

# Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Oregon

## Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023

**Time:** 7:10 – 8:00

**Location:** Zoom

Present: Chris Bright, Cindy Banzer, Steve Davis, Paul Eklund, Sue Halton, Patrick Iaboni

Guest: Dennis Howell, Yulia Smolyansky

Excused: Lila Dale, Chris Finks, Doug Zaitz

Absent: Glenn Dolphin

President Chris Bright convened the meeting at 7:10 PM.

### 1. Minutes (Sue Halton)

No report.

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

Treasurer Cindy Banzer presented the Treasurer's report. She stated that we have about \$44,474 in the NW Rally Account. Due to the fire, we are moving from the Valley River Inn to the Holiday Inn Express. We will get back \$1,100 from the Valley River Inn. Money for the Rally continues to come in.

### 3. Membership (Steve Davis)

The club currently has 217 members. Two of those are new members.

### 4. Past Events (Chris Bright)

A. AROO Cup #2 (Paul Eklund) –April 9, 2023.

Paul Eklund reported that 18 cars participated. This is a very good number as the most we've ever had is 22. We tried out a GPS checkpoint system. It worked well, even though we made a couple of mistakes as we learned to operate it. Eventually we will be able to integrate it with human checkpoint operators. Everyone enjoyed the event.

B. General Membership Meeting (Chris Bright) – Speaker Allen Stevens. About 30 people attended.

C. AROO and Evergreen (Chris Bright) – April 22, 2023. 36 people went in the museum. A few more participated in the tour, but did not go into the museum. The group had lunch at the Golden Valley Brewpub. Overall, it was a very well attended and enjoyable day.

### 5. Northwest Classic Challenge 2023 (Paul Eklund)

A. We have received 45 registrations.

B. We have collected over \$10,000 in sponsorships. We are working on collecting the money from sponsors who have not yet paid.

C. We inventoried the material in the trailer.

i. Dennis Howell asked if Paul would like to park the AROO trailer at Ron Tonkin's. Paul said that is yet to be decided.

ii. Steve Davis offered to park the trailer at his house and bring it to the event as needed.

D. We met with the manager, the sales representative, and food person from the Holiday Inn Express.

i. The hotel and rooms were remodeled in 2018 and look really nice.

- ii. We reserved a ten room block at the Comfort Inn, which is next door.
- iii. They will rope off part of the parking area so all our cars can park together. There will be room for the Gymkana.
- iv. There will be security at the parking lot.
- v. They will have a drive-up room key feature.
- vi. The Holiday Inn Express will offer breakfast with your room.
- E. We met with Café Soriah. We are considering holding Friday dinner there rather than at the hotel. Steve supported the choice of café Soriah.
- F. Dennis Howell offered to discuss a room block with the Best Western Hotel near the Ron Tonkin event starting point. Paul thought that was a good idea, although we do not yet have any numbers.
- G. Avants: Steve asked if we have received any benefit from the Avants discount pricing. Paul said we had not.

## **6. Upcoming Events**

- A. Old Spider Tour (Bill Gilham) – Saturday May 6, 2023. From the Santiam River Rest Area to Florence. About 20 cars are expected to attend.
- B. AROO Cup #3 (Paul Eklund) – May 21, 2023. Simon Levere is the Rally Master. A new entrant told Paul he is specifically participating in the AROO Cups #3 and #4 to practice for the NW Challenge.
- C. May General Membership Meeting – To be decided.
- D. AROO Cup #4 (Paul Eklund) – June 11, 2023. Nicolas laboni is the Rally Master.
- E. Summer Solstice Tour and Barbeque (Steve Davis) – June 17, 2023. Dave Beech will be the Tour Master. Steve expects costs for food to be about \$200. The attendance is typically about 45 people. It draws people from around the state more than most events.
- F. May Tour – (Patrick laboni) – It's on track. Lunch will probably be held at the Bent Shovel Brewing Company.
- G. June Evening Tour (Chris Bright) – Wednesday, June 21, 2023. It may be a combination tour and garage event.

## **7. AROO Board**

Chris B. reported that Steve Hunker told him that he would like to serve on AROO Board.

## **8. AROC** (Cindy Banzer)

- A. AROC has changed our liability insurance carrier. Coverage has been decreased from \$5 million to \$3 million per event and \$1 million per person. Fees have increased. Few insurance companies will cover moving events.
- B. Our insurance broker recommends we fill out insurance forms for all social events as well as "moving" events. This is a new requirement.
- C. New fees have also been added.
  - i. \$430 if we use a track
  - ii. \$230 if others are added to our insurance for a specific event.
- D. Our insurance will cover officers of chapters and organizers of events.

Sue Halton  
Board Secretary