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Happy New Year!
Meet the New Board Members issue...





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FROM THE EDITOR

Photo Cliff Brunk

Happy New Year!

Welcome AROO to 2019. I hope everyone had a peaceful holiday filled with good cheer.

We are a little later in getting you the Bits this month — the AROO Board meet one week later than normal. The January general meeting will also start a week later this month, **Wednesday, November 23rd**. Please join us for an evening of friends, food, spirits, and entertainment — 1970s TransAm racing. Don't miss it. See page 22 for more information.

Please welcome the four new AROO Board Members: Alex Carrara, Ryan Coulson, Steve Davis and Chris Finks, and one returning member Cindy Banzer. Also thank you to the three Board members who return for the second half of their 2018-2019 two year terms: Chris Bright, John Clemson, Sue Halton. Jerry Lomas is moving to Ashland and will serve until we find a replacement. Thank you Jerry for your service.

Cheers,

George Kraus

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

ABOUT AROO

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

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

AROO MEMBERSHIP LIST

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

In the Driver's Seat- January 2019 – Doug Zaitz



In mid-December I purchased a \$99 ticket to Austin, TX from Palm Springs, and reserved a one-way car rental to Brenham for another \$110. With a small toolbag filled with the most minimal of “essential tools” and with a renewed AAA towing card and charged cell phone, I was prepared! Following a very short several-hour visit with Bernie and Diana, I was on my way, headed back west towards Palm Springs — some 1,400 miles away in a car I hadn't even checked the oil in...

I had some rain and some fog, but no snow and no ice — timing my spurious trip to follow the big snowstorm a week earlier. Bernie had outfitted the car with new tires and battery, and had a few nagging issues fixed.

As the sun was setting, I headed west out of Brenham on Texas Highway 290 for parts and adventure unknown...

I arrived in Palm Desert two and a half days later, logging 25 hours of driving time and consuming a fair amount of fast food. I never did get the driver's seat to move back to its furthest track position, though I did get the outside mirrors adjusted. The heater stayed on, with some modulation of airflow. Tools stayed in their bag; the AAA card remained in my wallet. The cell phone ignored dozens of emails and solicitor's phone calls.

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Out of Character

Have you ever done something so out of character that you look back and wonder — what just happened?

Back in late October, following the AROC Goes to the US Grand Prix event, I spent some family time with my cousins in Dallas, TX. One afternoon, I drove down to Brenham, TX to visit long-time AROC members Bernie and Diana Bennett. I wanted to see them, and to look at their 1978 Alfetta Sport Sedan, which was for sale.

While the Sport Sedan is an unloved and under-appreciated model, it has special meaning to me. During a summer-long visit to Italy following my school year there as a student, my host family had a near-identical car. I deeply bonded with that car in the summer of 1979. Deep down, perhaps unknown by most of my Alfisti friends, was this desire to have a similar car.



In the Driver's Seat- January 2019 – Doug Zaitz



Out of Character

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The car performed flawlessly, averaging in the high twenties for fuel usage, and the typical quart-a-day oil consumption. The only issue was a loose wire to the tachometer, which was found and corrected during a potty stop. The wobbly rearview mirror and improperly aimed sealed beam headlights have been replaced, and a thousand dollars worth of parts have been ordered and received.

I can't say I'd ever do that again — it was a grueling three days of worrisome thoughts and scares with each new sound or vibration. But I sure saw a part of the country I had never seen — a day and a half of driving across Texas — including seeing “the Wall” off in the distance for many miles south of El Paso.

The Sport Sedan now sits here, ready for winter visit snow-bird use until the great spring thaw occurs in far-away frozen Spokaneistan.

I would like to welcome our four new AROO Board Members Alex Carrara, Ryan Coulson, Steve Davis and Chris Finks, and our one returning member Cindy Banzer to their 2019-2020 two year terms. Thank you for volunteering to help keep this club moving forward!

I would also like to thank those four Board members who return for the second half of their 2018-2019 two year terms: Chris Bright, John Clemson, Sue Halton and Jerry Lomas.

Also I would like to announce our AROO 2019 Executive Committee — nominated by and voted on by the new Board: Doug Zaitz as President, Chris Bright as Vice-President, Sue Halton as Secretary and Cindy Banzer as Treasurer — a full repeat for a third year. This ensures a smooth-running club with plenty of experience and know-how to make it that way!

The January General Meeting will be **on Wednesday, January 23rd** — note this one-time change one week later than normal — and will feature the 1972 “Against All Odds” documentary video of the John Morton and Horst Kwech TransAm rivalry.

We are planning to have our annual Valentine's Day Tour and Brunch on Sunday, February 17th — however we need a tour leader and coordinator to make it happen — so without further ado, I would like to ask our readership to respond! Please help us keep this annual first-of-the-season event happen — please volunteer and let one of your board know as soon as possible!

The AROO Rally Cup Series is in the works! We will again have four two-hour Sunday TSD rallies starting in March, following a Saturday Rally School. Look for the announcement in this month's AlfaBits.

As we begin another new year of club activities, we have planned a full year of events! I hope many of you will be able to join your board on tours and at meetings. The AlfaBits Calendar is now populated with those events, and the AROO website is up-to-date as well.

Please join us at the Spaghetti Factory in downtown Portland on **Wednesday, January 23rd** for an evening of friends, food, good wine and a return to early 1970s TransAm racing -- see you there!

AROO BoD November Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Time: 7:09 pm - 8:34 pm

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

Present: Doug Zaitz, Chris Bright, Cindy Banzer, Roger Dilts, Jim Gunter, Sue Halton, Jerry Lomas, and Bob Stevens.

President Doug Zaitz opened the meeting at 7:09PM.

1. **Minutes** (Sue Halton, Secretary) Chris Bright moved to approve the Minutes as emailed. The Motion was seconded and passed.
2. **Treasurer's Report** (Cindy Banzer, Treasurer)
 - A. All bills have been paid.
 - B. AROO did not renew the P.O. Box.
 - C. Cindy updated Microsoft Office 365 on the AROO laptop.
 - D. The Pizza Party cost \$1500 for 45 people (\$35 per person).
 - E. The Rally account 2018.
 - i. The books are not yet closed.
 - ii. We raised \$11,616.
 - iii. Sponsors and advertisers contributed \$18,050.
 - iv. We used \$5000 from the Rally account for the 50th anniversary celebration.
 - v. We will have a large bill from the Holiday Party.
 - vi. Cindy suggested we move about \$10,000 into the savings account.
 - vii. We raised \$1075 for the March of Dimes. They no longer contribute volunteers or are involved in the Rally.
 - viii. There was a discussion of the role of the charity in the Rally.
 - a. The new Board will decide whether or not we continue to raise money for a charity and, if so, what charity it will be.
 - F. Rally 2019
 - i. Doug paid Hotel Red Lion \$2500 to reserve a block of rooms.
 - ii. We have 34 registered Rally participants and 10 Tour participants to date.

3. Past Events Reports

- A. Chris Bright reported that Formula 1 weekend was phenomenal, a weekend to remember.
 - i. The idea was Chris'. It went to the National level and about 60 people participated.
 - ii. Everyone loved the red Italy jackets.
 - iii. Steve Austin did an amazing job giving participants an inside look at the event.
 - iv. Amazing races.
 - v. A Giulietta from California and another from New York, belonging to AROC members, represented Alfa Romeo.
- B. Jim Gunter reported that Mark Carpenter did very well racing at the Willows, California track. There were about 300 cars, many of them Alfas.

4. Upcoming Event Reports

- A. November General Membership Meeting
 - i. Because of Thanksgiving, the Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20th.
 - ii. Elections: Board members discussed the number of Board positions and open elections versus a single slate.
 - iii. Auction
 - a. A new auctioneer is needed. Patrick Iaboni will be out of town.
- B. The Holiday Party is scheduled for 5:30, December 2nd at the Multnomah Athletic Club.
 - i. The cost is \$47 per person.
 - ii. Appetizers, wine and the gratuity will be paid by AROO.
 - iii. Volunteer of the year award. (Magill Award)
 - iv. Mini Rally Awards will be given by Roger Dilts.
- C. Next year's Holiday Party will be held on December 1st, 2019.
- D. Palm Desert event: Doug urged members to attend.
 - i. The date is January 18-20, 2019.
 - ii. Make reservations at the Best Western Hotel in Palm Desert, California.

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5. New Business

- A. Cindy Banzer posed a question regarding the Rally and AROO’s non-profit status: could the Rally be considered unrelated business income?
 - i. Cindy said that the Seattle Club was fined by the IRS because they made “too much” money from non-AROC members at Track Days. (Non-member generated revenue.)
 - ii. The Seattle Club solved this issue by providing single day AROC memberships.
 - iii. Cindy wondered if we should do the same for Rally members.
 - iv. After discussion, Cindy volunteered to follow up on this issue.
- B. Since liability insurance is purchased through AROC, does it apply to non-AROC Rally participants?
 - i. Board Members thought that because the insurance protects the Club, not individual participants, it might not matter

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:34.

Sue Halton, Secretary

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AROO BoD December Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Time: 7:12 pm - 8:27 pm

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

Present: Doug Zaitz, Chris Bright, Tom Burnett, Alexander Carrara, Ryan Coulson, Roger Dilts, Chris Finks, Jim Gunter, Sue Halton, Dennis Howell, and Jerry Lomas.

Present via zoom: Cindy Banzer, Steve Davis.

President Doug Zaitz opened the meeting at 7:12PM.

1. Minutes (Sue Halton, Secretary) Doug Zaitz made several small corrections to the Minutes. Cindy Banzer moved to approve the Minutes as corrected. The Motion was seconded and passed.

2. Board Transition (Doug Zaitz)

- A. Doug thanked the retiring Board Members: Tom Burnett, Mark Carpenter, Jim Gunter, Bob Stevens and returning Board Member Cindy Banzer.
- B. He introduced the new Board Members: Alexander Carrara, returning to the Board after a 15-year absence, Ryan Coulson, Steve Davis, representing Southern Oregon, and Chris Finks.
- C. Jerry Lomas will retire next month, and will move to Ashland in February.
- D. Doug asked each new Board Member for a short, written, autobiography to be printed in AlfaBits in January.

2. Treasurer’s Report (Cindy Banzer, Treasurer)

- A. 66 guests attended the Holiday Dinner.
 - i. The dinner cost \$4,500. Participants paid \$3,000.
 - ii. Gifts and door prizes cost \$500.
 - iii. AROO subsidized the remaining amount.

3. Past Events Reports

- A. November General Membership Meeting Auction raised \$671.
- B. The Holiday Party was held on December 2nd at the Multnomah Athletic Club.
 - i. The slate of new Board Members was elected unanimously.
 - ii. The Silent Auction raised \$828.
- C. Northwest Classic Motor Car (Jim Gunter).
 - i. We have approximately \$30,000 in the bank. We started the year with \$14,000.
 - a. We had many very good sponsors.
 - b. Jim, Mark Carpenter, and Doug are looking for sponsors for 2019.
 - ii. We donated \$2,000 to the March of Dimes.
 - iii. The transfer of the checking account is in process.
 - iv. Jim is coaching Doug as he transitions into the role of Chairman of the event.

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AROO BoD December Meeting Minutes

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4. Upcoming Event Reports

- A. Doug announced that the next Board Meeting will move from January 2nd, 2019 to January 9th, 2019.
- B. January 16th – General Membership Meeting.
 - i. Jerry Lomas recommended showing the 1985 Drive-by with Keith Martin at the Concourse in Monterey. Doug will confirm this.
- C. January 18-20, 2019 – AROO Mid-Year Retreat: Doug outlined the schedule. A highlight will be the opportunity to do a parade lap at the Thermal Sports Car Club's private track, curtesy of Jeff Sabatini.
 - i. Make reservations at the Best Western Hotel in Palm Desert, California.
- D. February 6th – Board Meeting.
- E. February 10th, Sunday – Valentine's Day Tour. A chairman is needed for this event.
- F. February 20th – General Membership Meeting.
- G. September 15, 2019 – Inaugural Coupe Tour (Dennis Howell)
- H. Next year's Holiday Party is scheduled for December 1st, 2019. This is Thanksgiving weekend.

5. AlfaBits (George Kraus)

- A. No December issue.
- B. Sunday, January 13th is the deadline for the January issue.
 - i. The article introducing new AROO Board of Directors Members is scheduled for the January issue.

6. Merchandise/Apparel Report (Jerry Lomas)

- A. We have about 8 boxes of merchandise.
- B. Jerry and his wife Patty have offered to buy the merchandise that did not sell at the last two auctions.
 - i. They will donate it to Rose Haven, Cascade Technical Society, World of Speed, or other charitable or educational institution.
- C. Merchandise left over from the 50th Anniversary event will be available online. They will not have the 50th Anniversary logo.
- D. We will keep one box of the most popular merchandise.

7. Competition & Track Events Report

- A. The name will change to **Road Events**.
- B. Alexander Carrara volunteered to be Chair.

8. Advertising Report (We need a chairman)

9. AROO Calendar and Website (Doug Zaitz)

- A. The calendar and website are up to date.
- B. Planning for 2019 is in progress.

10. New Business

- A. AROO Cup Mani Rally Series: Yulia Smolyansky, Paul Eklund have graciously agreed to co-chair the Series.
- B. Dennis Howell has volunteered to do a Coupe Tour.
 - i. The Inaugural Coupe Tour will take place on September 15th, 2019.
 - ii. It will be a day tour with lunch, starting at 9 a.m. near Cornelius.
- C. Chris Bright suggested moving the General Meeting Auction to October in order to increase the time between that auction and the silent auction at the Holiday Party. An alternative idea is to move the Holiday Party to a Thursday.
- D. Cindy Banzer nominated Doug Zaitz for the AROO National Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- E. Election of Officer
Steve Davis moved to elect the slate of existing Officers to return in their current roles for 2019. The motion was seconded and passed.
 - i. President: Doug Zaitz
 - ii. Vice President: Chris Bright
 - iii. Secretary: Sue Halton
 - iv. Treasurer: Cindy Banzer
- F. New Chairmanships
 - i. Road Events: Alexander Carrara
 - ii. Membership: Steve Davis
- G. Chairmanships still open.
 - i. Advertising
 - ii. Merchandising (in February)
- H. Roger Dilts announced that Glen Dolphin has volunteered to be Volunteer Coordinator for the Rally. Roger will help mentor Glen.
- I. We will continue to meet at Buster's and the Spaghetti Factory.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:27.

Sue Halton, Board Secretary

Alfa in the News -

2018 Mille Miglia



2018 Mille Miglia

The 2018 Mille Miglia is a triumph for Alfa Romeo

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- A wonderful day for Alfa Romeo: the Mille Miglia concludes with its cars in the top three places
- The race caravan paid a celebratory visit to Milan and to the Museo Storico Alfa Romeo at Arese, where time trials were held on the internal circuit
- Marcus Ericsson and Charles Leclerc, the drivers of the Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team, were also present, driving a 1932 Gran Premio Tipo B and a 1955 750 Competizione
- The Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team drivers later greeted the cars on arrival in Brescia
- The interweaving of past and future continues on the web thanks to the [“Alfa Romeo: the](#)

[Mille Miglia in 90 places](#)” project, which retraces the most significant stages in the brand's history at the Mille Miglia, 90 years after its first victory

May 20, 2018 , Brescia, Italy - 1928 was the year of Alfa Romeo's first win at the Mille Miglia, and 2018 has seen a record-breaking edition with 450 teams competing and three Alfa Romeo cars taking the top three places: confirmation of the brand's unbreakable bond with "the most beautiful race in the world." Alfa Romeo therefore starred at the event as protagonist in this prestigious milestone, as Automotive Sponsor, and as the winner of the top prizes on Viale Venezia in Brescia: the 2018 Mille Miglia was won by the Alfa Romeo 6C 1500 GS Testa Fissa crewed by Tonconogy-Ruffini.



In second place, just eight penalty points behind the victor, the stunning 6C 1500 Super Sport dating from 1928 with coachwork by Stabilimenti Farina, an official car from the FCA Heritage collection, which is normally on display at the Museo Storico Alfa Romeo. The car carried the race number 30, also worn by its sister that won the first Alfa Romeo victory in the Mille Miglia with Giuseppe Campari and Giulio Ramponi in 1928. It was driven in the event by Giovanni Mocerì, with navigator Daniele Bonetti. Giovanni Mocerì is current holder of the Italian Grandi Eventi ACI Sport Champion title and already has victories in Italy's biggest historic regularity competitions to his name, from the Mille Miglia to the Targa Florio and the Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti.

In third place, the Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 SS Zagato driven by Vesco-Guerini.

The Alfa Romeo cars entered by FCA Heritage finished in very creditable positions, and all concluded the 36th historic re-evocation of the Mille Miglia by completing the traditional Brescia-Rome-Brescia course.

So this 2018 edition has definitely earned a place in Alfa Romeo's history, and the [“Alfa Romeo: the Mille Miglia in 90 places](#)” project has just been launched to trace the most significant stages of the brand's history at the Mille Miglia.

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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

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

18-20 AROC Mid-Winter Retreat in Palm Desert

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

February

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

17 AROO Valentine's Tour.

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

March

2 AROO Rally School.

3 AROO Cup Rally 1.

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

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

April

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

14 AROO Cup Rally Series Rally #2

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

27 Old Spider Tour (one day tour) Erik Roe.

May

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

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

18 Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon - Annual Swap Meet & Garage Tour.

19 AROO Cup Rally 3.

June

2 AROO Cup Rally 4.

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

19 Evening Tour in place of General Meeting

22 Eugene Tour & BBQ

July

11-14 Rose Cup Races;

12-14 Summer Tour (hosted by Tom McGirr)

20 AROO Summer Picnic and Wine Tour.

21 Forest Grove Concours.

August

1-4 AROO NW Classic Rally.

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

5-12 AROC National Convention, Olympia WA

11-18 McGirr Wannabe Tour

21 AROO Evening Tour.

24 Portland Yacht Club "Old Car and Boat Show".

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

September

1 (Continued) Portland Grand Prix, Indy Car races at PIR.

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

7-8 Columbia River Classic SOVREN Historic Racing at PIR

14-15 McGirr Fall Tour.

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

28 Coupe Tour (hosted by Dennis Howell)

October

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

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

19 AROO Old Super Tour. (Beach/Gillham))

20 AROO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

November

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

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

December

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

8 AROO Holiday Party.

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Member Anniversaries in December

Chris Bright	12 Years
Alberto Cerruti	16 Years
Giovanni Coletta	18 Years
Stephen Dishman	3 Years
Glenn Dolphin	2 Years
Paul Eklund	3 Years
Laurence Fraser	22 Years
Ruth Hall	22 Years
Douglas Hartman	35 Years
David Hickman	10 Years
Jeffrey McVannel	24 Years
Brad Miller	1 Year
James Trofitter, Jr.	2 Years



Anniversaries and New Member list is prepared each month by Steve Davis. Thank you Steve. Also my thanks to Bob Stevens for providing past lists. [Ed.]

Congratulations to everyone with an anniversary in January & welcome new members.

Member Anniversaries in January

Lawrence Kozimor	35
Doug Klein	32
Lawrence Burnett	32
Douglas Zaitz	31
Robert Stewart	7
Larry Marks	4
Tom Kreger	4
Phil Lampman	2
Stephen Thompson	2
Cliff Brunk	2
Stan Chesshir	1
Don Mallet	1

New Member in January

John Strong



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Mike and Jake May,
Rally First Place Vintage.
Photo Mike May.



Yulia Smolyansky & Paul Eklund.
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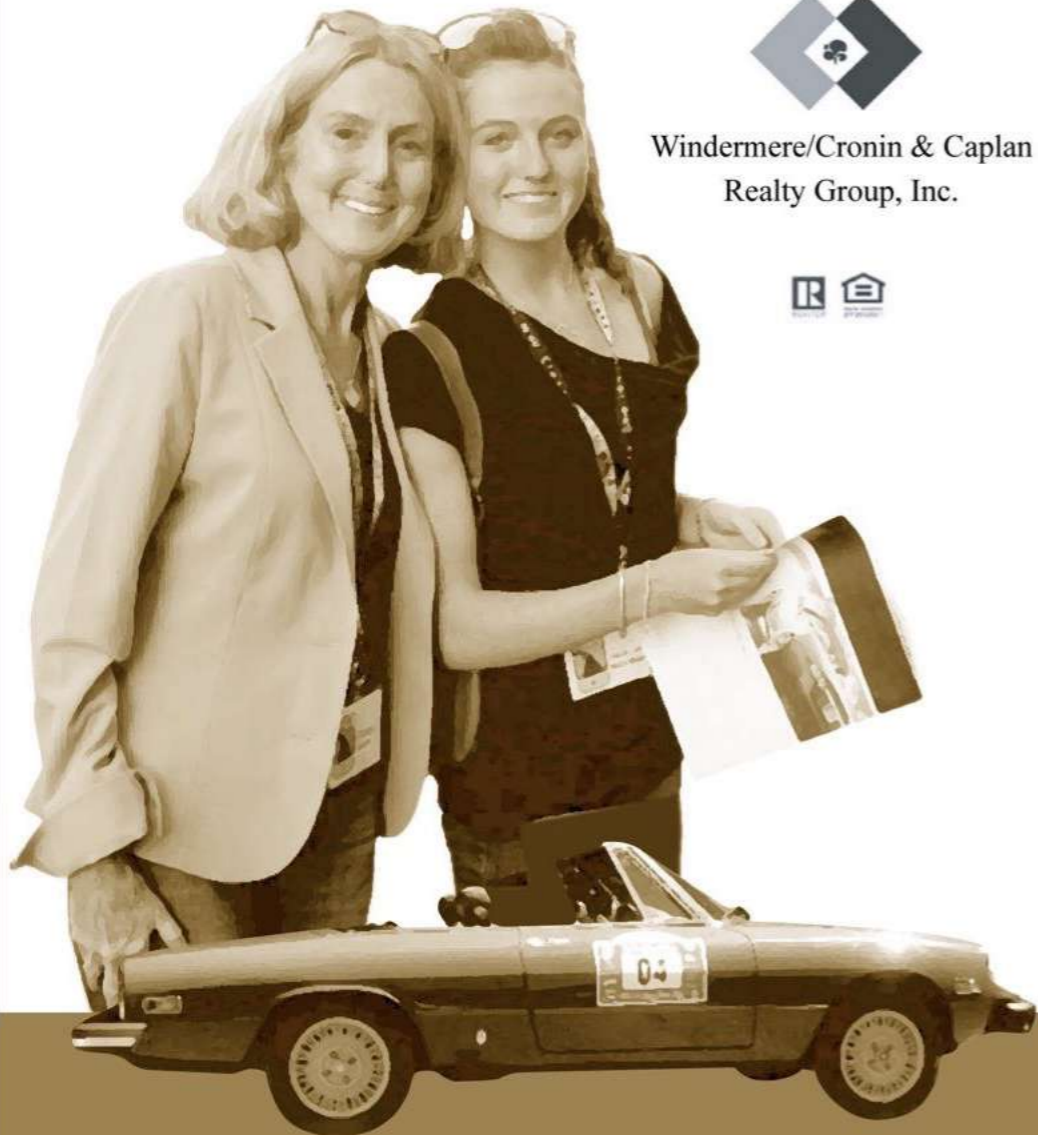
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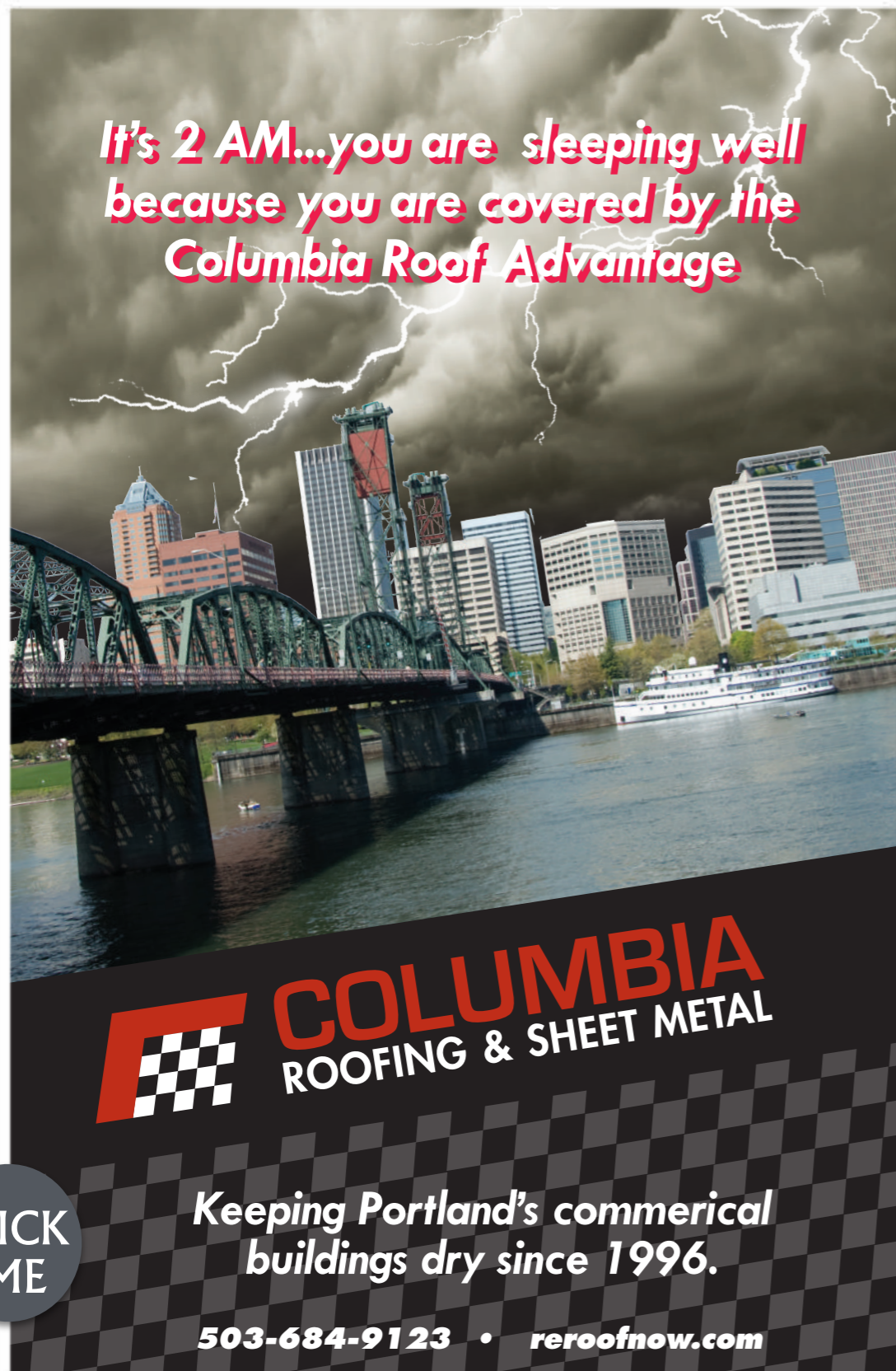


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Cindy Banzer AROO Treasurer

member, Transportation Committee. Elected Presiding Officer, Metro.

As a former elected public official/SCM magazine editor, I'm a committed Alfa Affectionato, always on guard to ensure that our cars can be enjoyed by us and those that inherit our cars." Cindy Banzer

Continuing AROO Board of Directors member:

Current AROC President; AROO Treasurer (Oregon;) AROC-affiliated since 1984; 2nd owner, green '78 Spider; proud sponsor & participant, AROC Convention/ numerous NW Classic Rallies; as co-founder/co-owner of the Alfa Romeo Market Letter (now Sports Car Market magazine,) I have been behind the wheel of most post-war Alfas. Canadian barn-find 1900 without brakes; Giulietta Spider with stuck gas throttle; daughter, Alexandra Martin-Banzer, upstaging Mom in NW Rally—a snippet of 35 years of Alfa stories.

Attended AROC conventions, from Oregon to Missouri to Connecticut; participated in U.S. and European classic car events, including Mille Miglia, Monaco Historic's and AROC/AROO Time Trials.

Elected State Representative, Oregon House of Representatives; co-chair, DMV Committee;



Currently, owner, Eastside Portland Properties; Wife and Mother of three children, all dedicated Alfa lovers.

“The rush of driving your Alfa, top down, hearing the tight whine of the transmission, down-shifting through the curves, feeling the pavement below your feet--a simple thrill we must pass on to our children. Protecting the right of classic cars to use public roads, continuing public race tracks, and monitoring national/ state legislation to protect our cars from being “cash for clunkers” is the vigilance I bring to the AOO Board of Directors.





GENERAL MEETING The Old Spaghetti Factory



0715 SW Bancroft St, (south waterfront) Portland, OR 97239

Our 7:00 pm **Wednesday January 23** General Meeting will be held at The Old Spaghetti Factory at 0718 SW Bancroft

::: ::: This months meeting is one week later than normal ::: :::

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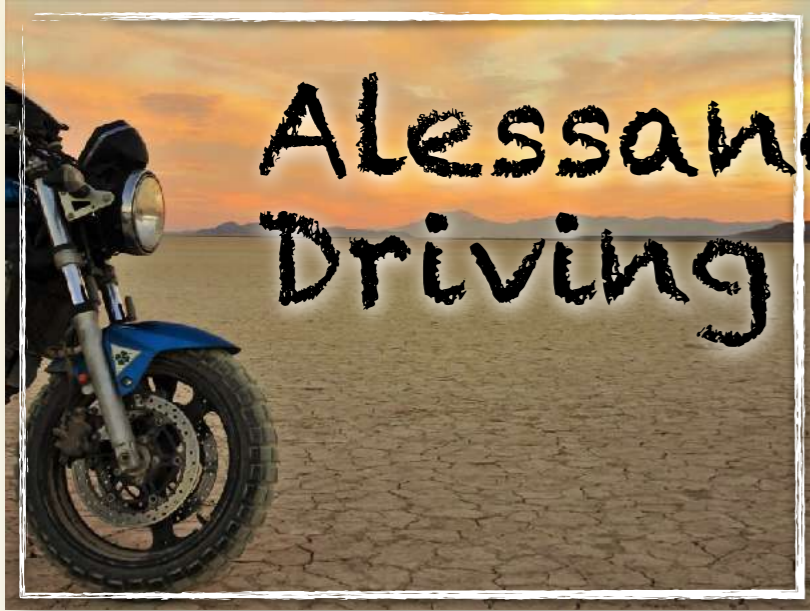
The January General Membership Meeting will be hosted by Doug Zaitz.

**The evening's program will be a return to 1970s
TransAm racing!**

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Old Spaghetti Factory!

We have been asked by the Old Spaghetti Factory to have one check for the dinner – so if you are planning to eat with us (three meal choices are offered), please bring small enough change to pay cash for dinner. With tip, dinner should be \$18-\$20, not including the no host bar. We will also try to have enough small bills to make change as well. Thank you for your patience!

Alessandro Carrara, Driving Events Chair



New AROO Board of Directors member:

Returning to AROO (and BOD) after a long break, many of you know me by Alex. I live in Portland and have been in Oregon since 2001.

Born in Raleigh, NC, I lived most of my youth near Milan, Italy. I picked up the Alfa bug when back in 1992 I learned to drive on in my dad's car, a 1983 Alfa 33 4 door hatchback – sort of a Milano like sedan with a 1.3 L boxer engine. What I would give to have that car again!

In the absence of that, my 1988 Milano Verde is more than enough to keep the thrill going... well, almost. My longtime friend (and Alfa guru) Patrick laboni and I built a 1978 Alfetta Sedan track car with a

2.5L V6 transplant. A real hoot when we took it to this year AROC National Convention for the Time Trials event.



When I'm not wrenching on Alfas or making boots at Danner (my job as a production engineer), I spend the rest of my time remodeling my 1926 Craftsman house, but most of all riding motorcycles and exploring every nook and cranny of the state.

Here's my 2006 Suzuki [First photo.] resting on the Alvord desert playa after a full day of riding.

This bike has now over 130,000 miles and will undergo a complete rebuild. I guess I have more projects than sense!

I hope to be of great service and help to AROO in the next two years and I'm excited for all the events to come featuring the greatest automobile ever made... Alfa Romeo!





**How many AROO members does it take to check the oil?
“You put the oil in here and it comes out down there”.**

NW Classic Tour. Scheyenne Tunick photo.



Tina and I at "One Lap of Marin" in 2015 in the Spider

New AROO Board of Directors member:

Hi everyone! I'm Steve Davis, and I'm excited and honored to be on the AROO board. I've been a long-time Alfa Owner, and a member of AROC since 1986. Over that time, I've owned five Alfas, including the 1991 Spider I have now. My wonderful wife, Tina, and I live just outside of Eugene. We moved here from the SF Bay Area a little more than 15 months ago. I'm still working for a software company based in Scottsdale, but all I need is an internet connection and to be close to an airport... I travel a lot in my role as head of consulting strategy for the company.

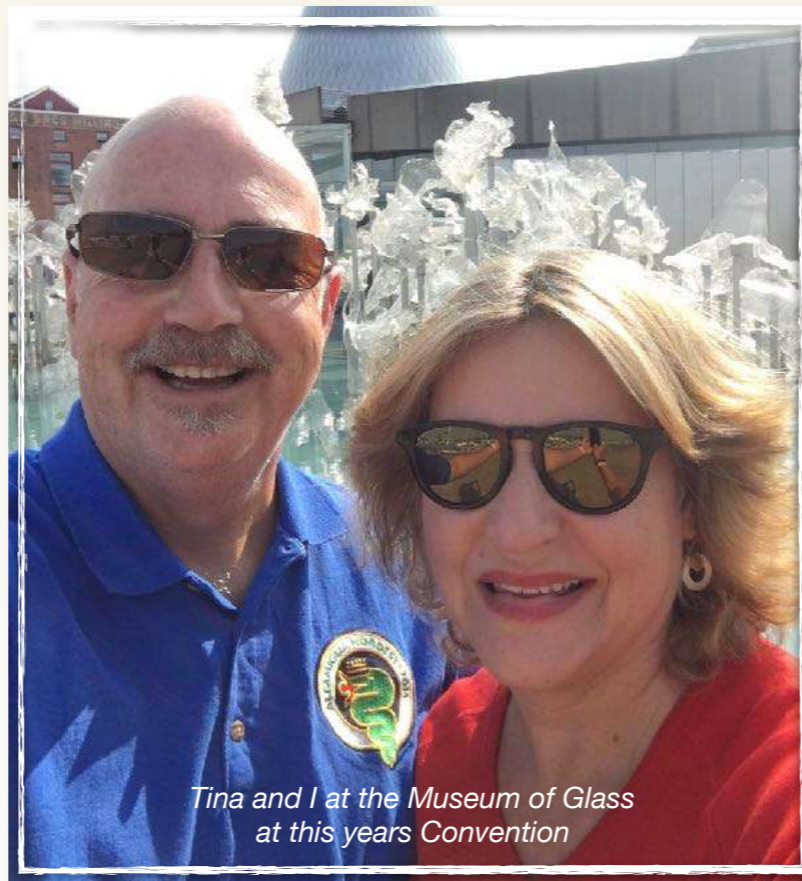
Some of you may have heard my name before, especially in relation to AlfaCalifornia2013, the AROC National Convention. Tina and I chaired that

Steve Davis

convention. It was an amazing experience to bring together people from all over the US to Sonoma County, and we had a great time among the vines and at Sonoma (Sears Point) Raceway. Believe it or not, this was actually the second AROC National Convention I've chaired. My AROC relationship started in Connecticut, and we hosted the 1989 National Convention as a joint venture between AROC-CT and AONE (Alfa Owners of New England). Fun fact — it takes longer to "gestate" a National

Convention than it does a human... how do I know? Because halfway through the convention planning, Tina became pregnant with our first child, who was born three weeks before the start of the convention! We had baby bottles and autocross cones in our hotel room!

Living most of my life in California (I was born in Napa) you could say I've always "looked up" to AROO. An AROO convention was the very first one I ever attended (I remember Ron Tonkin had a brand new F50 at PIR!). And I've known many of the AROO-ers since the Connecticut days. When Tina retired last year, we started looking for places to move. And since our son & wife lived in Eugene, and our visits up were always full of fun and beer and wine, the choice was pretty easy. We have a beautiful house on 7 acres in the "Mount Tom" area, just to the east of i-5, with a shop for the Alfa and for my budding woodworking skills. I look forward to inviting you all up for a BBQ and some great conversation! I'll try to get up to Portland as often as possible for events and to get to know more of you. In the meant time, let me know if you are coming down my way — would be great to have you up to the house!



Tina and I at the Museum of Glass at this years Convention

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Tom Black's Garage





New AROO Board of Directors member:

with AROO and has been a member since the day he was born. Chris also served on the NW Classic Rally Committee for 10 years, an event he loves dearly. He is also a member of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Jaguar Owners Club of Oregon, Volvo Club of America, Chris Craft Antique Boat Club, Classic Yacht Association, Antique and Classic Boat Society and serves as membership chair for the Portland Yacht Club.

Chris Fink

By day, Chris' job is the owner of Finksinc a small marketing firm that defines business brands and marketing complex civic projects. Chris has worked with cities and brands such as Downtown Portland, Oregon, Lake Oswego, Oregon, Long Beach, California, Cartier, Breitling, Mercedes-Benz, and JP Morgan. He is also the owner of the trade and consumer show, the NW Food & Wine Festival occurring each November.

Chris' passion is for European sports and collector cars and together with his family, he is a 25-year member of the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon (AROO) and Alfa Romeo Owners Club (AROC). His teenage son Connor has also been a fixture







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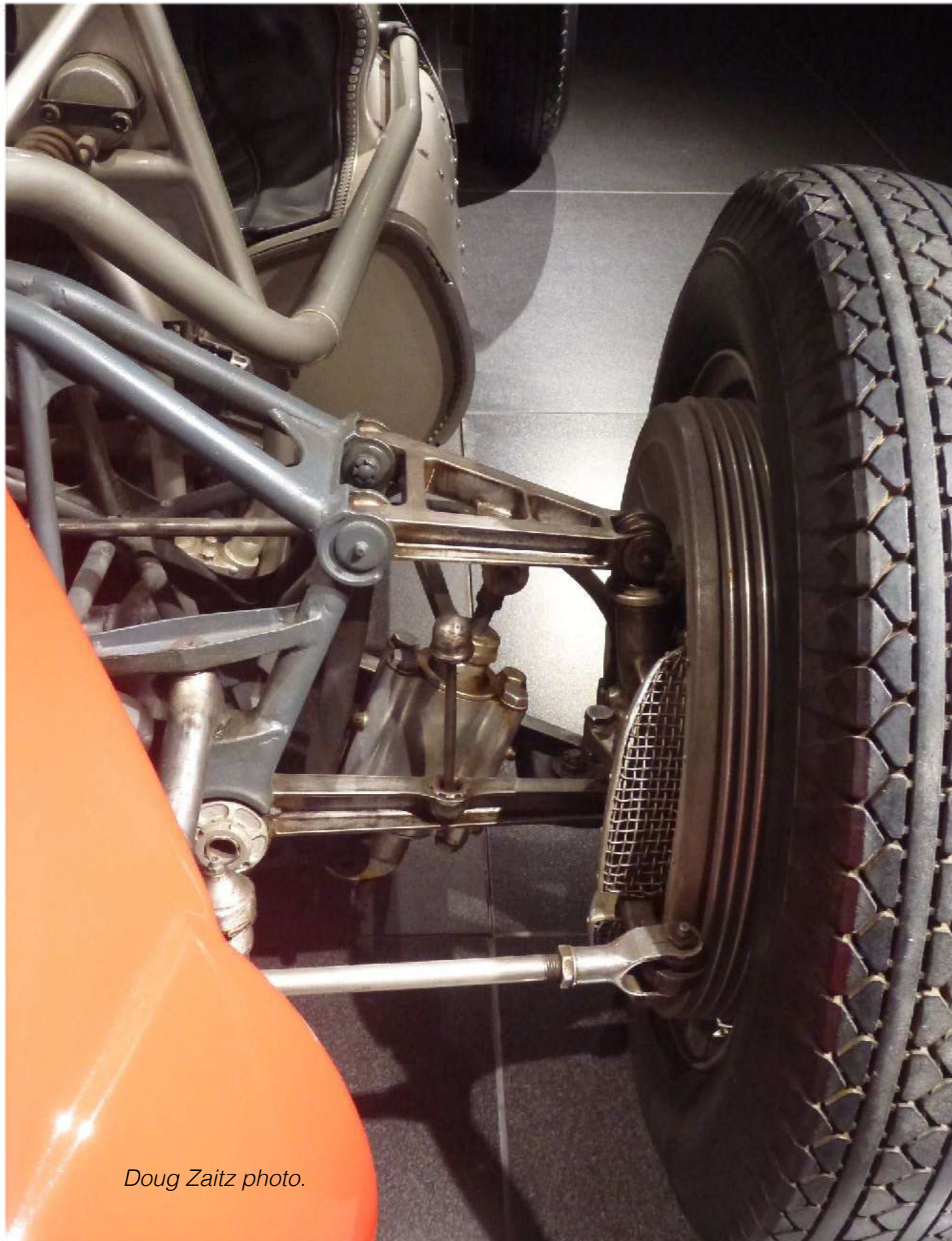
Ryan Coulson

Been participating in the club for around 2 years now. I love getting the chance to drive my Alfa amongst the other Alfas of the club, and being able to build community with other Alfa lovers. Having lots of fun with my Spider and would someday like to own a GTV. My other big passion is aviation, one that I share with my dad, have had my private license over 10 years now.



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AROO SUMMER TOUR

July 12 -14

Fast, Fun, Delicious! This pretty well sums up the 3 day summer tour to Eastern Oregon.

Departing from Salem, we head over the Willamette Pass to Odell Lake for a lunch stop. After leaving Beaver Marsh on 97, the fast and fun part kicks in! I suspect I have incorporated new roads to most including Silver Lake Rd (not to be confused with Hwy 31) on the way to the Lakeview Best Western. Dinner will be a Julia's on 397. We ate here on last summer's tour and it is unexpectedly good!

Day two features wide open roads (fast and fun on steroids) to Fields to enjoy their famous ½ burgers and REAL ice cream shakes served with spoons by necessity. The afternoon will again expose most to a few new roads including Diamond Lane, Lave Bed and Diamond Loop on the way to the

Crane General Store for more ice cream. We arrive at the Burns Best Western early enough to enjoy a happy hour and swim in their outdoor pool.

The tour will end in Bend on day 3 after enjoying lunch at Sun River Brewing.

You can make reservations at the two Best Westerns now. Room blocks under Alfa Romeo Car Club. Lakeview BW 541-947-2194. Burns BW 541-577-5050. If you are coming, let Tom McGirr know so he can alert the restaurants. 503-983-3656 or tomsredalfa@gmail.com.

FALL TOUR TO CONDON

September 14 -15

Mark your calendar and make your reservations. We are off to Condon to enjoy some great Central Oregon roads! The tour will depart from McIver Park in Estacada and take us along the Clackamas River to Timothy Lake. Along the way you will enjoy a few roads that are likely new to you (Pinhead Creek or Skyline road sound familiar?) We then make our way over to Maupin for lunch. Afterwards, we enjoy the switchbacks out of the canyon via 216 passing through Grass Valley to a scheduled stop in Moro to visit the Sherman County Historical Museum. We arrive in Condon early enough to take in the Depot Museum. If you have not visited it before, I highly recommend it.

Sunday will offer a few more roads that are likely new to many including Rowe Creek and Twickenham, both of which Eric

Roe used a tour many moons ago. The rock formations along this section of road are pretty spectacular. Lunch will be in Pendleton at Club Pioneer.

There are only 18 rooms at Condon Hotel. Rooms are blocked for Alfa Romeo Car Club until August 14. The only backup lodging is the Condon *Motel*, which is OK but certainly not as nice. Condon Hotel, phone: 541-384-4624. Please let Tom McGirr know you are coming so he can alert provide head counts to the restaurants. 503-983-3656 or tomsredalfa@gmail.com.



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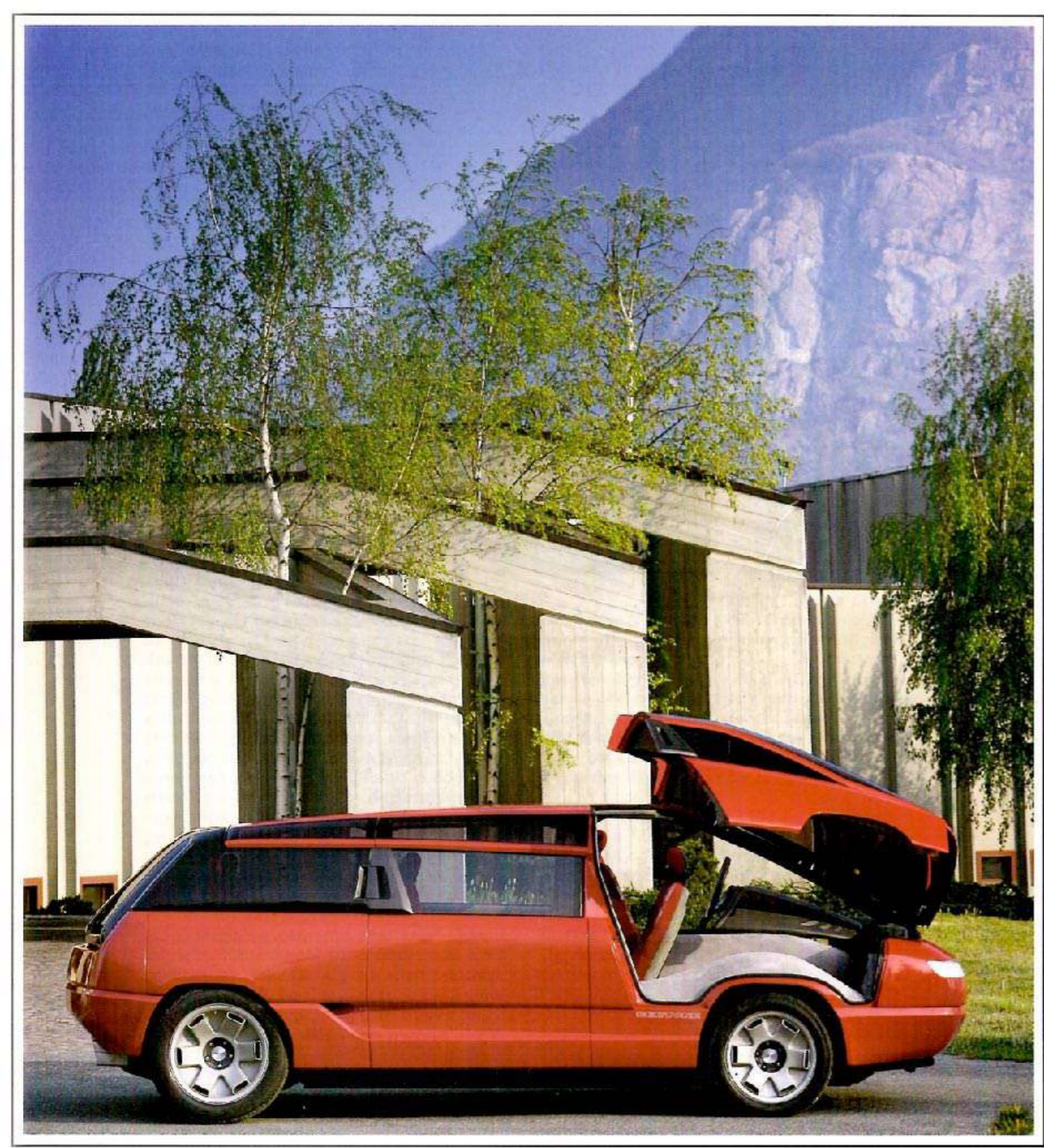
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