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Rebuilding the 1953 Lancia Aurelia B20GT
Photo by Alex Carrara



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FROM THE EDITOR

Still staying at home...

Yep. Like all of you, I'm still at home. I've cleaned up my garage, detailed the cars, and watched a lot of YouTube videos. Here's one some (most?) of you may have seen, but with some information you may not know, so I wanted to share. Check out page 20 for "It Was a Date."

Also, a lot of events are being postponed or cancelled – be sure to stay up to date with our calendars included here in the newsletter and online.

I'm still looking forward to some driving events and a day when we can actually socialize without the distancing and enjoy a meal and share stories. Until then, stay safe!

If you want to contact me my email address is james.parker@alfaclub.org.

James Parker
Alfa Bits Editor



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ALFA BITS

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

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

ABOUT AROO

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

TV show to promote a sports car race

which they dominated, winning converts in the growing sports car scene. As interest and knowledge of Alfias 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.

April 2020– Doug Zaitz

In the Driver's Seat

As we enter our eighth collective week of social distancing (aka isolation), my local post office is making record parcel deliveries to its local residents. Amazon and eBay are the presumed leaders; I can personally attest to that!

I am receiving several parcels a day, ranging from computer parts to car parts, vintage license plates, books and manuals. Deer Park has no postal home delivery, so every day I venture, with appropriate social distancing and facemask, to the "PO" to get my day's haul of goodies and projects.

I have now managed to get all the <older> cars and bikes registered with Washington's one-time permanent registration using restored (or usable) vintage license plates. There have been rumors of the state legislature changing that to a periodic fee – I have not heard of any change, as they've had other issues on their minds. But I suspect if it comes to revenue generation, it will happen in the future...

Out in the shop, on the Milano front – with four of them parked: En route – via courier service – is a Milano transaxle to replace my long-ago damaged Milano Silver (the old S-cammed 4-PORTE). A few of you may recall my misfortune somewhere between Madras and Mt. Hood on a cold winter night.

I was returning, at speed (and then some!), to Portland from Bend when I heard – and felt –

a loud bang as my passenger-side disc brake became a "disco volante" out in the middle of no-where. The improperly torqued, non-Locktite'd half-shaft flange bolts had backed out, allowing the disc brake to liberate itself from the caliper – by breaking it off from the transaxle housing – certainly a fatal injury ~

The new used transaxle, coming from a Verde donor car, will be a welcome upgrade for this Milano! And I managed to get four Verde "phone-dial" wheels in the deal too. This will let me get one more "presumed dead" car back on the road during our social self-imposed down time.

Another shop chore has been rebuilding my two rickety wooden work benches and placing new work surfaces on them as well. Two layers of particle board, and new indoor-outdoor carpet on one, and stainless steel on the other, have been needed. Last week I managed to purchase and place four 4x8 sheets of half-inch particle board in my very small Honda CRZ, albeit all cut down to the sizes I needed. The lumberyard help was a bit taken back when they saw my car prior to cutting all to size!

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Harboring safely in place – The Alfa shop is a busy place, for one!

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Your Board of Directors is excited to announce this month's May General Membership Meeting on Wednesday May 20th, starting as usual at 7 PM! It will be conducted via Zoom video conferencing, with all Zoom's security features enabled and active.

Details on how to join the Zoom meeting will be forthcoming as a separate email to our active members and will ask for an RSVP from potential attendees. With that response, we will send interested viewers a "click on the link" to join via Zoom on your laptop, desktop, tablet or smartphone.

"From Roll-over to Rebirth: Rebuilding the Lancia B20" – A number of years ago Ed Godshalk walked away from a frightening roll-over accident in his Lancia B20 coupe during the Northwest Classic Rally, attributed to failure of a rear suspension component. The car was recovered, has been sold, and is undergoing repairs and restoration.

We will kick off the program by showing the videos that team at Vintage Underground have put together. Then we will have a 20-30 min moderated Q&A, with Chris Bright as moderator. We are asking former owner and driver Ed Godshalk, current owner Atif Zaman, and restorer Joe Potter (of Vintage Underground) to participate as well.

A future general meeting topic will be a video-and-talk presentation of Paul and Yulia's recent trip north beyond the Artic Circle participating in this year's AICan 5000 Rally.

Please let us know if there is a presentation that you would like to make, or if there is a topic or video/film that you would like to share with the group as our monthly meeting.

Please enjoy this month's AlfaBits and consider contributing an article too! 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! James can be contacted at James.Parker@alfaclub.org or from the AROO website Contacts page.



"Happy Mother's Day to AROO's favorite mom, Char Sommers – we miss you!"
(taken in Greve in Chianti, Tuscany in May 2008)

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 32nd 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
chairman@nwclassicrally.org

AROO General Meeting May 20th

Starting at 6:30 in your own home!

Our **7:00 pm Wednesday May 20** General Meeting will be held this month **ON-LINE using Zoom Video**.

Note our NEW earlier starting time: Social Hour at 6:30; meeting at 7:00; and Presentation Program starts at 7:10. We would plan to adjourn by 8:00.

This May Meeting and Presentation will be hosted by Doug Zaitz and moderated by Chris Bright.



Program - From Roll-over to Rebirth: Rebuilding the 1953 Lancia Aurelia B20GT

During the 2007 Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally, a near-tragedy occurred when a rear suspension failure caused the 1953 Lancia Aurelia B20GT to exit the road and roll over with Driver Ed Godshalk and Navigator Rick Warner on board. Thankfully, there were no serious injuries but the car was thought to be totaled and sat in Ed's garage for over ten years.

Last year, Atif Zaman purchased the car and entrusted it to Joe Potter and the team at Vintage Underground in Eugene to bring this exceptional car back to life. We will be joined by Ed Godshalk, Joe Potter and Atif Zaman to show the painstaking process of repairing the chassis, suspension and body and the old-school techniques required to do it right.



Schedule:

- 6:30 pm - On-line "mingling"
- 7:00 pm - Opening Remarks and Club Updates
- 7:10 pm - Program
- 7:30 pm - Introduce panel and moderated discussion
- 8:00 pm – Adjourn

Panelists:

Joe Potter, Owner of Vintage Underground

Ed Godshalk, Former Owner

Chris Bright, moderator



You must RSVP in order to receive video log-in credentials and instructions. We are limited to the first 100 participants.

Contact Doug Zaitz at 509-768-4312 or at doug.zaitz@alfaclub.org if you have any questions.

Doug Zaitz

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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 AROO Cup Rally School, Busters Barbeque, 10 AM

15 AROO 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 Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM

June

3 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM

14 AROO Cup Rally #2, Wilsonville, 9 AM (tentative)

17 General Meeting Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM

20 Summer Solstice Tour & BBQ - canceled

21-27 Alfa Wannabe Tour, - canceled

July

1 Board of Directors Meeting - Not Scheduled (holiday weekend)

9-12 Rose Cup Races at PIR (participants only)

15 General Meeting - Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM

18 Annual Summer Picnic and Wine Tour (tentative)

19 AROO 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, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM

7-9 Summer Tour, Host Tom McGirr (tentative)

9 AROO Cup Rally #4, Wilsonville, 9 AM (tentative)

19 Evening Tour, Host TBD (no General Meeting)

22 AROC Goes to Concorso Italiano (canceled)

September

2 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM

4-6 CART IndyCar Racing at PIR

12-13 SOVREN Columbia River Classic Historic Racing at PIR

16 General Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 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

1-4 Rescheduled Alfa Wannabe Tour, Host Tom McGirr

3-4 Maryhill Museum Concours & Hill Climb (tentative)

7 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 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, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM

18 General Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory, 7 PM

December

2 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM

6 Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction

16 General Meeting - Not Scheduled

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

A Brief History of Car Time

(with an apology to Stephen Hawking)

By Steve Davis

There's lots of great lines about time... it never repeats; it's on my side; if I could save it in a bottle... you have your favorites, I'm sure. But here's the thing... time may not repeat, but the order of time does repeat! And if you have a car calendar, you are missing a wonderful opportunity to prove this point.

About 35 years ago (yes, that's another thing about time – it marches on!) I worked for a guy who had an entire wall of his office decorated in calendars. There was no apparent rhyme or reason to the subject – they were just a bunch of calendars. So, jokingly, I called him on it – "Why do you need all those calendars? Can you remember what day it is?" He then told me to look at them harder. And I realized that while all the calendars were "correct" from a month/day standpoint, they had different years!

But, wait – how can that happen? It turns out that every so often, years align such that they have exactly the same days of the week on the same dates. If it wasn't for leap year (AND millennial year, for a bit of water-cooler trivia), the calendars would perfectly align every seven years... but they don't. Furthermore, there's no real logic to their alignment, although the aforementioned Mr. Hawking probably did have it figured out.

About the same time this revelation came about, *Road & Track* started publishing their most beautiful calendar series. These were high-quality art pieces disguised as calendars, with the most exciting cars of the year, photographed by the likes of Jeffrey Zwart, Jesse Alexander and others. My love affair with Alfa Romeo was also starting then, having bought my first Alfa, a 1975 Alfetta GT around that time. So, I started buying the calendars, and picked up the odd F1 or Ferrari or Alfa Romeo calendar (if we were lucky enough to find one) that I also enjoyed.



Here's my calendar wall for March 2020. There were lots of Alfa's in the picture this month!

Rather than throw them away the following January, as most people did, I kept mine. And I kept each year of the R&T series, through the 18+ years that they were printed. Along with the other ones, augmented by the occasional Star Wars or other calendar. I kept them all.

And they started repeating. So, the two or three calendars from the current year were supplemented by another two or three from a previous year. And then, seven or eight years later still, they repeated again – six calendars became eight or nine. And a habit was born.

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Fast forward 35 years. My car calendar collection has over 125 calendars! Each year, my wife dutifully searches the pages of Speedgear to buy the F1 calendar, a Ferrari calendar (1:1 scale versions of those were in my past also), and the occasional really cool awesome calendar, like one of Jesse Alexander's F1 shots, or one featuring F1 designers (yes, Jano is in there!). I now have a spreadsheet to keep track of them all – indexed by year, Leap Year (yes/no), first day of January, first day of March and subject. Lately, it's moved from "hobby" to "obsession" (lately, you say, Steve?), as I've found a few places in Europe that produce Alfa Romeo calendars, but they aren't cheap, especially including shipping!

Then, in the first week of January, I look at the spreadsheet, figure out what year(s) align, and lay them out. Sometimes, I actually have more calendars than I have wall space! Some years, there are very few that have the same pattern. For instance, this year – 2020 – is a leap year, and there were only three in my collection, plus five that I bought. So, I cheated, and found calendars that aligned on March 1 for the balance of the year. I get them out, lay them out on the floor, and put them up on the wall. One little problem became apparent after a few years of doing this.

Since, with few exceptions (like the Autocorse F1 calendars) calendars are different sizes and have different mounting points, your wall will start to look a bit... um... perforated. I stopped using nails as the unused holes just were too big... now I use thumbtacks. But just be prepared to paint the wall when you move... or explain why it looks like championship darts happened there!

It's all worth it, however - what a beautiful wall it makes when the calendars are all up and arranged! Each month, I'm able to trip back in time to the cars that held out attention, made us gasp or wish or dream. As a rule to myself, I resist the urge to flip through the calendars as I get them out and put them up on the wall. That way each month is a new surprise. Some months, in what can only be described as Hawking-level coincidence, all the cars will be red, or Italian, or something like that – even something as insignificant as that can be a marvel. But the best thing of all is that I have a wall like few others, full of the results of a collector's hobby that constantly changes, and reminds us all of that well-worn adage about time... what goes around comes around!

About the author:

Steve Davis is a 30-plus year member of AROC and a 25-plus year member of ARA. He and his wife Tina (who just looks at him pitifully when he reminds her that the Speedgear calendars are available) recently moved from Northern California to Central Oregon. Of the 35+ cars Steve has owned, eight have been Alfas. He currently owns a 1991 Spider Veloce and a 1975 Alfetta GT in 1:1 scale, over 400 Alfa kits in 1:43 scale, and many, many calendars. If you want his spreadsheet that shows how calendar days repeat, so you can start your own obsession, email him at steve.davis2@comcast.net. Hurry – time flies...

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Welcome New Members & Congratulations to everyone with an anniversary.

Member Anniversaries in May



David Schroeder – 2 years
David Doyle – 2 years
Stephen Godish – 6 years
Greg Byes – 7 years
Maynard Chambers – 11 years
George Kraus – 14 years
Stephen Ruben – 15 years
Ted Gathe – 22 years
Susan Wandtke – 23 years

★ Stuart Moss – 30 years !
★ Erik Roe – 31 years !
★ Grant Prentice – 35 years !
★★ Michael Barmache – 41 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.

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.

For all rallies, register at 9 AM, drivers Meeting at 9:45 AM, first car out at 10:01 AM at the French Prairie Rest Area, Far Back Parking Lot, I-5 Southbound at MP 282 (south of Wilsonville).

- ✓ **Each rally is \$15 per car with email or phone pre-registration (payable at rally registration).**
- ✓ **Each rally is \$20 per car without pre-registration (payable at registration). Please pre-register!**

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

For more info, contact Paul or Yulia:

paul.eklund@alfaclub.org or yulia.smolyansky@alfaclub.org



AROO Cup #1 Results

Rally Chairs: paul.eklund@alfaclub.org or
yulia.smolyansky@alfaclub.org

AROO RALLY CUP #1 2020 Final RESULTS 3/15/2020																POSITION / CLASS	
CAR#	Description	CLASS	LEG # 1		LEG #2		LEG #3		LEG #5		LEG #6		OBS/RC	TOTAL			
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	L	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

Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Oregon

Sue Halton, Board Secretary

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Time: 7:06 PM - 8:20 PM

Location: Zoom and telephone

Present: Cindy Banzer, Chris Bright, Alex Carrara, John Clemson, Ryan Coulson, Steve Davis, Glen Dolphin, Chris Finks, Sue Halton and Doug Zaitz

Guests: Neil d'Autremont, Roger Dilts, Paul Eklund, Dennis Howell

President Doug Zaitz opened the meeting at 7:06 PM.

1. Minutes (Sue Halton) The March Minutes were approved as emailed.

2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer)

- A. The Treasurer's report was emailed to Board Members.
- B. The Report shows \$3500 in Registration fees that was paid by five participants who were not able to attend in 2019. They opted to apply the money to their Registration in the next Rally which may not be held until 2021. These are pre-paid registration fees.
- C. One- and one-half Registration fees have been received for the 2020 Rally. They will also be moved to the 2021 Rally.
- D. Sponsor Land Rover had promised \$7500 for the 2020 Rally. Chris reported that they are in favor of postponing this year's Rally.

3. Past Events Report

- A. The First Rally of the AROO Rally Cup Series was held on March 15th. Paul Eklund reported that it went well and had a good turn-out.
- i. James will publish the First Rally results in AlfaBits.
- B. The March General Membership Meeting was cancelled due to the Corona virus.

4. Upcoming Event Reports

Board members discussed whether or not to hold any in-person events before August 1st. We decided to leave some events on the calendar, pending further information and the amount of personal contact inherent in the event. Cindy will contact the AROC insurance company. Some events on the Calendar are not sponsored by AROO; their sponsoring organizations will decide whether to hold or cancel them.

- A. AROO Rally Cup Series (Paul Eklund)
 - i. The Second Rally will be postponed until June 14th.
 - ii. Third Rally – July 19th.
 - iii. Fourth Rally – August 9th.
 - iv. The Rallies can be held 100% contact free.
 - v. We will postpone the Rallies again if the health of the participants seems to be in jeopardy.

B. May General Membership Meeting

- i. The meeting will be held via Zoom.
- ii. Chris Bright is in charge of the meeting program and will be moderator.
- iii. Chris and Doug will coordinate advertising the meeting via AlfaBits and email.

C. Old Spider Tour (Neil d'Autremont) - postponed until next autumn.

D. Summer Solstice Tour and Barbeque (Steve Davis) – to be postponed.

E. Wine Tour (Russ Paine) – July 18th. Date to be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

F. Portland Yacht Club's Classic Boat and Car Show and Barbeque (Chris Fink) - August 22nd.

G. Oswego Heritage Council's Collector Car and Classic Boat Show - August 23rd.

5. Membership Chair (Steve Davis)

- A. We have 200 members.
- B. We added two new members last month.
- C. The new AROC Executive Director, Deborah Galvan, is a pleasure to work with.

6. Track day (Alex Carrera)

- A. The Shelby Club is going ahead on their own with Track Day, scheduled for Thursday, August 20th.
- i. They hope to have 50 cars and that some will be from AROO.
- ii. Fifteen cars are registered so far.
- B. They have asked us to help advertise it. Alex has written an article for AlfaBits. Doug will add it to the National Calendar.

7. Calendar (Doug Zaitz)

The Calendar and website are up to date.

8. AROC Liaison (Cindy Banzer)

- A. AROC Goes to Italy – May 2020 - Cancelled.
- B. The AROC National Convention in Colorado Springs – Cancelled.
- G. The new Administrator's name is Deborah Galvan.

9. Northwest Classic Motor Car Rally (Doug Zaitz)

A. Doug opened the discussion on whether or not to cancel the Northwest Classic Rally. The Rally Committee recommends postponing the Rally for one year.

Cindy Banzer moved that the Northwest Classic Rally be moved to the comparable date in 2021. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

B. Doug will ask Salishan to delete our contract.

- i. We hope to use the hotel in 2021, but need more clarity on the effects of the Corona virus pandemic.

Cindy Banzer moved that the official name of the Rally be the "Northwest Classic Rally". The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

C. John Clemson reminded Board members that some of the 2019 Rally business has not yet been completed.

- i. Two Sponsors have not yet paid.
- ii. Some plaques have not been delivered.

D. Doug said he would call a Rally Committee meeting in the next few weeks.

- i. Besides the items above, there are other tasks that need to be completed.
 - a. Letters must be sent to volunteers, participants and sponsors.
 - b. Emails must be sent to past Rally participants and sponsors.
- ii. Cindy volunteered to help Doug collect the money from the delinquent 2019 sponsors.

Announcements

Paul thanked John for sending him the links to car clubs that he has used to help publicize the AROO Cup Rallies.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36



“It Was a Date”

www.granturismoevents.com/news-rendez-vouz-in-paris-movie-1976/

In a time long before GoPro cameras, a French movie director made an epic short movie featuring a car speeding through Paris on an early Sunday morning.

The short film was a major hit in the underground movie scene in the late 1970's and the early 80's. Chances are that you have seen it.

It is all in one mesmerising take, there is no dialogue and there is no driver in sight. The only person you actually see is the a blonde woman approaching the car in the final moments - hence the name C'était un Rendez-vous.

Translated to English, the title means “It was a date”. According to the producer, Claude Lelouch, the intention was to capture the urgency when a young man rushes to pick up his beautiful date a late night. It is just as much as about sex and desire as it is about driving.

“A guy who is going to meet a girl can take unnecessary risks because he doesn't want to make her wait.”

The entire movie, from start to end, is in one long shot. There is no cuts, and no special effects (check out the link above to see the 9 minute insanity in its entirety). What you see is exactly how that early Sunday morning in Paris was. Including the pigeons, buses and pedestrians. The total of 18 red lights that the car accelerated through were also very real.

Many details about the movie were shrouded in mystery. Few knew how it had been made. There were numerous rumours circulating, one that it was

the directors friend and racing driver Jacques Lafitte who was speeding the car through Paris that morning, and that the car driven was a Ferrari 275 GTB. None of this was true.

The truth

The car used for the movie was not a Ferrari. Instead, it was Claude Lelouch's Mercedes-Benz 450 SEL, with a 6.9 litre V8. The Mercedes had hydropneumatic suspension and was a better choice for the mission, driving on the cobble stone streets of Paris in high speed. The camera was mounted on the front of the car.

The car was driven by Claude Lelouch himself, and not a racing driver. The woman in the end of the movie was his Swedish girlfriend - Gunilla Friden. She had no other instructions but to wait at a designated spot and walk towards the car when Claude arrived.

The Mercedes had a three speed automatic transmission and sounds nothing like in the movie. The engine noise and tyre squeals are all added in post production. For this purpose, Claude's Ferrari 275 GTB was used.

The route

The route measures 10.597 km long, which indicates an average speed of approximately 80 km/h (50 mph). Far from the claim that the top speed was over 200 km/h in some parts. Looking at the movie you see other traffic. Passing that traffic is not done with ridiculous speed difference.

There were only two people that knew the exact route except Claude. They were placed along the

route with walkie talkies in two blind junctions, in order to warn of other traffic. However, the walkie talkies did not work, and Claude assumed that the crossings were clear. It was a miracle that no one was hurt during shooting.

The aftermath

There was, of course, a public outrage of the method of shooting this film. Also, there was ample evidence of multiple serious traffic offences. This became a problem for Claude Lelouch.

One famous incident was when Claude Lelouch was pulled over by a policeman in Paris. The policeman immediately recognised Lelouch and seized his driving license. Moments later, the driving license was returned to the famous movie director.

The policeman later stated that he had orders to take the driving license from Claude. However, since he was a big fan, he returned it after a few minutes. He had still, in theory, complied with the orders from the ministry of justice. The driving license was in fact seized - albeit for just moment.

Claude Lelouch

Claude Lelouch is now 82 years old and lives in Paris. With over 50 major movie productions he is one of the most important French film directors. In 2016 he received the honorary Commander in the Order of the Crown - one of the highest national honours of the Kingdom of Belgium. In 2009, Lelouch explained: "I made the movie as a gift of this moment of madness. The movie is very symbolic of my life. We did many forbidden things, as I often have in life."

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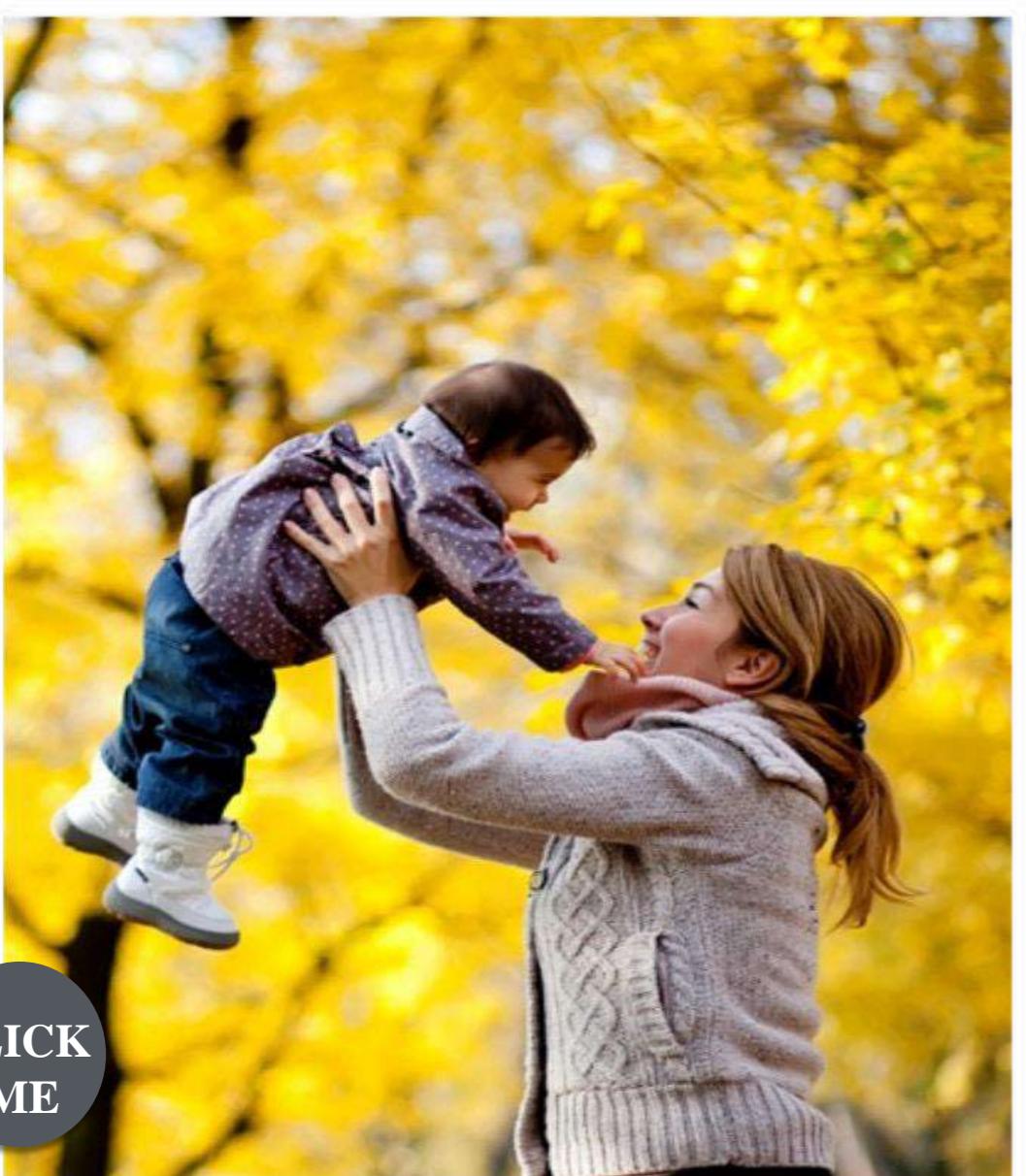


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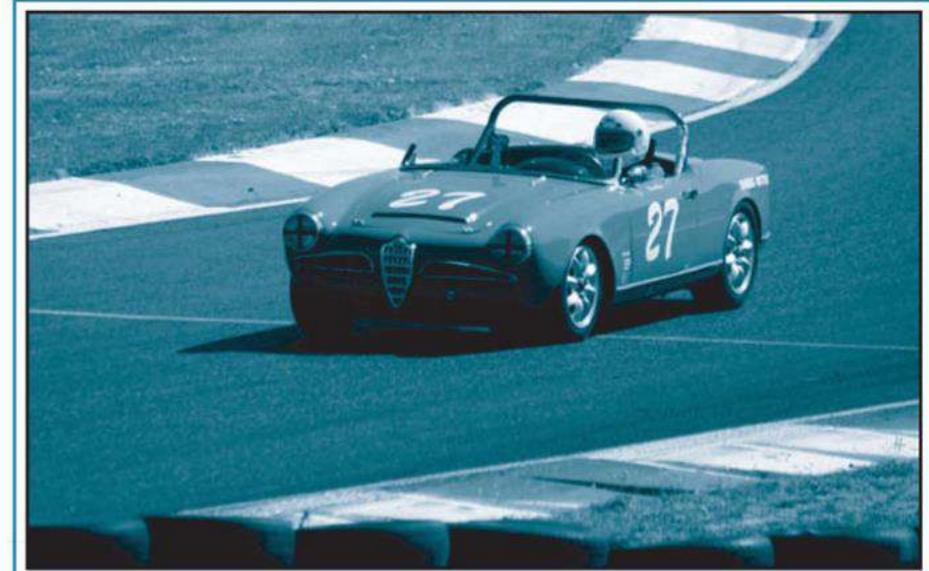
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Summer Solstice Picnic in Eugene – Cancelled

Steve Davis

Hi All – as with so many things these days, the AROO Board has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Picnic & Car Show at our home in Eugene, originally scheduled for Saturday, June 20. Because this event is really all about 50+ people gathered around socializing and eating on our deck, keeping social distance is an impossibility.

We've already picked out a tentative date for the 2021 event – mark your calendars for June 19th, which is also a Saturday. The summer solstice will be on Sunday next year, so we can enjoy the second-longest day of the year for our picnic!

So you don't forget to mark your calendar, I'm including a few pics from 2019's event, as well as a link [HERE](#) to an awesome drone video that was taken at our house, showing all the cars lined up on our front lawn area. We'd love to see double that many in 2021, and I look forward to seeing you all there!

Steve and Tina Davis, in the hills just outside of Eugene



Driving Tours Updates

With the rapidly changing environment, it's hard to keep up with our events. Some have been cancelled and some have been moved to later in the year. Our calendar on page 11 and on our website will have the latest information. Here is a quick list:

- Alfa Wannabe Tour to the Canadian Rockies**, June 20-27, 2020 – **CANCELLED**
- Summer Wine Tour**, July 18, still on. Contact Russ Paine to register and for details. Russ.paine@frontier.com
- Annual Summer Tour** – Backroads to Walla Walla, August 7-9 – Still on but subject to change. Contact Tom McGirr at tomsredalfa@gmail.com or 503-983-3656
- Annual Fall Tour** – Fall Leaf tour to the Oregon Coast, September 26-27 – Still on but subject to change. Contact Tom McGirr at tomsredalfa@gmail.com or 503-983-3656
- Alfa Wannabe Tour of Oregon – NEW!** Tour of East, South, and Coast of Oregon, October 1-4. Contact Tom McGirr at tomsredalfa@gmail.com or 503-983-3656

McGirr Tour Updates

By Tom McGirr

This kid is really bummed! After more than a year of planning, I had to cancel the Alfa Wannabe Tour to Canada due to the Coronavirus. Add a cancelled trip to New Orleans and another trip to the desert out of Tucson in May, this is an unhappy camper.

The good news is the Alfa Wannabe Tour to Banff and Lake Louise WILL occur in 2021, most likely the second half of June. While first crack at that tour will be the 2020 crew, I suspect there will be a few that will not be able to go, so if you are interested, fire off an e-mail and I will put you on the alternate list. Total cost will be around \$4,500 including hotels, gondolas, meals, etc. for 8 nights/9 days.

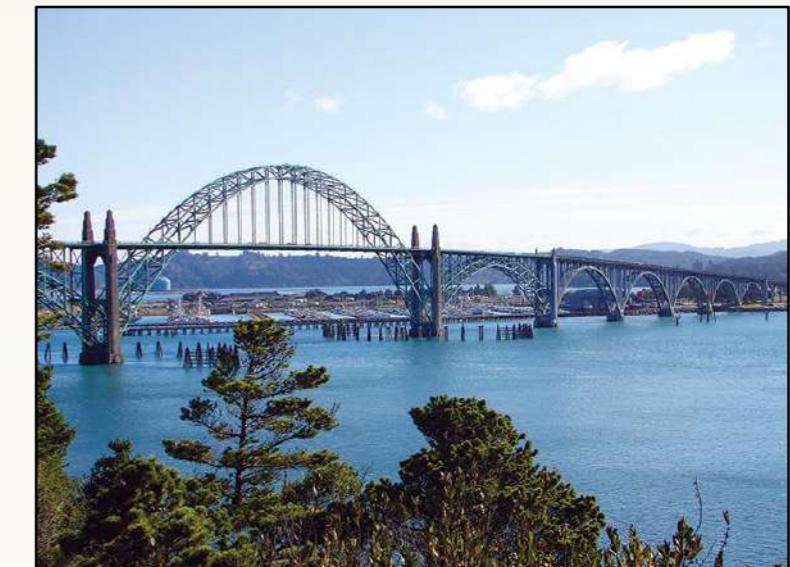
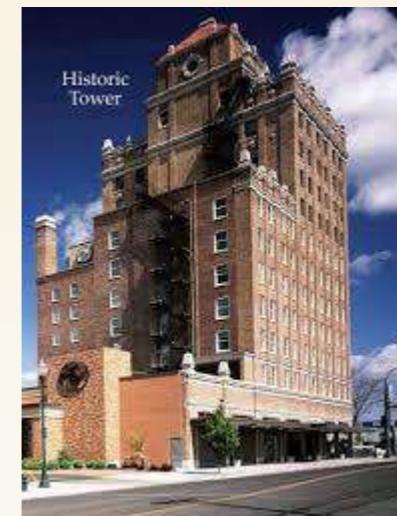
Summer tour to Walla Walla is still on at this point. Dates are August 7-9 with departure from Sandy. Details in separate Bits article. Be sure to call the Marcus Whitman Hotel to make your room reservations and fire off an e-mail to Tom c/o tomsredalfa@gmail.com. Room block expires 30 days in advance.

Fall tour is still being planned for September 26-27. Tour will feature some good very backroads along the Siuslaw River to Reedsport and then up to Newport. Most likely we will have happy hour and eat at the Rogue Brewery but I am looking at Local Ocean as a possible dinner place as well. An informal tour back to Salem is planned Sunday for those that want to tag along.

I have NOT done a room block as no one was willing to take a large block for what they hope will be a busy week. In fact, MANY of the hotels are already booked for the weekend. Hence, check out the Fall Tour Bits article. I listed a number of motels that still had openings as of mid-April. Best to make reservations and cancel later if needed.

Finally, I have a very rough draft of a 3 night/4 day Alfa Wannabe tour for October 1-4. It has us going to John Day, Ashland, Gold Beach and then home. Nice mix of fast and curvy, slow and scenic roads. Pencil it in if you are interested and shoot me an e-mail for more info.

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Fall Tour to the Beach!

September 26-27, 2020

We are heading to Newport. I am dusting off a route along the scenic Siuslaw River which features some beautiful fall colors if our timing is right. We hit 101 at Reedsport and head north. This will not be a high speed run as the roads along the river are narrow but the scenery makes up for it. I am planning this as an overnight trip with an informal tour Sunday but you can elect to drive home from Newport if you desire.

As of now, I am planning on a happy hour and dinner at the Rogue Brewery. However, if I have a smaller group, I may try to have dinner at Local Ocean.

I have NOT made a room block as no one was willing to take one in anticipation they will be overwhelmed by hopefully non-quarantined travelers. In fact, I found a number of motels were indicating they were already full. Hence, if you are interested in going, I would make a reservation now and cancel later if you find you cannot go.

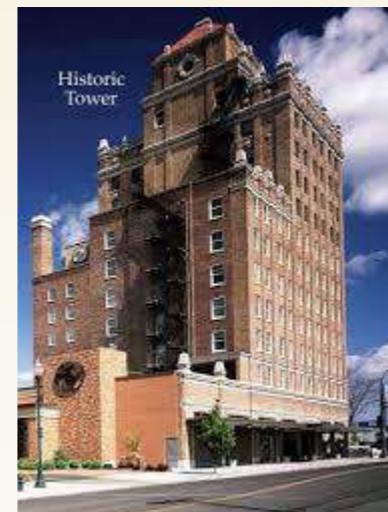
As of mid-April, the following motels had rooms: Moolock Shores, Shilo Inn, Inn at Nye Beach, Nye Beach Condos, The Waves, Best Western Agate Beach, Newport Bell, Hallmark, Elizabeth Ocean Front Suites and La Quinta. The Embarcadero on the bay had a few rooms as well. I booked at Moolock Shores. Shilo prices were the lowest for oceanfront. In that happy hour will be at the Rogue, it is not so critical we stay at the same place.

As always, send me an e-mail as to who and how many are coming so I can reserve a spot for dinner. Call if questions.

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Alfa Romeo Summer Tour!

Walla Walla Wines & Great Roads - August 7-9, 2020



The Alfa Romeo Summer Tour will take place August 7-9, a Friday through Sunday. I am cautiously optimistic we may be able to travel by then. 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.

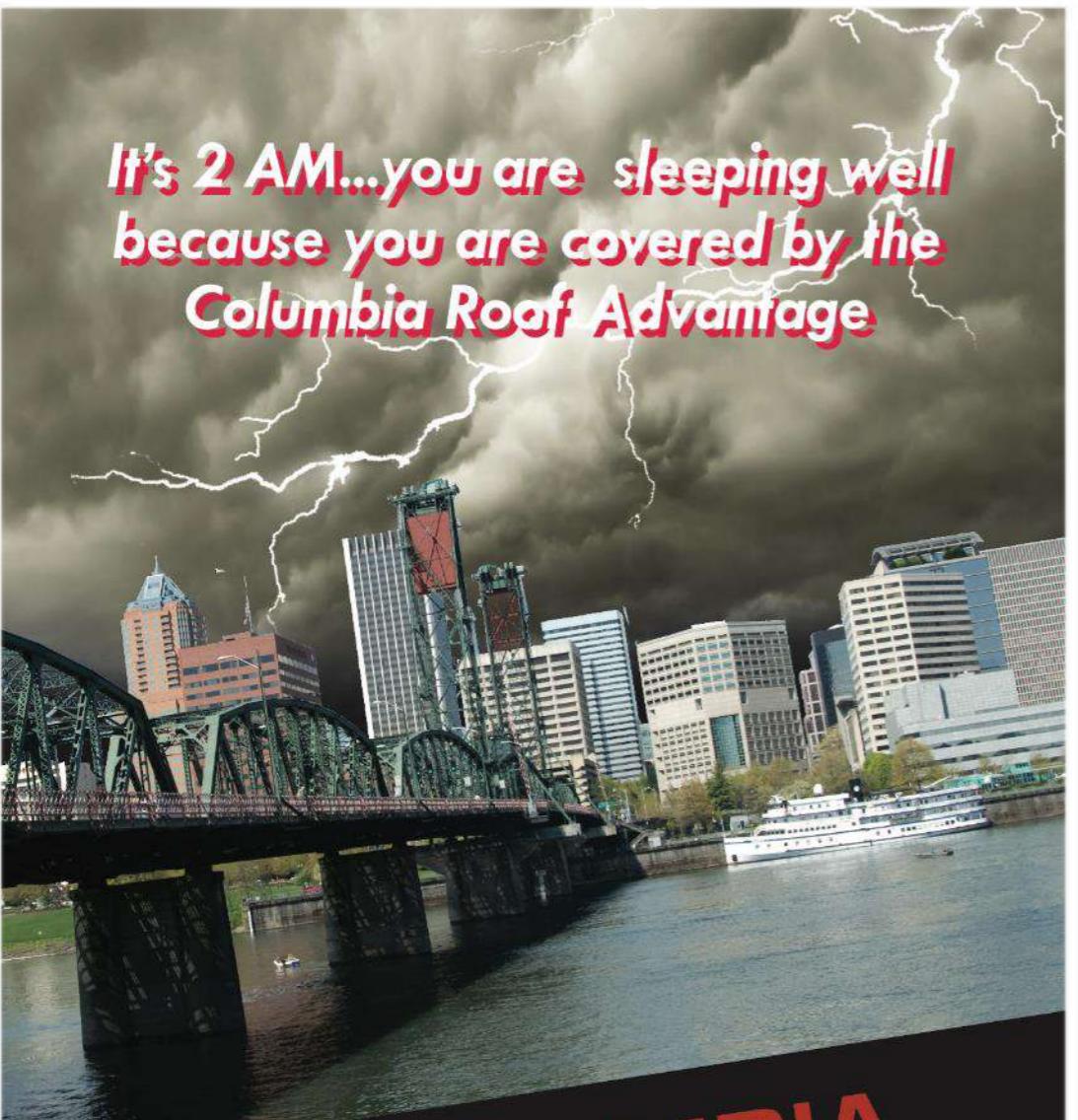
Dinner plans are still in process but I am leaning towards two different breweries so as to keep the meal costs low. Both have very good reviews and we will likely be 'wined out' by Saturday evening.

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.

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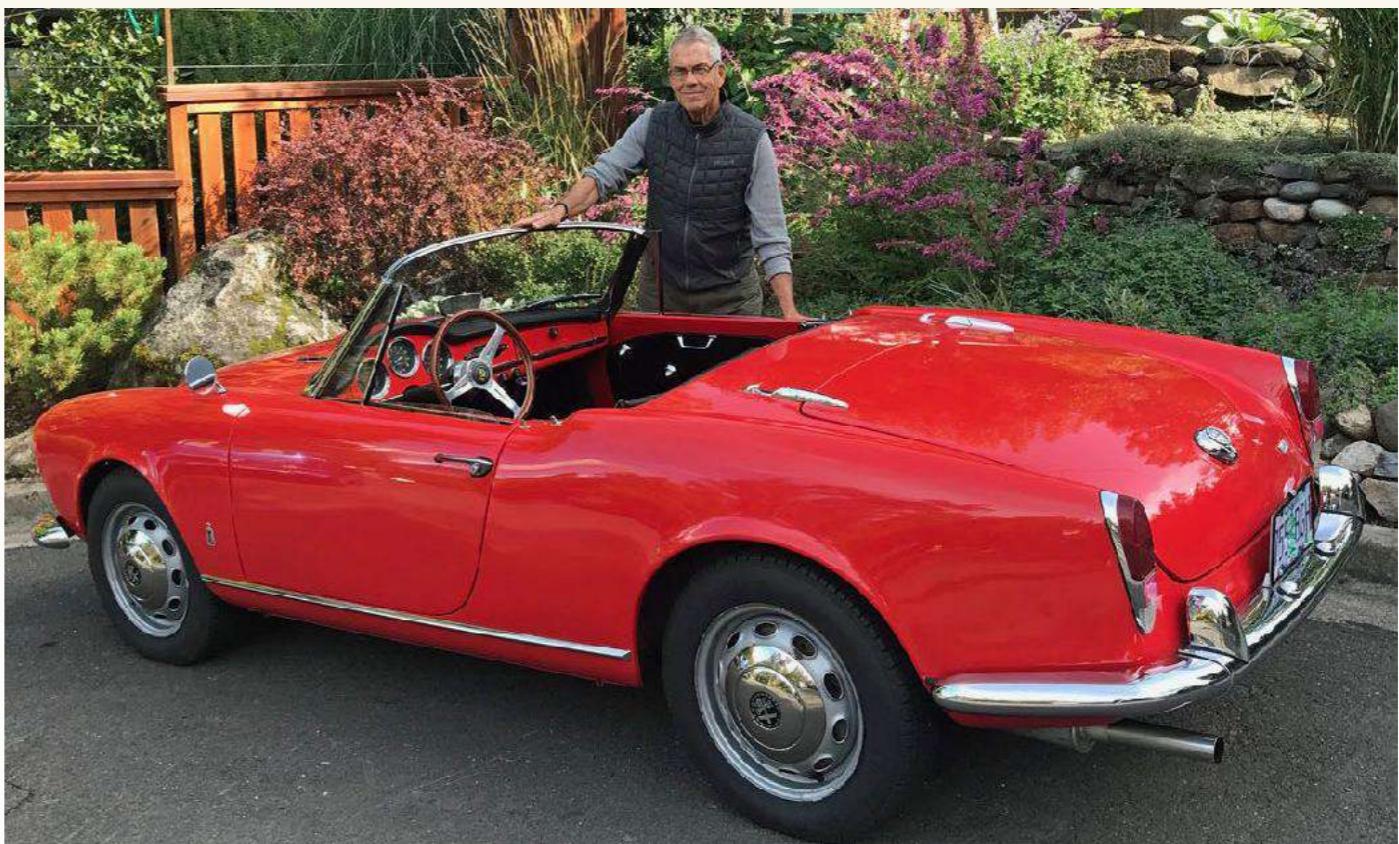
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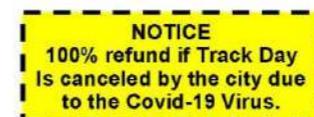
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