



# Alfa Bits

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## 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](http://www.alfaclub.org)

AROC website: [www.aroc-usa.org](http://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](#)
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[Ian Lomax](#)  
[Doug Zaitz](#)

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

### In this Issue...

- More info on the Alfetta 50th Anniversary Tour to the Haugland Collection!

**On the cover** - The '62 Giulia and 91 Spider of Bill/Pat Stevenson & Steve Davis at the Coburg Car Show... surrounded by Detroit iron!!

## 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 <a href="#">&lt;RSVP&gt;</a>	<b>Wed, 6/26</b>
Rally Cup #4 - TOUR & DINNER! <a href="#">&lt;Registration&gt;</a>	<b>Sun, 6/30</b>
Summer Tour - Salem-Gearhart-Kalama <a href="#">&lt;INFO&gt;</a>	Fri-Sun, 6/14-16
Northwest Classic Challenge	<b>CANCELED CANCELED</b>
Alfa Wannabe Tour - Historic Lodges <a href="#">&lt;INFO&gt;</a>	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	<b>POSTPONED</b>
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



Miscellaneous Rumblings... I don't have "one big topic" to talk about, so instead here are a bunch of things... maybe some will be interesting to you???

**Glass for the Alfetta** - Well, this has been a long time coming! Here in Eugene, there's really only one trusted place for glass installation on special cars - Glass Magnum. Back in March, Mike was all set to come up and do the installation of the front (glued in) and rear (gasketed) screens on the Alfetta. Well, remember that ice storm we had? Mike is contracted to many of the dealerships in Eugene, and frankly, he's been busy repairing windshields since! I finally had the chance, as long as I trailered the car to his shop. So I did, and it's now done! Fun Fact—the Alfetta front/rear glass were both originally glue-in; my hatch and glass in the back was from a GTV6. Fun Fact #2 - the original Alfetta glass had little clips that were forced into the glue between the glass and the body (let's call them rust-makers!) and then a chrome strip (or, water holder) was clipped onto the clips, providing the trim to cover up the edge of the glass. I didn't want that; I wanted all black. So Mike custom-fabricated an awesome rubber strip around the windscreen.



Looks great and hopefully reduces rust incursion & attack!

**Summertime Blues** - At the last Board of Directors meeting, we discussed Summertime... well, actually, we discussed driving events during the summertime. It seems the days of Oregon's "relatively mild" summers are gone, as we deal with the same

high-80's/low-90's now that lots of the country does. (*Pop reference—Maybe it's true that "...there ain't no cure for the Summertime Blues!"*) As a result, planning events where people are driving around in convertible cars (tops either up or down) is just plain no fun. And, let's face it, Alfa "air conditioning" seems to have been designed to lower the ambient temperature by about one degree ("See, it's working!!"). We in the board are thinking that, with the exception of one or two key tours, that we should plan our summer events to be more indoors. Another idea is to keep the Spring and Fall tours heading east, so we can keep the summer tours heading West (toward the cooler coast!) **What do you think?** We really want to hear your opinion, so drop me a line at [steve.davis@alfaclub.org](mailto:steve.davis@alfaclub.org)... what's your idea for summerfun in the Alfa?

**Finally - folks, this is something special...** Be sure to RSVP right 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 (or ANY Alfa with an axle) to the party! More info later in this issue also. This is one not to miss!

## 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	<a href="#">&lt;INFO&gt;</a>	7/26-28
Coburg Classic Car Show, Coburg	<a href="#">&lt;INFO&gt;</a>	Sat, 8/3
Forest Grove Concours - attend	<a href="#">&lt;INFO&gt;</a>	Sun, 7/21
Portland Yacht Club Boat and Car Show	<a href="#">&lt;INFO&gt;</a>	Sat, 8/24
Oswego Heritage Car and Boat Show	<a href="#">&lt;INFO&gt;</a>	Sun, 8/25
Shelby American Track Day at PIR		August TBD

## September 21 - A Very Special Collection Tour!

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 close to 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, Germany, 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 his entire collection 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. **Meet at the Wilsonville/Baldock Rest Area ([map HERE](#)) by 8:30am! Departure is 8:45!!** The route down I-5 takes 90 minutes, and down 99W takes 2 hours; we'll make a last minute decision. We'll be at the first building for about 2 hours 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.

For those coming on their own or from different locations, we'll post the address of the first warehouse in the September AlfaBits and in the email blasts coming out.

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!

## Fall Overnight Tour to Yachats - October 5-6

All members and their guests are invited to participate in AROO's Annual Fall Overnigher 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 Contact Tom McGirr at 503-362-8597 or [tomsredalfa@gmail.com](mailto:tomsredalfa@gmail.com) for details



About 24 people joined tour leader Doug Zaitz for a drive into the Willamette Wine Region! The group visited Hawks View Winery in Sherwood on a perfect summer day; combining beautiful Italian cars with just the "right amount" of Oregon wines seems to be a perfect pairing!

Thanks to Puff Stevens for the photos! You never know what cars are going to show up for summertime tours! More pictures on the back cover of this issue!



## Alfas 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](mailto:beachblueberry@gmail.com) or 503-307-6014.



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

Jeff Curran has a '78 Spider project that needs a new home. The car was a barn find. It runs but needs a good tune. Strong cylinder pressure in all 4. Transmission solid. It would be an easy project for someone to finish or a great source of parts if needed. I'd prefer it go to an Alfa enthusiast and am willing to sell it for a very reasonable offer. Rust free, Needs a top, No cracks in dash, Couple small dents, New tailpipe & mirrors, Seats have some splits & Needs new door cards. Call Jeff at 503-201-8616



Pat Rugar has a engine out of a '77 Spider - about 80k miles. Blown head gasket - needs a rebuild. Pat's in Bend and wants someone to take it before he junks it Call him at 541-797-3227

*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

[Glass Magnum](#) - Eugene - Glass installs for European & exotics - 541-465-1811

## **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.



A few more pictures from the wine tour. Marc Ereminas' stunning GTV6 (South Africa 3.0 tribute) is below. Wow, it's amazing! Thanks to Puff Stevens for the photos.

