



Alfa Bits

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE ALFA ROMEO OWNERS OF OREGON

July 2024 Volume 56 Issue 7



Who We Are

AROO (Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon) is a car club celebrating Alfa Romeo cars and lifestyle. We have more than 200 individual members throughout Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. AROO is affiliated with the national Alfa Romeo Owners Club. Our club mailing address is:

6505 SE Stark St., Portland, OR 97215

AROO website: www.alfaclub.org

AROC website: www.aroc-usa.org



We welcome Alfa owners, admirers and lovers of our beautiful Italian machines. To join, go to the AROC web site, click on "Membership" and follow the prompts to join AROC. At the prompt, choose AROO (Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon) as your club.

Meetings and Events

Our club holds events throughout the year! We often meet the third Wednesday of each month. Our calendar of events is posted at the right, and on our web site [HERE](#) and includes General Meetings, tours, tech sessions, picnics/eateries, and more.

Join the Conversation!

Go to our Social Media sites for up-to-the-minute information on events and happenings.



2024 AROO Board of Directors

The AROO Board meets most months on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm via ZOOM. All members are encouraged to join us. Please reach out to the Club President to receive a ZOOM invite.

Click on the name below to email us!

- Board President: [Steve Davis](#)
- Board Vice-President: [Steve Hunker](#)
- Board Secretary: [Cindy Banzer](#)
- Board Treasurer: [Sue Halton](#)
- Ex-Officio/Ex-President: [Chris Bright](#)
- Board Members: [Lila Dale](#)
[Paul Eklund](#)
[Frank Filice](#)
[Tom Gammons](#)
[Ian Lomax](#)
[Doug Zaitz](#)

Minutes for all Board Meetings are posted on the AROO web site [HERE](#)

In this Issue...

- Big Upcoming Events!
Summer Wine Tour
- Recap of the Rally Cup #4
and Butteville General Store
dinner

2024 AROO Calendar of Events!

Links to register/RSVP or Recaps in [<Green>](#)

Event Name	2024 Date
Annual Valentines Tour/Lunch	Sun, 2/18
General Meeting - Old Spaghetti Factory	Wed, 2/21
Rally School	Sat, 3/9
Rally Cup #1	Sun, 3/10
General Meeting	Wed, 3/20
Rally Cup #2	Sun, 4/7
General Meeting - Alfas in LeMons	Wed, 4/17
Rally Cup #3	Sun, 5/5
45th Old Spider Tour/Giulietta 70th Anniv	Sat, 5/18
AROC NATIONAL CONV - MICHIGAN	5/28-6/2
4th Annual SummerFun Tour/Picnic	Sat, 6/1
Tech Session/General Meeting - 503/Sauber <RSVP>	Wed, 6/26
Rally Cup #4 - TOUR & DINNER! <Registration>	Sun, 6/30
Summer Tour - Salem-Gearhart-Kalama <INFO>	Fri-Sun, 6/14-16
Northwest Classic Challenge	CANCELED CANCELED
Alfa Wannabe Tour - Historic Lodges <INFO>	July 4-15
Annual Wine Tour/Picnic	Sat, 7/20
Forest Grove Concours	Sun, 7/21
Monterey Car Week	8/9-8/18
New Car Tech Session	Wed, 8/21
General Meeting - Old Spaghetti Factory	Wed, 9/18
Alfetta 50th Anniv Tour to Haugland Collection	Sat. 9/21
Annual Old Super Tour	Sun, 10/13
General Mtg	Wed, 11/20
Annual Holiday Dinner & Tour	Sun, 12/8

Summer is certainly in full swing now! Lots of great Alfa events have passed, and many more are to come!

I want to share an event that Tina and I attended last weekend. We drove “the back way” up 99W from Eugene up through Monmouth and Amity to have dinner with the group running the all-day AROO Rally Cup #4. To refresh, Paul Eklund put this special event together due to the cancellation of the Northwest Classic. The tour ended at the Butteville General Store for a wonderful dinner, and that’s where we found them all! The cars were stretched all up and down the street - a stunning collection of sports cars including Jaguar, Porsche, Lotus, and of course Alfas, from old to new. There were easily 65 people there, enjoying tri-tip, chicken, some amazing “hash browns au gratin” (I gotta get that recipe!) and homemade ice cream. I had the chance to sit with Board Members Steve Hunker and Frank Filice, and their wonderful spouses, as well as with Marc and Carrie Ereminas. I met Marc way back in 1989, at the Connecticut National Convention that his father, Don, was instrumental in organizing. It was wonderful catching up... and he has the most stunning GTV6 you will ever see!

Something close to home... for those in the central/southern Willamette Valley... the little town of Coburg has a great little car show on August 3. Mostly hot rods and American classics, but we are trying to have an Alfa presence this year! Pat and Bill Stevenson will be there in their Giulietta and Tina and I will be there in either the Spider or (drumroll, please) the Alfetta! Yes folks, after three years, lots of sweat, and not a few dollars, the Alfetta is nearly ready for it’s unveiling... A big day on July 6th, as we started the engine in the car for the first time, checked the brakes & clutch, snicked it into first, and actually took it out on the street - first time under its own power in three years!!

Click [HERE](#) for more details on the Coburg Car Classic, and let me know if you are coming - we need to meet early to come in as a group! Email me at steve.davis@alfaclub.org.

Two more events deserve a place on your calendar - one coming up quickly! Doug Zaitz has mapped out the route for the Summer Wine Tour on **July 20** - a great day and a really nice winery. See later in this issue for more.

And... mark your calendars NOW for **September 21!** AROO will be driving down to Eugene to tour the Haugland collection! It’s also our celebration of the Alfetta’s 50th Anniversary, so bring your transaxle car to the party! More info later in this issue also. This is one not to miss!



The 76 Alfetta GT - spotted in the wild, under it’s own power - first time in three years!

Non-AROO 2024 Calendar of Events!

Info and Link in [<Green>](#) More info on [AROO Activities Page!](#)

Event Name		2024 Date
SVRA PIR Speedtour & Corral	<INFO>	7/26-28
Coburg Classic Car Show, Coburg	<INFO>	Sat, 8/3
Forest Grove Concours - attend	<INFO>	Sun, 7/21
Portland Yacht Club Boat and Car Show	<INFO>	Sat, 8/24
Oswego Heritage Car and Boat Show	<INFO>	Sun, 8/25
Shelby American Track Day at PIR		August TBD

RSVP

One of AROO's favorite and most-attended events is the Annual Summer Wine Tour - and it's coming up!!

Tour Leader Doug Zaitz promises more of our favorite local roads, a nice stop for tastings, and finishing up with a no-host lunch in the early afternoon. Here are the details:

Gather at [Beaverton Town Square](#) (Hwy 217 at Farmington Road (Ore 10) Starbucks / Fred Meyer parking lot beginning at 9:30 am; driver's meeting at 10:00 am and depart by 10:15 am.

This will be a casual drive through the Chehalem Mountains. Enjoy the roads and scenery, but please share the road and watch out for pedestrians and bicyclists - it's a busy time of year!

There will be a rest stop about 45 minutes into the tour, but please bring full tanks and empty bladders!

We will be tasting at Hawks View Winery near Sherwood - arrival time is about 12 noon. Address is 20210 SW Conzelmann Road, Sherwood, OR 97149 ([Google Map HERE](#)). Flights of wine or bottles, as well as non-alcoholic beverages and their full paired foods menu will be available for purchase.

The winery is the "official" end of the tour. For those who wish to continue, we will head to McMenamins "John Barleycorns" in Tigard ([14610 SW Sequoia Parkway, Tigard, OR 97223](#)) for lunch - arrival about 1:30.

[RSVP to Doug Zaitz - click on the RSVP button to email Doug](#). Any questions? Call Doug at 509-768-4312. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 17, so Doug can let the winery and restaurant know our numbers!

Enjoy the summer in Oregon - best climate and best roads in the country!



Two Alfa's for Sale by AROO'ers!

Dave Beach is selling his 1965 SPIDER VELOCE, including motor block, forged rods, forged pistons, veloce cams, rubber matting. Adapted for spin-on oil filter. 15 in. x 4.5 in. chrome rim set with BF Goodrich CompTAs and hubcaps. Original Pirelli P-3s included for concours showing. Un-assembled Parrish hardtop, painted with car. 15in. x 5.5 in. alloy rims with 175 street tires. leather seats, Robins top, tonneau cover, spare tire cover, tool kit. AGM battery with regulated alternator. Pertronix and Marelli electronic ignition. Bilstein shocks. Period correct radio and under-dash speaker. Original stainless wiper arms/blades stored in trunk. I've put 20k miles on the car since restoration was completed. Price: \$90,000 OBO, plus shipping. Contact Dave Beach beachblueberry@gmail.com or 503-307-6014.



Additionally, Marty Schneiderman is selling his 1987 Milano Gold. Dark Blue with Gray interior. This car has been in the PDX area for many years. Call Marty at 503-250-2732 for details

September 21 - RSVP HERE

RSVP

Calling all Alfas, and especially the transaxle variety! Alfa Romeo is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Alfetta, and by connection, the GTV6 and Milano also. What better way to celebrate than to drive down to Eugene to see the amazing auto collection of Alex and Amy Haugland.

Alex's collection now numbers over 200, and he recently consolidated them into two warehouses. Alex collects cars that reflect his sense of style, and you will see many "one of one's", as well as beautiful cars from England, Italy, Spain and more. At last count, Alex has nine Alfas, including a Montreal, a Sprint Special, a SZ, and more, including an Alfetta GT and a GTV6. Best of all, Alex drives them all on a regular basis, and it's not unusual to see he or Amy on the roads around Eugene.

Touring his collection takes time, so the plan will be to arrive at his first warehouse around 10:30. Therefore, the route may be backroads, but not too time-consuming. We'll then caravan the short distance to the other collection location. From there, we will plan a late lunch, probably at "Chiefs BBQ" in Coburg, which is right off I-5.

Stay tuned for more info on this. Tour info and details will be posted in the August AlfaBits.

Alex doesn't open his collection to the public, so it's a very special opportunity we have to share his incredible group of cars! Mark those calendars NOW!



Want to know a little more...?

From the web site: link [HERE](#)

"The Haugland Collection is based in Eugene, Oregon, and is a quickly growing, diverse private collection of foreign classic automobiles belonging to Alex and Amy Haugland. The collection consists of over 140 cars from 5 different countries across Europe as well as Japan. The cars range from mass produced entry level cars targeted at the masses to unique low production race cars and luxury automobiles. The goal of this website is to share this collection and the collector's love of the automobile more broadly with the world and give an insight into much of what makes it unique."

In addition to the web site above, Alex and Amy have created a YouTube channel called "[Everyday to Exotic](#)" where they take one car and analyze, drive and evaluate it. They have fun with the cars and their discussions are informative and joyful. And the first car they profiled was their 1971 Montreal!

Local parts and/or services for our vehicles that members have recently used with satisfactory results. If you have had a good experience with a 'local' vendor please share it with the club.

PDX Metro

[Beaverton Auto Upholstery](#), Beaverton, OR - installed interior package on 74 GTV. 9/23

[Automotive Outfitters](#), SE Portland, tires for 88 Verde. 8/21

[Nasko Imports](#), SE Portland - Long time Alfa support

[Botta Moto Works](#), N Portland, high performance vehicle repair and maintenance. 8/23

[Ereminas Alfa Parts](#), Newberg, OR - Big selection new & used on [eBay](#) or Call Marc - 503.290.4958

[Wilson Radiator](#), Vancouver, WA - old-school radiator shop

[Bartosh Import Auto Parts](#), Vancouver, WA - long-standing independent import car parts shop

[Trackside Motorsports](#), Kenton, NE PDX

Acme Welding Body Shop: 503-230-1873 - Great sheet metal straightening. 610 SE Salmon St, Portland, OR 97214

P J Markovich - Brightwork repair (but not polishing):
503-998-2047 (works out of his house)

Ron's Front End & Brakes: (503) 775-8189 Alignments. They understand our old cars. 5912 SE Foster Rd, Portland, OR 97206

[Automotive Outfitters](#)... Tire/Wheel Store. Ship your Tire Rack stuff there. (503) 772-0654 8324 SE Foster Rd, Portland

Guy Recordon Interiors, (503) 224-8657, 2400 NE Holladay, PDX

Tom Black's Garage (Autobody), (503) 239-0227, 2400 NE Holladay, Portland (same as above)

Eugene/Central Willamette Valley

[Vintage Underground](#) - Eugene - high-end restorations

[Bill Gillham/Hooligan Racing](#) - Jefferson - Giulietta Specialists

[Springer Machine Shop](#) - Eugene - Engine balancing & Head work on Alfa 2L - 4/23

[Precision Classics](#) - Paint, Bodywork, Custom - 8/22

Add More To This List!

Let's make this list the authority on places to take your Alfa or other special car for anything - service, paint, engine work, upholstery, etc.

If you have had a good experience with a car-related business, please email [Frank Filice HERE](#), so we can get it onto this list and expand it to a full page! We want recommendations from PDX Metro, Central Willamette, Southern Oregon and the Bend/Sisters areas.

Do you know AROO is on facebook! If not, you should join! All our events are posted there, and many members post photos of events... some of them mid-event for up-to-the-second information! It's also a place for idea sharing and comments about our cars. You may not be a fan of social media, but this is one site you should join! Click over there -> to visit & join.



Pictures from the dinner at the Butteville General Store on June 30



Fall Overnight Tour to Yachats

All members and their guests are invited to participate in AROO's Annual Fall Overnighter Tour, which will be held Saturday-Sunday, October 5-6, starting at 9:00 AM departing from Salem. Join us for a day of leisurely mountain and coastal driving from Salem to Yachats.

Last year's tour featured two great restaurants on the way down to Yachats. After hearing universal raves about the food (and no complaints about the beach), we are returning to Yachats via some different roads.

Pelican Brewing in Lincoln City will be our lunch destination. I highly recommend the tri-tip sandwich along with a cup of soup, but last year's group tried a variety of entrees and everyone was very happy. The beer is really good too!

Our dinner in Yachats will again be at ONA. We enjoyed a happy hour with fabulous appetizers (thanks to the AROO board), and then a dinner that was truly outstanding. I have reserved the area next to the bar for our group. The space is limited to 22 folks. However, those that sign-up late can still join us for drinks and appetizers...you will just need to make your own dinner reservation in the main room. I will maintain a list and let you know if you will need your own reservations.

Lodging recommendations include the [Overleaf Lodge](#) and the [Fireside](#). Both are oceanfront, with the Overleaf being more upscale. Both are offering online reservations for Oct. 5. However, as any Native Oregonian knows, weekends on the coast in early fall are extremely popular and oceanfront lodging becomes very scarce. That is a hint!

Leaving around 10, we will enjoy some county back roads to Albany and have lunch at Long Timber Brewing where the tour will end.

Let me know if you are joining us. I will need alert the Pelican, ONA and Long Timber how many to expect.

Once you make your reservations, be sure to send me an RSVP e-mail letting me know you are coming. I'll then send you starting location and time to meet.

Please make your reservations now for lodging!

Contact Tom McGirr at tomsredalfa@gmail.com or 503-362-8597 for details



A few participants and organizers in the Rally. At left is Paul Eklund's very-rare-in-the-USA Alfa Romeo GT.

In the center are Rally Winners Simon Levear and Brandon Harer in their 1977 Triumph TR7 John Buffum Tribute car.

A great cross-section of awesome automobiles came out for a great day of driving, good food and camaraderie!



