

# Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Oregon

## Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024

**Time:** 7:41- 8:43

**Location:** Zoom

Present: Steve Davis, Cindy Banzer, Paul Eklund, Frank Filice, Tom Gammons, and Steve Hunker

Excused: Chris Bright (Proxy to Steve Davis), Doug Zaitz (Proxy to Sue Halton)

Absent: Ian Lomax, Sue Halton, Lila Dale

Steve Davis opened the meeting.

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

Frank's name was spelled wrong in the August minutes. Cindy Banzer moved to approve the minutes for the August Board Meeting as emailed. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Cindy Banzer commented that the treasury is in good standing. The Rally Cup series provided a small profit. The picnic broke even. She reported that there is about \$58,000 in the Club checking account and around \$10,000 in the Rally account. Steve Davis requested the money be left in the Rally account until plans for next year are finalized.

3. **Membership** (Steve Davis)

Steve Davis will send an updated number for membership in an email after the fifth of the month.

4. **Upcoming Events**

A. General Membership Meeting: (Steve Davis)

The General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 18th. A speaker is still needed. Steve asked if there was value in simply getting together.

There was resounding support for this from the Board. Steve will contact Chris Bright to confirm that the Old Spaghetti Factory will be available and if not, find another location.

- i. Paul Eklund suggested putting out a notice before the meeting stating that the theme of the meeting will be the opportunity to see and talk with one's friends.
- ii. (((?))) suggested finding someone who would speak about the past events of the year so far and perhaps include a slideshow of pictures from these events.
- iii. Steve Hunker reminded the Board of his speed-dating idea. He pointed out that once they are seated, people are limited to the conversation of four or five

others. His idea gives people the opportunity to have conversations with people they don't normally talk to.

- iv. Paul E. suggested that rather than using the term "speed-dating," say that people would be invited to talk about their projects and listen to others.
  - v. (((Steve H.?))) said he has participated in get togethers in where the hosts put questions under some plates, and when people sit down one person goes first and answers their question, they then choose someone else to answer the question which they do, that person then answers the question hidden under their own plate, answers it and then chooses someone else, the game ends when everyone has gone and the last question is returned to the first player.
- B. Tour of Haglund Collection: (Steve Davis)  
The Tour is scheduled for Saturday September 21st. Steve D. still needs a tour leader for this event. The group will meet at the southbound Wilsonville rest stop and leave between 8:30 and 9:00, arriving around 10:15-10:30. Alex said it will take over three hours to tour the collection. Steve said about 8 people have RSVPd in the affirmative so far. Frank volunteered to be tour leader.
- C. Old Super Tour: (Steve Davis)  
The Tour is scheduled for Sunday October 13th, however Bill has asked if it could be moved to Saturday the 12th. Bill and Miriam Gillham are working on the route. Steve wants to put an advanced notice in the newsletter where people can directly RSVP. Though he cannot attend, he requests photos and support from the remaining Board members.
- D. The Holiday Party: (Cindy Banzer)  
The party is scheduled for Sunday December 8th at Migrations. It will begin at 5:30, pizza will be served at 6:00, and the auction will begin as dinner ends.

**5. Newsletter:** (Steve Davis)

- A. The Board agrees that communication with members is very important. Steve D. asked members in an AlfaBits article how they got their information. The ten who responded said; 1st - Doug's email blasts, 2nd - AlfaBits, and 3rd - Facebook. A lengthy discussion followed. The main points were as follows:
- i. To continue AlfaBits in its current form, we must find an editor.
    - a. Steve Davis asked Board members to help with the search.
    - b. Pay a member to be an editor.
    - c. Get sponsors to pay someone to edit AlfaBits.
    - d. Divide the editorship into two month intervals and have multiple editors.
  - ii. Steve D. asked what other methods we might use.
    - a. Convert AlfaBits into a list of links.
    - b. Simplify AlfaBits to a six month or one year calendar list of events that could be printed by members.
    - c. Communicate with members using texts. After discussion it was concluded that we do not yet have the technology to reach 200 members.

- B. Steve Hunker suggested that the theme of the upcoming September 18th General Membership Meeting be "What Do You Want From Your Club?" All agreed.

**6. Announcements**

Cindy warned the Board about the Alfa Romeo safety recall for cars built during and after 2017. She urged Alfa owners to contact their dealer and have their car fixed. She commented that appointments with the Oregon dealer were being scheduled quite far in the future and were expected to take longer to complete than at other dealerships.

**7. Action Items**

- A. Steve will speak with Chris Bright about meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory for the September 18th General Membership Meeting.
- B. He also plans to continue the discussion of the NW Classic Rally at the next Board meeting.

Steve D. adjourned the meeting at 8:43.

Sue Halton,  
Board Secretary