

Meeting Recap of AROO Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Chris recorded the meeting, which can be reviewed if desired. Here are the highlights:

First off – thanks to all who attended. Special Thanks to Paul, who dialed in from Portugal (3:30am his time!).

Attended: Steve Davis, Steve Hunker, Frank Filice, Doug Zaitz, Chris Bright, Tom Gammons, Lila Dale, Ian Lomax, Paul Eklund

Absences were Cindy Banzer (proxy to Chris) Sue Halton (proxy to Doug).

Upcoming Events:

- Valentines Tour (Sunday, 2/18) is SET; John Clemson will lead, tour written, restaurant locked in – Thanks to Doug for running point on this!
- February General Meeting (Wednesday, 2/21) is SET; location is Old Spaghetti Factory, 6:30pm; Agenda is Steve D to present Calendar; Doug to show pics from Montreal Meetup at Alfa Museum
- Rally School (Saturday, March 9) is SET; location Langers Entertainment, Time 9:00am; Zoom will be set up; Paul/Doug will email past rally attendees, Doug will email blast club
- Rally Cup #1 (Sunday, March 10) is SET; starting location is Wilsonville Rest Stop (southbound I-5); first car out 10am; Doug will email blast club
- March General Meeting (Wednesday, 3/20) is OPEN; normal location/time; agenda is open TBD; Chris will work on this
- Larry Vollum Tour (Saturday 3/30) is TENTATIVE; Chris is working with Larry to confirm

Note going forward: One of the challenges for the General Meeting is the collection of money. Chris has been doing this in the past, and he's had to fund some of this personally. At each general meeting, Chris should have an "assistant" to collect the money and ensure that everyone has paid. For the Feb General Meeting, Steve and Doug will assist.

Rally (with props again for Paul giving this report in his 'Zombie Hours')

- Entries are trickling in – Doug sent out email blast recently, resulting in a few more
- Hotel is confirmed, although no money is needed to commit (Inn at Cross Keys Station, Madras)
- Food plans are coming together – ALMA catering will be doing some; Paul has some creative ideas for other meals
- Simon Lavear is writing the route
- Paul needs help with Sponsorship and Volunteers (Steve's note – these are both KEY roles... we need to find people to help Paul out ASAP!)

Paul will be back from Portugal on Feb 14th. He'll have a more detailed report, with numbers at the next meeting (Mar 6th)

New Business

- Calendar
 - 2024 Events Calendar was APPROVED; many of the events now have a Board Sponsor. The Calendar is ~~attached~~, with updates from the meeting.
 - *Note – Calendar is posted on AROO Web Site and in February AlfaBits*
 - Some of the events still need to be finalized and confirmed with others; please update me/Board as this is done.

- The Summer Evening Tour, originally scheduled for June 19, has been cancelled because there is enough going on already.
- Only a few events are still without Sponsor; those are toward the end of the year.
- Ian is running point on the “Old Car” Tech Session (April 17). Doug mentioned that Bob Piacintini is also interested in holding a Tech Session; Ian and Doug can work together to determine if these should be combined OR if we should schedule in another Tech session later in the Spring/Summer for Bob.
- We want to get the word out about the Forest Grove Concours being AROO’s “official” Concorso. Lila is running point on this event, and will coordinate with our contacts to make this happen.
- Doug also mentioned the Oswego Car Show as a site for AROO’s Concorso; perhaps we shoot for this in 2025 and rotate the event between these two shows – TBD.
- Social Media Tool – Discord
 - Lila presented a screen demo of “Discord” – tool that we could use to stay more immediately in touch as a club.
 - Lila created an AROO section, and broke it down into different subsections (for instance, a BoD section that only we could access). There are also subsections for car types and location geographies (PDX, Valley, South, etc.).
 - The idea behind this is that people could post “pop-up” events (“Hey, I’m heading to the coast for lunch on Saturday. Anyone want to join me?”), as well as this is another way for us to keep up pushing our official events to the membership
 - Membership in this is voluntary – the club can’t sign up people to it. Access is either by mobile device or by URL on a PC/Mac
 - Lila sent out an invitation in the Zoom chat for Board Members to sign up. She will also send out an invitation in our Text String. We are still in “Test Mode”, so sign up if you want to – the more people we have, the better we are able to test the different functions of the app.

Any Other Business – no time

Next Meeting Agenda

- Paul - Detailed Overview of Rally
- Cindy - Detailed Overview of Treasury (if time permits – may be pushed to April)
- Lila - Update on testing with Discord
- Ian – Update on Club Outreach project
- Plus all the other stuff

Last thing – I’m putting together the AlfaBits for February – it will still be a cut-down version, but will contain the Event Calendar, special mention of upcoming events, and a few other things.

Last LAST thing – I spoke to my contacts in ARA, especially Hutson Hart, who coordinates Concorso Italiano for Alfa/AROC/ARA – he says that there has been NOTHING in the way of communication from Tom or anyone at CI. If he hears it’s officially “Dead” or “Alive”, he will let me know, but he’s thinking the worst at this point.

Be safe out there!
steve