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FROM THE EDITOR

Photo Cliff Brunk

Another SUV?

Alfa Romeo officially revealed their new smaller SUV – the Tonale. While there seems to be some wailing and gnashing of teeth over another SUV, I welcome it. Why? Because it will provide the financial stability to design, build, and sell fun sports coupes and roadsters that I want to buy. Porsche wasn't doing well until they released the Cayenne and then the Macan, which is its best-selling vehicle. Lamborghini is the same – the Urus SUV outsells all of their super cars. And even Lotus has just announced the Eletre, their first SUV. Sometimes as enthusiasts we forget that companies are in business to make money first and in order to build all the track toys and fun cars, they have to pay the bills. I'm not saying SUVs can't be fun, but I think you all understand SUVs appeal to a different audience and fill a different niche.

Bring on the Tonale!

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

James Parker
Alfa Bits Editor

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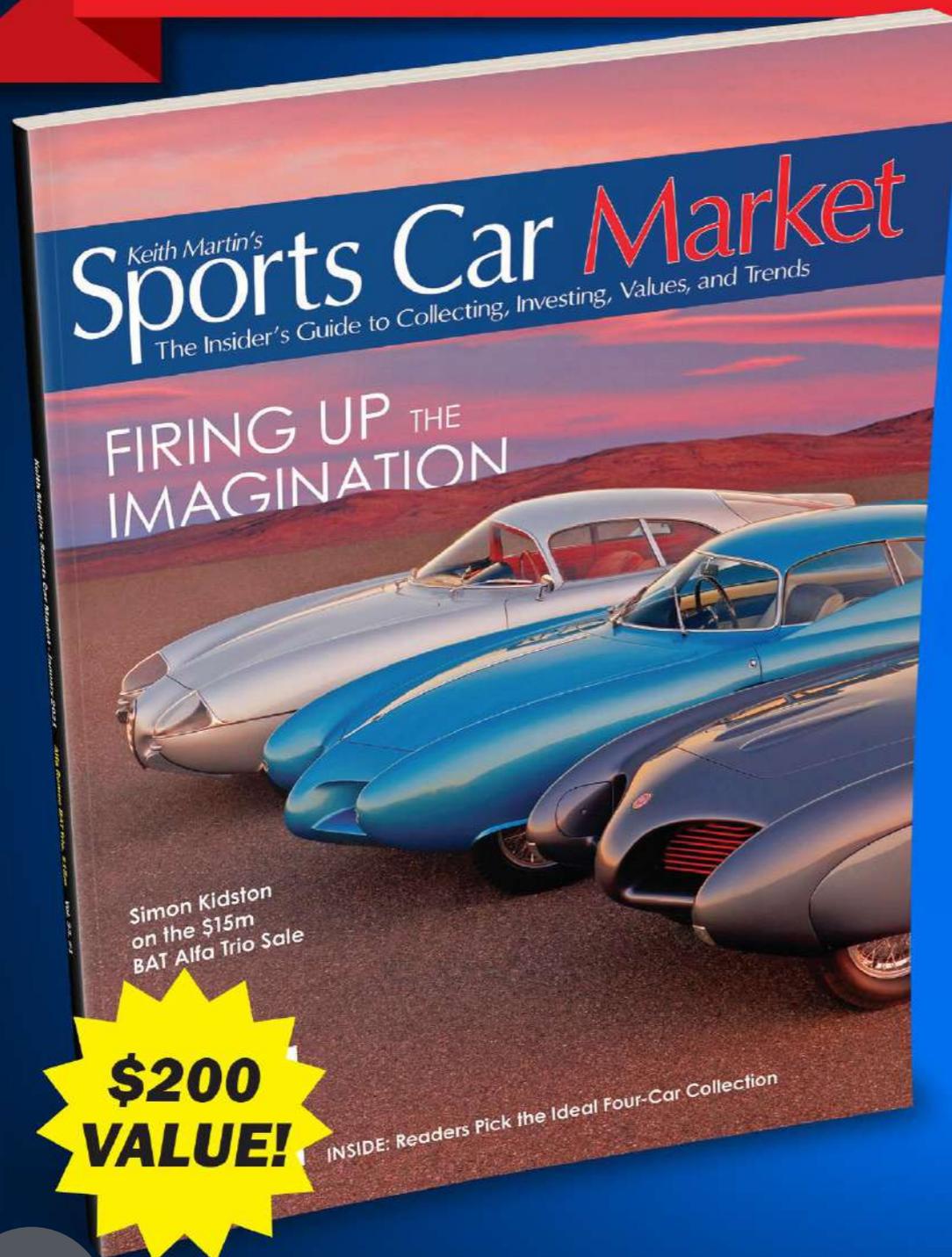
In the late 1950s, two Giulietta Spider Veloce's came to Portland. They were featured on a local TV show to promote a sports car race

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.

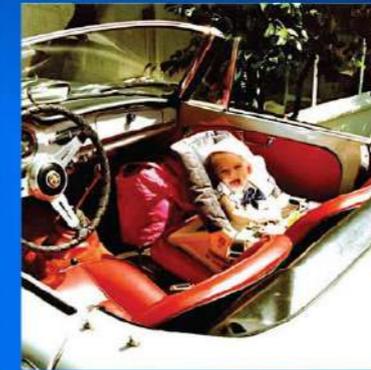
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Although located in Oregon, AROO welcomes members from the Pacific Northwest and around the world. For the latest information check out our [website page](#) for events and published newsletters. The monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday 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.

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Bradley Martin circa 2008. Alexandra Martin-Banzer circa 1992.
Both in 1965 Giulia Spider Veloce, S/N 390290

Martin and his 1958 750E Sprint
Veloce "Confortavole"

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Return of the Solstice Alfa Tour and Picnic!

By Steve Davis

Let's celebrate the start of Summer with the return of a great tour and picnic at the home of Steve and Tina Davis, just outside of Eugene! The 2019 event was HUGE, with more than 50 people making the journey from all parts north and south, east and west. The day was perfect, the Alfas glistened on the lawn, and the conversation was awesome!

The plan (for those coming from the "Northland") is to meet at 10am at the Wilsonville Rest Area on Southbound I-5, in the third parking lot in the back. We'll have a quick driver's meeting, and depart about 10:30. Tour Leader Doug Zaitz has a route that combines some of the last route with a new turn or two. The drive will be about 2.5 hours, so fill up the car and get the coffee

beforehand. We will plan a quick stop along the way, however! The group should arrive at the Davis house about 1:00-1:15. For those wanting to take the direct route, as well as for those coming from other directions, the address is 33910 Mount Tom Drive, Harrisburg, OR, 97446. We are about 10 minutes off I-5, just outside of Coburg. We'll be having lunch here, and we will have some lawn games and other stuff going on. Depart when you want – it's a straight, two-hour blast up I-5 from the house to Portland.

We're extending a special invitation to our AROO-ers to the south, east and west. We know that there aren't a lot of Alfa events down in the Southern Willamette Valley (or lower), and we really want to show those Portlanders

that we are Alfa-strong also!

The Alfa-centric shop will be open; many of you know I'm resto-modding a '76 Alfetta GT, and it will be on display in some state of mid-Humpty-Dumpty. Alfas will be prominently parked on the front lawn, and there's lots of parking for Alfas and non-Alfas alike!

Mark your calendars now for June 25; there will be more info in the June AlfaBits. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at steve.davis2@comcast.net. Tina and I are SO excited to be hosting this event after two LOOONG years – we hope to see you all here!



AROO Upcoming Driving Events

2022 AROO Cup Rally Series co-chaired by Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky

- Rally School March 12 (virtual)
- #1 - March 13
- #2 - April 10
- #3 - May 15
- #4 - June 12

Each year, AROO conducts a series of short Time-Speed-Distance rallies for the coveted "AROO Cup". About two hours in duration, the rallies are conducted on Sunday mornings March-June. Members are welcome to participate in any car. Rallying offers an enjoyable, low-key form of motorsports competition. Please plan to join us for this fun and exciting activity!

44th Annual Old Spider Tour

Saturday, April 23, 2022

8:15 a.m. Drivers Meeting, 8:30a.m. Departure

Please join AROO for the 2022 Old Spider Tour! This tour was originally a "birthday tour" celebrating Bob McGill's birthday (4/18) and the purchase of his 1958 light blue Giulietta Spider (4/15) from Rambo Motors. He traded in his MG and never looked back! For about 10 years, Bob and his wife Margaret lead this tour, then, in the early 1990s, he got some help from Glenn Hertz and Erik Roe. Glenn always added zest to the tour by steering us towards new roads or interesting sites in Oregon. Erik drove his first "OST" with a driving learner's permit! This year Erik will lead you out east for smooth roads, sunshine and truly enjoyable touring.

This year, we will do a single day tour, allowing us to have a great tour, yet manage the pandemic if needed.

Details:

- Saturday April 23rd
- Arrive at the start with a full tank of fuel - we will be driving some distance (225+) and there will not be stop and go traffic, but plenty of rest stops!
- Please arrive by 0815 for drivers meeting, first car out about 0830
- Look for details on the start location and other details in March
- If you got one, bring your Giulia and Giulietta Spider or Sprint. All Alfas are welcome! The old cars get to lead.
- To insure a fun day, please get your old car out for a good long drive before the tour date. Maybe 50 to 100 miles.
- There will be free donuts at the start and the first stop, but you need to bring your own picnic lunch. There might be some birthday cake at lunch.

Feel free to email Erik Roe at erikroe@me.com with questions. **RSVP is requested!**



AROO Rally Cup and School!

By Paul Eklund

Spring is fast approaching! Time to change the oil and dust off your collector car and get ready for a drive. It is also time to knock the cobwebs out of your head. One fun way to engage your brain, is to make plans to attend one or more of the upcoming AROO Cup rallies. Mark down these dates: March 13th, April 10th, May 15th and June 12th. They are all Sundays, and the rallies all start about 9:15am at the southbound French Prairie Rest Area, just south of Wilsonville from the rearmost parking area. Everyone is invited! especially those who have never gone on a rally before. Come on out!

To give a leg up for newbies and experts alike, we will host a RALLY SCHOOL on Saturday March 12th. We plan for it to be both LIVE (likely at Langer's Entertainment Center in Sherwood as part of Cars & Coffee) and on a ZOOM link to give best access for all. This school, and these 4 rallies will help you to prepare for a fun and successful NW Classic Rally which will take place Aug 5-7th heading down to Valley River Inn (Eugene) and written by Roger Dilts. It is back to the old 2.5 day format, with banquets and beer washes and maybe salmon at lunch... hopefully a concours as well.

The best way to be in the loop for details on the rallies and RALLY SCHOOL is to email either Yulia or myself at: paul.eklund@alfaclub.org or yulia.smolyansky@alfaclub.org or check the AROO Facebook page or website.

The March Rally will be written by Yulia and Paul. April is still available if anyone would like to learn to become a rallymaster. We can provide an old rally and all the help you need (Gretz? McNabb? Thompson?) Don't miss May, written by expert Simon Levear, and we saved the best for last, a new rally written by our own Patrick Iabone and Dave Beach – it should be a hoot!



AROO Rally Cup Results

By Paul Eklund

A big thanks to all the teams that braved iffy weather (that did get better and better) to run Sunday's "Italian Cars, Italian Food, & Monte Carlo" rally. (Editor's note – this is the March 14th rally results) The results are below.

A HUGE thank you to the workers who braved the elements to catch you a bit late at each checkpoint and route control! Bill Eastman and Lisa (CP#1/RC#1 and CP#5), Rick "Mojo" Martin and his dog, CP#2 and RC#2, Bob Ellis (CP#2 and Monte Carlo CP#4) and of course Puff and Bob Stevens manning Monte Carlo CP #3. Yulia Smolyansky helped WRITE and then measure the entire rally, sorry that between the 2 of us we gave you a challenge on the ODOMETER CHECK Leg...

The results did change a bit from the preliminary results yesterday (I had an excel math error omitting CP 4 scores...) (thanks Claudia!)

See you all April 10th, please bring a friend or introduce some other car people to these lovely rallies. - Paul and Yulia ps www.northwestclassically.org

AROO RALLY CUP #1 2022 Final RESULTS																	
CAR	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	Make/Color	CLASS	LEG # 1	LEG # 2	LEG # 3	LEG # 4	LEG # 5	CP1 RC1	CP5 RC2	TOTAL	POSITION / CLASS				
1	Fred/Lisa	McNabb	White Mustang	V	49 E	64 L	105 L	53 L	58 L	15	5	349	4th Vintage				
2	Ed Grayson	Jeff Gretz	Gray RangeRover	S	12 L	35 L	300 L	22 L	2 L	15		386	3rd Standard				
3	John Johnson	Maria Menor	White Porsche Cay	V	49 L	58 L	21 L	64 L	98 L	15	5	310	3rd Vintage				
4	Steve Poland	Ben Poland	Black BMW 335i	V	125 L	300 L	74 E	15 E	101 L			615	6th Vintage				
5	Dennis Howell	Claudia Reinhaus	Champagne Mbenz	V	300 L	300 L	57 E	31 L	94 L			782	8th Vintage				
6	Donald Jackson	Lesley Jackson	Drk Silver Giulia	V	22 L	53 L	72 E	300 E	300 L			747	7th Vintage				
7	Simon Levear	Ben Bradley	Blue Escape	V	26 L	16 E	0 L	2 L	29 L			73	1st Vintage				
8	John Clemson	Doug Zaitz	Red Mustang	S	300 L	14 L	3 L	20 L	35 L			372	2nd Standard				
9	John Joyce	Brian Joyce	Did Not Start	S								0					
10	Sue Colisch	Bill Colisch	Silver Altima Hybrd	S	144 L	50 L	6 L	14 L	81 L	15	15	325	1st Standard				
11	Nicholas labone	Jacob Harmon	Gray GTV6	V	43 E	40 L	51 E	1 E	41 L			176	2nd Vintage				
12	Alex Carrara	Patrick labone	Red Milano	V	300 L	41 E	89 L	32 L	34 L			496	5th Vintage				
13	Brian Ruess	Kevin Ruess	Gray Porsche Cab	V	150 L	300 L	300 L	300	300			1350	9th Vintage				
V = VINTAGE CLASS S = STANDARD CLASS																	
E = EARLY L = LATE					*CAR 9 did not start (DNS)												

AROO Rally Cup #2!

By Roger Dilts

AROO Rallyists braved alpine conditions as a spring storm brought winter weather to the hills above Molalla. Everything looked pretty clear, sunny even, as the teams gathered at the start at the French Prairie rest area and headed east. A couple of traps put a few cars off course and behind time, but everyone made it to the halfway break in Scotts Mills. The course then started gaining altitude and real snow was falling by the first check point, although times did not seem to be impacted too badly by the conditions. The final leg was a Monte Carlo section starting with a twisty descent, followed by several

challenging navigational puzzles. Finishers enjoyed hot pizza and cold beverages in Molalla while the scores were being tallied. The results are below.

Simon Levear and Brandon Harer captured first in the Vintage (unaided) class and first overall, with excellent scores of 0, 2, 9, and 2, followed close behind by Fred and Lisa McNabb, just two points back with outstanding marks of 0, 0, 11, and 4. First in standard (calculator) class were Bill and Sue Colisch with a total of 24 penalty points; Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky were right behind for second in

Standard with 42 penalty points. It's rare that the Vintage class cars score better than the Standard, but this is a very competitive field of accomplished rallyists and mistakes are not forgiven.

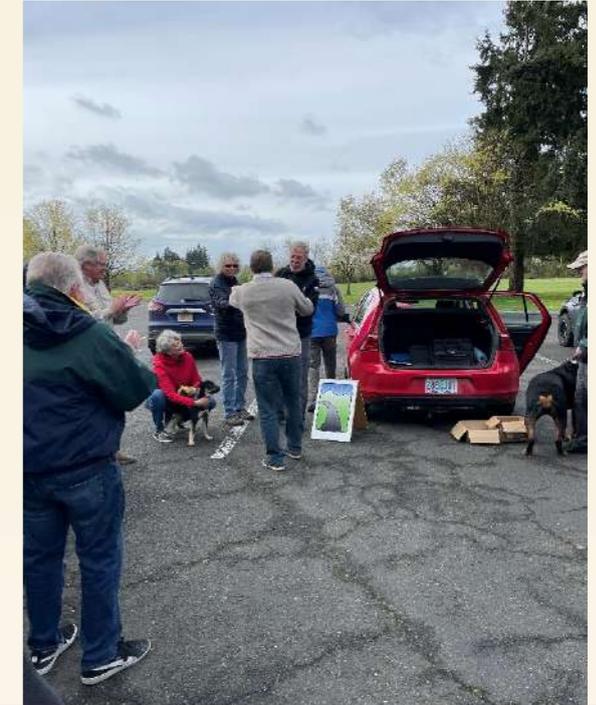
If you'd like to join us, the next AROO Cup Rally is May 15. The big show, the 33rd Annual Northwest Classic Rally is August 4-7, same rules. More information is available on this website.

Team (driver/nav)	Car #	Score	Class	Place, class	Place overall
Levear/Harer	7	13	v	1	1
F&L McNabb	1	15	v	2	2
S& B Colisch	10	24	s	1	3
Johnson/Menor	3	35	v	3	4
Eklund/Smolyansky	6	42	s	2	5
Clemson/Zaitz	8	43	s	3	6
T & P Iaboni	14	43	v	4	7
D'Autremont/Diloreto	15	52	s	4	8
Zaman/Roozee	17	80	v	5	9
Iaboni/Harmon	13	115	v	6	10
Frank/Ellis	11	179	v	7	11
J & B Joyce	9	203	s	5	12
Angell/Carrara	18	227	v	8	13
S& B Poland	4	260	v	9	14
Grayson/Gretz	2	307	s	6	15
Everett Roe/ Erik Roe	19	334	v	10	16
Hurst/Romanski	12	396	v	11	17
Thompson/McPherson	16	608	v	12	18



AROO Rally Cup #2!

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Gimmick Rally at National Convention

By Paul Eklund

Believe it or not, it's now 2022, there WILL be an AROC National Convention in San Diego in mid-June, and it will kick off with a fun, little gimmick rally on Thursday. The definition of gim*mick: something that tricks, deceives or confuses; but it can also be used as a VERB, as in "to alter or augment with an EXTRA device or feature." But you may not know that in the Philippines, it means "a night out with friends."

Co-rallymasters Yulia Smolyansky ('74 GTV) and Paul Eklund ('57 1900 Super) have gimmicked up a great drive that will take adventurous teams off of Coronado Island to beautiful and driver-friendly east county roads. You will want to sign up early to insure a spot on this Thursday mid-morning event.

Contestants will receive a route book containing simple turn-by-turn instructions to follow this terrific jaunt from beginning to end. It will also include some questions to answer along the way. Familiar will be spotting signs, using Alfisti trivia to solve riddles and clues, while driving awesome roads. New will be photos in the route book that you have to match up to questions along the way. They may be LANDMARKS, historical buildings or signs, or even viewpoints. It will add a twist to your tour.

Be sure to sign up for the AROC convention and sign up for the gimmick rally!

Your faithful rallymasters, Yulia and Paul



Welcome to the 2022 Northwest Classic Rally!

Steve Davis, Rally Chair

Folks, it's been a long, hard-fought last few years for the NWCR. After the cancellation in 2020, the team pulled it back together for a one-day rally extravaganza in 2021. For 2022, the rally is Back in Full Force, and we want you to all be a part of it!

Leading up to this article, I've been doing some research on TSD rallies in the US. I've learned that the NWCR is not the oldest TSD rally in the USA – there are two events older. However, I did learn that our own Northwest Classic Rally is the oldest, continuously-run* Alfa Club event in the USA! And, while I can't be 100% sure, it may be the oldest Alfa event in the entire world. Since 1989, AROO has put on one of the most well-known and well-respected Time/Speed/Distance (TSD) rallies in America. For 2022, **we want YOU to join us August 4-7 for the 33rd running!**

Hotel and Rally Route

It's been a challenge finding the right hotel, the right route, and the right time for the Rally, but the organizing committee has come through. As you can see above, we've moved the event out a week, to the first weekend in August. This has actually made a lot of other stuff easier – it seems July shows up on all the hotels as “summer”, but August doesn't. Speaking of hotels, we are back at the *Valley River Inn*, in Eugene. Those who participated in the 2018 rally may remember it – great hotel, great meeting spaces and great parking. Our Rally Master, Roger Dilts, has already mapped out a challenging route covering about 400 miles over the two days – Friday and Saturday.

Competition and Classes

New this year, we are expanding the classes and years in order to bring newer (not “new” however!) cars in. Our competitive cut-off is 2000, split between Vintage and Modern at 1988. As in the past, we will also have a Tour class, which is non-competitive, but run on the same route, open to all cars – so bring that 4C, Giulia or Stelvio out for everyone to ogle! We are continuing with our two competitive classes – SOP (for “Seat of the Pants”), allowing only a stopwatch and car gauges; and “Calc”, where calculators and rally tables are allowed.

We are also really trying to get first-time TSD rallyists to participate. Your entry this year gains you access to the AROO Rally School, held in March, and put on by our resident super-rallyists, Paul and Yulia. AROO is known as a “Rally-centric Alfa Club” for good reason – no other AROC club holds more TSD rallies, or has taught more first-timers, than AROO. There's no better place to start!

Volunteers

Since AROO puts on the NWCR, there is a LOT to do, and our Volunteers are the key to our success. Our volunteers are the timers, starters, scorekeepers, checkpoint-ers, and more – the rally literally can't function without them! So, if you want to be involved in the rally, and want to hang out with the drivers and partake in the fun, without the driving part – we need you!

Join In the Fun!

Here's the thing – many of our members are involved in the Rally, and we know you truly enjoy the experience. For you, please join us again for our resurgence. For those of you who have yet to get involved – now is the time. The NWCR is AROO's biggest money-maker of the year, even after the split with our designated charitable organization (Alzheimer's Association for 2022). Our club is what makes this event possible for our own rallyists, as well as for entrants from all over the US and Canada.

It's four days of great roads, amazing cars, delicious food, and great camaraderie. Everything you want to know about the rally is on our website: www.northwestclassicrally.org. You can also scan the QR code in this article. Look for articles and information in every issue of the AlfaBits from now to July and be a part of it all!

*OK, 2020 doesn't count...



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Update 2022 Northwest Classic Rally!

Steve Davis, Rally Chair

I thought I would share some information about the Rally with you all, in a little more detail than you may have seen in the email blasts that have gone out. Hopefully, this will cajole, coerce and convince you to sign up for the rally – especially those of you that are running in the AROO Rally Cup – I mean, why wouldn't you sign up, right?

The Cars

Right now, we have 45 registrants/cars signed up for the rally. As many of you know, there are three classes of participants:

- **SOP** (Seat of the Pants), also called “Un-aided” – those are competitors that only can use their Speedo, Odometer and a Stopwatch
- **Calc**, also called “Aided” – those are the competitors that can use Timers and Calculators (but not trip computers).

The above two classes are then broken up into two different sub-groups:

- **Vintage** – Cars built 1988 or older
- **Modern** – Cars built from 1989-2000
- **Tour** – those are the people that are in it for the fun of the drive – any year of car is invited.

As of now, we have the following registrations:

28 Rally cars, all Vintage!

- 18 SOP cars
- 10 Calc cars

17 Tour cars

A bit deeper of a dive gives us some info on the different marques represented:

1 Acura	10 Alfa Romeos	1 Aston Martin	1 Austin-Healey
5 BMW's	1 Datsun	1 Ferrari	1 Fiat
2 Fords	3 Jaguars	1 Mercedes	1 Morgan
1 Morris Mini	5 Porsches	1 Saab	1 Sunbeam
2 Triumphs			

And a number of “haven't decided yet” entries.

So, the good news is that Alfa is well-represented... but not enough yet! I looked at the last few pre-Covid years, and Alfa Romeo made up between 25-30% of all entries. At this point, we are below 25%. I'd love to see another 7-10 of you sign up and bring your beautiful Alfas out for the rally. Do it for the club! Do it for the fun! Do it for Alfa!

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Update 2022 Northwest Classic Rally!

Steve Davis, Rally Chair

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Also surprising to me is that there are NO modern-class cars signed up so far! Since we give out trophies for top performers in all four of the classes, there is an opportunity for you to nab a rally trophy by coming out in your 1989 or later Milano, Spider or 164!

The route – a “Religious Experience”

We already all know that driving through the Willamette Valley is a stunning way to spend the day, even if you are carefully measuring out your distance and speed while doing it. At the risk of running afoul of Rally Master Roger Dilts, I will tell you that the route this year includes a number of churches being used as either lunch spots or rest stops. I’m not telling you which ones by the way, and you will run out of time if you google “Churches in Southern Willamette Valley”. I will tell you that these are lovely little places – some small, some not so small. Roger has worked with the leadership of each church so that facilities are available for rallyers, and some of the churches may have some of their membership present to see the cars, so an impromptu car show may break out! Between these churches, and the parks, bridges, and more that you will see on the route, it will truly be a grand experience... just don’t miss that upcoming right turn...

Volunteers – Our unsung heroes of NWCR

An event such as the Northwest Classic Rally depends on volunteers. Volunteer Chair Glenn Dolphin is doing an amazing job getting all the different roles lined up. The key roles of Timers and Scorekeepers have been filled by a team of people that all have considerable experience with these key functions. Additionally, we have volunteers helping at the rest stops, at lunches, and at the Start/Finish locations. We’d love more of you to step up to help, however! If you have never done anything with the Rally before, and want to start, even as a helper at lunch or at a rest stop, contact Glenn glenndolphin@gmail.com. From personal experience as a first timer, Tina and I worked at the rest stop in 2018, which was at the Crow Community Church (yes, another church!), and we had a blast, waving to the cars, talking with the drivers and taking lots of photos.

In an update for next month, I’ll update you on more goings-on with the rally. I’m really hoping to see more of you sign up to compete, tour or volunteer this year! You know, the rally has always been about Alfas. It’s why the rally school and AROO Cup Series was put in place – to prep competitors for the “big event”. If I’ve succeeded in convincing you, head over to www.northwestclassicrally.org and sign up. See you out on the rally...



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January

- 5 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 26 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 29 Tour to LeMay Auto Museum, host Chris Bright, 8:30 AM

February

- 2 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 13 Valentines Day Tour, host Patrick Iaboni
- 16 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 18-20 8th Annual AROC Winter Retreat in Palm Desert

March

- 2 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 12 AROC Cup Rally School, Portland, 10 AM
- 13 AROC Cup Rally #1, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 16 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 31 PIR Swap Meet

April

- 1-3 Portland & PIR Swap Meets
- 6 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 10 AROC Cup Rally #2, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 20 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 23 44th Annual Old Spider Tour & Lunch, host Erik Roe
- 30 Portland Cars & Coffee Sherwood 7:30 AM

May

- 4 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7 PM
- 15 AROC Cup Rally #3, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 18 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 21 May Driving Tour & Lunch, host TBD

June

- 1 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 12 AROC Cup Rally #4, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 13-19 AROC National Convention, Coronado CA
- 15 June Evening Tour, host TBD, 6 PM
- 25 Summer Solstice Drive & BBQ, hosts Steve & Tina Davis

July

- 6 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 8-10 Rose Cup Races at PIR

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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](#).

- 15-17 SVRA Portland Vintage Racing Festival at PIR
- 16 Annual Summer Picnic and Wine Tour, host Russ Paine
- 17 Forest Grove Concours – Alfa Corral
- 20 General Meeting - Not Scheduled

August

- 3 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 4-7 33rd Annual NW Classic Rally in Eugene
- 17 August Evening Tour, host TBD, 6 PM
- 19-21 Summer Tour to Gold Beach & Ashland, host Tom McGirr
- 20 AROC Goes to Concorso Italiano in Seaside CA
- 20 Portland Yacht Club Classic Boats & Cars Show, host Chris Finks
- 25 Shelby America Auto Club NW Track Day at PIR
- 28 Oswego Heritage Car Show, host Rick Warner

September

- 4-5 Columbia River Classic at PIR
- 6-19 Alfa Wannabe Tour to the Rockies, host Tom McGirr
- 7 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 10 4th Annual Giro di Coupe Tour, host Dennis Howell
- 21 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 24 Annual Old Super Tour, host Bill Gillham

October

- 1-2 Maryhill Hill Climb (SOVREN) & Show
- 5 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 8 Driving Tour & Lunch, host TBD
- 9 AROC Dirty Rat TSD Rally, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 15-16 Fall Tour to Bend, host Tom McGirr
- 19 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 20-24 AROC Goes to F1 in Austin TX
- 30 Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 5:30 PM

November

- 2 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 16 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM

December

- 4 Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction, 5:30 PM
- 7 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 21 General Meeting - Not Scheduled

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Welcome New Members & Congratulations to everyone with an anniversary.

New Members

Tom Cattral, of Amity
 Steven Hunker & Jennifer Barker, of Newberg
 Alvie Johnson, of New Plymouth, Idaho
 Charles Angell, of West Linn
 Charles Fenning, of Portland
 Yulia Smolyanski, joining as Secondary member

Member Anniversaries

Howard Wells – 1 year
 Gustav Alberthal – 1 year
 Garry Keable – 3 years
 Don and Kathy Gilbert – 4 years
 Greg and Deborah Bufton – 4 years
 Don Dickinson – 8 years
 Thomas Burnett – 8 years
 Sue Halton – 9 years
 Bob and Jeanne Willis – 21 years
 Chris Finks – 28 years
 ★ Scott Griebel – 30 years!
 ★ Michael James-Long – 31 years!
 ★ Phil Edwards and Cheryl Braden Edwards – 32 years!
 ★ William King – 36 years!
 ★★ Jon and Betty Anderson – 40 years !!



Thanks to moving to Club Express, I now have access to a lot more information about memberships in AROO. One of those tidbits of information is a list of “Associate” or “Secondary” members. These are memberships that are associated with a Primary member. For example, my wife, Tina, is a Secondary member on my membership. A Secondary member has all the membership privileges of the primary, although they share one vote in AROC matters. Having access to Secondary members allows me to include and recognize them in this monthly column! You can add a Secondary member easily by logging into the new AROC Club Express page: <https://aroc-usa.clubexpress.com/> and then log in and click on your name in the upper left corner. You’ll go to your profile info and you can update or add information.

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

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Alfa Take-Over at Cars & Coffee

By Steve Davis

Plan to shine up the car and head over to Portland Cars & Coffee on April 30! Normally, there are only 2-3 Alfas there, so let's change that! The Northwest Classic Rally organizers are putting up a pop-up, trying to get people signed up for the rally. We want people to know that AROO is all-in for the Rally, and there's no better way than to have lots of Alfas present. Plan on an incredible morning – a "Normal" C&C event is 300+ cars, and 400 (or more!) cars isn't an unusual turnout! In fact, Portland C&C is one of the largest regularly-scheduled car events on the West Coast.

Here's the plan... Cars & Coffee is a "first come, first parked" event, and there are no marque-specific

corrals. The gates open at 8:00am, and there's usually a line. We'd like to have as many Alfas all together as possible. Therefore, we will be meeting at 7:30 across the street at the Old Spaghetti Factory, and then we will be driving over to the "line" as a group. This will allow us to park together. Plan on being there a few hours – you will need it to walk through all the incredible machinery – Street Rods to Ferraris, VW's to Military Vehicles, and everything in between.

The NWCR organizers will have brochures and registration forms, and we'd love to have you take a few and pass them out... then get them over to the booth to sign up!

There is a Panera next to the Old Spaghetti Factory that's open at 7:00am, so you can get coffee and sweets there (please get there earlier if you do – it will be busy!). There is coffee (of course) at C&C, should you decide to go there.

Chris Finks is a very regular attendee, with his son – both driving their Alfas to C&C. He's constantly being asked why there aren't more Alfa Romeo cars represented – people love to see our cars. Let's plan to turn out in numbers, support the Rally, and show C&C what a fantastic group of cars and people we are!

This is a re-print of last month's invitation for everyone to come out to Cars & Coffee. However, due to a bit of creative date/time management on my part, I confused Saturday with Sunday. The official date is Saturday, April 30! Sorry for the confusion – read on, Alfisti!!

UPDATED!

Details At A Glance:

When: Saturday, April 30 – 7:30am

Where: Meet at 7:30am at the Old Spaghetti Factory
21192 SW Langer Farms Parkway, Sherwood, OR 97140

C&C is at "Langers Entertainment Center" in Sherwood 21650 SW Langer Farms Parkway



Salem/Gold Beach/Ashland

August 19-21

By Tom McGirr

This two night-three-day tour will depart from Salem's Waterfront Park next to the Carousel (opposite State Street) at 8:15 AM. With the exception of 19 miles, the route to the coast will be rural back roads. A picnic lunch (BYO) is planned in Oakland, then we head down Hwy 42 towards Myrtle Point, stopping at Sandy Bridge Creek Covered Bridge for a rest stop. Another country road will take us from Myrtle Point to Face Rock Viewpoint on the coast in Bandon and we finish on Hwy 101 arriving in Gold Beach around 4:15 leaving time for a beach walk.

My suggestions for lodging at Gold Beach on August 19 are as follows: (First 3 are ocean front)

- *Pacific Reef-541-249-4398 (this is where leader is staying).*
- *Sure Stay Best Western-541-247-7066*
- *Beach Combers Inn-541-247-6691*
- *Motel 6*
- *Wild Chinook Inn*

Remember, this is prime tourist time at the coast so you may want to make your reservations sooner than later.

Next day we head to Ashland passing through the California Redwoods. You will have the opportunity to walk thru the Stout Old Growth Forest on a trail I discovered last fall. Having picked up deli sandwich to go I Brookings, another picnic lunch is planned at a park in the Applegate Valley. After lunch, we will visit Cricket Hill Winery, a very small winery that focuses on Boudreaux wines. Time permitting, we will also stop at Pebblestone Winery near Jacksonville-very decent wines at a fair price. ETA in Ashland is around 4:30. Dinner will be at Caldera Brewing - Great food and excellent beer!

Suggested lodging in Ashland on August 20th:

- *Best Western Windsor-541-488-2330 (leader staying here)*
- *Ashland Hills-541-293-0660*
- *Holiday Inn Express-541-201-0202*

All three are walking distance to dinner. Again, remember this is prime Shakespeare season so lodging will be tight.

Day 3 will take us past Hyatt Lake, Butte Falls, Diamond Lake and the Rogue River to Roseburg for lunch at the Backside Brewery where the tour ends.

PLEASE SEND TOM MCGIRR AN E-MAIL ONCE YOU HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS. I need to make dinner reservations which will be a challenge for a larger group.

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Salem to Central Oregon

October 15-16, 2022

By Tom McGirr

The Fall tour is heading to Bend. We should have some nice fall colors and hopefully the weather will still be dry! Day 1 will take us through country roads to Lebanon, then on Hwy 20 to Santiam Junction, then south to Sahalie Falls. After a break, we enjoy the Old McKenzie Hwy. We arrive in Bend mid-afternoon at Mt. Batchelor Village. An Italian themed dinner is planned.

Sunday, we will drive the Cascades Scenic Highway past Mt. Batchelor and the Three Sisters, head West on Hwy 58 with a stop at Salt Creek Falls and finish the tour in Brownsville at the local Brownsville Saloon for lunch. If open, you are invited to check out

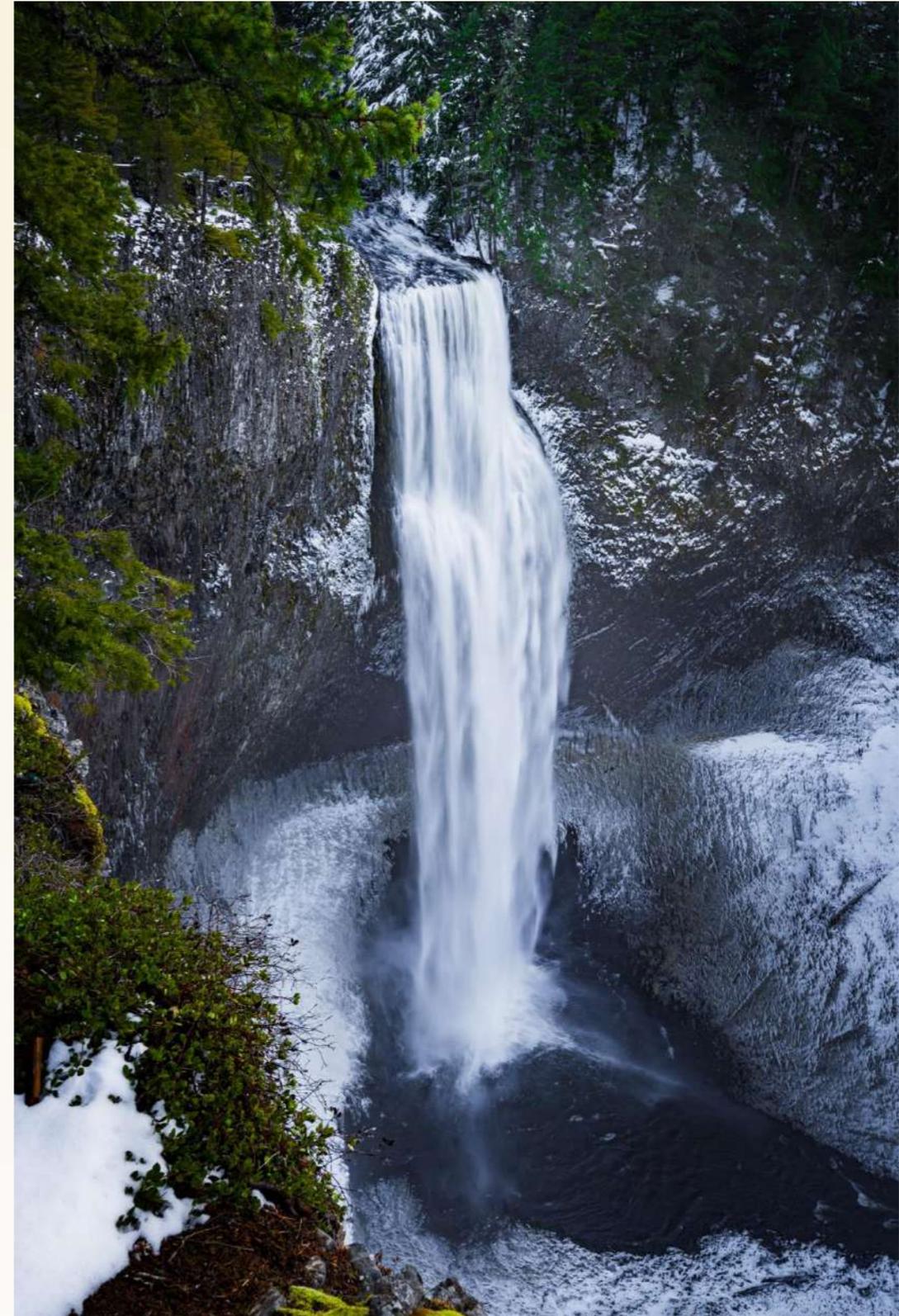
the Brownsville Museum. It is a real gem and worth a visit!

Suggested lodging is Hampton Inns and Suites located on Columbia Blvd. 541-388-3000. Alternate located close by: Town Place Suites on 13th Place. 541-382-5006

As always, let Tom know you are coming. Logistics for a large group meal are challenging so I need advance notice of who is coming.

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Salt Creek Falls.
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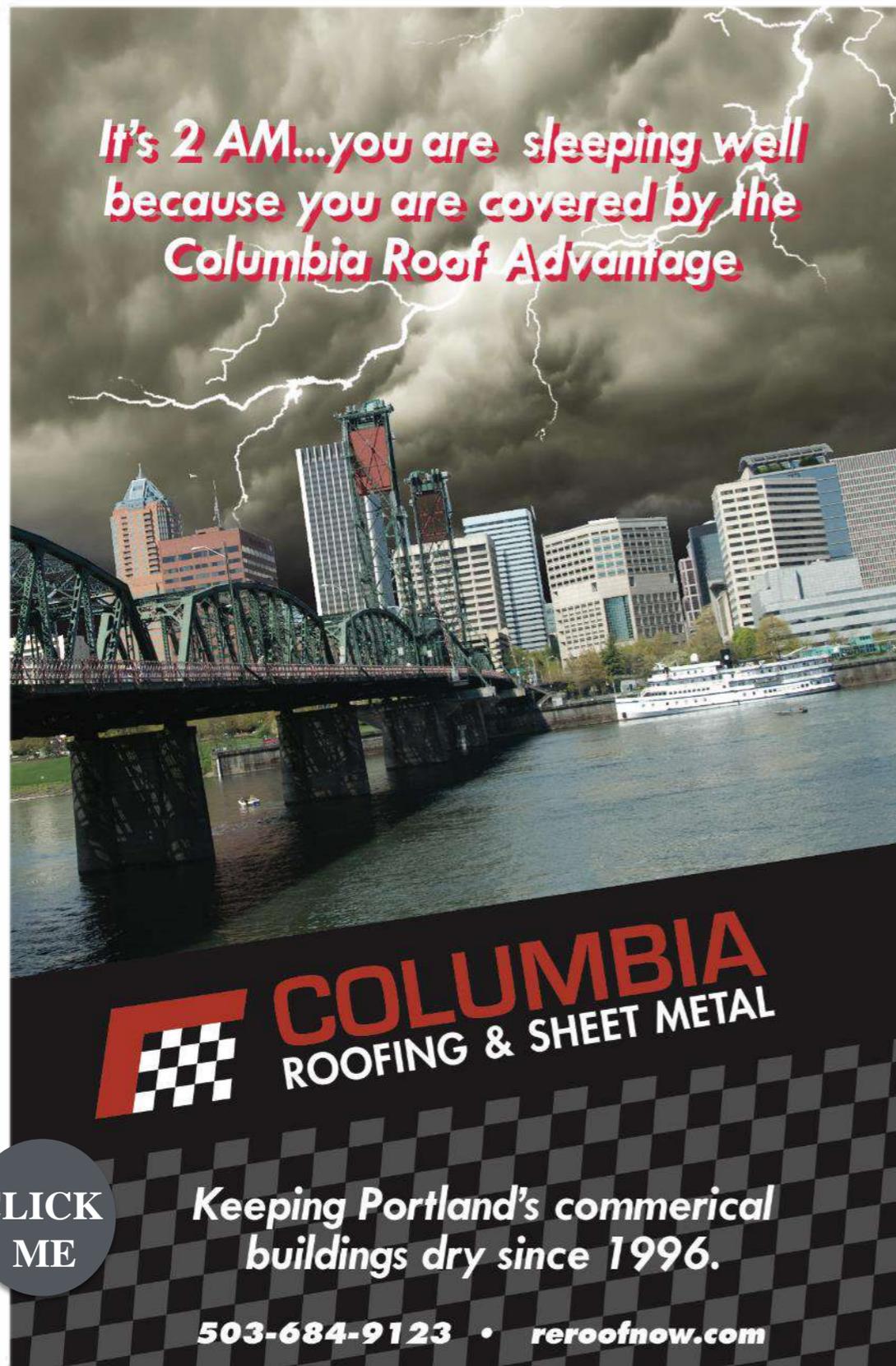
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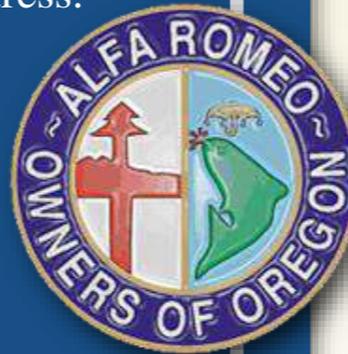
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Current mileage: 182K* miles ?

Condition: Very strong running car with body and interior and top in good, mostly original condition and parts. Re-painted five years ago and a long list of rehab projects were performed to the running gear, suspension, body, and interior (listed below) over the 25 years I have owned it.

History: I purchased the car in 1996 from a nephew who was moving up from San Francisco. To the best of my knowledge the car had spent its life up to that point in the bay area. It was a bit tired looking and a lot of maintenance had been deferred. But like me in mid-life it appeared worth saving. We bonded. It was a daily driver (five miles to my office) for about three years. Since then it has been used only for occasional Sunday drives and spent most of the time since it was painted and restored in a barn in Washington.

Here is a list of the major things I have done, mostly in chronological order:
(Except for a few small things I did myself, all mechanical work was done by Nasko, in Portland, Oregon.)

Mechanical

- Rebuilt mechanical fuel injection pump
- Rebuilt transmission - synchro gears
- Clutch
- New heater core (under the dash)
- Wheel bearings
- Routine brakes
- U-joints
- Powder coated header pipes
- Complete mufflers and exhaust system refresh
- Rebuilt head with new valves, cams, etc. (purchased from International Auto)
- Electronic ignition upgrade
- Fuel pump and fuel lines and filters
- Complete brake rebuild - all wheels disks, rotors, drums, master cylinder
- Front suspension
- New radiator
- Gas tank removed, cleaned and repainted

Interior

- Replaced drivers seat upholstery and cleaned up operating framework of both seats
- Doors rehabbed including window crank mechanisms, door handle operation, upholstery panels, replaced rubber seals all around
- Cleaned up and replaced a couple cracked shrouding pieces around center console
- Cleaned up floor panels under original rubber mats (No rust here or other spots in the body)

- New StayFast top installed by Guy's Interior Restoration on refurbished frame
- Added convertible top boot
- Dash cover (dash is cracked in all the usual sun drenched places)

Body

At about 175K miles I took the car off the road and began a five-year project stripping down the paint which included rebuilding the interior working of both doors, hood and trunk latches, hinges, body trim, etc., and sanding the body panels nearly to the metal all around. I had the car painted off-site by a young man trained at Heitzman's in Beaverton (where my father worked as a body man for 40 years). I then reassembled the car including new window and door seals and some trim moldings. Camp. wheels with Pirelli tires at about 3,000 miles use.

* Odometer reads 82,000. Actual is not verified.



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1988 Spider Graduate Series

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57k miles, black, body is in excellent shape with no dents. New top and new battery. Pirelli tires have about 10k miles on them. After market wooden steering wheel and gear shift knob. Been garaged the past 8 years when not being driven. Needs some minor repairs (horn ((probably a fuse)), gas cap release cable, driver's seat worn)
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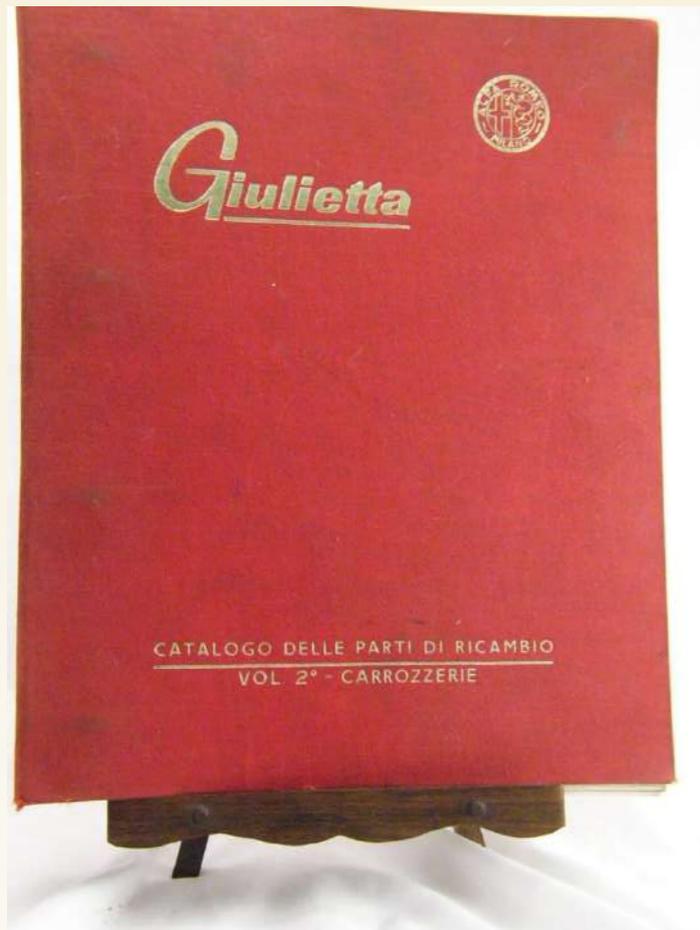


~102,000 mi, Silver exterior, Grey leather seat with Red/black interior carpet. Hard top in good condition. Soft top also in good condition (no rips/fading). Air Conditioning. I have owned it since about 2000. It has always been garaged. All maintenance was done by Veloce Motors (Dan Summers). I lived 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**

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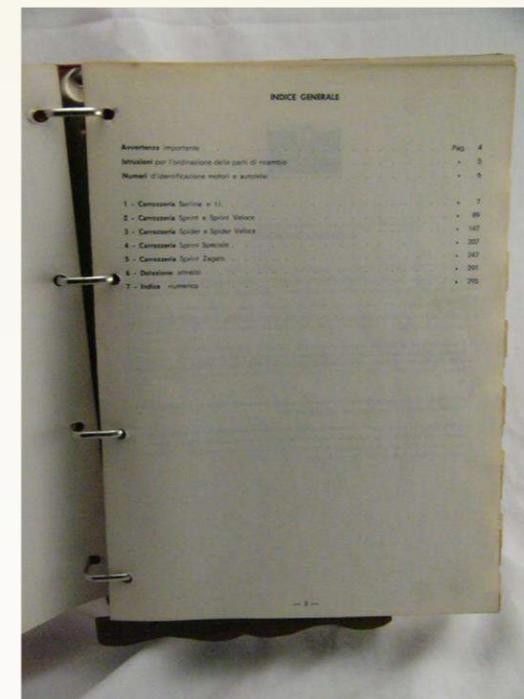
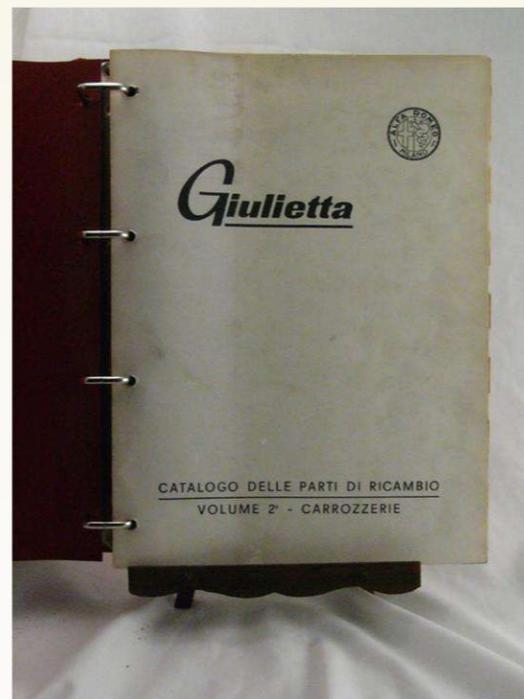


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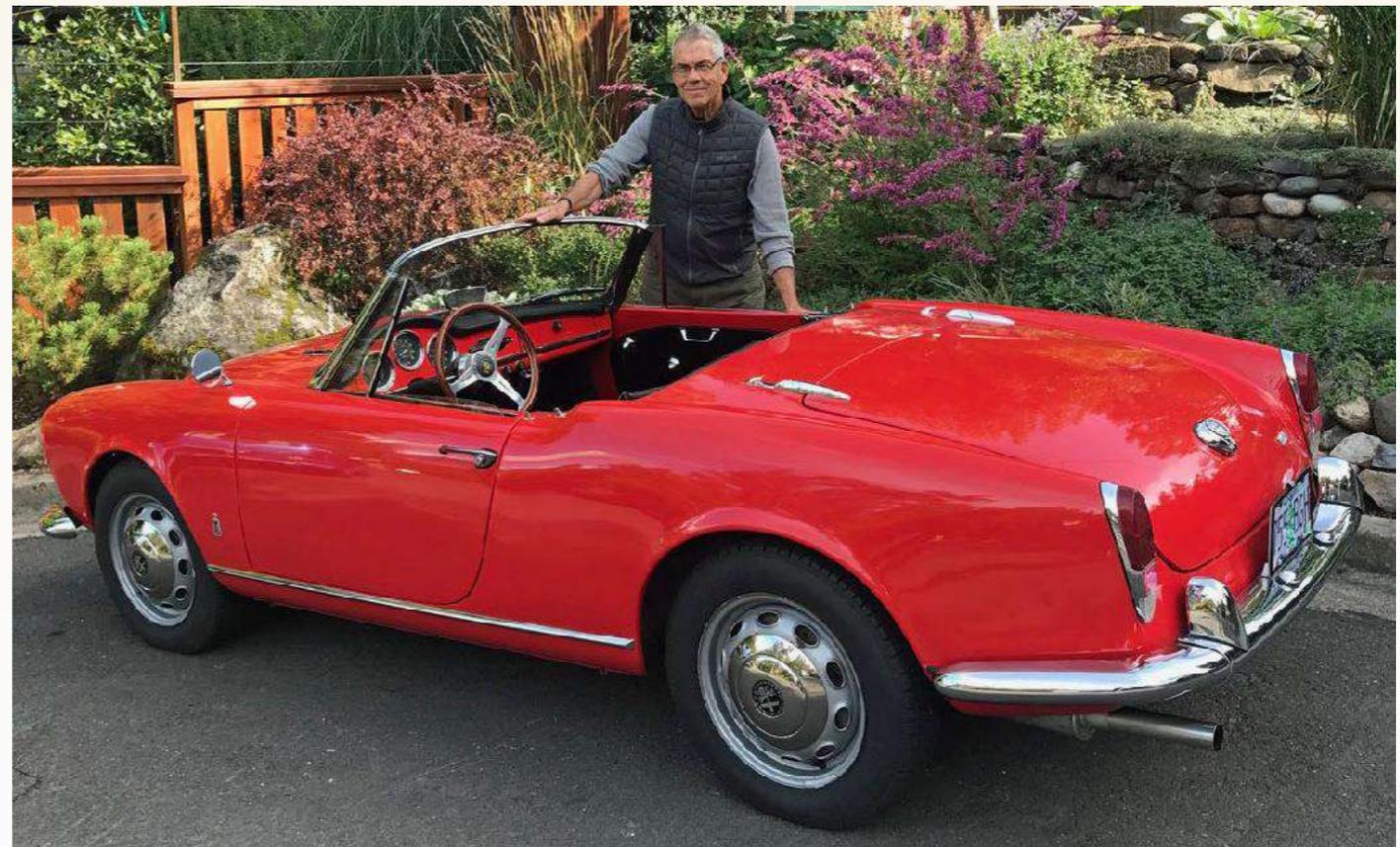
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1965 Giulia Spider



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