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Annual Old Spider Tour!**



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FROM THE EDITOR

Photo Cliff Brunk

Spring is here!

And so are my allergies. But I don't mind as it's time to get out on the road! I spent last weekend washing and getting my cars ready for what will hopefully be a busy summer driving all over the PNW.

I really enjoy spending time cleaning and detailing my cars – it's one of those immediate gratification tasks that always makes me happy. Add some tunes and cold adult beverages, and it's a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

I'm a big fan of Griot's Garage detailing products as well as a few other brands. Quality matters as does ease of use and results that last. I'd love to hear about your favorite products or secret detailing tips that you use to pamper your rides!

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

James Parker

Alfa Bits Editor

ALFA BITS

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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.



April 2021– Doug Zaitz

In the Driver's Seat



Tires aren't supposed to look like this....

So, have you ever had an oil sump drain plug "back out"? – Part Two

Just when I thought my Honda adventures would have concluded, two more surprises were in store for me on my recent trip south, following my engine oil surprise ~

The car performed flawlessly for a few miles – actually nearly 1,000 – before the next issue. I had stopped for a leg-stretch and potty break on Hwy 99 somewhere south of Sacramento on my way to Palm Desert for a week of home maintenance work and visiting Alfa friends.

I returned to my car and turned the key to start it. It has one of those touch-to-start systems, where the key is not held in the start position during starter engagement. The car's starter did not turn over. Strange. I tried it again, and it started. That had never happened before – I am sure that all of us, once we get to know our various cars, we become hyper-sensitive to when things are slightly different, perhaps not immediately recognizing exactly what was different, but that something was unusual...

The next stop, for gasoline near Bakersfield, the car did the same thing, though it took several tries to start it. Now I am getting concerned – I make the mad dash, some 200 remaining miles, without stopping or turning the engine off, to my final destination.

The next morning, when I try to take the car down to my storage unit where I keep the Spider and Alfetta sedan, it won't start. Five or six tries later, after checking headlights for discharged battery, it starts. I leave it at storage, where it won't start again.

After several days – thankfully having two other cars there helps – I call AAA for my fourth and final "free" tow of that membership year. I have it towed to the Honda dealership, where expecting a failed relay or starter switch mechanism, I find out the problem is a failing (six-year-old) battery! With all of my prior automotive experience I could not diagnose this – I guess with HID headlights (low current draw) and all the electronics in cars today, you can't easily tell if the battery is failing!

And to add insult to injury, there is no panel warning light or message that states "bad battery"! Car is fixed for a paltry \$150 – for once a dealership did not fleece me ~

So later in the week, I drove over to Temecula to inspect and purchase a new-to-me car, this time a 1998 Audi A4 Avant wagon – very cool, especially with its millennial anti-theft device, known as a five-speed manual tranny!

On my way back to Palm Desert, dropping down from San Geronio Pass on I-10, a bottomless pot-hole appears out of the darkness in the truck lane that I am in – as I was getting passed by all the car traffic in the faster lanes, and barely keeping up with the trucks – at 75 mph!

With a loud jaw-jarring bang from the left front of the Honda, I wait for the tire explosion to occur – it doesn't. The anticipated wheel wobbling doesn't happen. The low air pressure warning doesn't come on either. Hmm I wonder, did I dodge this bullet?

The next morning it's obvious I didn't – the tire has a fist-

sized distortion on the outer sidewall! The local Les Schwab is too far away – 45 miles – to safely travel towards. I find a local tire shop that can special order the odd-ball tire size this Honda uses. The tire arrives two days later, and for just over a hundred bucks, I am back on the road – and thankfully the rim is unbent and uncracked!

I have to say that my Honda CRZ has been a true Honda – just put in gas and do the maintenance, and it goes and goes, reliably like it should – though the last five thousand miles have been quite exciting!

I am very saddened to report that we lost one of our very long-time AROO members last week. Denny Torgeson passed away. Denny has been a participant and volunteer for all things AROO – several national conventions, track days, NW Classic Rally, and tours. What many of us were not aware of was his passion for vintage motorcycles – having restored, shown and ridden them for years. Denny's wit, honesty and devilish smile will be sorely missed - our heartfelt condolences to Peggy, family and friends!

Continued...



Time to get back on the road!

April 2021– Doug Zaitz

In the Driver's Seat

Continued..

Don't forget that AROO Cup Rally Season is upon us! Paul and Yulia are organizing the 2021 AROO Cup Rally Series, starting in mid-March and running through mid-June. We invite you to join us in this popular series of time-speed-distance rallies. They are conducted in a non-contact manner, following all recommendations and regulations to ensure that we can play with our cars in a safe and sane manner.

Now is the time to register for the third of the four AROO Cup Rallies. The Rally #3 on Sunday May 16th.

The April General Meeting will be a Zoom presentation on Wednesday, April 19th. We are looking at some possible presentations that other chapters have produced.

The annual Old Spider Tour will be on Saturday, April 24th. We are planning a several-hour tour, starting in Wilsonville, concluding with an optional no-host outdoor lunch in Lyle, WA.

If you have an interesting new project, underway or completed, let us know the details and send some photos – we'd love to share your success with other club members! James can be contacted at James.Parker@alfaclub.org or from the AROO website Contacts page.



Come out and play with your Alfa!

AROO's Annual Old Spider Tour

Saturday, April 24th *By Doug Zaitz*



With the advent of Spring, all Old Spiders – our Giuliettas and Giulias – are invited to lead the pack of Alfas in our annual celebration of the return of our touring season. This year marks the forty-third year of this organized tour, and the sixty-third year of Bob and Margaret McGill's purchase of their 1958 Giulietta Spider, Old Blue, which Bob purchased new in Portland for his 40th birthday.

An annual Spring Tour evolved over the years – and today we follow in that tradition. All AROO members and guests are invited to participate in this tour, this year a one-day tour going up the Columbia River Gorge, in quest for some dry sunshine! All Alfas are welcome, though the Old Spiders will lead the tour, as tradition dictates. Non-Alfas are welcome too, though they to follow at the back of the pack!

Arrival will be at the Starbucks near the Wilsonville Costco at 25600 SW Argyle Ave, Wilsonville, OR 97070 at 9:00 AM.

The driver's meeting will be held at 9:40 AM in the parking lot outside of the Starbucks – you will see us there!

Note that we will email the route instructions and release forms to home print and bring with you, the release forms for collection.



Departure will be at 10:00 AM sharp. Please have your gas tank full, and your bladders empty! The route will have several rest breaks and potty stops.

The tour will conclude at about 1:00 PM in Lyle, Washington at the Sandbar and Grill, 600 State Street, Lyle, WA 98635. We will be able to order from the menu, should you desire to stay.

Please note that AROO requests all participants observe required and recommended pandemic practices, including social distancing and wearing of masks – thank you! If you don't feel well, please stay home. We look forward to seeing you for a safe and fun day with friends as we work our way back to normalcy!

Questions? Please contact Doug Zaitz at dczaitz@aol.com or 509-768-4312.

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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

- 13 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 15-17 8th Annual AROC Winter Retreat (postponed to 2022)
- 20 General Meeting, Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM

February

- 3 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 17 General Meeting, Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM
- 28 Valentines Day Tour, host Doug Zaitz

March

- 3 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 13 AROC Cup Rally School, Zoom Video Presentation, 10 AM
- 14 AROC Cup Rally #1, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 17 General Meeting, Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM

April

- 14 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 18 AROC Cup Rally #2, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 21 General Meeting, Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM
- 24 Annual Old Spider Tour, host Keith Martin

May

- 5 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 16 AROC Cup Rally #3, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 19 General Meeting Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM
- TBD May Tour, host Patrick Iaboni

June

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 13 AROC Cup Rally #4, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 16 June Evening Tour, host TBA, 6 PM
- 19 Summer Solstice Tour & BBQ, hosts Steve & Tina Davis
- 25-27 Alfa Wannabe Tour to Walla Walla, host Tom McGirr

July

- 7 Board of Directors Meeting - Not Scheduled
- 9-11 Rose Cup Races at PIR
- 17 Annual Summer Picnic and Wine Tour, host Russ Paine

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 AROC calendar [HERE](#).

- 18 Postponed - 48th Annual Forest Grove Concours
- 21 General Meeting - Not Scheduled
- 22-25 SVRA Portland Vintage Racing Festival at PIR
- 30-31 32nd Annual NW Classic Rally

August

- 4 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 18 August Evening Tour, host TBA, 6 PM
- 13-15 Summer Tour to John Day & Ashland, host Tom McGirr
- 21 Portland Yacht Club Classic Boats & Cars Show, host Chris Finks
- 22 Lake Oswego Heritage Car Show, host Rick Warner
- TBD Shelby America Auto Club NW Track Day at PIR

September

- 1 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 5-12 AROC National Convention, Colorado Springs
- 15 General Meeting - Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM
- 25 Annual Old Super Tour, host David Beach

October

- 2 Annual Giro di Coupe Tour, host Dennis Howell
- 6 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 9-10 Fall Tour to Oregon Coast, host Tom McGirr
- 17 AROC "Dirty Rat" TSD Rally, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 20 General Meeting - Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM
- 24 Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, host Cindy Banzer

November

- 3 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 17 General Meeting - Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM

December

- 1 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 5 Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction, host Cindy Banzer
- 15 General Meeting - Not Scheduled

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Time: 7:07 PM - 7:53 PM

Location: Zoom

Present: Cindy Banzer, John Clemson, Steve Davis, Glen Dolphin, Sue Halton and Doug Zaitz.

Excused: Chris Bright, Ryan Coulson.

Absent: Chris Finks

Guests: Roger Diltz, Paul Eklund

President Doug Zaitz opened the meeting at 7:07 PM.

1. Minutes (Sue Halton) The February 3rd, 2021 Minutes were approved as emailed.

2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer)

A. AROO received \$50.40.

B. The Budget was approved as emailed.

3. Past Events Report

A. Valentine's Day Tour (Doug Zaitz) - Saturday, February 13th.

i.) Fourteen cars and twenty-six people participated.

ii.) The Tour was much enjoyed. Two new members came to the Tour. Doug was able to introduce them to the group.

iii.) Doug thanked Russ Payne for his help.

B. February General Membership Meeting – Rebuilding transmissions/transaxles.

i.) This presentation by “Rob”, a rebroadcast from the Detroit Saturday series, was excellent and very well received.

4. Upcoming Event Report

A. AROO Cup Rally School (Paul Eklund/Roger Dilts) - 10:30 - 1:00, March 13th via Zoom.

i.) Only eight people have signed up so far.

B. AROO Cup Rally #1 (Eklund/Smolyansky) – March 14th, 2021

i.) Four teams have signed up. Two teams are made up of ‘new people’.

C. March General Membership Meeting – to be determined.

D. March Tour (Doug Zaitz) – Sunday, March 28, 2021.

i. This is a “Bring your own lunch” tour.

E. AROO Cup Rally #2 (Eklund/Smolyansky) – April 18th, 2021

F. April General Membership Meeting – Chris suggested featuring Alex Haugland of Eugene. Chris will call him.

G. Old Spider Tour (Keith Martin) - April 24, 2021.

H. AROO Cup Rally #3 (Eklund/Smolyansky) – May 16th, 2021

I. May General Membership Meeting, May 19, 2021 - Steve Davis will present “Chapter Two” of ‘Death by 1,000 Pieces’.

J. May Tour (Tami and Patrick Iaboni) – Date to be announced.

K. AROO Cup Rally #4 (Eklund/Smolyansky) – June 13th, 2021

L. June Evening Tour (Host to be announced) – June 16th, 2021

M. Summer Solstice Tour and Barbeque (Tina and Steve Davis) – June 19th, 2021

N. Alfa and Alfa Wannabe Tour (Tom McGirr) – June 25-27th, 2021

O. Summer Tour to John Day and Ashland (Tom McGirr) – August 20-23, 2021

P. Old Super Tour (Dave Beach) – September 28th, 2021

Q. Giro di Coupe Tour (Dennis Howell) – October 2nd,

R. Fall Tour to the Coast (Tom McGirr) – October 9-10, 2021

S. Volunteer Dinner (if needed) – October 2021

T. Holiday Party - December

U. Activities Still pending:

a. Summer Picnic and Wine Tour (to be confirmed with Russ Paine) – July 17th.

b. Forest Grove – July 18th.

c. August Evening Tour – August 18th, 2021

d. Portland Yacht Club Barbeque and Car Show – Chris Finks

e. Oswego Heritage Car Show – Rick Warner

5. Northwest Classic Rally Update (Roger Diltz, Rally Master) - Saturday, July 31st.

A. Roger reported on plans for the rally route.

i. The Rally will start at the Jaguar Land Rover site.

ii. Lunch is planned at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville.

iii. The afternoon will be a double loop out and back.

B. Roger has also planned a separate Tour Route, avoiding the Rally Route as much as possible.

i. It will coordinate with the Rally for lunch at the Aviation

and Space Museum.

ii. It will travel through Jewel and Mist, then a route to the coast, perhaps visiting the Wildlife Refuge.

iii. It is challenging because there are so few roads to the coast.

C. Roger pointed out that he does not have a budget and has not met with the Organizing Committee.

D. The Organizing Committee still needs to:

i. Confirm all sites.

ii. Confirm bathroom facilities or hire Porta-Potties.

iii. Arrange for lunch (Salmon?)

iv. Volunteers and food/facilities for volunteers.

E. Roger does not know the status of other ideas:

i. Friday night activities? Registration?

ii. Saturday after-rally activities? Wine? Dinner? Hotel rooms?

F. John Clemson asked if there was an Organizing Committee. Doug said he still plans to call an organizing meeting.

6. AlfaBits (James Parker) – No Report

7. Membership Chair (Steve Davis)

A. We have 174 members.

i. Three of these are new members and one owns a new, rare, “Tributo” car.

8. Calendar(s) (Doug Zaitz)

A. All are up to date.

9. AROC Liaison (Cindy Banzer)

A. AROC National Convention in Colorado Springs.

i.) September 6th and 7th – Preconvention Tour.

ii.) September 7th through 12th -Convention.

B. AROC Goes to Italy

C. Formula One in Austin, Texas– October 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53.

Sue Halton, Board Secretary



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Welcome New Members & Congratulations to everyone with an anniversary.

New Members!

Sierk Braam from Vancouver, WA

Member Anniversaries

Garry Keable – 2 years

Don Gilbert – 3 years

Greg Bufton – 3 years

Don Dickinson – 7 years

Thomas Burnett – 7 years

Stephen Fraser – 7 years

Sue Halton – 8 years

Bob Willis – 20 years

Chris Finks – 27 years

Scott Griebel – 29 years

★ Michael James-Long – 30 years !

★ Phil Edwards – 31 years !

★ William King – 35 years !!

★ Jon Anderson – 39 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 168 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.



Photos by George Krauss

Dear Friends,

Our interests and passions are Alfa Romeos, but along the road so many of us become close friends. AROO board member, tour organizer and volunteer extraordinaire Denny Torgeson ranks right up at the top for many of us.

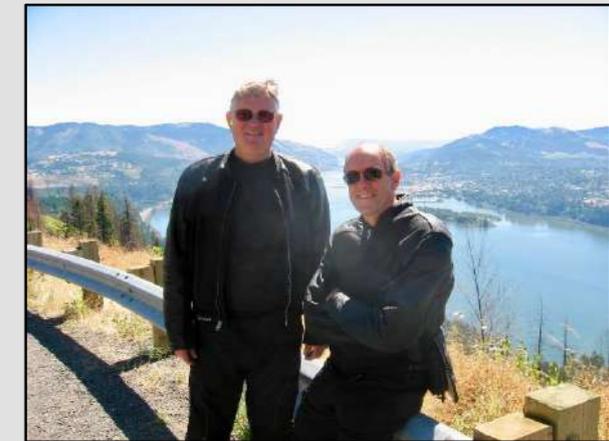
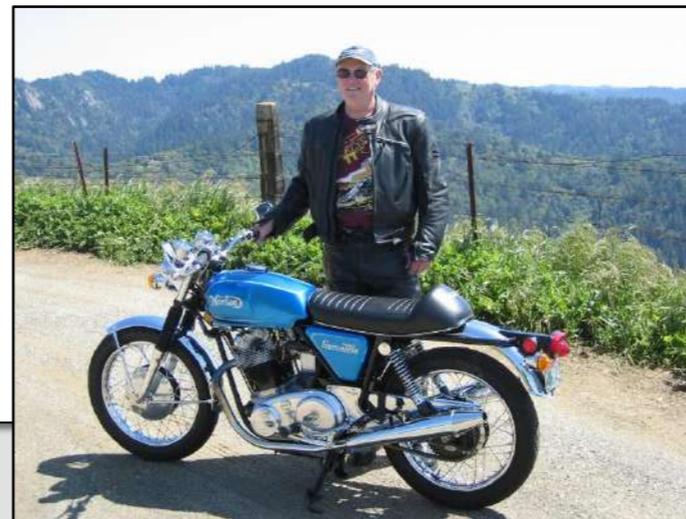
Denny's cancer diagnosis several years ago slowed him down, but didn't stop his upbeat, advice laden, no-mincing-of-words emails from reaching my inbox, often prefaced with "Cindy, babe...." which always made me laugh. My emails from him go back to 2012.

On December 1st, RSVPing for the AROO Virtual Holiday Party, he penned, "Put me down please. I am still breathing, Denny T." On Friday evening, April 9th, Denny took his last breath.

His transition from life as we know it to the twisty roads and sunny skies above is a loss for AROC, AROO and all his many friends and family. I will be writing about Denny for AROC's Alfa Owner Silent Chapter. Kindly send me favorite photos or fun vignettes to help me make it a flavorful, fun remembrance.

I know you all join me in wishing Denny Torgeson God-speed to his next adventure.

Cindy Banzer



Results from AROO Cup Rally #1!

By Paul Eklund, AROO Cup Rally Co-Chair

AROO RALLY CUP #1 2021 Final RESULTS 3/14/2021																
			CLASS	LEG # 1		LEG #2		LEG #3		LEG #4		Yulia RC1	Stevens RC2	TOTAL	POSITION / CLASS	Overall
Description																
Fred/Lisa	McNabb	Mustang -White	V	11	L	28	L	55	L	9	L		10	113	2nd Vintage	3
Ed Grayson	Jeff Gretz	Gray RangeRover	S	25	E	20	E	25	L	5	L		10	85	1st Standard	2
John Johnson	Maria Menor	Black Panamera	V	33	L	84	L	27	E	6	L		0	150	3rd Vintage	4
Steve Poland	Kathleen Poland	Black BMW 335i	V	53	L	22	L	62	L	63	E		0	200	4th Vintage	5
Dennis Howell	Claudia Reinhaus	Champagne MB	V	24	E	136	L	13	E	6	E	60	60	299	5th Vintage	7
Darlene Emerson	Aleta Plummer	Red Miata	V	38	L	300	L	300	L	300	L	60	60	1058	12th Vintage	15
Nicholas labone	Patrick labone	Gray GTV6	V	34	E	300	L	118	L	245	L	60	0	757	9th Vintage	11
Eric Sowle	Paul Gustavson	Black Focus ST	V	300	E	300	E	300	L	300	L		60	1260	15th Vintage	18
Neil d'Autremont	Greg Diloreto	White BMW 540	S	50	E	76	L	300	L	300	L	60	60	846	3rd Standard	12
Quinton Phelps	Ray King	Black 911 Porsche	V	33	L	235	L	224	L	162	E		0	654	8th Vintage	10
James Hurst	Bob Romanski	Red Forester	V	114	L	300	E	300	L	300	L	60	10	1084	13th Vintage	16
Everett Roe	Erik Roe	Tan VW Van	V	67	L	300	L	300	L	330	L		60	1057	11th Vintage	14
David/Shirley	Pollock	Blue Audi RS3	V	8	E	13	L	300	L	229	E		60	610	7th Vintage	9
Simon Levear	Ben Bradley	Blue Escape	V	12	E	2	E	23	E	0			0	37	1st Vintage	1
Donald Jackson	Lesley Jackson	Drk Silver Giulia	V	89	L	300	L	300	L	300	L	60	60	1109	14th Vintage	17
Sue Colisch	Bill Colisch	Silver Altima Hybrd	S	58	E	19	L	3	E	8	E	60	60	208	2nd Standard	6
Steve/Melissa	Thompson	Blue FJ Cruiser	V	29	L	300	L	300	L	300	L	60	10	999	10th Vintage	13
Robby Elkin	John Elkin	Black Lancer	V	40	L	105	E	300	L	0			0	445	6th Vintage	8

V = VINTAGE CLASS S = STANDARD CLASS

E = EARLY L = LATE

*CAR 16 did not start (DNS)

Hi all! Here are the awaited (dreaded) results from YESTERDAY. Some good scores, some not-so-good, and some CLOSE competitions. Check out the Roes vs Miata club novices. 1 point difference! Competition is close in the Standard class. Wait until Clemson/Zaitz enter the fray! and Colisch's shake off the rally rust. Congratulations to ALL for making it thru a challenging day. Be sure to email me (as some have) to ask questions about WHERE you may have gone off-course. Condolences to CAR #8 who APPARENTLY set their clock 8 minutes off and was seen hounding Car #1 at the start of the rally....

Most intended traps were looped, but many made their own traps and wandered off a bit. But we did have a couple Route Controls to steer people back on course. The first was Yulia at RC1. If you saw her, that was a 60 point penalty (only 60 even if you visited her twice...) For most, it was for missing the ONTO BROOKLAKE that kept you going STRAIGHT rather than curving right and down to Yulia.

The second was a bit devious in nature, but made to teach a good lesson. Several top teams turned off their brains after going by the final (Monte Carlo) checkpoint. But you do have to FOLLOW the COURSE until all the NRI's are done. That meant taking the RIGHT on BOONES FERRY (clearly indicated by 3 signs including a pre-marker) TOWARD Interstate 5. After a short distance, you came to Prah Rd and a sign clearly indicating to go LEFT to Interstate 5. But just PAST the intersection sits Bob and Puff and RC2, the RC sign clearly in place by their SUV. This is called a "blackjack" checkpoint. You figure that you should just DRIVE OVER to it and see what is going on. **Nope.** You follow the ROUTE and turn left and just smile and wave and NEVER ACTUALLY REACH the RC sign. 6 teams did this, so ZERO points for a job well done. 4 teams took Boones Ferry, but wandered over to the RC to talk to Bob/Puff. They received a light spank of 10 points (which DID NOT affect any overall standings). The 8 teams that did not even come on Boones Ferry road got the 60 point penalty for not following the course.

Thank you to all the workers, Bob Ellis, Dave Beach, Teresa Davenport, and Bob/Puff Stevens. The NEXT rally is Sunday April 18th, and Simon Levear is currently writing it. Looks to have more touring type roads and more checkpoints and less route controls... Don't know the endpoint yet. 2 teams have already signed up, mark your calendars! And remember his EESCC Rally on May 22nd. Lots of fun rally at a low cost.



School and Rally Dates!

Paul Eklund & Yulia Smolyanskyy, AROO Cup Rally Chairs

AROO RALLY SCHOOL Saturday March 13th, Zoom Presentation, room opens at 10:00 am, starts at 10:30 am, ends about 1:00 pm. Pre-register at www.alfaclub.org or email paul eklund@alfaclub.org for details.

1 AROO RALLY #1 Sunday March 14th, starts at southbound rest area on I-5 just south of Wilsonville (French Prairie Rest Area, at Mile Post 282) 9 am registration, meeting at 9:45 am and 10:01 am First Car Out (FCO), ends about 1 pm for lunch near Wilsonville. Rallymasters /Smolyanskyy. Easy rally, focusing on fundamentals of following the route. Pre-register at www.alfaclub.org or email paul eklund@alfaclub.org for details. Cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 day of the event.

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Tom McGirr's Tours!

By Tom McGirr

Room for 2 more!

I have room for two more couples on the Alfa Wannabe Car Tour to Canada. The dates are September 9-18. If you are interested, please contact Tom McGirr at tomsredalfa@gmail.com or by phone 503-362-8797. See below for a detailed itinerary!

First up – Canadian Rockies!

Banff, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake and Hot Springs – September 9-18, 2021

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. In 2019, we spent a week exploring Vancouver Island. The 2020 and June 2021 scheduled trips were deferred due to Covic. With a little bit of luck, we explore Banff and Jasper National Parks and slip in a few more hot springs resorts in September of 2021!

This nine night-ten day tour will feature the beauty of the Canadian Rockies, soothing mineral waters of three different hot springs, *luxury* lakeside lodging on Lake Louise, 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 <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.fairmonthotspots.com/hot-springs/> A leisurely 4 hour drive will get us to the resort early afternoon allowing for a long soak before dinner.



Fairmount Springs



Breakfast in Banff

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.hotspots.ca/> before checking into Irwins Mountain Resort. <https://irwainsmountaininn.com>



Irwin's Resort in Banff



Lake Louise



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Moraine Lake

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, or 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 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 while we take in the many sights along the Ice Highway including mountain lakes, waterfalls, the Columbia Ice Fields, and a lot more. We stay in the Fairmont Jasper Lodge.

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Fairmont Jasper Lodge



Johnson Canyon

Day 7: We take a leisurely scenic drive to Lake Maligne where we embark on a lake cruise taking in breathtaking views of the Canadian Rockies. We will return early afternoon to relax at the resort.

Day 8: Off to Sun Peaks near Kamloops, CA.



Sun Peaks Resort



Harrison Springs Resort

Day 9: A 5 hour drive will take us to Harrison Hot Springs Resort. We will arrive in time for a long leisurely soak before having our final dinner. Located on Lake Harrison, they have 5 different pools to enjoy.

https://www.harrisonresort.com/?utm_source=googlemaps&utm_medium=local&utm_campaign=resort

Day 10: Home bound we are. An informal lunch stop is planned on the way.

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-\$790 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!

There is currently two openings (two rooms). If you are interested in joining us on a trully special trip, let me know asap.

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Tom McGirr's Tours!

Next – Alfa Romeo Summer Tour!
Central Oregon – August 13-15, 2021

I know we are ALL past ready to get in our Alfa's and DRIVE, DRIVE, DRIVE! While this tour is a way's off, you *can* put the dates on your calendar and start dreaming about the good times coming!

This will be a 3-day tour focusing on fun, twisty back roads in Central Oregon that most of us are familiar with. Departing from Silverton, we will head over Mt. Hood through Maupin, Antelope, Spray, Kimberly and down to John Day. Recommended lodging is the Best Western (that is where I have made my reservation), Dreamer's Lodge or America's Best Value Inn. I have NOT made room blocks at any of the hotels, so it is recommended you reserve a room ASAP with the ability to cancel at a later date (there are not a lot of options in John Day, and I suspect we will be competing with other car clubs). Dinner will be at 1188 Brewing Company. Paula and I ate there last summer when we did our solo Covid test drive last summer and the food was good and so was the beer!



Painted Hills



Hwy 66! Yippee!

Day two will have us heading down 395 to Lakeview for lunch, then using 140 and 66 (Greenspring's Hwy) to Ashland. Recommended lodging is Holiday Inn Express (this is where I am staying), Best Western or Ashland Hills. Dinner will be at Caldera Brewing, a very short walk from the Holiday Inn. My daughter and son-in-law own this place and I can vouch for the great food and outstanding beer!

While you can blast up I-5 on your own Sunday, if you wish to join us, we will be taking a back-road's route to Canyonville where the tour will officially end and from which we then join I-5.

Again, I suggest you make room reservations well in advance. I am not sure what will be happening in Ashland in terms of the Shakespeare festival but if it returns in full swing, lodging can be tight. As always, let me know if you are coming.

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And Finally – Informal Alfa Wannabe Tour!

Sandy, Walla Walla, Spokane – June 25-27, 2021

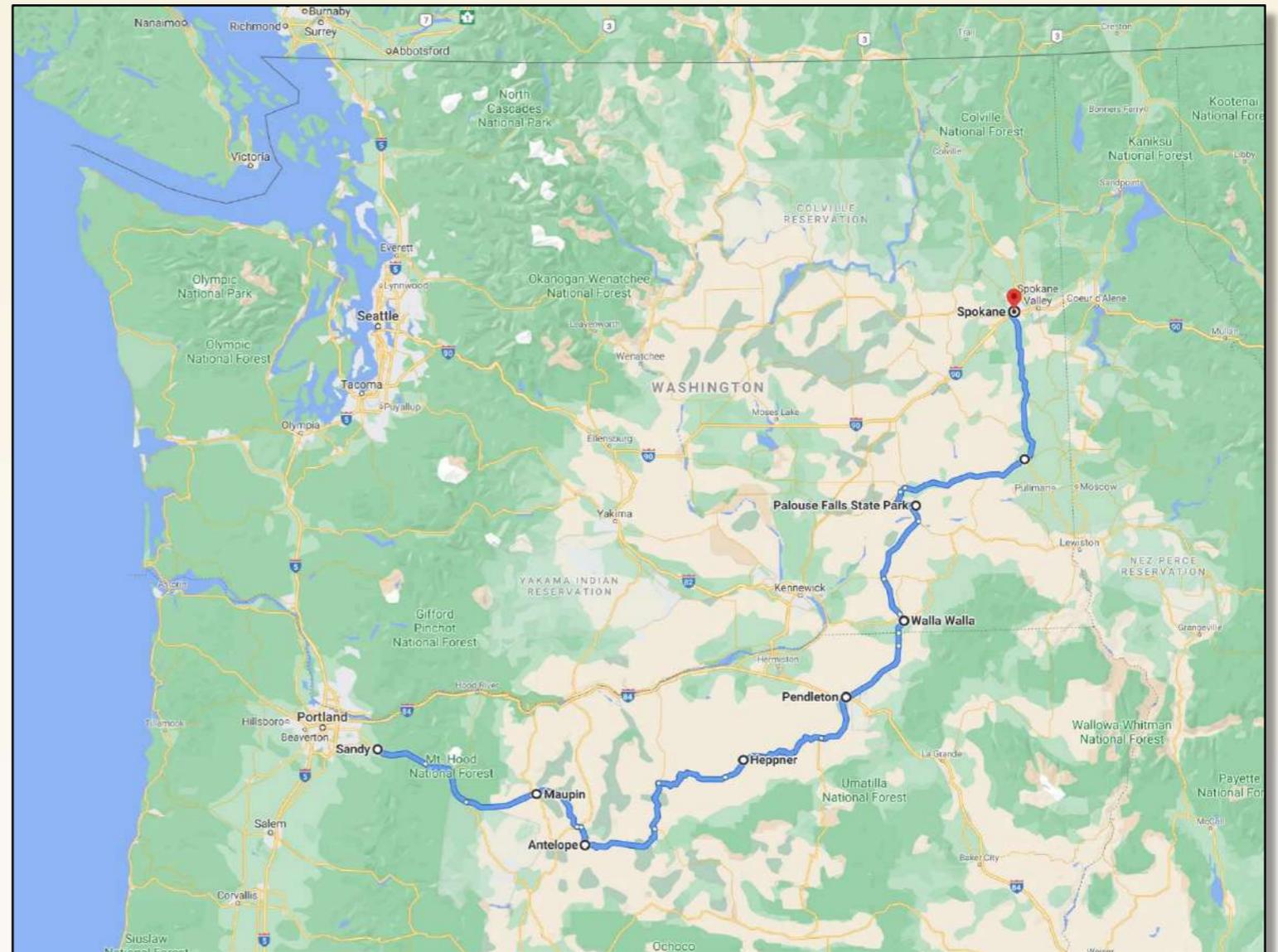
Are you READY yet? I know I am ready for a good drive! Assuming Covid is semi-under control and everyone is vaccinated, I will be heading to Walla Walla and Spokane via some great back roads. This will be an *informal* tour in that I will not be making formal meal and hotel arrangements. However, I will be providing instructions as well as lodging and dining suggestions. Yet to be determined if group dinners will be allowed.

For those that are unfamiliar with the Alfa Wannabe Car Club, it originated from a Rotary Tour I did to Crater Lake many moons ago. Being a 'social event,' there was a menagerie of vehicles including a van and an old Buick! At the end of the trip, the true sportscar owners asked me to put on another tour the following year, but JUST for sportscars. That was well over 20 years ago and we are still going strong. I have always opened up these tours to the Alfa Club as long as everyone knows the tour speed is a *little* faster paced than traditional Alfa tours. With all my tours, there are stretch breaks every hour which allow everyone to easily catch up.

This 3-day tour will depart from Sandy, Oregon and head to Walla Walla for the first night. Route will take us out to Maupin, Antelope, Heppner and Pendleton. **Suggested lodging is the Marcus Whitman (we enjoy the old tower section) with alternatives being Best Western and Quality Inn** which are located near the Marcus. There will be an opportunity to do a little wine tasting in several locations within walking distance of the hotel.

The next morning, we will head to Spokane with a stop at Palouse Falls, which can be pretty spectacular in June, then through Colfax and to Steptoe Battlefield State Park. **Suggested lodging is the Historic Davenport**, but they have several other alternatives. I would hope to have dinner at a place overlooking Spokane Falls. The return trip will be more rural backroads ending up at Maryhill State Park near Biggs.

Let me know if you wish to join me so I can put you on the tour mailing list. I have not made room blocks hence I would suggest making your reservation sooner than later...you can always cancel if needed.



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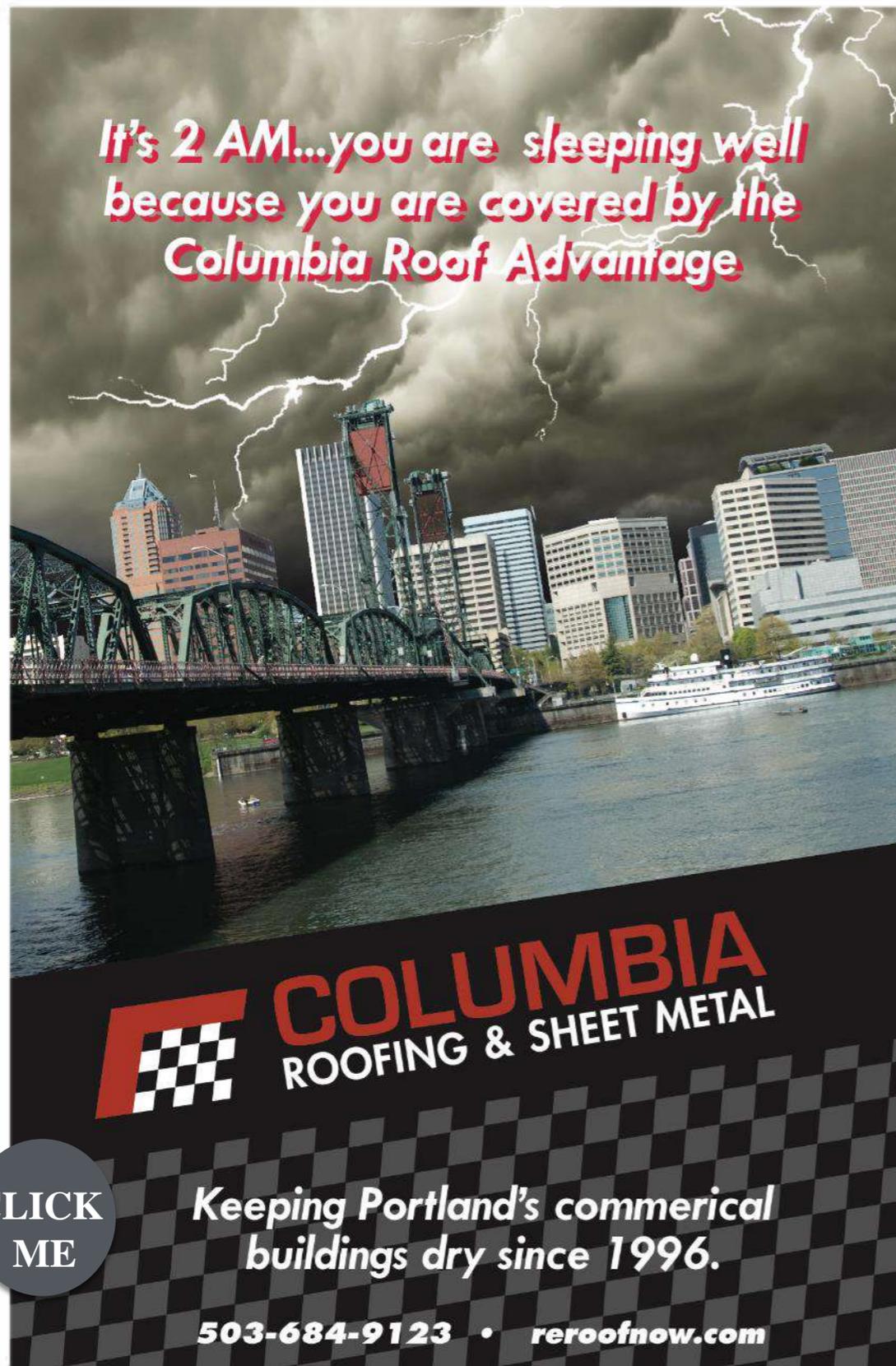
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NORTHWEST CLASSIC MOTORCAR RALLY XXXII



Presented by the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon – July 31, 2021

Dear Club Members,

As the AROO club presents the 2021 edition of the Northwest Classic Motorcar Rally, we are asking that you give us some of your time this summer as a volunteer at this year's event. Roger Dilts has put together an excellent one-day course and needs our help as volunteers to pull it off for a fun time had by all. With help from you and others, the Northwest Classic Rally can continue to be the premier event that we are all proud to be a part of.

The 32nd Northwest Classic Motorcar Rally will be held on Saturday July 31st, it will start in Beaverton and wind its way through the surrounding country rolling hills. We need your help to put on what is sure to be a fantastic event as we start the slow process of getting our lives back to what we used to have. We will implement all of the standard safety measures that we have all come accustomed to for protecting us all against the COVID virus. The light is definitely able to be seen ahead in the tunnel.

It takes a small village to run a good event and so I need timer teams of two people each for a morning and afternoon shift, with a break for lunch in-between (provided by the event) along with a few others for an afternoon only shift out on the course. The lunch break details are still being finalized but regardless of those, I need several extra hands to park cars and help with lunch set-up and breakdown. Of course, don't want to forget about the start and finish lines, I need help with the logistics of both those event elements as well. If you have not volunteered for this event before it would be great to welcome some new people and if have helped in the past, it would be great to have you back again.

If you're interested in helping, please email me at glenn@dolphin@gmail.com and let me know what event duties your interested in helping with. It would be great to have your help to pull off another successful event.

Thank you for your consideration to volunteer,

Glenn Dolphin

NW Classic Motorcar Rally
Volunteer Coordinator

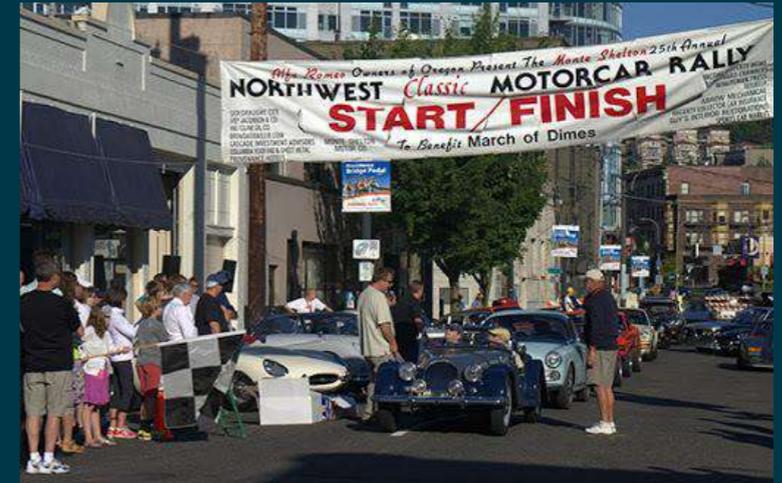


July 31, 2021

The Northwest Classic Rally is a celebration of classic cars. It is conducted over the course of four days in mid-summer and begins in Portland, Oregon. It is organized around a traditional time-speed-distance rally and is comprised of pre-1981 collector cars and their enthusiastic owners. Organized by the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon and with Jaguar Land Rover Portland as the presenting sponsor, the event is a benefit for the World of Speed Motorsports Museum *Automotive Career and Technical Education (CTE)* program, a designated 501(c)3 charitable organization.

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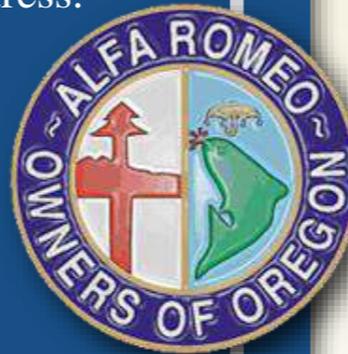
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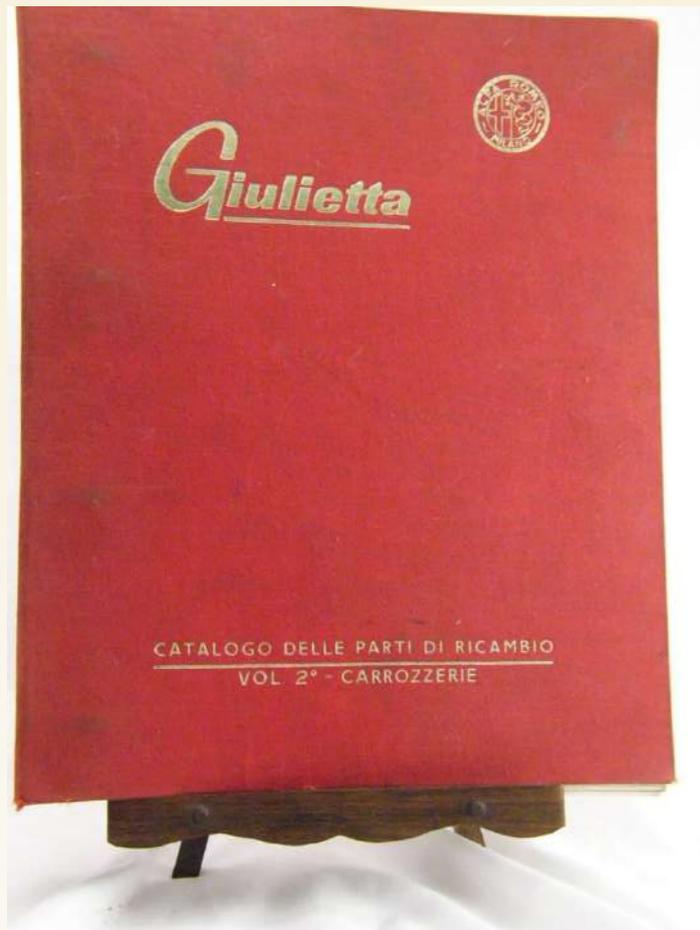


~102,000 mi, Silver exterior, Grey leather seat with Red/black interior carpet. Hard top in good condition. Soft top also in good condition (no rips/fading). Air Conditioning. I have owned it since about 2000. It has always been garaged. All maintenance was done by Veloce Motors (Dan Summers). I lived overseas for 5yrs and stored it with Dan. I drove for a few years as a second summer vehicle when I returned. It is currently stored and has been stored for the last 4 years. Looking for about \$9k. **Contact Greg at 503.333.6895**

Abandoned GTV – with engine and trans

I have an abandoned 73 or thereabouts GTV very rusty w/ motor & trans intact CHEAP (maybe free), seats & stock aluminum wheels, dash & gauges. Any interest please call Rollin Crago at 541-301-9752. In Medford, OR.

1964 Factory Alfa Romeo Parts Catalog

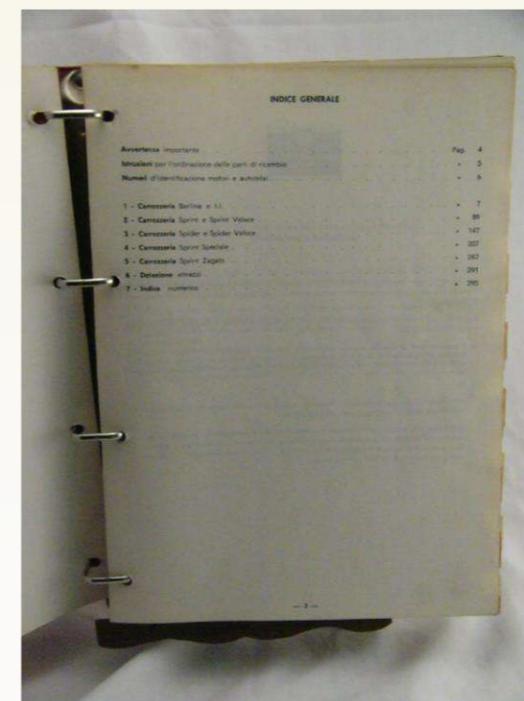
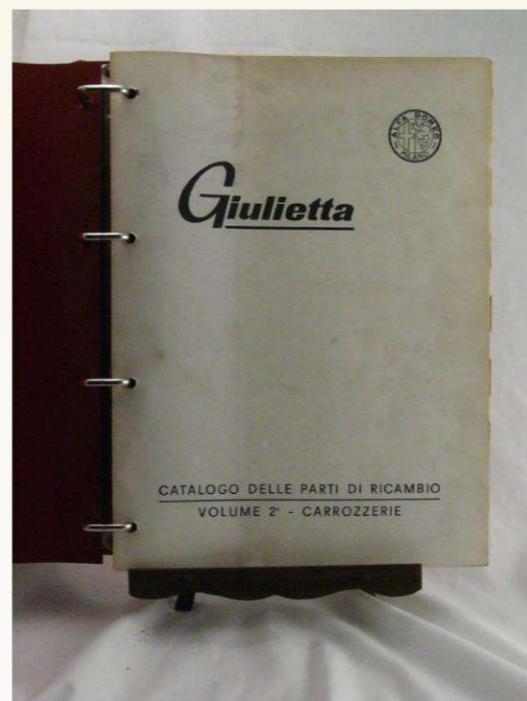


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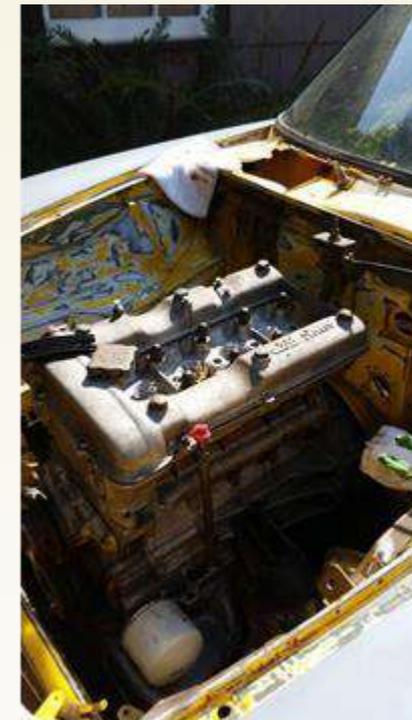
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1984

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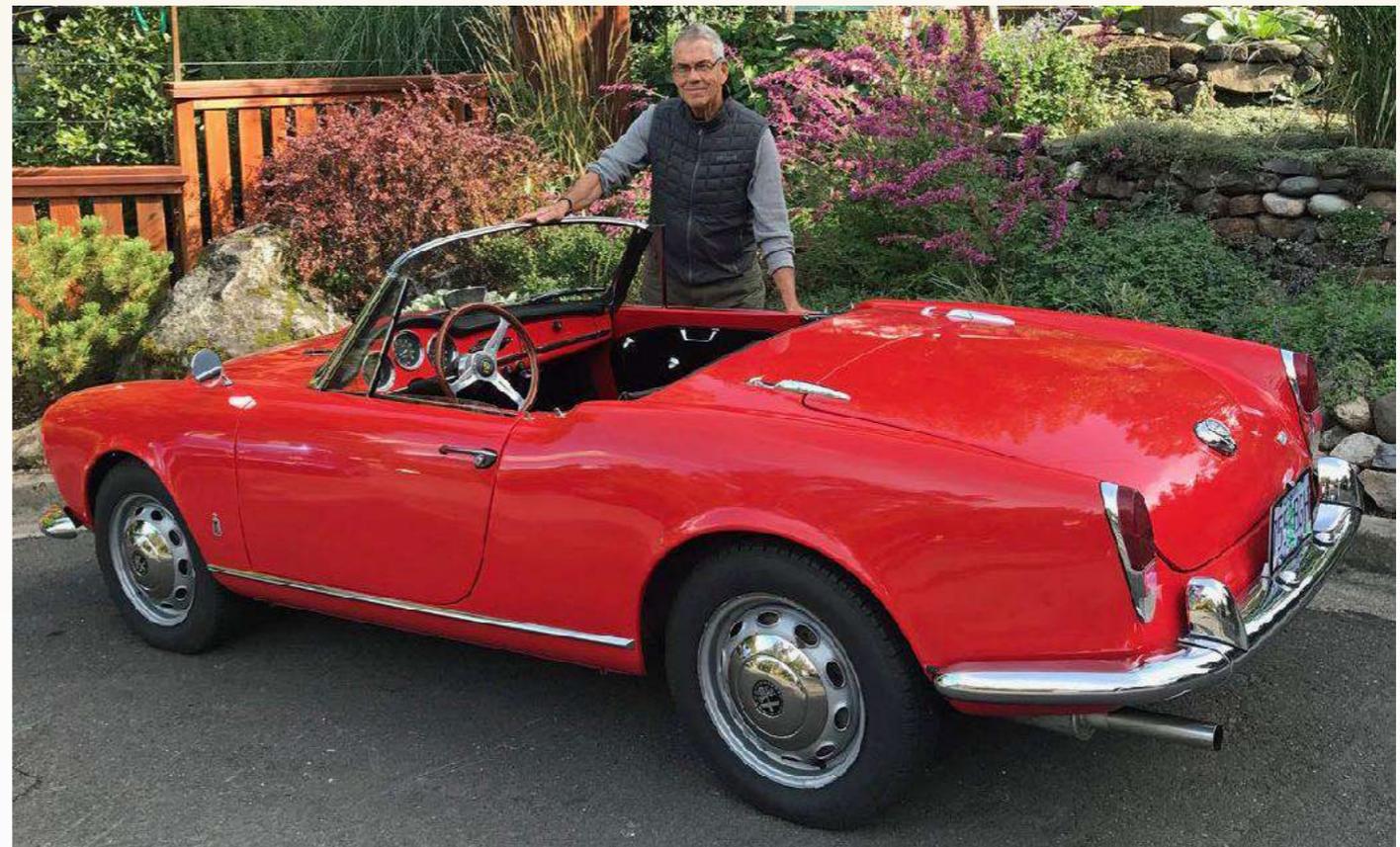
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1965 Giulia Spider



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