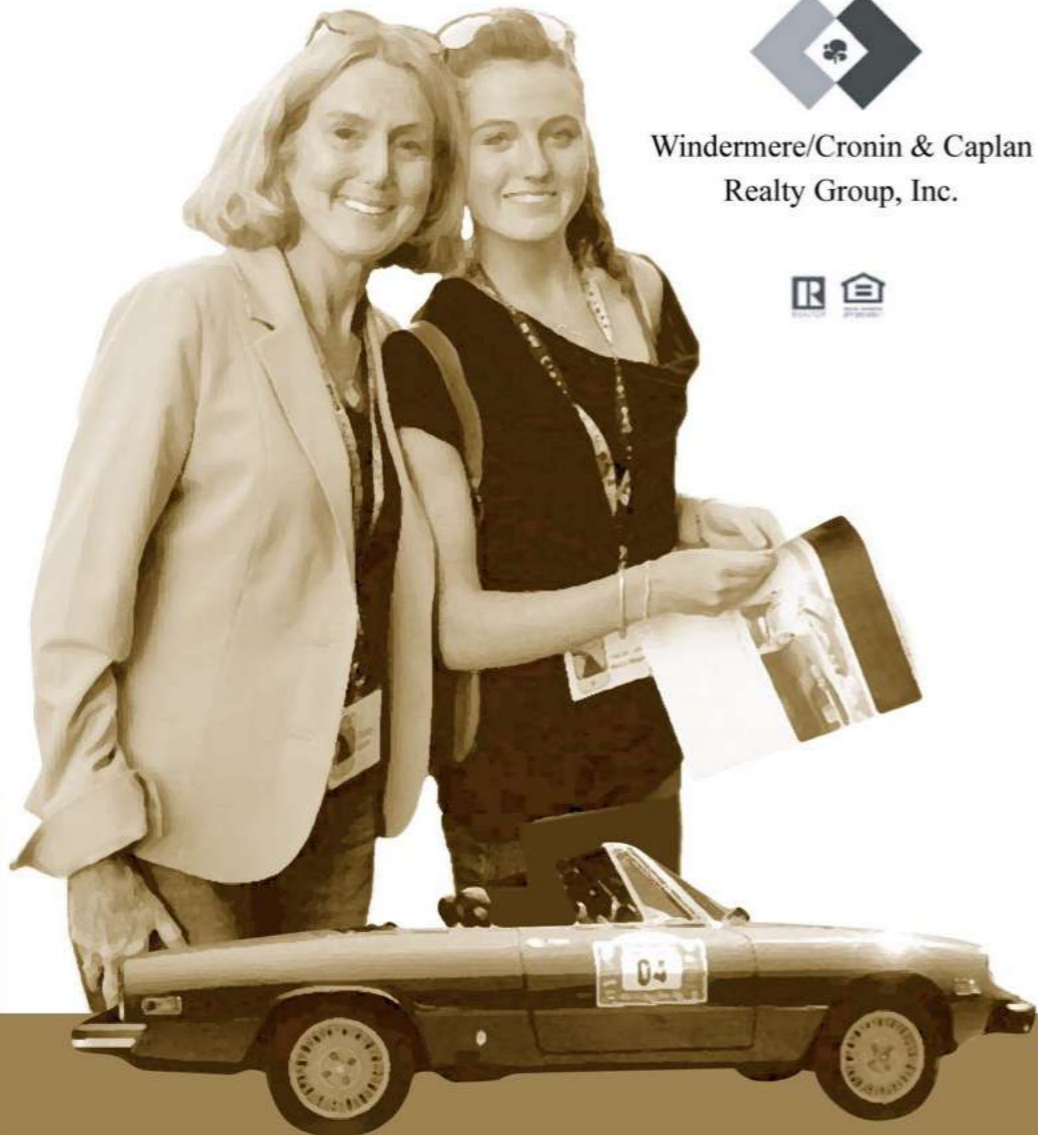
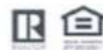
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For the next few issues of the Bits I will be publishing a series of technical bulletins titled "Hooligan's Archive", provided by Bill Gillham

Hooligan's Archive

Restoring cars to the current expected standard requires a lot of good, accurate information, unfortunately some of that information is fairly hard to come by. Useable copies of Parts Books, Owners Manuals and original Service Manuals are an absolute must. Enthusiast groups on the internet are useful also, but you must be selective some information out there is not always correct. Some enthusiast publications are accurate some are less so.

Alfa Factory technical bulletins are rare treasures of very pointed and accurate information. Which is why I got so excited when Larry Marks loaned me the factory Information Folios that came with his SS when he got it 40+ years ago. They date from the early to mid 1960s, just the era I am interested in.

I have added the copies of the choicest bits to my collection. It is my intention to share them as I can. Please enjoy these special tidbits from Larry's special collection.

Bill Gillham

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In case the order is placed to our Spare Parts Department, just quote the number as found in the enclosed table.

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Summer Tour — August 23–26, 2018



What a view!

Those that have been on one of my tours already know I try to incorporate at least one or two ‘New to AROO’ roads on my tours, which is a challenge in light of the number of tours AROO has done over the past 50 years! I think I have found a couple on this tour...at least we have not been on them recently so they may seem ‘new’ even if they are not.

Another thing I have enjoyed is incorporating interesting places to see along the tour. How many of us whiz by a sign to a landmark and say to ourselves “I wonder what that is?” We will be stopping at a few of these sites over the 4-day tour.

We will depart from Meinig Memorial Park in Sandy at 8:30 AM on our way to John Day. Our first ‘interesting’ stop will be the Museum at Warm Springs. I cannot tell you how many times I have blown by here without stopping! I did

some research online and it has rave reviews. Flush toilets are a bonus as well!

After having lunch in Prineville, rather than taking the customary Hwy 26 through Mitchell and the John Day Riverbeds, we will head SE onto “new to me” OR 360 Paulina Hwy through the metropolis of Post and stopping at Paulina County Store in Paulina for an ice cream and/or soda. Thereafter, we continue east on Paulina-Suplee Hwy before reaching our destination. We are staying at the Best Western with has an outside pool that will be appreciated after a potentially warm drive. Dinner will be at Snaffle Bit, home to some outstanding steaks (other stuff as well).



One of many Exhibits at Warm Springs Museum

Friday our destination is Lakeview. If one is willing to take the less direct route, there are some interesting things (other than sage brush) to see along the way including the Malheur Bird Refuge, the French Glen Hotel (an old stage coach stop), and Fields Station, home of some of the best milkshakes and burgers in the world! We have eaten here

before and they are really good! Being the dead of summer, there will not

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A hopping afternoon in Paulina. State Park

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Imagine the stagecoach arriving.

be much to see at the refuge but we will take in French Glen and have lunch in Fields. After a day of fast, straight roads, a nice pool awaits our arrival at the Best Western.

Saturday will be a really scenic drive. Hwy 31 past Summer Lake is a great road. It will lead us to Fort Rock, a very cool crater that really looks like a big fort. We will learn a little about the history of the area during a visit to the Fort Rock Museum. After lunch in La Pine, we will drive the High Cascades Highway into Bend. Lodging will be at My Place, a newer hotel the Old Mill District. Dinner will be at HOLA, a Peruvian restaurant we can walk to. Their menu really looks good!

Sunday you are welcome to join us as we work our way home. We will once again drive the High Cascade Highway *south* so as to enjoy the mountain and lake views from a different direction, then head west on Hwy 58, stopping at Salt Creek Falls for a

short break before arriving at Plank Town Tavern in Springfield for lunch which will be the end of the tour.

I encourage you to make your hotel reservations EARLY, especially in Bend. Multiple hotels and resorts I contacted in the middle of *January* were already full!

Please shoot me an email letting me know you are coming. I need to give the lunch and dinner houses an idea of how many are coming.

Questions? Give me a call or e-mail me. Tom McGirr, 503-983-3656, tomsredalfa@gmail.com



I 'discovered' this place planning a tour several years ago. I will not tell you how many times I had blown by.



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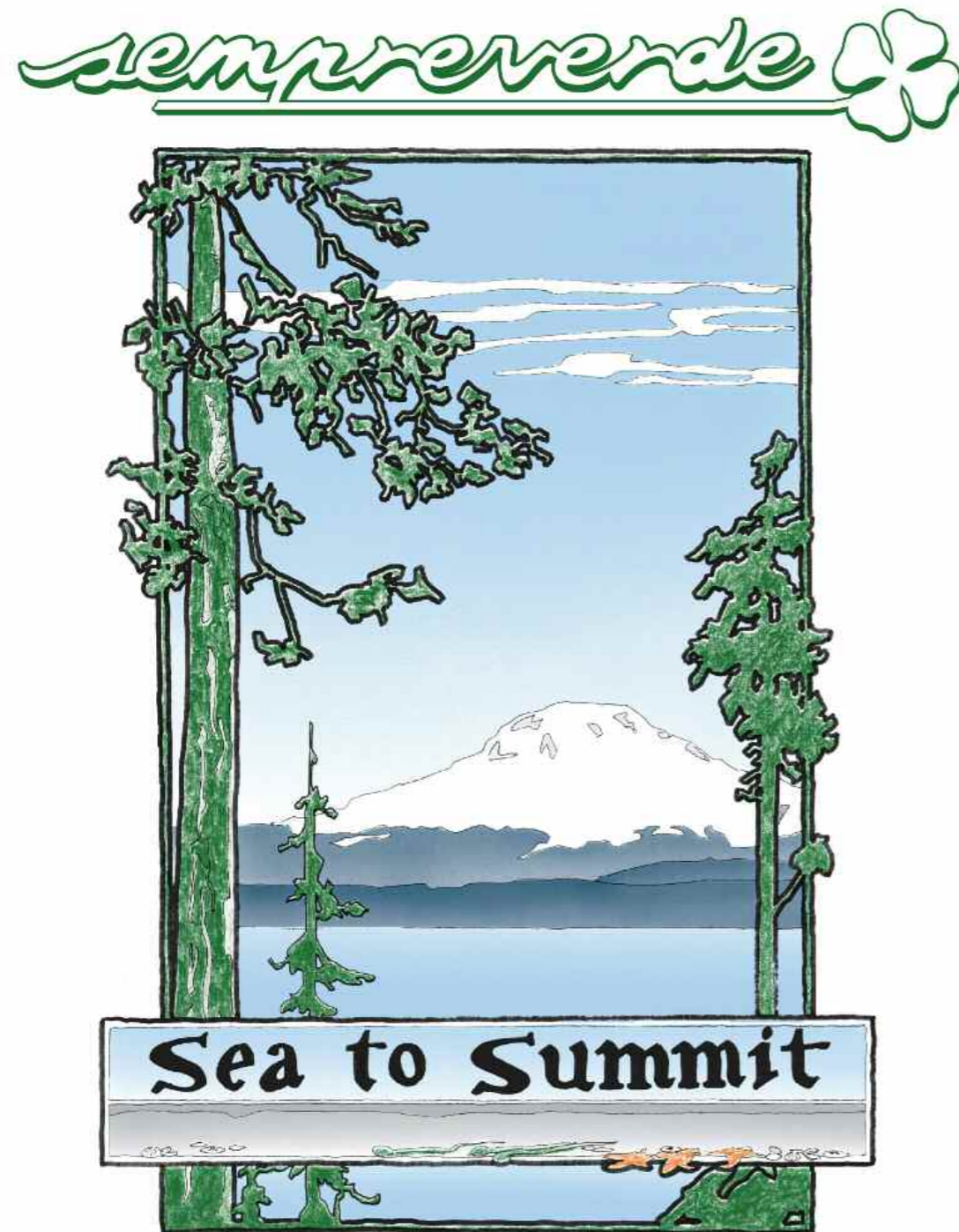
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2018 Alfa Wannabe Tour — June 16–23, 2018



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.

<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.





Monte Shelton N.W. Classic Motor Rally
P.O. Box 6504
Portland, OR 97228

January 27, 2018

To: All Rally Enthusiasts

Re: N.W. Classic Update

Welcome to 2018 and the 30th edition of this automobile celebration. We are especially pleased that the rally has remained on the radar of so many of you that support it from year to year. We plan to present a few new roads and sights for your weekend. At the same time we hope to challenge all of the drivers and navigators to utilize their skills in order to attain the lowest scores. We have not been to this area since 2002 so most of the route should be fresh. Bob Hui is our Rally Master again this year and he has already prepared the general route. The last time we ran the Eugene area we had the same gentleman writing the instructions and we expect he will be as easy on us as he was 16 years ago. Did I really say easy?

We will be staying at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. The hotel information is on the attached application or is available on the website www.nwclassicrally.org. The rooms are \$139.00 for most areas in the hotel. Rooms with pool view are \$149.00 and river view rooms are \$169.00. All rooms are plus tax with a two-night minimum. The reservation line is 1-800-543-8266 or 1-541-743-1000. There is dedicated parking next to our event rooms and we will have security on site provided by the hotel. Hotel date is July 27 and 28, 2018.

As most of you are aware the usual starting facility on Alder St. will no longer be available due to construction in downtown Portland. All registration, assembly and the rally start will be presented at the World of Speed in Wilsonville. The W.O.S. facility has been our speedometer check and restart location for the last two years.

The availability of this venue for the rally will be a great benefit for us. It provides a large and organized parking area during scrutineering and meetings. We will also have a nice area for a driver's school. We wish to thank the World of Speed for their support as well as Dave Pearson and Ron Huegli for their individual help in providing this facility for our use.

We have attached a current list of entrants and are looking for about twenty more rally cars and 10 additional tour cars. That

addition should make a great field for this special year. We will have press coverage from our friend Richard Heseltine and digital recording devices (yes-cameras) to follow you around during the weekend.

We hope you will all practice your smiles and avoid the occasional forehead wrinkle. As many of our entrants are also sponsors of the rally we will be contacting each of you again in the next two weeks to see if we can secure your endorsements. We appreciate the support received from so many of you and your businesses. Without your support the N.W. Classic Rally would not be the success that you expect and are accustomed to.

It's time to start working on your rally cars as we have about 6 months until rally time. We look forward to seeing you all again and if you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail me. Thanks for your continued support.

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DAY 1 – Thursday, Oct. 18

Check into the Downtown Austin Sheraton Hotel by 2:00pm. Our private coach whisks us out for our first look at the ‘state of the art’ COTA circuit. At 4:00pm, we take a Pit Walk, meet the teams, drivers and a fantastic opportunity to get those prized photographs. Then it’s back to the City Center for a ‘Welcome Dinner’ where we are joined by a celebrity guest.

DAY 2 – Friday, Oct. 19

This morning at leisure in Austin, then at 12 Noon, it’s back to the circuit for the afternoon Formula 1 Practice Session, our first look at the Sauber Alfa Romeo team in action. Our seating offers a choice at either Turn 1 or Turn 15, two great viewing opportunities. This evening we are planning cocktail and canapés with fellow Alfistis, the location is yet to be announced.

DAY 3 – Saturday, Oct. 20

An early start this morning. It’s Qualifying today, and while there is plenty of racing going on during the day, nothing will come close to the always exciting Qualifying round. After the days racing, there’s a Concert at the track.

Headliners have yet to be announced. Past years have seen Justin Timberlake and Taylor Swift. You may prefer to return to the city center and enjoy a meal at a myriad of



restaurants or get involved with a country music venue Austin is famous for.

DAY 4 – Sunday, Oct 21

The big day! This morning we head out to the track. Plenty of time to get involved with the pre-race build up. Check out the track vendors and take in the excitement. As race time gets closer, so does the intensity. The anthem, the jet fly by and the engines roar to life. They’re off! Whether it’s your first F1 or one hundredth this is a moment you never forget. Following the race and celebrations, we return to the hotel for a no host Happy Hour.

DAY 5 – Monday, Oct 22

It’s departure day. Check out is 12 Noon. We’ll be there to see everyone off. Our first trip to the USGP has come to an end.

WHAT’S INCLUDED? 4 nights at the Downtown Sheraton Hilton including Buffet Breakfasts and complimentary Wi-Fi; welcome dinner; three days private coach transportation to and from track; evening cocktails and canapés with fellow Alfisti; final night post-race no host gathering; two free concerts at the track; Thursday pit walk; three days prime seating in Turn 1 or Turn 15

(see seating options below); AROC jacket and cap accompanied by AROC President Cindy Banzer and tour organizer Steve Austin, all tips and taxes.

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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.



For Sale \$14,000 OBO

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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For Sale 1992 Alfa Romeo 164S

\$2500 OBO - 1992 Alfa Romeo 164S

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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.

CARFAX IS INCLUDED IN PHOTO SECTION

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

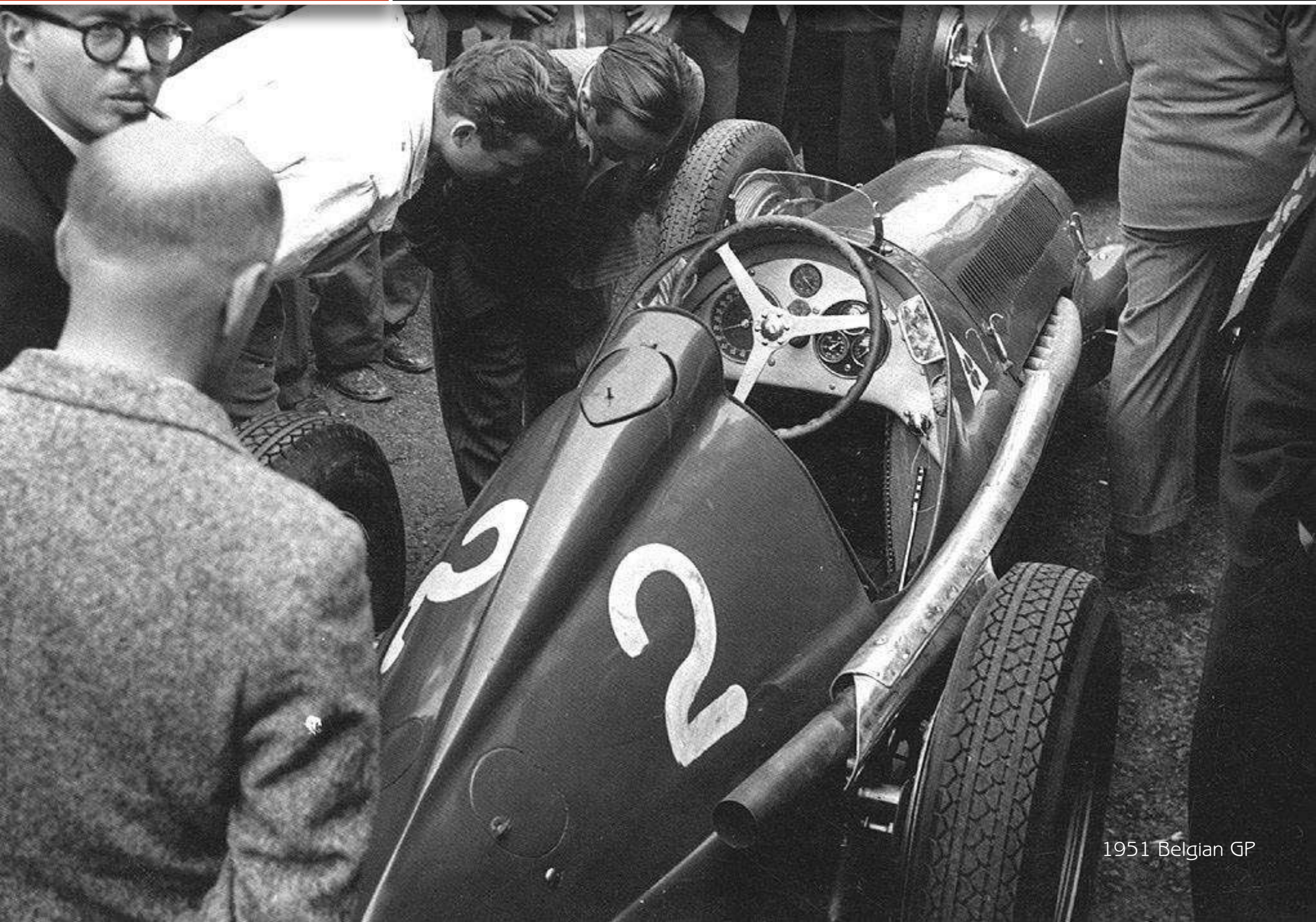
All service records available and total approximately \$8000.00 in the last year.

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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1951 Belgian GP