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FROM THE EDITOR

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## Newsletter Options?

You may not realize we use MS PowerPoint to create the newsletter. If you've used it, you know it is not the best choice to create newsletters. It's design to create slides of content for a presentation, not a newsletter with multi-page layouts and articles.

Also, because the newsletter editor position changes hands periodically, the processes used should not center around what computer or software the editor owns. It would be awesome to move everything to the cloud where people could upload their articles and photos and then the editor could create the newsletter online, export it as a PDF, and then be sent out to members. The platform to create the newsletter would never change and it would not matter what type of computer or software the current editor owns.

If anyone has any suggestions on an online service that could do this, I'd love to hear it!

If you want to contact me my email address is [james.parker@alfaclub.org](mailto: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](http://www.alfaclub.org).

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## ABOUT AROO

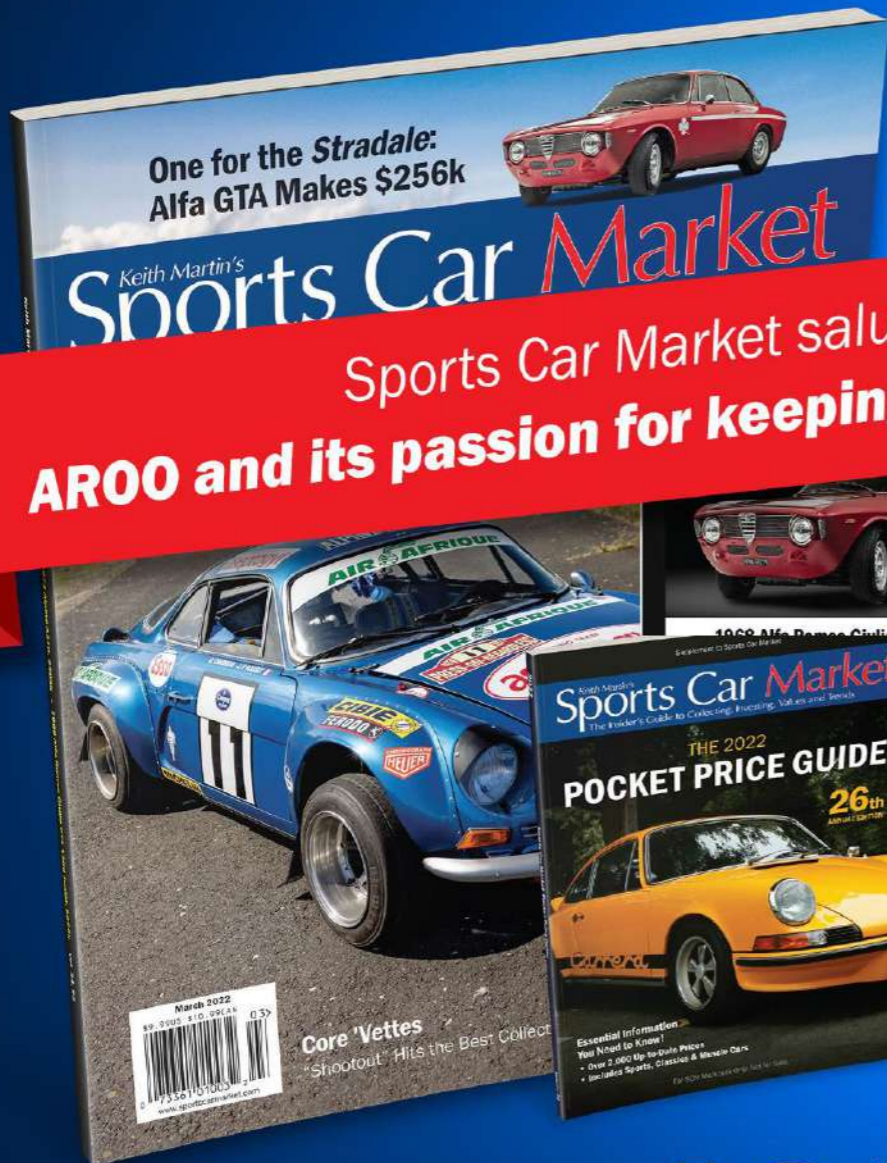
In the late 1950s, two Giulietta Spider Veloce's came to Portland. They were featured on a local TV show to promote a sports car race

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.

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# Summer Solstice Tour and Picnic

By Steve and Tina Davis

**RSVP NOW! - Summer Solstice Tour and Picnic – June 17**

Picnic fun in the Southern Willamette Valley! The 2023 Summer Solstice Tour and Picnic is June 17! Tina and I are looking forward to hosting you at our house just outside of Eugene. This will be the third AROO gathering here, and each one has been wonderful. Bring your Alfa and park it on the front lawn. We will have spaces for non-Alfas also. The deck has seating for 50+, and we will have games, fun and great conversation.

This is the southernmost AROO event, and we'd love to have lots of our neighbors to the east, west and south join us, along with the tour of people coming down from Portland. We want to make this THE annual event of the summer, especially for our AROO-ers outside the Portland metro area.

Here are the details

- Saturday, June 17, from about 12:30 to about 4:00
- Where: Steve and Tina Davis' house – 33910 Mount Tom Drive, Harrisburg, OR 97446
- Food: Hamburgers, Chicken Burgers and Veggie Burgers provided, along with salads, cookies and drinks. Feel free to bring something along if you want. Beer and wine provided also.
- How to get here:
  - From points not in Portland metro: just plan to get here by 12:30-1:00. We are right off I-5, in the hills to the east of the freeway. Coburg is closest exit, and it's about 10 minutes from Coburg.
  - From points Portland-ish: Meet at 9:30am 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 10:00. Tour Leader Dennis Howell 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. There will NOT be a stop along the way, however! The group should arrive at the house about 12:30-1:00.

We've had two great turnouts, in 2019 and last year. We had about 25-30 cars on the lawn, and about 50 people on the deck. Let's make this one even bigger! Call me at 925-209-4228 if you have any questions. Click below to RSVP, so we can get a good count for food. See you here soon!

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)



# Longest Day Evening Tour

By Chris Bright

**Date:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023

**Time:** 6 pm Arrival, 6:20pm Departure

**Place:** Big Al's Beaverton in Progress Ridge

The June Summer Tour returns and it just so happens to land on the summer solstice. Let's take full advantage of the longest day of the year for a lovely evening drive.

We'll be gathering in the parking lot of Big Al's in Progress Ridge (Beaverton). The drive will be a 90-minute romp through the countryside and end with a lovely no-host dinner.

**PLEASE RSVP** by emailing [chris.bright@alfaclub.org](mailto:chris.bright@alfaclub.org) with your name and number in your party.



## AROO Goes to Evergreen

By Chris Bright

On May 6, 2023, a group of AROO members had a wonderful treat in store. With an impressive showing of 21 cars -- with almost an equal split between modern and classic Alfas -- the crew gathered in Sherwood. A number of 37 folks came quite a distance to join the fun, ranging from Poulsbo, WA, down to Eugene.

The morning started with a jaunt up to Bald Peak and then some fun twisties traversing the Oregon Wine Country. Our destination was the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville. Once there, AROO stalwart Bob Hui, who also volunteers as a docent at the museum, gave us a special tour. While the Spruce Goose is impressive, the SR-71 Blackbird is truly a wonder of engineering.

We rounded out the day with a tasty and relaxing lunch at Golden Valley Brewing in McMinnville. Many thanks to Bob Hui for helping make this special day happen!



## AROO Cup #2 Recap

By Paul Eklund

We had 18 teams start (and 18 finish) AROO CUP Rally #2 on Sunday. The day was weepy, with intermittent rain, but it was all smiles at the brewery finish near Estacada. We introduced the RICHTA APP for additional CHECKPOINTS, which also gave rallyists instant feedback on how they were doing. All checkpoints were hidden including a couple manned ones. Contestants liked the instant feedback and the ability to easily take Time Allowances which rainy roads and local traffic made necessary in places. But where the APP really shined was the ability to anticipate where rallyists may go off course, and to drop an OFF-COURSE electronic Route Control. So the errant car gets a "ding" and a message to TURN AROUND and go back to the previous intersection. This kept MOST cars on the route, with those RC's triggered about 5-6 times. The route was a joy to drive and just enough route following to keep it interesting. This is the model for the upcoming NW Classic Car Challenge this summer.

One of the more interesting checkpoints was manned by Bill Eastman and Lisa Burton, with cars coming right up to the checkpoint board, but TURNING RIGHT on Engstrom Rd just 20 feet before the checkpoint, then looping around the neighborhood before driving past the checkpoint for a score. A few cars, seeing the imminent checkpoint, forgot to turn right at their 2nd opp (Engstrom) and passed the checkpoint early. This is called a "blackjack" checkpoint (lures you into it).

There were a few hiccups caused by the rallymasters (one incorrect time put into the APP), but no reported problems with contestants and many good scores. John and Maria were off to a great start, but apparently drove off course somewhere and failed to catch up despite a max time allowance. Combining electronic and manned checkpoints slowed the scoring process a bit, but final scores are shown below.

Car	Team	CLASS	Position in CLASS	Total
1	McNabb's	V	8th V	447
2	Vlad Tim	V	3rd V	272
3	Grayson Gretz	S	3rd S	352
4	Steve Kathleen Poland	V	4th V	294
5	Dennis Claudia	V	7th V	390
6	Russ Kate	V	2nd V	173
7	Simon Ben	V	1st V	169
8	Clemson Zaitz	S	1st S	142
9	Hurst Romanski Crimson Forester	V	14th V	900
10	Sue & Bill	S	2nd S	307
11	Atif Shane	V	5th V	310
12	Ed Frank Bob Ellis	V	6th V	321
13	Frank Mariela	V	13th V	631
14	Bob Puff	V	12th V	626
15	Harmon laboni	V	9th V	483
16	Chentao Sangwook	V	14th V	900
17	John Maria	V	10th V	538
18	Neil d'	V	11th V	545

Drivers	AROO#1	AROO#2	Total	Class	Navigators	AROO#1	AROO#2	Total	Class
John Clemson	8	10	18	Std	Doug Zaitz	8	10	18	Std
Ed Grayson	7	7	14	Std	Jeff Gretz	7	7	14	Std
Paul Eklund	10		10	Std	Yulia Smolyansky	10		10	Std
Sue Colisch		8	8	Std	Bill Colisch		8	8	Std
John Joyce			0	Std	Brian Joyce			0	Std
			0	Std	Greg Diloreto			0	Std
Simon Levear	8	10	18	Vint	Ben Bradley	8	10	18	Vint
Russ Sherrell	3	8	11	Vint	Kate Sherrell	3	8	11	Vint
Sue Colisch	10		10	Vint	Bill Colisch	10		10	Vint
John Johnson	7	1	8	Vint	Maria Menor	7	1	8	Vint
Dennis Howell	5	3	8	Vint	Claudia Reinhaus	5	3	8	Vint
Ed Frank	4	4	8	Vint	Bob Ellis	4	4	8	Vint
Bob Stevens	6	1	7	Vint	Puff Stevens	6	1	7	Vint
Vlad Valuev		7	7	Vint	Tim Valuev		7	7	Vint
Steve Poland		6	6	Vint	Kathleen Poland		6	6	Vint
Atif Zaman		5	5	Vint	Shane Fanning		5	5	Vint
James Hurst	2	1	3	Vint	Rob Romanski	2	1	3	Vint
Frank Filice	1	1	2	Vint	Lisa McNabb		2	2	Vint
Fred McNabb		2	2	Vint	Maria Botella	1	1	2	Vint
Chentao Yu		1	1	Vint	Nicolas labone		1	1	Vint
Jacob Harmon		1	1	Vint	Sangwook Moon		1	1	Vint
Neil d'Autremont		1	1	Vint				0	Vint



# **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](mailto: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  
503-362-8597





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## Northwest Classic Car Challenge

*Rally & Tour*

# August 3rd - 6th, 2023

An Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon Event



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Questions: 503-421-9388

Donald & Leslie Jackson, Chairs



## EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:

Board Meeting on Zoom at 7 PM Contact Chris Bright at [chris.bright@alfaclub.org](mailto: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 45<sup>th</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Ryan McDonough, of Portland  
Maria Menor, of Portland

### Member Anniversaries

Ruth Hall – 1 year	Maynard Chambers – 14 years
Susan Corey – 1 year	George Kraus – 17 years
Pat and Bill Stevenson – 1 year	Stephen Ruben – 18 years
Ricky Rodosta – 1 year	Rick Martin – 20 years
Kurt Shanaman – 1 year	Ted Gathe – 25 years
Lila Dale – 2 years	Sharon Wylie – 25 years
John Johnson – 3 years	Richard Slusser – 25 years
Alex Martin-Banzer – 3 years	★ Cindy Banzer – 30 years !
Robert Smith – 3 years	★ Keith Martin – 30 years !
Robert Quinn – 5 years	★ Stu and Shirley Moss – 33 years !
Jeff Gray – 5 years	★ Erik Roe – 34 years !
Joseph Angel – 7 years	★ Frank Filice – 35 years !
Stephen Godish – 9 years	★ Steve and Tina Davis – 37 years !
Greg and Barbara Byes – 10 years	★ Grant Prentice – 38 years !
Kevin Blount – 13 years	★★ Michael Barmache – 44 years !!
Paul Kinville – 13 years	★★ Thomas Nelson – 46 years !!



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

★ *Members that have been with the club longer than 30 years.*  
★★ *Members that have been with the club longer than 40 years.*

## Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:57

**Location:** Zoom

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

Guest: Yulia Smolyansky

Excused: Glenn Dolphin

President Chris Bright opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

### 1. AROO Board

Chris Bright moved to elect Chris Finks to the remainder of his term. The motion was seconded and passed.

### 2. Minutes (Sue Halton)

Cindy Banzer moved to approve the minutes after the spelling of some of the names were corrected.

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

Treasurer Cindy Banzer stated that approximately \$30,000 had been collected for the Challenge.

### 4. Membership (Steve Davis)

The club currently has 217 members. We lost 4 members. 2 of which were platinum business members, Steve Hunker and Jennifer Barker.

### 5. Past Events (Chris Bright)

A. AROO Cup School (Paul Eklund) March 11, 2023. The school had 18 attendees on Zoom and 8 people in person.

B. AROO Cup #1 (Paul Eklund) – March 12, 2023. 13 cars attended the Rally.

C. March General Membership Meeting – March 15, 2023 at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Jeff Zurschmeide was the speaker. There were 18 people in attendance. It had a zoom component.

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

A. Registrations

i. We have received 30 registrations, but 9 have not yet paid. 17 through Club Express and 8 by mail. 2 people want to participate for 1 day only. 9 people are undecided.

ii. Registration now costs \$800.

a. Doug reported that Club Express allows two prices. He accidentally “lost” navigator and car information on 10 entries. If he cannot recover the information he will have to call each registrant to get it back.

b. Avants pricing: Avants members have access to a discount code for a credit of \$50, so they only pay \$750. This expires on July 1, 2023..

iii. Paul Eklund asked if we send acknowledgements to the registrants. Doug said we do if they register through Club Express. He plans to manually send an email to those who have registered by snail mail. Paul wants each entrant to get a Rally School program before the Rally.

B. Publicity

i. Leslie Jackson said she would like photos of the entry cars, but did not know how to get them. After discussion, Board members asked Doug to send an email to current Entrees requesting pictures of their cars.

C. Hotel

i. Doug reported that The Valley River Inn has had a fire. It looks serious.

D. Sponsorships

i. Paul said we have received \$13,800 to date.

### 7. Upcoming Events

A. AROO Cup #2 (Paul Eklund) –April 16, 2023. Paul and Yulia Smolyansky are the Rally Masters. 13 cars are registered.

B. Forest Grove Concourse – April 19, 2023 – Allen Steven.

C. April General Membership Meeting – April 19, 2023. Open.

D. AROO and Evergreen (Chris Bright) – April 22, 2023. Evergreen has given us a group discount, but we must prepay for the tickets. 20 people are signed up.

E. Old Spider Tour (Bill Gilham) – Saturday May 6, 2023. From the Santiam River Rest Area to Florence.

F. AROO Cup #3 (Paul Eklund) – May 21, 2023. Simon Levere is the Rally Master.

G. May Tour (Patrick laboni) – Will lead the tour himself or find someone else.

H. May General Membership Meeting – Chris B. will ask Ed Godshalke to speak about his Buguatti. The location is to be decided.

I. AROO Cup #4 (Paul Eklund) – June 12, 2023.

Nicolas laboni is the Rally Master.

J. Summer Solstice Tour and Barbeque (Steve Davis) – June 17, 2023. Steve has invited several people from Vintage Underground.

K. June Evening Tour – Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Chris B. and Patrick laboni will look for a tour leader.

L. Doug Zaitz reported that Italian Day at Cars and Coffee is coming up. Chris Finks will take the lead on this.

### 8. AROC (Cindy Banzer)

A. Doug was elected to the AROC Board.

B. The U.S. Grand Prix has a waiting list.

C. The Italy trip has 50 people going and a waiting list.

D. The Utah Rally is doing well.

E. Insurance is getting more expensive and harder to find. Fewer companies are willing to insure “mobile” events.

### 9. AlfaBits

James is in Japan, so Chris B. will produce the May issue.

### 10. Minutes of the Special Meeting

Chris B. moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting as corrected. The minutes were seconded and passed.

Sue Halton

Board Secretary

## Minutes

**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2023

**Time:** 5:02 – 5:32

**Location:** Zoom

Present: Chris Bright, Cindy Banzer, Lila Dale, Steve Davis, Glenn Dolphin, Paul Eklund, Chris Finks, Sue Halton, Patrick Iaboni and Doug Zaitz  
Guest: Yulia Smolyansky, Lesley Jackson and Dennis Howell

President Chris Bright opened the meeting at 5:02 PM.

### 1. AROO Board

A. Chris Bright announced we have a quorum.

B. Chris Bright reminded the board that on March 12<sup>th</sup> the board passed a motion to cancel the NW Challenge if we had not reached \$15,000 in sponsorships and 50 cars registered to participate in the Challenge.

i. We have received 42 registrations, but 4 have not yet paid.

ii. \$14,000 has been pledged so far.

C. Steve Davis moved to allow the Rally to continue since we are financially close to the goal. The motion was seconded.

Yeas - Banzer, Bright, Dale, Davis, Dolphin, Eklund, Halton, Zaits

Nays – Finks

Abstain – Iaboni

The motion passed with a vote of 8 to 1 and 1.

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

A. Hotel

i. The Valley River Inn has had a fire. Paul Eklund reported that the Inn has pushed their reopening date to 3 days before the event. We will NOT be continuing forward with The Valley River Inn. The Valley River Inn has indicated we can cancel and get our deposit back.

ii. Paul has reserved a block of 50 rooms at The Holiday Inn Express. They don't have kitchen facilities which means we will need to bring in our own caterers.

a. Steve Davis said that there are 3 additional hotels in the area. Participants who register late can book them.

iii. Steve Davis voiced concerns about transferring

guests from the Valley River Inn to the Holiday River Inn Express. Paul said the Representative from the Valley River Inn may be able to transfer those already booked to the Holiday Inn Express.

iv. Steve also suggested that Paul write a letter to the hotel to formalize the cancellation.

v. Cindy suggested we obtain a list of guests from the Valley River Hotel so we have a list of names to help with the transfer.

B. Food

i. The Holiday Inn Express offers breakfast included in the room rate. There is also a Denny's and a Shari's within walking distance of the Hotel.

ii. The Holiday Inn Express does not have a restaurant so we will use caterers or a separate restaurant for meals. We expect the overall cost for food will be less than last year's.

iii. If 42 cars attend, we expect the budget to break even.

iv. Paul plans to go to the Holiday Inn Express this week.

C. Sponsorships

i. Paul said we have received \$14,700 to date. Dennis indicated there might be some late people so we're expecting somewhere in the low \$14,000.

D. Patrick Iaboni asked if we stand to lose or gain from the event based on the current budget.

i. Paul Eklund said we would have a \$900 loss.

ii. Chris Bright asked what the cost would be if the event were cancelled. Paul said it would be a \$1600 - \$2400 loss.

iii. Steve Davis stated that the cost last year was \$48,000. He is comfortable with the current estimated numbers.

a. Steve stated that the final income last year was \$33,700 and we have already exceeded that amount.

iv. Cindy Banzer stated that we currently have \$43,200 in the Rally account. That does not include the \$5,000 in sponsorships and the few participants who have registered and have yet to pay for the event.

Sue Halton  
Board Secretary



## 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 Iaboni 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 Iaboni) – 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

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to attend our meetings  
on the first Wednesday of the month.

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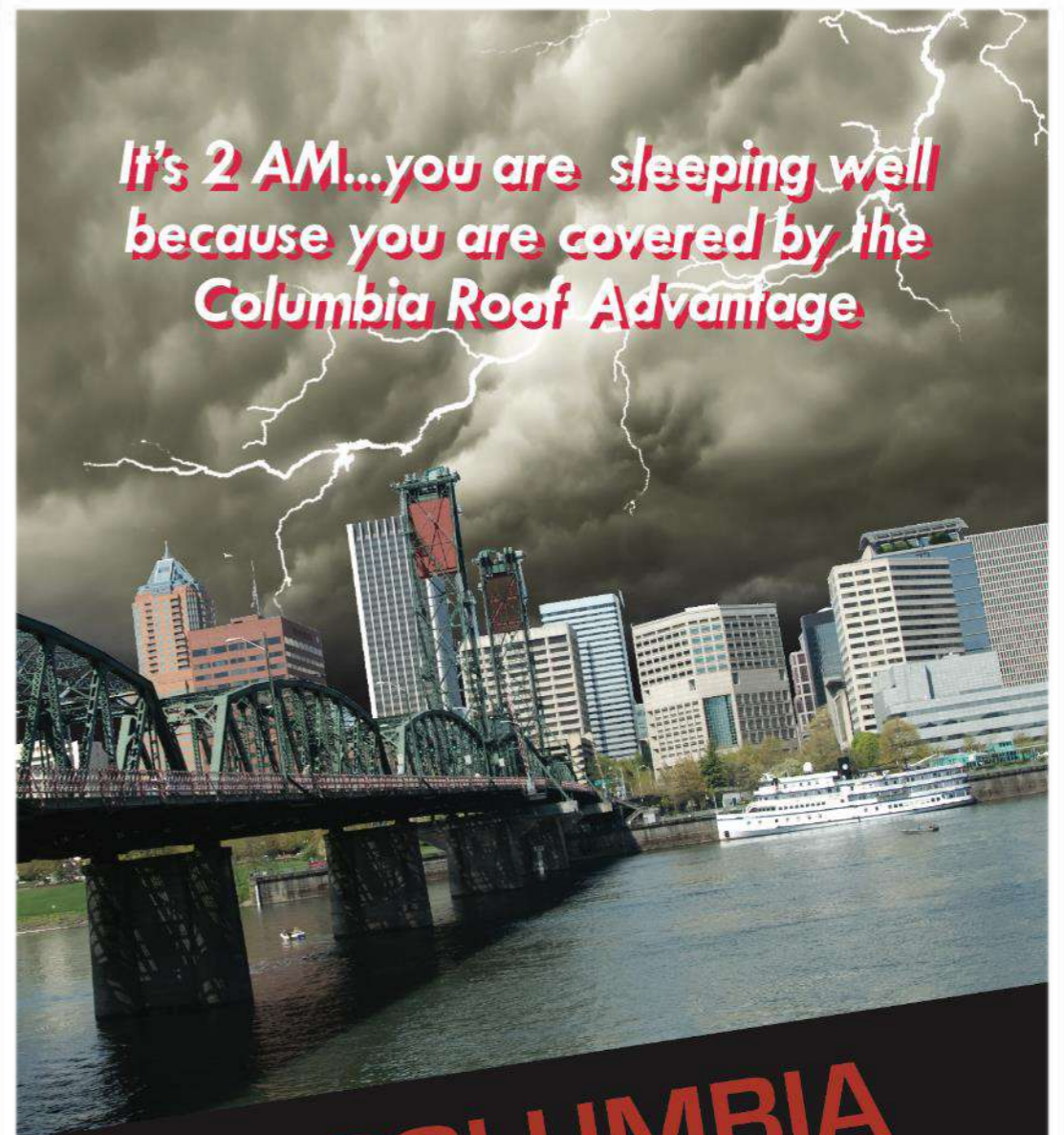
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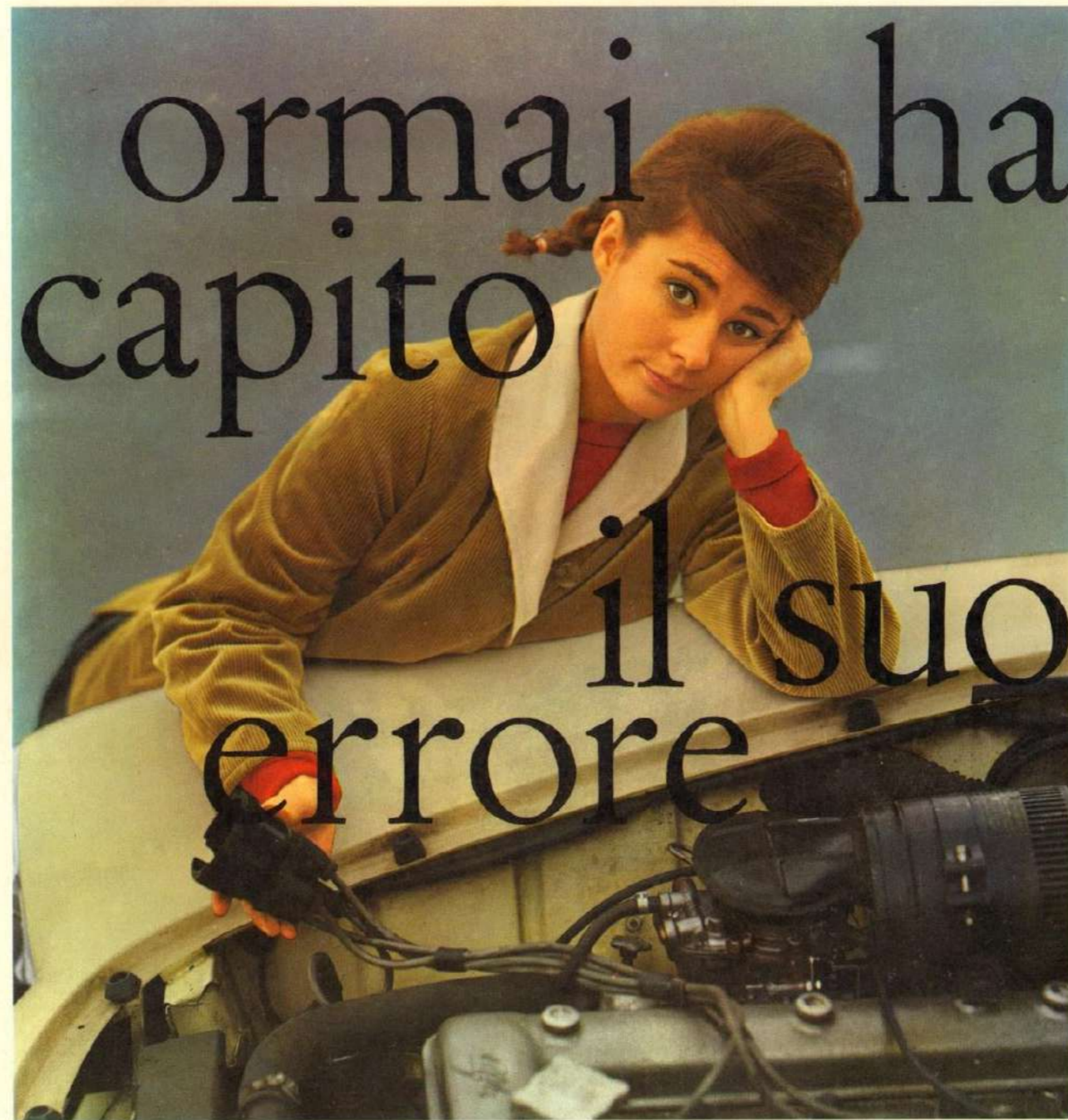
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