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THE SMALL PRINT



Greetings Everyone!

Have you ever tried to get your house painted in the early spring? Not an easy task. Ask me how I know. The way the weather has been cooperating it gives one pause-for-thought — but I know by the time the Old Spider Tour comes around we will have perfect weather.

I'm starting a new series in this issue called "Alfa in the News" (see page 5). I have gathered bits of news from different sources about Alfa that I think might be of interest. Please feel free to send me links from websites that have interesting news about Alfa's new or old.

Also in this issue is a new page dedicated to AROC and what's going on with the Home base; written by Cindy Banzer, AROC president and AROO treasure. See page 13 & 14. Thank you Cindy.

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

Cheers,

George Kraus
Bits Editor

ALFA BITS

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

We welcome submissions of topical editorial material, and non-commercial buy-sell-trade Alfa-related ads are free for members. Contact the editor for details, or better yet, just send your ad and we'll let you know if there's a problem. We also welcome paid advertising. Contact the Advertising Manager for details.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

I am always looking for content to fill these pages and encourage you to participate by submitting articles, photos, want-ads and paid advertising. Your content contributions and paid advertising will greatly improve and sustain the club.

ABOUT AROO

In the late 1950s, two Giulietta Spider Veloce's came to Portland. They were featured on a local TV show to promote a sports car race

which they dominated, winning converts in the growing sports car scene. As interest and knowledge of Alfas grew, Alfa fans — known as "Alfisti" — began to gather at Rambo Motors, the new Alfa dealer in Portland, which trained mechanics and supported a racing team. In the early 1960s, Bob Rinde, Rambo's sales manager, joined the national Alfa Romeo Owners Club and others followed. By October 1968 there was enough local interest for Bob McGill to apply to start a chapter, making AROO the sixth AROC-US chapter.

AROO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Although located in Oregon, AROO welcomes members from the Pacific Northwest and around the world. For the latest information check out our **website** page for events and published newsletters. The monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at **The Old Spaghetti Factory**, 0715 SW Bancroft St., Portland, OR, 503-222-5375. June, July and August are evening tours. Check the newsletter for details.

Driver's Seat

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In The Drivers Seat— April 2018 – Doug Zaitz



- yes, that's not an Alfa, but a dependable German car (John Clemson's)!

So begins what appears to be

a very busy Spring and Summer!

In five week's time I will be nine time zones to the East, enjoying *espressi* and *limoncelli*, and a whole host of other delectable things in Italy. Yes, it's time to make that annual pilgrimage to the land of our cars. I will be attending this year's **AROC Goes to Italy** tour, coordinated by Oregon's own Steve Austin's Great Vacations.

This is AROC's second annual tour to Italy, and it is proving to be another hit out of the ballpark! We will be visiting Brescia for the departure of the Mille Miglia cars and will have access to the MM Museum at that time. We will have the opportunity to visit the incredible Righini Collection, of which you should be familiar with by now – more photos and stories to come.

We will spend several nights at renovated Fiat factory at Lingotto – the one with the proving track on the roof – as it is now redeveloped as hotel, restaurants, theaters and shopping. No visit to Torino should miss the National Automobile Museum, perhaps one of the best curated displays of cars and culture in the world. I plan to share highlights of the tour and my visit at a future AROO dinner meeting.

As a note, the AROC Goes to Italy tour has two openings recently made available – should you and a significant other want to go on a fantastic tour with a pleasant mix of both car and non-car activities, please contact me ASAP! The tour departs from Milano on Monday, May 14th at noon, and returns at noon on Wednesday, May 23rd.

I would like to thank John Clemson for coordinating last month's visit and tour to the Hot Rod Dreamworks shop in Canby. We were warmly greeted by the owner and his son, and were given a detailed tour of their shop facilities. It was fascinating to see the various restoration activities of a serious shop, one that knows what to do and how to do it. And lunch wasn't bad either!

Don't miss out on 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.

Plan to attend the annual AROO Swap Meet and Garage Tour on Saturday, May 12th. This year's event will be hosted by our own Keith Martin of Sports Car Market fame. Keith will be opening up the garage facilities at the World Headquarters of SCM (details on a subsequent page) for a view of his 105-series cars, and an opportunity to buy and sell our parts and paraphernalia. Tom Burnett is coordinating this event; please contact him with

your questions. AROO, as usual, will be providing some food and beverage at the event as well. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 12th.

The Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Motorcar Rally is making its 30th debut at the end of July. There are only a few remaining spots open in both the rally and the tour. Please visit http://www.nwclassicmotorcarrally.org for complete details and contact information.

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).

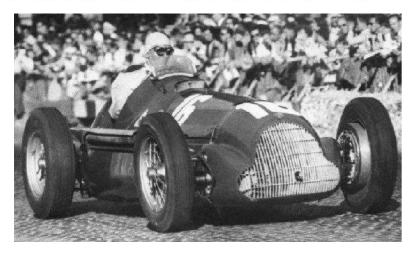
This month's General Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, April 18th at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the river in Portland. We continue our membership meeting programs this month with a presentation by Lisa McNabb and Roger Dilts, who will give presentation on the upcoming AROO 50th Anniversary Celebration, featuring Tours, Dinners, and a Concorso over June 7-10. This is a very special event for us, and we'd love to have you join in the fun and excitement!

Visit http://www.alfaclub.org/Activities_files/AROO_50th.html for more information and registration form.

Please join us on Wednesday the 18th for an evening of friends, good food and wine – we hope to see you there!

ALFA NEWS

Alfa in the news—



Picture taken in 1952 on the Bern race track of Italian driver Giuseppe Farina driving his Alfa Romeo. Farina was the first Formula One World champion in 1951. (AFP/AFP)

Formula One

Alfa Romeo are returning to Formula One after a 30 year absence as backers of Sauber next year, the iconic Italian marque announced on Wednesday. The Ferrari-powered team will be known as Alfa Romeo Sauber.

Ferrari chairman Sergio Marchionne, CEO of the Milan-based manufacturer's company Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, said in a statement that Alfa was "determined to begin writing an exciting new chapter in its unique, legendary sporting history". Pascal Picci, Chairman of Swiss-based Sauber Holding AG, added: "We are very pleased to welcome Alfa Romeo to the Sauber F1 Team. "Alfa Romeo has a long history of success in

Grand Prix racing, and we are very proud that this internationally renowned company has chosen to work with us for its return to the pinnacle of motorsport."

Alfa Romeo won the inaugural F1 championship with Nino Farina in 1950, and followed up with legendary Argentinian Juan Manuel Fangio winning the 1951 title. They then served as engine supplier for several teams from 1961 until 1979, before returning with a works team from 1979 to 1985, when they pulled out of F1. Sauber have yet to finalise their drivers line-up for next season, with Ferrari's junior drivers Charles Leclerc and Antonio Giovinazzi believed to be in the frame to replace Marcus Ericsson and Pascal Wehrlein.

Source http://www.alfaromeo.com/alfa-romeo-world/

Fastest SUV at Nurburgring



Stelvio Quadrifoglio: The Title of World's Fastest SUV at The Nürburgring Track.

A benchmark lap time at the legendary Nürburgring track has earned Alfa Romeo's Stelvio Quadrifoglio the title of the world's fastest production SUV and set a new record for the category. It is another spectacular milestone in the Quadrifoglio racing tradition and the history of Alfa Romeo. Stelvio Quadrifoglio lapped the Nürburgring in a record breaking 7 minutes 51.7 seconds, thereby beating the previous production SUV record by a full eight seconds.

An outstanding achievement made possible by the advanced technology at the heart of this ultra-high performance SUV: a 510hp direct-injection, 2.9-liter 24-valve, Twin-Turbo intercooled V6 engine was, for the first time, paired with the innovative Q4 all-wheel-drive system and differential torque vectoring. Above all, though, this is a record that owes its success to the authentic spirit of Alfa Romeo imbuing the very first SUV in the Brand's history: a mix of true Italian passion, craftsmanship and innovation.

Alfa Romeo now holds two Nürburgring lap time records: the first with Giulia Quadrifoglio (fastest four-door production car) and now with Stelvio Quadrifoglio (fastest production SUV) – both of which were established by driver Fabio Francia.

Alfa Romeo 4C

The <u>Alfa Romeo 4C</u> will get a significant refresh for 2019, according to a new report from *Autocar*. The carbon fiber-intensive sports car will receive revised suspension and steering, and might even get a new engine. But sadly, no manual transmission is in the cards.

Roberto Fedeli, chief engineer for <u>Alfa Romeo</u> and <u>Maserati</u>, confirmed the refreshed 4C at the launch of the <u>Alfa Romeo Stelvio</u> Quadrifoglio. The updated car could debut in fall 2018 and go on sale in early 2019.

But if you were holding out for a manual gearbox option, you're out of luck. Fedeli says there are no plans to introduce manual transmissions on any future high-performance Alfa Romeo, Maserati, or Ferrari models. convertible, and ultimately just two customers ordered their cars with the row-your-own option.

Source: Autocar

MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AROO BoB March Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Buster's BBQ (the back room)

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

Present: Doug Zaitz, Chris Bright, Sue Halton, Jerry Lomas, Jim Gunter,

Mark Carpenter, Tom Burnett, Jeff Tunick and Bob Stevens.

Present via Zoom: Cindy Banzer Excused absences: John Clemson

President Doug Zaitz opened the meeting at 7:08 PM.

- 1. Minutes (Sue Halton): Chris Bright moved to approve the Minutes of the February meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.
- 2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer): Cindy emailed the P & L for January and February.
 - A. Glen sold the second of the two jackets for a total of \$341.03.
 - B. Cindy reminded members that since we no longer have a fund raiser, we need to make all club events revenue neutral.
 - C. Discussion followed on how to make the most expensive annual events, the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and the Wine Tour, revenue neutral.
- 3. Post Office Box
 - A. Very little mail comes to the Post Office Box.

MOTION: Mark Carpenter moved to get rid of the Post Office Box. The motion was seconded and passed.

Past Event Reports

- 1. Valentine's Day Tour (Bob Stevens) was very successful.
 - **A.** February General Meeting (Allen Stevens, Forest Grove Concours) went well in spite of snowy weather. Chris Bright handled Old Spaghetti Factory's wish to receive a single payment for food.

Upcoming Events

- 1. March 10, 2018: Rally School (Roger Dilts).
- 2. March 12, 2018 deadline for AlfaBits March issue.
- 3. March 14, 2018 General Membership Meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory: (Sandy Bauer representing the Pirelli World Challenge and Rose Cup Races).

- A. Attendees should bring about \$18 cash for each dinner.
- B. The Restaurant will take credit cards for alcohol.
- 4. April 18, 2018 General Membership Meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Members should be encouraged to bring cash (about \$18 per meal) to pay for dinners.
- 5. Bring your own picnic lunch
 - A. Club will provide a birthday cake.
- 7. Weekend of July 15, 2018
 - A. Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance (Allen Stephens)
 - a. Since Alfa Romeo will be featured, we encourage members to park their Alfas in the Corral.
 - b. The Tour costs \$120 per car. This includes luncheon at a winery for two people.
 - c. Several AROO members are expected to be Judges.
 - B. The Pirelli World Challenge and the Rose Cup Races are the same weekend as Forest Grove.
 - C. The Summer Picnic was previously scheduled for this weekend. We will attempt to move it to another date.

Liaison Reports

- 1. Membership Report (Bob Stevens) is at 179 members. We have 3 new members.
- 2. Merchandise Report ((Jerry Lomas)
 - A.Jerry brought examples of duffle bags, fleece blankets, and umbrellas along with script to be embroidered on the blankets. All will have AROO decals or appliquéd script.
 - B.Doug volunteered to add a Merchandise page to the website.
- 3. Competition & Track Events Report (Mark Carpenter).
- 4. Advertising Report: Jeff Tunick resigned as Chair of the Advertising Committee.
- 5.AROC Liaison (Cindy Banzer)
 - A. AROC will have a booth at Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, February 2018.

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MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AROO BoB March Meeting Minutes

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Cindy and Doug will attend.

- A.AROC Goes to Italy 2018 is scheduled for May. AROC goes to Italy 2019 is almost sold out. Cindy and Doug are going both years.
- B.AROC will have a presence at the US Gran Prie at Circuit of the Americas, October 18-22, 2018, in Austin, Texas. The cost is \$2500 double occupancy, plus airfare.
- 6. The Website is up to date.
- 7. Northwest Classic Rally (Jim Guntner)
 - A.Rally Meeting Tuesday, March 4, 2018.
 - B.Currently 88 cars, 63 Rally cars and 25 Tour cars.
 - C.Only 58 hotel rooms out of 112 rooms reserved so far.
 - D.Lunch stops are set.
 - a. One has a covered lunch area, may need a tent for the second area.
 - E.Restroom Breaks One is set, one is pending. May need to put in a Port-a-Potty.
 - F.Advertising is OK so far. Doug will update Advertisers on web site as confirmed.

The Board temporarily adjourned in order to hold a brief Executive Session.

President Doug Zaitz reopened the Board Meeting at 8:52 PM.

MOTION: The motion presented in the Executive Session was seconded and passed.

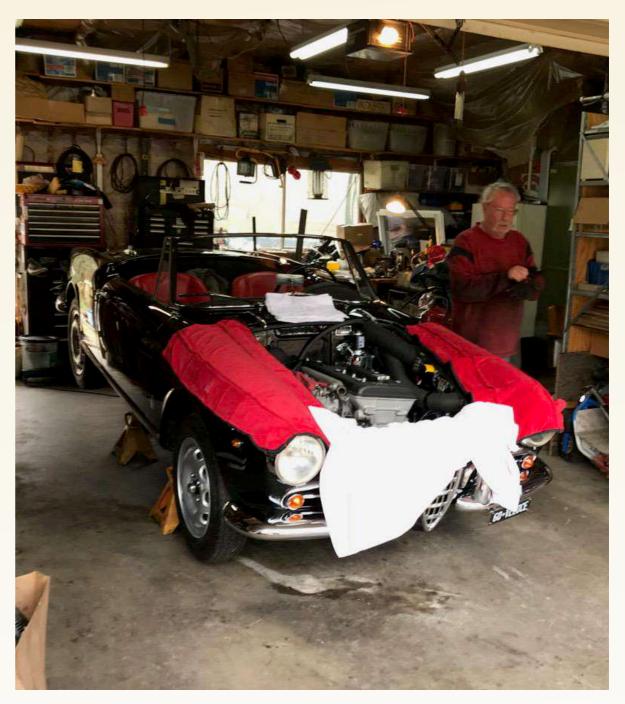
Announcements

1.Doug announced that Bill Gillham is willing to keep the trailer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Sue Halton

Secretary



My motor pull. Photo G. Kraus

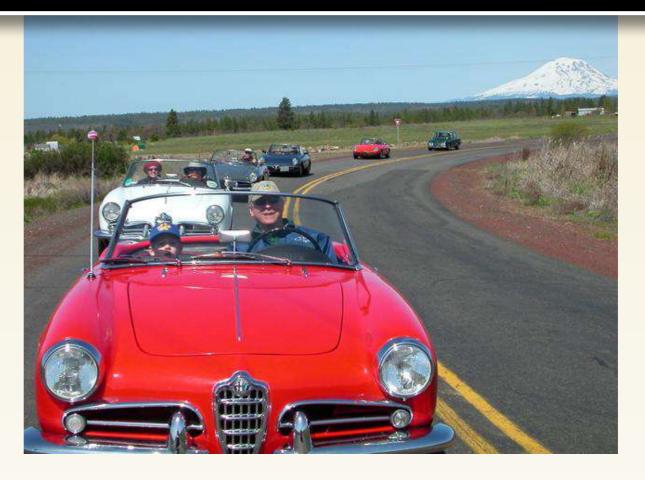




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AROO 2018 OLD SPIDER TOUR

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 (<u>any vintage or type</u>), but especially encourage <u>all AROO's Old Spiders (pre 1965)</u> 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.



50 YEAR AROO ANNIVERSARY

AROO Celebrates its 50th Anniversary!

Yes, 50 years ago the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon first rolled off the line. It's been a long road and we should celebrate our arrival at this significant mileage. We've planned a number of events where you can do just that. Please join us for any or all of the following:

- Thursday, June 7: Meet and Greet. Register, pick up your packet and goody bag (including dash plaques and wine glasses) and share some pizza with friends. Ron Tonkin Alfa Romeo from 5 to 8 pm. Included in the registration.
- Friday June 8: Choose from either of two all-day tours that remind you why you love your Alfa and living in Oregon... one to the coast and one in the mountains. Start locations are still being set, but time will be 9 am. Cost is \$10 per car
- **Friday June 8**: Join us at the World of Speed Museum, 27490 SW 95th Avenue, Wilsonville, for an informal gathering sponsored by Columbia Roofing & Sheet Metal from 6 to 8 pm. Cost is only \$8 per person.
- **Saturday June 9**: Tom McGirr has created a Valley and Waterfalls tour for your enjoyment. Start is at 8:30 at a location to be determined. \$10 per car, including park entry fee.
- Saturday June 9: This year's AROO Picnic and wine tour is being incorporated into the AROO50 celebration. Join Russ and Carol Paine at their home for coffee and treats before heading out to Arborbrook Winery for a tasting. Finish up at Agrivino in Carlton for lunch... Russ says it's as close to Italy as you can get without a long plane flight. Cost is \$25 per person and includes the light breakfast, tasting fees and a complete Italian lunch. Limited to the first 40 people.
- Saturday, June 9: Our main event is a banquet at McMenamin's Old Church & Pub, 30340 SW Boones Ferry Rd, Wilsonville. Hosted by emcee Keith Martin, be prepared to hear and share stories of the old and maybe not so old days. Cost is \$30 per person.
- **Sunday, June 10**: Wrap it all up with the AROO50 Concours held on the green at 16060 SW 85th in Tigard, beginning at 8 am with a light breakfast. Competition, awards, people's choice...all that. Breakfast and entry is included in your registration; showing a car is only \$5 each.

And what would a milestone like this be without souvenirs? We have a variety of apparel, all with a Gillham-designed logo, available for purchase. Pictures,

descriptions and photos are on the back of the registration form.

Registration is \$20 per family (up to four) and includes entry to the Meet & Greet and Concours. All other events are as priced above. You must register for AROO50 to participate in any of the events. To register and purchase apparel items, go to our website <u>CLICK HERE FOR 50TH ACTIVIES</u> and print out the form. Fill it out and mail it in with your check to AROO50, 8118 SW 10th Ave. Portland, OR 97219. You must register by May 16.

Lisa McNabb and Roger Dilts Co-chairs



Registration form and apparel continued next page.

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Pullover, Ladies' 1/2 zip, 100% polyester micro-fleece, thumbholes, light royal blue embroidered logo on front	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$28	\$29	\$29
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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING



General Meeting The Old Spaghetti Factory



Join us on April 18th, 2018 at 0715 SW Bancroft St Portland, OR 97239

This month's program will be a presentation on the upcoming AROO 50th Anniversary Celebration, sponsored by AROO and coordinated by Lisa McNabb and Roger Dilts – thank you both! Come and hear the details to make your plans for an exciting four day event!

Please bring cash for your meal, we will have cash to break larger bills. Meal choice is Lasagna, Chicken Marsala or Marina Spaghetti (non-meat), each with tip is \$18-20. You are able to run a beverage tab separately. Meet at 6:30 pm, Dinner served at 7:00 pm, Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

AROC — REPORT

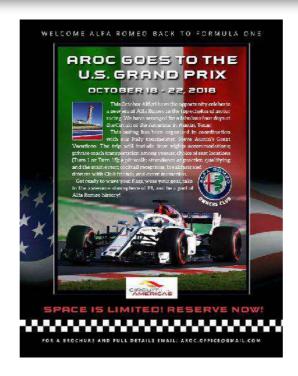
It" Spring — Let's Go Racing



Cindy Banzer, AROC President

And by racing,

I mean let's go to Austin to cheer on Alfa Romeo in their return to Formula One Grand Prix racing. Now that I have your attention, the winter doldrums may have affected us all, but the calendar says it's time for the AROC Spring Break Update, even if some parts of the country are still wearing woolies.



AROC Goes to the U.S. Grand Prix, October 18-22, 2018 – Our amazing tourmeister, Steve Austin, has assembled a Knock Your Socks Off four-day immersion in F1 racing at Circuit of the Americas, Austin, Texas. The package includes accommodations, Grand Prix tickets on Turn 1 or Turn 15, a pit walk to visit with the Sauber team, and much, much more. As a participant, you receive an exclusive AROC jacket, signifying that you are an inaugural celebrant of Alfa Romeo's return F1. Space is extremely limited with a few spots remaining. Reserve now! For full details, email aroc.office@gmail.com and copy me, c.banzer@aroc-usa.org. It will be an event to remember –don't be left out!

AROC Goes to Italy 2018 is nearing its take-off time. If joining your fellow Alfa owners on this amazing adventure intrigues you, send a note to Barb Clark, aroc.office@gmail.com, to be put on the 2019 waiting list.

Sempreverde Sea to Summit, the 2018 AROC National Convention, hosted by our NWARC chapter, will be centered in Olympia, Washington, August 8-12. Halfway between Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon, the location offers you the opportunity to see the Pacific Northwest while enjoying your Alfisti friends. Garth Stein, author of the renown book, Art of Racing in The Rain, is the keynote speaker. Register today at www.sempreverde2018.org.

AROC Goes to Concorso Italiano 2018 – AROC will be back at Concorso Italiano this August during the Monterey Car Week marathon of events. Watch for details!

d'Elegance 2018 was a roaring success. Upwards of 200 Alfisti showed up from all over the country and Canada. Heartfelt thanks go to Delmas and Polly Greene who left no stone unturned to assure an outstanding weekend for all. In addition to hosting a memorable evening reception, they kept on top of all events, punted when the pending weather collapsed the weekend into one day, keeping us going in the same direction. AROC Board Members Mike Bange and Doug Zaitz were superb coordinators to staff the AROC booth site at the Concours, with able assistance from Jim Barrett and Joanne Hagadorn. AROC will be back in 2019.

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AROC — REPORT

It" Spring — Let's Go Racing

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AROC Mid Year Retreat 2019

- Winter 2018 is barely in the rearview mirror, but plans are already under way to provide AROC members an escape from the severe weather that never fails to blow our way. Mark the weekend of January 11-14, 2019, to join your Alfa friends in Palm Desert, California. As amazing as the 2018 gathering was, 2019 is shaping up to up the ante – FCA is spending a lot of time in Coachella Valley (Palm Springs/Palm Desert) and recently I learned that the secret Porsche testing grounds are nearby. Could it be that Alfa Romeo may be sharing this desert hideaway?!

AROC Honors Outstanding Volunteers -

Dedicated volunteers are the lifeblood of a non-profit organization with AROC being no exception. The Char Sommers Volunteer of the Year Award is given to a person who exemplifies the spirt of volunteerism. Please submit names of members you feel have contributed to the national organization or a local chapter with "remarkable effort and achievement." Although not given every year, the Fred DiMatteo Award is presented to the person who has given "long-term service to AROC and/or the local chapter." Local chapters may suggest worthy nominees. This year's Awards Committee, who make their recommendations to

the AROC Board, are AROC Secretary Mike Bange, David Beach, J. Michael Hemsley and Committee Chair Gordy Hyde. Kindly send nominations by May 1, 2018, to Mr. Hyde, g.hyde@aroc-usa.org.





AROC Merchandise Getting Facelift – Thanks to the talent, skills and willingness of Alfred Fazio and Ed Kennedy, chairing AROC's new Merchandise Team, you will soon be able to acquire an expanded offering of Alfa-logoed merchandise. Updates coming soon!

AROC Club 60 – Time to celebrate AROC turning 60 years old! Plans are underway to offer members the opportunity to join the AROC Club 60. Club induction will be a modest donation of \$60 to commemorate AROC's 60 years of carrying the banner for Alfa Romeo in America. Details soon.

Sharon Spurlin, AROC's New Advertising

Team Member – Join me in welcoming to our clan, Sharon Spurlin, Classic Ads, USA. As we upshift into an exciting, new media mix of web-

based and print advertising, we are delighted to have Sharon propel us to new levels of national advertising for Alfa Owner and the AROC website. Her company, Classic Ads, USA, is a full-service agency providing sales support and creative design for select European classic car-oriented clients. We are thrilled she picked us! Sharon joins our excellent advertising team of John Duncan, Advertising Coordinator, who maintains existing accounts, and Barb Clark, who manages classified advertising. For an updated media kit, contact sharon.spurlin@classicads.us

Dealer Outreach Manager Needed – AROC's aggressive Alfa Romeo Dealer Outreach program offers our services of telling the Alfa Romeo story and presenting the benefits of Club membership to new Alfa buyers. A volunteer is sought to keep in contact with the dealer network and to coordinate with local chapters in working with their dealers. If this challenge intrigues you, send me a note, <u>c.banzer@aroc-usa.org</u>. Help us fill this gap – we need you!

The Bottom Line – rereading my words above, it sounds like AROC is all about having fun while driving an Alfa Romeo. Wait, that's exactly what it is. Our cars bring us together, the people keep us together, and we know how to have a good time! Enjoy the Spring days,

Motor On,

Cindy Banzer, AROC President





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Current Events

ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

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.

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.

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**.

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.

<u>August</u>

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.

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.

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Photo Bill Gillham

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

April Member Anniversaries

Thomas Burnett 4. Years Ian Davis 1. Year Don Dickinson 4. Years Chris and Shirley Finks 1. Year Scott Griebe 26. Years Susan Halton 5. Years Michael James-Long 27. Years 32. Years William King **Jonathan Simons** 1. Year Bob and Jeanne Willis 7. Years

New April Members

Alan Bradway Martha Lawrence Kristopher Olson

Anniversaries and New Member list is prepared each month by Bob Stevens



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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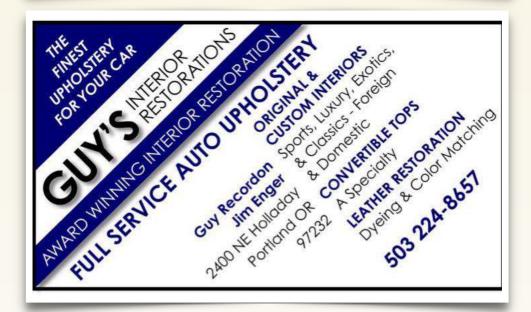
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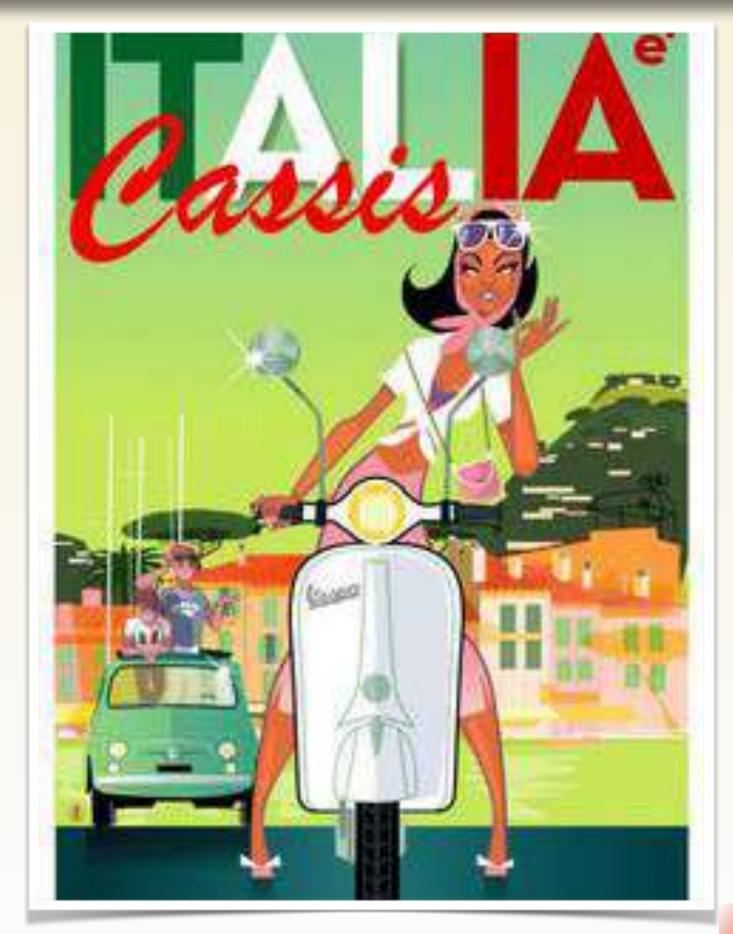
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HOOLIGAN'S ARCHIVE

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

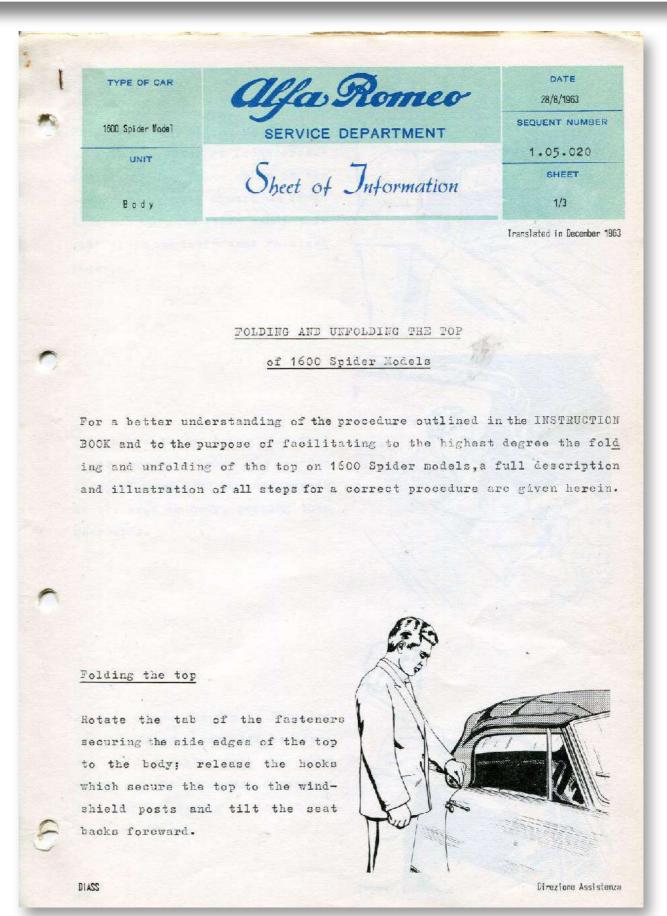
Hooligan's Archive

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



HOOLIGAN'S ARCHIVE

Raise the top slightly with one hand in the center of front cross-member of top frame while at the same time pushing upward the front side arm with the other hand: this will allow the lower arms to disengage.



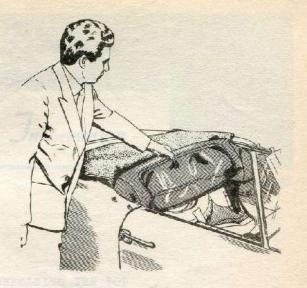
In the event the lower arms fail to disengage, release the anchor clamps, located near the attachments of the arms to body, pushing them rearwards.



At this stage, the top is free and can be lowered into its housing; to avoid damaging both the rear window and the top canvas, disengage the rear bow moving it toward the rear end of car.



Withdraw the protective canvas and lay the rear bows down in such a way as to position the outer face of rear window toward the seat



Press the top into its housing, fasten it with the suitably provided straps and then spread the protective canvas over.



Unfolding the top

To unfold the top, reverse the order of folding procedure.

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2018 AROO CUP RALLY SERIES

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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 <u>aroo.cup.rallies@alfaclub.org</u> before 9 pm Friday the 9th to reserve your spot.

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.

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 Pizzaria in beautiful Molalla. I hope you'll join us. Best,

Roger Dilts
Series Director

2018 SUMMER TOUR

Summer Tour — August 23–26, 2018



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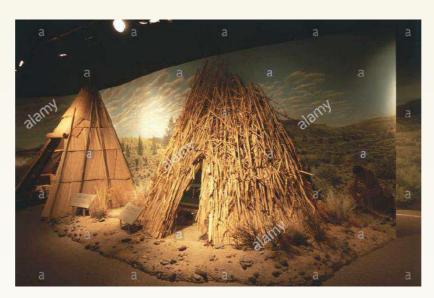
hose that have been on one of my tours already know I try to incorporate at least one or two 'New to AROO' roads on my tours, which is a challenge in light of the number of tours AROO has done over the past 50 years! I think I have found a couple on this tour...at least we have not been on them recently 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



One of many Exhibits at Warm Springs Museum

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).



A hopping afternoon in Paulina. State Park

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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2018 SUMMER TOUR

Summer Tour — August 23–26, 2018

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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 is up in the air but most likely Immersion Brewery in the Old Mill District (we can walk to).

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.

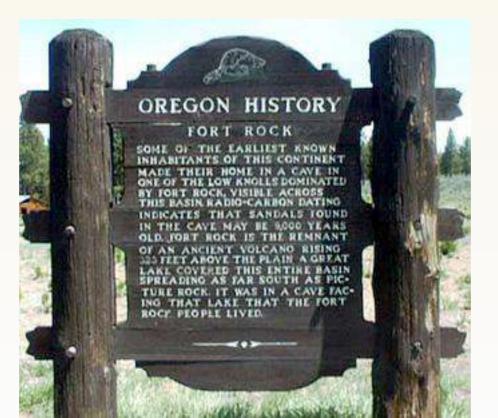
I encourage you to make your hotel reservations EARLY, especially in Bend. Multiple hotels and resorts I contacted in the middle of January were already full!

<u>Please</u> 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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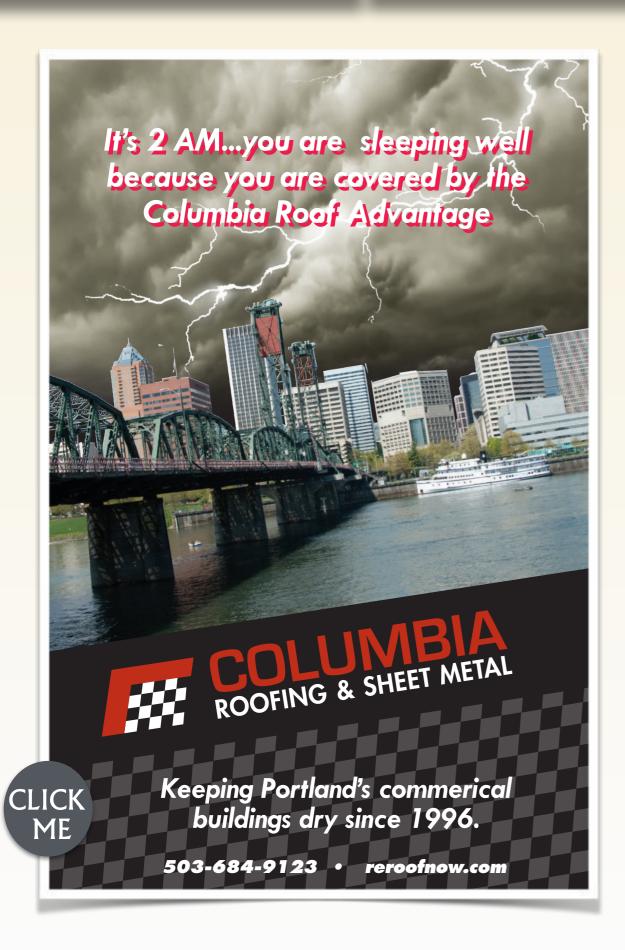
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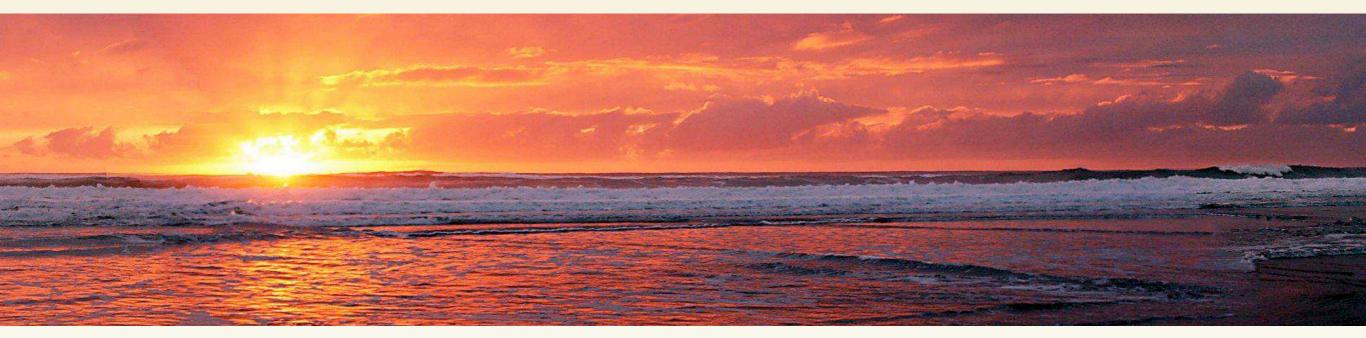
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ANOTHER McGIRR TOUR

Fall Tour to the Beach

October 6-7



The Fall Tour

is planned for the first weekend in October. It will depart from Salem's Waterfront Park at next to the Carousal at 9AM with the destination being Lincoln City with ETA around 1PM.

The tour is designed so it can be done as a *one-day tour or an overnighter*. I have found some cool back roads to the coast beginning with a trip through Buena Vista and a ride across the Ferry of the same name! After crossing into Polk County, we drive many of their designated 'scenic highways' over to Fort Hoskin's State Park. From there, we find some 'new to Tom' roads (a rarity) which take us over Summit Hwy, through Eddyville and Logsden to *Moonshine* County Park (wonder if there is a story there?). We will have a late lunch at the Dory Cove (GREAT fish and chips and I like their chowder WAY more than Mo's). After lunch, folks can tour the local county museum to learn about the local history before check-in or hit the beach early.

We are staying at the Surftides Oceanfront Motel. After check-in, you can enjoy a long beach walk or their pool prior to Happy Hour and dinner which is

planned at Kyllo's Seafood Grill.

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.

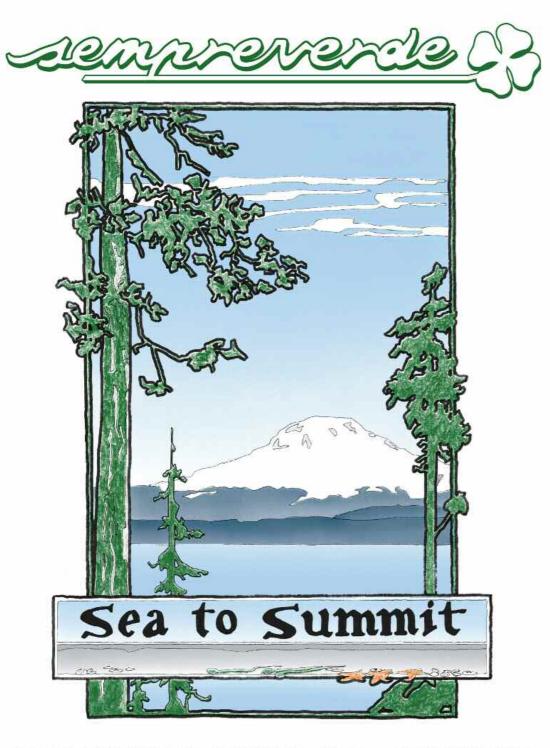
WARNING: The first 7 motels I called were **ALREADY COMPLETELY FULL** for the weekend of Oct. 6 and I called in mid-January! **Snooze, lose**.

There will be an informal tour Sunday back to Salem with some wine tasting at Arcane Winery (very decent wines for a very reasonable price!) and a late lunch at Santiam Brewing (food supplied by Blacksheep Catering next door).

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

Tom McGirr, 503-983-3656 or tomsredafla@gmail.com

SEMPREVERDE 2018



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The Convention will be based at the Hotel RL (Red Lion) in Olympia, Washington.

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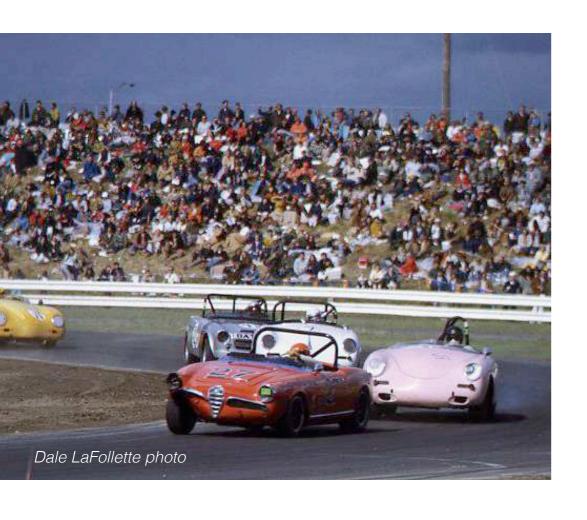
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- (4) Pirelli World Challenge: GT, GTS, TC (2 race groups)
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- Spec Miata Vintage Group

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2018 ALFA WANNABE TOUR

2018 Alfa Wannabe Tour — June 16–23, 2018



Hat Rock State Park

ard 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 ½ 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. *Continued next page*

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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 DRIVNG!

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.



Thank You

NORTHWEST CLASSIC RALLY



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.

Jim Gunter
Chairman
503-701-2980 or nwrally@comcast.net

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2018 FALL TOUR

Fall Tour — August 23–26, 2018



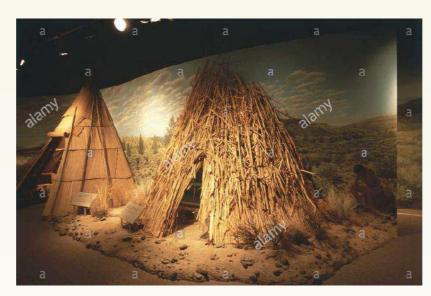
What a view!

hose 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



One of many Exhibits at Warm Springs Museum

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).



A hopping afternoon in Paulina. State Park

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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AROC AT THE US GRAND PRIX

AROC Goes to the US Grand Prix —

October 18-22, 2018

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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 Turn1 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 r



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 postrace 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.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED – Tour starts and ends at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel - your Air arrangements are not included. This is a major international event. Be sure to make your flight bookings early.

TOUR PRICE: \$2,490 based on per person sharing a twin room.

\$950 supplement for double room for single occupant.

P.S. To see the complete flyer, go to this link: http://aroc.membershipsoftware.org//Files/Copy%20of%20USGP%20AROC%20Flyer.pdf or email c.banzer@aroc-usa.org or aroc.office@gmail.com for a Word or PDF flyer.

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For Sale Alfa Romeo Jackets

Alfa Romeo Jackets, Two Dehen Varsity jackets. Both like new. 100% virgin wool body. Genuine cowhide sleeves. Alfa Romeo script on back. Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon (AROO) patch on front. One, with embroidered "Judy", has a cowhide collar. One, embroidered "Davis", has a knit collar. Both are size Medium. All proceeds go to the AROO coffers.

Dehen sells the Varsity jacket for \$575 (Dehen 1920.com).

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

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

BUY AND SELL





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.



For Sale 1982 Spider Veloce SCCA ITB Race-car

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Bernie Mermis,

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Contact me for complete specifications, spares and photos.

The car and trailer are located in Portland.

BUY AND SELL





For Sale 1992 Alfa Romeo 164S

\$2500 OBO - 1992 Alfa Romeo 164S

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

Thanks,

Brian Wolfe 503-313-0750

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

BUY AND SELL









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: https://www.flickr.com/photos/141178297@N06/albums/72157687736682595

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ALFA HISTORY

