



# Alfa Bits

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## From Steve Davis - AROO Board President

Hello AROO Members!

This afternoon I'm sitting in my study, looking at the ½" sheet of ice that blankets our property. It sure seems like Winter 2024 is starting out to be a doozie for all of us!

Please - stay warm, dry and safe!

Let's call this the "abbreviated" AlfaBits for January 2024.



We still have an opening for an editor, and in the meantime, the members of the Board will be providing updates.

First things first – at the December meeting, held right after the Holiday Dinner, yours truly was elected AROO Board President.

I'm looking ahead to a fun 2024, and all of us on the Board are committed to making this the best year ever.

Speaking of the Board, here's the list of members and the new elected officers.

Of note is that we have FOUR first-time Board Members this year!

Over the course of the year, each will be introducing themselves to you all.

I also want to recognize the three departing AROO Board Members: Glenn Dolphin, Chris Finks and Patrick Iaboni.

Thank you for volunteering, for providing your input and expertise, and for your help making the Board and the Club had a successful 2023!

## Welcome your 2024 AROO Board of Directors

- o Cindy Banzer, Treasurer
- o Chris Bright, Past President
- o Lila Dale
- o Steve Davis, President
- o Paul Eklund
- o Frank Filice (new)
- o Tom Gammons (new)
- o Sue Halton, Secretary
- o Steve Hunker, Vice President (new)
- o Ian Lomax (new)
- o Doug Zaitz



Photo Credit: Bob Piacentini, Left - James Parker, Right - Chris Bright

I can't thank these two enough for keeping AROO running and communicating during our most challenging years.

**On to 2024!** Once the snow and ice disappear, the fun will start!

**Due to our weather, we will NOT have a January General Meeting, nor are we planning any events.**

The first event of the year will be the **Annual Valentines Tour, scheduled for Sunday, February 18**. Watch for more information about this event as we get closer, but mark those calendars now (and let's hope we don't have more of 'this stuff').

Closely after that, on Wednesday, **February 21, we will hold our first General Meeting**. Watch for info on location and time, but likely the same as in the past. While we may have another speaker, we will present the 2024 calendar of events, which the Board is working on as of this writing. We will "Zoom it" also.

The only other events that are "locked in" as of now have to do with the Northwest Classic Car Challenge, and the associated Rally School/Rally Cup. It's always worth a reminder that the NWCCC is one of the longest operating rallies in the USA, and also one of the longest running events in all of national AROC.

Last year, organizers Paul and Yulia added some fun and modern features, while keeping true to the classic nature of this Time-Speed-Distance rally. This is one of the best, and best-run rallies in the USA. And, if you've never run a TSD before, we have a cure for that also! Our AROO rally school is custom-tailored to teach teams how to compete and win.

Please consider joining the Rally School and the associated four-event AROO Rally Cup series, even if you are unable to join the NWCCC! Here's the dates:

- Rally School: Saturday, March 11
- Rally Cup #1: Sunday, March 12
- Rally Cup #2: Sunday, April 10
- Rally Cup #3: Sunday, May 5
- Rally Cup #4: Sunday, June 9
- 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Classic Car Challenge: Friday, June 27-Sunday, June 30

Sign-ups for the Rally School & Rally Cup series will be out soon.

**You should sign up for the Northwest Classic Car Challenge right now**, by going to the NWCCC website - simply use the button below. There is an awesome video there, and all the stuff you need to know, including registration! The early registration discount ends on January 31st.

[Click here to visit the Northwest Classic Car Challenge Website](#)

Finally, if you've read down this far – thanks!

I want to close by sharing a bit of information about me, your Board Prez for 2024.

My wife, Tina, and I live just outside of Eugene, having moved there from the SF Bay Area in 2017.

We've been AROC members for 38 years (really??), in the Connecticut and Delta Sierra chapters prior to AROO.

I'm also a 40-year member of ARA (off and on, I must admit).



Over the years, I've owned eight Alfas, and am currently in possession of a '91 Spider and a '76 Alfaetta GT. Only one of the eight was bought new – a 1987 Milano, in which my daughter was nearly born as we raced through the streets of Springfield, Massachusetts on the way to the hospital!

I've had the honor (and headaches) of chairing two National Conventions – the '89 event in Waterbury, CT, and the 2013 "AlfaCalifornia" event in Sonoma County. And no, I'm not doing it again!!

Every year, Tina and I host a picnic for AROO at our house, and we have AROO-ers from all over the state attend – one of the nice things about being somewhat centrally located. Finally, and most importantly, we have two married children; our daughter & husband living in Eugene with our 2-year-old grandson (who comes to the picnic and knows an Alfa when he sees one!), and our son & wife living the musician's life in Nashville.

Moving up here to Oregon was truly one of the best decisions we ever made, and we love it here. Next time you see me, please come by and introduce yourself – I want to learn about you and your Alfas! Here's to a great year enjoying our club and our Cars – Viva Alfa and Viva AROO!

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