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FROM THE EDITOR

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Staying at home...

Since we are all spending a lot of time at home, what are you doing to pass the time? It's a great time to prep your car for the summer! If you've been putting off digging deep into detailing your car or maybe just haven't wanted to do more than just a basic wash and vacuum, now is a good time to go beyond the basics. Get in touch with Neil d'Autremont over at [Sidedraught City](http://SidedraughtCity) for all your detailing needs.

Spring maintenance due? Garage cleaning? All are great tasks to pass the time and get ready for the driving events coming this summer.

If you want to contact me my email address is 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.

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

ABOUT AROO

In the late 1950s, two Giulietta Spider Veloce's came to Portland. They were featured on a local

TV show to promote a sports car race

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

AROO MEMBERSHIP LIST

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



March 2020— Doug Zaitz

In the Driver's Seat



During this past week, we've read about the postponement of the AROC National Convention, now to be held one year later, same time, same place, same pricing. Along that line, the NW Classic Rally's Organizing Committee has recommended postponement of this year's NW Classic Rally as well.

With the uncertainty of where we will be in August with regard to social distancing, and the huge unknowns associated with the host hotel, suppliers and sponsors, the AROO Board of Directors has judiciously decided to postpone the Rally to the same weekend next year, with the intent of still holding it at Salishan Resort on the Oregon Coast.

We have canceled this next week's April General Meeting and will postpone the planned

program – Ed Godshalk and his fascinating Cisitalia D46 –for a later in-person meeting.

With that stated, your Board is investigating hosting an on-line video-and-talk presentation of Paul and Yulia's recent trip north beyond the Artic Circle participating in this year's AICan 5000 Rally.

We are certain that we can host such a presentation on AROC National's now quite SECURE Zoom platform. We've spent quite considerable time reconfiguring the account to ensure user privacy and prevent Zoom-bombing during a presentation. We have been using Zoom both for our monthly AROO Board of Directors meetings, as well as the monthly AROC National BoD meetings without issue.

Other local chapters are using the AROC National Zoom account for their chapter meetings and social gatherings. Our newest local chapter – Desert ALFAs – has held several "Happy Hours" hosted on Zoom on a Friday late afternoon, with interested members joining together – favorite adult beverages and munchies in hand – for an hour of informal socializing. This sure has filled the void we are all feeling for social contact!

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 year's Old Spider Tour, to be rescheduled for

late summer or early fall, and the June Summer Solstice Tour and BBQ in Eugene which appears to still be fine as scheduled.

Many thanks go out to Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky for coordinating and rescheduling this year's AROO Cup Rally Series. We have rescheduled Rallies 2-4 each with a two-month postponement, with Rallies to be held in June, July and August. The AROO website calendar now shows these new dates, and mass emailings have been programmed to support these new dates as well.

Since we are spending more time at home these days, perhaps each of us could find some interesting tech or social article to be published in the AlfaBits? We are always looking to publish new (or republish older) interesting articles, both technical and social. James can be contacted at James.Parker@alfaclub.org or from the AROO website Contacts page.

I am spending more time in my shop, organizing various long-overdue and 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.

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To see and hear what a well-sorted Montreal is like, check out a very recent Jay Leno's Garage segment (25 minutes long!) It can be found on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwLQ7jdVV0. The car is nearly correct, save for its wheels, tires and front spoiler. Leno makes a few misstatements, but by-and-large he's got the bulk of it correct. He provides a refreshing review of an interesting and rare car, with a well-done soundtrack and good filmography.

Please enjoy this month's AlfaBits, and consider contributing an article too! The AlfaBits is the glue that helps keeps our chapter together, engaged and ready for our eventual return to social and motoring events later this summer.

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I am going to take the monetary plunge and purchase the original Bosch ignition boxes for my Montreal (for nearly a month's pension check!), and restore the PO's butchered wiring work from decades ago – we are suspecting that this is the primary reason we can't get the engine to run now: no spark.

If you have some interesting new projects underway, or completed, let us know the details and send some photos – we'd love to share the results with other club members! I will do the same with my Montreal project!

New Dates:

Sunday, July 18 to Sunday, July 25,
2021

2020 AROC National Convention Postponed

Cindy Banzer, AROC President

April 6, 2020

The highlight of our AROC calendar is always the much-anticipated National Convention, held in wonderful locations around the country and Canada. For 2020, our Rocky Mountain Chapter convention team headed by Scott and Vicki Walker, created *Alto Miglia*, and arranged an outstanding program of pre-convention tours and convention activities for this year's gathering of upwards of 500 participants in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Until recent days, the convention team and your AROC Board were hopeful that the COVID-19 pandemic spreading throughout our country would have abated by July, safely allowing us to proceed with the convention. However, with no assurances of what the next few months would look like, we had to act and put the health and safety of our members first. In one of the most difficult decisions that the Board has ever had to make, our convention, never cancelled in 62 years, has been postponed to July 18 - 25, 2021.

What do we do now? As the convention catch phrase says, let's be "Looking Back/Moving Forward."

Activities Postponed to 2021

Let us reset our calendars and look forward

to being in Colorado Springs next year. The pre-convention tours will run from Sunday, July 18 to Tuesday, July 20, 2021, with regular convention activities kicking off on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at the same host hotel, the Doubletree Hotel in Colorado Springs. All events offered (and those which you may have already signed up for) are rolled over to 2021. Prices are the same. Options are the same.

If you have registered for the Convention and its activities, we encourage you to keep your registration intact and all of the events you have paid for will roll over to 2021 with no changes in prices and activities. If you would prefer a refund, please contact Scott Walker, email: altomiglia2020@gmail.com; monetary refunds will be slightly reduced because processing and bank fees previously taken out of the original charges do not revert back to the Chapter.

Individual Room Bookings Must be Cancelled

First: If you have reserved rooms at the **Doubletree Hotel**, you will need to call (719-576-8900) and reference **Group Code ARC to cancel**. Be sure to ask for a confirmation number for your cancellation.

Second: You may reserve your 2021 rooms after August 1, 2020, with the same code, **ARC**. Be assured the room block will be in place.

If you were participating in the pre-convention tours, please cancel any lodging arrangements you may have made. Our hotels and motels are very small establishments and we want to make sure they are eager to have us back next year. More details will follow on lodging for the 2021 pre-convention tours.

Together, the Alfisti family will work together, helping each other as needed, until we all get to the other side. Then we will enjoy Alfa driving events and activities galore together!

Looking forward to motoring on with you soon. Stay healthy, stay safe, stay strong.

Cindy Banzer, AROC President
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2020 33rd Annual Northwest Classic Rally – Postponed**NEW DATE: July 29-31 – August 1, 2021**

It is with great disappointment that we announce a twelve-month postponement of this year's Northwest Classic Rally. For the health and well-being of our participants, volunteers and sponsors, and considering the uncertainty of our host hotel and various suppliers, we fully recognize the need to take this action.

We are working with Salishan Resort to reschedule the event for the same weekend, one year later. We hope that our long-term suppliers will be able to provide their support and materials as well.

We are in the process of formally notifying our registered participants of this change. We are inviting past participants and other interested parties to early register as well. As in years past, we encourage early registration and will send out invoices in early March 2021.

The rally has two groups: the competitive TSD group, and the non-competitive Tour group. We encourage those who wish to participate without the competitive element to register in the Tour group.

We will be announcing confirmation of our destination hotel as soon as practicable and will provide information on reserving rooms at that time.

Thank you for your continued support of this event! Our volunteers strive to conduct a well-run and entertaining event for you, our valued participants! We hope to see you on a backroad as soon as possible!

Doug Zaitz

Chairman

Northwest Classic Rally

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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. All are welcome!

January

- 8 Board of Directors Meeting at Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM
- 17-19 7th Annual AROC Winter Retreat in Palm Desert
- 22 General Meeting - Canceled

February

- 5 Board of Directors Meeting at Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM
- 16 Valentine's Tour hosted by Rick Martin
- 19 General Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory, 7 PM

March

- 4 Board of Directors Meeting at Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM
- 14 AROC Cup Rally School, Busters Barbeque, 10 AM
- 15 AROC Cup Rally #1, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 18 General Meeting – Canceled, program postponed

April

- 1 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference
- 15 General Meeting – Canceled, program postponed
- 25 Annual Old Spider Tour - to be rescheduled in Fall 2020

May

- 6 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference
- 16 Annual Swap Meet & Garage Tour - canceled
- 20 General Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory, 7 PM

June

- 3 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference
- 14 AROC Cup Rally #2, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 17 Evening Tour - Not Scheduled (weekend tour)
- 20 Summer Solstice Tour & BBQ, Hosts Steve & Tina Davis
- 21-27 Alfa Wannabe Tour, Host Tom McGirr

July

- 1 Board of Directors Meeting - Not Scheduled (holiday weekend)
- 9-12 Rose Cup Races at PIR
- 15 General Meeting - Not Scheduled (weekend tour)
- 18 Annual Summer Picnic and Wine Tour
- 19 AROC Cup Rally #3, Wilsonville, 9 AM

[Click HERE to see all AROO and non AROO activities.](#)

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](#).

- 19-26 AROC National Convention - Postponed to July 18-25, 2021
- 30-31 NW Classic Rally - Postponed to July-Aug 2021

August

- 1-2 NW Classic Rally - Postponed to July-Aug 2021
- 5 Board of Directors Meeting at Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM
- 7-9 Summer Tour, Host Tom McGirr
- 9 AROC Cup Rally #4, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 19 Evening Tour, Host TBD (no General Meeting)
- 22 AROC Goes to Concorso Italiano at Seaside, CA

September

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting at Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM
- 4-6 CART IndyCar Racing at PIR
- 12-13 SOVREN Columbia River Classic Historic Racing at PIR
- 16 General Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory, 7 PM
- 19 Annual Giro di Coupe Tour, Host Dennis Howell
- 20 Shelby America Auto Club NW Track Day at PIR
- 22 Lake Oswego Heritage Car Show featuring Alfa Romeo
- 23 Portland Yacht Club Classic Boats & Cars Show & BBQ
- 26-27 Fall Tour, Host Tom McGirr

October

- 3-4 Maryhill Museum Concours & Hill Climb
- 7 Board of Directors Meeting at Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM
- 10 Annual Old Super Tour, Host Bill Gillham
- 21 General Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory, 7 PM
- 25 Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

November

- 4 Board of Directors Meeting at Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM
- 18 General Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory, 7 PM

December

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting at Buster's Barbecue, 7 PM
- 6 Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction
- 16 General Meeting - Not Scheduled

[Click HERE to see AROO and other AROC-US Chapter Events.](#)

Visiting Museums in Phoenix

By Rick Martin

A few weeks back, in the good 'ole days when the world was sort of normal, I flew down to Arizona to visit my folks for a few days. It was a great trip; we went swimming, picked oranges from the orange tree for breakfast each morning and watched the quail, rabbits, and doves getting their breakfast too. While there we visited a couple of museum events I wanted to share with you.

The first was the Phoenix Art Museum. The exhibit "Legends of Speed" showcased 22 significant race cars from the 20th century. The oldest, still in its original unrestored condition was a 1911 Franklin that ran in the Cactus Derby, a 500 mile race from Los Angeles to Phoenix. The newest car was a 1978 Lotus 79 that was driven by Mario Andretti in the Italian Grand Prix at Monza where he won the Formula One World Championship.

There are some extraordinary cars in a show like this, even when every car is special. The 1927 Bugatti Type 35 B was their most successful racing model and took victories at the Monaco Grand Prix, the Targa Florio, and the Grand Prix World Championship. The car, presented in "as raced" condition was driven by French racing legend Helle Nice, also known as the Bugatti Queen. She was one of the most successful pre-WWII female race car drivers. This car, with all its scrapes and dings, its worn seat and faded paint was just too special for words. I spent a long time admiring it.



Photos by Rick Martin

I saw an old friend there too – the 1934 Alfa Romeo Type B P3. This car was driven by Tazio Nuvolari to win the 1935 German Grand Prix, leaving 300,000 stunned spectators and embarrassed officials. The Germans were so convinced that one of the eight state sponsored German cars would win they didn't have a recording of the Italian national anthem. Tazio was prepared though – he had his own copy for the officials to play. I have a photo of this car with me in the driver's seat thanks to the kind owner of the car. What an experience to sit in Tazio's winning car!

There was a remarkable Maserati that caught my eye; a 1960 Tipo 61 "Birdcage", chassis number 2470 (the third to last one made). Out of 16 races, it finished in the top 3 thirteen times and won 6. The Birdcage got its nickname from an American journalist who compared the intricate space frame made of approximately 200 small steel tubes, to a birdcage.

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Another rare car which was recently featured at our own World of Speed Museum was a 1958 Mk I Scarab. These cars were scarce but they dominated U.S. road racing in the late 50's and early 60's. This one was driven by Chuck Daigh and won the Riverside Grand Prix in 1958. And just one more – the 1964 Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe. During the 1964 season the Daytona Coupe won the 12 Hours of Sebring and set lap records at Daytona, LeMans, Reims, and Spa. This model won the GT class at the 1964 24 Hours of LeMans and was driven by Dan Guerney and Bob Bondurant. It just so happens that Bob Bondurant and his wife were touring the exhibit at the same time and I managed to meet the legend and chat with him.

You can purchase *Legends of Speed Catalogue*, a 168 page hard cover book, from the museum store here:

<https://store.phxart.org/collections/bookss/products/preorder-legends-of-speed-catalogue>



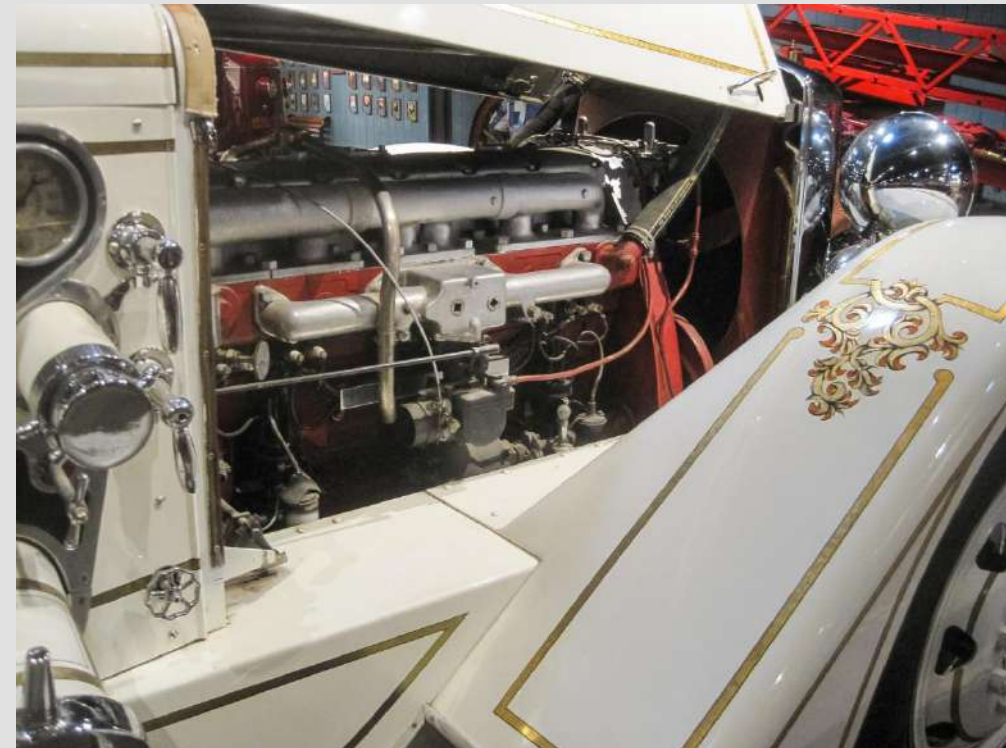
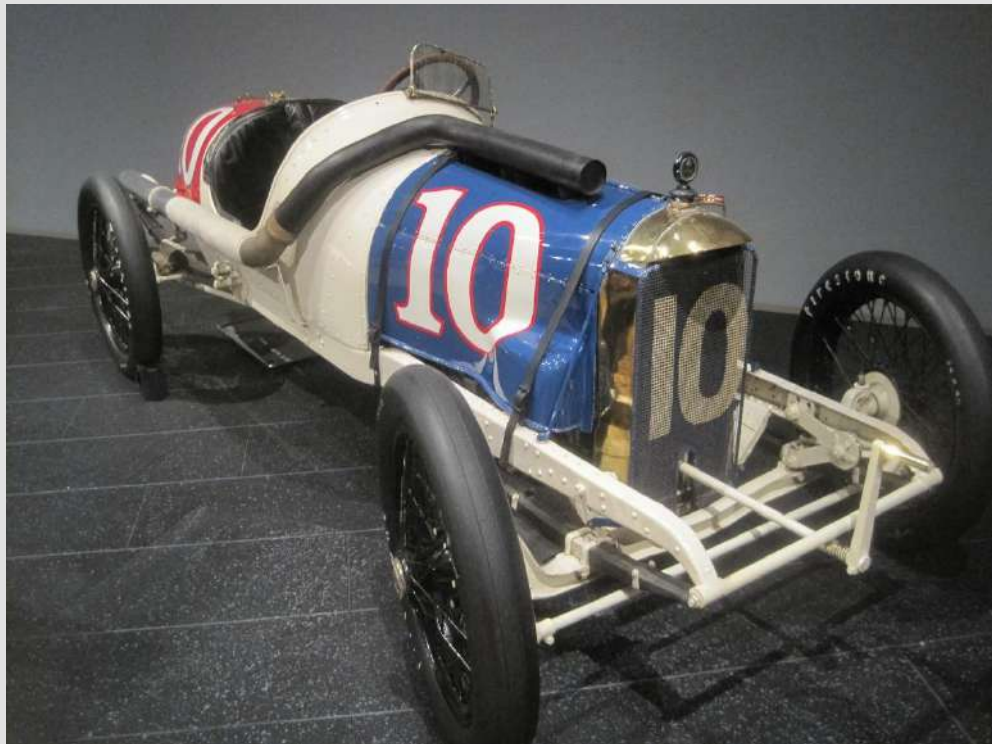
The second museum we visited in Phoenix was the Hall of Flame, billed as the world's largest firefighting equipment museum. I have no reason to dispute this claim – the museum has over 130 wheeled pieces in the collection and over 10,000 smaller objects related to the history of firefighting spread out over six exhibit galleries.

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The oldest piece was from the 1700's and was basically a hand pump mounted on a wagon frame and pulled by a horse or people. With no fire hydrants available at that time, hopefully there were natural sources of water near the fire. The newest piece of equipment was a fire e-rescue vehicle that had been restored from damage it received when the towers fell on 9-11.

An interesting fact I learned was fire stations took a great deal of pride in their work and equipment; so much that they competed against other stations. That's why pumps, hose carriers, engines, etc. have elaborate pinstriping, polished brass, ornate leaf work, and chrome. I spent several hours exploring the trucks and wagons. If you get down to Phoenix this should be on your list of things to do!



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Welcome New Members & Congratulations to everyone with an anniversary.

New Members!

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Member Anniversaries in April

Kristian Rapisarda – 1 year
Garry Keable – 1 year
Eric Phillips – 1 year
Don Gilbert – 2 years
Greg Bufton – 2 years
Don Dickinson – 6 years
Thomas Burnett – 6 years
Sue Halton – 7 years
Bob Willis – 19 years
Chris Finks – 26 years
Scott Griebel – 28 years
Michael James-Long – 29 years

★ Phil Edwards – 30 years
★ William King – 34 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.



AROO Cup Series Update!

Hi current and past AROO CUP participants!

In light of the current situation, we are pushing back the remaining AROO CUP Rally series dates. And they may likely move again.

Current schedule:

- AROO CUP #2 Sunday June 14th (assuming it is safe to proceed)
- AROO CUP #3 Sunday July 19th
- AROO CUP #4 Sunday August 9th

The events will require ON-LINE registration and print route instructions at home (details to follow later) and you will be asked not to get out of your car at both the beginning and the end point. This will be a "non contact" event until this pandemic has passed. We will provide phone numbers at a local restaurant so you can order food at the break and have it ready for you to take away at end of rally.

Look for announcements to follow. Also note, that we are attempting to put together an AROO General Meeting via ZOOM (on-line meeting) and Yulia and I are starting to put together a presentation of our most recent ALCAN 5000 Winter Rally and what an adventure it was! Bitter cold, nasty roads, big trucks, and AWESOME views. So also watch out for that, it will be a live event on a Wednesday evening.

Stay home and save lives. Take care, Paul and Yulia

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AROO Cup #1 Results

Rally Chairs: paul.eklund@alfaclub.org or
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AROO RALLY CUP #1 2020 Final RESULTS 3/15/2020																	
CAR#			Description	CLASS	LEG # 1		LEG #2		LEG #3		LEG #5		LEG #6		OBS/RC	TOTAL	POSITION / CLASS
1	Fred/Lisa	McNabb	Mustang -white	V	93	E	33	E	9	L	2	L	9	L	60	206	3rd Vintage
2	John Clemson	Bob Piacentini	Alfa ?	S	25	L	51	L	8	E	1	E	0		120	205	3rd Std
3	Dennis Howell	Claudia Reinhaus	Silver Mercedes	V	20	L	27	L	97	L	6	L	7	L	60	217	4th Vintage
4	Ryan Coulson	Nick Rodriguez	BMW	V	11	L	44	L	6	L	11	E	3	E	0	75	1st Vintage
5	Thomas Burnett	Guy Recordon	Jaguar	S	1	L	300	L	189	L	300	L	300	L	0	1090	5th Std
6	Ed Grayson	Jeff Gretz	Green Rover	S	11	E	9	L	21	L	9	E	6	L	0	56	2nd Std
7	David/Shirley	Pollock	Audi RS3	V	11	L	57	L	73	L	34	E	4	L	60	239	5th Vintage
8	Puff/Bob	Stevens	Silver Toyota	V	5	L	254	L	77	L	49	E	38	E	120	543	8th Vintage
9	Steve/Melissa	Thompson	Silver Prius	V	68	L	63	L	12	L	32	E	6	E	120	301	6th Vintage
10	John Johnson	Maria Menor	Black Porsche	V	6	L	41	L	41	E	4	E	5	L	0	97	2nd Vintage
11	Paul Eklund	Yulia Smolyansky	Grey Subaru	S	1	L	3	E	2	E	3	L	1	L	0	10	1st Std
12	DNS															1500	
13	Atif Zaman	Doreen Roozee	Mazda 3	V	3	L	59	E	3	L	204	L	6	E	60	335	7th Vintage
14	Petr Burunov	Isaac Burunov	Black Mercedes	S	23	E	300	L	16	E	4	E	25	E	60	428	4th Std
= VINTAGE CLASS S = STANDARD CLASS																	
E = EARLY L = LATE																	

AROO Cup Series #1

Overall, people did really well. This was a pretty trappy rally, with a lot thrown at you, but there were also a lot of perfect times and mileages given to help you out in case you managed to stay on course. There were a lot of good scores and some not so good. At work, we call that an opportunity for growth! Although most teams recovered amazingly well from the downed tree on Reg 4, I had told a couple of teams that called me that the leg would be dropped, so I stuck with that. But good job getting back into it. As folks requested, I've included the times and time decs so you can see how you did, but the Reg was not scored. If you really want to get more out of this, I suggest following the route on Google maps, or even re-driving it to figure out how you could improve.

Reg 1 was very straightforward. Although there was an ONTO, there should not have been any problems following it. I hope everyone knew that the left on @ Blinker on HWY 213 undid the ONTO, so did not continue straight at the blinker on Macksburg.

Reg 2 included much of a trap you saw during the Rally by PowerPoint at the school. First you had to do some quick thinking to get through the Ramsby Rd X Callahan Rd intersection by protection to get on Callahan, then you had to notice the "paint trap" (Left by centerline) that took you left on Wright Rd. If you missed that I saw you at the Route Control and you got 60 points. Those on course turned right on Fernwood; those off course turned right at the STOP (because there was such), Everyone turned right on Red House, and hopefully didn't panic

when they saw the Dead End sign where they were forced right on Odeanne to the TC. Whew.

Reg 3 you needed to go left to stay remain ONTO Ramsby at the same tricky intersection you had to figure out in Reg 2 (coming the other way; maybe you encountered some other teams here?). Then no tricks all the way to the break.

Reg 4 Other than the tree blocking the route on Needy Rd, this was pretty straightforward. I don't know how everyone managed to get back on course, but good job!

Reg 5 OK here we go! Everything was very simple and straightforward until the Straight ONTO Keene Rd. You were even timed before this point, so getting lost wouldn't have double hit you. I suggest you get on Google maps and follow the route. There are 2 points where the rally road takes a side road by ONTO, so you had to be paying attention. First Keene Rd takes a left while the straight route is Manning Rd. If you missed the sign for Keene, you saw the left on St Louis and the left on French Prairie, then turned right ONTO River Rd to get back on course, although we spotted you at the RC. For those who saw that Keene went left, they ended up at River Rd and turned right ONTO it (although they turned R at a different point than the off course cars did). Now they had to look sharp because River Rd goes left while French Prairie Rd continues straight. If you missed that, we saw you and turned you around at the checkpoint. And yes we saw the cars that saw us first and made U turns in what was a pretty dangerous move trying to avoid being caught.

You know who you are. Please don't do that again. All told 7 of the 13 starters went off course at one or the other chances to do so. The lesson here: Read those signs when you are ONTO!

Reg 6 was straightforward except for the very nasty L on Mission Rd. You might have noticed that there was a possible left on Mission Ave before that. If you turned there (in spite of the mileage reference) you'd have realized pretty quickly that was incorrect since it just kind of turns into a parking lot. But you might have lost some time there anyway. It's a "popular" trap and an example of the need to read your instructions and signs carefully and fully. Navigators who read this out as "Left on Mission" got off course or lost time. (There was no one watching to assign off course points. This time.)

Timing: I had a couple of questions on details of timing and scoring if you miss a timing control. The way it works is, we keep the timing controls open for 15 minutes after the last car is due. If you don't show up by then you are given the closing time as your arrival time. We have to give you a time in case you submit a time dec, so we have something to subtract the time dec from and have something to enter into our scoring programs. The 15 minutes keeps people from being able to time dec out of a missed control. So if you are due at 10:00:00 and never show up, you would get a time of 10:15:00 (or later). Even if you submit a 9:30 time dec, you are still more than 5 minutes late, so max the score (300).

Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Oregon

Sue Halton, Board Secretary

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:20 PM

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

Present: Chris Bright, Alex Carrara, John Clemson, Ryan Coulson, Chris Finks, Sue Halton

Guest: Dennis Howell

Via Zoom: Doug Zaitz, Glen Dolphin

Telephone: Steve Davis, James Parker

Excused: Cindy Banzer

President Doug Zaitz opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. Minutes The February Minutes were corrected to show the ending time as 8:20 PM. The corrected Minutes were otherwise approved as emailed.

2. Treasurer's Report (Doug Zaitz for Cindy Banzer, Treasurer)

- A. The Treasurer's report was emailed to Board Members.
- B. Income: Some sponsorship money and rally fees have been received.
- C. Donation: We donated \$2,000 of the 2019 Rally proceeds to World of Speed Automotive Education Program, a 501©3 public charity.
 - i. Dennis stated that several advertisers had inquired about the donation, saying that it was a significant factor in their decision to advertise with the Rally.

3. Past Events Report

- A. Valentines' Day Tour – Sunday, February 16th. The Tour was rainy but fun. The restaurant 'messed up the lunch, but it didn't matter'.
- i. James has 5 photos and a short article for AlfaBits.

3a. Past Event Report Continued – February General Membership

Meeting (Alex Carrara and Chris Bright)

- A. The February meeting had some issues
 - i. Only two Board members, plus Roger Dilts, attended.
 - ii. There was no audio visual, so the scheduled program could not be presented.
 - iii. About 25 people attended, however, only 9 meals were purchased, the Spagetti Factory wants 30 meals guaranteed.

B. To improve future General Membership Meetings we will:

- i. Find a new location, starting in April.
 - a. Consider rotating restaurants
 - ii. Appoint a designated "Host" for each meeting.
 - iii. Schedule the programs farther in advance.
 - iv. Encourage/require Board members to attend most of the time and invite their friends to join them.
- C. Board members volunteered to host upcoming meetings.
 - i. March – Chris Bright will host, Doug will ask Ed Godchawk to be the speaker.
 - ii. April – Doug will host.
 - iii. May – Alex will be the host.
 - iv. General membership meetings are not held in June, July and August.
- D. Possible restaurants suggested: Busters, Lucky Lab, Claim Jumper, McMenamin's (Hillsboro or Wilsonville), Giorgio's (by Jesuit), Cascade Brewing (was Racoon Lodge), Portland Yacht Club.
- E. Doug and Chris Bright will coordinate on sending an email blast to members regarding General Membership meeting locations and encouraging them to order dinner at the restaurant. He will add an RSVP button to the email.

4. Upcoming Event Reports

- A. AROO Rally Cup Series
 - i. The First Rally will be held on March 15th.
 - ii. There has been a change of venue for the Rally School. It will be held at Buster's.
- B. Old Spider Tour (Neil d'Autremont)
 - i. The date is not yet set, but will be either last week in April or the first week in May.
- C. Steve Davis' Summer Solstice Tour and barbeque is scheduled for June 20th.
- D. Chris Fink's Portland Yacht Club's Classic Boat and Car Show and Barbeque will be held on August 22nd.
- E. Chris Bright requested the Board support Rick Warner who is coordinating Alfa Romeo as the featured marque at the Oswego Heritage Council's Collector Car and Classic Boat Show on August 23rd.
 - i. Rick would like 20 Alfas to attend.
 - ii. Chris Fink pointed out that the Portland Yacht Club's Classic Boat and Car Show is August 22nd, the day before.
 - a. He thinks two events in one weekend is not feasible and recommended cancelling AROO's participation in the Yacht Club event.

- ii. There was consensus among Board members that we should go ahead and encourage AROO members to participate in both events.

5. AlfaBits (James Parker)

- A. James asked if he should still print the monthly Board Minutes. The Board agreed that it was important to print them both as a means of communicating with the Membership, and as an historical record of Club activities.
- B. The Board congratulated James on AlfaBits' great look.

6. Membership Chair (Steve Davis)

- A. We have 189 members. Membership is stable.
- B. We added a couple of new members last month.
- C. Colleen and Dave Rugh, our longest serving members, celebrated their 52nd year as AROO members.
- D. In February the Board had decided to send out a Membership Roster via email, listing each member's name, cell number, city and state of residence, and email. Doug said he would send it out within the next day or two.

7. Merchandise Chair – No report

8. Competition Chair - No report

- A. Chris Bright suggested asking Paul and Yulia to give a talk about their experiences driving in the AlCan. The idea was enthusiastically seconded.

9. Advertising – No Report

10. Calendar (Doug Zaitz)

The Calendar and website are up to date.

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Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Oregon

Sue Halton, Board Secretary

Minutes (continued)

11. AROC Liaison (Doug Zaitz for Cindy Banzer)

A. AROC Goes to Italy – May 2020. The Corona virus is putting this trip in jeopardy. Chris Bright stated that there is a 100% chance of it being cancelled.

B. The AROC National Convention is in Colorado Springs on July 21 - 26.

i. There are two pre-tours, an Eastern tour and a Western tour starting in Grand Junction.

ii. There will an opportunity to drive to the top of Pike's Peak and the Time Trials and Autocross events will be held at the Pike's Peak International Speedway.

iii. Several Clubs, including Seattle, are planning a caravan of cars to drive to Colorado Springs.

C. Concorso Italiano – AROC has been invited back and will have a tent there.

D. The Watkins Glen Gran Prix will celebrate the 110th Anniversary of Alfa Romeo to be held in New York in September.

E. There has been enough interest shown by members to schedule a 2020 trip to the Gran Prix in Austin, Texas. It will be held from October 22nd to 26th, 2020 and will cost \$2800 plus airfare.

F. AROC's Administrator, Barbara Clark, has resigned.

G. The new Administrator's name is Deborah Galvan.

i. She lives in Portland, Oregon.

ii. Her family has been very involved in car racing,

Her brother drove in Formula 3.

Her father and brother support the Formula 3 Gran Prix teams in Mexico and Spain.

12. Northwest Classic Motor Car Rally (Doug Zaitz)

A. A NW Classic Rally meeting will be held at 1:00 on March30th at Cindy Banzer's house.

B. Dennis Howell invited Roger, Glenn and Doug to join him in a lunch meeting with Dan Mugley, of Jaguar.

C. Dennis requested that we settle on one name for the Rally and use it consistently on all written material.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

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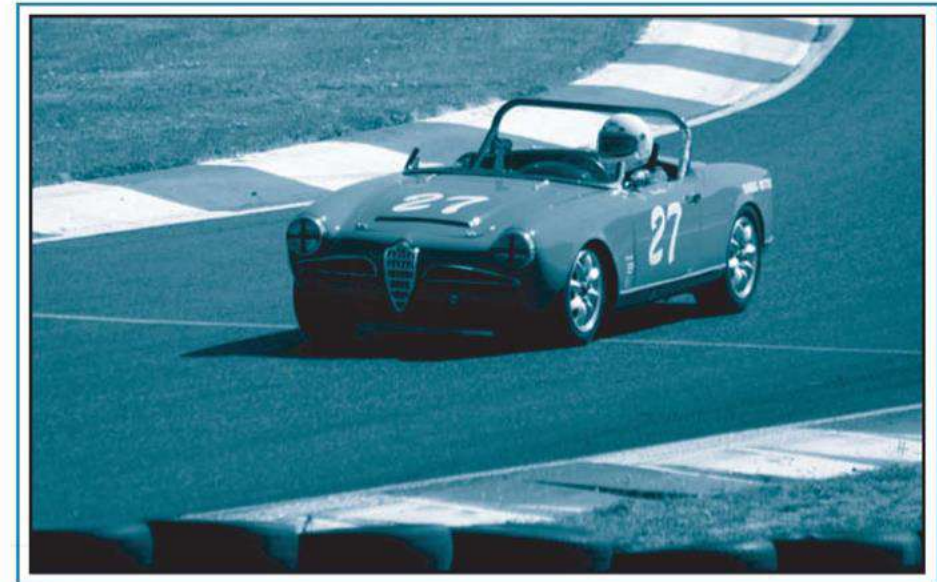
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2020-CANADIAN ROCKIES -TAKE 2! Banff, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake and Hot Springs June 20-28, 2020

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 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.

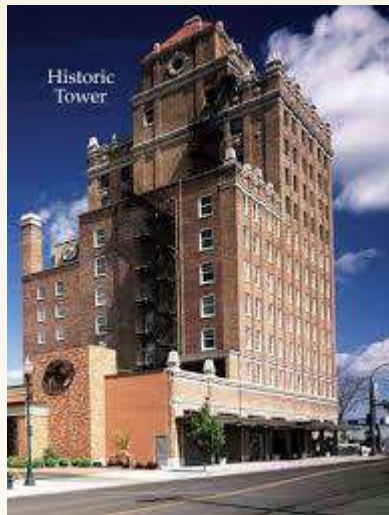
We decided to hike the trail from the main highway to Tea House. After only a mile or so, Paula slipped and broke her wrist. After surgery and a stay in the Banff Hospital, the drugs pretty much obliterated memory of the remainder of our 'honeymoon' trip. Hence, this trip will be special for us!

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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August 7-9, 2020



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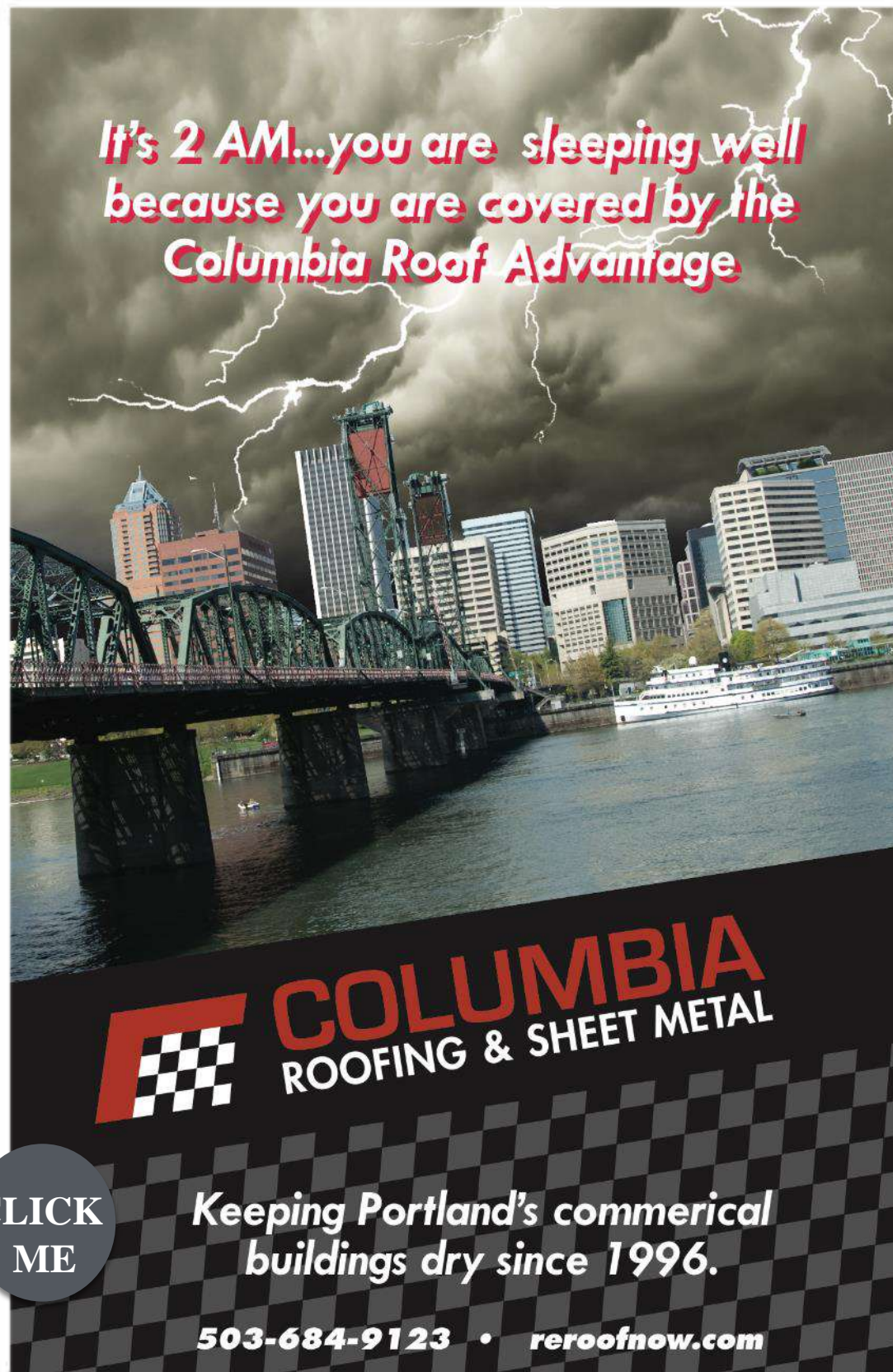
Dinner plans are still in process but I am leaning towards two different breweries so as to keep the meal costs low. Both have very good reviews and we will likely be 'wined out' by Saturday evening.

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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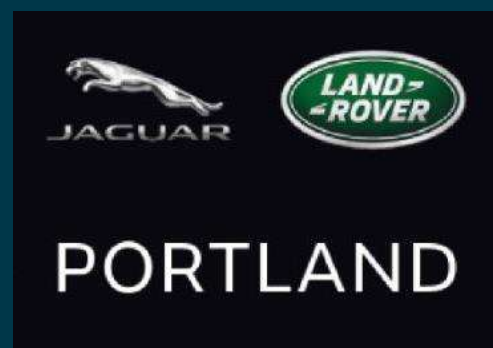
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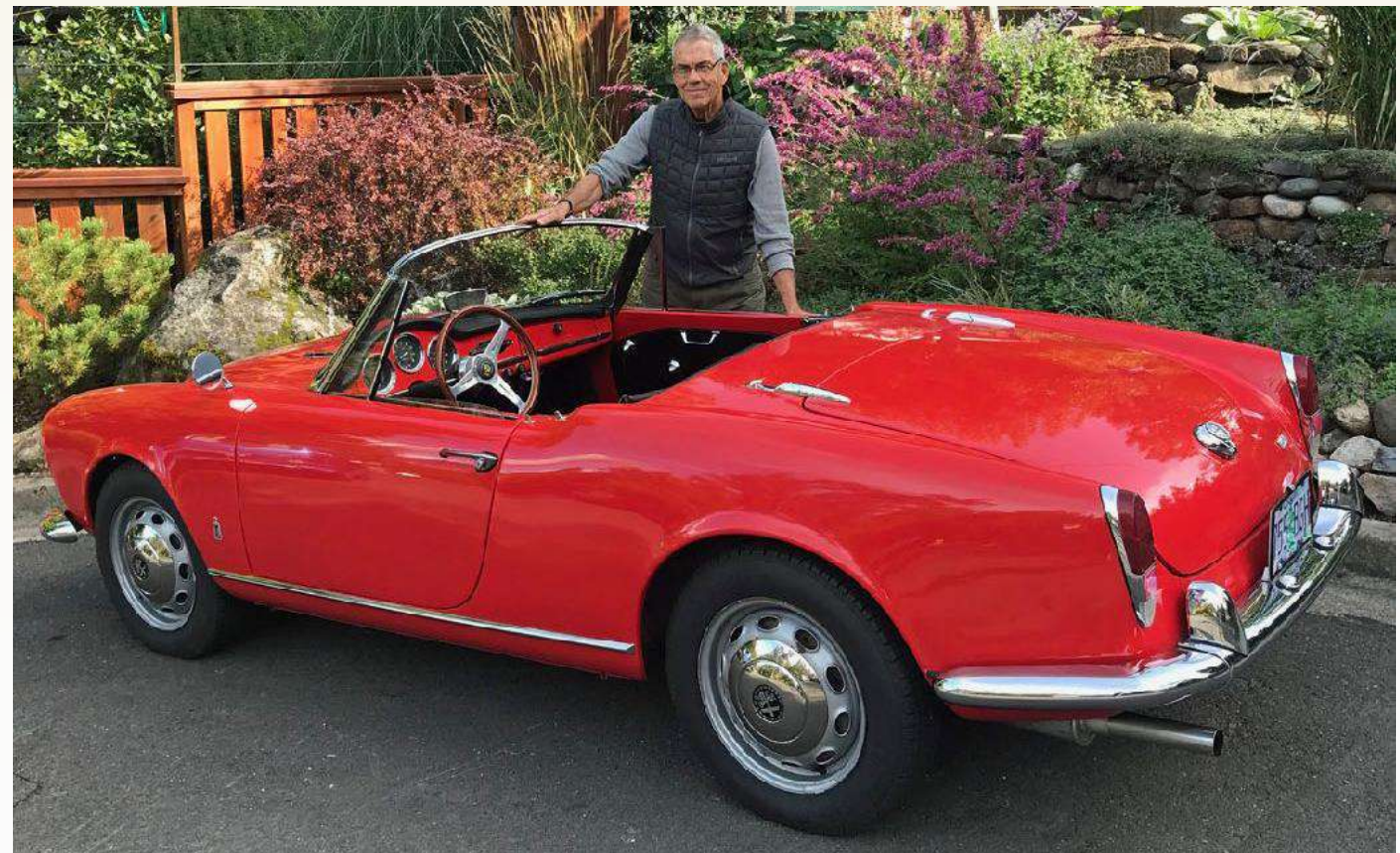
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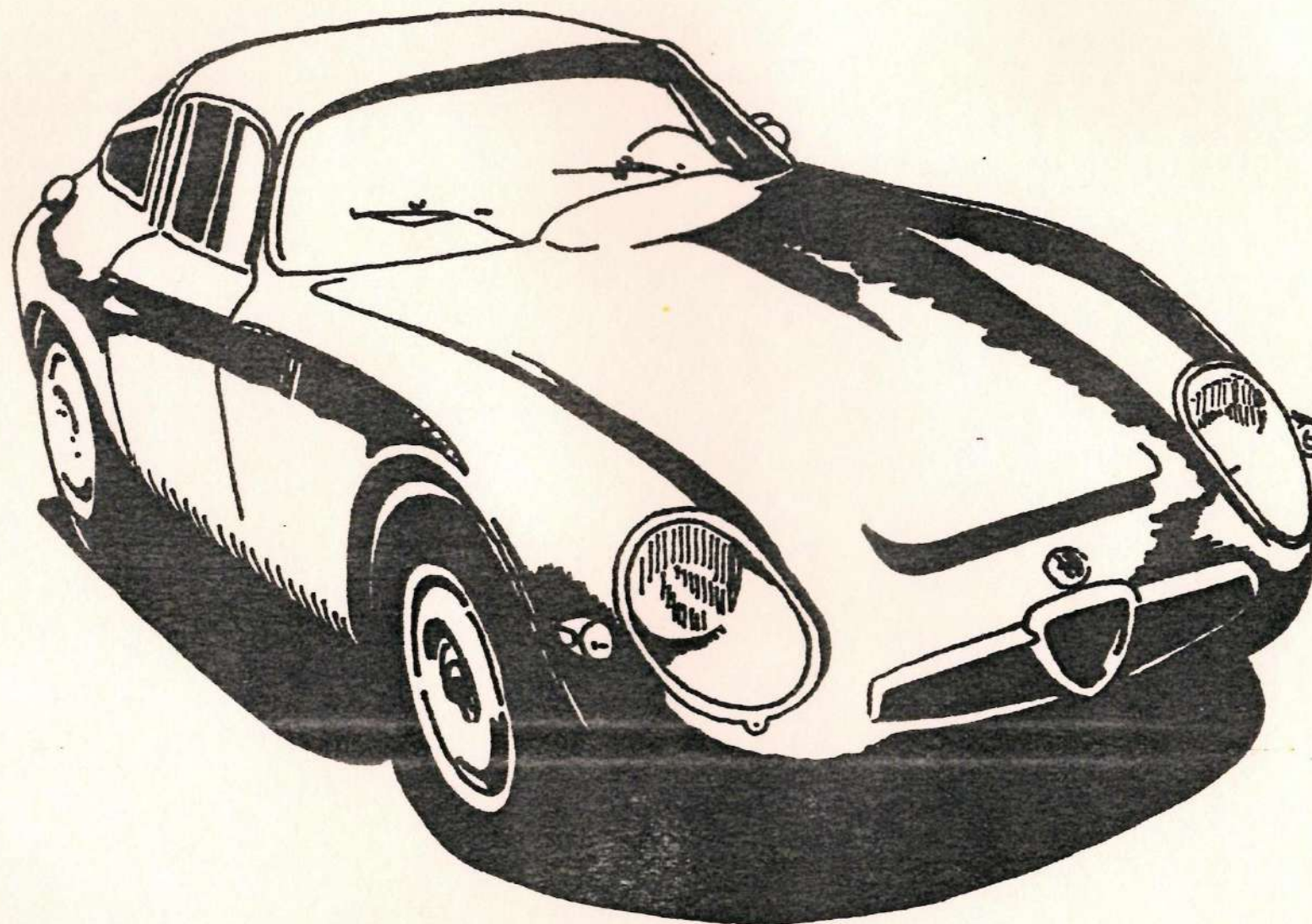
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