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General Meetings are held monthly, on a weekend day, at various locations in Southern California. A full listing of activities is on our website, arosc.org; a four-month calendar of events is on the outside back cover of this newsletter, and detailed information is in Previews. Check all three; email any questions to info@arosc.org, and a Club director will respond.

Our Cover This Month

Top: Yes, it was an excellent year-end party, and if you missed it you'll just have to wait until next December. This photo by M.J. Kutkus; more by him and David Waelder on pages 16-19. Below: The AROSC Competition folks are dedicating an Alfas-only track event to honor our late friend and really good guy Alan Ward. See the write-up on page 8 and track schedule on page 20.

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

January 14 – AROC National Mid-Year Retreat, Palm Desert.

January 27-29 – The Classic Auto Show, L.A. Convention Center. See info on page 9.

January 28 – Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, Palos Verdes Estates. See adflyer on page 16.

February 12 – Petersen Tour, Club Concorso #1. See info on page 20.

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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.



It was a swell party ... Steve, Jolene, Jack, Lisa, Alan and Elyse smile for their host, M.J., who took this picture; see others on pages 16-19.

AROSC Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

P.V. Grill in Palos Verdes Estates

The same great restaurant in the same plaza, same great chef!

Saturday – January 28, 2017; Noon – 4:00 pm



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2017 Kick-Off**



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Vegetable Lasagna,
Tortellini Bolognese,
Shrimp Pasta, Antipasto,
Green Salad, Breads,
Soda, Iced Tea, Lemonade
--- and Dessert !!**



**Please RSVP to Sheila by Monday, January 23rd
Sheila.k@verizon.net or (310) 542-3448**

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.

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

Last month, I put a new fuel pump in the Sprint and reported that everything looked good. Looks can be so deceiving! The Sprint ran great above 2000 rpm, but simply refused to idle. I didn't want to remove the carburetor (The Solex is really snugged down on the intake manifold.), so I bench tested the distributor first. Nothing wrong there, but the vacuum advance was overly stiff, so I put in a better spare. Getting back to the carburetor, I pulled the idle jet, put it to my lips and tried to blow through it. Aha! It was almost totally blocked. Is the Sprint fixed now? I can only say it idles nicely, so things look good for another test drive.

Did you go to the Holiday Party? Almost everybody did and there was plenty of food, wine and camaraderie for all. My only regret was not finding out who showed up in a lovely Lancia Scorpion. M.J. set a new record by barbecuing fish, chicken and steak. Sheila reinforced her reputation as the world champion of raffle prize collector/presenters. Even I won one. See pages 16-19 for the coverage.

Our 2017 planning meeting was November 20. Guess who is Il Presidente again this year! Actually, all returning Board Members kept their old positions and new member, John Britton, was elected member at large. See pages 11-14 for the complete 2017 calendar we hammered out.

We try to limit activities to one event per month, but we have outdone ourselves again, starting with January

Our official January event is the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on the 28th. At \$20 for members the banquet is one of the bargains of the year and the food is good too. We hand out our year-end concours and race trophies. As a result, this event is well attended by both concours and race people. Who wins the overall trophy? Why, people who do both of course! Come and make some new friends. Who knows, you might catch the bug and want to sign up for a driver's school.

Our AROC President, Cindy Banzer, is hosting an AROC Board Member mid-year retreat in Palm Desert on January 14. You probably got a postcard in the mail with details. It is a fun day and it is your chance to meet the Board Members. Sometimes we forget that they are real people who are dedicated to supporting our club. It is also nice to know who you need to call for that frustrating online problem or to get a copy of that rare Alfa document that no one else seems to know about. See the invitation on page 9.




Last, but not least, the (first annual) Classic Auto Show at the Los Angeles Convention Center is from the 27th through the 29th. Yes, it is the same weekend as our Annual Meeting. We didn't even know about it when we put the calendar together, but that doesn't make it any less of an event. See Norm's write-up on page 9 and/or check out www.TheClassicAutoShow.com for more details.

February 12th is a tour of the Petersen Automotive Museum and parking lot Concorso. Every year the exhibits are different and every year we get a good turnout for the Concorso. This year's gathering will be the official start of the 2017 concours competition season. See the write-up on page 20.

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.

By the way, did you know that there is duct tape and then there is duct tape? The stuff we commonly buy as duct tape is a bit like WD-40. It works well, but there are often specialized tapes that work better. For example, the stuff we buy is NOT for heating ducts! For only 5x the price you can buy the correct specialized tape with a higher heat rating. Then there is the stickier stuff, the stronger stuff, and the stuff made for the military that will only stick to itself. I asked Santa to bring me a case of each. I didn't hold my breath.

– Mike & Chris



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Attention All Alfas: Join Us Feb.18th-19th at the Alan Ward Memorial Time Trial & Race



Our February 18th-19th track event at Willow Springs International Raceway will honor the memory of our friend Alan Ward on Saturday with an Alfa Romeo-only Race Group and an Alfa-only Time Trial Group. Midday Saturday we will have a 30-minute Lunchtime Track Drive for both drivers and spectators. To participate in the Track Drive you will need: one car, any make; one driver; and \$20. After that, try one of the great sandwiches from the Paddock Diner, or bring your own picnic lunch. Outdoor seating is available.

As usual on Saturday evening refreshments will be available courtesy of Oak Hills Brewing Company, Hesperia Calif., “The official free beer supplier for the AROSC Competition Group”.

Come on out and celebrate with us. More information available at <http://aroschpd.org/>. For Alfa race questions, contact Anthony Rimicci at Santo's Italian Service, 818.701.1614 or santoservice@hotmail.com — *Paul Blankenship*

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Palm Desert Beckons – Join the AROC Mid-Year Retreat!

Alfa Fun in our own backyard!?!? Just a few short weeks from now, Alfa Romeo Owner's Club members from all over the U.S. will descend upon Palm Desert for the Fourth Annual Mid-Year Retreat.

We AROSC members are invited to join the National Board and other Alfisti for a fun-filled day (Saturday, January 14,

2017) of pleasurable camaraderie on awesome driving roads in the low desert.

Please see the invitation with all the details, and RSVP to our National President, Cindy Banzer, at c.banzer@aroc-usa.org or 503.709.7277, and plan to join me for what my fellow AROSC board members tell me will be a great event for all.

—Jeff Srinivasan



A new and sudden addition:

THE CLASSIC AUTO SHOW

Los Angeles, January 27th-29th

Coming for the first time to the U.S.A. is The Classic Auto Show, an ultimate auto experience event to be staged at the Los Angeles Convention Center. AROSC should have a presence there with approximately 15-20 cars and a club presentation booth.

Grand Marshal: Bruce Meyer

Celebrity Guests: Chip Foose, Wayne Carini, Dave Kindig, Mike Brewer, Chris Jacobs

Date: January 27th, 28th, 29th

Location: Los Angeles Convention Center

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Here is your handy AROSC Annual Pullout Calendar, your reference guide to all of the great activities planned for 2017.

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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

14 – AROC National Mid-Year Retreat, Palm Desert!

27-29 – The Classic Car Show, L.A. Convention Center.

28 – Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, P.V. Grill in Palos Verdes Estates.



FEBRUARY

12 – Petersen Tour conducted by our own AROSC-member docents, plus Club Concorso #1.

18-19 – Alan Ward Memorial Alfa-Only events at DE, TT and Race Weekend, Willow Springs.



MARCH

TBD – OC Garage Crawl to two loyal Alfa supporters, with lunch in between at King's Fish House.



APRIL

1-2 – DE, TT and Race, Button-willow (NCRC).

22-23 – Wine Tour, TBA.



MAY

6 or 20 – Nethercutt Collection visit and Club Concorso #2.



JUNE

25 – Highway Earth, Club Concorso #3. Franklin Cyn., Beverly Hills.



JULY

23 – Summer Day Drive, San Gabriel Mountains.



AUGUST

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

14-20 – Monterey Weekend: Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Concorso Italiano, Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Concours/Tour d'Lemons, auctions, parties, and more!



SEPTEMBER

9-10 – DE, TT & Race, Willow Springs

16 – Galpin Premier Collection Tour and lunch at the Horseless Carriage Restaurant.



OCTOBER

28 – Huntington Beach HS Classic Car Show. Club Concorso #4.



NOVEMBER

- 2 – 2016 Board Election notice
- 5 – Best of France & Italy, Woodley Park (non-Club event).
- 11-12 – Driving School, Streets of Willow.
- 19 – Board Planning Meeting for 2018.



DECEMBER

- 9 – Holiday Party, Redondo Beach. Celebrate the season with friends old and new at this, our cheeriest party of the year.



One of the sweetest abnormale Giulietta Spiders on the planet, created by the artiste himself, Peter Giacobbi (at the wheel), features period-correct (but never standard) driving lights, a tuner's dream 2-liter engine and a paint job that deepens and warms in the sun. We were privileged to have seen it on a special Club garage tour.

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Ringling Out the Old and Toasting the New at AROSC's Annual Year-End Bash



We would need another page to give you all the names, so we won't, but they were as happy about being here as they appear to be. M.J. Kutkus photo.

Fabulous reviews are in once again: “Wonderful party!”, “Love your guest patio!”, “Lovely party venue!”, “Party Aloha!”, “Mele Kaliki!”, “Thank you for another great event!”

The AROSC's 16th annual indoor/outdoor Clubhouse Holiday Party at M.J. and Sheila's in Redondo Beach had a great turnout of more than 50 Alfisti. We had a Hawaiian theme this year with slack key music filling the air and quite a few party-goers sporting island attire.

M.J. and Sheila again hosted the barbecue. Fifteen pounds of Hawaiian swai, marinated by Sheila and grilled by M.J., was inhaled as soon as it left the grill. The pineapple chicken was also a big hit, but they were nothing like the Hawaiian flank steak which was the signature island taste of the main dishes. Delicious side dishes provided by members and their guests (salads, vegetables, sushi, 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 Club Wine Tour favorites and lucky finds in retail outlets – many fine wines brought and shared by the guests – and also the traditional presentation of door prizes. What's not to love about this party?

If you missed the 2016 edition, be sure to come next year – same time, same place, for another great holiday gathering.

– Sheila



Above from left are John, Chuck, Tony, Mike, Niko and Alessandra. M.J. Kutkus photo. Below are Jay, Norm, Fred, Doug and Chuck, captured by David Waelder.





Above, Mike and Norm present the 2017 Events Calendar in all its glory, Below, David, Sheila and Niko salute amici. David Waelder photos.





Mimi and Lucinda wearing red on red and carrying it off very well. David Waelder photo.

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Concorso Season Starts Feb. 12th at the Petersen

Welcome to 2017. We hope you've got your calendars out with an Alfa Romeo red pen in hand. Mark February 12th for our next visit to the refurbished Petersen Automotive Museum – this is the kick-off event for this year's AROSC Club Concorso season!

We will have a portion of the parking garage to ourselves, rain or shine, to gather for our own Alfa Cars & Coffee, and time for our Concorso contenders to shine before we tour the museum with our member-docents. Afterwards we will gather at Drago's restaurant (on-site) for lunch and awards.

As usual, Concorso participation is free. Parking at the Petersen is free for AROSC Members and Maserati owners (with car key). Museum admission is reduced for AROSC members. The day's program will look like this:

- 8 – 9:30AM Gates open for spectators and Concorso participant placement
- 9:45AM Judging begins
- 11:15AM Museum Tours begin
- 1PM Lunch and Awards

Schedule

Concorso #1: Sunday, February 12th, Petersen Automotive Museum, Mid-Wilshire District, Los Angeles. Club Concorso (All Classes + People's Choice) plus guided tour of the Petersen followed by no-host lunch and awards at Drago's.

Concorso #2: May TBD (early in month), Venue TBC. Club Concorso (All Classes + People's Choice).

Concorso #3: Sunday June 25th (TBC), Highway Earth Classic Car Show, Franklin Canyon Park, Hollywood Hills. Club Concorso (All Classes + People's Choice). Bring your picnic lunch or snacks, or patronize the food trucks.

Concorso #4: Saturday, October 28th (TBC), Huntington Beach High School Classic Car Show, Huntington Beach. Club Concorso (All Classes + People's Choice) plus post-show no-host lunch at a nearby venue. – Jeff Srinivasan



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Don't forget our famous driving schools!

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



2017 Schedule

Feb 18-19 – Alan Ward Memorial Weekend: Alfa-Only Run Groups, Lunchtime Parade Laps, Spectators Welcome! Fun for All, plus regular DE, TT and Race Groups, Willow Springs

Apr 1-2 – DE, TT & Race, Buttonwillow

Sep 9-10 – DE, TT & Race, Willow Springs

Nov 11-12 – High Performance Driving School, Streets of Willow

Other events to be added

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