

Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Oregon

Minutes

Date: Wednesday August 7th, 2024

Time: 7:34- 8:39

Location: Zoom

Present: Steve Davis, Lila Dale, Paul Eklund, Frank Felice, Tom Gammons, Sue Halton, Steve Hunker, and Doug Zaitz

Excused: Cindy Banzer (proxy to Sue), and Chris Bright

Absent: Ian Lomax

Steve Davis opened the meeting.

1. **Minutes:** (Sue Halton)

Doug Zaitz moved to approve the minutes for the June Board Meeting as emailed. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Cindy Banzer has sent out an updated treasury report via email.

3. **Membership** (Steve Davis)

We have 205 members.

4. **Past Events**

A. Wine Tour (Doug Zaits and Russ Paine)

Doug Zaitz reported that the Wine Tour was well attended. We went to Hawksview Winery. The winery itself was so popular that many attendees failed to go on to lunch. The tour was self funded.

B. AROO Cup Rally #4, Tour, and dinner (Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky)

Paul Eklund reported that the rally, tour, and dinner were very well attended. Steve Davis complimented Paul on how extremely well done the event was.

5. **Upcoming Events**

A. Tech Session

A New Car Tech Session was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday August 21st. Since this event has not yet been planned, after discussion the board decided to cancel it.

B. General Membership Meeting: (Steve Davis)

A General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 18th at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

C. Fall Overnight Tour (Tom McGirr, Doug Zaitz)

Doug Zaitz reported that Tom McGirr puts on two tours a year. The upcoming Fall Tour to Yachats, OR is scheduled for October 5th and 6th. Tom requests funding of \$200 for hor d'oeuvres. The tour usually is attended by about 30 members. Doug moved to have the club donate up to \$200 for Tom McGirr's Fall Tour. The motion was seconded and passed.

D. Hauglund Collection Drive (Steve Davis)

The drive will be Saturday, September 21st. Steve D. needs a leader to help organize the participants coming from Portland. The drive will start around 8:00-8:30, early enough in the day to spend 3.5 to 4 hours viewing the collection.

E. Old Super Tour: (Bill Gilham)

The Old Super Tour has been moved to Sunday, October 13th.

6. Review of the Year

A. Steve Hunker said overall he thought the year had gone well. Next year he would like to see more local tours in different locations. He would like to get to know more members of the club. He appreciated the board organization and the tech sessions.

B. Frank Felice said, "I want to drive cars, I want to work on cars, I want to be with people who like to drive and work on cars." He appreciates the tech sessions and how well organized the club is.

C. Doug Zaitz said there are reasons we do some of the same events year after year. These are the popular, self funded, and well attended events that people continue to enjoy. It is important for a club like this to have a core group of active members and our core group is "aging out".

D. Lila Dale said everything seems fine to her. She would be interested in leading the Covered Bridge Tour mentioned by Doug Z. She also said we should try to make more of an impact using social media.

E. Sue Halton said she appreciates the positive atmosphere in the board meetings. She thinks it is very important to plan ahead and to space events evenly. As Doug Z. indicated, the Club is in transition. The previous core group is being replaced by a new group with changing interests. The challenge is to manage a smooth transition keeping the best of both groups. She likes having the Tech sessions and the more social Spaghetti Factory meetings as well as the Rallies and Tours.

F. Tom Gammons said he is enjoying the Board experience. He misses the Old Spaghetti Factory social meetings, and thinks we should make an effort to reinstate regular dinner meetings.

G. Paul Eklund overall thinks the club is doing very well. He commented that we only see about 50 of our 200+ members. Because of that we do need some social evening meetings. He also misses the weekday evening tours which were held during the summer.

H. Steve Davis thinks we should use Club Express to ask members what events they would like to attend. He would also like to hold a Club Concorso, perhaps in association with Oswego Heritage Council Collector Car & Classic Boat Show.

I. Discussion

- i. The board agreed that the Club should offer more opportunities for members to socialize. Fond memories of The Old Spaghetti Factory meetings were mentioned multiple times. Several ideas were mentioned: a car show where members of the club gather to socialize, a speed-dating type of event, perhaps at The Old Spaghetti Factory dinner, where people would circulate and share five minutes about themselves and their cars.
- ii. A survey using Club Express might be sent out to get members' opinions on the events they would like to attend. Overall, the Board would like to see a mix of events: dinners with speakers, tours including an evening tour, rallies including both the AROO Cup and the NW Classic Rally, tech sessions, and possibly a Concorso.

7. Announcements

At the September Board Meeting, we will discuss whether or not there will be a 2025 NW Classic Rally. The Rally will only be held if enough people are willing to work on it. This year no one volunteered to be the Volunteer Coordinator or to chair the Sponsorship Committee.

8. Steve D. adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm

Sue Halton,
Board Secretary