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### ON THE COVER THIS MONTH

*Elyse Barrett took this stunning shot of the Open Cars Class at the Huntington Beach Concours. See the story and more photos beginning on Page 38.*

# AROSC Board of Directors, 2021

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

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**November 2** – Election Time. Look for 2022 Ballot in your mailbox.

**November 6-7** – Sonoma Raceway TT & Race w/NCRC; Info page 54.

**November 7** – Best of France & Italy, Woodley Park, Van Nuys; page 14.

**November 21** – Board of Directors Planning Meeting.

**December 18** – Holiday Party at the Clubhouse.

**January 29 2022** – Annual Meeting at Petersen Auto Museum.



Note: Board of Directors meetings are held quarterly. Dates are posted in the Events Calendar. Anyone with business to bring before the Board is requested to please contact II Presidente Jim Barrett.



*Lovely “Stepnose” GTV was one of several contenders in the Huntington Beach Concours on August 1st. See the full story on pages 38-41.*

See additional notice of our recent events on our website, [arosc.org](http://arosc.org)

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# Avanti e Verso l'Auto!

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## Good Day to All and Happy Autumn!

We really hope your lives are returning to a better version. In addition to maintaining our health, a few nifty events have occurred recently, and more are on the nearby horizon.

The twice-postponed AROC National Convention in Colorado was a blessed success. Those of us who attended enjoyed the sights and beauty of the Rockies as well as the other special locations we visited (see page XX for an overview). And, most specially, we enjoyed seeing old, and making new friends! The successes of the Colorado event bode well for next year's AROC Convention in San Diego (more below).



More about successes: our early-October visit to Yanks Air Museum at the Chino Airport, coupled with the second and final 2021 Club Concorso, was a classy winner (reported on page XX). Besides the great planes and lovely Alfas, seeing Alfa pals in person, and welcoming new and returning Chapter members was quite gratifying!

The next scheduled AROSC events were spectating at the race and time trial weekend at Willow Springs on October 8-10, and a visit to the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista on October 24. If you missed these, you missed out!

Club business break: Before we head into the holiday season in earnest, we have a Chapter election to attend to. And we need you to select your next Board of Directors. There are openings for committee chairs and officers. Your ballot should arrive in your email before November 2, and return it before November 10th. We always appreciate new help and fresh ideas. Get involved!

And back to the fun, Sunday, November 7, is the biggest party for cool cars in Southern California: The Best of France and Italy show (<http://www.franceanditaly.com>). Free your Alfa from its garage, craft a picnic, and bring them to Woodley Park in Van Nuys (rain or shine!). You are guaranteed to see lots of Alfas, other marvelous Italian marques and the most sublime French vehicles in the region, plus a fun swap meet.

The final Board of Directors meeting and 2022 planning session will occur on Zoom, Sunday, November 21, and all members are welcome to attend. We want

your energy, input and suggestions for 2022 meeting themes, tours and creative brief encounters of the Alfa kind.

Our annual Holiday Party is back, live and in-person, at the Kutkus's home on Saturday, December 18 (note the date change and view the updated Events Calendar on the website [aroc.org](http://aroc.org) ). It will follow the same fun format as in past years, and to ensure everyone's comfort, COVID vaccinations will be required to attend. See the flyer on page XX and RSVP to Sheila.

And, to finish off this much-improved year, the AROSC Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation is now planned for the Petersen Automotive Museum on Sunday, January 29, 2022. We will convene between 9:30 and 10:00 AM for a continental breakfast, conduct the meeting and present year-end trophies, and then tour the museum. Afterwards, we have the opportunity walk next door for lunch at the fabled Tom Bergin's (established in 1936, refurbished in 2020!). Please note: RSVPs are mandatory.

It's all about communications: Due to popular demand, we will be maintaining a monthly Zoom Happy Hour meeting through year's end (three more HHs). The next one will be Friday, November 12th. The thought is to continue with this online get-together in 2022 on a quarterly schedule. Stay tuned!

And, your Alfianada will change back to a bi-monthly publication next year. You might note that this month's issue is bigger than the national magazine. Seems like revenge expressions!

Looking further ahead into 2022, the AROC National Convention will be in San Diego in June. Our chapter and our pals in Desert ALFAS are assisting San Diego AROC with a variety of support. Most notably AROSC will conduct the track day activities at Willow Springs, a couple of days before the convention proper. More information will be revealed as we learn it.

This newsletter proves that AROSC is back. Have fun reviewing the past five months of fun in this super-sized recap of your club's short but jam-packed calendar, and come drive with us in 2022.

Looking forward to seeing your shiny cars and happy faces soon!

*Ciao, Jim and Elyse  
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# TECH GUY ... The Future is NOW

It is wonderful that Alfa Romeo is back and selling new cars in the United States, but the majority of us have Alfas that are 30 to 60 years old. Fortunately, there are a number of suppliers of parts for our older cars both in the U.S. and Europe. And by utilizing the internet, it is relatively easy to locate and purchase both replacement and performance parts for the older Alfas.

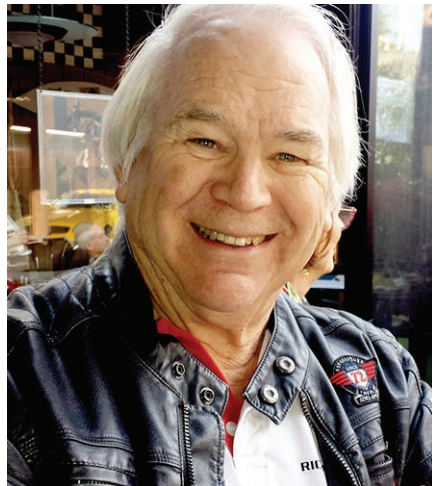
Some hard to find parts are plastic trim pieces that may be needed for a restoration, or just make your car look nicer. Various suppliers can help you, but a lot of these pieces are almost impossible to find, especially for the lower production models. The size of the market just doesn't justify the cost of producing the parts. There are places like Alfa Parts Exchange that may be able to supply the occasional bit, but it is hit and miss.

Luckily advances in technology have enabled small-batch reproduction of special parts at reasonable prices. With the growing number of online CNC machining and 3D printing services it is possible to get replacement parts made without having to take out a second mortgage on your house to pay for them.



As a case in point, I recently made up several replacement parts for my Montreal. The windshield wiper motor controller died several years ago and I had to jumper around the connections to get the wipers to work. I succeeded, to a point: they ran but no longer had the park feature so I had to turn the wipers off at just the right time. The controller was a Bosch unit that has long been out of production, and as far as I have been able to determine, it was used only on the Montreal. So I made up a new circuit board (\$6 from OshPark), added \$20 worth of components, 3D printed a new case and put it in the car. It works and looks just the same as the original, other than the Bosch ID and part number are missing from the case. That's it on the left.

A second item was a replacement fuse block set that use the ATO/ATC fuses rather than the Bosch ceramic fuses. Anyone who has an older Alfa knows how much of a pain those old fuse blocks can be. In this case, I designed a new set of fuse blocks in a 3D CAD program and sent the files off to an online CNC shop. Two weeks later I had the parts back and used them to make up a set of molds in silicon rubber. I poured some epoxy resin into the molds and turned out the fuse blocks. I had some brass parts made by OshCut for about







\$1.50 each (plus a setup charge). Put the whole thing together with some fuse sockets from DigiKey and I now have two new fuse blocks that are safer and more reliable than the originals and bolt right in. The original covers even work, so at a glance you can't even tell that they are updated. That's a fuse block on the left, sans cover.

Not everybody has the skill and ability to do this kind of work but there are surprising numbers of people who do. You will find them offering their parts on the AlfaBB, Ebay and their own web sites on the internet. One site I recently came across ([www.gryp-3d.com](http://www.gryp-3d.com)) offers several very hard to find parts for the Montreal and Giulia Bertone that they 3D print.

With the advances in technology, these processes are getting more reliable and less expensive all the time. There are online services that even 3D print in metal. I saw one article recently about 3D printing of pistons. Not ready for prime time yet, but it is coming. What was science fiction 20 years ago is now becoming reality, and those who have the tools to do the design work can now help you get your unobtainium parts made at a reasonable cost.

Before you give up on that impossible-to-find part, ask about it online and maybe somebody is already making it or will be spurred to make it.

– Gene Brown



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# AROSC 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Clubhouse Holiday Party

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# *Alfa Romeo*

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## Annual Meeting & Year-End Awards

January 29th, 2022  
*Rain or Shine*

### Petersen Automotive Museum

We're wrapping up 2021 and kicking off 2022 at one of our favorite venues - The Pete!

If you are a points contender for competition recognition on the track or the concorso greens, come to L.A. for your trophy. If you want to know who won the Board of Directors elections, come to L.A. for the inside scoop and a pre-release copy of the 2022 Events Calendar. If you simply want to tour the latest museum exhibits, come to L.A. and hang with your clubmates for a bit, then enjoy the day viewing the most special, famous, unusual and exciting examples of automotive history on the planet.

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## **AROSC Board of Directors 2022 Election**

**November 2, 2021**

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It's that time of year again!  
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# YANKS CHINO MUSEUM VISIT & CONCORSO #2



*A beautiful Gypsy Moth in the classics hangar, above. Below, SoCal-made Lockheed P38 Lightning equipped for reconnaissance duty. Both photos by David Waelder.*





Over the past year, your event and concorso planners were in a dilemma, not knowing if we could proceed with the event we had started planning these many months ago because our members could not commit to be there. However, to our delight, it Over the past year, your event and concorso planners were in a dilemma, not knowing if we could proceed with the event we had started planning these many months ago because our members could not commit to be there. However, to our delight, it all came together extremely well and to everyone's pleasure on October 2.

The plan was to have members who lived anywhere within reach of our famous car meeting place gather in Huntington Beach at Donut Derelicts (corner of Magnolia and Adams). Well, even that went off well, because we had several attendees present and three cars left as a convoy.



*John introduces our host, James Noriega.*

The guys and girls arrived nice and early, and were at the gate at opening. Direttore di Consorzi Jeff Srinivasan positioned the cars in front of the classic aircraft hangar, chosen to be opened by Yanks' general manager James Noriega and become our dramatic backdrop and first-class photo op.

We had a great quorum of old and new cars – 10 classics and four newer Giulias, along with yet another classic, to lend a “touch of class” to the beautiful Lear Jet parked behind them. Thank you once more to James Noriega for that piece of magic.

Our judges, led by Jeff Srinivasan, then got their tasks while the first wave of members were treated to a tour of the wonderful Yanks Air Museum with a knowledgeable and qualified docent.

With judging complete, and the first wave finished with their tour of the museum, Jeff presented the ribbons to the drivers of these wonderful collection of cars (results below). Afterwards we all had a meal we brought along or purchased from the famous local diner, Flo's, and spent some worthwhile time conversing in person (something which has been impossible to do for the past 19 months). It was a very successful, and enjoyable day. Thank you to everyone who attended.



*Even at its age, this Blue Angels jet is awesome to behold. Steve Edelman photo.*



*USAF veteran prop jet is ready to fly anywhere from Chino. Steve Edelman photo.*



*Above, new member Jeff Wagner (left with his Balocco GTV-6) is ready as Jeff and Beau get us started. Below, John Ireland took the Moderns Class prize with his 2021 Giulia. Both photos by David Waelder.*



## CONCORSO NOTES RESULTS

First off, we had 15 Alfa Romeos at the hangar with seven Alfas competing the Club Concorso. We had four beautiful modern Giulia sedans and eleven classic Alfas in attendance. Our earliest car was Pat Quilter's 1956 Giulietta Sprint and the most recent was John Ireland's 2021 Giulia Base, which he picked up from the Alfa Romeo dealer only months ago. Rich Wagner brought his special 1982 GTV-6 Balocco SE, one of 350 of this one-year-only model imported into the U.S. The Best of Show-winning 1989 Milano Verde (owner: Jim Barrett) stood out for its beautiful Recaro seats/interior (and more!) and the People's Choice award-winning 1977 Montreal (owner: Tony Santarelli) sported rare green metallic paint and double-stacked SPICA pumps to feed its V8 engine (yes, it has a V8!).

## CONCORSO RESULTS

Modern Class

John Ireland, 2021 Giulia

Closed Class

Jim & Elyse Barrett, 1989 Milano Verde

Open Class

David & Susan Waelder, 1991 Spider Veloce

Daily Driver Class

1. David O'Donoghue, 1984 Spider Veloce
2. Pat & Cindy Terrisse, 1978 Spider Veloce
3. Mario Cano, 1988 Spider Veloce

Best of Show

Jim & Elyse Barrett, 1989 Milano Verde

People's Choice

Tony Santarelli, 1977 Montreal

Club Concorso Judges

Jay Mackro, David Waelder, John Ireland, David O'Donoghue,  
Chuck Meschter, Jeff Srinivasan



*Our Judges in action. Steve Edelman photo.*



*It was great to have some shade and the view of classic aircraft. Elyse Barrett photo.*

# AROSC CONTINGENT CONQUERS COLORADO...(SORT OF)

After two postponements fraught by COVID19 safety concerns (from 2020 to 2021 and from July 2021 to September 2021) Alto Miglia, the AROC National Convention in Colorado Springs, Colorado finally happened. Five couples from AROSC made it there under their own power (with their Alfas and dailies). It was a true “Rocky Mountain High” scene – full of spectacular scenery, the occasional Alfa frailty, and that wonderful camaraderie a shared experience brings to a group. Here is a travelogue of treasured photos and a few words from everyone. If you’ve never been to an Alfa Club Convention, you need to go. Next year, *Alfiesta del Pacifico* will be in our backyard, in San Diego, in late June. Mark your calendars! – *Elyse Barrett*



*AROSC Italian family dinner at Paravincinis in Old Colorado City\_photo by Elyse's camera and our server.*

## **Charlie & Bonnie Schwartz**

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Plus: Success against all the odds. Old friends and new. And, how about that elevation! – *Charlie & Bonnie*



*West Tour Group at Independence Pass. Puff Stevens photo.*

### **Jim & Elyse Barrett**

It was a “High on Life” kind of event: great fun, well organized and all executed at significant altitudes. We made it to top of Pikes Peak, which not everyone did. It was great to see old friends and check out the array of amazing Alfas driven to Colorado Springs from all parts of the U.S.A.

– Jim



*Royal Gorge suspension bridge is a mile-high wonder. – Norm Silverman photo.*

### **Norm & Evelyn Silverman**

We very much enjoyed getting together with what seemed like family members who we liked and missed, plus adding new friends that hadn't heard my stories. The plethora of vistas on the way to and from Colorado are indelibly etched in my brain and many will be printed on canvas.

The most indelible and exciting moment was on the East Tour driving across the Royal Gorge suspension bridge and hoping that we would not be a headline on the evening news. – Norm



*Assortment of Alfas at Independence Pass\_Jim Barrett photo*

### **John & Doug Schirmer**

My son, Doug, and I enjoyed our 1,100 mile drive in our '74 GTV through the desert and the Colorado high country and mountains. We reconnected with old friends and made many new friends both out in the parking lot and on the concours grounds among the many Alfas in attendance. We even made friends at Concours Cars in Colorado Springs where they replaced my fuel pump so we could get home safely. They are highly recommended and the owner Mark has a turbo Alfa Spider for a daily driver (see Alfa Owner, April 2020). –  
*John*



*Redstone Lobby decor detail. Eliyse Barrett photo.*



*Spider row at the Colorado Convention Concorso. Bonnie Schwartz photo*



We all suffered a bit with the altitude. Some more than others. Would you believe that the Target next to the convention hotel sold oxygen in disposable cans? Its true. They look like paint spray containers, cost about the same, and work the same way. A generous Alfisti gave us a couple cans after his drive up Pikes Peak.

I was talking with Lou, owner of a lovely red Duetto, on the West Tour. He had installed bigger cams and Weber carbs and had taken it

to Tom Sahines to sort out the carbs. It idled smoothly and seemed just great, but he lamented that he couldn't get it to go over 8,500. I've revved my '65 past 7,000 a few times, but never that high! Then I realized, he meant 8,500 feet!

After three hours, any bucket seat (even in our Infinity) becomes a torture device. — *Mike*





### **Chuck & Jan Cline**

Our pre-convention tour was a hoot, but a little long on that first day. The climb to 12,000 feet up Independence Pass was literally breathtaking. We enjoyed the Swap Meet, chatting with new friends and haggling over new purchases or acquisitions, plus refreshments from AROC President, Cindy Banzer. We noticed it took her an hour to get her son's craft beer (Migration Ale) from Oregon out because every one was talking to her. The altitude really affected all of us; even after two weeks above 5,000 feet we never adapted. We've contributing a couple of pictures of the most usual sign we saw. – *Chuck & Jan*



*Pikes Peak Alfa Brigade waits at the side for big rig to pass downhill. Elyse Barrett photo.*



*Visitors center at Pikes Peak summit is dramatic too! Elyse Barrett photo.*



*Mighty Alfa Lineup! (Left)*

# SEPTEMBER SCHOOL PUTS RECORD NUMBER OF ALFAS ON THE TRACK

Thanks to all of you Alfa owners who came out to our High Performance Drivers Education School on September 10-11, especially AROSC members Asaad Bhamla, Max Bozoghlian and Rob Richard. You were part of a record number of Alfas enrolled in this school - a public service and fun activity we have been running for over 25 years (more than 50 educational and entertaining weekends).

First, we'd like to know: did any of you have problems with your Alfas? You certainly put your cars through some tough stuff over the two



*The Blankenship Giulia, repaired and again road-worthy. Paul Blankenship photo.*



*Mighty Alfa Lineup! (Right)*

days. I would like to post any good Alfa news on the Facebook page for Alfa Romeo Owners Club USA. Sort of a counter to the frequent inquiries that read: “So how reliable are the new Alfas?”

In my 2018 Giulia I only did a few laps and a few turns on the skid-pad with no problems. I certainly got to bump into Traction Control and ABS a few times. What 'bout you?

Second, we'd like to see your photos: if you got any good shots of cars, any cars, in action at School, it is your chance to get your name in a future edition of this AROSC newsletter, *Alfacionada*. If you did, please email the the full size photos to me, no thumbnails or low-resolution images, please.

Thank you again for your support!

– Paul Blankenship  
License Guy, Instructor

*Competition Chair, 2022 AROC National Convention, San Diego*



*Brilliant blue 4C etcetera ..... more info??*

# CELEBRATING SANTO'S FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY



*The man of the hour, Santo Rimicci. All photos are by David Waelder unless otherwise attributed.*

A little Cars & Coffee style open house became a nearly all-day party at Santo's Italian Car Service on September 4th. The occasion was the shop's 40th year in operation and the man of the hour was patriarch Santo Rimicci.

AROSC members have been longtime customers of this quality builder, bringing their classic and new Alfas to Northridge and sons Anthony and Fabrizio now do a lot of the service work, in addition to campaigning their GTV (GT Junior) and Giulia Super in SCCA and regional race competition.

Thank you to John Ireland, Paul Blankenship, Gene Brown, Mike Baum, Mario Cano, Steve Edelman, David Kohe, Terry Watson, David and Susan Waelder who represented the chapter and made the event a success.

Take a tour of the shop in these fun photos. – *Elyse Barret*



*Above, another fabulous makeover in progress. Below, Anthony, Fabrizio and Gene discuss horsepower.*





*Above, Giulias and a Montreal decorate the front driveway. Below, so great to see the youth element showing some interest!*





*The Baum Junior Z outside, in this photo by Steve Edelman, has a new sibling inside the shop, the fine vintage Sprint seen below with Anthony and Santo. Waelder photo*





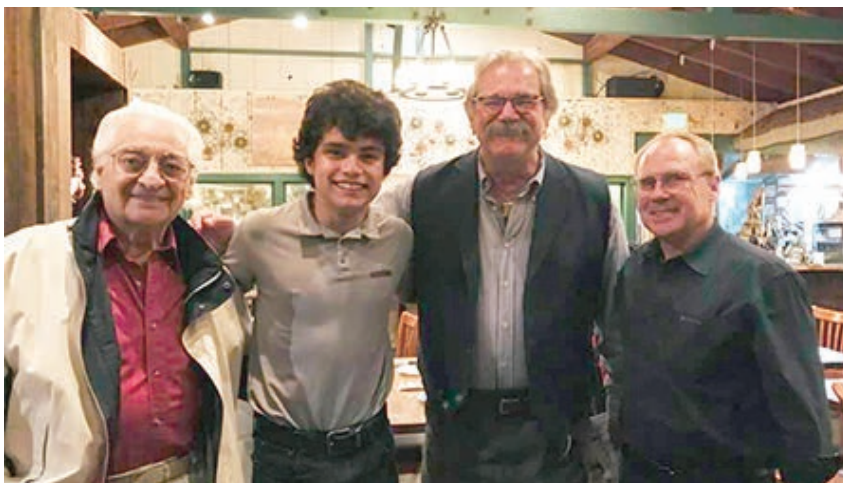


*Above, Gene, Fabrizio and Terry do some serious bench racing.*



*Steve Edelman shot this surreal view of all the various red cars lining the curb outside of Santo's shop.*

## A TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO MONTEREY



*AROSC Dinner Guests: Gino, Alex, Tony and Allen. Photo credit??*

Our 23rd annual AROSC and Friends Thursday Welcome Dinner at Ambrosia India Bistro in Monterey (featuring the now traditional and delicious half-Italian/half-Indian buffet) was, by all measures, a rousing success.

Our 50 guests included in addition to AROSC members, Alfisti from Delta Sierra Chapter and the Alfa Romeo Association. We were honored by the presence of our guest speakers, Allen Berg, Formula 1, 2, & 3 Champion driver and owner of Allen Berg Racing School at Laguna Seca, and, the surprise of the night, his son Alex Berg, who at the ripe old age of 14 has been selected to drive for the 2022 USA Mazda Factory Team in the IMSA Stock Miata MX5 Championship Cup. I believe he may be the youngest professional driver on the circuit.

Evelyn, as usual, in coordination and with the enthusiastic support of the owner of Ambrosia, pulled off a smoothly run, tastefully presented evening of family warmth and friendship.

We fully expected Allen Berg to capture our attention with the stories of his historic career, which he did, but Alex surprised us with a clear vision of his future. With the aplomb of an experienced campaigner, he not only presented himself as a professional, but also managed to make an excellent push for his needed sponsorships.

We ended this wonderful evening with encouragement for attending the upcoming AROC National Convention in Colorado this September, and a careful leak of the plans for the 2022 convention being planned for San Diego, California. – *Norm Silverman*



*As the 2021 Monterey Car Week opened, AROSC was represented in the Concours on the Avenue in Carmel. Our own Ron Avery (a Verde member) settled his pristine 1988 Milano Verde here for the afternoon, then showed the car at Concorso Italiano on Saturday. Great to see such a perfect example. Photo by Richard Plavetich*



*21st Century Alfas grace the Concorso Italiano greens.*



*Norm Silverman ready for his closeup and is interviewed by cars.tv for a segment that aired in September.*



*Cindy, Pat, Sue, Evelyn, Sue's Friend, Norm at the post CI dinner at Blackhorse.  
Photo by Evie's cellphone.*



*The wonderful mix of Alfa styles in the early morning at Concorso Italiano. No credit yet.*

# HUNTINGTON BEACH CONCORSO

*Sunshine and ribbons for Club Concorso #1 winners*



*Alister Victoria and Elyse check out the Brownell 1934 original drop-top Rolls-Royce. Jim Barrett photo.*

The Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California celebrated its first, post-Covid concors on August 1st when it participated in the Huntington Beach Concors. Like many things, the concors was cancelled last year and postponed from its normal June date in 2021. It is a much-loved event that has become a staple of the Orange County car scene since 1986, so AROSC was pleased to be a part of its return. The concors is a non-profit event that benefits the Children's Resource Center at the Huntington Beach Library. *(Story continues on Page 41)*



*Can a Corvette look more elegant than this? Jim Barrett photo.*



*Above, this 1967 Ghia SS is rare and gorgeous. Below, this is as much of the Closed Car row as we could fit in! Call it Rhapsody in (mostly) Red. Both photos Steve Edelman.*





*From left: Mackro '66 Sprint GT (Closed Class), Barrett Milano Verde (Peoples' Choice), Wustenhoff Giulia Quadrifoglio NRING (Best of Show). Below, The very-special Beast of Turin is built on an American LaFrance firetruck chassis. Both photos are by Steve Edelman.*







Fourteen Alfas took the field in our new location at the top of the hill, joining over 200 cars and motorcycles of all years, makes and models at this year's event. Eleven Alfa owners chose to have their cars judged, with entries distributed between open, closed, daily driver, and modern classes. The winners were:

#### Modern Class

1. Edward Wustenhof, 2019 Giulia Quadrifoglio NRING
2. Giuseppe Greco, 2019 Giulia Quadrifoglio
3. Jan & Chuck Cline, 2018 Giulia Ti

#### Closed Class

1. Jay Mackro, 1966 Giulia Sprint GT
2. Jim & Elyse Barrett, 1989 Milano Verde

#### Open Class

1. Norm & Evie Silverman, 1965 Giulia Spider Veloce
2. Paul & Bonnie Simon, 1986 Spider Veloce

#### Daily Driver Class

1. David O'Donoghue, 1984 Spider Veloce
2. Pat & Cindy Terrise, 1978 Spider Veloce
3. Mario Cano, 1988 Spider Veloce

#### Best of Show

Edward Wustenhof, 2019 Giulia Quadrifoglio NRING

#### People's Choice

Jim & Elyse Barrett, 1989 Milano Verde

# JULY 24TH ANGELES CREST DRIVE



*Fearless Leader Steve Cole, top right in yellow, conducts the drivers meeting. Below, pause to regroup at Chileo Flats. Both photos by Steve Edelman.*

The group of 12 cars (mostly Alfas) gathered at 8:30 AM on July 24th in La Canada-Flintridge. The teams made their pit stops at Panera and checked in. I was able to deliver my short intro speech, and we departed at 9 AM. It was a perfect Los Angeles morning.

The temperature was mild and the traffic negligible. I believe a majority of the vehicles we did see were either sportscars or motorcycles, not a surprise on this road. From our scouting run a few days earlier, we found the good place for a group stop was the picnic area parking lot at the Chileo Flats Visitors Center. We had it to ourselves for snacks and, of course, talking and looking at cars.





*Quintessential group portrait at Islip Saddle, the favorite burnout turnout on Angeles Crest Highway. Steve Edelman photo.*

The road was good, very few rocks to avoid, and no construction areas. The pace was close to speed limit (a chopper was seen above and it may have been CHP), but maybe we didn't really slow to advised speeds at curves because they can be so much fun.

We made another group stop at Islip Saddle at the junction of old CA 39 and ACH where we lined up for photos with a nice backdrop. Thank you, Steve Edelman.



*Nice portrait of black 4C running through the forest. Steve Edelman photo.*

The final leg got us into Wrightwood about 11:30 AM, where we lunched at the Grizzly Café. It wasn't an original idea, apparently, as the waiting time for seating was very long and several in our party decided to pass on that part.

The fire damage in the mountains was saddening, but there were spectacular views. There didn't appear to have any car problems and we all enjoyed the run.

Let's do it again.

– Steve Cole



*Racy in red, a span of years and styles of our favorite sports cars; the sporting parade through the pines continues above and below on the way to Wrightwood. Steve Edelman photos.*





*Our end point and lunch stop in Wrightwood features a retired chair-lift as seating for Evelyn and (name, please!) while awaiting their table. Steve Edelman photo.*

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# HIDDEN TREASURE IN LONG BEACH – DISCOVERING THE FUNARI GARAGE



*A nice crowd made it to Long Beach for our first collection tour since the pandemic began. Steve Edelman photo*

One of the first responders to the initial AROC Activities Survey this past March (Really, what do we want to do most once we can go play outdoors with our Alfas?) was decade-plus member Bob Funari of Long Beach, who offered to share a morning with a sampling of his 20-plus hotrods.

He and his wife Pam Kredell opened the garage, office and library to us and graciously told their story. Bob, who wanted a career automotive engineering but ended up a successful CEO in the biomed/healthcare systems business, was instead able to apply his enthusiasm for precision machinery in the unique vehicles he has collected – and made more unique.

The cars we tried not to drool on included beautifully built and/or exotically modified examples: a Datsun 240Z, a replica NART Ferrari, a very smart Superformance Ford GT and FactoryFive 427 Cobra. The gorgeous E-Type Jaguar, Maserati Ghibli, and Corvette Sting Ray were more pure, but still sported engine mods.

And then there was the GTV 2000. Bob acquired the already-perfect Alfa at a Monterey auction and repowered it with a 3-liter Alfa 164 engine upping the horsepower to 229 ponies. Bob enthuses about the GTV's nimble, fun-to-drive character and admits he needs more seat time in the car.



*Above, 164 6-cylinder hop-up for the GTV. Below, Bob acquired this GTV in the Monterey auctions in 20xx. We believe it belonged to chapter members. Both photos by Steve Edelman.*





*Pam describes how the garage was transformed from dusty unloved commercial space to the showplace it is today. David Waelder photo.*



*Bob is a skilled presenter and told us the story of each car. This NART Ferrari recreation is one of his favorites. It went at The Quail in August. David Waelder photo.*

We next rolled to lunch on the waterfront at Gladstone's and hied off for home before weekend traffic closed in.

One big thank you goes out to Bob and Pam for the time shared. We hope to see you again soon.

Another thank you goes out to Gladstone's owner John Sangmeister and events manager Carolina Machuca, who arranged for our excellent meal, served in sun-washed comfort.—*Elyse Barrett*



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