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Our Cover This Month

Top: Steve and Bonnie with Alana and John at the Holiday Party. Photo by David Waelder. See more on pages 12-14. Bottom: On the grid for action at Chuckwalla; photo by Larry Koh. Story, photos and results on pages 20-24.

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

January 16-17 – TT and Race, Willow Springs, special ALFA ONLY run group!

January 31 – Annual Awards Banquet. See adflyer on page 10.

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

February 27 – Petersen Automotive Museum Tour. See info page 28.

March 12 – Members-only tour of the Giacobbi Collection; see page 29.

April 3 – Benedict Castle Concours (provisional).

April 22-24 – Wine Tour, Paso Robles. See info page 11.

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



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.



AROSC Member Alessandra Mazzone, whose account of participating in a road rally with an Italian Alfa Romeo club can be read on pages 26-27, took a few non-Alfa pictures on the journey as well. This Topolino, the original Fiat 500, carries an American flag in front of the church in Roscigno Vecchia, a town abandoned in the early 20th C. because of a massive landslide. We'll have more of her photos in the next Alfacionada.

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

Now that the Spider's brakes are fixed, the left-hand side of the garage (where I work on the cars) has been dibbs'd by the Sprint. The leak from the Sprint's rear differential was just getting too prolific to ignore, so I dropped it out and resealed the axle tube to the clamshell with a copious bead of Permatex Ultragray. I torqued and re-torqued the bolts until they stopped taking up, and reinstalled the diff. Thought I was done, but just as I was getting the car off the jack stands, I noticed a little green coolant on the floor. As of this moment, the Sprint is still on jack stands and the radiator is out for repair.

I was fortunate to attend the unveiling of the new Giulia at the Los Angeles Auto Show thanks to clubmate Ed Aenlle, who had an extra ticket. Is the Giulia Verde a high-performance car? Let me think. Can an uncommonly light car with 505 horsepower get out of its own way? Absolutely and then some! The new Fiat 124 was introduced later the same morning. It is pretty and quick, but it isn't in the same league as the Alfa performance. See pictures and details on page 8.

The Holiday Party at the "Club-house" was excellent as always. The weather forecast was for cold, but the day turned out nicer than expected and the jackets we brought stayed in the car. MJ outdid himself at the grill by cooking chicken, fish and beef. Way too much really good food. As my father-in-law used to say, "Makes me wish I was hungry."

I think we set some kind of record for welcoming new and prospective

members. I spent much of the day talking to people I had just met. One new member couple, Tony and Nico, just purchased a Montreal. He always wanted one and had actually seen and drove one in Germany. So, he was all over it when he saw one advertised in Oregon. Turned out it was the same car! He bought a one-way airline ticket, purchased the car, and drove it home. He says he wishes he had a few car projects. I told him to take it on a few events and he would soon find something to fix. It was toward the end of the day when I met Scott. He has a '57 Spider that has been sitting for 30 years and he is just getting back to it. We talked tricks and pitfalls and machine shops and would probably still be there if our wives hadn't pulled us apart.

January is a big month for us. First, we have a Time Trial and Race at Willow Springs. The special feature is an Alfa Only run group. You are all encouraged to attend and watch the Alfas run. At noon you can take your street Alfa out on the track for a few parade laps. These laps aren't run at race speeds, but last time we did it, the speed was certainly spirited for our 1300cc Giulietta.

On the same day Cindy Banzar, our national president, is hosting the mid-year board meeting and retreat in Palm Desert. This is not a chapter event, but Cindy extends an invitation to all (see page 6 of the November Alfa Owner). The First Lady and I will be there again this year. We think it is important to meet the national board, put faces with names, and get

the latest updates. And, it really isn't all business as Saturday is all fun with a drive through the hills followed by a reception at Cindy's.

The Annual Awards Banquet is January 31st. Alfredo's has been sold, but you don't need to know that. Just head to the same place (now P.V. Grill) and when you get there look for the Alfa Banner on the other side of the courtyard. The price is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members.

February 27th is the tour of the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los

Angeles (see page 28). The Petersen reopened in December after a major remodel, so this is your chance to see what magic has been wrought. Don't forget, Gene Brown and Norm Silverman are both docents there, so our tour is sure to receive extra insider information and special attention.

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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Fun At the L.A. Auto Show!



Wow! Mikey likes it! Il Prez tries on the new Giulia for size. Photo by Ed Aenlle.

I was fortunate to attend the unveiling of the new Giulia at the Los Angeles Auto Show thanks to clubmate Ed Aenlle, who had an extra ticket. Ed had volunteered to exhibit two of his cars at the introduction and Alfa rewarded him with some free tickets. As you can see from the picture (next page), Alfa persuaded other Alfisti to do the same and there was no shortage of familiar faces at the introduction.

Is the Giulia Verde a high-performance car? Reid Bigland, head of Alfa Romeo in the USA, certainly thinks so. He led off the presentation with a comparison of the Giulia's top speed compared to the competition. Just in case you weren't paying attention, he followed up with a horsepower comparison. Then he did a weight comparison and concluded with pound per horsepower comparison that just blew the competition away.

In contrast the Fiat 124's introduc-

tion by Olivier Francois speaks to style, performance and excitement. It's a nice car and no slouch, but in my opinion the latest Fiat "blue pill" ad stole the show. The new ad features the same couple in last year's ad with the same problem, no blue pill when you need one! The man grabs the empty bottle, leaps into his new 124 and goes tearing off through the vineyards toward the pharmacy. Suddenly, he looks down, gets a big grin on his face, hits the brakes, u-turns, and races back to the flat. Clearly the new 124 is so exciting he doesn't need a little blue pill!

Both presentations are online at <https://www.alfaromeousa.com/world/news/the-north-american-reveal-of-the-all-new-giulia-quadrifoglio> and <http://www.fiatusa.com/en/fiat-nation/124-spider-reveal/>

— Mike Riehle



This huge tented space adjoining the Giulia introduction stage was filled with classic Alfas on loan from their owners. Mike Riehle photo.




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Directions: There are many ways to get there, but to finish with a scenic drive, get on Pacific Coast Hwy (CA-1) at the southern border of Redondo Beach, turn south on Palos Verdes Blvd, go 1.4 mi, then slight right onto Palos Verdes Dr West. Go 2.9 mi, destination on the right, after Yarmouth Rd. The restaurant is in the courtyard. Park in the rear structure, take the elevator up, or park along the perimeter of the plaza.

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Holiday Party 2015

Ringing Out the Old and Toasting the New!



Chuck, John and Jerry enjoy the day and the company. David Waelder photo.

The reviews are in: “Fabulous Holiday Party,” “Pulled off another magnificent party,” “We love your parties,” “Happy to be back,” “Yes! Very good to be here,” “Perfect start to the holidays,” “Fantastico!”

The sun was out, the weather was perfect and AROSC’s 15th annual indoor/outdoor Clubhouse Holiday Party at M.J. and Sheila’s in Redondo Beach had a great turnout of some 60 Alfisti.

Members from both the Competition and Driver/Social sides of the Club gathered to enjoy each other’s company and share in the holiday spirit.

Speaking of the old and new, it was super to have five past presidents attending, along with a

number of new members showing up for the first time. Several guests decided to become members right at the party.

In gratitude for all the contributions they’ve made to the Club over so many years, Presidente Mike gave a Certificate of Appreciation to Doug and Joyce McHattie, who were pleasantly surprised to receive the recognition (below).





*Our gracious host hoisting the roast!
David Waelder photo.*

M.J. and Sheila again hosted the barbecue. Ten pounds of whole beef tenderloin roasted on the spit, eight pounds of Aussie chicken breasts on the barbie, and six pounds of Costa Rican grilled Dorado provided a variety of tastes for the main dishes. The side dishes provided by our



Four past Presidents joined in the revelry – Jerry, Charlie, Norm, Our Incumbent Mike, and John. M.J. Kutkus photo.

members and friends – salads, vegetables, casseroles and a wide variety of desserts – were unique, and prepared with care and skill.

Adding to the enjoyment of the food and the camaraderie was the traditional wine tasting table featuring selections from Wine Tour favorites and lucky finds in

retail outlets (three cases in all!), as well as the traditional door prize drawing. What's not to love about this party?

If you missed the 2015 edition, be sure to come next year – same time, same place – for another great party!
– Sheila



*Above, Jerry and Jay enjoy the sunshine and the wine. David Waelder photo.
Below, Charlie picks another door prize winner. Steve Edelman photo.*





As always, there was a Group Shot and this is it. It appears that there were more of us than usually show up, which means that those Kutkuses are doing something right! We hope to see them all next year, along with those of you who sat it out! M.J. Kutkus photo.



Above, Margaret, Norm, David and Charlie chat over the goodies. Steve Edelman photo. Below, John and Kathy talk it over with M.J. David Waelder photo.



Our always and forever hosts, Sheila and M.J. Thank you for another splendid Holiday Party! Steve Edelman photo.





AROSC EVENTS CALENDAR 2016

Pull this out and save it!

Here is your handy AROSC Annual Pullout Calendar, your reference guide to all of the great activities planned for 2016.

If you receive the print version of *Alfionada*, you can remove this four-page center section and keep it on hand for reference. Electronic subscribers (or anyone with Internet access) will find a link on the Club website, www.arosc.org, where you may download a two-page PDF

version to print and/or keep on your mobile or desktop.

If as can happen an event is canceled or rescheduled, we will send out the pertinent information as soon as possible. We have left room in these margins to write in any changes. We also post updated Calendars as changes require, so watch for those.

We hope you enjoy using this handy guide, and we look forward to seeing you out and about this year!

JANUARY

16, 17 – DE, TT & Race, Willow Springs w/Alfa ONLY Run Group!

31 – Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, P.V. Grill in Palos Verdes Estates – new restaurant, same plaza, same chef as last year! Our annual prizegiving and a splendid Italian buffet!



FEBRUARY

20-21 – Driving School, Streets of Willow.

27 – Petersen Tour. Explore the brilliantly renovated and re-imagined museum with our own AROSC-member docents.



MARCH

12 – Members-only visit to the Peter Giacobbi Collection.



APRIL

3 – Benedict Castle Concours (provisional).

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

22-24 – Wine Tour, Paso Robles.



MAY

14 – Camarillo Airport Concours (provisional).



JUNE

4-5 – DE, TT & Race, Buttonwillow.

5 – Huntington Beach Concours (non-club event).

TBD – Highway Earth, Franklin Cyn. Concours, Beverly Hills.



JULY

TBD – Summer Day Drive Tour.



AUGUST

7 – Summer Party and General Meeting with the Clines, Fountain Valley.

15-21 – Monterey Weekend: Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Concorso Italiano, Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Concours/Tour d'Lemons, auctions, parties, you know the drill ...



SEPTEMBER

10-11 – DE, TT & Race, Willow Springs

17-18 – Coronado Speed Festival



OCTOBER

TBD – Fall Concours.

14-16 – Fall Wine Tour, San Diego County.



NOVEMBER

- 2 – 2016 Board of Directors Election.
- 6 – Best of France & Italy, Woodley Park (non-club event).
- 12-13 – Driving School, Streets of Willow.
- 20 – Board 2017 Planning Meeting.



DECEMBER

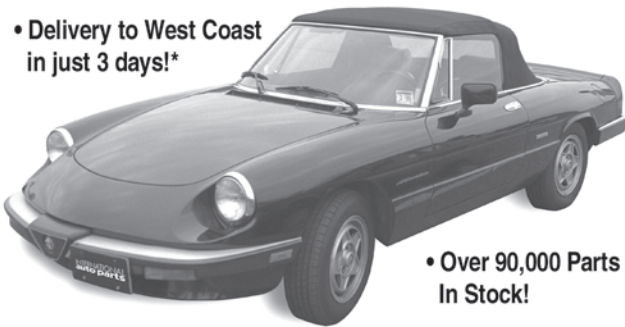
- 10 – Holiday Party, Redondo Beach. Celebrate the season with friends old and new at this, our cheeriest party of the year.
- 30-31 – DE, TT & Race, Laguna Seca.



In October, AROSC members (only!) were invited to tour Bruce Meyer's stunning collection of vehicles, mostly cars, but also including motorcycles and one racing speedboat, all housed in a historically significant if outwardly nondescript garage. Here he tells us of his life-long passion for these things and how he came to collect them. Steve Edelman photo.

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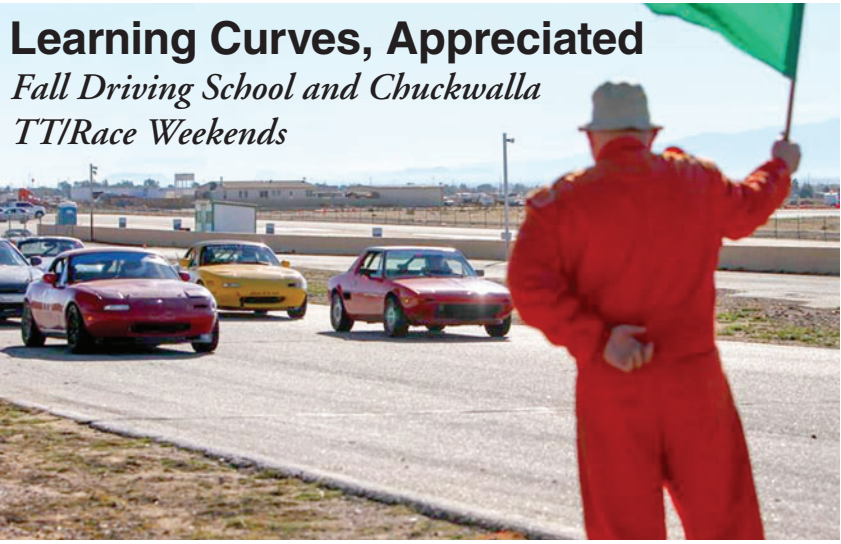
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Learning Curves, Appreciated

Fall Driving School and Chuckwalla TT/Race Weekends



Practice starts at our Driving School. All photos this page by Larry Koh.

Through an unusual turn of events, AROSC conducted both a Driving School at the Streets of Willow and a Race/Time Trial weekend at Chuckwalla Raceway in the month of November. While the turnout at Chuckwalla was light, both events turned out to be one heck of a lot of fun!

First: School

We usually get a very good turnout for the “Street Performance” part of the school, and this event was no exception. We also had a strong turnout for the “Time Trial” group. Not so interesting was that we had an unusually small turnout (exactly two) for the race school, probably because Chuckwalla was scheduled for only two weeks later. This was a big concern, because how can you teach someone to race without

other cars to race against? We had a talented young driver, Kyle Koh, who wanted to do his first race school, and we didn’t want to disappoint him and his family.

Dennis Fibrow came up with a great idea: invite all our instructors to school and drive for free, as payback for all the time and energy they have contributed to the Club? We expanded the idea to invite other racing organizations to show what a great school



Kyle Koh and his Miata had a good weekend.

we put on. A flurry of phone calls and emails ensued, and the response was overwhelming. We got eight people to take us up on the deal, and a landslide of positive feedback from our members and other track organizations!

Steve Hamilton and his team again put on a great show, and we had a diverse range of cars and drivers, including five women. The weather was terrific with the late-summer heat wave finally gone. I hung out with the Street Performance group, watching their on-track performance, and hopped in a few of the cars to offer pointers. I spent some time



with a couple of people who I had communicated with prior to the event, and have a strong feeling we will be seeing them at future track events.

On the race side of the school, Kyle Koh was apparently all grins all weekend, as he got to experience a more competitive style of driving with some experienced drivers. We did a lot of 1/2-lap races to cram in a whole lot of practice starts, with all sorts of mixed up grids. I think we got



as much fun out of it as Kyle, watching this 17 year-old taking in everything like a sponge, then playing it back flawlessly.

Second: Chuckwalla

This event was a short-notice addition to our 2015 schedule. After we cancelled a couple of outings with Extreme Speed, we wanted to try to find a way to get at least one more in before the end of the year. Speed Ventures was going to Chuckwalla, and even though this was nearly back to back with our school, we wanted to pull off a shared event with them, after talking about it for years, literally. It was also a chance to mix our race group with the 949 Racing Super Miata guys.



Chuckwalla wasn't all Miatas! Erin Kennelly's GTV on the track.



Race start at Chuckwalla. Terry Watson photo.

Speed Ventures runs a tight ship, and this weekend came off very well. We were able to merge our entrants into the Speed Venture run groups and worked with 949 Racing to satisfy both sets of racers. They run two 15-minute races, back-to-back, with standing starts and invert the grid for the second start, while we do a 30-minute race with a rolling start. Got all that?

We only had a few Time Trial drivers, but luckily for them, they now likely hold Club track records for Chuckwalla, as it was the first time we ran the course counter-clockwise (CCW). And they may hold these Club records for a long time as it isn't likely we will run Chuckwalla CCW very often.

The real excitement came in the Race Group. With our growing contingent of Miata racers, and

the 949 Racer group of Super Miatas, we knew it was going to be fun, and there was a bit of competitive "trash talk" in the air.

The Saturday point race grid-ding procedure came down to the AROSC racers doing a pace lap, followed by the Super Miata grid. After AROSC got their green flag, the Super Miata group stopped at start/finish to grid up for a standing start. When our pack was about 1/3 of the way around the track, the green flag dropped for Super Miata, and a 4-5 lap race ensued. The Super Miata leaders managed to catch the back-markers of the AROSC pack when the first checker fell.

After a cool-down lap, we all regrouped in the hot pits, with the AROSC group maintaining their current position, while the Super Miatas inverted their first

heat finishing order in the back. The pack went out and repeated the start sequence, with the Super Miatas doing a standing start.

Saturday's race was a little rough, as the AROSC pace car was a heavily modified Corvette, and their idea of a slow lap was pretty fast, so for the first heat, there were a number of cars still a turn or two from the front straight. The racing was clean, and the race director spoke with them before the second heat, which came off just fine. Super Miata awarded points for two races, while we looked at it as a single race with a re-start.

The real treat was the Sunday points race(s). Long-time competitor Greg Nelson wanted to see how an AROSC racer in a Miata could stack up against the Super Miata group, so he gridded at the back of the Super Miata group, in seventh place. At the end of the first heat, he achieved a respectable third-place finish. He ended up in fourth place on the inverted start grid, with the slower cars ahead of him. From the second standing start, he moved to first place by the second or third turn.

It took a lap or two before the winner of the first heat got through the traffic and caught him, then the excitement grew with two laps to go. The Super Miata fans were all saying, "Now he's got him!" followed by the AROSC fans saying, "It is one

thing to catch a car, and another thing to pass it." Turn after turn, Greg didn't give an inch, always leaving his pursuer 3/4 of a car width on the inside, and never making a mistake under the pressure of the 3-4 seconds faster car. When the checkered flag fell, it was Greg in first place! At the post-race beer debrief, both drivers complimented each other for the outstanding driving, and Greg said he definitely had to drive his butt off to stay ahead. It will be interesting to see a 30-minute race with these two guys mixing it up!

All in all, we had a great couple of weekends: lots of fun and new faces at the school; lots of great racing at Chuckwalla, including our newest racer 17-year-old Kyle Koh in his first wheel-to-wheel race, showing some of our regulars that he is a force to be reckoned with! And there was even an Alfa in Race Group.

– Terry Watson,
Competition Director



The Kohs with Don Wagner. Terry Watson photo.

Competition Results from Chuckwalla November 21-22

AROSC Time Trial Chuckwalla- November 21, 2015				
No.	Name	Car	Best Lap	
Class L				
75	Jim Wolcott	CTS-V Wagon	02:20.985	
Class O				
44	Mario Cano	NSX	02:19.394	
19	Marcus Speckhahn	Accord	02:58.423	
Class P				
53	Robert Henninger	IS350	02:24.539	

AROSC Time Trial Chuckwalla-November 22, 2015				
No.	Name	Car	Best Lap	
Class L				
75	Jim Wolcott	CTS-V Wagon	02:19.649	
Class O				
44	Mario Cano	NSX	02:16.241	
Class Q				
99	Andrea McKibbin	Miata	02:43.571	

AROSC Open Race by Class Chuckwalla- November 21, 2015								
Pos OA	In Class	No.	Name	Car	Class	Laps	Total Tm	Best Tm
9	1	51	Richard Mathias	Miata	ASM	3	09:51.467	02:19.367
2	1	351	Matthew McFadden	911 SC	N	3	09:21.943	02:10.558
1	1	29	Greg Nelson	Miata	P	3	09:14.619	02:07.701
3	2	88	Tony Presto	Miata	P	3	09:25.722	02:10.947
4	3	286	Vereker Tam	Prelude	P	3	09:27.087	02:09.469
5	4	44	John Fedele	Miata	P	3	09:31.145	02:12.495
6	5	14	Terry Major	Miata	P	3	09:37.451	02:14.365
7	6	8	Phil Guiral	Miata	P	3	09:38.180	02:14.070
8	7	99	Michael McKibbin	Miata	P	3	09:40.086	02:15.569
10	1	18	Beverly Major	Miata	Q	3	10:13.448	02:26.170

AROSC Open Race by Class Chuckwalla- November 22, 2015								
Pos OA	In Class	No.	Name	Car	Class	Laps	Total Tm	Best Tm
7	1	51	Richard Mathias	Miata	ASM	4	12:34.377	02:17.166
1	1	351	Matthew McFadden	911 SC	N	4	12:00.928	02:10.448
2	1	44	John Fedele	Miata	P	4	12:02.959	02:10.728
3	2	8	Phil Guiral	Miata	P	4	12:07.339	02:12.148
4	3	14	Terry Major	Miata	P	4	12:13.934	02:13.969
5	4	176	Jorge Mazlumian	Miata	P	4	12:14.198	02:13.808
6	5	99	Michael McKibbin	Miata	P	4	12:14.441	02:13.818
8	1	18	Beverly Major	Miata	Q	4	12:58.215	02:23.493

Chuckwalla- November 21, 2015								
Pos OA	In Class	No.	Name	Car	Class	Laps	Total Tm	Best Tm
1	1	29	Greg Nelson	Miata	P	3	09:14.619	02:07.701
2	1	351	Matthew McFadden	911 SC	N	3	09:21.943	02:10.558
3	2	88	Tony Presto	Miata	P	3	09:25.722	02:10.947
4	3	286	Vereker Tam	Prelude	P	3	09:27.087	02:09.469
5	4	44	John Fedele	Miata	P	3	09:31.145	02:12.495
6	5	14	Terry Major	Miata	P	3	09:37.451	02:14.365
7	6	8	Phil Guiral	Miata	P	3	09:38.180	02:14.070
8	7	99	Michael McKibbin	Miata	P	3	09:40.086	02:15.569
9	1	51	Richard Mathias	Miata	ASM	3	09:51.467	02:19.367
10	1	18	Beverly Major	Miata	Q	3	10:13.448	02:26.170

AROSC Open Race Overall Chuckwalla- November 22, 2015								
Pos OA	In Class	No.	Name	Car	Class	Laps	Total Tm	Best Tm
1	1	351	Matthew McFadden	911 SC	N	4	12:00.928	02:10.448
2	1	44	John Fedele	Miata	P	4	12:02.959	02:10.728
3	2	8	Phil Guiral	Miata	P	4	12:07.339	02:12.148
4	3	14	Terry Major	Miata	P	4	12:13.934	02:13.969
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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!

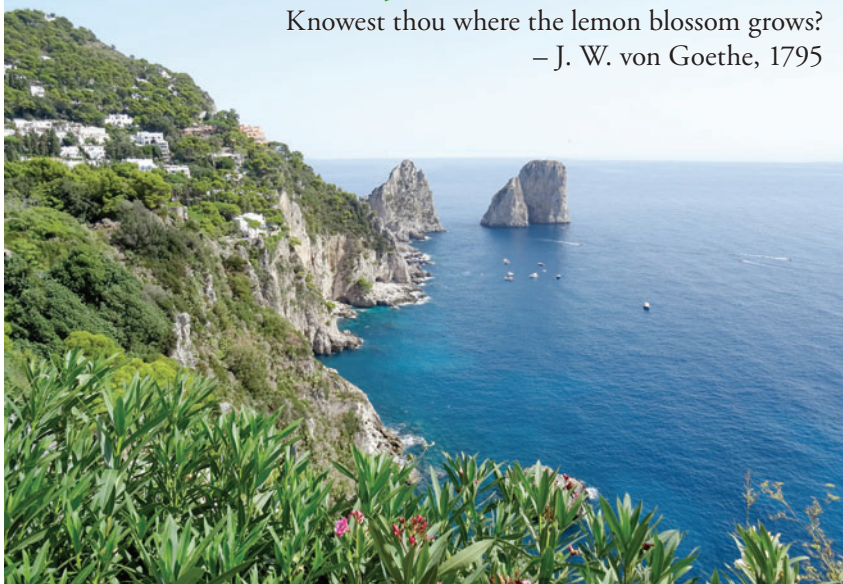
***You know you want to get your car on the track
this year, so save these dates and make a New
Year's resolution to do it!***

**Sign up online for notices of
our upcoming track events at
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Kennst du das Land, wo die Zitronen blühen?

Knowest thou where the lemon blossom grows?

– J. W. von Goethe, 1795



Alessandra Drives the Amalfi Coast: On one of her regular trips home to Italy, Club member Alessandra Mazzoni had the unique opportunity and distinct pleasure to attend and drive in this rally. Here she shares her memories and photos of this event.

Discovering the area where the most celebrated Italian lemons are grown (and where the finest limoncello is made) was the theme of the the XXXth Rally of Classic Alfa Romeo Cars, organized by the creative minds of the Italian Alfa Romeo Register (RIAR) in the Cilento and what has been called the “Coast of the Gods.” The Amalfi Coast, Sorrento and Capri have always presented a magnetic attraction for those who wish to combine the discovery of unspoiled villages with the *dolce far niente*, enjoying the beauty of the landscape, the warm hospitality and – of course! – excellent food.

Twenty-six classic Alfas dating from 1928 (a spectacular black 6C 1500 normale, shown here) to 1987 (an enthusiast Duetto) convened in the little village of Santa Maria di



Castellabate, starting point for an epic driving tour of the Cilento area. Red sunsets over the sea closed the daily drives along valleys and mountains, where steep and narrow roads lead to hidden little treasures such as Bellosguardo, the historical village of Roscigno, and the area of Vallo della Lucania. Driving among mountains and gorges, we ended up in Palinuro, a spectacular village by the sea where fisherman boats led all participants

to the discovery of little caves with emerald waters.

Relaxing under the sun, swimming in the calm water of the Mediterranean, stopping in at little restaurants to enjoy homemade pasta, fresh fish and unforgettable desserts allowed the participants to recharge themselves after hours of driving. Since the area is famous for the production of the true buffalo mozzarella, we learned about local buffaloes (see below!) and the process that creates these juicy balls of cheese from their rich milk.



After visiting the Greek-founded city of Velia and the famous archeological site of Paestum, where a great part of the external structure of the temples dedicated to Hera and Athena are still standing after 2000 years, the driving teams moved to heart of the “Coast of the Gods.” The skills of the drivers and the agility of generations of Alfas were tested along the coastal road from Vietri sul Mare to Sorrento, in some points not wider than 18 feet. Breathtaking views of mountains falling into cobalt blue waters and a coastline filled with lemon trees and blooming bouganvilleas rewarded drivers and co-pilots.

A visit to the ceramic-covered cathedrals of Amalfi and Positano, shopping in little boutiques – why not have a pair of sandals custom-made

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just in 10 minutes? – listening to local songs while enjoying a freshly-baked pizza, taking a tour by boat around the Faraglioni, or simply enjoying an ice cream while walking in Capri, ending a colorful rally where friends with the same Alfa passion could share one more time the pleasure of being together. – *Alessandra Mazzoni*



Alessandra sent us many more gorgeous photos from this trip. We will present a spread of these in the next issue – Eds.

2016 Alfa Romeo Viaggio

Petersen Automotive Museum, Saturday, February 27



Photo courtesy Petersen Automotive Museum

AROSC has been invited to visit the renovated Petersen Automotive Museum on February 27th, for a special docent-led tour with parking and pastry privileges for members who drive their Alfa Romeos.

Mark your calendars, get your Alfa road-worthy, and RSVP by February 21st to secure your parking space and admission discount!

We will make a fun half-day of it, starting at 10AM. We will have coffee and pastry in the parking lot for morning arrivals. We'll have a tour of all the great new features and the refreshed collections. The museum's new restaurant will not be open for lunch, but we are working on an alternative dining experience, TBD.

The museum is now three stories tall with a multitude of galleries and interactive displays, including 10 race simulators. The Peter and Meryl Mullen Gallery on the first floor features one of the truly great collections of Art Deco vehicles on the planet. The Bruce Meyer Gallery exhibit on the second floor is titled "Precious Metal," anchored by the diminutive Ghia silver Fiat to the obscenely large silver Horch and Dusenberg – all very precious indeed.

Our tour will begin on the third floor, which focuses on automotive history and a newly-designed "Hollywood Cars" presentation.

Details

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

Park: Free for Club members with RSVPs only (normanev@msn.com) . No RSVP, not a clubmember = parking is \$12. Parking on the 3rd level open area (unless raining). RSVP Alfa Romeos get reserved placing.

Get Tickets: Admission is \$10 per person for members who RSVP by February 21st to normanev@msn.com No RSVP, no membership = admission is \$12 per person.

– Norm Silverman

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 St (right off the 55) in Tustin.

People who wish to spend a full "car guy's day" in Orange County can start at the Aliso Viejo Cars and Coffee from 7AM to 9AM and go to breakfast between events. AVC&C is held at 27601 Aliso Creek Road, corner of Enterprise. This very informal and open-ended; there won't be a reserved Alfa section, just park where you can.

– Jay Mackro

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FOR SALE – 1985 GTV6 Probably best original GTV6 available. Original owner, 37,000 miles, garaged and maintained since new with all records including window MSRP. Silver with black velour interior. Original phone dial Speedline wheels with TRX tires included (later Alfa wheels mounted). This is an outstanding opportunity: \$16,500. Call 562.596.8221 or email robt Dominguez@gmail.com

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Run Group!
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27 - Petersen Tour

March

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

April

3 - Benedict Castle Concours
(provisional).
22-24 - Wine Tour, Paso Robles.
23-24 - TT & Race, Spring
Mountain Motorsports
Ranch