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Happy New Year!!!

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## FROM THE EDITOR

## The New Guy!

Hello!

Let me say a big “THANKS!” to George right off the bat for a smooth turnover of the newsletter. And I also need to say thanks to Chris Bright for helping to convert the newsletter from Keynote over to Power Point. It is a work in progress to migrate everything over to a PC from a Mac – I’ll polish the newsletter over the first few issues.

If you haven’t met me yet, I’m new to the club and moved to Vancouver from Memphis, TN in March of 2019. My current Alfa is a 2015 4c Spider in Giallo Prototipo. I’m a long time car lover and look forward to meeting more Alfisti in 2020!

If you want to contact me my email address is [james.parker@alfaclub.org](mailto:james.parker@alfaclub.org).

*James Parker*

Alfa Bits Editor

## ALFA BITS

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

### January 2020– Doug Zaitz In the Driver's Seat



What snow? What ice? What near-zero temperatures? Yes, that's all happening this week at home in the wilds north of Spokanistan.

Why do I say this? I have been very fortunate to be able to start this winter season and the New Year in the sunshine and temperate climate of the Southern California desert! And this year I have not only one, but two of my Alfas here. There is just something other-worldly about driving top-down in short sleeves in the middle of winter!

A small group of AROO and NWARC Alfisti are now in Palm Desert preparing for the Seventh Annual AROC Mid-Winter Retreat, hosted by our own Cindy Banzer. If you were to find yourself in

the warmth of the southwest desert later this week, you should attend the events of this three-day Alfa-centric get-together over the MLK holiday weekend!

This edition of our AlfaBits marks another major turning point in the recent history of AROO. We have a new Editor - and I would like to officially welcome James Parker! This is James' inaugural edition. Welcome, James! And speaking for James, we are always looking for interesting articles, both technical and social, and your event photographs are welcome too!

James can be contacted at [James.Parker@alfaclub.org](mailto:James.Parker@alfaclub.org) or from the AROO website Contacts page.

Of course with a new Editor, we must have a retiring Editor too. I want to offer my most sincere gratitude to outgoing Editor George Kraus – he literally picked up the pieces five years ago and kept the AlfaBits gears in motion. George reworked the format and redesigned graphics, delivering nearly 60 monthly issues filled with rewarding and interesting content. Thank you, George, for a seemingly thankless job, so very well done!

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### January 2020– Doug Zaitz In the Driver's Seat

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While announced during our Holiday Party, we have several returning and one newly elected AROO board members! I would like to welcome our newest Director, Glenn Dolphin. Glenn is well known to many of you, as he has been the Volunteer Coordinator for the NW Classic Rally. You'll see Glenn in his beautifully restored green late seventies spider, which debuted at the Olympia national convention in 2018. Returning for two-year terms are Directors Chris Bright, John Clemson, Sue Halton and myself. Thank you to all who participated in our electronic voting this year.

Your Board of Directors would also like to announce this year's Executive Officers, as elected by your board. Returning for another year (threatening perhaps his last!) as President is myself, returning as First Vice President is Chris Bright, new to us is Second Vice President Ryan Coulson, returning is Secretary Sue Halton, and also returning is Treasurer Cindy Banzer. I am truly excited having such an enthusiastic and motivated board for our club.

We are busy planning our usual events: the Valentines Day Tour and Brunch, the June and August Evening Tours, the Summer Solstice Tour and BBQ in Eugene at the Davis compound, Russ Paine's Wine Tour and Picnic, the Old Spider, Old Super, and our newest – the Giro di Coupe Tours! Lest we not forget Tom McGirr's fantastic Summer and Fall tours. We have dates and tour leaders set for most already.

We have scheduled this year's AROO Rally Cup School and four Rallies for March-June, in the same format as years past. And of course, the Northwest Classic Rally is gearing up for its 32<sup>nd</sup> annual running – we are very excited that it continues to be such a popular event for volunteers and rallyists alike!

We have set dates and locales for our annual Volunteer and Holiday dinners, as well as our Board Meetings and General Membership meetings. In a nutshell, we are ready for spring and getting our cars out and running again.

At the AROC National level, some of us are headed back to Italy in May for the fourth annual "AROC Goes to Italy" tour, hosted by Steve Austin's Great Vacations. If you have any interest, this trip is nearly sold out. Visit the AROC national website for more information, and get your reservation in now.

On a more local note, this month's General Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, January 22 at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the river in downtown Portland for an evening of friends, good food and wine -- see you there!

## Alfa in the News-

### Alfa Romeo Tonale SUV



### Alfa Romeo Tonale Leaked Photos?

By: Joey Capparella

<https://www.caranddriver.com>

The new Alfa Romeo Tonale small SUV is getting closer to reality. We saw it first in concept form earlier this year, and now the first images of the production car have leaked out. Alfa Romeo refuses to say whether these images are legit, but given its close resemblance to the concept car, we're thinking this must be it.

While the vehicle in the leaked photos is certainly more ordinary-looking than the bright-red, flashy concept, the gray Tonale in these photos does display classic Alfa design cues, such as the

brand's distinctive grille shape and sharply creased sheetmetal along the body sides.

The Tonale will be smaller than the Stelvio and will compete with such vehicles as the BMW X1/X2, Audi Q3, and Volvo XC40. In contrast to the Stelvio and Giulia, which have a rear-wheel-drive platform, the Tonale will be based on a front-wheel-drive architecture, although we're not exactly sure which one.

Alfa Romeo has also said that the Tonale will offer a hybrid powertrain of some sort, though we don't know if that means a plug-in or just a conventional hybrid. In addition to the hybrid, we expect it will come with a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine. We're sure it will offer all-wheel drive, possibly as an option, and it will likely be priced starting in the \$30,000 range.

Alfa Romeo is being tightlipped about when the Tonale will arrive, but we predict that we'll see it either late this year or early next year. That means that—if it comes to the U.S., which we suspect it will—it will likely go on sale here as a 2021 model.

**“The Tonale will be smaller than the Stelvio and compete with the BMW X1/X2, Audi Q3, and Volvo XC40.”**









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

**January**

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

**17-19** AROC Mid-Winter Retreat in Palm Desert

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

**February**

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

**16** AROO Valentine's Tour hosted by Rick Martin.

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

**March**

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

**7** AROO Cup Rally School.

**8** AROO Cup Rally 1.

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

**April**

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

**12** AROO Cup Rally Series Rally #2

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

**25** Old Spider Tour, Neil d'Autremont.

**May**

**3** AROO Cup Rally 3.

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

**16 Annual AROO Swap Meet & Garage Tour. Host: TBD.**

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

**June**

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

**7** AROO Cup Rally 4.

**17 AROO Evening Tour. Host: TBD.**

**20** Eugene Tour & BBQ Hosted by Steve and Tina Davis.

**21-27** Alfa Wannabe Tour. Host: Tom McGirr

**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](#).

**July**

**9-12** Rose Cup Races;

**18** AROO Summer Picnic and Wine Tour.

**19-26** AROC National Convention – Colorado Springs.

**30-2 Aug** AROO NW Classic Rally

**August**

**30 July-2 Aug** AROO NW Classic Rally.

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

**7-9** Summer Tour. Host: Tom McGirr

**19** AROO EVENING Tour. Host: TBD

**22** AROC Goes to Concorso Italiano, Seaside CA.

**September**

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

**4-6** CART IndyCar Racing at PIR

**12-13** Columbia River Classic SOVREN Historic Racing at PIR

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

**19** Agiro di Coupe Tour. Host: Dennis Howell.

**26-27 Fall Tour. Host: Tom McGirr.**

**October**

**3-4** Maryhill Museum Concours/Hill Climb.

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

**10 AROO Old Super Tour. Host: Bill Gillham**

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

**25** AROO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

**November**

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

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

**December**

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

**6** AROO Holiday Party.

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# Welcome New Members & Congratulations to everyone with an anniversary.

## New Members in January

Marc Hull of Beaverton  
Jason Pollock of Jacksonville  
Ian Lomax of Portland



## Member Anniversaries in January

Don Mallet – 2 years  
Stan Chesshir – 2 years  
Cliff Brunk – 3 years  
Stephen Thompson – 3 years  
Phil Lampman – 3 years  
Ton Kreger – 5 years  
Larry Marks – 5 years  
Robert Stewart – 8 years  
Richard Larsen – 15 years  
Remo Bresciani – 18 years  
★ Doug Zaitz – 32 years!  
★ Doug Klein – 33 years!  
★ Lawrece Kozimor – 36 years!

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

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

AROO has 190 members! Here are some nifty tidbits of information about our membership:

- Five members are in Canada
- Members by State – 147 in Oregon, 26 in Washington, 1 in Arkansas, 3 in Arizona, 3 in California, 2 in Idaho, 1 in North Carolina, 1 in Ohio, and 1 in Wyoming.



Paul Eklund photo.

## SCHOOL AND RALLYDATES:

**1** **AROO RALLY SCHOOL!** Saturday March 14th 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](http://alfaclub.org) or email [paul.eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul.eklund@alfaclub.org)

**2** **AROO RALLY #1** Sunday March 15th, 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 rallymasters EASY RALLY, focusing on fundamentals of route following. Pre-register at [alfaclub.org](http://alfaclub.org) or email [paul.eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul.eklund@alfaclub.org) cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 day of the event...

**3** **AROO RALLY #2** Sunday April 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 slightly more difficult, likely recycle a Roger Dilts rally. Rallymaster TBA . Pre-register at [alfaclub.org](http://alfaclub.org) or email [paul.eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul.eklund@alfaclub.org) cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 cash day of the event...

**4** **AROO RALLY #3** Sunday May 17th, 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. Rallymaster TBD. Pre-register at [alfaclub.org](http://alfaclub.org) or email [paul.eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul.eklund@alfaclub.org) cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 cash/check day of the event...

**5** **AROO RALLY #4** Sunday June 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 1:00pm for lunch. Rallymaster TBD. Pre-register at [alfaclub.org](http://alfaclub.org) or email [paul.eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul.eklund@alfaclub.org) cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 cash/check day of the event...

# AROO Cup Series

Getting ready  
for the NWC  
Rally

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



**M**any people like to spend a long summer weekend, cruising in their Classic Car on some choice roads. They hob-knob with friends they may only see a couple times a year, eat some good food, and maybe even clean their machine at a “beer wash” after a long day. Along the way, there is a rally going on with checkpoints and scores, and dash plaques and intrigue. The Northwest Classic Rally can fulfill this weekend dream and this year it is July 30-Aug 2nd, in Lincoln City, OR area.

Many people have done it for years on end. Others have considered entering, but are reluctant because the “rally portion” seems a bit daunting and the competitive side of their nature wants them to perform well. Knowing the rules is of course key to any game, even those played in your car out on the road. Staying on course, and staying on time seems simple, but of course ends up being pretty tricky.

Enter the AROO CUP series (3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/14), and the AROO RALLY SCHOOL! The school is coming up Saturday March 14th, 10am at Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub in downtown Tigard. And it will teach you how to do well in the NWC Rally. And, HINT, HINT, it will be taught by the very same guy who is WRITING the NWC Rally this year (Roger Dilts). So if you sign up for the school, I am sure you will hear important information on staying ON COURSE and staying ON TIME from the master himself. [http://www.alfaclub.org/AROO\\_Rally\\_Cup\\_Series.html](http://www.alfaclub.org/AROO_Rally_Cup_Series.html)

Guest speakers will be Fred and Lisa McNabb on driving by the Seat of your Pants (SOP) as well as Yulia Smolyansky with tips for on staying on course, and on time. The next day, Sunday March 15th will be AROO CUP Rally #1 which is great practice for the NWCR and a good shakedown for your classic car. You can do either one or both, but best to shake off the cob webs now.

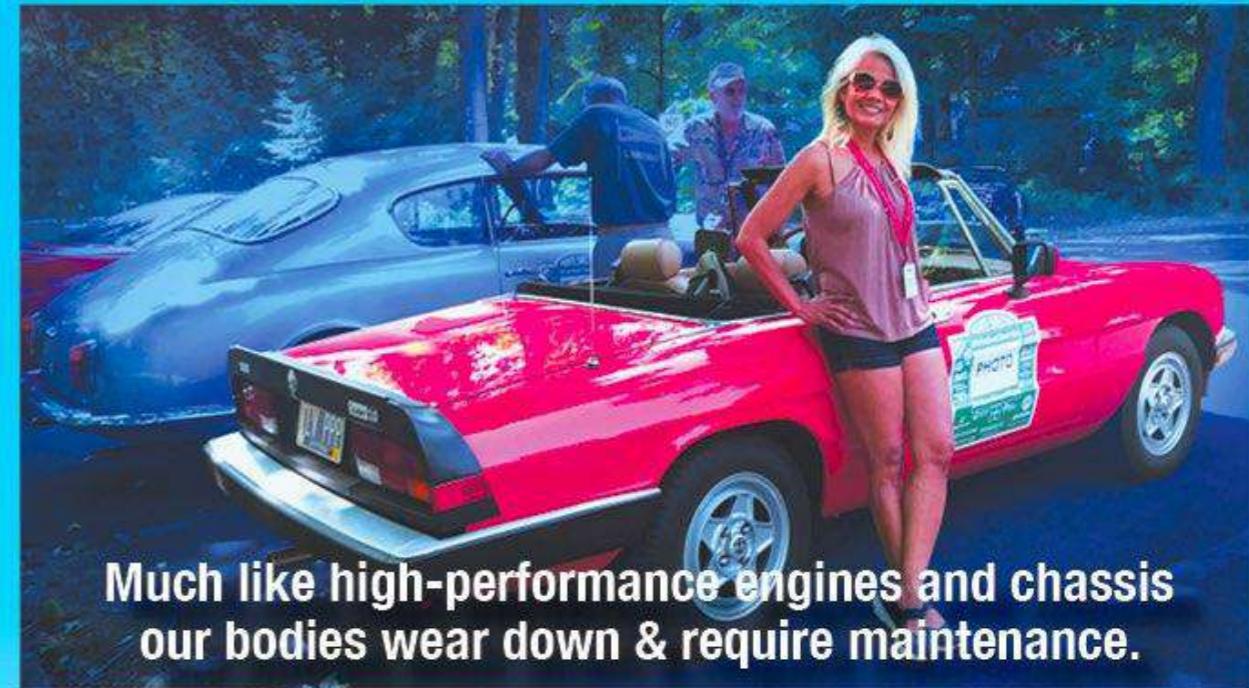
Signing up for either or both is pretty easy, just send an email to the Rally Chairs: [paul.eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul.eklund@alfaclub.org) or [yulia.smolyansky@alfaclub.org](mailto:yulia.smolyansky@alfaclub.org) and then show up!

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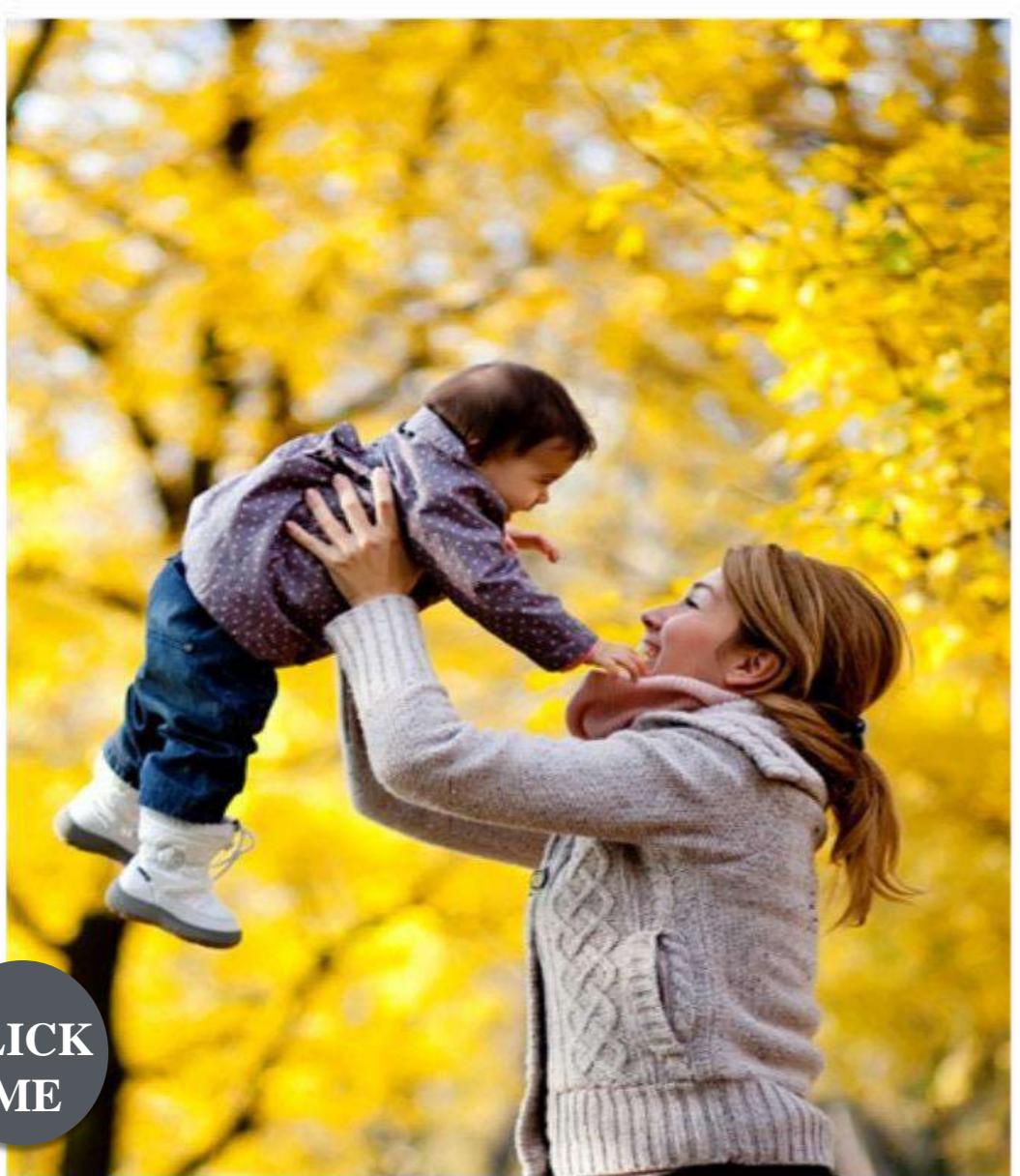
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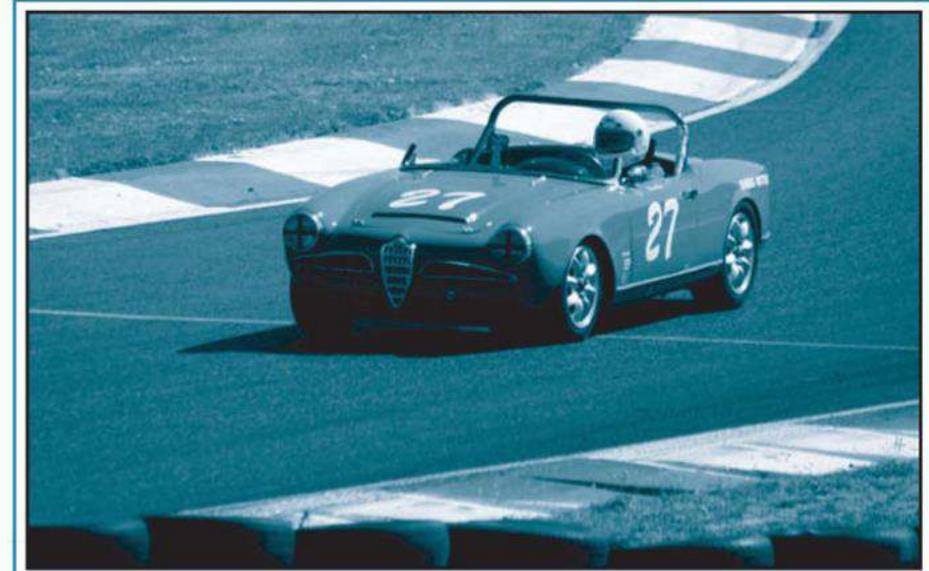
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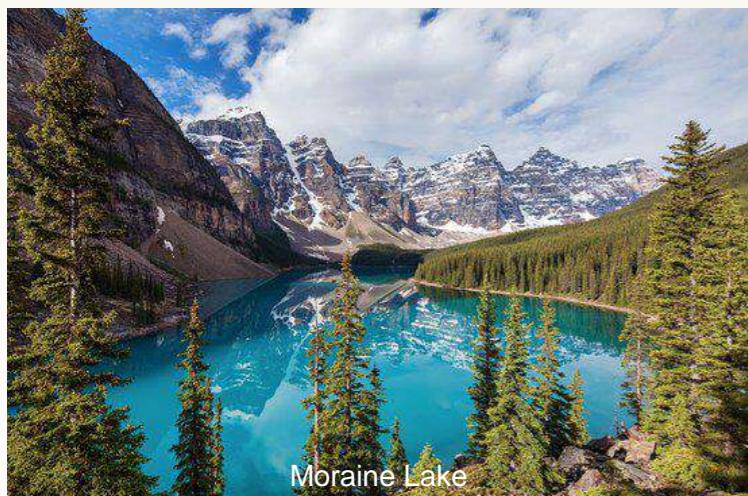
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## 2020-CANADIAN ROCKIES -TAKE 2! Banff, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake and Hot Springs June 20-28, 2020

This eight night-nine 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.

Day 1: The trip will depart June 20th from Portland. The trip will feature back roads through the Palouse to Spokane and [the Historic Davenport Hotel](#). 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](#)! 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.



Day 3: After taking the gondola to the top of the mountain for lunch in Banff, we will enjoy [Upper Banff Hot Springs](#) before checking into [Tunnel Mountain Resort](#).

Days 4-5 we stay in the famous [Fairmount Chateau Lake Louise](#). Located in the high in the Canadian Rockies only a short distance from Banff, you will have the opportunity to enjoy high tea, 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! We will also take shuttles over to Lake Moraine and have the opportunity to enjoy perhaps even more spectacular sights. Check out the pics! Wow!



Day 6 has us heading to Jasper where we stay in the Fairmont Jasper Lodge. We will take in the many sights along the Ice Highway including mountain lakes, waterfalls, the Columbia Ice Fields, and a lot more.

Day 7: Early morning dip at Mette Hot Springs before we head to Sun Peaks.

Day 8: About 5 hour drive will take us to [Harrison Hot Springs Resort](#). Located on Lake Harrison, they have 5 different pools to enjoy.

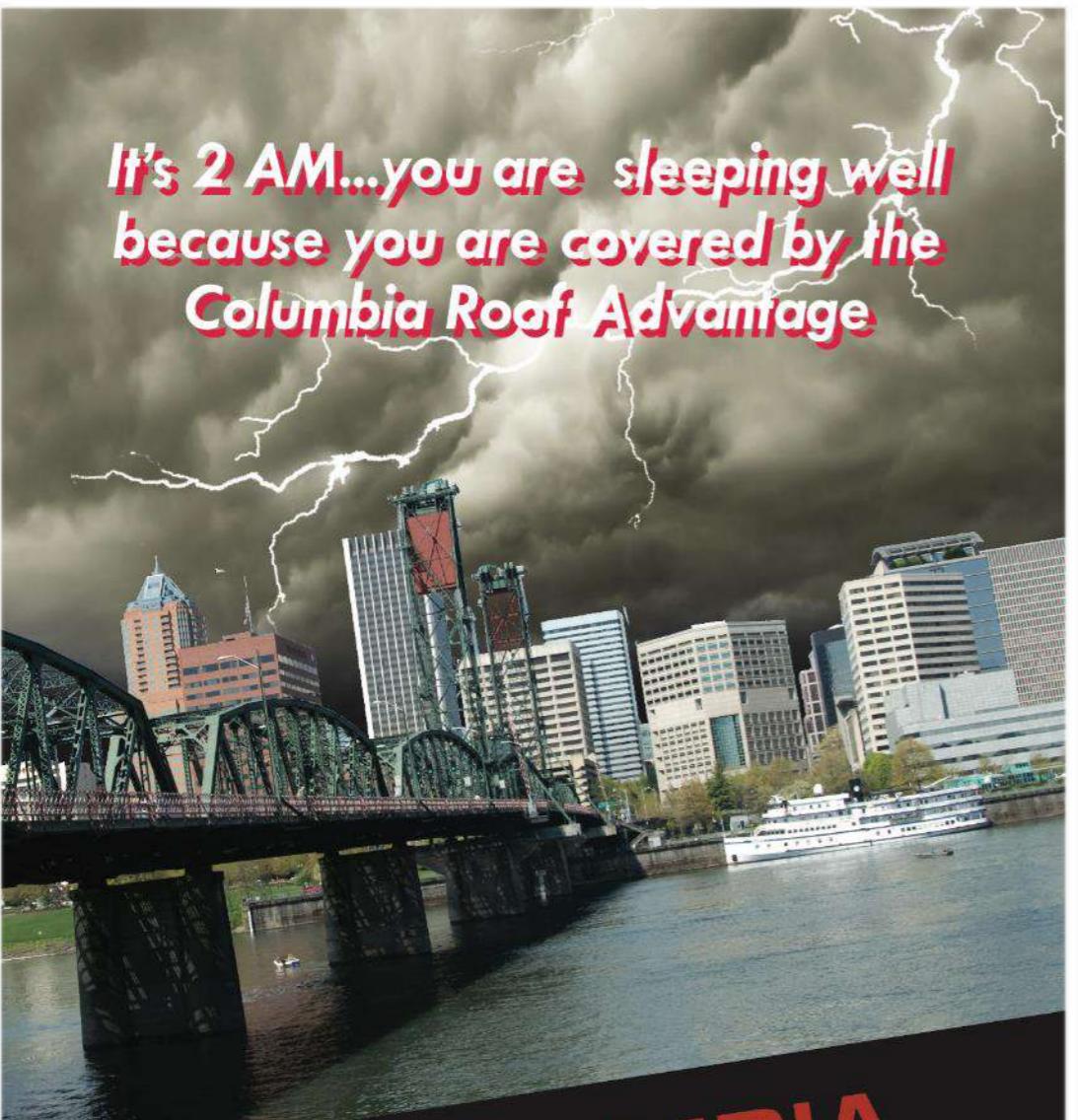


Day 9: Home bound we are.

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 (but I got a group discount so a bit less) 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!





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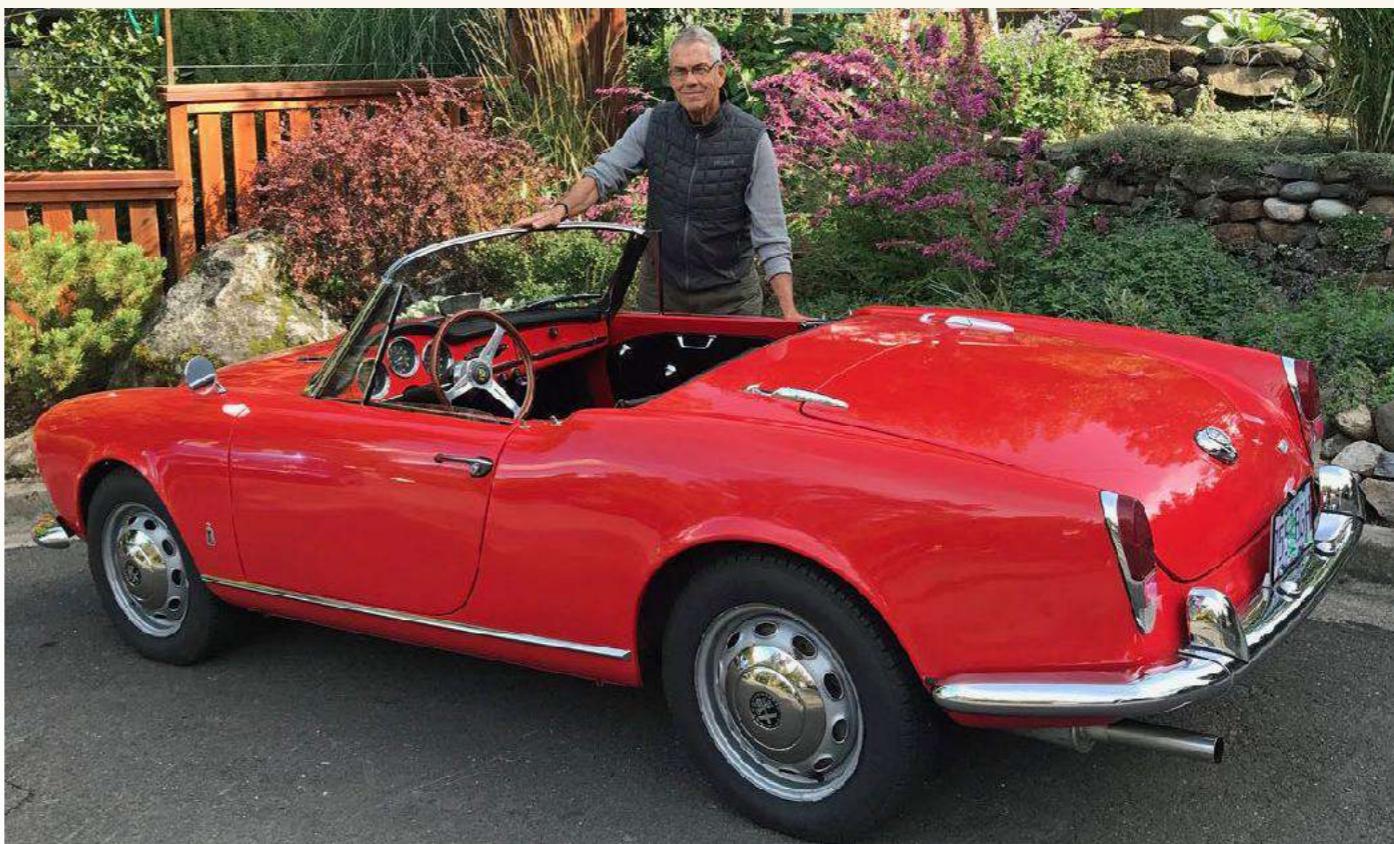
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# 1965 Giulia Spider



I've decided, moving into my 80s, to part with my 1965 Giulia Spider. I bought this car from Dan Summers (Veloce Motors, Portland, Gervais) in 2000. Dan did the majority of the restoration on this rust-free, dent-free but pretty uncared for Alfa over a number of years. I took possession in 2004. The car is in Ashland and currently looked after by Dan Buckley (Sports Car Solutions in Ashland). The car is in fine condition, a strong runner and fully functional. I'm happy to talk about the car and Dan can talk about any technical/condition questions you may have. I'm seeking an offer in the \$50K area.

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# OEM 9" 101 series tail light assembly restored



OEM 9" 101 series tail light assembly restored. New tail light to body mounting gasket, a new lens gasket, all new SS hardware, and all new light bulbs. The lens is useable, though not pristine. One may notice that the signal portion of the lens isn't amber, it's red. It's the original stock lens.

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