



Newsletter of
the Alfa Romeo
Owners of
Southern California



Celebrate summer
with *Alfisti* friends
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September 2nd is our
last 2023 Concorso.
Come to The Pete
to compete or
spectate. See
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+ Descanso
Gardens

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*Avanti
e Verso
l'Auto!*

**Presidents'
Message**

Wow, summer is here, *just like that!*

And likewise your club is movin' and groovin' along the Alfa path.

Our May Day Drive began at the very nifty Conejo Valley Cars and Coffee, and headed to Apricot Lane Farms. We went over the hills to Santa Paula Valley and back via a rousing route (Thank you, Jeff!). After shopping the farmstand we motored into Moorpark proper for a mighty fine pizza lunch. Our Sicily-born restaurant host wants a Stelvio badly, and could become a new member soon! Drive with us on pages 7-10.

A week later, we showed our classic and current cars on the sales lot at Alfa Romeo of Santa Monica Alfa Romeo and spent the morning with the hybrid CUV, Tonale. See page 11-12 for cool photos.

And just one week after this, we got together at the Huntington Beach Concours for AROSC Concorso #2. Results on page 14-16.

Highlight: Your *copresidenti* and several chapter members and affiliates

journeyed in mid-June to North Carolina to bask in the glories of the AROC National Convention. Some of us went early to drive the Pre-Tour, a small-group adventure covering three days of regional roadgoing fun. The professional Alfa travel thrill seekers representing AROSC and the West Coast were Jan and Chuck Cline, Ron and Donna Avery, and Paul Blankenship, Mary Ann Dickinson, Gordy Hyde and Dolly Samson (who all transported themselves cross-country!) We hope we'll get some "on the road" narratives

for a future *Alfacionada*.

And! Our 2023 Summer Party is coming up on July 29th! RSVP by July 19th and be ruthless about collecting items for the Garage Goodies Auction! Details on page 4.

Finally, save the date for our fun fest at the Petersen Automotive Museum on Saturday, September 2nd. Your club is contributing to the costs. You **MUST** RSVP to attend. More on Page 13.

Please note a major change has taken place in AROSC's competition program. It is



important that all club members learn about the current situation and its resolution. Please take some time to fully absorb these changes to our club activities. See page 3.

See you and your Alfa soon!

Jim & Elyse Barrett

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Competition Program Suspended

This past spring, your AROSC Board of Directors became aware of financial and organizational issues with the Time Trial / Race / High Performance Driver's Education part of our Club. Primary was lack of funds to pay the required deposits to Willow Springs Raceway to secure our September and October 2023 competition events. Secondary was a lack of personnel to stage these events.

The Board of Directors formed a Race Subcommittee to study the issues and determine a course of action. Historical data regarding participation and financial results from track events organized by AROSC yielded the following conclusions:

- 1) The club has lost money on most racetrack events operated over the past three years, depleting the competition treasury.
- 2) Actual participation by AROSC members is low, with less than 1/5th of the total revenue collected coming from our members, which jeopardizes its status as a non-profit 501-C-7 entity. The vast majority of participants in AROSC TT/HPDE events were not AROSC members.
- 3) There is no evidence that this fall's racetrack events would result in anything but the club losing many additional thousands of dollars.

As a result of the above conclusions, the Race Subcommittee recommended that the two upcoming fall 2023 racetrack events be cancelled. Further, it was recommended that AROSC cease n track events indefinitely, for the same financial reason. The AROSC Board of Directors have accepted these recommendations.

This chapter's 50+ year history of highly regarded racetrack events made this decision very difficult. That legacy was not lightly ended. We anticipate there will be members who are disappointed in this outcome. If the situation were to change, and an AROSC member wished to develop a business plan that includes a new source of funding and restarting AROSC-organized racetrack events that made financial sense, the Board is open to such proposals. If you have any questions about this decision or interest in the potential future of AROSC-organized track events, please email your Board of Directors at info@arosc.org.

Thank you.

AROSC Race Subcommittee

Paul Blankenship, Norm Silverman, Jeff Srinivasan and Don Wagner



Hear-Hear ! Summer Party Time is Near!

The countdown to Summer Party '23 is under way! It is time to celebrate the season with *Alfisti* friends. Get out your aloha shirts and sundresses, and RSVP today!

When: July 29th, 12:30PM to 4:30PM

How: Admission - **RSVP by July 19th to event.rsvp@arosc.org** . We have to know you are coming.

Where: Jeff & Margaret Srinivasan's home (address and driving instructions provided when you RSVP)

What: Lunch by Epic Tacos, served 1:00PM to 3:00PM

What More: Dessert Potluck and BYO Adult Beverages

How Much: \$30 per person using PayPal to treasurer@arosc.org, mailing a check to AROSC Treasurer, 27152 Paseo del Este, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675, or by credit card online at https://aroc-usa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=677320&item_id=2025559

What Else: Bring car-related and other garage goodies for the auction!!

We are departing from tradition to again this year to stage a **dessert potluck**. So whip up your favorite summer sweets to share.

And if so inclined, you are also welcome to bring along your **favorite adult beverages to share**. A table and coolers plus drinkware will be provided.

Lunch will be cooked up by Epic Tacos, the

same outstanding mobile chefs who provided our 60th anniversary repast last year. Flour or corn tortillas will be filled with your choice of carne asada, chicken, carnitas, or veggies, and quesadillas will be made to order. They will provide soft drinks and water as well.

The cost to attend is \$30 per person, paid in advance. See "How Much" (at left).

As the afternoon wanes, we will embark on our traditional **Garage Goodies/Alfa Treasures Auction**. Be a part of it! Go out right now and sort those shelves, boxes and bins for great items for us to bid on!

Our host has graciously volunteered to call a few lots, but before his voice gives out, Paul Blankenship will be there to assist. Thank you both in advance for your service.

There is a pool, and swimming costumes are recommended for those who wish to swim. If you are bringing small children, be aware that you will be required to supervise them.

Plan to make a day of it with AROSC and **RSVP by July 19th to Jeff Srinivasan via email at event.rsvp@arosc.org** .You will be given the address and driving instructions then.

See you there!

Jeff & Margaret

Monterey Car Week is August 13-20

Once again AROSC will be kicking off Monterey Historics Week with Evelyn Silverman's Thursday Welcome Dinner at Ambrosia India Bistro in downtown Monterey on August 17th, at 7 PM.

The open buffet is Italian and Indian fare, for \$35 per person. Soda, beer, wine, cocktails, and mocktails are available for purchase.

Come to find out who this year's surprise speaker will be! RSVP to Evelyn at normanbev@msn.com or text 818-314-1262.

And we have learned that the *Sports Car Market* Alfa Romeo Tipo Awards show categories at Concorso Italiano on August 19th, will be:

Spiders: Postwar Touring-bodied - 1900, 2000, 2600, 6C 2500

Coupes: Alfettas - GT, GTV-6, SZ, RZ

Sedans: 164s only, all years

Current Models (2014-date, no 4Cs): QVs only (Stelvio & Giulia)

Rat Rods: drivers, not trailered in

If you have such a model, register now at concorso.com and join the fun!



AROC will again assist in the judging and narrate the stories of the winning Alfas during trophy presentation time.

At the end of the day, we are all invited to gather in the Black Horse Golf Course clubhouse for a buffet dinner to wind down, reconnect and let the traffic clear. Please make reservations via the ARA website <https://www.alfaromeoassociation.org/> and register in the Event Calendar section. ARA uses ClubExpress as we do, so you should be familiar so you should be familiar with signing up for events.




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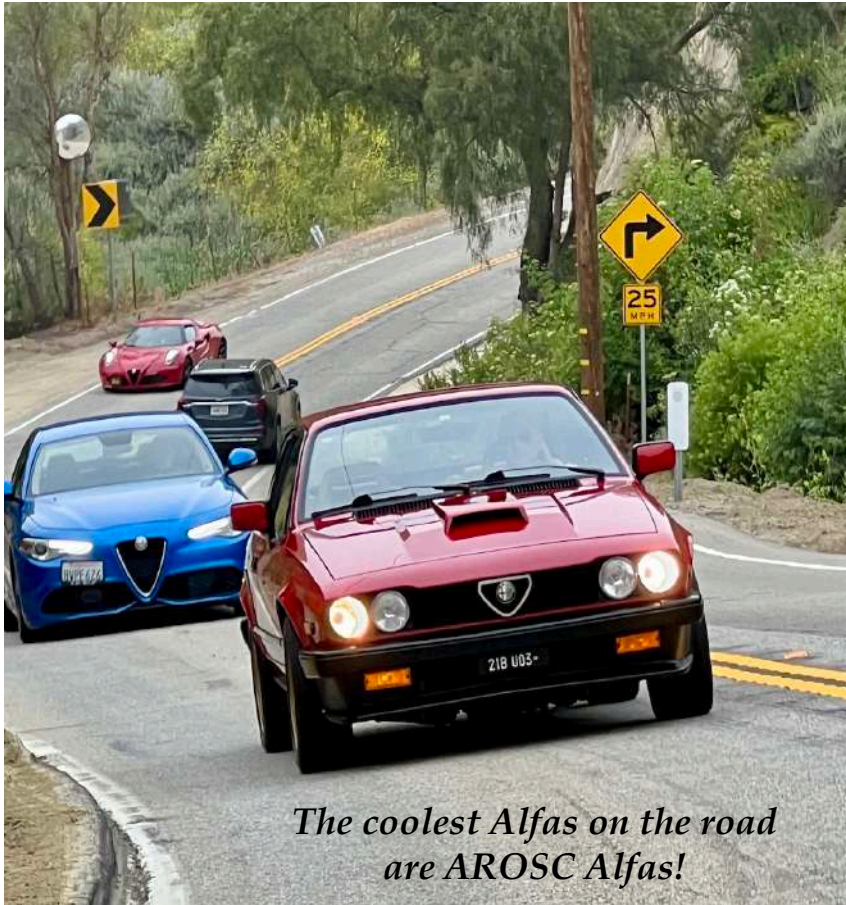
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Apricot Lane Farms Day Drive Adventure

*A springtime
backroads blast!*



On May 20th, our spring day drive brought us together bright and early at the semi-monthly Conejo Valley Cars & Coffee in Thousand Oaks. Our band of 15 Alfas + 1 Fiat were kindly welcomed by this eclectic group, and we will be back.

Horsepower and unique powerplants were appreciated, with Hal Croulet's twin spark 916 spider and Ron Avery's Callaway twin turbo CTV-6 drew a lot of attention. We as a group drew a bit of attention as we formed up for a parade exit from the lot. Video by Steve Edelman shared social media got a lot of likes in the days that followed.

We billed this as a top-down day with siders leading the way, and there were nine spiders from the early 1060s to the late 1990s present to do the honors.

Our short, sweet and twisty drive over the

Santa Susanas and back to Moorpark was cooled by a thick overcast and perfumed by the thousands of blooming citrus trees.

Thank you, Jeff Srinivasan, for the route suggestion. It was fun to drive Grimes Canyon in reverse and Balcom Canyon to emerge at the entry to Apricot Lane Farms.

Once afoot, we shopped the farmstand and Haley guided us on a walk in the market garden. Thank you ALF for your hospitality.

Then it was time for the final leg: the run for a restaurant takeover at Pizzeria Magma. Davide Moschella and crew have a winner here. While they made custom pizzas for us, they served charcuterie and Caesar salads, and fine Italian wines and beers. *Mille grazie* for a perfect ending to a perfect Alfa Day!

– Elyse Barrett

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Clockwise from top left: Mike and Gene and Gene's beloved Montreal. Alfa Spider lineup at CVCC. The parade of fabulous AROSC machinery gets rolling. The Dietrich 2000 Touring Spider grille. Quintessential country roads lead us out and back to Moorpark. Hal's 916 is a crowd-pleaser.



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Clockwise from top left: Naomi and Haley at the farmstand with photo-ready eggs. Elyse's purchase of carrots, edible flowers and those eggs! Haley takes us through this biodiversity wonderland. Spiders lead the way onto the final leg - toward lunch. Susan, Cheryl, Roberto and Margaret chat in the ALF parking strip. Founder John Chester fields questions from visitors about his Biggest Little Farm.

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Clockwise from top left: Davide and crew work out for us at Pizzeria Magma. Yes, we took over the entire restaurant! Adil and his copiloto alight for lunch at Magma. No charcuterie left at Cheryl, Val, Monique and 's table. Suzy contributed the lead photo for this article (pg. 7). More Magma: Elyse, Margaret, Hal and Naomi and Peter fill the banquette on the south side; Doug, Stephanie and Ron fill the banquette on the north side. The big menu chalkboard reads "Special" and it was!



A morning at Alfa Romeo of Santa Monica. *Mille Grazie* to Jose Guterriez and Eric Martin for inviting us in!

We'd seen this car around, but never up close or with the ability to climb inside. It was therefore serendipitous when Jose Guterriez emailed us to suggest AROC come see the Tonale at Alfa Romeo of Santa Monica in late May. We reprised our 2019 visit by parking five of our vintage and three new Alfas on the lot, and enjoyed a bite of Continental breakfast inside the store.

Tonale is well-made, nicely appointed and there is decent head- and legroom in all seating areas. The engine compartment is stuffed with technology, as is the cockpit. We wish its range and the U.S. charging station system were both a bit bigger. But the future is not here yet. Let's watch what Alfa does to shape it.

Clockwise from left: The view from the cockpit. Cool electrification logo on a back window. Melinda and Norm open the doors. Wheels are decorative but not wild.





Clockwise from top left: Mark, Roberto and Elcid analyze the powerplant. Elyse and Evie check the cockpit. Jim, Steve and Don at breakfast. Our chapter cars bring a touch of history to the dealership lot. Evie, Cheryl, Roberto and Susan discuss. Tonale engine compartment, ready for its closeup.

SAVE THE DATE

September 2nd is Concorso #3 at The Pete

Mark your calendars for two important events on one day in Los Angeles! Kick off Labor Day Weekend at our Club Concorso #3 and annual Petersen Automotive Museum tour on September 2nd.

If you showed your Alfa in our previous two *concorsi* (January and June) you

must come this last time to be in contention for a year-end award.

We'll meet on the roof of the parking garage for judging and a Continental breakfast and prizegiving, then head indoors to see the latest exhibits.

RSVPs will be mandatory. Admission and parking will



be paid in advance through the Club's PayPal or online via ClubExpress.

Current exhibits include a comprehensive "We Are Porsche" show spanning 75 years of marque history; "Inside Tesla: supercharging the electric revolution"; and "Fast/Forward: Strother MacMinn's Sports Cars of the Future".

September 2nd: Be There!



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Huntington Beach Concours & Club Concorso #2



June Gloom" did not dampen the spirits (or the Alfas belonging to) the 13 AROSC members who brought their beautiful classic and modern Alfa Romeos to the grass show field at the Huntington Beach Library for the 2023 edition of the Huntington Beach Concours on Sunday, June 4th.

The overcast skies kept the temperatures cool and comfortable throughout the day and by just after the noon hour, the AROSC Club Concorso competition (our show-within-a-show) was over and ribbons had been awarded.

The 1973 Spider belonging to Adil Farooqui garnered the Triple Crown: Best in Class (Open), Best of Show (highest score) and

People's Choice (perhaps the most coveted as the votes of fellow AROSC members propelled Adil and his Spider to this win).

Later in the afternoon, the Huntington Beach Concours presented their awards to our Club Members. Because of Class differences many of our Alfa owners received multiple and different awards for the Club Concorso and the HB Concours, all based on the same single judging scoresheet that our AROSC judges filled out for each entrant.

A big thank you to our judges, without whom this competition could not

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Adil's perfect Spider brought him a triple-crown bouquet of ribbons for Best of Show, Best Open Class and People's Choice. Congratulations!



Class Winners (and honorees in various classes of the HB Concours) L to R were Ron Avery and his Callaway TT GTV-6; John Ireland and his 2024 Giulia; Roberto Quadrelli and his Spider Veloce. A special sportsmanship presentation of tickets to the Petersen Automotive Museum was made to Mari Cano and Karen Davis.

happen and a hearty congratulations to all the entrants; and not just the winners, as all the Alfas, as you can see in the pictures accompanying this article, were wonderful machines.

- Jeff Srinivasan

AROSC Concorso Director

AROSC Judges: Jay Mackro, David O'Donoghue. John Ireland, Jeff Srinivasan

RESULTS

Closed Class

1st: Ron & Donna Avery 1985 Callaway GTV-6

2nd: Steve Cole 1977 Alfetta GT

3rd: Jay & Catherine Mackro 1966 Giulia Sprint GT

4th: Jim & Elyse Barrett 1989 Milano Verde

Daily Driver Class

1st: Roberto Quadrelli 1983 Spider Veloce

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Clockwise from left: all the Spiders were popular, '60s to '90s versions. Our Club beachhead.

Modern Class (all 1996 and later)

1st: John Ireland 2023 Giulia 2nd: Harold Croulet Jr 1996 916 Spider

Open Class

1st: Adil Farooqui 1973 Spider Veloce
 2nd: David O'Donoghue 1984 Spider Veloce
 3rd: Val Dietrich 1960 2000 Spider Touring
 4th: Mario Cano 1988 Spider Veloce
 5th: Mark Warshauer 1974 Spider Veloce

People's Choice Award

Adil Farooqui, 1973 Spider Veloce

Best of Show

Adil Farooqui, 1973 Spider Veloce

HB Concours Awards

Open/Concours

1st: Adil Farooqui 1973 Spider Veloce
 2nd: David O'Donoghue 1984 Spider Veloce
 3rd: Val Dietrich 1960 2000 Spider Touring
Open/Street

1st: Roberto Quadrelli 1983 Spider Veloce
 Sedan/Concours (our Modern Class)

1st: Harold Croulet Jr. 1996 916 Spider
 Sedan/Street (our Modern Class)

1st: John Ireland 2023 Giulia

Closed/Concours

1st: Ron & Donna Avery 1985 Callaway
 GTV-6

2nd: Steve Cole 1977 Alfetta GT

3rd: Jay Mackro & Catherine Kusnick
 1966 Giulia Sprint GT

Classified Ads



1987 Milano Platinum

Color: ivory over gold undercoat. California car. 164,263 miles. Mechanically sound; maintained and reliable. Owner's Manual included. Upholstery in need of a refresh. Transaxle and steering replaced with Gold equivalents by Alfa Italia (Burbank, CA); brakes done in 2015. Needs good home. \$3,500. Contact Jim Barrett 714-642-1593 and/or cobralfa65@yahoo.com.



1961 Giulietta Sprint Veloce



The car is 95% restored and running. Located in Lima, Peru. Raced in the '60s/'70s, then brought back to street spec. Missing the Veloce oil pan (it has the *normale* oil pan) and the original instrument dials (it has 101 dials). Interested persons can contact me via diego grados@gmail.com or to +1 909 7369827 | +51 992759328.



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The Members' Page

Welcome & Welcome Back

In Q2 we are pleased to welcome these new members and proffer a big thank you to those 60+ *Alfisti* who have renewed their membership or returned after being away.

Joining between May and July are:
David Ballantine, Donald Cole, Angelo Collado, E. Lloyd Evans, Daniel Fishburn, Michael Fishburn, Chris Hopkins, Robert Jewers, Denise Mauro, and Thomas Truppi.

Welcome, and come drive with us!

Still Available! 60th Anniversary T-Shirts

Show your chapter pride and pick up an AROSC crew-neck t-shirt honoring our 60th Anniversary!

Purchase by contacting Norm Silverman at normanev@msn.com and collect them at the Summer Party, July 29th.



Got Vintage AROSC Literature?

Calling all historians and AROSC packrats!

We are amassing an honest-to-goodness Chapter Archive of past issues of *Alfacionada*. We specifically need the years 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967. Someday this history will reside on our website and in Club Express for everyone to read and enjoy.

The effort is being led by Dan Ritter. Please email info@arosc.org to let him know what you can contribute. *Grazie!*

Mille Grazie to all of our member-contributors, whose stories and images make this July-August edition of *Alfacionada* so effective: David Waelder, Jeff Srinivasan, Steve Edelman, Jay Mackro, Ron Avery.

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Email your concerns and questions about events, policies and procedures to info@arosc.org and a Director will respond.

Board of Directors Meetings are held quarterly on Zoom. All members in good standing are invited to attend. The Board Meeting schedule is noted in the published Calendar of Events. Contact the Board through info@arosc.org to receive a link to the Zoom meeting. Members are also invited to bring their business to the attention to

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