



Newsletter of
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Southern California



It's Concorso Season! Above, Ron Avery celebrates his Callaway GTV-6's big win in January (page 8). Left, Concorso #2 is on June 4th in Huntington Beach (page 7). Save the date!

Previews

- Mar 4** C&C Palos Verdes, drive, USS Iowa tour, lunch
- Apr 8** Board of Directors Meeting & Bylaws Vote
- 14-16** Wine Tour: Santa Ynez and Los Olivos
- May 20** C&C Conejo Valley, drive to Apricot Lane Farms, lunch
- June 4** Huntington Beach Concours + Club Concorso #2
- 11** Board of Directors Meeting
- 17-25** AROC National Convention, No. Carolina

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**Presidents'
Message**

Good day to all, and Happy "We Actually Have Winter in SoCal, Finally!"

We hope all of you have stayed safe and dry during our bizarre and plentiful rains and snow. We know we can't complain too much about the massive amount of water from the skies, and the resultant clean cars outside. This series of unsettled weather may even make us more appreciative of the rest of our fabulous SoCal drives on picture perfect days.

We certainly had "picture postcard days" for our club events in January and February - the Nethercutt visit/first Concorso - and our crashing of P-Car Day at the Finish Line. They were absolutely delightful! The AROSC Driving School at Willow Springs was productive too in January.

So how will we continue our 2023 winning ways? It seems pretty easy considering our next several events. On Saturday, March 4, we will attend a Cars and Coffee event, tour a fabulous battleship, and have lunch after crossing some big, bold and beautiful bridges over Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors.

Our April world-famous Wine Tour - to Santa Ynez and Los Olivos - is sold out, but there is awaiting list. And in May, we'll have another driving and sightseeing tour to a fabulous farm in the western foothills of

L.A. County after a down-home cars & coffee. RSVP now before this one gets filled up too!

And don't forget to plan to attend the Huntington Beach Concours on the traditional first Sunday in June. It will be our second Club Concorso of 2023, so start shining your car up now!

In mid-June the AROC National Convention convenes in Concord, North Carolina. A number of us are making the pilgrimage. If



you're thinking of going, register now! See info on page 15.

And don't forget, your family, friends and other car pals are welcome at our events. Bring them along.

Ciao for now!

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AROSC Bylaws Update

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This is official notice to the AROSC membership that there will be a vote of the membership to amend the Chapter Bylaws. The purpose for amending the Bylaws is to have the Bylaws reflect the way we currently conduct business (such as communications, event management and electronic balloting) and to otherwise make it easier to administer the club's business (such as reducing quorum requirements and allowing the Board of Directors to make changes to the Bylaws).

A summary of the most significant changes proposed by the Board of Directors along with a copy of the proposed Bylaws can be found at http://www.arosc.org/Bylaws_2023_02_24_Draft.pdf

The current Bylaws and their 2013 Amendment can be found at http://www.arosc.org/bylaws_2000.pdf and http://www.arosc.org/Bylaw_Amendment_2013.pdf

If you have comments regarding the proposed changes, please send them to info@arosc.org by April 4, 2023.

The membership meeting for amending the Bylaws will be held in conjunction with the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for April 8, 2023, at 11:00 AM.

You will be receiving an invite to a Zoom meeting from AROSC President Jim Barrett shortly before April 8th. Consistent with past practices, the new Bylaws can be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present at that meeting.

The proposed Bylaws have the full support of the Board of Directors.

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Wine Tour 2023



Hello AROSC Alfisti!

We are sorry many of you are disappointed that you were not able to book a room at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott for our 2023 Wine Tour. **The reality for this year is: all reservations for restaurants, wine tastings, picnics, parking and other events are at capacity.**

Even if you book rooms at other hotels, or show up the day of the events, you will not be able to participate in our tour or at restaurants due to limited space at

The trip is booked, but join the wait list.

each location occupied by our group and other customers.

We have a waiting list and typically there are some cancellations, so don't give up hope! If you want to be on the list, please e-mail me at the address below. Wait-listers will be considered in date and time order, based on when their request was received.

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Day Drive May 20th

Ready for some fresh country air and scenic driving? Save the date and plan for a top-down adventure!



We're declaring May a top-down motoring month and heading to the west-of-L.A. country to celebrate spring. Spiders will get to lead the drive!

After a cool cars & coffee in Thousand Oaks, we will follow some scenic country roads to Moorpark, visit Apricot Lane Farms' farmstand and market garden, then enjoy lunch at a restaurant in the area.

Apricot Lane Farms is the shining example of one couple's 2011 experiment in biodynamic, regenerative farming. They repurposed a collection

of parched horse pastures into 243 acres of organic wonder. The founders are videographers - escapees from Hollywood - who created a documentary "The Biggest Little Farm" about their experience. Check out the website apricotlanefarms.com and see the movie (available to stream on Hulu, digitally on iTunes and Amazon) before our visit.

We'll need headcounts for the farm and lunch so please RSVP to editor@arosc.org

– Elyse Barrett




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Bring Your Alfa to the Beach on June 4th



The second AROSC Club Concours of 2023 will take place at the 37th Annual Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, June 4th.

Once again, this event will be held on the picturesque lawns of Huntington Beach Central Park in Huntington Beach. The park surrounds the Huntington Beach Public Library and Cultural Resource Center, the beneficiary of the goodwill fund-raising efforts of this long-running, family-friendly concours.

This year's event will include a salute to Corvettes and Jaguars. And of course, our gathering of great Alfa Romeos will add class and verve to the vibe.

Our Alfa classes this year are:

- 6A Alfa Romeo open cars thru 1995
- 6B Alfa Romeo closed cars thru 1995
- 6C Alfa Romeo all cars 1996 and up

If you plan to exhibit your car, you must register by noon, Friday, May 26th. But early registration is recommended, as the event could fill up. Visit the HB Concours website at <http://www.hbconcours.org/> for more details, including online registration forms. You can request that your Alfa not be judged, but you'll still need to register through the Concours

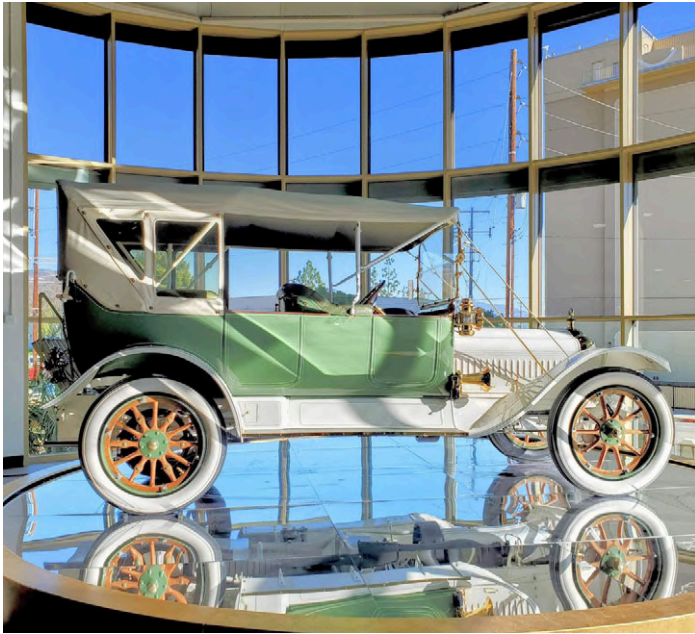
website and pay the \$50 fee. Two people (driver + passenger) can ride into the event with each car registration. You are still welcome to join the fun even if you don't bring an Alfa; spectator entry is \$10 per person plus \$1/car for parking at the adjacent Sports Complex.

Special Message for Daily Driver

Entrants: For AROSC members with classic (pre-1996) Alfas who typically compete in the Daily Driver Class, please enter your vehicle in one of the classes above, depending on what kind of roof you have, and email Jeff Srinivasan at rogue1@mac.com indicating you wish to be judged as an AROSC Daily Driver.

The AROSC section of the Huntington Beach Concours has historically been an integral part of this very large, happy event, and 2023 will continue that tradition (with your help, of course!). So, bring your Alfa, a picnic lunch, chairs, comfortable shoes and sunscreen. See you there!

– Jeff Srinivasan and Jay Mackro



2023: Starting Off Right !

Concorso #1 + The Nethercutt

The morning of January 20th dawned cool, clear, dry and crisp over the famed Nethercutt Museum, in Sylmar, its empty parking lot filled with promise for the first AROSC Club Concorso of 2023.

More than 20 Alfa Romeos and 40+ club members gathered for this concorso/lunch/museum tour event. And the competition was fierce, as 10 Alfas and their owners prepared vie for

class and Best of Show honors. Before lunch rolled around, 39 votes were cast for nine different Alfas in the People's Choice competition (all Alfa Romeos present were eligible).

The big winner for the day took Closed Class, People's Choice and Best of Show – the immaculate, fault-free 1985 Callaway GTV-6 brought by Ron and Donna Avery (below).



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Anthony and Val admire Anthony's class winning GTA and Hector appreciates Tyler's GT Junior/GTAr. The cars tied for first in Race Prepped Class.

Another highlight of the concorso were the two entrants in the Race or Competition Prepared Class. The battle between Anthony Rimicci's original GTA race car and Tyler Mingst's impeccable restoration and near-race build of a GT Junior by England's Alfaholics resulted in an

unprecedented tie for the blue ribbon. Wow!

After all the winners and runners up were announced, the hungry crowd enjoyed their picnic lunches amongst the Alfas. At 1:30 The Nethercutt offered a tour of their collection, which included Mybachs to Mercurys and many Pebble Beach-winning



Second floor glamour cars, headlined by a Mybach Zeppelin and explained by our host, Kyle, who is also the lead restoration pro for the musical instruments.

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Above, hood ornaments (mascots) and right, the shop. The maroon and yellow Lotus 19 was Jack Nethercutt's first race car, found by his wife, Helen, for a recent birthday.



classics as well as a mighty impressive collection of radiator mascots, miniatures and mechanical musical instruments. The tour, attended by more than 30 lucky club members as well as members of the public, culminated with a veritable concert in the Music Room on the top floor of The Collection building.



Treasures in the museum include a Vespa-powered jolly and Cecil B. DeMille's Cadillac. The ornate antique at right proves that all you need to have a collection like this is a little ...



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But the real highlight was the shop tour that was only given to the AROSC members in attendance, giving us an exclusive behind-the-scenes peek at what it takes to restore a Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance trophy winner. And The Nethercutt should know, they've won dozens of them!

– Jeff Srinivasan, Concorso Director

Results

Best of Show & People's Choice

Ron & Donna Avery 1985 Callaway GTV6 Best of Show & People's Choice

Daily Driver

- 1. Daniel Frank 1974 GTV 2000
- 2. Harry White 1975 Spider Veloce

Open

- 1. David & Susan Waelder 1991 Spider Veloce
- 2. Mike Riehle & Chris / Burke 1964 Giulia Spider Veloce
- 3. Mario Cano & Karen Davis 1988 Spider Veloce

Closed

- 1. Ron & Donna Avery 1985 Callaway GTV-6
- 2. Jim & Elyse Barrett 1989 Milano Verde

Race Prepared - tie!

- 1. Anthony Rimicci 1965 GTA
- 1. Tyler Mingst 1968 GT Junior (Alfaholics GTA-R Build)

Modern

Gordy Hyde & Dolly Samson 2015 4C

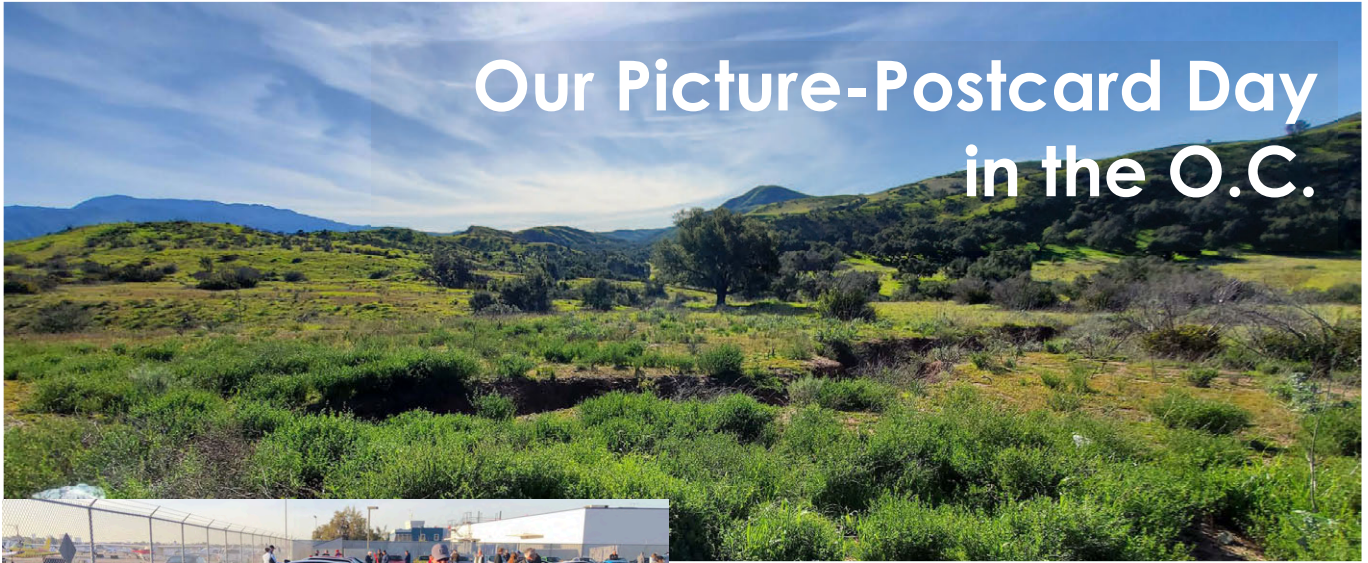
Judging Team

Norm Silverman, Hector Vasquez, David O'Donoghue, John Ireland, Mike Riehle, and Jeff Srinivasan



Clockwise from top: Averys, Daniel Frank, Waelders, Hyde/Samson, Mingst & Rimicci, Concorso Director Jeff!

Our Picture-Postcard Day in the O.C.



You simply had to be there to believe our day on February 4th. Skies scrubbed clear by wild weather the days before, the energy of a packed parking lot where our row of 25 Alfas sat next to the flight line at John Wayne Airport where the jets began taking off on time at 7AM, the leisurely drive through Santiago and Modjeska Canyons, resplendent in their greenest green! Why we live and drive in SoCal.



From top: Santiago Canyon; Alfa Row; inside Suite 117 and Finish Line Auto Club viewed from the mezzanine.

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Left: 13 cars in a 6-car space. at Arden. Easy! Top: Overflow parking on the canyon road. Do we have a nice mix of Alfas here?



parking lot could only hold 6 cars and tours were limited to 10 people. They graciously let us park more than a dozen cars on the property and took 30 of us on tours of the house and gardens. This was a bucket-list item for several of us OC types, and a lovely surprise for people from outside the area.

We drove as a group and arrived together at Arden, the stately Queen Anne style retreat built for Helena Modjeska, the world's most popular Shakespaerian actress of her time (1840-1909). Hidden in the oak forest on the banks of Santiago Creek, this was her escape from her grueling work schedule. It is a national historic landmark managed by the OC Parks Department, who told us the

We headed out over the dizzying Modjeska Grade and down into Lake Forest for a fun, filling family-style

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lunch at Biagio's. And the owner is an *Alfisti* – he has a Series 3 Spider. Unfortunately he was out on a cruise when we dined. We'll catch him next time!

– Elyse Barrett

Photos on pg. 14, clockwise from top: Catherine, Jay and Pat walk the entry pathways to the home Modjeska named "Arden". Indoors the great room features a bison head; the pass-through to the kitchen is framed by poppies and posters from her shows; the music nook features red-colored glass, an early 20th century status symbol.



Like everything else this day, we exceeded our reservation headcount by four diners, and our host graciously accommodated us.

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Most human existence remained relatively uncomplicated for centuries. Then computers came along and made things easier for the untrained person to do. Then the internet came along and allowed people everywhere to communicate easily around the world. Add cell phone service, and now you can communicate wherever you are. But it's not only people that can communicate, those pesky computers can use the same methods to talk to other computers, without having to involve humans.

Automobiles have not been left out of the mix. For over a decade automobiles have been able to use the same networks to communicate. They can send you a text message or email to inform you of a problem or needed maintenance. Some cars are set up so that when maintenance is due, they inform the manufacturer, who then notifies your dealer so that they can call you to set up the appointment for that oil change.

Tesla started providing over the air software updates without even needing to involve the owner, similar to how your smart phone automatically updates. This has landed Tesla in hot water with the government by including safety changes in software updates, but failed to notify the government as required by law. No recall notice was issued, a silent

update simply took place.

The latest change in all this connectivity has to do with optional features. For decades when buying a new car you were able to select various options to be installed, and these options affected the manufacturing costs, and thus your final purchase price.

But now carmakers are installing certain options on all their cars, and then allowing for the feature to be activated by the buyer. This is done using the car's connectivity to the internet. The advantage is that all cars can be made with selected options, which make assembly easier, and at purchase the buyer can decide if they want the option enabled. The downside is that the price of the car goes up to cover the cost of the option even if the buyer is not going to use it. Additionally, there are various methods of paying for the option to be used. Manufacturers are offering three choices: pay a monthly subscription; pay a yearly subscription; buy it outright. If you are only leasing the

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car, it may be less costly to get the subscription. But then the next owner has to decide if they want the feature. Also, with the subscription, the manufacturer gets a steady revenue stream. And if you choose to not activate the option the manufacturer can continue to pester you (and subsequent owners) to enable the option “at only a low monthly cost”.

Some customers are pushing back at having to pay a fee to use an item that is already on the car and included in the purchase price. And yet, the increasing number of things in the marketplace that have these additional costs that people are getting used to it, especially the younger

generation who have little experience with paying only once for an item with no subscription.

In any case, there is no way to undo these “advances” in the marketplace and I guess those of a certain age will just have to get used to it. So, when you’re looking at purchasing that new car, don’t to forget to factor in the additional subscription costs: ignition switch enable, gas tank access, brake pedal enable, etc.



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The Members' Page

Welcome & Welcome Back

Another month, another big welcome goes out to our new members and a big thank you to those who have been away for a while

Joining in January are Jordan Cohen, Caroline and Jeff Craun, Robert Jackson, Carolyn and Scott Leibow, Fred Souresrafil and Henry Tucker.

Returning after a hiatus are Rich and Alison Lucidi.

Jordan came to the Nethercutt and joined on the spot, then followed up by attending the Finish Line-Modjeska day. Rich brought his Sprint GT step-nose to the Modjeska drive. Looking forward to seeing more of more of you in the coming months.



Congratulations to Steve Cole whose immaculate and well-loved, Alfetta GT graces the centerfold of the March 2023 Alfa Owner.

Official and heartfelt thanks go out to our member-contributors, whose words and photography make this chapter communications effort effective: Steve Edelman, David Waelder, Jeff Srinivasan, Jay Mackro, Bonnie Schwartz, Gene Brown and Val Dietrich.

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