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FROM THE EDITOR

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Where's the beef?

I realize content is sparse in the newsletter. I'm happy to fill the pages with just about anything you'd like to write and contribute. If you do want to write an article, I'd like to offer some guidelines to make it easier and smoother to integrate into our newsletter.

- Write it in MS Word or a compatible editor. I'm a PC user and have no access to Apple specific apps other than my phone.
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- Please – no PDF's as an article. It needs to be an editable word processing file for me to work with it.

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

James Parker

Alfa Bits Editor

ALFA BITS

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

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

ABOUT AROO

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

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

AROO MEMBERSHIP LIST

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

Upcoming AROO Events!

By Chris Bright

AROO February Meeting featuring Mark Scholz, Portland Cars & Coffee

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

6:30 p.m. doors open, meal at 7 p.m.

Location: Old Spaghetti Factory

Our Featured Guest: Mark Scholz

Portland Cars & Coffee has been the most transformative event in our regional car scene since it got started in 2008. Mark Scholz heads up the event and we are lucky to have him join us for this month's meeting! Come and learn about the ethos of C&C, what it takes to organize a weekly car show, and where Portland Cars & Coffee will be heading in the future!

The program will be available remotely via Zoom.



AROO March Meeting featuring Jeff Zurschmeide, Automotive Journalist

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

6:30 p.m. doors open, meal at 7 p.m.

Location: Old Spaghetti Factory

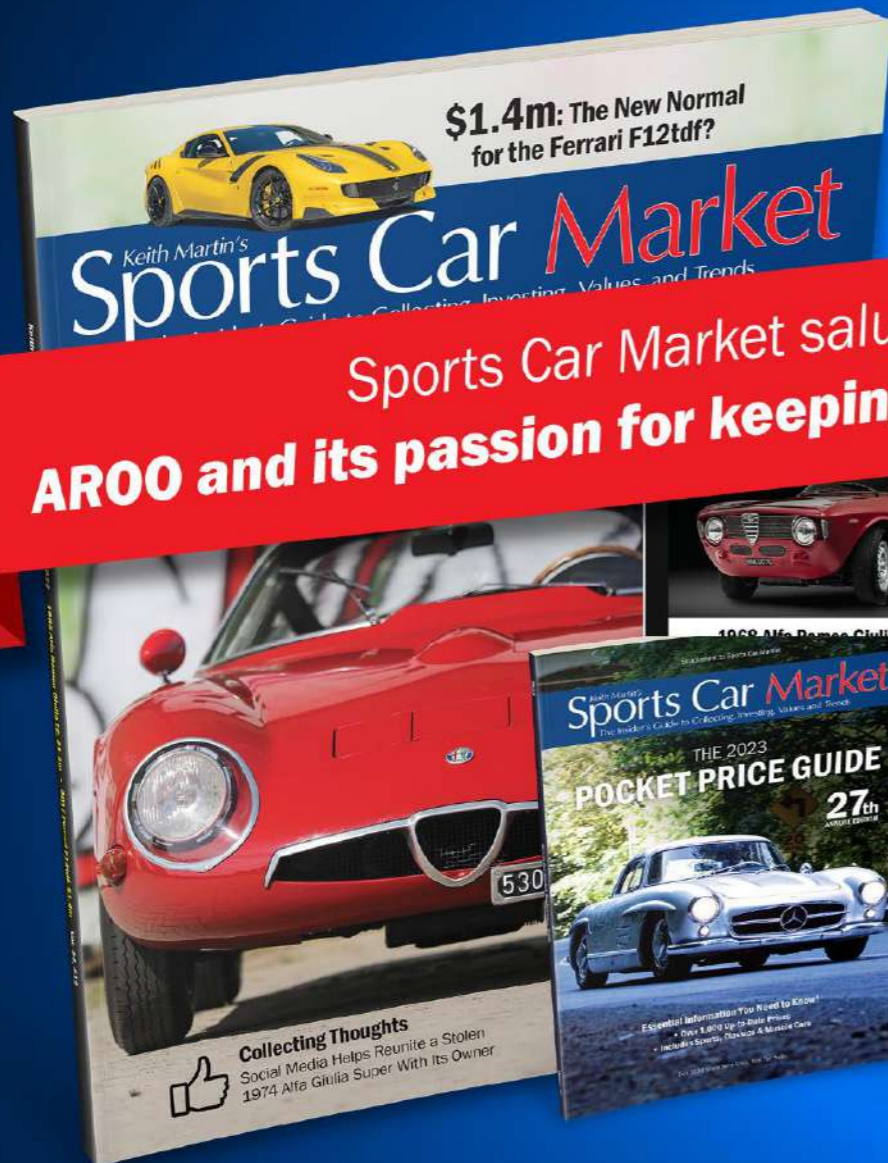
Our Featured Guest: Jeff Zurschmeide

Jeff Zurschmeide is a freelance automotive journalist extraordinaire and serial car collector. He tries to practice "catch and release" car collecting these days, and sometimes even does the release part. Jeff has owned several Alfa-Romeo cars over the years, including the world's ugliest Berlina, and is a past overall winner of AROO's Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally. Jeff lives in Tillamook, at the intersection of great driving roads and social tolerance for keeping a barn full of hopelessly broken-down old cars. Join us for a lively conversation about his words and his cars!

The program will be available remotely via Zoom.



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AROO Summer Tour

June 23-25, 2023

By Tom McGirr

The summer 3-day tour will take place on June 23-25 in hopes of avoiding another summer of forest fires. The tour will start in from Salem's Riverfront Park at 8 AM but Portland area folks can join us Lewis and Clark Park off I-84 at 9 AM.

Day 1 has us going up to Windy Ridge at St. Helens to see how the area has changed since the big blast in 1980. Paula and I hiked around St. Spirit Lake the summer of 1979 and we vividly remember the view from Windy Ridge of the old lodge sitting between the mountain and the lake. We visited Windy Ridge as soon as the area reopened and were in blown away by the total destruction. Bring a sack lunch as we will picnic at Windy Ridge.

From there we head into Yakima for our first night's stay. You can make reservations at Comfort Inn and Suites c/o 509-249-1900.

Day 2 will feature a lot of fast and twisty roads to Condon. We will stop at a restaurant in Pendleton for lunch. Once again we will stay at the Condon Hotel. I have done a room block for the entire hotel (18 rooms). I am working on getting a dinner catered to the hotel. Reservation # 541-384-4624. You may have to leave a message and follow on your reservation as they are not real prompt in responding. If they are full, you can call the Condon MOTEL. It is not fancy was reported as being clean. NOTE: Room block at Condon EXPIRES May 1.

Day 3 will include an informal route back to Salem. Optional late lunch at Giovanni's Mountain Pizza in Mill City (homemade pizza dough, great pizza and calzone).

I would recommend making your reservations sooner than later. Please let me know if you are coming as I need to arrange for dinner in Yakima and work with the caterer in Condon.

Tom McGirr

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AROO Fall Tour

October 7-8, 2023

By Tom McGirr

The Fall Tour is heading to the beach! Tour departs from Wallace Marine Park in West Salem at 9 AM. We will stop at Dory Cove in Lincoln City for chowder and be in Yachats by 4 PM.

Suggested lodging is Adobe Motel. 541-547-3141. I strongly recommend making your reservations early as I tried to book a room at the Fireside and Overlook Motels, where we have stayed on earlier tours, and both had NO ROOMS!

Please let me know if you are coming so I can make lunch and dinner arrangements.

Tom McGirr

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Historic Lodges Tour 2024

July 5-17, 2024

By Tom McGirr

The **2024** Alfa Wannabe Tour will take us to three National Parks and feature 6 old lodges and one very old hotel, all on the National Register of Historic Places. The tour will be 13 days in length.

The first night will feature Timberline Lodge (1937). After an early afternoon walk among the wildflowers and a soak in the outdoor hot tub, we enjoy libations in the Ram's Head bar and enjoy fellowship and dinner in the lodge.

Day 2 has us heading to Lake Quinault Lodge (1926) in the Olympic National Park. The lodge sits on the lake among huge fir trees. One will be able to choose among several short hikes in dense rain forest, see the world's largest Sitka tree and/or sit on the grounds behind the lodge and relax.

We next head to Lake Crescent Lodge (1915) also in the Olympic National Forest. A short walk in the Hoh Rain Forest is a must since we are in the area. Thereafter, we visit Ruby Beach, which I feel is one of the more scenic beaches in the NW. Finally, we stop

at the Makah Tribal Museum located on the NW tip of Washington. While not being a large facility, the museum has outstanding exhibits.

Days 4 and 5 are at Paradise Inn (1916) on Mt. Rainier. Along the way, we will drive up to Hurricane Ridge to bid farewell to the Olympic Mountains. If the snowpack cooperates, the wildflowers should be beautiful. Once in Rainier, we will take the scenic drive to Sunrise Point, one of the higher places one can drive to and have sufficient time to enjoy this beautiful setting.

The next destination is the Balch Hotel (1907) in the small town of Dufur. The hotel was built by Charles Balch, a rancher who relocated here from Massachusetts in the early 1900's. This hotel has been restored with loving care to retain much of its original glory.

Day 8 has us heading East to enjoy some open roads and the historic Wallowa Lake Lodge (1923). Along the way, we will enjoy the fabulous drive from

Lewiston, ID to Enterprise on Hwy 3 with a stop at St. Joseph Overlook for a grand view.

The next historic lodge is too far away to reach in a day. Hence, we will spend a night in Bend at the fun and funky St. Charles School McMenamins.

Thereafter, we are off to Crater Lake Lodge (1915) for two nights. In addition to making the Rim Drive, we will take a cruise around the lake and spend some time on Wizard Island.

Day 11 has us at what will be a newly refurbished Chateau at the Oregon Caves (1931). We will arrive early enough to take the cave tour, which is a must if you have not done it before.

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The following day we drive through the California Redwoods, stopping for a short hike among the biggest of the Redwoods in the Jedediah Smith Forest.

Our final destination is Yachats on the Oregon Coast. The plan is to stay at the Overleaf Motel, a very nice place directly on the beach. I hope to get us into ONO for dinner, which features excellent seafood.

The tour will be limited to 20 couples (only 8 left!), but I will maintain an alternate list as there are usually one or two cancellations. [If you have interest in joining this tour, please let me know.](#) Once it is possible to make reservations (I anticipate this will be in April or May) I will require a deposit *up to* \$3400 (depending on how much the advance deposits are) which represents the estimated first nights lodging at each location. My experience with the upcoming 2023 National Park Tour was the lodges required the first night's lodging be paid at time of booking.

To add your name to the tour list, let me know c/o tomsredalfa@gmail.com. The 2023 tour reached capacity in just three weeks after the initial promo last April so best to let me know early if you wish to join us.

Tom McGirr
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EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:

Board Meeting on Zoom at 7 PM Contact Chris Bright at chris.bright@alfaclub.org or 503-307-1261. All are welcome!

January

- 4 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 18 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM

February

- 1 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 12 Valentines Day Tour, host Rick Martin
- 15 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM

March

- 1 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 11 AROO Cup Rally School, Sherwood, 10 AM
- 12 AROO Cup Rally #1, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 15 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 30-31 PIR Swap Meet
- 31 Portland Expo Swap Meet

April

- 1 PIR Swap Meet
- 1-2 Portland Expo Swap Meet
- 5 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 9 AROO Cup Rally #2, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 19 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 22 Driving Tour and No-Host Lunch, host TBD

May

- 3 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7 PM
- 6 45th Annual Old Spider Tour & Lunch, host Bill Gillham
- 7 AROO Cup Rally #3, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 10-24 Alfa Wannabe Tour to Utah National Parks, host Tom McGirr
- 17 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 20 Driving Tour and No-Host Lunch, host TBD

June

- 5-15 AROC Goes to Italy
- 7 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 11 AROO Cup Rally #4, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 17 Summer Solstice Drive & BBQ, hosts Steve & Tina Davis
- 21 June Evening Tour, host TBD, 6 PM
- 17-25 AROC National Convention & Pre-Tour, North Carolina
- 23-24 FIA Formula E World Championship Race at PIR
- 23-25 Summer Tour to Mt St Helens & Condon, host Tom McGirr

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](#).

July

- 5 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 7-9 Rose Cup Races at PIR
- 15 Annual Summer Picnic and Wine Tour, hosts Russ & Carol Paine
- 16 Forest Grove Concours - Alfa Corral, host TBD
- 19 General Meeting - Not Scheduled
- 21-23 SVRA Portland Vintage Racing Festival at PIR

August

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 3-6 34th Annual NW Classic Rally & Challenge in Eugene
- 11 Shelby America Auto Club NW Track Day at PIR
- 16 August Evening Tour, host TBD, 6 PM
- 19 Portland Yacht Club Classic Boats & Cars Show, host Chris Finks
- 19 AROC Goes to Concorso Italiano in Seaside CA
- 26 Driving Tour and No-Host Lunch, host TBD
- 27 Oswego Heritage Council Car & Boat Show, host Rick Warner

September

- 6 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 8-10 Columbia River Classic at PIR
- 9 5th Annual Giro di Coupe Tour, host Dennis Howell
- 20 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 23 Annual Old Super Tour, host David Beach

October

- 4 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 7-8 Fall Overnighter Tour to Yachats, host Tom McGirr
- 7-8 Maryhill Loops Road Hillclimb (SOVREN) & Show
- 14 Driving Tour and No-Host Lunch, host TBD
- 15 AROO Dirty Rat TSD Rally, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 18 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 19-23 AROC Goes to USGP F1 in Austin TX
- 29 Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 5:30 PM

November

- 1 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM

December

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

Welcome New Members & Congratulations to everyone with an anniversary.

New Members

Joshua and Kiki Wolf, of Gaston, OR
 Anatole Farci, of Portland
 David LaBriere, of Portland
 Spice Lucks, of Port Alberni, BC
 H Poon, of Blain, Washington

Member Anniversaries

January/February

Sean Major – 1 year
 Matt Jones – 2 years
 Brendan Peik – 2 years
 Don Mallet – 5 years
 Craig Wilson – 5 years
 Cliff Brunk – 6 years
 Melissa McPherson – 6 years
 Stephen Thompson – 6 years
 Larry Marks – 8 years
 Robert Stewart – 11 years
 Richard Larsen – 18 years
 Remo Bresciani – 21 years
 Doug Zaitz – 35 years !
 Doug Klein – 36 years !
 Lawrence Kozimor – 39 years !

Charles Angell – 1 year
 Charles Fenning – 1 year
 Jimmie Metteer – 2 years
 Neal Mapes, 3 years
 Michael Nelson – 4 years
 Anthony Avery – 4 years
 Ryan Coulson – 6 years
 Todd Stegman – 12 years
 Jon Wagner – 15 years
 Patrick and Tami Iaboni – 24 years
 Tom and Paula McGirr – 24 years
 Gregory and Toni Miller – 24 years
 Fred and Lisa McNabb – 28 years
 ★ Bob Hui – 37 years!
 ★★ David Salvador – 40 years!!
 ★★★ David Rugh – 55 years!!! Our longest-serving Member!!!



Here are some fun facts about membership, as of January 2023

- Last year, we had 26 new members join AROO! That's pretty amazing! Throughout 2021, we had 20 members join, so our membership continues to grow
- There are 215 members listed in the January, 2023 AROO roster. In January 2022, we had 181 members listed!
- Of those 215 members, 163 members are from Oregon; 30 from Washington State, 4 from Idaho, 6 from California, and one or two from AZ, AK, NC (or most distant member!), OH and TX.
- We have 5 members from Canada, all in British Columbia!
- AROO has two members with more than 50 years (WOW!), 22 members with more than 40 years (YAY!), 30 members with more than 30 years (Yippee!), and 43 members with more than 20 years (Awesome!).

★ *Members that have been with the club longer than 30 years.*

★★ *Members that have been with the club longer than 40 years.*

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



Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2022

Time: 7:10 PM

Location: Zoom

Present: Chris Bright, Cindy Banzer, Lila Dale, Steve Davis, Paul Eklund, Chris Finks, Sue Halton, and Doug Zaitz.

Guests: Leslie Jackson.

Excused: Glen Dolphin and Patrick Iaboni

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

1. Minutes (Sue Halton)

No report.

2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer)

A. Treasurer Cindy Banzer presented the Treasurer's report as emailed. She recommended moving \$5,000 to the savings account.

3. Membership Report (Steve Davis)

Membership remained at 223. Steve also gave a "shout out" for Club Express.

4. Past Events Report

A. November Membership Meeting - Chris B. stated that the November meeting, held at the Winona Grange in Tualatin made about \$40. It was very successful.

About 64 people attended. Some of those who attended were from other clubs.

B. AROO Holiday Party – Cindy reported that in spite of the bad weather, 70 guests attended the Holiday Party, held at Migration Brewing. The Auction was successful and netted \$???. Chris B. thanked Cindy for her leadership and all those who helped organize the party and/or donated to the auction.

4. Northwest Classic Challenge 2023 (Leslie Jackson)

A. The Rally held a meeting of all Committee members on December 7th.

B. Mailing List: Leslie thanked Doug Zaitz for aiding her to correct and update the Mailing List. There are

343 names on it. She plans to send out an invitation to the Rally with a return envelope. She will send an email to all those for whom she does not have a physical address. She encouraged Board Members to reach out to anyone who they think might be interested in participating, including as a volunteer.

i. Doug Zaitz pointed out that many participants are not AROO members and suggested we review even older email lists from past Rallies for additional names. He volunteered to help send out an email blast.

C. Volunteers: Puff and Bob have enlisted 19 volunteers to date. They would like 19 more.

D. Advertising: Leslie and Chris Finks discussed advertising at Cars and Coffee. Although they do not usually endorse events, Chris F. has convinced "Mark", the organizer (?), to participate in the Rally and will probably make an exception for AROO. Other places to advertise were discussed: Lila Dale – NW Classic Facebook page, Chris B. – AROO Facebook page, Cindy – Lance Dong for AROC Social Media and Chris F. – Club Avant.

E. Guest Speaker: Leslie asked for suggestions for the guest speaker. Chris F. suggested Garth Stein.

F. Sponsorships: Several Board Members have approached potential sponsors, but there were no firm commitments. Doug Zaitz suggested offering small sponsorships aimed at individuals.

5. Upcoming Events

A. AROO Cup (Paul Eklund)

B. Valentine's Day Tour (Rick)

C. Old Spider Tour (Bill Gilham) – Early May trip to the Coast.

D. Old Super Tour (Dave Beach)

E. Other Ideas - speakers

i. Fred Russell, Ed Godshalk, Vintage Underground –

ii. Possible tours: Brothers' Collection, Don Vollum's Collection, Evergreen Museum, Alex Haugland Collection.

6. AlfaBits (James Parker)

Deadline will be December 15th or 16th.

7. Elections

The following Officers were nominated and unanimously elected:

President: Chris Bright

Vice President: Steve Davis

Secretary: Sue Halton

Treasurer: Cindy Banzer

8. AROC (Cindy Banzer)

AROC will hold another trip to the US Grand Prix in Austin next fall.

Sue Halton

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Time: 7:06 – 7:40

Location: Zoom

Present: Chris Bright, Cindy Banzer, Steve Davis, Paul Eklund, Sue Halton, Patrick Iaboni and Doug Zaitz.

Excused: Lila Dale, Glen Dolphin, Chris Finks

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

1. Minutes (Sue Halton)

A. The Minutes were approved as edited for housekeeping errors.

2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer)

A. Treasurer Cindy Banzer presented the Treasurer's report as emailed.

3. Northwest Classic Challenge 2023 (Leslie Jackson)

A. There was no Report.

B. Chris Bright stated that there are currently four cars registered.

4. Upcoming Events

A. Fred Russell will speak on "Prototypes" via Zoom at the January 18th meeting.

B. Valentine's Day Tour (potentially Rick Marten) – February 12th, 2023.

C. AROO Cup (Paul Eklund) - The dates are not yet firm.

D. Old Spider Tour (Bill Gilham) – Saturday May 6th.

i. Doug Zaitz reported that it will be a day trip to the Coast with an early dinner at the coast. Participants can choose to stay overnight if they wish.

E. Summer Solstice Tour and Barbeque (Steve Davis)

i. The date is not fixed. Steve prefers June 17th or perhaps June 24th. There are several possibly conflicting events, such as the annual National AROC Meeting and Tom McGirr's Summer Tour.

F. Possible Events and Speakers

i. Chris Bright has approached Ed Godshalk to speak on his Berlina, and Bob Huey to lead a tour of the Evergreen Museum

6. AlfaBits (James Parker)

The next issue will be in February.

8. AROC (Cindy Banzer)

A. AROC has sold out for the trip to the US Gran Prix in Austin.

B. The other AROC events scheduled for this year are also filling quickly.

Sue Halton

Board Secretary

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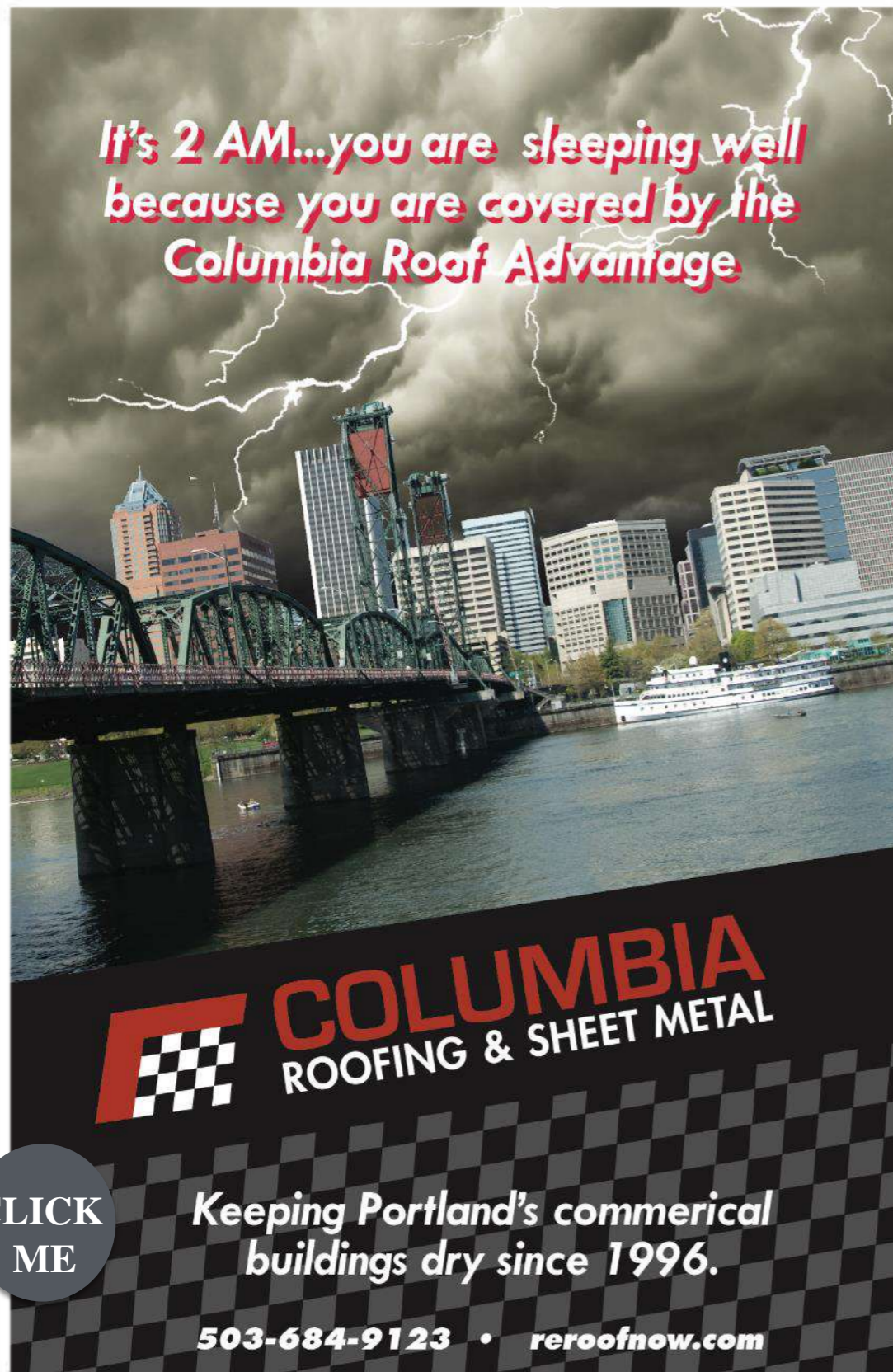
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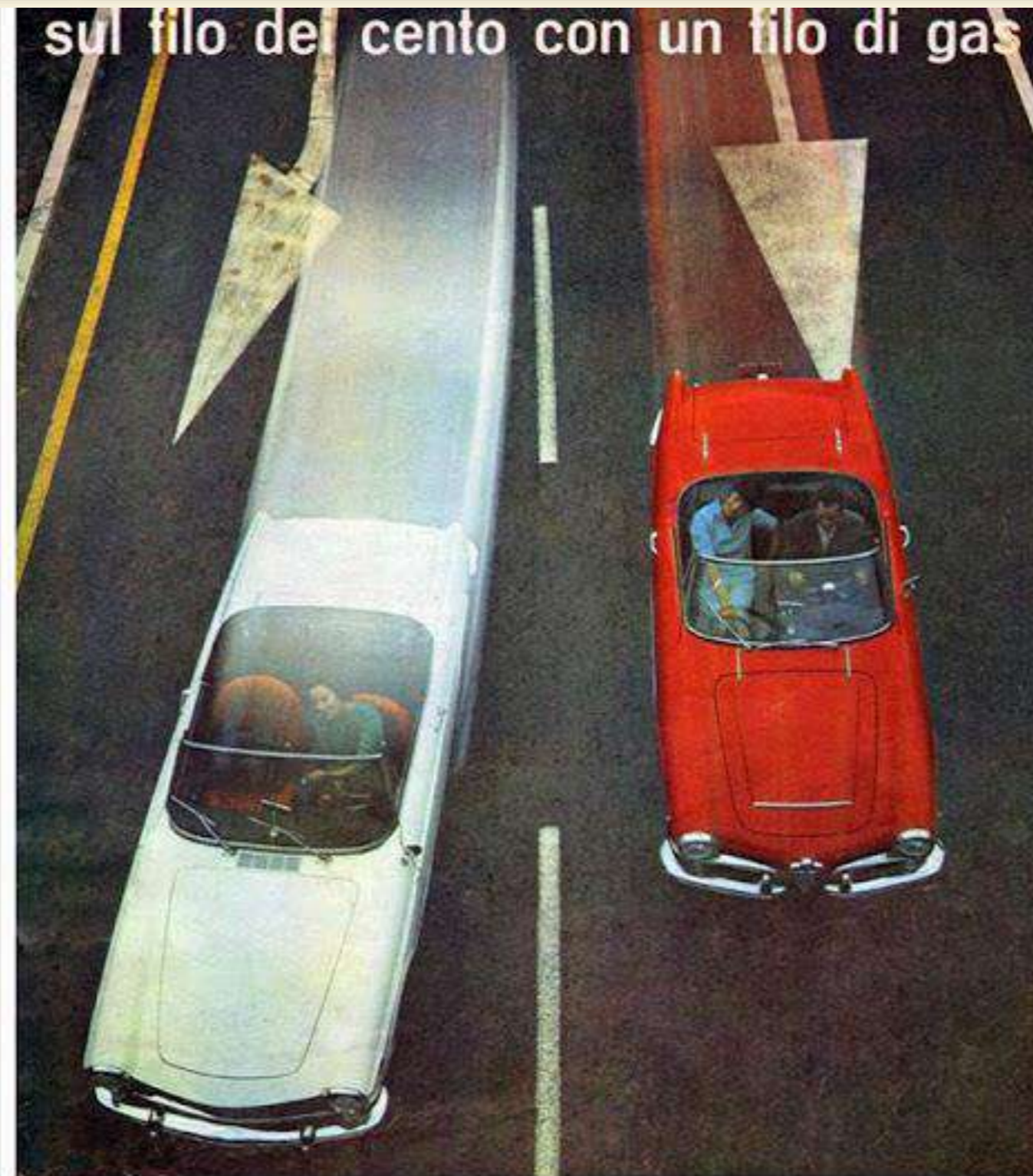
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