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Our Cover This Month

Top: Mostly Mazdas on the grid at Willow Springs, but there was plenty of good Alfa action too. Sheila Kutkus photo. See more on pages 14-19. Bottom: Art Russell, center, toasts the camera from the head of a wonderfully diverse table at the 2016 Awards Banquet. Report, lots more pictures and year-end results on pages 22-26. M.J. Kutkus photo.

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Previews... *What's coming up and when.*

February 20-21 – Driving School, Streets of Willow.

February 27 – Petersen Automotive Museum Tour. See info page 10.

March 12 – Members-only tour of the Giacobbi Collection; see page 12.

April 22-24 – Wine Tour, Paso Robles. See info page 13.

April 23-24 – TT & Race, Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch.

May 14 – Camarillo Airport Club Concours #1 has been confirmed. Watch for morer info to come here and in e-mail!



Note: Board of Directors meetings are generally held on the last Sunday of the month. Anyone with business to bring before the Board is requested to please contact Il Presidente Mike Riehle.



Hot and sweaty Alfas coming in from a whole lot of track fun at Willow Springs in January. We love this shot not only because it has Alfas in it, but for its great view of much of the big track and its setting. See the adflyer on page 20 (and your AROSC Calendar too) for all the planned track activities still to come. Larry Koh photo.

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FROM THE TOP ... *the Word from Il Presidente*

The Sprint is roadworthy again. I pulled the radiator, had it tested, and was told that it didn't leak. So far that seems to be true. I guess it was just a loose hose clamp. I also did a little side project to space the generator back just a hair to keep the fan belt running nice and straight. It probably wasn't really necessary, but you know how the little things bug you once you notice them.

We took the MR-2 to AROC's mid-year board meeting in Palm Desert. This was the car's first outing since we had it painted. The painters did a good job and the car looks great. On the other hand, painters aren't exactly the best people at deciphering the complexities of the many little Toyota fasteners. I shudder to think what they might do to an Alfa. The First Lady still wants me to get the Spider painted, but hopefully she now realizes that I would have to strip off all the little bits and pieces myself. Quite a project. Maybe we'll get to it later this year.

Oh yes, about Palm Desert. We drove out Saturday morning and met the group for a driving tour that included a stop at the Salton Sea and a run up through Joshua Tree. Lunch was at a little '50s-era place. I initially had a few doubts, but in hindsight, AROC President Cindy Banzer made a great choice. Chris and I like to attend this event so we can put faces and personalities to the various national board members. The fact that Cindy throws a great party Saturday night doesn't hurt either.

The AROC has been working hard

to build a new updated website. It looks great to me, but I'm no expert. Vice President Enrique Zuniga is the main force behind the effort to finish it up and solve any remaining problems. For example, you can renew your membership online, but there can be problems if you have had a break in membership. Enrique says to give him a call if you have trouble. I apologized for not getting our events in the national calendar and learned that I needed to call him for assistance as well.

We would like to update our website too, but we are lacking in both expertise and vision of what it should look like. Past discussions have led us to conclude we need a creative volunteer to design the pages and a technical volunteer to do the actual programming. Don't be shy. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer.

The Annual Awards Banquet had record attendance even though it rained like crazy on January 31st. The sale of Alfredo Garcia's was delayed just enough that we were able to lunch in the same place as last year. Rafael, the proprietor, makes great food, is happy to see us, and this year he had the good sense to provide two bartenders! Turn to page 22 for pictures and a listing of the award recipients.

Note that Jeff Srinivasan, Norm Silverman and I did not win any year-end concours trophies this year. We were too busy judging cars! Way to go, Jeff! We look forward to another great series of concours events in 2016.

February 27th is our tour of the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles (see page 10). The Petersen is open again after a major remodel, so this is your chance to see what magic has been wrought. Remember, Gene Brown and Norm Silverman are both docents there, so our tour is sure to receive extra insider information and special attention.

March 12th is the members-only

visit to the Peter Giacobbi Collection. I can't say much except that we have already received an email from a man in Norway who would like to fly over to meet the man and his cars! See Jay Mackro's writeup on page 12.

Remember, if the women don't find you handsome, they should at least find you handy. And don't forget the duct tape, the handyman's secret weapon.

— Mike & Chris



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Alfa is finally back in the United States. You can now go to your local Alfa Romeo dealer and buy a new 4C, and later this year the Giulia will be available. So our Alfas are no longer orphans. But that doesn't mean that you can just bebop down to your local dealer and get a part for your 1965 spider or my 1972 Montreal. Parts for those models and most all the older Alfas in the U.S. will still be hard to get, and in some cases are the dreaded NLA (no longer available).

Metal parts like panels and brackets can be found used and repaired as necessary, or even fabricated, but other items such as cloth, vinyl and plastic deteriorate over time and so have a limited life. Seat covers and convertible tops are easy to find and there are even places that will restore your dashboard, but plastic trim pieces are much harder to replace, can only be repaired so many times, and there is not a big enough market to justify the expense of reproducing them.

But all is not lost.

Last December I bought myself a 3D printer. I justified this purchase by saying I can make lots of plastic parts for the Montreal. Now contrary to all the hype, a 3D is not going to make anything you need. They take time to print, several hours for some items, and the part requires post-processing to make it look real good – but at least there is an opportunity to make a part that you cannot get anywhere for a reasonable cost.

The first part I made was the Spica belt cover for the Montreal. Unlike in



Gene Brown, Explainer-in-Chief.

the four cylinder engine, the cover in the Montreal is plastic, and after 44 years in the engine compartment it is looking a little shabby. The printer I have can make an item 10in. x 10in. x 10in. Unfortunately the cover is 15in. long, so I had to make it in two parts and glue them together. The first version I made came out pretty good. With a few changes, I will have a finished product.

But even if you do not have the desire and/or skill to design the part and print it yourself, there is still hope. If you search on the AlfaBB for a "3D printer", you will find a number of threads on parts that other Alfisti have already produced. In most cases they are willing to provide the file so you can print it yourself or, if you don't have a 3D printer, there are services such as shapeways.com that will print the item for you. Since shapeways can print items larger than the Spica belt cover, I got an estimate

on a single-piece cover of \$150, including all the post-processing. Not too bad for a part that is NLA. When I finalize my design I will probably order it from them. Once I upload the design, shapeways can make the part for anyone else at the same price.

There are also services that will 3D scan an existing part and create

a file that can be 3D printed. So by utilizing these services you can make a any plastic replacement part at a reasonable price. And as the technology matures it will get even better.

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– Gene Brown

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It's Almost Time!

Saturday, February 27th

Alfa Romeo Viaggio (Cruise-In) at the Petersen

AROSC membership has its privileges. If you are not a member or do not RSVP by February 21st, you will not enjoy free parking, coffee and pastries, or the guided tour. You are encouraged to respond early to reserve your spot on the tour and drive your Alfa for reserved free parking.



Alfa TZ Autodelta.

We have organized a special morning for you at the newly redesigned and reorganized Petersen Automotive Museum collection, which is now three stories of galleries and interactive displays including 10 race simulators.

The Peter and Meryl Mullen Gallery on the first floor focuses on a truly great collection of Art Deco vehicles. The Bruce Meyer Gallery exhibit on the second floor is titled "Precious Metal" and includes gems from the diminutive silver Ghia Fiat to the obscenely large silver Horch and Duesenberg.

Our tour will begin on either the second or third floor, depending on which group you are in.

Join us for this exciting, educational look at the new Petersen and enjoy a morning with your Alfa pals.

The Schedule

Arrive: 10:00AM. The museum is located at 6030 Wilshire Blvd., with entrances on Fairfax or 8th St.

Tour Group A will start at 11:00AM by the Rolex Clock, 3rd Floor "History."

Tour Group B will start at 11:00AM by the Rolex Clock, 2nd Floor "Industry."

Park: Free for Club members with RSVPs (normanev@msn.com) only. No RSVP, not a club member = parking is \$12. Parking on the 3rd level open area (unless raining). RSVP Alfa Romeos get reserved placing. Admission: \$10 per person AROSC Club members. RSVP (normanev@msn.com) required by February 21st. No RSVP, no membership = admission will be \$13 per person (\$10 for seniors).

Morning Coffee: There will be coffee and pastry for morning arrivals.

After-Tour Lunch: The new museum restaurant will not be open until March, but a reasonably priced "Grab & Go" is on the premises. Sandwiches and salads from \$7.50 to \$10; drinks \$1.50 to \$2.00; fruit, chips, etc. available. There are tables and chairs.

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The Giacobbi: An Exclusive AROSC Garage Tour

Save the Date: March 12th

Peter Giacobbi, a long-time AROSC member and Italian car enthusiast, will open his garage on Saturday, March 12th, for Club members to view his cars and discuss his work.

Peter spent much of his career in Italy developing air bags and engineering some amazing cars. In 1970 he teamed with noted designer Tom Tjaarda to co-create a one-off prototype called the Synthesis 2000. That experience led to a stint as director of engineering for DeLorean Motor Cars. Upon returning to the U.S., Peter completed an award-winning restoration of a Giulietta spider. His most recent project is a fascinating recreation of a Ferrari 250 Testarossa.



Peter's Testarossa is no garage queen – he drives it to numerous shows and track events around Southern California. You may have seen it at the 2015 Best of France and Italy in November – it's the unpainted car. Peter and his Testarossa

Photos courtesy Giacobbi Collection/Petrolicious

starred in a recent Petrolicious video, which you can view at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t1l-kF8Rbuo>

Our Club event will be held at Peter's home located in Villa Park (address will be sent when you RSVP to info@arosc.org). Meet there at 11AM on Saturday March 12th and plan on spending a couple of hours. We will adjourn for lunch to Zov's Bistro, located at 17440 E 17th Street (right off the 55) in Tustin.

Since this event is held at a member's home, attendance is limited to AROSC and AROC-SD members only. Please do not post information about it on Facebook or other public sites. Peter's garage is big, but it isn't an auditorium, so attendance will be limited. RSVP early to be assured of a place.

– Jay Mackro

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Willow Springs, January 16-17



Cars on the starting grid. Sheila Kutkus photo.

The weather gods smiled on AROSC once again for our January trip to Big Willow for another track weekend. We had a good turnout, a good mix of both Alfas and and Miatas, and a number of other makes at the event. The January event has become a recent tradition for all the Alfa owners to shine up their acts and bring them out to play as a group, and it was a great sight seeing so many GTVs in all forms out on the track.

We ran the event similar to our usual AROSC events, with a few twists. Since it was our own (non-shared) event, we ran our lunchtime Intro group, the best bang for the buck in track events. We had a couple of mixed time trial groups, plus an “Alfa Only” TT group. The race group included a number of new entrants in Super Miatas, and we worked in a couple of standing start sprint races for them.

Saturday morning started way too early for me and Don Wagner, as we needed to get out to the track early to set up registration, and I personally am a “night” person. Don did a great

job as usual with the registration stuff while I handled the normal handful of last minute problems. Then came the drivers meetings, and cars on the track. When I got out on the track for my first session, I felt lousy. It had been a year since I had driven Big Willow, and I felt rusty and lacking enough sleep. Add to that, it seemed like the bumps in Turn 8 had grown significantly, and my car was getting tossed to the left pretty hard, but it stuck. However, it was a bit unnerving, so I adjusted my line a little farther out. After the session, Terry Major and a couple of other drivers said the same thing about Turn 8. While I thought I had a crappy practice session, it turned out I was only



Alfas at rest. Larry Koh photo.



Alfas at speed in Saturday's TT action. All photos this page by Larry Koh.

off my personal best time by a second. Everyone else seemed to be turning excellent times too. Must have been that cool, early morning air!

As always, we had an interesting mix of TT cars. As for Alfas, it was many GTVs, several Giulia Supers, a 4C, a Spider, and Paul Blankenship's Alfetta GT. The rest of the TT



Paul Blankenship's Alfetta GT out for a quick Saturday drive.

field consisted of some Mustangs of various vintages, Miatas, Porsches, etc. Two very interesting cars were Scott Blinski's Lotus Super 7 clone, powered by an LS2, and the Midlana of Kurt Blinski, a sort of similar-looking mid-engined car. The Super 7 was obviously pretty well dialed in as Scott clicked off a 1:29.8 on Saturday for Fastest Time of Day and a new class lap record.

On the Saturday racing side, the

field was made up of 15 Miatas, a BMW, an RX-7, 3 Boxsters, and Jeff Thraen's lone, but fast, Alfa Giulia Super. The racing was close and a whole lot of fun, with several clusters of cars trading places repeatedly during the sessions. The Saturday Points race was challenging due to the winter light



It was Gianfranco Masdea's first TT.

conditions as always. Just as the reach got going, the sun dropped out from under some cloud cover. Coming into turns 2 and 9 at speed was "interesting," as the glare on the windshields wiped out a lot of visibility. The apex of 9 was almost impossible to see, and on turn 2, it was "where am I?" as you entered the turn. Better that the most experienced drivers were subject to this than the time trials group. At the end of the AROSC points race, we did an optional re-grid, and ran a short, standing start sprint race to accommodate the Super Miata group and any others wanting one more



Andrew Petreas in his 4C.



Lots and lots of Mazdas! Larry Koh photo.

short race. The results were interesting, with a bunch of the Super Miatas turning 1:36s to 1:38s, and most of the other cars clustered around 1:41s to 1:43s.

Post-race, Jodi Fibrow served up some great chili dogs, with beer furnished by Oak Hills Brewery. A whole lot of people hung out well into the darkness, rehashing the activities of the day. The Super Miata drivers were all there in force, and were impressed (and tired) with how much racing they got in an AROSC event, compared to some of the other events they run in.

Sunday was pretty much a repeat of Saturday, with the weather a little bit warmer, making it PERFECT! Lots of great driving and racing once again. We took a few minutes to thank Santo Rimicci for his long-term support of our track events and the Alfa drivers who all gather at the Hartmann Garage. We presented him with an autographed illustration by Hector Cademartori of Nino Vaccarella winning the 1971 Targa Florio in an Alfa T-33. A nice surprise was that

Santo was actually at that race and had watched Vaccarella take the win.



Terry Watson presents Santo Rimicci with AROSC Competition's thank-you gift. Anthony Rimicci photo.

One of the most exciting sessions Sunday occurred in the Qualifying race. Somehow, I had gotten in some good lap times the previous practice session, and ended up in P4 for the Qual race. The start was clean, and the three very quick cars ahead of me took off. That left a bunch of cars on my tail pushing hard. I was driving my butt off to keep them behind me, when my car sputtered in turn 5. Crap! Forgot to add fuel before the race! After another lap or two, I parked the car, not wanting to

possibly need a tow in. I then watched a number of other cars come in early. Seemed I wasn't the only person to forget the gas. Out of the remaining cars left on the track, Gil Rios in his wicked Boxster and Kyle Koh in his Miata fought back and forth for first, with lots of passing and re-passing. Gil managed to use HP to squeak by Kyle at the checkered flag for the win.

When it came time for the final race, the sun was again low, challenging the drivers' ability to see the track. Greg Nelson took 1st with a 1:37, followed by a great drive by Gil Rios in 2nd, who had actually dipped into the 1:36s. Kyle Koh drove hard and clean to take 3rd with a 1:38 best lap time.

The guys who make it all happen once again did an outstanding job.

Don Wagner handling the registration; Jodi Fibrow in the timing tower; Mike Easterman in the race control tower, joined by the one and only Mitch McKibbin narrating the competition in his incredible fashion. Paul Blankenship handling the classroom sessions, with Mike McKibbin leading the Intro drivers around the track. Dennis Fibrow and Terry Major for rounding up free beer kegs, keeping me straight, and providing the Saturday evening food and social activities. And all the Alfa drivers who came out to make this a real Alfa club event. See you all at the driving school, Spring Mountain, and Buttonwillow!

– Terry Watson



Mazdas in the paddock. Sheila Kutkus photo

AROSC Open Race Overall
Willow Springs - January 16, 2016

Pos	OA	In Class	No.	Name	Car	Class	Laps	Total Tm	Best Tm
	1		1	28 Bryan Selby	BMW	N	10	16:08.403	01:34.992
	2		1	254 Thomas Stone	Boxster	O	10	16:13.426	01:36.252
	3		2	18 Sonny Watanasirisuk	Miata	O	10	16:13.914	01:35.554
	4		3	3 William Chen	Miata	O	10	16:20.032	01:36.039
	5		4	29 Greg Nelson	Miata	O	10	16:24.134	01:36.936
	6		5	288 Joe Xie	Miata	O	10	16:24.319	01:36.491
	7		6	116 Kiem Tjon	Miata	O	10	16:55.206	01:38.584
	8		1	227 Alan Tseng	Miata	P	10	17:09.113	01:41.074
	9		2	51 Kyle Koh	Miata	P	10	17:09.536	01:39.855
	10		3	4 Chris Mayring	Miata	P	10	17:12.046	01:41.710

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	12		7	842 Nick Perdikaris	Boxster	O	10	17:30.939	01:41.558
	13		8	906 Gil Rios	Boxster	O	10	17:39.103	01:42.094
	14		9	291 Terry Watson	RX7	O	10	17:39.905	01:42.510
	15		10	14 Terry Major	Miata	O	10	17:42.351	01:42.433

AROSC Time Trial
Willow Springs - January 16, 2016

	No.	Name	Car	Best Lap
<u>Class A</u>				
	922	Christian Sniady	GTV	01:45.255
	191	David Larson	GTV	01:52.165
<u>Class E</u>				
	11	Brandon Adrian	GTV	01:41.579
<u>Class L</u>				
	7	Scott Blinski	Super 7	01:29.829
	98	Greg Rich	Mustang	01:35.344
	208	Bill Lasance	Mustang	01:40.683
<u>Class M</u>				
	709	Mark Wooldridge	GT3	01:37.808
	0	William Yu	UNKOWN	01:41.939
<u>Class N</u>				
	66	Arthur Russell	GTV	01:44.174
	31	John DeAnda	Mustang	01:44.986
	131	Cesar DeAnda	Mustang	01:47.884
<u>Class O</u>				
	70	Manuel Minassian	Giulia Super	01:43.731
	19	Andrew Petreas	4C	01:46.544
	44	Mario Cano	NSX	01:47.207
	2	Fred Firschein	S2000	02:03.450
<u>Class P</u>				
	682	Giafranco Maseda	GTV	01:42.761
	73	Steven Crooke	GTV	01:49.655
	93	M.J. Kutkus	SLK-230	01:49.825
	148	Steve Firschein	Miata	01:55.589
	66	Dennis White	JT Junior	01:55.833
<u>Class Q</u>				
	5	Andy Steben	GTV	01:45.973
	1	Mike Steben	GTV	01:51.603
	105	Norm Silverman	Giulia	01:57.987
	99	Andrea McKibbin	Miata	01:58.548
	25	Paul Blakenship	Alfetta GT	02:00.263

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4	3	116	Kiem Tjon	Miata	O	12	20:13.691	01:37.841
5	2	204	Jeff Thraen	Giulia	P	12	20:30.469	01:39.739
6	4	14	Terry Major	Miata	O	12	20:31.044	01:40.258
7	5	176	Jorge Mazlumian	Miata	O	12	20:31.623	01:40.055
8	6	291	Terry Watson	RX7	O	12	20:39.034	01:40.474
9	3	4	Chris Mayring	Miata	P	12	20:40.366	01:41.840
10	4	44	John Fedele	Miata	P	12	20:59.721	01:40.431

AROSC Open Race by Class
Willow Springs - January 17, 2016

Pos OA	In Class	No.	Name	Car	Class	Laps	Total Tm	Best Tm
1	1	29	Greg Nelson	Miata	O	12	19:53.636	01:37.155
2	2	906	Gil Rios	Boxster	O	12	19:59.082	01:36.984
4	3	116	Kiem Tjon	Miata	O	12	20:13.691	01:37.841
6	4	14	Terry Major	Miata	O	12	20:31.044	01:40.258
7	5	176	Jorge Mazlumian	Miata	O	12	20:31.623	01:40.055
8	6	291	Terry Watson	RX7	O	12	20:39.034	01:40.474
11	7	326	Donald Wagner	Datsun	O	12	21:27.483	01:43.755
13	8	25	Frank Duran	Mustang	O	11	20:04.243	01:45.400
3	1	51	Kyle Koh	Miata	P	12	20:12.258	01:38.696
5	2	204	Jeff Thraen	Giulia	P	12	20:30.469	01:39.739

AROSC Time Trial
Willow Springs - January 17, 2016

	No.	Name	Car	Best Lap
<u>Class L</u>				
	0	Kailo	Radical	01:27.944
	201	Mike Kalla	Radical	01:29.905
<u>Class M</u>				
	2	Joe Yau	M3	01:37.789
<u>Class N</u>				
	66	Arthur Russell	Giulia	01:43.699
	6	Dylan Rundle	350Z	01:44.652
	11	Ray Chang	Exige	01:48.096
	31	John DeAnda	Mustang	01:49.597
	131	Cesar DeAnda	Mustang	01:51.402
<u>Class O</u>				
	44	Mario Cano	NSX	01:44.544
<u>Class P</u>				
	682	Giafrance Masdea	GTV	01:41.494
	76	Jimmy Riordan	Protege	01:45.611
	93	M.J. Kutkus	SLK-230	01:48.484
<u>Class Q</u>				
	5	Andy Steben	GTV	01:45.583
	1	Mike Steben	GTV	01:48.796
	25	Paul Blakenship	Alfetta GT	01:56.571
	99	Andrea McKibbin	Miata	01:56.968
	105	Norm Silverman	Giulia	02:00.539

JOIN US AT THE TRACK!

TIME TRIALS, RACING, DRIVING SCHOOLS
HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVER EDUCATION

Alfas encouraged but not required to participate. All marques welcome!



AROSC Time Trials and High Performance Driver's Ed are conducted at tracks all around California, including Buttonwillow Raceway

2016 Schedule

January 16-17: Willow Springs – Race & TT w/Alfa ONLY Run Group!

February 20-21: Streets of Willow – High Performance Driving School

April 23-24: Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch – Race & TT

June 4-5: Buttonwillow – Race & TT

September 10-11: Willow Springs – Race & TT

November 12-13: Streets of Willow – High Performance Driving School

December 30-31: Laguna Seca – Race & TT

Save the dates!

***You know you want to get your car on the track
this year, so save these dates and make a New
Year's resolution to do it!***

**Sign up online for notices of
our upcoming track events at
www.aroschpd.org**

San Marino Motor Classic

Saturday, June 11, 6:30 pm **Symphony of Cars Gala at Lacy Park**
benefiting the USC Trojan Marching Band
\$250 per person (includes General Admission to
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Sunday, June 12, 9 am **Event Open** \$25 per person. Children under 12 FREE.

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Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet 2016



If this looks like fun, it was! All photos by M.J. Kutkus, except as noted.

“Great Awards Banquet”, was the general comment from the 64 people who came to enjoy the food, the wine, the awards and especially the camaraderie with folks from both the Competition and Social sides of the Club, including 26 track participants.

Sheila welcomed everyone to a fine Italian buffet served by the same great chef we have had for the past nine years, again at the P. V. Grill (new name) in Palos Verdes Estates.

After our delectable meal, Il Presidente Mike Riehle briefly reviewed what’s coming up in the next few months. Norm recapped the benefits of attending the world famous AROSC Driving School.

Jeff Srinivasan, our Concours Chair, first thanked Sheila and MJ for making the arrangements, then, assisted by his wife Margaret, eloquently presented the year-end awards to the 2015 Concours winners in four categories. Art Russell and

Fred Stewart were on hand to accept their trophies.

Competition Director Terry Watson, along with Don Wagner, conducted a cheerful and entertaining year-end Competition Award presentation. Kyle Koh, Andy Steben, Mike Steben, Mario Cano, Richard Mathias, Beverly Major, Terry Watson (himself) and Frank Duran were present to collect their awards. The complete list of the trophy winners in the Concours, Time Trial and Race classes is on page 26.

This year, the Club did something different in awarding the coveted Charlie Cup. The award went to two people, the McKibbin brothers, Mike and Mitch. Terry Watson reviewed the outstanding efforts the McKibbins have put in toward the success of our Competition program during the past years. The Charlie Cup, as stated on the framed certificate that goes with the Cup, is given in fond



Concours Chair Jeff Srinivasan awards 1st place in Open class to Fred Stewart, above, and 2nd to Art Russell, below.



remembrance of Charlie Thieriot, who dedicated much time and effort to get our Time Trial and Race program started 40 years ago, and kept it running long after that. Bev and Terry Major accepted for the McKibbins who were not able to attend.



Terry Watson does Show and Tell with the Charlie Cup.

Sheila and First Lady Chris concluded the event with the drawing of door prizes.

It was a windy day outside blowing the rain out of the plaza fountain, but it was a fine afternoon within, and a good time was had by all!! — Sheila



Sheila and Chris welcomed attendees, gave out the door prizes, and want to see everyone next year!



Art, Mike, John, Rich and Don gather for a group photo. Below, Kyle Koh gets his Time Trial award from Terry.





The folks at Table 1, old friends and new, seem to be having a good time



Beverly Major gets her award from Terry ...



and Richard Mathias



and so does Frank Duran



and Mike Steben!



The Table 4 crew looks pretty happy, too.



Mario gets his award from Terry.



Our hosts: Chef Rafael, Sheila and M.J. Mike Riehle photo.



Pondering the 2016 Calendar and its possibilities.

Concours

Daily Driver

1st Chuck & Jayne Meschter 1967 GTV (Red)

2nd Pat & Cindy Terrise 1978 Spider Veloce (Yellow)

Closed

1st Jason Hymes 1956 1900 CSS (Red)

Open

1st Fred Stewart 1958 Giulietta Spider Veloce (Black)

2nd Art Russell 1963 Giulia Spider (Black)

Time Trials

Class	Pos	Name	Car
L	1st (tie)	Sean McWherter	Corvette
L	1st (tie)	Jim Wolcott	CTS-V Wagon
N	1st	Kirk Lewis	Milano
N	2nd	Dylan Rundle	350Z
O	1st	Mario Cano	NSX
O	2nd	David Briggs	Mustang
P	1st	Mike Steben	Infiniti G37
P	2nd	Giafranco Masdea	GTV
Q	1st (tie)	Andy Steben	GTV
Q	1st (tie)	Kyle Koh	Miata

Race

Class	Pos	Name	Car
L	1st	Bruce Colby	914
N	1st	Matt McFadden	911
N	2nd	Nigel Maidment	Boxster
O	1st	Frank Duran	Mustang
O	2nd	Gary Glazier	325i
O	3rd	Terry Watson	RX7
P	1st	Greg Nelson	Miata
P	2nd	Chris Mayring	Miata
P	3rd	John Fedele	Miata
Q	1st	Beverly Major	MR2 & Miata
ASM	1st	Richard Mathias	Miata

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GARY TODISCO

Through Italy, from this ...



Alessandra's Sprint GT and a 6C2500 (reputedly once owned by the future Pope Paul VI) on the Autostrada, leaving the industrial murk of Milano.

In the last issue, Alessandra Mazzoni described some adventures she and her daughter had on a Classic Alfa Rally along the Amalfi Coast, visiting historic cities and villages, down to

Sorrento and by boat to Capri. Along the way they took many fine photos, far too many for the space we had. So we've set some space aside to show a few more of them. *Buon viaggio!*



... to THIS!

The Sprint GT, having lived up to its name under the spirited guidance of Alessandra, waits by the side of a gorgeous coastal road for everyone else to catch up.



Above, a loooooong string of classic Alfas lines up on a bridge in preparation for the day's run. Catching up is the 6C2500 to your left, with what look like Carrozzeria Touring badges on its hood. Below it is a shop with traditional local pottery; to the right is Alessandra's Sprint GT, looking quite innocent in the early morning light.



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Excellent performance and road handling. Cream over black. 97k. This car was a weekend driver for us. We are the third owners, originally purchased from an Alfa Romeo mechanic/specialist; it was his daily driver so the car was well cared for. Additions: Shoulder strap seat belts, domed headlight covers, and Retro Sound AM/FM Radio w/ iPod/iPhone, USB MP3/WMA Playback, and luggage rack. \$15,500.

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164 PARTS FOR SALE: Custom front seat cover, cotton, tan, \$35. Original factory floor mats, tan with ALFA embroidered logo, thick carpet, like new, \$40. Original factory radio, \$25. Engine oil pan, used, professionally repaired hydrostatically, \$75. All prices are OBO. Call Murray Cogan, 818.923.3255, or e-mail mtlmurray@aol.com

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Our 2016 Calendar of Events

February
20-21 - Driving School, Streets
of Willow!
27 - Petersen Tour

March
12 - Members-Only visit to the
Peter Giacobbi Collection.

April
22-24 - Wine Tour, Paso Robles.
23-24 - TT & Race, Spring
Mountain Motorsports
Ranch

May
14 - Camarillo Airport Club
Concours #1