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*Smokey Summer Tour
Alan Meyer photo.*

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FROM THE EDITOR

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Sempreverde 2018 – AROC National Convention

Greetings.

I hope you had a chance to participate in Sempreverde 2018 – the AROC National Convention in Olympia, Washington. Good weather prevailed and it looked like there was a record turnout. We had more fun on the Gimmick Rally than we thought we would, though my Giulietta started to heat up a little too much in the in-town leg. At the Concours I managed a score of 101.9 even though they missed seeing my tool kit worth 5 points. Also to be congratulated: Alan Chockie, Bill DeGolia, and Felix Chiu — each scoring at least 95 points with their Giulietta's and Giulia's.

We head indoors this month for our monthly meetings. See page 24 for more information.

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Cheers,

George Kraus

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ABOUT AROO

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

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

AROO MEMBERSHIP LIST

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

In The Driver's Seat— September 2018 — Doug Zaitz



Photo Dave Hammond of Detroit Chapter.

The busiest spring and Summer

So ends perhaps one of the busiest spring and summer seasons AROO's members have experienced in years! We had our usual annual events, such as the Old Spider Tour and Evening tours, followed by AROO's 50th Anniversary party and the 30th Annual Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Motorcar Rally, and finishing with AROO's annual National Convention in Olympia last month. Our last driving event of the season will be the Old Super Tour at the end of September.

For those of you who made the trip up to Olympia for Sempreverde2018 you were treated to an outstanding event. National conventions present a unique opportunity to visit with friends from all over the country, and to see plenty of special cars. We were treated to four unique pre-War cars during the convention: two from David Smith's

collection, and two from Jon Shirley's collection. Both shared their thoughts on collecting vintage cars during a seminar, which was not to be missed.

While I was at the convention, I followed through with my volunteer commitment of Registrar and Webmaster. Never having performed either for a convention, I did not realize how time consuming they would be. While I didn't get to participate in many of the events – spending most of my time at the registration desk – I can affirm that not only do I recall the names of most of the 470 registered attendees, I can remember what many had for their Saturday evening banquet meal... My conscious is clear now for the next five or so years to attend conventions as a participant and not as a coordinator!

AROO's annual Old Super Tour will be Saturday, September 29th. Bill and Marian Gillham will be leading this year's one-day tour to the coast, offering a scenic drive ending with Bill's quest for the best calamari to be found! Details can be found elsewhere in this issue of the AlfaBits, and on the AROO website as well.



Photo Lance Dong of San Diego Chapter



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AROO's annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception is planned for Sunday evening, October 14th. While we are still working out the details, we want to alert and invite all members who volunteered for any AROO activities to this event. This is our annual "thank-you" to all of our unselfish and dedicated volunteers.

While we are still a few months out, be sure to mark your calendars for the annual AROO Holiday Dinner on Sunday evening, December 2nd. We will again be at the Multnomah Athletic Club for an excellent meal and program.

This month's General Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 19th, at the Spaghetti Factory. This month's program will be a slideshow of the 30th Annual Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally with photos from our club photographers Scheyenne Tunick, Kelly Jo Richards and Alessandro Carrara. Please join us early for social hour at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 and program at 7:30 pm.

AROO BoB August Meeting Minutes**Date:** Wednesday, August 1 2018**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:25 pm**Location:** Buster's BBQ (the back room), 11419 SW Pacific Hwy (99W), Tigard, OR 97223**Present:** Doug Zaitz, Chris Bright, Cindy Banzer, Tom Burnett, Mark Carpenter, John Clemson, Jim Gunter, Sue Halton, Jerry Lomas, and Bob Stevens.

Guests: Neil D'Autremont, Roger Dilts.

President Doug Zaitz opened the meeting at 7:25PM.**1. Minutes** (Sue Halton, Secretary) Cindy Banzer moved to approve the Minutes. The Motion was seconded and passed.**2. Treasurer's Report** (Cindy Banzer, Treasurer)

A. Cindy Banzer reported that AROC owes AROO \$1,030 for six months dues split.

B. The cost for the 50th anniversary was \$1420.40 expenses over income, \$3,279.44 have not yet cleared the bank.

C. The Board applauded the great job done by Lisa and Roger!

D. The Board also thanks Columbia Construction and Auto Sports for their generous donations.

3. Past Events Reports

A. Forest Grove Concours

1. Was amazing, fantastic. The cars and the way they were parked and presented was wonderful.

2. Doug Zaitz received a nice note from Allen Stevens thanking the club for a great job.

B. 50th Anniversary Celebration (Roger Dilts)

1. Financials: The actual cost to the Club was \$1,932 (expenses exceeding revenue) due to individual and corporate donations and larger than anticipated participation.

2. There were 62 Registrations and 123 attendees.

3. Great teamwork and shared responsibilities among all the people who did specific events: parties, tours, car show, apparel, excellent logo.

4. The Board members again expressed admiration and gratitude to Lisa and Roger and all those who helped to create this outstanding celebration of AROO's 50th Anniversary.**4. Upcoming Event Reports**A. NWCMR #30 (Jim Gunter)

1. Jim expects the finances to be similar to last year, though a slightly smaller profit. Jim has paid the hotel \$12,000 and expects the final bill to be \$30,000.

2. An unexpectedly high expense was the catering for Thursday night.

3. The Rally will be covered in the October issue of the Alfa Owner. Pictures by Cheyenne and Alex will be posted online.

4. We have about 60 volunteers.

B. August Evening Tour

1. Tom Burnett had planned to do but is unexpectedly being sent to work in Germany on that date. Can give new Chair his route from last year.

2. Tom and Doug will ask Rick Martin if he will chair event.

3. Tom will send in insurance form.

C. Old Super Tour - September

1. Bill Gilham will chair this tour.

Continued next page.

AROO BoB August Meeting Minutes*Continued***Date:** Wednesday, August 1 2018**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:25 pm**Location:** Buster's BBQ (the back room), 11419 SW Pacific Hwy (99W), Tigard, OR 97223**5. Membership Report** (Bob Stevens, Chair)

- A. Total membership: 184
- B. New members: 2
- C. 'Over do dues' members are cancelling out.

6. Merchandise Report (Jerry Lomas, Chair)

- A. Jerry showed new merchandise: Blanket, umbrella, bags, etc.
 - 1. Will photograph them and run an ad in Alfabits.
 - 2. Discussion of pricing and shipping charges.
 - 3. Embroidered logos and Alfa factory script are available.
- B. Jerry sold \$50 worth of old merchandise at Swap Meet.

7. Trailer

- A. Is almost full. There is no room for Rally paraphernalia.

8. AROO Calendar, Website & Emailings Report (Doug Zaitz)

- A. 2018 AROO website and calendar are up to date.
- B. Rally website is prepared for next year.
 - 1. Top 10 results will be posted.
 - 2. Link to request individual scores.

9. AROC Liaison Report (Cindy Banzer)

- A. Seattle National Convention
 - 1. Will have Receptions for those who went to Italy, donated to Club 60, are going to the U. S. Gran Prix.
 - 2. The Speaker is Garth Stein, author of The Art of Racing in the Rain.

10. General Membership Meetings

- A. September – Photo display from the Rally. Doug will ask Sheyenne, Alex and Kelly to prepare a 20-minute slide show.
- B. October – Neil suggested a Monterey and Convention slide show.
- C. November – Auction and Election
- E. We will continue at the Old Spaghetti Factory for the present.
- 11. Northwest Classic Motorcar Rally 2019
 - A. Doug will be Chairman.
 - B. Must resign Presidency of AROO.
 - C. He will attend AROC Goes to Italy 2019 in May 2019.
 - D. Have about 12 entries so far.
 - E. May use Hotel RL in Olympia.
 - F. Roger will be Rally Master.
 - G. Roger will resign from Mini Rallies. Will look for new Chair.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Alfa in the news—

Pebble Beach Concours



*Romeo 8C 2900B 1937 Alfa Romeo 8C voted
“Best of Show” at 2018 Pebble Beach Concours*

August 27, 2018 by
[Viknesh Vijayenthiran](#)

An Italian beauty with a body crafted by Touring and a twin-supercharged inline-8 sitting under its long hood took home the Best of Show honors on Sunday at the 2018 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

The car is the 1937 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Touring Berlinetta owned by David and Ginny Sydorick of Beverly Hills, California, who are regulars at the Pebble Beach Concours. It's finished in an original deep blue paint and proved so popular that it also took home the top prize in the Italian Classic category.

It was the car's first outing since a full restoration performed by the folks at RX Autoworks in Vancouver, Canada. The

Sydoricks wanted the car returned to the state it was in when it made an appearance at the 1938 Berlin auto show. This was an important decision as winning Best of Show at a major concours means exhibiting a high level of historical authenticity, [among other qualities](#).

In a statement, Pebble Beach Concours Chairman Sandra Button praised the car for its combination of speed, style and even sex appeal. She also also the car “makes all the right noises.”

Those noises are thanks to a 2.9-liter inline-8, twin-supercharged to the tune of 180 horsepower. The car also features a sophisticated chassis for its vintage, with the transmission placed at the rear for better balance and independent suspension used at both ends.

“As a Zagato collector, I broke the rules and bought a Touring-bodied car because this Alfa Romeo is very special,” David Sydorick said of his prized 8C. “It is a piece of automotive architecture mounted on a grand prix chassis that has technology that was top of the line for prewar cars. It’s a wonderful combination. It’s beautiful from top to bottom.”

The race for Best of Show this year featured two other strong contenders: a 1929 Duesenberg J Murphy Town Limousine owned by the Lehrman Collection of Palm Beach, Florida; and a 1948 Talbot-Lago T26 Grand Sport Figoni Fastback Coupé owned by Robert Kudela of Chropyne, Czech Republic.

Note, Alfa Romeo is currently working on a [modern successor to the 8C](#). The new car is due in 2022 and will come with more than 700 horsepower thanks to a hybrid powertrain.



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Board Meeting at Buster's Barbecue in Tigard at 7 PM
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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 No General Meeting this Month.

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.

18 AROO Evening Tour. This event is in place of the general meeting.

26-29 AROO Monti Shelton NW Classic Rally.

No General Meeting this Month.

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. See page 10.

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.

Congratulations to everyone with an anniversary in September & welcome new members

Member Anniversaries in September

Nicholas Barrett	1 Year
Don Best	14 Years
John Clemson	1 Year
Steven Douglas	4 Years
Charlie Frazer	7 Years
Donald Hall	1 Year
Daniel Hones	4 Years
Mike Kremers	29 Years
Michael Lambert	14 Years
Dan Lundgren	1 year
Bob Macherione	32 Years
Russ Pain	36 Years
Joseph Potter	4 Years
Joe Sacamano	14 Years
Bob Stevens	15 Years
Lars Svengaard	22 Years
Rick Warner	24 Years

New Members in September

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The AROO Giulia Super Tour - September 29, 2018

Please note the date change!

On **September 29th**, please join Marian and I and our **Hooligan** for a **"Super"** one-day Oregon Coast tour and adventure.

AROO has more running and driven **Giulia Supers** than any other chapter in America, it is time for all of them to stand up and be counted. Let's drive them all on a fun adventure and tour to the Northern Oregon Coast.

Hooligan's tour will start at the southbound Rest Area on I-5 just past the Charbonneau Bridge (south of Wilsonville). We will gather in the back parking lot at 9:00 am and try to be on the road by 9:30. Rally style instructions will be provided to each navigator. A full tank of gas and some snacks are recommended as some places we are going are quite rural. All Alfas are welcome but the **Giulia Supers** will lead the tour, with everyone else to follow.

The tour will end mid-afternoon with a no-host meal at the **"Schooner"** in Netarts, just west of Tillamook, (just an hour's run up the Wilson River Highway to Beaverton). The **"Schooner"** is a quirky and wonderful seafood restaurant on Netarts Bay. It features locally sourced produce, seafood and draft beer. Their **Calamari** with a lemon basil caper sauce is quite amazing.

Bring a snack as restaurants will be rare until we arrive in Netarts at the **"Schooner"** Restaurant.

Please RSVP: to Bill Gillham at bill.gillham@alfaclub.org if you plan on joining us, as we will need a headcount for the restaurant.

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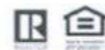
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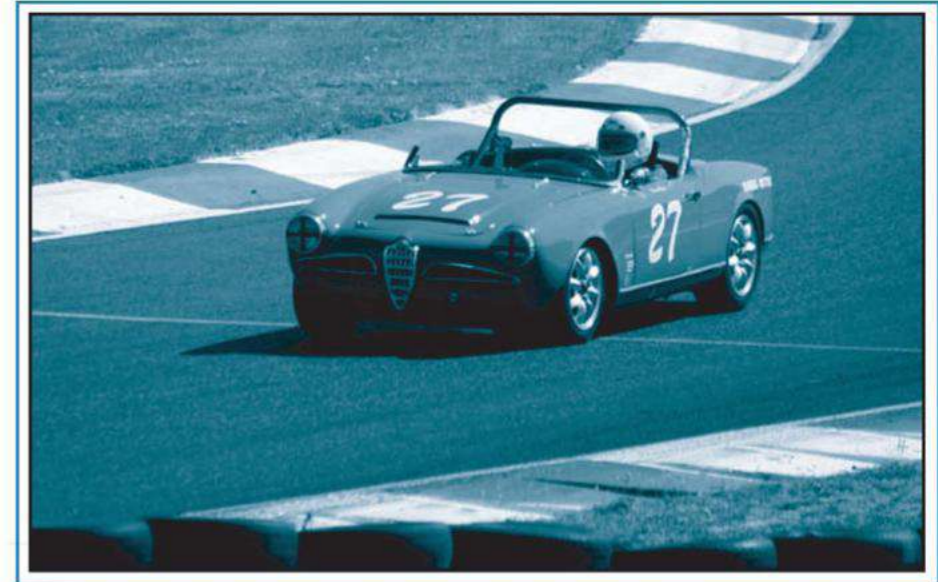
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Maybe it is time to stop doing tours in August? Last year we were engulfed in smoke to the extent the outdoor play in Ashland was nearly cancelled and we had ash falling on the cars at Steamboat Inn. This year it was more of a problem of just plain smoky air that lead to itchy eyes and poor visibility. Despite the smoke, we had a blast!

We started in Sandy and took in the museum at Warm Springs. A few of us had been there before but there were some new exhibits. Well worth the stop if you have not been there before. Lunch was in Hermiston at Club Pioneer where we had soup and salad. The salad was good and the soups were wonderful...highly recommend this place.

SMOKEY SUMMER TOUR By Tom McGirr

After lunch, we hit the open roads and the pace quickened on the untraveled Paulina-Suplee Hwy which runs parallel to Hwy 26. Despite my driver's meeting spiel about driving around 10mph/speed limit, I seemed to forget that once we were in the tulle weeds. With my co-pilot in Spokane prepping for her mom's 100th birthday, the normal 'evil eyes'

speedometer hit 95. Coming down some of canyons, I was really enjoying the curves and, surprisingly, only had one of the many Porsches that were on the tour keep up with me (of course, they quickly caught me on the straights). By the end of the day, I had a **big** grin on my face, which was repeated on days 2-4. We had dinner at SnaffleBit in John Day. They placed us in the patio outside and the dinner entrees were good and very large!



Alen Meyer

were nowhere to be seen as I accelerated through the turns and occasionally saw the



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Alen Meyer



McNabb photo

Friday we headed to Lakeview via French Glen and Fields Country Café where we had lunch. It is so cool to see that some places that WERE outstanding many years ago are STILL outstanding today. When in French Glen, we called in our orders by passing around my cell phone ordering this or that hamburger and ordering our favorite flavor milkshake. Wow, the shakes were large, made from scratch homemade ice cream and so thick you could not use a straw. I cannot remember the last time I had a ½ lb hamburger either. All agreed this was real treat.

We enjoyed Julia's on 395 for dinner in Lakeview. Again, a surprising good dinner in

SMOKEY SUMMER TOUR By Tom McGirr

a small town. The only issue was the rusty water coming out of the taps at the motel. Apparently the city's water pipes are rusting and many declined to drink out of the tap and one or two folks bypassed a shower until we got to Bend.

Saturday we were off to Bend. We drove past Silver Lake where one large forest fire was within two miles of the highway. You could see the smoke cloud miles away and when we drove through it, the temperature dropped 25 degrees and you needed to have your headlights on. Fortunately, we were able to wash down the soot in our throats at Immersion Brewery. Sunday included a drive down Century Drive to Hwy 58 and a stop at Plank Town Brewery in Springfield for lunch.

I have one more tour planned for the year. The Fall tour is October 6-7 to the coast. If you want to join us, make your hotel reservations at the Surftides (or any other hotel in Lincoln City if they are full). You are welcome to do this as a one-day drive as well if you want to return home Saturday. We will enjoy a few new roads to the coast, have lunch at the Dory Cove, visit a local museum and arrive at hotel around 3. Dinner is at Kylo's Seafood. An informal tour back to

Salem is planned for Sunday including lunch at a local brewery. We leave at 9 am from Salem Waterfront Park next to the Carousel.

If you decide to go, please send me an e-mail c/o tmcgirr@columbiatrustcompany.com AND tomsredalfa@gmail.com and specify if you are joining us for dinner. I will be in China from September 12 until Oct. 4 and I am unsure which, if any, email I will be able to access. I just need to alert the restaurant of how many to expect.



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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 overnigher*. 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 Logsdan 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 Kyлло'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).

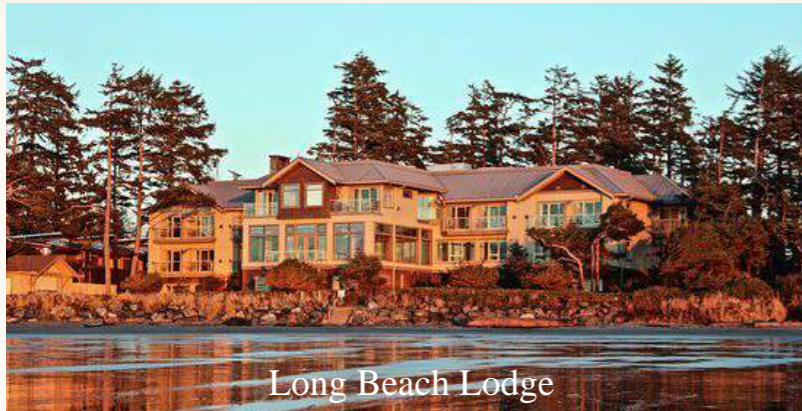
Please drop me a note if you sign up. I can give the restaurants a head's up.

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2019 Alfa Wannabe Tour — VANCOUVER ISLAND

It's official! We are off to Canada once again. This tour will feature mountains, old growth rain forests, fabulous beaches, the Butchart Gardens, and even Orca whales. When you throw in fine lodges, excellent food and wine and great roads, it sounds like a recipe for a grand tour.

Tour will depart from Portland and head to Port Angeles where we stay at the Olympic Lodge- <http://www.olympiclodge.com>. Monday we have reserved space on the 8:15 ferry to Victoria. Upon debarking, we will drive the Scenic Marine Route around the Victoria waterfront, ranked by Tripadvisor as the #5 activity out of 202 things to do in Victoria. After having lunch at a waterfront restaurant, we head to Cowichan Bay and Oceanfront Suites- <http://oceanfrontcowichanbay.com>.



Long Beach Lodge

On Day 3, after checking out some of the 41 Totem Poles in Duncan, we head to the Pacific Rim National Park. Along the way, we will walk among giant cedars and an ancient forest over 800 years old. Next we learn about the Native Nuu-chah-nulth people at the Kwisitis Visitor Centre and enjoy a choice of several short walks to the beach.

We stay two nights at Long Beach Lodge, a truly

spectacular facility located on the beach in Torfino- <https://www.longbeachlodgeresort.com>.



Lake Quinault Lodge

The second full day in Torino envisions little or no driving. Rather, we will explore some more beaches and a short rain forest walk in and around Torfino and have time to take in the town and its many fine art galleries and shops.

Day 5 we head to Port McNeill and Historic Telegraph Cove and stay at Telegraph Cove Resort <https://telegraphcoveresort.com> where we will rest up for our 5 hour Orca (and other whales, eagles, bear, moose and wildlife) sight-seeing trip on the boat below. In that this will be in inland waters, the seas will be smooth.

Our final day in Canada is in Butchart Gardens. We will have time to explore the grounds in the afternoon, then retreat to our retreat on the ocean, Brentwood Bay Resort and Spa- <https://www.brentwoodbayresort.com>. After dinner, you are invited to enjoy the gardens at night...a very different and special experience.

Day 8 has us boarding the ferry to Port Angeles at 10:30. You will have a choice of driving home that day or joining the rest of us on a short drive to Lake Quinault Lodge in the Olympic Rain Forest where we have lake front rooms reserved. You can take a short walk in the rain forest or curl up in a chair and enjoy the peace and solitude of this special place. Day 9 we all go home.

I am taking reservations for this tour now. As in the past, rooms will be assigned in accord to the date of registration. I am estimating the cost for 8 nights lodging, most meals, whale watching fare, R/T ferry, Butchart Garden and taxes to be in the neighborhood of \$3600/

couple (unless Canada imposes a surcharge on US visitors in retaliation for Trump's tariff frenzy). If you elected to skip Lake Quinault, you can knock off around \$500.

There is a cap of 20 couples/40 folks. Because August is the busiest time of the year on Vancouver Island (and the best weather), the resorts will require full payment 90 days in advance which will be in early May. Several will be requesting a substantial deposit in the next few weeks to hold the reservation. One resort has only granted a room block of 15 rooms with the possibility of adding more on a 'space available' basis, so if you can let me know EARLY you want to come, I can work around this potential hiccup.

I will need to make reservations for the ferry much earlier to insure we can all get on the ferry, so take a look at your calendars, block out the time, and let me know if you intend to come.

I need to ask for a \$750/couple deposit to cover my Visa advances. Cancellations ok up to 90 days before the event...then it is up to you to find a replacement to get a refund.

Let me know if you have questions. If you have other friends who might be interested in joining us, let me know. Happy to add them to the master e-mail list.

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PS: Still have room on the Alfa Romeo Summer Tour August 23-26 to Central/Eastern Oregon as well as an overnight trip to the coast on October 6-7. Inquire if interested.



Butchart Gardens.



Summer Tour
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GENERAL MEETING

The Old Spaghetti Factory

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This month's General Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 19th, at the Spaghetti Factory.

This month's program will be a slideshow of the 30th Annual Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally with photos from our club photographers Scheyenne Tunick, Kelly Jo Richards and Alessandro Carrara. Please join us early for social hour at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 and program at 7:30 pm.

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Tom Black's Garage

Fall 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



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 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 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.

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.

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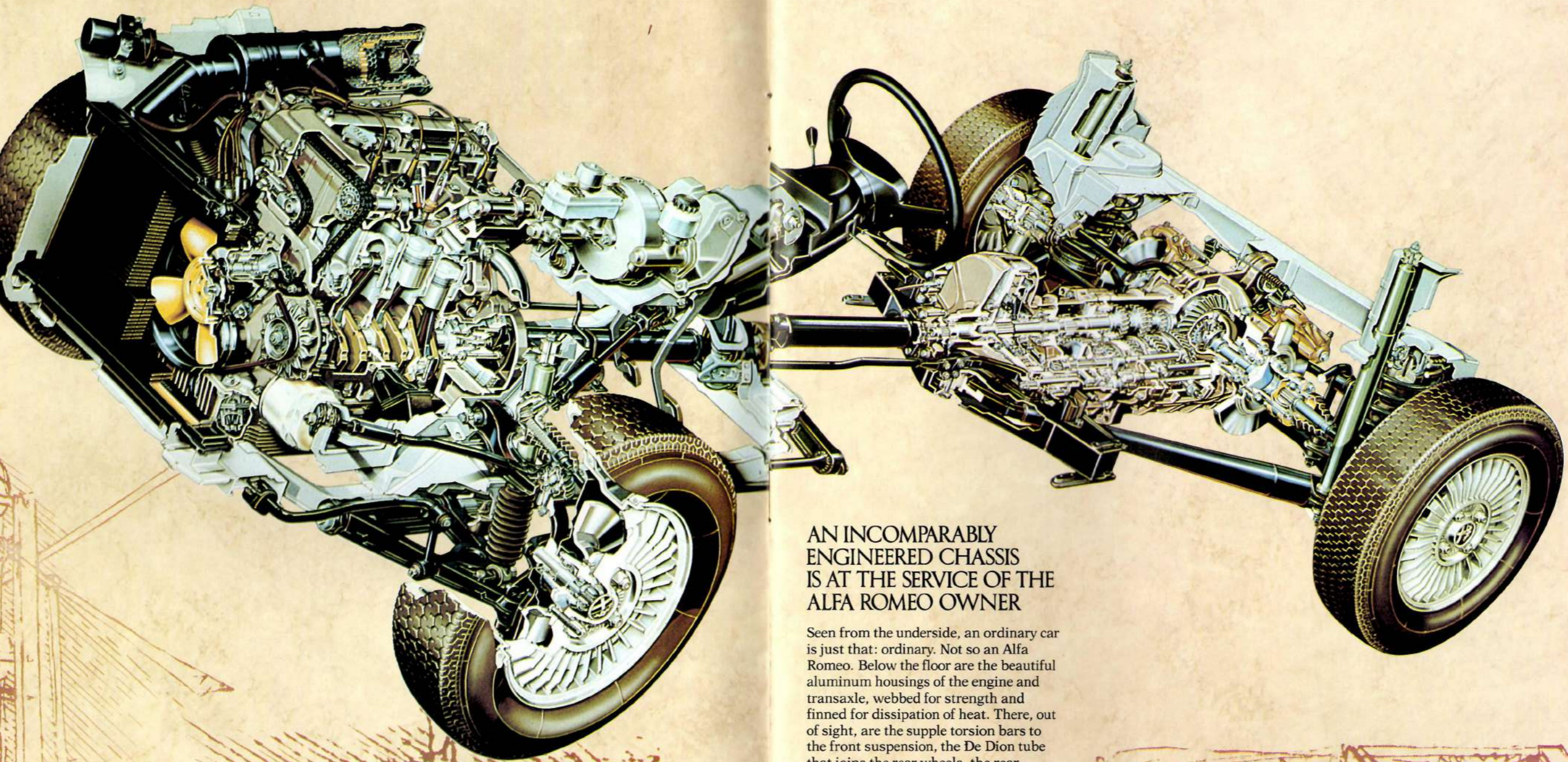
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