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FROM THE EDITOR

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Bits Editor Position is Open

Greetings,
This issue marks the 4th year I have been publishing the Alfa Bits. I took over as editor for the May/June 2015 issue. That first issue was 18 pages and contained only the basics though I gave it a new look — since updated with a new masthead and other graphics. My commitment to former President, Roger Dilts was to “put something out”. I suggested I would commit for about a year. Publishing an on-line newsletter was totally new to me which only goes to show anyone can do this job.

And with that in mind I am opening up the position to any member who would like to take over as the AROO Bits Editor. The position requires about one full+ day a month for the actual publication plus some additional time organizing submitted material as it arrives via email. You may be faster than I am, or slower, but it is manageable. I will be happy to walk you through the production process and talk with you further. Please contact me at the email address below or call me at 503.880.7164. I will be out of contact from May 13 through the 25.
Cheers,

George Kraus

Alfa Bits Editor

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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.

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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.



May 2019 – Doug Zaitz

In the Driver's Seat-



Doug Zaitz photo

Tomorrow's the day ~ two flight segments and 18 hours later I will be back in Italy for yet another AROC Goes to Italy tour! So following yesterday's successful Old Spider Tour, I am in full Alfa-mode – ready to return to the land of our beloved cars.

I would like to thank Neil d'Autremont and Keith Martin for coordinating this year's 41st annual Old Spider Tour. And I would like to thank Sidedraught City and the Sports Car

Market for their sponsorship of this wonderful event!

The weather was fantastic, with no rain, fog or clouds to be seen – all the way to the coast – one couldn't have ordered better weather! I navigated for John Clemson, who drove his father's one-owner unrestored 1961 Porsche coupe – at the back of the pack, of course, but in the same spirit of our Giulietta spiders and sprints as an early 1960s contemporary sports car.

Our April Dinner Meeting program was presented by member Chris Bright, and was a slide show and Q&A about his tribute Maserati 300S being constructed in Argentina. This car will be an interesting ride once it arrives stateside in a few months. Chris gave us interesting background on the business of tribute car manufacturing in Argentina, by some of the luminaries of the 1950-60s age of sports car racing. Thank you, Chris, for your presentation and participation!

I would like to invite all to come to this month's Dinner Meeting on May 15th – we will have another guest speaker from our own AROO Board of Directors – Alex Carrara! Alex's presentation will be a slide show and talk about the 10 year-long building of his Alfetta sedan track car with V6 engine transplant.!

As a reminder, the next (third) rally is on Sunday, May 19th. This year's series is

brought to you by Rally Coordinators Yulia Smolyansky and Paul Eklund, our very capable and very accomplished local rallyists! – thank you again for your efforts to make this series continue this year!

Your AROO Board of Directors has shuffled about several of AROO's annual events into a single, hopefully annual event scheduled for mid-June – we will be touring from the Portland area down to Harrisburg (north of Eugene) on Saturday, June 22nd, for a BBQ and social party, and with it a shop tour and swap meet too, at the Steve and Tina Davis compound, high above the picturesque Willamette Valley. There is more on this elsewhere, but suffice it to say that we are looking forward to having an event more centrally located for our central and southern Oregonian members!

Be sure to follow both the AROO website calendar (downloadable as a printable PDF) and the AROC Chapter Events listings on the national AROC-USA website (www.aroc-usa.org). And if you are traveling outside our area, be sure to check the AROC Chapter Events listings for the area you are visiting.

And don't forget, join us on Wednesday the 15th for an evening of friends, food and beverage, and an interesting program at the Old Spaghetti Factory in downtown Portland at the south waterfront -- see you there!



ALFA IN THE NEWS-

FCA DESIGN CONTEST



THE 2019 DRIVE FOR DESIGN CONTEST SELECTED THREE WINNING IDEAS

[Tony Markovich](#)

May 7th 2019 at 2:36PM

Each year since 2013, [Fiat Chrysler Automobiles](#) (FCA) hosts a design contest for high school students called [Drive for Design](#) intended to educate and encourage automotive career hopefuls. For 2019, FCA prompted 10th, 11th, and 12th graders to imagine the "ultimate status vehicle." The top three choices include two [Alfa Romeos](#) and a Maserati.

THE THREE WINNERS OF THE CONTEST WILL BE AWARDED WITH NUMEROUS VALUABLE PRIZES. THEY WILL GET BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS AT THE [FCA U.S. PRODUCT DESIGN STUDIOS](#), AS WELL AS MENTORING TIME WITH SOME OF FCA'S DESIGNERS.

FCA named first, second, and third places in the contest. Maximillian Cooper (lead image) from Design and Architecture Senior High in Miami won first place. Mason Ross (first inline image) from Kennedy Catholic High School in Burien, Wash., took second. Vincent Piaskowski ([Maserati](#) image) from Ernest W. Seaholm High School in Birmingham, Mich., placed third.

The three winners of the contest will be awarded with numerous valuable prizes. They will get behind-the-scenes tours at the [FCA U.S. Product Design studios](#), as well as mentoring time with some of FCA's designers. They will also get scholarships to attend the [Precollege Summer Experience Transportation Design program](#) at the College for Creative Studies. Lastly, they'll have the honor of serving as junior judges the [EyesOn Design Car Show](#).



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EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:

Board Meeting at Buster's Barbecue in Tigard at 7 PM Contact Doug Zaitz at doug.zaitz@alfaclub.org or 509-768-4312.

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:

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

January

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. — **CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER**

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.

20 Steve's Restorations Tour.

May

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

4 Old Spider Tour, Keith martin & Neil d'Autremont.

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

19 AROO Cup Rally 3.

June

2 AROO Cup Rally 4.

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

22 Annual Swap Meet & Garage Tour Steve & Tina Davis).

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. (Bill Gillham)

27 AROO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

November

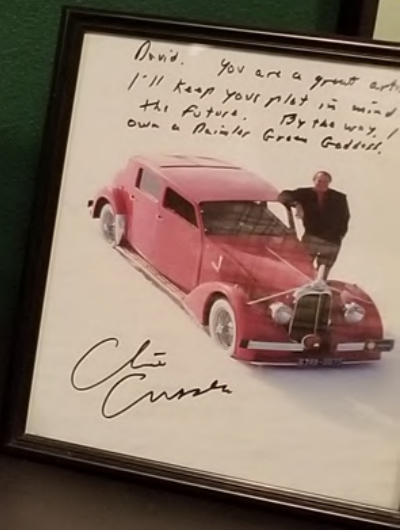
6 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.

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 May

Allison Best	1 year
David Schroeder	1 year
David Doyle	1 year
Atanas Vlaew	1 year
Chris Hamel	2 years
William Kirkham	3 years
Monte Shelton	4 years
Stephen Godish	5 years
Greg Byes	6 years
Maynard Chambers	10 years
George Kraus (WHO???)	13 years
Stephen Ruben	14 years
Ted Gathe	21 years
Susan Wandtke	22 years
Stuart Moss	29 years
★ Erik Roe!	30 years
★★ Grant Prentice!	34 years
★★★ Michael Barmache!!!	40 years

★ *Members that have been with the club longer than 30 years.*

★★ *Members that have been with the club longer than 40 years.*

We currently have 185 memberships in AROO, with 194 voting members.

Anniversaries and New Member list is prepared each month by Steve Davis. Thank you Steve.





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The Making of a Maserati Tribute Sports Car



Fresh from a trip to Buenos Aires, AROO Vice President Chris Bright shared a progress report on his project to build a Maserati sports racer tribute. The car is being built in the shop of Nestor Salerno, one of the last living sports car drivers from the 1950s. Salerno competed against legends like Fangio, Moss, Gurney and Hawthorn on the South American swing of the sports car championships, as well as in Formula 3 in Europe.

The car is inspired by the Maserati 350S which Stirling Moss and Denis Jenkinson raced in the 1956 Mille Miglia. Chris provided a history of the car that was the inspiration for the project. It was the only known example of a 300-body paired to a V-8 engine.

Built to the original specs provided by the Maserati factory, the tubular space frame is skinned in a slippery hand-shaped aluminium body. Under the hood, the car will be powered by a 4.9-liter V-8 engine from an early '80s Quattroporte which is a direct descendant of the engine that powered the Maserati 450S from 1957-58.

The project has been underway for about two years and is expected to be completed in the summer months. The Maserati will head back to Oregon by cargo ship -- hopefully before the autumn rains return. As soon as it returns, it will be an eager participant in the next AROO rally!



*Paul Eklund & Yulia Smolyanskyy,
AROO Cup Rally Chairs*

AROO RALLY CUP Dates

AROO RALLY #3 Sunday May 19th, Starts at southbound rest area on I-5 just south of Wilsonville (French Prairie Rest Area, at Mile Post 282) 9am registration, meeting at 9:45am and 10:01am First Car Out (FCO) ends about 1:15pm for lunch. This one will be a bit more difficult, with some "higher level" traps to prepare entrants for the Monte Shelton Rally. Simon Levear/Bill Ferber to rallymaster unless they have a conflict. Pre-register at www.alfaclub.org or email paul eklund@alfaclub.org cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 cash/check day of the event.

AROO RALLY #4 Sunday, June 2nd, Starts at southbound rest area on I-5 just south of Wilsonville (French Prairie Rest Area, at Mile Post 282) 9am. Registration, meeting at 9:45am and 10:01am First Car Out (FCO) ends about 1:00pm for lunch. Trying to get Dave Reich to rallymaster... Pre-register at www.alfaclub.org or email paul eklund@alfaclub.org cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 cash/check day of the event.

AROO Cup News

AROO Rally Cup Series: **RALLY #3, Sunday 5/19**
Enter the AROO CUP series (3/3, 4/14, 5/19, 6/2)!

[http://www.alfaclub.org/
AROO_Rally_Cup_Series.html](http://www.alfaclub.org/AROO_Rally_Cup_Series.html)

Sunday May 19th will be AROO CUP Rally #3, which is great practice for the NWCR and a good shakedown for your classic car. Signing up is pretty easy, just send

an email to the Rally Chairs:
paul eklund@alfaclub.org or
yulia.smolyanskyy@alfaclub.org
and then show up!





Getting ready for the NWC Rally

REMAINING RALLY DATES:

AROO RALLY SCHOOL! Saturday March 2nd 9am sign in, 10am start ends about 2:30pm. Max's Fanno Creek Brewpub 12562 SW Main St, Tigard, OR 97223 \$10 Pre-register at alfaclub.org or email paul.eklund@alfaclub.org

AROO RALLY #1 Sunday March 3rd, Starts at southbound rest area on I-5 just south of Wilsonville (French Prairie Rest Area, at Mile Post 282) 9am registration, meeting at 9:45am and 10:01am First Car Out (FCO) ends about 1pm for lunch near Wilsonville Eklund/Smolyansky rally masters **EASY RALLY**, focusing on fundamentals of route following. Pre-register at alfaclub.org or email paul.eklund@alfaclub.org cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 day of the event...

AROO RALLY #2 Sunday April 14th, Starts at southbound rest area on I-5 just south of Wilsonville (French Prairie Rest Area, at Mile Post 282) 9am registration, meeting at 9:45am and 10:01am First Car Out (FCO) ends about 1:15pm for lunch. This one will slightly more difficult, likely recycle a Roger Dilts rally. Rally Master TBA (Pre-register at alfaclub.org or email paul.eklund@alfaclub.org cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 cash day of the event...

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Peter Giddings Memorial

by Bill DeGolia

Peter Giddings' wife Judy rolled out the red carpet for about 200 friends and admirers of Peter at a track-side garage at Sears Point Raceway on Thursday, April 11th. Several speakers told stories of Peter's six decade love affair with vintage race cars followed by a lovely buffet lunch for all who attended. As a fitting testimonial to Peter, four of his race cars were driven on the track, including a beautiful just finished Alfa Romeo Alfetta.

Peter started racing in England in 1959 with his 1928 Frazer Nash. Over the six decades, he owned and raced 37 race cars including a substantial number of Alfa Romeos, including a P3, a number of 8C2300s and at least two 8C35s. He owned five Bugattis and the former Whitney

Straight/Prince Bira Maserati 8CM (Chassis 3011). He also raced post-war cars on rare occasions, including a competition Ferrari 250 Lusso and a 1967 Alfa Romeo GTA. Peter was a true *gentleman racer*.

He was generous in sharing his cars and love of cars with all who asked. More information about Peter and his cars can be found at www.petergiddings.com.



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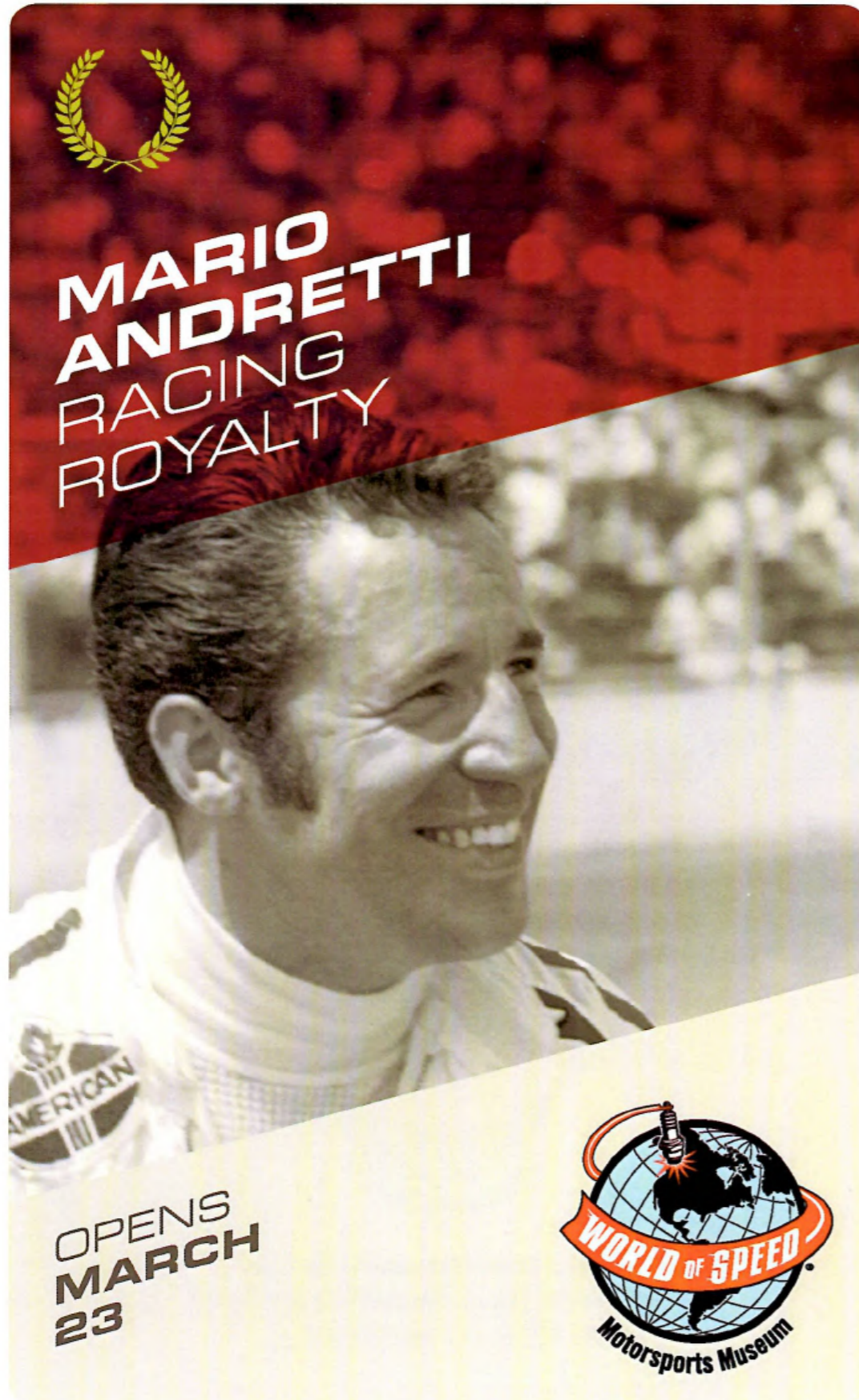
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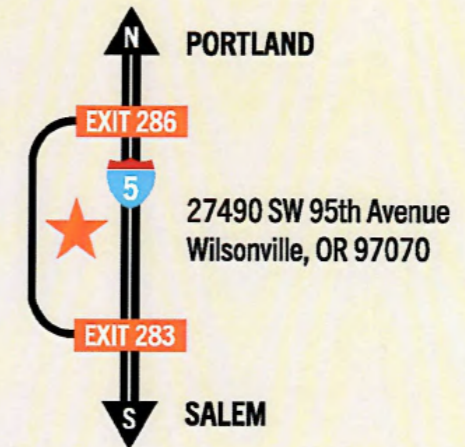
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Please join us at the home of Steve and Tina Davis for an afternoon of BBQ, fun, and conversation... and the Annual AROO Swap Meet.



We've added a new feature to the Tour to the Southlands on June 22nd – a Swap Meet! So, bring your Alfa-stuff and spread it out in the shop. And, while others are drooling over your treasures, you will be having fun, relaxing, eating, and chatting with your friends. There will be lots to do:

Head up to the house for the BBQ, and grab a beer or a glass of wine. We will have burgers and maybe a few dogs, plus salads, chips and cookies. Lots of room to sit and talk.

Bring your competitive spirit to playing “Cross Country Croquet” – a special variation of the game where accuracy is less important than distance coverage and natural obstacle avoidance.

Alfa Corn Hole – perhaps the coupes vs. the sedans vs. the convertibles?

Here's the travel plans:

Meet at 10am at the Wilsonville Rest Stop on Southbound I-5, in the third parking lot in the back. Quick driver's meeting and depart about 10:30. Drive will be 2.5 hours or so, so get the

coffee and the gas beforehand. Arrive at the Davis' house about 1:00. Address is **33910 Mount Tom Drive, Harrisburg, 97446**. If you want to take the more direct route down to the house on your own, feel free. Depart when you want, and it's a pretty straight blast up I-5 back to the 'Northern Territories'.

Bring the kids and the family – choose wisely if it's between Alfa parts and offspring, though...

Oh yeah, and one more thing... while I'm looking forward to hosting the swap meet, you gotta bring it all back home with you! Steve and Tina



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2020 Alfa Wannabe Tour Canada Or Utah/Arizona?

TOUR ONE:

I am toying with organizing a trip to Utah and Northern Arizona to take in Zion National Park, the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon. For those who have not been there before, here are the links to each park to get a feel for what each park offers.

Zion: <https://www.nps.gov/zion/index.htm>

North Rim: <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/north-rim.htm>.

Bryce Canyon: <https://www.nps.gov/brca/index.htm>



Zion/Bryce Canyon

The tour would last 11 days (10 nights). I have plotted a tentative route to and from avoiding as much freeway driving as possible while limiting drive time to and from to 6-7 hours a day on the way to and from the parks. ON the way down, we would stop in Winnemucca NV and Cedar City UT. We would have 2 days in each park and driving would be very limited on those 6 days. Return trip has us stopping in Elko NV and either Vale or John Day OR.

We enter Zion National Park early morning Day 3, taking in Kolob Canyon and Kalob Terrace drives primarily stopping at viewpoints along the way. I anticipate reaching Zion Lodge, located in the main part of the park by 2pm with only 105 miles of driving today. This part of the park is restricted to park shuttles which run every 5-7 minutes and take you to all the viewpoints and trail heads. We would be able to see a number of the main features this afternoon.

All of day 4 would be in Zion, which would give us time to see remaining highlights and to take in a mix of short hikes or for those more adventurous, The Narrows or Angel's Landing hikes (check out Joe's Guide to Zion National Park for a list of short to longer hikes and some **stellar** pictures: <https://www.citrusmilo.com/zionguide/recommend.cfm>). No driving today.

Day 5 takes us to the North Rim after covering 126 miles. We will have at least 6 hours to explore today and all of **Day 6**. There is no shuttle system here so we will have some short drives to the various overlooks and optional short trail hikes.



Day 7 takes us to Bryce Canyon. I figure about 157 miles or 2.5 hours D/T to arrive at the lodge. Once we arrive, we will use the free shuttles and the Rainbow Bus to navigate. Parking is a challenge (4

cars per available parking spot) on busy days. The Rainbow bus (available by reservation) takes two 3.5 hour excursions per day to the sights in the western part of the park so we have three opportunities to snag one. Otherwise, we will use our own cars. Day 8 is dedicated to Bryce Canyon as well so we should see all the main sights, revisit favorites either by bus or by car, and have time to take some short hikes as well. Driving would be limited to visiting or revisiting areas in the western part of the park.



Days 9-11 take us back home. Drive times of between 5 and 6.5 hours per day for two days and 3.5-4 on the last day. This may be a little conservative as the speed limits are 80 in many parts of Nevada and I am not sure I can, or would want to, peddle that fast.

My preference is to stay in the park lodges at each park (there is only one in each park). They start taking reservations 12-13 months in advance. I am looking at getting this trip in before the schools are out so as to hopefully reduce the crowds and take advantage of lower temperatures. That would mean the last two weeks of May through the first week or so of June.

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2020-Canadian Rockies-Take 2! Banff, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake and Hot Springs

TOUR 2

This seven night-eight day tour will feature the beauty of the Canadian Rockies, soothing mineral waters of five different hot springs, *luxury* lakeside lodging on Lake Louise and Moraine Lake, great food and stellar scenery (and some very nice roads!). A proposed itinerary is below. You may have to copy and paste the links to see the websites.



Fairmount Springs

The trip will depart in late May/early June from Portland. Day one will feature back roads through the Palouse to Spokane and the Historic Davenport Hotel <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/gegak-the-historic-davenport-autograph-collection/>. This is a very classy elegant hotel that we have visited on past tours and all have really enjoyed.

Day 2: Destination is Fairmont Hot Springs Resort! <https://www.fairmonthot springs.com/hot-springs/> A leisurely 4 hour drive will get us to the resort early afternoon allowing for a long soak before dinner. This will be a new destination



Moraine Lake

Day 3: Today we will enjoy two different hot springs. Along the 2 hour drive to Banff, we will stop at Radium Hot Springs for an hour or so soak <https://www.radiumhotsprings.com/listing/radium-hot-springs-pools/> before reaching the 'new to Tom' upscale Rim Rock Resort Hotel <http://www.rimrockresort.com/>

in Banff. Upper Banff Hot Springs <https://www.hot springs.ca/> is located across the road from the hotel. The Banff gondola is also located near the hotel and offers a spectacular view from the top.

Day 4: Moraine Lake Lodge is our destination <https://morainelake.com/>. Located

high in the Canadian Rockies only a short distance from Banff, you will have the opportunity to explore several walking trails, paddle a canoe while you gaze at mountains and glaciers, and take the Lake Louise Tram to the top of the mountains with a good chance of seeing a grizzly bear! Check out the pics! Wow!

Day 5: We will experience the grandeur of the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise <https://www.fairmont.com/lake-louise/> located on Lake Louise. Similar to Day 4, very limited driving, great short hikes, canoes to paddle, high tea, and just relaxing while taking in the views. Again, check out the website and pics. 2xWow.

Day 6: A 3 ½ drive will take us to Halcyon Hot Springs Resort <https://halcyon-hot springs.com/#enter>. This is a very nice resort and the pools are grand, as some of us already know!

Day 7: About 5 hour drive will take us to Harrison Hot Springs Resort. https://www.harrisonresort.com/?utm_source=googlemaps&utm_medium=local&utm_campaign=resort Located on Lake Harrison, they have 5 different pools to enjoy.

Day 8: Home bound we are.

This will be one of those "Once in a life time" trips for most of us. The trip will not be cheap. The rooms at Lake Louise and Moraine Lake run \$950 to \$1,000 Canadian or \$713-\$750 US (before any group discount) but like I said, a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The only time Paula and I attempted to make it to Lake Louise we were on a year delayed honeymoon camping in a park down the road. We decided to hike the trail from the main highway to The Chateau. After only a mile or so, Paula slipped and broke her wrist. After surgery and a stay in the Banff Hospital, the drugs pretty much obliterated memory of the remainder of our 'honeymoon' trip. Hence, this trip will be special for us!

Again, I am looking at getting this trip in before the schools are out so as to hopefully reduce the crowds and increase the likelihood of seeing snow on the mountains. That would mean the last two weeks of May through the first week or so of June. Continued next page.



Solicitation Of Interest In 2020 Summer Tour

As you all know, I do one major tour a year. Despite the 2019 tour not having been completed, I have already noodled a couple of possibilities for next year's tour. As the lodges in both destinations start taking reservations 12-13 months in advance, I need to get to cracking if we are to have a shot at getting rooms.

A detailed description of each tour will follow in two separate e-mails. Each has some pictures of some of what you will see as well as links you can cut and paste to your browser to gain more information. I split into two e-mails as some folks have very limited e-mail capacity and the pics eat away at storage. If you do NOT get the follow-up e-mails, then let me know and I can strip the pics.

One trip has us going to Canada including Banff, Moraine Lake and Lake Louise and several hot spring resorts, and the other includes three National Parks including Zion, North Rim Grand Canyon and Bryce. Canada is 8 days long and the National Park tour is 11 (takes two days to get there). For those that have not been on a tour, I plan the route, make all the lodging, meals and joint activity arrangements. You just pay me and show up. Think vacation.

If you are at all interested in either, look for follow-up e-mails. Upon review, if you are **seriously interested** in either (or both) trips, please complete the form below and return it to me by e-mail. The trip will be limited to no more



than 22 couples and as always, first come first serve. I will then attempt to make reservations for the trip that garners the most interest. If both trips are of interest, ok to indicate that. Just put a #1 or #2 by your name. Your 'vote' will help me choose destination this year as well as serve as a guide for number of rooms to try to secure. Once I am able to secure rooms, I will advise those that want to join me as to when and how much of a deposit I will need.

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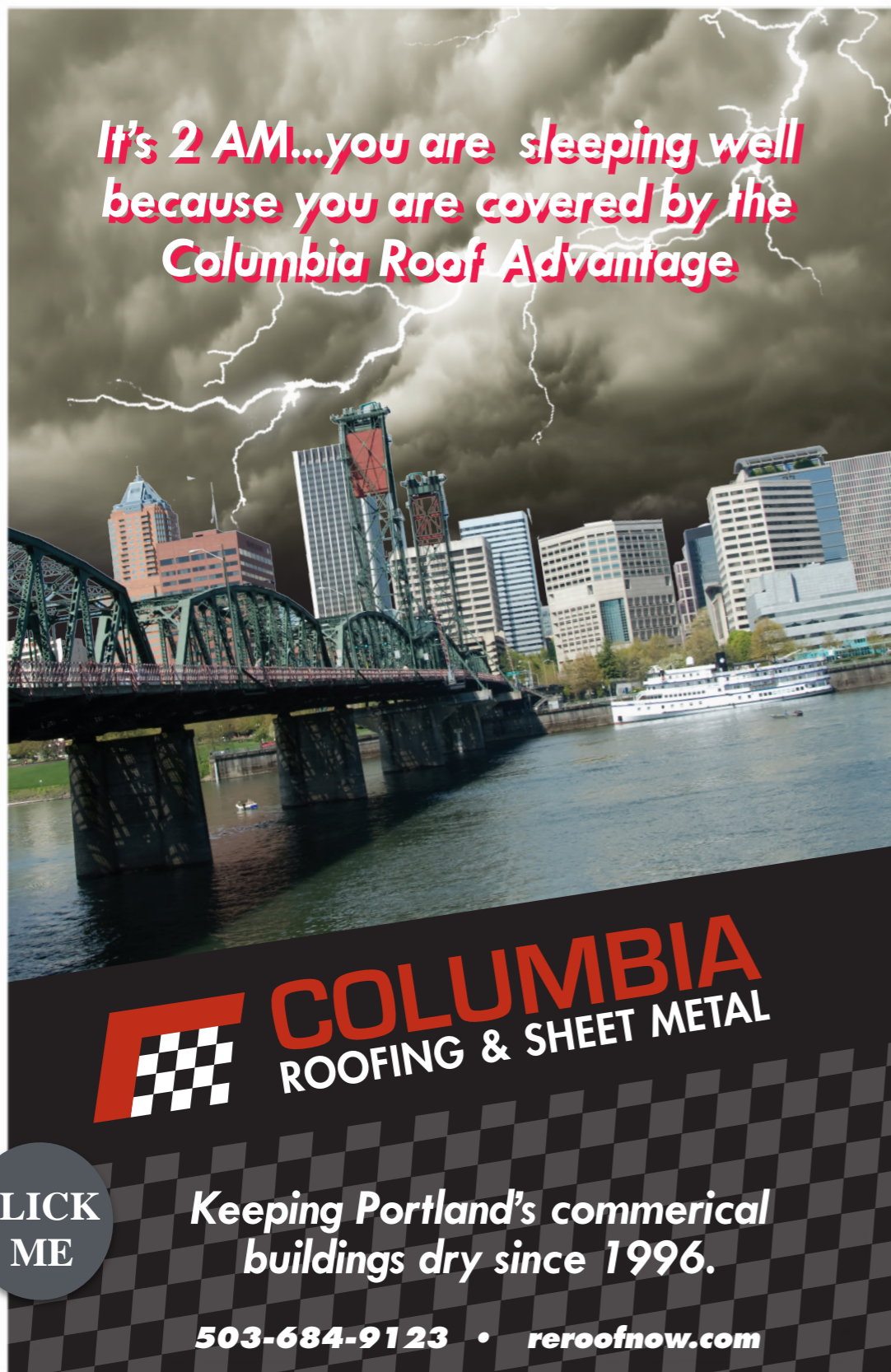
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GENERAL MEETING The Old Spaghetti Factory



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

Our 7:00 pm **Wednesday, May 15th** General Meeting will be held at The Old Spaghetti Factory: 0718 SW Bancroft St. Portland.

We will have another guest speaker from our own AROO Board of Directors – Alex Carrara! Alex's presentation will be a slide show and talk about the 10 year-long building of his Alfetta sedan track car with V6 engine transplant.

Note our starting time: Social Hour at 6:30; order Dinner at 7:00; and Dinner Program starts at 7:30.

Please join us for the Wednesday, May 15th meeting.

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.

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Northwest Classic Rally

The 2019 Northwest Classic Rally is scheduled for August 1st through the 4th and this year we have a brand new—but not new to rallies—crew. They have been finalizing the many details needed to complete a successful event.

Doug Zaitz is the Rally Chairman, Roger Dilts is the Rallymaster, and Glenn Dolphin will be Volunteer Coordinator for the Rally.

I encourage you to join them in volunteering for this special AROO event. Please contact Glen Dolphin to learn more about volunteering for the NW Classic Rally.

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If you are interested in driving the Rally as a participant, go to [NW Classic Motor Rally Registration](#).

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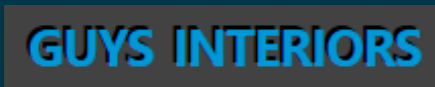
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AROO SUMMER TOUR

July 12 -14

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.

Before checking in, we will visit Stringers Orchard Winery and Distillery located in New Pine Creek, just past the Oregon border. They have operated a winery since 1984 based on the Oregon Wild Plum, a very distinct fruit from the plum we see the grocery store.

The Wild Plum is one of nature's most unique fruits. It grows at the borders of Oregon, California and Nevada in the high desert at between 4,000 and 7,000 feet. It tolerate extreme heat, cold, alkaline soil and drought. In its native state, the wild plum grows on a large bush 5-6 feet tall. The fruit is similar to a cherry in size and has a distinct tart flavor.

Stringer Orchards makes some good plum wine, two liqueurs, regular and plum infused gin as well as plum syrup and two jams. We will be stopping by to taste the wine, liqueurs, and gins along with some

complementary cheese and crackers before the short 15 minute drive to the motel.

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 new roads including Diamond Lane, Lave Bed and Diamond Loop on the way to the Crane General Store for more ice cream or a cold drink. We arrive at the Burns Best Western early enough to enjoy a happy hour and swim in their outdoor pool. Dinner is still being ironed out but I am hoping we can visit Steen Mountain Brewery.

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 541-573-5050. 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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