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*Above: Malibu Day Drive Spectacular; photos and story pages 16-20.
Below: Highway Earth #6 was Concorso #2! See more on pages 22-25.*



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On the Cover This Month

Top: The Malibu-to-Carpinteria Day Drive saw sun, fog, and more scenery than some of us can handle, all in six hours or so. This is one of the scenic overlooks where we had a clear view, and what a view it is! See story starting on page 16. Phot by David Waelder. Bottom: We had another big turnout for the 6th Highway Earth gathering in Franklin Canyon June 23rd. This photo is of some of us and everyone else too, including Our Host Evan Klein (waving in the middle), who also took the picture ... neat trick!

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

August 4 – AROSC Summer Party. See more on page 10.

August 11-18 – Monterey Weekend: The tradition continues; details on page 12.

September 14-15 – Driving School, Streets of Willow

September 22 – Old World Concorso #3, Huntington Beach. Info on page 14.

October 6 – Malamut Collection Visit. See details on page 21.

October 12-13 – DE, TT & Race, Willow Springs



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.



Seen at Highway Earth and at Malibu C&C, this non-hybrid all-electric Porsche dropped in to visit rather far from home. So much for "Range Anxiety"! David Waelder photo.

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

Did you make it to the Highway Earth Car Show at Franklin Park? Chris and I were there in our 1965 Spider, which is finally back on the road. The weather was pleasant, just right for strolling about and taking in the sights. And this year the Highway Earth magazine again included stories about some of our friends. Chuck and Tina of Autobooks/Aerobooks were featured with their Citroen Avant. And another article featured Hector Vasquez and his beautiful GTAm tribute. On page 59 there is a picture of Hector in his Irish cap leaning against his car that



captures his persona just perfectly. Nice shot Evan! Show creator Evan Klein has put the magazine online, so check it out at www.highwayearth.com .

At the Malibu Day Drive I had the opportunity to meet Anthony Rimicci for the first time. We had a great time chatting about cars and I just had to tell him about a member who had called the week before to get a better idea of the value of some of his parts. The member told about the time he and Santo (Anthony's dad) were negotiating over the sale of a 750 Veloce pan. It seems he wanted \$350 for the pan, but the deal fell apart when Santos would only offer \$325. I laughed and said he was lucky because the pan was now worth about \$1,000. After I told Anthony the story he laughed, said that it sounded like his dad, and told me a complete 750 Veloce pan was now worth about \$2,000!

It has come to my attention that some of our members just do not visit our website. The e-blasts and the *Alfacionada* meet their needs, so why bother? One good reason is David Waelder takes excellent pictures at every event and our website has links to those pictures. A few of his Malibu Day Drive images are on pages 16-20, but it is also fun to click on the link and peruse them all.

If you haven't RSVP'ed for the AROSC Summer Party on August 4th, now is the time! This is one of those events where only the new members need to be clued in. Bring your own beverage and something for the potluck lunch. Then settle in to feast and socialize. After lunch we will have an auction, so bring those white elephant items you have been meaning to re-home. The Club does not really need the money, but the auction is just too much fun to give up. Alfa parts are always welcome, as is just about anything else, from farm-fresh eggs to picnic baskets. Our lemon tree is loaded with lemons, so this year we are contributing homemade lemoncello. See more on the Summer Party on page 10.

We are going to have a Board Meeting before the party starts. Come early and see how the sausage is made. We will address a few items of business, get our act together for next year's elections, discuss a few expenditures, and debate whether it is time to reduce our dues. Time permitting, I expect we will also talk about event ideas for next year. Chime in, but don't be surprised if we try to recruit you to help. We are always looking for new people.

August 15th is Evie Silverman's Loose Noodle dinner up in Monterey. Actually, the dinner has been renamed since 2017, when the restaurant owner reopened as Ambrosia India. Nevertheless, dinner will feature Italian as well as Indian cuisine. See page 12.

September 22nd brings up our third Concorso of the year at Old World Village in Huntington Beach. It is a quaint place with lots of trees for shade. John Britton (see his writeup on page 14) tells me this is the second weekend of Oktoberfest at the center and will include round two of the Dachshund Weiner Dog Races that run through October 28th. I saw the races a few years ago. Some of the dogs just don't get it, and drive their owners crazy with frustration. Others do get it and just can't wait for the starting gun. Of course, you can always check out the Alfa Romeos instead.

Jim Barrett has arranged for us to tour the Malamut Collection on October 6th. Mike and Barbara Malamut are lovely people and I love their taste in cars. They have a little bit of everything with a heavy emphasis on European cars, especially microcars.* This is stuff you just don't see anywhere else! So read the information on page 21, and and plan to reconvene afterwards for a restaurant lunch; Italian is on the menu.

Remember, if 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

**As an aside, at the San Marino Motor Classic several years ago, Mike Malamut brought enough of his microcars in to constitute a class, and entered them all. Needless to say he got some ribbons! – Will O.*



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TECH GUY ... *Taming the Spark*

We all know the basics of the four-cycle engine: intake, compression, power, exhaust. The spark plug fires at the beginning of the power cycle. But when exactly? In an ideal world, it would be right at the start of the power cycle. But being as this is the real world, adjustments are needed. From the time that the spark plug fires to when the exploding gas is exerting force on the piston takes a certain period of time. If you fire too late then the piston is already moving down and you are wasting energy, if you fire too early when the piston is still on the compression stroke you have pinging or pinking that can damage the engine.



Mr. Brown & Montreal in repose. Steve Edelman photo.

To us mere mortals, it looks like the fuel explodes as soon as the spark fires. But when dealing at engine speeds a little bit of time is a lot. For an engine idling at 600 rpm, the engine is turning 10 revolutions per second. That means the each cylinder goes through a four-stroke cycle every 0.2 seconds and the power cycle lasts only 0.05 seconds. Run the engine up to 6,000 rpm and that power cycle is 0.005 seconds.

Even though the time from spark plug firing to explosive power is short, it still needs to be accounted for. The fuel mixture should be completely burnt by the time the piston is about 20 degrees after top dead center (ATDC). Since it takes time for the fuel to burn, the spark has to occur before that point. The rate of fuel burning varies due to many factors, but is fairly consistent for a given engine/fuel configuration. What does change for a given engine is the revolutions per minute (RPM). As the RPM increases, the time from TDC to full burn decreases so it is necessary to have the spark come earlier. This is done by advancing the distributor timing so the spark fires before top dead center (BTDC) and the faster the engine turns, the earlier the spark needs to occur. All this is handled automatically inside the distributor.

Inside the distributor there are a set of weights and springs. As engine RPM increases, the weights cause a cam within the distributor to advance opening the points earlier and cause the spark to occur earlier. The rate at which the advance occurs can be adjusted by changing the weights and/or springs. Lighter weights or stronger springs will slow the rate of advance while heavier weights or weaker springs will increase the advance rate. At a certain RPM the distributor will reach its maximum advance and will remain at that advance even as RPM increases.

The best way to determine optimal spark advance and rate of advance is to use a load dynamometer where you can measure engine power while making slight changes in the distributor timing. While this works for manufacturers and engine

builders, most of us do not have access to such equipment. It is also very time consuming. The manufacturer, fortunately, provides the proper ignition timing data. With the use of a timing light, the mechanic can set the distributor to the proper advance so that the engine runs at its best.

In addition to mechanical advance, some distributors also have a vacuum advance mechanism that uses engine vacuum and a diaphragm to increase or decrease the spark advance in compensation for engine load.

The mechanic of yore also had distributor testing machines that could be used to check the distributor advance rate and tune it by changing the weights and springs to match what the dynamometer indicated would be best for the particular engine configuration.

There are still many engines out there that are “old school” with distributors and advance weights, but cars manufactured since the early 1990s have Engine Management Systems (EMS) that control the spark timing by means of a computer, and there is not much that the mechanic can do. Aftermarket EMSs allow the tuner to make many changes to the fuel and spark systems to optimize the engine but these changes usually fall afoul of government regulations.

There seems to be less and less today that you can do with the new cars, so for those of you with older cars (Alfas and others) and enjoy tinkering, have fun while you can. There are fewer of us each day.

– Gene Brown



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The Summer Party Wants You!



This is the last call for confirming your attendance at the AROSC Summer Party on Sunday, August 4th . The fun begins at 1:00 PM Alfa Time, Chez Cline in the O.C.

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP now to alfa92708@yahoo.com so that Jan and Chuck get an accurate headcount and recommend a potluck dish to bring. They will contact you with their street address and answer any questions you have. And don't forget to bring your beverage of choice.

If you bring heavy auto parts for the auction, please park in front of our driveway to unload and we can lend you our vintage "little red" wagon or our barn-find, fly-yellow wheelbarrow if required.

We will again conduct our entertaining annual "Clean-Out-the-Garage" auction for Alfa parts, tools and related items that need new homes. Remember, you can't take this stuff with you to Alfa Heaven. Remember the words of the late comedian George Carlin that your "stuff" is important, and you always need more space for your stuff". So bring more of your "stuff" so that others can buy it and sell their "stuff".

This is also an official AROSC monthly Club meeting. So if you have questions for Board of Directors, this is the time to ask.

Please remember that the day of the party is Sunday, since last year's attendees experienced traffic woes on Saturday.

– Jan and Chuck

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Join Us in Monterey!

Dinner RSVPs Needed August 13th!

Evelyn Silverman is again organizing the Thursday Night Welcome Dinner for Alfisti and friends at Ambrosia India Bistro on August 15th. If you are in Monterey that evening, please come!

Note that we need your RSVP to Evelyn by August 13th, via e-mail at Normanev@msn.com or by phone at 818.314.1262.

The menu will be the same as last year: an Indian and Italian buffet. The cost will be \$25 per person, which includes tax and tip. Beverages will be available for purchase. The address is 565 Abrego Street, Monterey.

If you need rooms, additional lodging has been arranged by Delta Sierra Chapter at our old hotel, the Laurel Inn, in Salinas.

For booking rooms and for RSVPing to the Clarks' wine-tasting party or sign up for the Post-Concorso Dinner mentioned below, go to the national Alfa Romeo Owners Club-USA website, www.armac-usa.org, and find the Monterey widget on the home page; it will lead you to forms and contact details.

After Thursday, it is up to you how to go car-crazy, but the calendar looks like this:

August 16th: The Quail: A Motorsports Gathering, Carmel Valley; Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Laguna; More auctions; Wine Tasting Dinner at West & Maggie Clark's, in Pebble Beach.

August 17th: Concorso Italiano, Black Horse Golf Course, Seaside; Post Concorso Italiano Dinner; Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Day 1 Races; Concours d'Lemons, Seaside.

Sunday, August 18th: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance; Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Day 2 Races.

Alfa Romeo Corral Information at Laguna Seca

Purchase your Alfa Romeo Corral Passes online when you buy your tickets/paddock passes to the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at WeatherTech Laguna Seca Raceway. Passes are \$40 and are good for all four days of racing. Our Alfa Romeo Corral is in the prime "Lakebed Section" of the track, right down by Turn 2. To purchase corral passes, just scroll down to the "Corral Parking" section after you have selected your desired General Admission and Paddock Passes. Alfa Romeo is the first corral listed (of course!).

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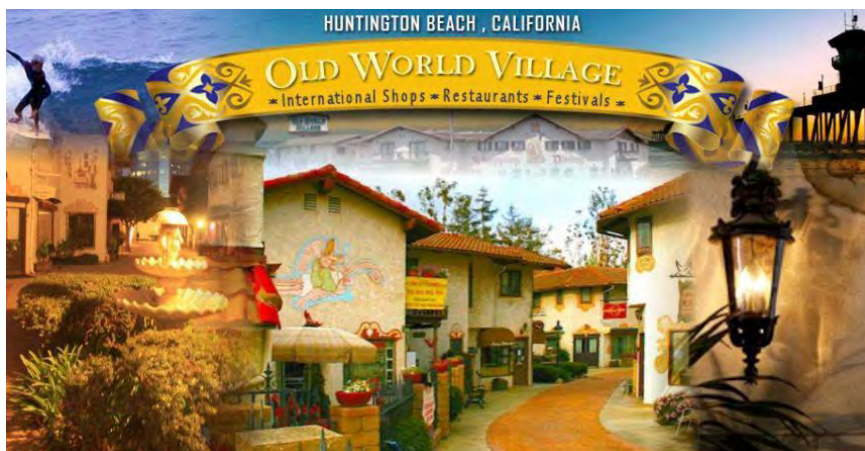


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Cruise-in & Concorso at the Beach

Old World Huntington Beach Sept. 22nd

Shhhh! They're letting us in the back gate early (7:30AM, sharp!) so we'll have the entire place to ourselves – for a while. It is Oktoberfest after all, and there will be steins lifted, a bit of weenie dog competition and AROSC's Club Concorso #3. Brilliant combination!

Where? Old World German Village. It is freeway close (visible from the 405, accessed via the Beach Blvd. off-ramp), but still in the sea breezes of Huntington Beach.

When? Sunday, September 22nd early morning to mid-afternoon.

Our group will have a display parking area alongside a row of quaint shops and houses, with shade trees and sidewalks, and we'll start the day with a sit-down, plated breakfast at 8:30AM. There is no admission fee. Breakfast with coffee is \$9 per person. But bring additional cash and/or methods of payment; you will have many opportunities to shop, snack and sip after the cars are judged. You'll also have the chance to spectate at the Dachshund & All Other Small Breeds dog races starting at 3PM.

Il Direttore Jeff Srinivasan and his squad of eagle-eyed evaluators will do their duty to Alfa and country this day, inspecting those in the 2019 Club Concorso program for year-end honors. This will be your final hurrah, so come on down!

RSVPs are a MUST. Please email John Britton at johnbritton.au@gmail.com AND Jeff at rogueman1@mac.com and be sure to include:

1. How many are attending breakfast. (We need a headcount.)
2. The year, model and color of your Alfa Romeo. (Alfas get special parking.)
3. Whether or not you wish to enter the Club Concorso with your Alfa. (Free chance to win!)

Ink your calendars, invest in some fresh Carnuba, and let's have fun at the beach. Oom-Pa-Pa!

– *John Britton*

Join Us at the Track

Just starting out, experienced or a racer?

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2019 Schedule

Sept 14-15	Streets of Willow, HPDE Driving School
Oct 12-13	Big Willow, DE, TT & Race
Nov 23-24	Laguna Seca, DE, TT & Race 92 dB. Why not take off the whole week BEFORE T-Giving!



You can sign up for our track events at

<http://aroschpd>
or at motorsportreg.com

Summer Day Drive 2019: From Coast to Canyons and Back!



Alfas take over the latter minutes of Malibu Bluffs Cars & Coffee. David Waelder photo.

With sweltering heat baking the valleys and deserts of Southern California, AROSC members searched for a way to beat the heat on a summer day drive. A lucky group of your fellow Alfisti found it on Sunday, July 14th by participating in Malibu Day Drive & Lunch event, held, you guessed it, starting in an overcast (and cool) Malibu, and ending up in sunny (but cool) Carpinteria. Here's what went down:

The day began in Malibu Bluffs Park on the Pacific Coast Highway at the semi-monthly Malibu Cars & Coffee (<http://www.malibucarsandcoffee.com>), with the early arrivers showing up around 7AM. This is a multi-marque event that regularly attracts a nice collection of old and new vehicles of interest to us car folk. Our visit was no exception as the main parking area was full earlier than usual.

As the event was ending, around 9AM, most of our intrepid band of AROSC members and guests had arrived and our Alfa Romeos (27 of them!) had taken over the venue, much to the delight of everyone else in attendance, who seemed to enjoy the Italian "invasion".

After a short driver's meeting and distribution of route guidelines, we took off for over two hours of driving almost evenly split between mountain and coastline motoring. We briskly but safely traversed the scenic and twisty tarmac of Las Flores Canyon, Piuma, Malibu Canyon and Encinal Canyon Roads before returning to PCH for the leisurely drive into Ventura County. We gathered in Carpinteria at Giannfranco's Trattoria (<http://www.giannfrancos.com>) on Linden Street for an amazing Italian lunch worthy of any Tuscany kitchen. There may have been some



Jeff conducts a brief drivers' meeting. David Waelder photo.

Chianti involved as well, but I am not certain.

All in all, I think everyone enjoyed both the drive and the eats, and we all began our respective treks home around 1:30 in the afternoon. What a great way to spend a summer day!

If you did not have a chance to join us, we recommend heading to the nearest beach on your own or with nearby Alfa friends – what a great way to beat the heat. And don't forget to hit a mountain road or two on your way there or back – your Alfa will thank you.

– Jeff Srinivasan



Pat heads over to join Bronson and Jim at the Baum-Page Giulia Ti. Elyse Barrett photo.



Above, the Rosen Duetto heads into beautiful Carpinteria. Below, Giannfranco's Trattoria was our Day Drive lunch destination, and a great choice it was! Elyse Barrett photos.





Above, excellent service and a relaxed atmosphere, including wine, were waiting for us at Gianni's. Elyse Barrett photo. Below, delightful dessert, too! David Waelder photo.



More scenes from the driving part ...



Fabulous turnout at the turnout. David Waelder photo, above ... and Bruce West's looking back the other way, below.



Of course, all the turnouts were not sunny, as we see here ... but that's the Coast! David Waelder photo.

Save the Date: October 6th

AROSC Goes to the Malamut



Just one of the unique Malamut cars, a Rometsch, on old town Amelia Island's Main Street prior to appearing in the Most Elegant Coachwork VW class in the concours d'elegance. Elyse Barrett photo.

It has been quite some time, but this fall the Club has garnered the privilege of a return visit to the Mike Malamut Automobile Foundation Museum.

Save Sunday, October 6th for a jaunt out to Thousand Oaks for a 10:30AM viewing of more than 100 examples of American, European and Japanese cars, a fantastic array of microcars, plus motorcycles and boats. Mike has something for everyone!

Many of you may remember a past tour of this quirky private amalgamation of automotive and industrial design art, for which Mike's charming spouse, Barbara, baked cookies on one of the collection's vintage stoves. We are in no way volunteering her to reprise the effort, but the stove may be present.

After our excellent tour, we'll regroup for lunch at a nearby restaurant. We are researching Italian eateries in the area. Watch this space for an update, and look for an e-blast as the time approaches.

Meanwhile, please note that this is a Members Only Activity and RSVPs are required. Contact Jim Barrett at eddinab@verizon.net with the number of persons in your party no later than October 1st. Driving instructions and further details will be provided on about October 3rd.

Club Concorso #2 – Big Party at

HIGHWAY EARTH



Jeff was traffic director as well as Concorso Director, here helping Mike and Chris find their way into to our turnout, shown below. Both photos David Waelder.

The 6th Annual Highway Earth Classic Car Show was held this year in late June and once again played host to another incredible AROSC Club Concorso. Organized by Friend of AROSC Evan Klein, this year's event did not disappoint, with the usual bevy of amazing, outrageous, ingenious and (sometimes) rare vehicles participating.

Twenty-two sparkling and beautiful Alfa Romeos gathered in our specially reserved area at the edge of a full Franklin Canyon Reservoir. There was also a 23rd



Alfa in attendance, but Hector Vasquez's 1974 GTV Am tribute was parked with a select group of honored makes and models chosen to be featured in this year's Highway magazine (Hector earned this honor by winning the People's Choice Award at Club Concorso #1 at the Petersen back in May).

With a nice mix spanning all decades from the '50s to the "Teens", with only the 2000s missing, the sight of the horseshoe-shaped collection of Italian machinery was quite impressive. Five dedicated Concorso devotees competed for ribbons in this our second Club Concorso.

Class winners are shown and listed on page 25, with Steve Cole and his 1977 Alfetta GT taking top honors as Best of Show and Val Dietrich's 1960 Touring-bodied Spider capturing the People's Choice Award as the crowd favorite.



Il Prez Mike cuts his perfectly-decorated birthday cake. David Waelder photo.

After the rosettas were distributed, we honored a milestone birthday for our il Presidente Mike Riehle. He was surprised with a logoeo cake, which he graciously carved for many to consume in the dappled shade of the park road at the top of our turnout.

Although thoroughly sugar-buzzed, we were able to patiently hang out for the Highway Earth group photo and door-prize drawing that followed. Another fun day in L.A.!

We all look forward to the final Club Concorso of the year, scheduled for September 22nd in Huntington Beach. See details on page 14 of this newsletter.

– Jeff Srinivasan, AROSC Concorso Director

Mr. Barrett's Oddball Hwy. Earth Gem Collection

Jim Barrett likes photographing weird car projects. Here are three for this year:



Bob Hope commissioned this from George Barris as a gift to John Wayne. Your Correspondent finds it a little on the cute side for The Duke to be seen in, like wearing a doily for a bandanna, but it is a good piece of work. Trivia Question: How many other wood bodies did Barris build?

The Mad Rambler Project is acutely scary the same way a rabid bunny is way scarier than a grizzly bear. A Rambler with attitude? A Mad Max RAMBLER? All we can say is “Yikes!” and maybe walk by on the other side of the road ... The owner has been at this for a while. We shudder to think what comes next.



These Panhards are the oddest of oddballs because they think they're the normal ones. FWD, two-cylinder air-cooled 850cc engine, plenty of room for four, will cruise all day at around 80. One of these, with four adults, passed our Ford one day ca. 1957; when I told Dad about its engine he refused to believe it. – *Will Owen*



Concorso Winners, from left: Ian, Barbara, Steve, Val, Susan, David, Ron and Concorso Director Srinivasan. Shot by Margaret with David's camera.

Closed Class 1. Steve Cole, 1977 Alfetta GT

Daily Driver Class 1. David & Susan Waelder, 1991 Spider Veloce
 2. Rich & Barbara Priebe 1974 Spider Veloce
 3. Ron Reed, 1978 Spider Veloce

Modern Class 1. Ian & Julie Bishop, 2018 Giulia Quadrifoglio

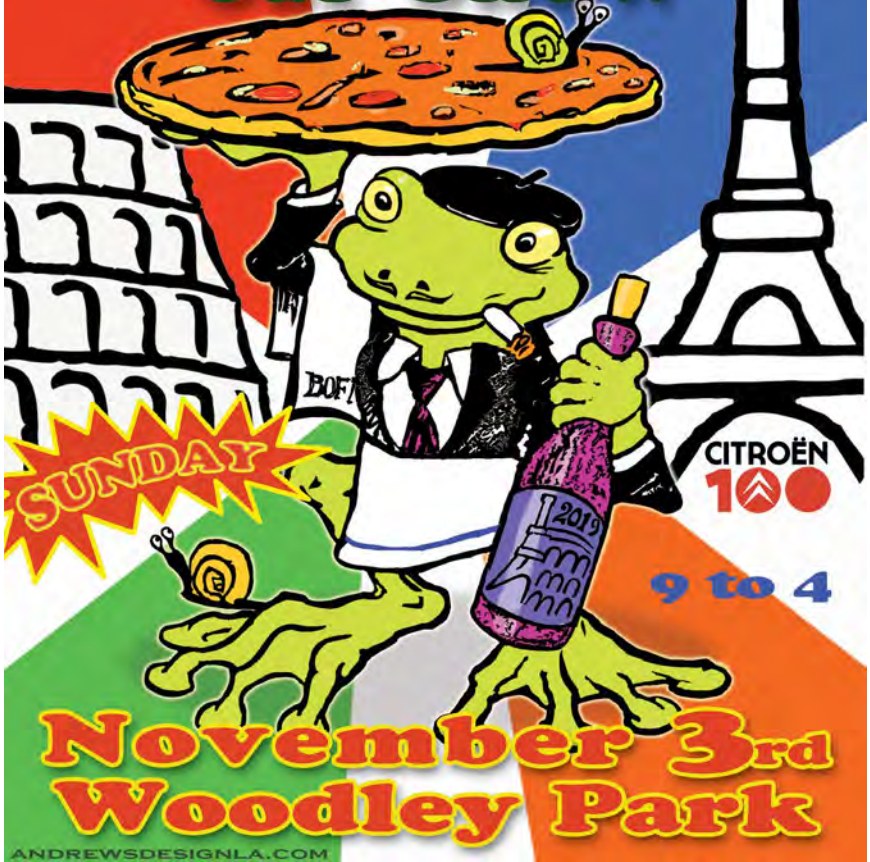
People's Choice Val Dietrich, 1960 Touring Spider

Best of Show Steve Cole, 1977 Alfetta GT



Hwy. Earth standouts: the Vasquez GTAM tribute and Cole Alfetta GT (plus Steve). David Waelder photo.

Best Of France and Italy Car Show



Alfas Abroad - Just For Grins



*Alfa: It's not just a car anymore, it's a vacation rental too! Sign in La Jolla, Baja.
Photo by Elyse Barrett.*



Alfa Day at AR of Santa Monica



Great show. One of everything from Alfa Romeo 1950s - 1990s. Elyse Barrett photo.

We had a fabulous mini-show in mid-June as the center of attention on the tarmac of Alfa Romeo of Santa Monica. At the invitation of the dealership, AROSC brought 27 members in 15 vintage/not-quite-vintage and three new Alfa Romeos for a bonus early celebration of summer.

The day was coordinated by Alfa sales specialist (a Giulia TI owner and new Chapter member!) Jose Gutierrez, who made us welcome and supervised our test drives ("Go ahead, floor it!" he firmly told one too-conservative driver.). He moved all the Maseratis, Fiats and trade-ins off the spaces to be filled with our classic machinery, and also invited a special group of the studio's recent and future customers to visit and learn what being an *Alfista* is all about.

We hoisted our banner, popped a few folding chairs, and enjoyed morning coffee and nibbles from the local Panera, fabulous midday sandwiches and pastries by Priscio Italian Eatery (<http://www.thepriscio.com/>), then an amazing gelato bar by Gelato and Angels (<https://www.gelatoandangels.com/>). If you are out on the Westside, by all means check these two purveyors of fine foods out!

We were able to drive Stelvios and Giulias, hang out in the showroom, chat with passersby, snoop into the service intake bay and Fiat sales office (which housed some fun Alfa products), and sign up for a goodie bag raffle.

New cars attending included the Giulias of new member Clay Epstein and son, and Jan and Chuck Cline, plus Bob Russell's 4C, the first 4C in the Chapter. Seldom-seen members who we enjoyed re-meeting included John Wakamatsu and in his Milano Verde, which he has owned since new; Howard Rosen, who

roared in with his white Duetto; Bill Craver driving his '73 Spider; and David Marks bringing his lovely '73 GTV. We had four Giugiaro shapes: two GTV6s (Britton and Barrett), the concorso-winning Alfetta GT of Steve Cole, and that sideways Alfetta of Paul Blankenship. The Silverman Spider was popular among visitors young and old; the two black new/old spiders of David and Susan Waelder and Val Dietrich, plus Bruce and Pat West's fly yellow beauty also got lots of attention. Bob and Shannon Schmitt made it a nice hardtop-up Spider day in their red Duetto; and Gene Brown's Montreal was on its best behavior. These members attended without Alfas: the Crossley



Great Lunch from Priscio's. Elyse Barrett photo.



AR of Santa Monica's most excellent Jose Gutierrez coordinated our day and is AROSC's newest member. Jim Barrett photo.

family, who were delivering their college-student son to a summer internship; David Khoe, whose GTV is almost (hurry up!) ready for the road; and Steve Edelman, who just drove home from Arizona with a new-to-him BMW Z4 (we forgive him; he has excellent taste).

It was a fun day. The "June Gloom" kept it cool. We got to know new Alfa resources and will be calling upon Jose when we have questions, and bust him out of the office one weekend for AROSC's World Famous Driving School!

Stop in, we are always welcome: Alfa Romeo of Santa Monica, 1820 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90404; 424.543.7309.



Above, EMB test-drives the Stelvio. Jim Barrett photo. Below, David K. at the gelato bar by Gelato and Angels – yum! Photo and culinary review by Elyse Barrett.





Above, Schmitt Duetto with hard top sets tone: vintage plus modern equals great Alfas. Elyse Barrett photo. Below, more love for the Silverman Spider. David Walder photo.



And after the Concorso ...

WE TOURED THE LATEST EXHIBITS!

AROSC's Concorso Season Opener at the Petersen Automotive Museum in May was the prelude to our annual tour of the latest collections, installations and short-term exhibits inside the phantasmagorically clad building in the Miracle Mile's Museum Row. Sixty of us gathered for the event and just about everyone stayed on for the museum meander.

We saw some super cars in these exhibits:

Hollywood Dream Machines: Vehicles of Science Fiction and Fantasy (on view through May 2020). These are examples from the sets of "Blade Runner" to "Mad Max: Fury Road", and "Back to the Future" to the Transformers "BumbleBee" and more.

Winning Numbers: The First, The Fastest, The Famous (through January 19th, 2020). A sampling of Bruce Meyer's cars from a SoCal Speed Shop belly tanker to a Ferrari SWB – they all did or won something big – and each car is accompanied a little video narrated by Bruce.

Disruptors: The designs of Rem D Koolhaas and Joey Ruiter (through March 2020). Futuristic and fantastic industrial design wizardry put to good use in automotive projects.

Legends of Los Angeles: Southern California Race Cars and Their Builders (through November 2019). A fun history lesson about Offenhauser, Miller, Kurtis, Stroppe and more, plus race track lore with video in the 180-degree cinema space.

Electric Revolution (through November 2019). A sampling of visionary e-bikes showing off new-tech motorcycle designs and their electric powerplants.

If you haven't been, go now. The Pete has never been so much fun! – *Elyse Barrett*



A Lexus-designed electric fantasy-mobile in the Hollywood Dream Machines exhibits. David Waelder photo.



Above, part of the Winning Numbers exhibit, the Bonneville record-setting 1934 Ford Pierson Brothers Coupe owned by Bruce Meyer. Jim Barrett photo. Below, a seemingly ordinary VW Beetle sits next to its Transformer alter ego. Or at least that's the story. David Waelder photo.





Above, "Star Wars" vehicle still filthy from its life on Tatooine, but the anti-grav isn't working anymore, hence the wheels. Below, no fantasy: Shelby really did autograph the first production Cobra. David Waelder photos.





Above, one of the “Winning Numbers” cars, a LeMans-winning Testa Rossa now in the Meyer Collection. Below, everyone acquainted with this Club and its works can name these two tireless stalwarts, M.J. and Sheila Kutkus, without whom ... gosh, where to begin? Thank you two for more than we could start to think of. David Waelder photos.



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