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FROM THE EDITOR

Photo Cliff Brunk

## Spring is in the Air!

More daylight, warmer weather... Spring is almost here! I'm looking forward to another summer filled with car events all over the area. World of Speed in Wilsonville has a new Ferrari exhibit opening this month, Cars and Coffee gatherings every week, summer cruise in's at Beaches starting in June, lots of drives and tours, autocrosses, track days, car shows, and more; there is something for everyone.

I feel lucky to live in an area with such a diverse car culture where it doesn't matter what make you drive, or whether it's new, classic, or antique, and all are welcome. I hope to see you on the road, at the track, or social events this year! Let's share our love for cars.

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 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.



March 2020– Doug Zaitz

### In the Driver's Seat



This week opens with more news about the real need for “social distancing” and its criticality to bringing an end to our viral situation. We have canceled this week’s General Meeting out of caution. Our program – Ed Godshalk and his fascinating Cisitalia D46 – will be postponed for a later meeting.

Your AROO Board of Directors is keeping a close watch on recommendations regarding public gatherings and will respond accordingly. We are working on the final details for this spring’s Old Spider Tour, and the June Summer Solstice Tour and BBQ in Eugene.

I would like to thank Rick Martin for his efforts to make this year’s first driving tour a success! The Valentines Day Tour and Brunch was a welcome break from our long wet winter, and was enjoyed by a good-sized group.

Many thanks go out to Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky for coordinating this year’s AROO Cup Rally Series, and to Roger Dilts for this past Saturday’s well-attended Rally School. While I was not able to attend either, I have heard that both School and Rally #1 were fun and very instructional.

While we will be spending a bit more time at home in the coming weeks, perhaps each of us can find some interesting tech or social articles to be published in the AlfaBits? We are always looking to publish (or republish older) interesting articles, both technical and social. James can be contacted at [James.Parker@alfaclub.org](mailto:James.Parker@alfaclub.org) or from the AROO website Contacts page.

Spring is just around the corner, so they say! Looking out the kitchen window Saturday morning, I tend to think that’s not the case: another +15 deg F morning with four inches of fresh snow! Rumors are of 50 deg temps by Friday...

My shop awaits my long-overdue return to working on a few languishing projects – such as swapping my Bronco engines, getting the crate engine repaired and installed into my new-to-me Laforza SUV, and resurrecting one (or two) of my four Milani.

The next few months will be unprecedented in many ways. Please be mindful of your interactions, wash hands frequently and get some work done on those garage projects!



## 2021 Alfa Romeo Giulia GTA/GTAm

### *Spoiler Alert:*

**Only 500 will be made. And none slated for outside of Europe.**



**Alexander Stoklosa Mar 2, 2020**

<https://www.motortrend.com/news/2021-Alfa-romeo-giulia-gta-first-look-review/>

The 2021 Alfa Romeo Giulia GTA is a pretty, powerful, and pretty powerful challenge to the mightiest from BMW M and Mercedes-AMG. Based on the Giulia Quadrifoglio, which even in its regular 505-hp form stands on its own against the 444-hp BMW M3 and 503-hp Mercedes-AMG

C63 S, the GTA is an even more horsepower stuffed helping of sport-sedan braciolo. And it's a much more aerodynamically performative Giulia, with an even meatier wrapping of spoilers, wings, and flares. Hungry yet? Alfa Romeo's latest Italian sports sedan dish is

on special, so act soon—only 500 GTAs will be built.

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## Alfa in the News-

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### What Is A GTA?

Even casual automotive observers are likely well aware of the industry's many "GT\_" names. There is Volkswagen's GTI, Porsche's GTS, and Pontiac's GTO. They're likely less aware of GTA, though. So, what does GTA stand for? "Gran Turismo Alleggerita," which is not, in fact, a fancy allergy medicine. It means "lightened Gran Turismo," and the GTA name was used in 1965 for a lightweight Giulia GTA based on the Giulia Sprint GT model. Applied to today's Giulia, the GTA name carries the same implications: The 2021 Giulia GTA is said to be 220 pounds lighter than the Giulia Quadrifoglio. That is quite a lot of lasagna taken out of the already-relatively-lightweight Giulia.

Cheesy Italian references aside, Alfa Romeo's engineers employed some serious material upgrades and hardcore strategies toward the GTA's diet. The driveshaft was swapped out for a carbon-fiber unit, while-as is available on the Quadrifoglio-the hood is made from the same material.



The front fenders, front bumper, and rear fender extensions also are made of carbon fiber. Aluminum is used in unspecified locations throughout the GTA, including in the engine (which, as it is in the Giulia Quadrifoglio, is all-aluminum), and Alfa even uses Lexan, a lightweight plastic, in place of side and rear window glass.

Alfa will create two versions of the GTA: The standard GTA, and the hardcore GTAm. The GTAm has only two seats—the fronts, which are carbon-shelled racing units—and a roll bar, Sabelt six-point harnesses, and a more aggressive front splitter and carbon-fiber rear wing. A "fully upholstered basin" where the rear seats are supposed to go has cutouts for holding a fire extinguisher and racing helmets, the door panels are simplified, and there are pull straps instead of handles for opening the doors.

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## Alfa in the News-



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Opt for the GTA, and your Giulia will come with four seats, a full interior like that in the Quadrifoglio, no roll bar, and more street-oriented aerodynamic bits. Guess which version is cooler? Yep, the one with two seats, although we aren't sure if that version would be available to U.S. customers, given its roll bar and six-point harnesses. No additional weight reduction is credited with the two-seater configuration (likely because the roll bar adds some weight back in, leaving it a wash).

Alfa Romeo fortifies its GTAs with power and handling upgrades that maximize the 220-pound diet's benefits. Beneath the GTA's bulging bodywork sits the Quadrifoglio's twin-turbo 2.9-liter V-6 engine, which is boosted from 505 horsepower to 540 ponies. To ensure you and everyone nearby knows of this upgrade, the GTA sports a titanium Akrapovic exhaust system.



It is highly doubtful that this setup is quieter than the Quadrifoglio's open-baffle arrangement when its "Race" drive mode is selected, and we're just fine with that. Everyone should hear more of Alfa's operatic V-6 engine. The GTA's and GTAm's extra power and lighter weight push their power-to-weight ratios down to just 6.2 pounds per horsepower, enough to slice the Giulia's zero-to-60-mph time from 3.8 seconds to a claimed 3.6 seconds.

Aerodynamic upgrades are said to have a direct line from F1's Sauber Engineering and deliver improved downforce. The so-called Sauber Aerokit includes a special active front splitter, side skirts, and a carbon-fiber diffuser. On the handling side of things, the GTA benefits from 2.0-inch wider front and rear tracks.

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## Alfa in the News-



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(Hence the tacked-on fender flares reaching over the 20-inch center-lock wheels at each corner!) Specific springs, dampers, and suspension bushings tailor the chassis behavior to match the GTA's and GTAm's horsepower and aero work.

Taken together, all of the Giulia GTA's and GTAm's upgrades push Alfa Romeo's sport sedan well past the already heady performance benchmarks in its class. This is AMG Black Series territory, even though Mercedes-AMG doesn't offer the current C63 in that configuration. That also means the Alfa Romeo, at its lofty horsepower and performance level, squares up closely with the Jaguar XE Project 8.

We doubt that a dearth of competitors will matter to the 500 customers lucky enough to get their hands on one of these Alfas, though.



Those customers will be treated not only to the GTA or GTAm of their design, but also a one-on-one purchase experience with a "brand ambassador" who will hold their hand throughout the process. Each new owner also gets an Alpinestars racing suit, gloves, and shoes; GTA-liveried Bell racing helmet; and a personalized Goodwool car cover. Alfa Romeo will even provide coursework at the Alfa Romeo Driving Academy.

The 2021 Alfa Romeo Giulia GTA is certified, grade-A badass, then. What is less certain is whether or not Alfa Romeo will make any of the planned 500 units available for sale outside of Europe. Per the automaker, it is "evaluating opportunities to introduce the GTA in other key markets around the world, including the U.S." Hey, we haven't eaten lunch yet, but that's an Italian specialty we'd love to try here.

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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](mailto: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

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

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

15 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.

**14 AROO Cup Rally School.**

15 AROO Cup Rally 1.

18 AROO Monthly meeting **CANCELLED**.

### 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**

### 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.

## Calling All Vintage Racers and Track Day Enthusiasts!

Our friends from SAAC (Shelby American Automobile Club) NW Chapter, are hosting a track day at Portland International Raceway on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. All marques are welcome, and they do have a special appreciation for Alfa Romeos!

Perhaps you're curious to see how your new Giulia or Stelvio behaves on a long stretch of road without fearing a State Trooper's radar love, or maybe you have a vintage GTV or Spider that needs an Italian tune-up without running into heavy traffic... Either way, this event will provide lots of enjoyment and discovery of your car's eagerness to break the Sunday drive routine.

Run groups will be limited to 20 cars for each category: Novice, Intermediate (2) and Advanced. A pre-1972 Vintage run group will be assigned to one of the intermediate groups. Sessions are 15-20 minutes long and there will be a total of 4 sessions for each run group for the day. Experienced drivers with modern cars will have no shortage of opportunity to fine tune their skills while unleashing horsepower galore. Drivers in the Vintage group will have the chance to run their cars without having their eyes glued to the rear-view mirror.



*Photo by James Parker*

They are emphasizing this will be a low-pressure event without the intimidation factor. Instructors will be available, and more details are evolving. A minimum of 50 cars are needed to sign up by June 1st. No credit cards will be charged until after June 1st.

If you've always wanted to drive your 50s or 60s sports car pedal to the metal but had concerns about the inherent risks of a shared track day, this is the perfect opportunity!

For more information on SAAC Track Day at PIR, visit:

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/saac-northwest-track-day-portland-intl-raceway-009301>

Or call Gary Bartman at (559) 285-9233.

## Alfas in Film: The List

*Since we all some time at home, why not watch some movies that feature or have Alfas in them? If you spot a mistake let me know and I'll update the list for next time! - Editor*

The Alfa models identified in these films are not all 100% certain. Some are easy, some not. No snide remarks about my (Simon) taste in films please.. As a guide to the model identifications listed, note the following All 2.0 Liter Spiders from the mid-70's on are called "Spider Veloce ", unless I can specifically, and with certainty, label them as Graduates, or Quadrifoglios. The steel wheels are a dead giveaway on Graduates. All Italian cop cars from the 60's are labeled "Giulia Polizia", unless the paint scheme says, "Carabinieri". They may actually have been Giulia Supers, TI's, or TI Supers. The same applies for the much later Giulietta 1.6 cars. I make no distinction between Normale and Veloce on the early Giuliettas. The Series 101 1600 Spiders are called "Spider I600". This is not the I05 series boat-tail Spider, which I refer to as "Duetto". I make no distinction between 1600 and 1750 Duetto. Some of the real oddball ones are either not listed, or were identified from various books. Enjoy the list, it does have some surprises in it.

- **A Light in the Piazza**  
Cars: Giulietta Sprint
- **A Little Romance**  
Cars: Berlina
- **A Man in Love**  
Giulietta 1.6
- **A Season for Assassins**  
Cars: Berlina Giulia TI
- **After the Fox**  
Cars: Giulia Poliziz
- **Aurora**  
Cars: Giulietta 1.6 Polizia
- **Baby Sister (Made for TV movie)**  
Cars: GTV
- **Blood Ties**  
Cars: Giulietta 1.6 Giulietta
- **Bloody Pit of Horror**  
Cars: Spider 1600
- **Bobby Deerfield**  
Cars: Alfetta GT
- **Cindy's Love Games**  
Cars: Giulia Polizia
- **Dancers**  
Spider Quadrifoglio
- **Deborah**  
GTV
- **Dementia 13**  
Giulietta Spider
- **Detective School Dropouts**  
Giulietta 1.6 Polizia
- **Double Impact**  
Duetto; GTV
- **Embassy (Made for TV movie)**  
Spider Veloce Giulietta  
Carabinieri
- **Fletch**  
Spider Veloce
- **For Those Who Think Young**  
Giulietta Spider
- **Get Smart Again (Made for TV movie)**  
Spider Veloce
- **Gidget Goes to Rome**  
Spider 1600; Giulietta Sprint;  
Giulietta Berlina
- **Grand Prix**  
GTV; Giulietta Spider
- **If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium**  
Giulietta Berlina
- **Island of 1000 Delights**  
Duetto
- **Juliet of the Spirits**  
Giulietta Spider
- **Just One of the Guys**  
Spider Veloce
- **La Notte (Italian)**  
Giulietta Berlina Giulietta Sprint &  
Spider
- **Laguna Heat**  
GTV
- **Le Mans**  
Tipo 33/3 Le Mans
- **Macaroni**  
Giulietta 1.6 Polizia Melody in Love  
Duetto
- **No Way Out**  
Spider Quadrifoglio
- **Octopussy**  
GTV-6
- **Open House**  
Spider Veloce
- **Salamander**  
Giulietta Carabinieri
- **Secret Admirer**  
Spider Veloce
- **Secret Agent: The Hunting Party (British TV)**  
Giulietta Spider
- **See No Evil, Hear No Evil**  
Spider Quadrifoglio
- **Shag: The Movie**  
Giulietta Spider
- **Stephen King's Cat's Eye**  
Spider Veloce
- **Stir Crazy**  
GTV
- **Tequila Sunrise**  
Spider Veloce
- **The Best**  
GTV
- **The Big Sleep (British)**  
Alfetta GT
- **The Brotherhood**  
Giulietta Sprint
- **The Day of the Jackal**  
Giulietta; Spider Duetto
- **The Fabulous Baker Boys**  
Spider Graduate
- **The Godfather, Pt II**  
6C2500
- **The Godfather, Pt III**  
Spider Veloce, Alfa6
- **The Graduate**  
Duetto
- **The Italian Job**  
Giulia Polizia 2600 Sprint; Giulietta TI;  
Spider 1600
- **The Kiss**  
Spider Quadrifoglio
- **The Man With The Golden Gun**  
Berlina
- **The Pink Panther**  
Giulia Polizia
- **The Prisoner: A, B. and C (British TV)**  
2600 Spider
- **The Soldier**  
Alfetta Sedan (?)
- **The Woman in Red**  
Spider Veloce
- **Tiffany Jones**  
Duetto
- **Virgin High**  
Spider Graduate
- **Wavelength**  
Spider Veloce
- **Wayne's World II**  
Duetto
- **Whirlpool**  
Alfetta GT
- **Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory**  
Duetto

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

#### Member Anniversaries in March

James Parker – 1 year  
 Sean Manley – 1 year  
 Jeff Roberts – 5 years  
 Terry Frederickson – 10 years  
 Robert Ames – 11 years  
 Cindy Banzer – 14 years  
 Edward Slavin – 16 years  
 Jacque Consenz – 16 years  
 Steve Goldman – 19 years  
 Glenn Vanselow – 19 years  
 Joe Kollman – 20 years  
 Christina Kellog-Gratchner – 21 years  
 Mike Schroedl – 24 years  
 Daniel Stanton – 24 years  
 Mike Yates – 24 years

★ Gary Powers – 31 years !  
 ★ Steve Kendall – 39 years !!  
 ★★ Ron Krueger – 41 years !!  
 ★★ William Richards – 44 years !!  
 ★★ Mark Carpenter – 46 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.

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



## Getting ready for the NWC Rally

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

Please note time  
and location  
change for school  
on the 14<sup>th</sup> of  
March!

### SCHOOL AND RALLY DATES:

**AROO RALLY SCHOOL!** Saturday March 14th 10:45am sign in, 11:15am start ends about 2:30pm. Buster's BBQ (back meeting room), Tigard, OR 97223 \$10 Pre-register at [alfaclub.org](http://alfaclub.org) or email [paul.eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul.eklund@alfaclub.org)

**1 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/Smolyanskyy 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...

**2 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 be 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...

**3 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...

**4 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...



## How to have fun at the NWC Rally

*By Paul Eklund, AROO Cup Rally Co-Chair*

**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!

## Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Oregon

### Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020

**Time:** 7:10 PM - 8:00 PM

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

Present: John Clemson, Ryan Coulson, Neil d'Autremont, Chris Finks, Sue Halton,

Guests: Roger Dilts, Paul Eklund

Via Zoom: President Doug Zaitz, Cindy Banzer, Steve Davis.

Via telephone: Glen Dolphin, Dennis Howell, Guest

Excused: Chris Bright.

President Doug Zaitz opened the meeting at 7:10 PM.

**1. Minutes** The January Minutes were approved as emailed.

### **2. Treasurer's Report** (Cindy Banzer, Treasurer)

A. There have been no changes to the Proposed Budget, emailed to Board Members in January for their review.

i. Doug reminded all Event Chairs to review the budget and contact Cindy if they wish to make changes.

B. Income: \$1,500 from Art Form (Rally Advertising) and \$370 dues.

C. A number of Advertisers for the 2019 Rally have still not paid. Doug will contact them.

D. Doug will also deliver all the trophies that have not yet been delivered.

### **3. Past Event Report** (Doug Zaitz)

A. The January meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and space issues with the Portia Club.

### **3. Upcoming Event Reports**

A. Valentines' Day Tour – Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Doug has asked Rick Martin to the tour. Lunch will probably be at the Babica Hen.

B. AROO Rally Cup Series (Paul Eklund)

i. The School and First Rally will be held on the second weekend in March. Roger will handle this Rally. Glen agreed to help him contact needed volunteers.

ii. The Second Rally is almost complete. One more volunteer is needed.

iii. We still need one more Rally Master. If one is not found Roger volunteered to give Paul one of his "old" Rallies to use.

iv. Paul will put notices of the School and Rallies on the AROO Facebook page. He asked Doug to put out email reminders for the Rallies as he has done in past years. Paul will send him some new pictures.\*\*\*

C. Old Spider Tour (Neil d'Autremont)

i. After discussion, it was decided to make this a one-day tour. The date is not yet set, but will probably be in May. There will not be a participation fee.

D. Steve Davis' Summer Solstice Tour will be on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

E. Chris Fink's Yachting Tour will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

F. Doug reminded all to submit their insurance forms.

### **4. AlfaBits** (Doug Zaitz for James Parker)

A. The first issue of AlfaBits is out and looks good. He may still change the software.

### **5. Membership Chair** (Steve Davis)

A. We have 189 members. Membership is stable.

B. Discussion regarding publishing a yearly membership roster - What should be included? It was decided by consensus to include name, email, city, state, phone number, but not include full mailing addresses. We will send the roster via email as an attachment. We will not put it on the web site since we do not have a "Members only" section, and because of the multiple phishing attacks we have already experienced.

### **6. Merchandise Chair**

Doug plans to ask Claudia if she would consider being Merchandise Chair for AROO.

### **7. Competition Chair** (Alex Carrara)

A. The proposed Track Day has not developed quickly enough to be feasible for this year. Alex would like to learn if there is enough interest (participants and volunteers) within the general membership to support it.

B. Alex will make a presentation on the concept of a Track Day at the May General Membership meeting.

### **8. Advertising**

Doug, James and Cindy will meet separately to discuss Advertising for the Magazine and possibly the Northwest Classic.

### **9. Calendar** (Doug Zaitz)

The Calendar and website are up to date.

### **10. AROC Liaison** (Cindy Banzer)

A. Mid-year Retreat – Palm Desert. We had 150 people attend.

B. Cindy, Doug and John attended "The Vault" at Big Horn, California to benefit the Palm Springs Art Museum, "Assess and Caress" with Donald Osbourn and Jay Leno.

C. The trip to Amelia Island – first weekend in March.

D. The AROC elections are coming up in March. Eight people are running for six positions.

E. AROC Goes to Italy – May 2020 .

F. The AROC National Convention in Colorado Springs – July.

G. The Watkins Glen Gran Prix for the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alfa Romeo is in New York – September.

### **11. Northwest Classic Motor Car Rally** (Doug Zaitz, Glen Dolphin and Roger Dilts)

A. We are sending the first check to Salishan for the 2020 Rally (July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>)

B. Applications are continuing to come in. Some from previous year's participants who skipped last year.

C. Doug will soon send out emails to last year's participants plus to those on the older 500 name mailing list.

D. We will schedule the first organizing meeting soon.

E. On January 19<sup>th</sup> Glen sent an email to volunteers from the 2018 and 2019 Rallies.

He has received 15 'sign-ups' so far. Glen will send another email in a month.

F. Roger reported that route planning is going well.

G. The lunch locations are reserved for both days.

H. There was discussion regarding the caterer for the lunches. The food was good, but the cost was too high.

### **12. New Business**

A. We need a program for the February General Membership meeting.

i. Roger will do a program on rallying, with photos and a PowerPoint presentation.

ii. Working together, Glen will add some photos and talk about volunteering.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20

## Jeremy Williams

Porsche Club of America, Oregon Region

A few vintage aircooled clients asked me what I thought about them filling their fuel tanks full of ethanol fuel (E10) before they put their cars away for winter hibernation. Another tech article is born!

As you might know, it's challenging to find anything other than ethanol-laden fuel at the gas pump anymore. Most gas stations in Oregon, and across America, are selling E10 (10% ethanol, 90% "pure gas"), some might be selling E15 (15% ethanol, 85% "pure gas"). This is due to regulations from the federal government stating that the United States needs to ramp up to 36 billion gallons of alternative fuel use by 2022. Compare that to the U.S. having only used 11 billion gallons in 2010! So, we're only going to see a lot more ethanol fuel.

Well what's wrong with ethanol fuel, especially if the U.S. government is pushing it? Without getting into the politics of the fuel(oil/gas) and farming lobbies, ethanol fuel can wreak havoc with the components on/in classic and vintage vehicles (vehicles older than ~1986). More modern vehicles were produced with components which are much more ethanol-tolerant. Here are some ethanol fuel pros and cons thanks to Hemmings.com;

### Pros of ethanol-supplemented fuel:

- Ethanol is clean-burning and is a higher-octane fuel than conventional gas.
- Ethanol is produced from renewable sources.
- Ethanol-powered vehicles produce lower carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide emissions, and lower levels of hydrocarbon and nitrogen oxide emissions.
- Ethanol production keeps American farmers in business and creates new farming and ethanol-processing jobs.
- Because ethanol is produced domestically, it reduces U.S. dependence on foreign oil and increases the nation's energy independence.

- Ethanol needs fewer fossil (coal) and petroleum (gas) fuels to produce more BTU of energy than gasoline (although it does require much more water).

### Cons of ethanol-supplemented fuel:

- Ethanol creates 34 percent less energy than unadulterated gasoline per gallon. This equals a loss in fuel economy of up to 3 miles per gallon for E10 fuels. In terms of heat, ethanol produces 76,330 BTU per gallon, whereas diesel fuel produces 128,450 BTU per gallon, gasoline 116,090 BTU per gallon and LP gas 84,950 BTU per gallon. The fuel economy gets even worse with E85, a loss of 7 to 8 miles per gallon with its higher ethanol content. Consumer Reports, testing in 2006, verified a loss in fuel economy of up to 30 percent in a Chevy Tahoe designed to run on flex fuel when it was tested with both unleaded gas and E85. Poor fuel economy can also be attributed to improper fuel system calibration based on computer feedback from oxygen sensors because of the temperatures needed to burn ethanol.
- Virtually any grain considered feedstock can be used to make ethanol, but some grains are better for producing ethanol than others. Corn happens to be one of the worst grains for making ethanol but we produce so much more of it than any other grain that it was the ingredient of choice for U.S. ethanol producers. In South America, ethanol is produced from sugar cane, which is easier to refine and gives a higher yield per acre than corn (1,200 gallons per acre vs. 300 gallons per acre of corn). The U.S. government did impose a 55 cents per gallon tariff to prevent the import of sugar cane-based ethanol into the United States, though that tariff has recently expired).

- Ethanol is hygroscopic, which means it absorbs water more easily than gasoline. That leads to water condensation inside fuel tanks, carburetor fuel bowls and fuel lines where air spaces are present. Water content in fuel will also swell up the paper filter media inside fuel filters not specifically designed for flex fuels and can thus restrict fuel flow at the filter.
- Ethanol also erodes fiberglass tanks, rubber hoses and plastic fuel lines. It contributes to rust in fuel systems by creating condensation in the unfilled portion of gas tanks. It will also dissolve varnish and rust in steel fuel components. These dissolved ingredients sit in the bottom of gas tanks until they are removed or they will enter the fuel system if the fuel level in the tank gets too low.

So, what are some steps you can take to diminish the damage from ethanol use in your classic/vintage Porsche? The easiest one is to fill only with 100% pure gas, gas without any ethanol in it. 100% pure gas will be considerably more expensive than the 91/92 octane (Premium/Supreme) E10 found at most gas stations, but if you don't put many miles on your vintage Porsche each year, the annual cost for pure gas might be a minimal increase. Here is a listing of most of the gas stations in Oregon selling 100% pure gas; <https://www.pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=OR>

## Jeremy Williams

Porsche Club of America, Oregon Region

Hemmings.com also has some recommendations for upgrades you can make to your classic/vintage vehicle. Many come from OEM marine manufacturers who've been dealing with ethanol-related fuel issues for awhile now:

- Replace any plastic or rubber fuel lines with ethanol-resistant hose or nylon tubing.
- Install a water separator filter in the fuel line leading to the carburetor. Water collects in the filter and can be removed periodically.
- Replace any fiberglass tanks with steel or aluminum.
- Ensure that any O-rings in the fuel system are also ethanol-compatible.
- Keep your tank as full as possible to prevent air space where condensation can form.
- Use specific ethanol-compatible fuel storage additives. These are normally blue in color. Regular fuel stabilizers will not work unless they are labeled ethanol fuel-compatible.
- Shop around for a marina or service station that does not pump E10 or E85. None of these stations will be affiliated with a major gasoline producer, but there are still some out there, especially in areas around lakes and rivers where boating is popular. You can find a "pure gas" map of many of these stations online at the Historic Vehicle Association website
- Vent your fuel system during storage for extended periods; the moisture your fuel system might absorb from the outside will be less than the moisture created in the air space inside.
- Use a fogging solution in your carburetor during storage to prevent condensation from collecting in fuel bowls.
- Use of isopropyl alcohol-based dry gas will help to absorb system moisture. Regular dry gas is ethanol-based and will only make the problem worse. Isopropyl-based additives actually combine with the water molecules and removing moisture through the combustion chamber.

- Use of a flex fuel-compatible fuel filter where possible will prevent degradation of the paper media in your filter by water in the fuel system.

For those of you with more modern vehicles (~1986+), your vehicle is better prepared to deal with the component effects of ethanol. That being said, still be aware of the MPG losses and hygroscopicity from ethanol fuel, so that you can maximize your investment.

Whichever direction you decide to go regarding ethanol-laden gas or 100% pure gas, just make sure to get out and enjoy your Porsche! Please feel welcome to post here with any questions.

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## Rally School Time and Location Change!!

Was Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub, now it is **10:45am registration and 11:15 start** at Tigard's Buster's BBQ in the back meeting room on Saturday March 14th. Please help spread the word.

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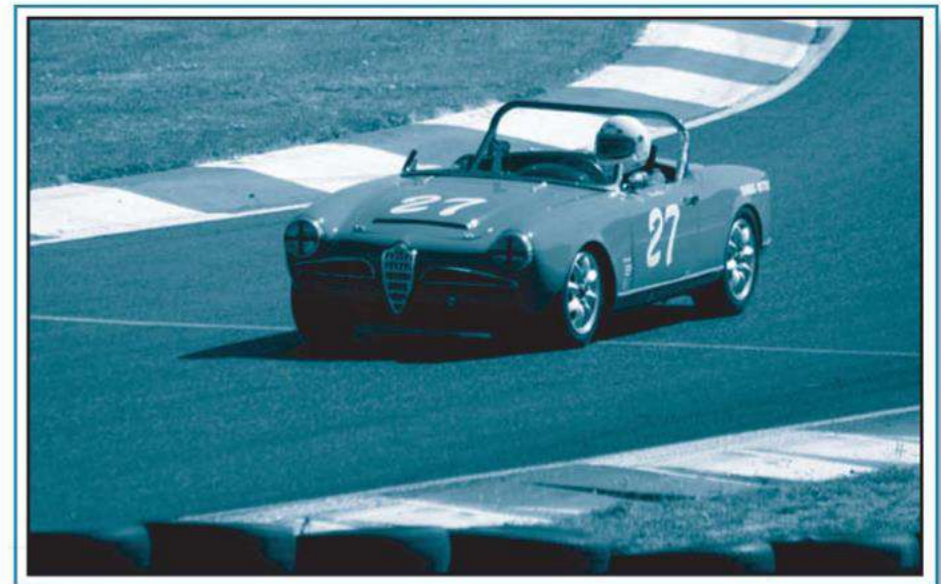
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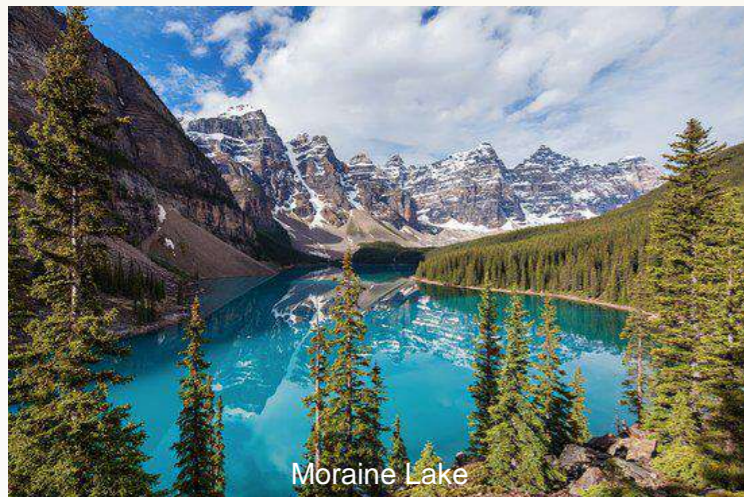
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## 2020-CANADIAN ROCKIES -TAKE 2! Banff, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake and Hot Springs June 20-28, 2020

This will be the Alfa Wannabe's third trip to Canada. First one featured hot spring resorts, snowcapped mountains and Prince of Wales Hotel in Alberta. Last summer we spent a week exploring Vancouver Island. 2020 we explore Banff and Jasper National Parks and slip in a few more hot springs resorts.

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!). The tentative 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



Moraine Lake

<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.fairmonthotsprings.com/hot-springs/> A leisurely 4 hour drive will get us to the resort early afternoon allowing for a long soak before dinner.

Day 3: After entering Banff National park we will take in a number of 'wow' sights. Early afternoon, we will enjoy a soak in Upper Banff Hot Springs <https://www.hotsprings.ca/> before checking into Tunnel Mountain Resort. <https://tunnelmountain.com/>



Chateau Lake Louise

Days 4-5 we stay in the famous Fairmont 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! You may wish to join Tom and Paula as we enjoy a morning hike up Johnson Canyon, the top rated trail in the park system. One afternoon we will take chartered shuttles over to Lake Moraine and have the opportunity to enjoy perhaps



Sun Peaks Resorte

even more spectacular sights. Check out the pics! Wow! <https://www.fairmont.com/lake-louise/> <https://www.fairmont.com/jasper/>

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.

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Fairmont Jasper Lodge



Harrison Springs Resort

## Canadian Rockies Take 2!

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Day 8: 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](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 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 got rooms down to \$610 US) but like I said, a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The only time Paula and I attempted to make it to Tea House at Lake Louise we were on a year delayed honeymoon tent camping in a park down the road.

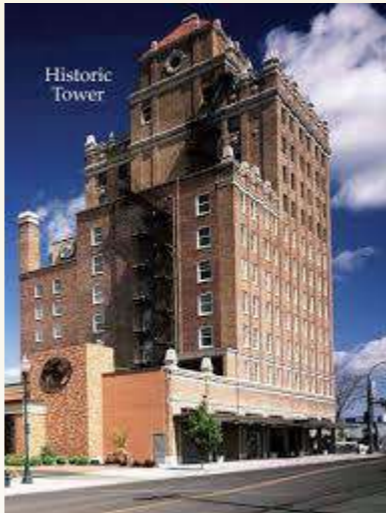
We decided to hike the trail from the main highway to Tea House. After only a mile or so, Paula slipped and broke her wrist. After surgery and a stay in the Banff Hospital, the drugs pretty much obliterated memory of the remainder of our 'honeymoon' trip. Hence, this trip will be special for us!

The trip is currently full, but no one is on the wait list. If you are interested in staking out a spot in case of a cancellation, let me know.

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## Alfa Romeo Summer Tour!

August 7-9, 2020



The Alfa Romeo Summer Tour will take place August 7-9, a Friday through Sunday. After a back-roads drive, we will check into the Marcus Whitman Hotel, a historic and classy hotel for two nights.

We will drive to 2-3 wineries out in the countryside Saturday and then you will have the opportunity to visit a few other tasting rooms that are walking distance from the Marcus.

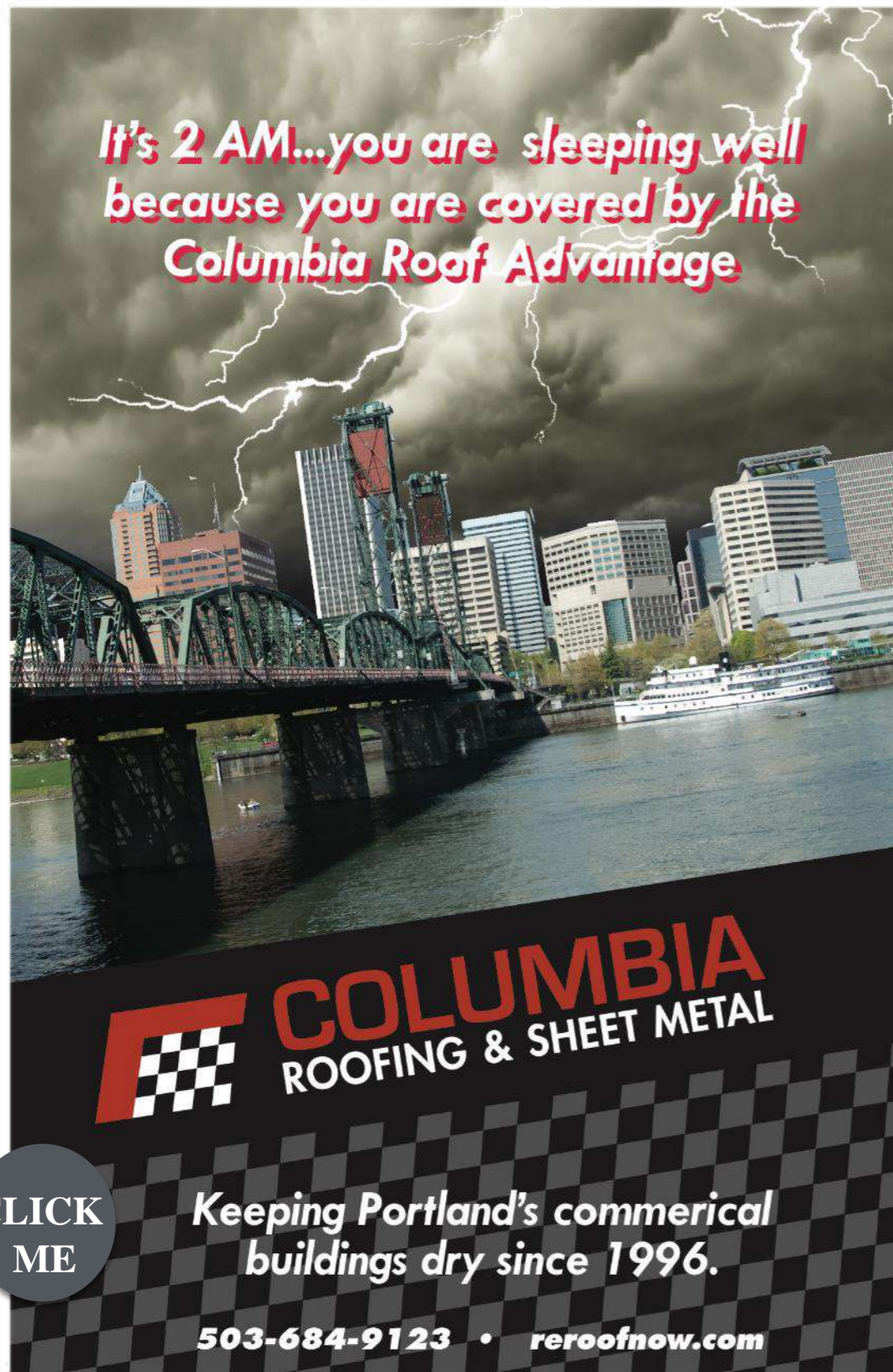
Dinner plans are still in process but I am leaning towards two different breweries so as to keep the meal costs low. Both have very good reviews and we will likely be 'wined out' by Saturday evening.

I have only blocked 20 rooms so it is best you call soon to reserve your lodging sooner than later. The Executive Tower Kings (15) are \$209 and the West Wing (5) are \$159 plus tax.

**PLEASE** send me an e-mail when you book your room so I can gauge who and how many are coming. Preferably I will be able to send you a box lunch order form in advance for our Saturday adventure. If necessary, I can add some rooms if I am advised of the need early enough. It will also allow me to give a 'heads up' to the restaurants. I can also determine whether I need to split the group up when we visit the various wineries.

Finally, I have no one on the wait list for my 9 day Banff/Hot Springs Tour to Canada in June. If you are interested, let me know. There often is a cancellation

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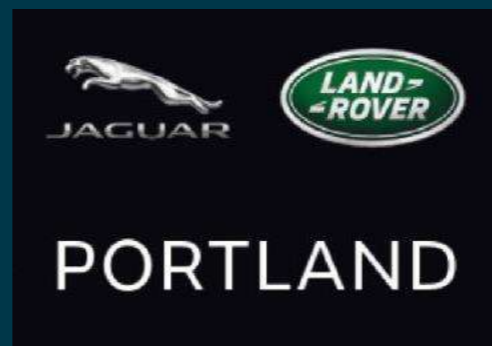
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## AROO Annual Valentine's Day Tour and Brunch

*Dennis Howell*

The star of the tour was Paul Eklund's 1900 Berlina. The 1900 Berlina was produced by Alfa Romeo from 1950 to 1959. Designed by Orazio Satta, it was an important development for Alfa Romeo as the marque's first car built entirely on a production line and first production car without a separate chassis. It was also the first Alfa Romeo offered with left-hand drive. Odd because they drive on the right in Italy and virtually all of the western Europe continent. The model was introduced at the 1950 Paris Motor Show.

Bill Eastman ran "old blue", his venerable 1956 Giulietta Spider and the Payne's ran a Giulia Super. Most of the rest of the Alfas participating were modern Giulia variants. A couple more including Dennis Pillar showed up for the lunch at Babica Hen in Dundee.

A good tour over some pleasant roads. Thanks to Rick Martin for putting this tour together.

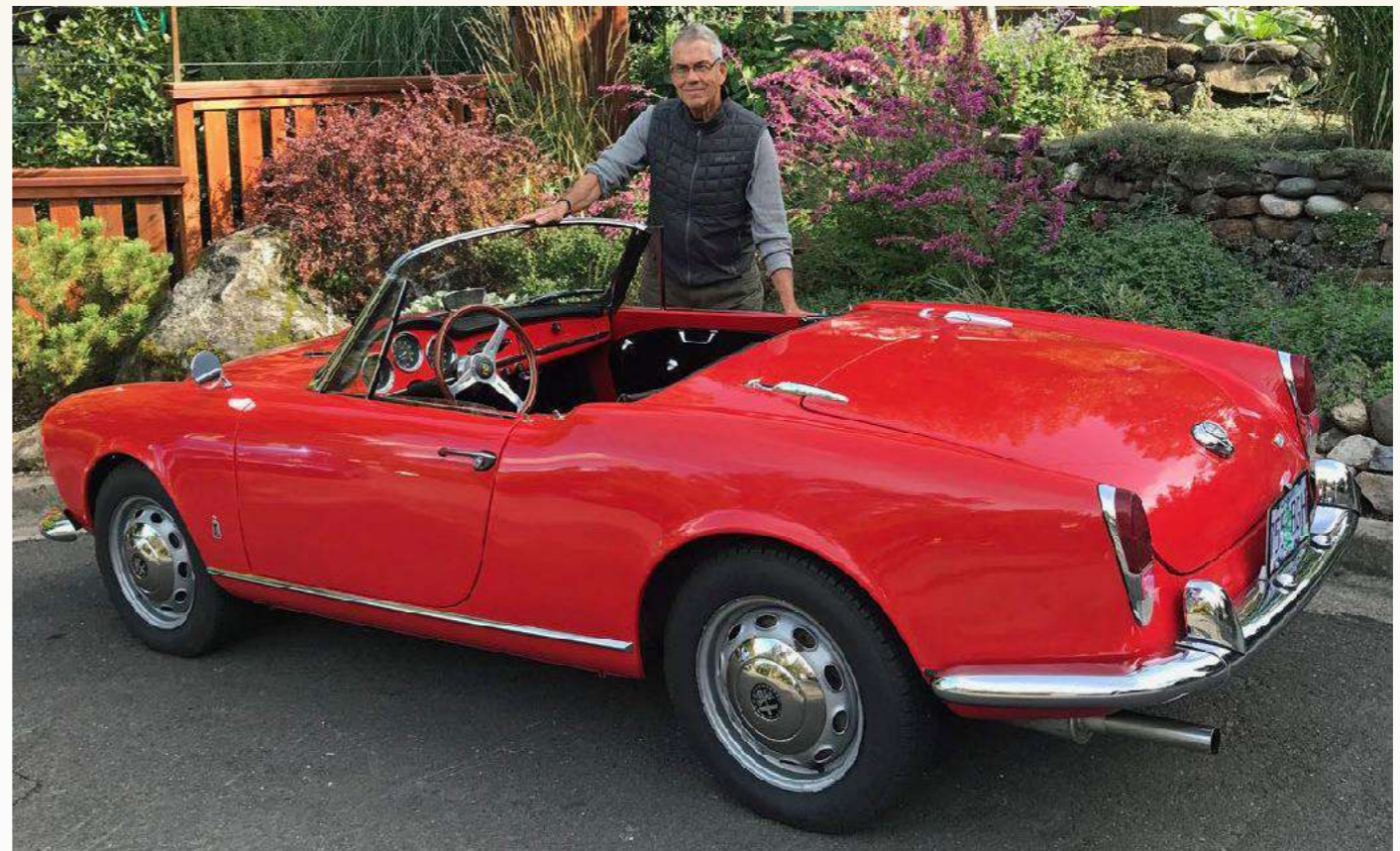


## 1965 Giulia Spider



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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