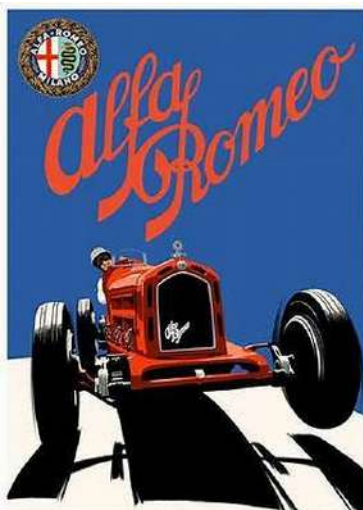




Newsletter of
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**Take a spin around
the O.C.** – from the
foothills to the sea.
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Fun in L.A. – Join the Son of
Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia
Rallye: historic streets in
iconic neighborhoods and
more! Info on page 4.

Previews

- Jan 14** Giro di O.C. Day Drive in Orange County
- Feb 3-4** AROC Winter Retreat, Palm Desert
- 25** Son of the Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia Rallye
- Mar 3** Q1 BoD Meeting (Zoom)
- 10 or 17** Club Concorso #1 (location & date, TBD)

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The Disclaimer,
page 21.**



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e Verso
l'Auto!*

**Presidents'
Message**

HAPPY NEW YEAR, and welcome to 2024!

As with every message that begins in a newly issued year, ours also hopes that you will have a fulfilling and satisfying year, especially with your friends in this, your Alfa Club chapter. We also hope you had a warm and meaningful holiday season. Some folks dwell on all the stress and hassles and bustle, but we think it's more a time of reflection and calm when we may view and plan our future actions.

In terms of future actions, your 2024 Events Calendar is now posted to www.arosc.org. It is packed with the kinds of fun things our group likes to do, and we want to see your shining faces and cars at them! One is coming up quickly this next Sunday – a day drive in some freshly green hills and along a classic seaside highway. See page 3, RSVP by January 12th, and give your Alfa a New Year's Italian tune-up.

So, what in the Alfa Romeo world are we destined see 2024? Well, orders are now being taken for the first globally available special series, *Tributo Italiano* and *Carbon*. Available in the Giulia, Stelvio and Tonale models, the *Tributo*

features a two-tone livery: Rosso Alfa, Verde Montreal and Bianco Alfa, paired with a black roof, body-color bodykit, Italian flags on the mirror caps, and refined interior customizations, and an optional sunroof for the Tonale. The *Carbon* adds premium exterior features to Giulia and Stelvio Quads with a carbon-fiber V scudetto grille and mirror caps, gold calipers and black badging. Staggered 19-in. (Giulia) and 21-in. (Stelvio) dark 5-hole wheels, carbon-fiber side sills, along with front/rear fascias and hood with heat extractors, plus an available exposed carbon-fiber roof on for the Giulia. If you do snag one of these special editions, please be sure to bring it to our next Concorso and/or driving tour!

The absence of Alfa in F1 leaves the Touring Car Racing (TCR)

Giulietta to root for in IMSA's Michelin Pilot Challenge. The scrappy team from Florida finished fourth in the Team and Drivers Championships, and third in the Manufacturers Championship last year and is back for another run in 2024, starting with Daytona on January 25-28. They'll be at Laguna Seca on May 10-12. See the ongoing coverage of the team and series in *Alfa Owner*.

And speaking of competition, AROC's Concorso program will again feature three events in 2024, and your *copresidenti* can safely say that it pays to enter and show up to **all** of them. We have four classes for clean cars of all ages and stages. See who won trophies for 2023 on page 9.

If you were unable to attend Macchinissima in mid-



December you missed a special event showing off some of L.A.'s finest Italian vehicles, and many of them were Alfa Romeos. It was put on by your fellow members Mike, Bronson and Dorian, and it was an outrageous success. Look for another, larger event in June, and be prepared to be overwhelmed by motorized Italian art!

You're probably asking yourself how you can become more fully involved with your club events. It's easy: 1. Show up! 2. If you want to do or go somewhere not on the calendar, we encourage you email info@arosc.org. Our entire Board of Directors is eager to explore and support any new (or reprise a proven previous) activity. 3. Attend a Board meeting and learn how the club works. We meet quarterly on Zoom (remember the Happy Hours we enjoyed during lockdown?). Send us your ideas.

We really look forward to seeing you throughout this New Year!

*Ciao for now,
Jim and Elyse Barrett
Copresidenti*

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Giro di O.C.

Let's roll on Sunday, January 14th!



**RSVP to editor@arosc.org
by January 12th.**
Itineraries will be sent
when you RSVP.

If you didn't partake of an anti-football run on New Year's Day, here's a chance to give your Alfa a little Italian Tune-up: the 2024 Giro di O.C. on Sunday, January 14th.

This will be a morning drive through the exurbs and up into the Cleveland National Forest before descending to Balboa Island, and finishing at a superb new marketplace where we can shop, dine and unwind.

Please RSVP to editor@arosc.org by January 12th.

Itineraries will be sent when you RSVP. The more the merrier.

– Elyse & Jim Barrett

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Save the date: Sunday, February 25th

In the Summer of 1980, Alana and I and Marcello (our 1977 Alfa Romeo Sport Sedan), wrote the first "Hollywood Hills Mille Miglia." The world and the roads of Los Angeles have changed a lot since then. This rallye on Sunday, February 25th will be more of a remembrance than a resurrection of that event. The true continuum is the car ... once again our 4-door sport sedan ... a Giulia named Marcello.

There will be opportunities to drive briskly, and there will be opportunities to slow down and even stop to enjoy a variety of views. And there will be a narrative, of landmarks, some that are now just ghosts) and of addresses and houses that are part of the history of the communities the Hollywood Hills winds through and binds them together.



Registration will be at 11 AM; first car out around noon; we will end about 3:30-4:00 PM for a modest but hearty early dinner of Italian food (no host) at a legendary Burbank eatery and Italian market and deli. We will have a private room, so I would like a head count by February 20th.

Hope you will join us.

– John Ireland

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Celebrating the Season

A Festive Day to Remember

Step into the celebratory vibe of the 2023 AROSC Holiday Party, where laughter and warmth filled the air.



Norm and Evelyn are feted for their service.



John, Susan, and Alana set the tone.

MJ and Sheila's 23rd Annual Alfa Clubhouse Holiday Party in Redondo Beach was once again a total success. Amidst the sunshine and decor, AROSC members gathered for an afternoon of merriment. From delectable bites to exquisite wines, the day was a culinary delight. The ambiance was elevated with live music by Pat Quilter and his Hawaiian steel guitar, weaving a melodic tapestry that added to the joyous atmosphere.

A highlight of this year's event was the presentation of Year-End Awards for our Concorso competition. Director Jeff Srinivasan presented trophies to the winning members in the following categories: Modern, Open, Closed and Daily Driver. The winners are shown on page 9.

Retiring board members Norm and Evelyn

Silverman were recognized for their service with an AROSC Certificate of Appreciation and a beautiful flower arrangement, presented by *Copresidenti* Jim and Elyse Barrett. The appreciation highlighted their leadership and contributions to all aspects of Chapter life, and heartfelt commendations echoed through the air.

Passion and commitment have truly shaped our club. As glasses clinked and smiles abounded the holiday spirit enveloped us all, creating memories to cherish until the next joyous gathering. Cheers to good people, good food and unforgettable moments! Pictures tell the story. Along with the photos in this article, a full day of David Waelder party photos may be viewed by following this link davidprodrec.smugmug.com

– Sheila and MJ



We ARE the Best-Looking Chapter in the country!



Skills: BBQ master MJ and maestro Pat.



Charm: Cheryl and Helen



Camaraderie: Tony, David, Gino and Mario,

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Oh, and some nice Alfas and a Lancia were invited to the party too: the Harris SS and Ritter Flavia. Whose Duetto is in the middle?



(Above L-R) Bonnie, Val and Dan chat. Carolyn, Reilly and Scott are all smiles. Dave, Allyson, Robert, Edie and Cheryl solve the problems of the world. Catherine Jay and Jeff do likewise. Center: clever wine labels!

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Indoor diners from top: Elcid, Susy, Randy, Cindy, Erwin, Chris, Mike, Jan, and Hal.

Paul photographs the farewell cake Terry Watson brought, while Charlie chooses his dessert.



2023 Year-End Concorso Awards
(clockwise from top)

Modern Class

Hal Croulet Jr., 1996 916 Spider

Open Class

Adil Farooqui, 1973 Spider Veloce

Closed Class

Jim & Elyse Barrett, 1989 Milano Verde

Daily Driver Class

Mario Cano & Karen Davis, 1988 Spider Veloce





We're heading back to the Santa Ynez Valley area for this year's Wine Tour, Friday, April 5 to Sunday, April 7. Three outstanding vintners will welcome us, and we'll overnight midway between them in Buellton. The group is limited to 45 members. You will be registering through ClubExpress on the AROC website in February. Everyone will be informed via eblast. Questions may be emailed to editor@arosc.org and sidewaysalfa@msn.com.

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2023's Harvest Fest

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The Best of France & Italy Show in Woodley Park, Van Nuys, literally brings out the best in us and we have the best of times. Although there is no formal judging, showrunners Tina Van Curren and Chuck Forward recognize their own best cars of the day, and Pat Quilter's biggest and best Citroen, and was awarded best French car. And this past year was Alfa Italia's third go at partnering with us to choose a People's Choice best Alfa, which was Scott and Carolyn Leibow's gorgeous Sprint Speciale. Here are a few views of the varied and interesting besties of 2023. Let's do it again this year.

From top right: A tribute to Art Russell; coupe decklids and Spider noses. Norm and Harry, dusting. It's what we do here.



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Left: The people's SS that really belongs to Carolyn and Scott who hold the Alfa Italia trophy. Middle: Jeff organizes us again, and ya gotta love the versatility of a GTV-6. Bottom: "Camp AROSC" and Norm and Evelyn chat with a new friend while Desert ALFAs Dolly and Gordy arrive (in background).



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And we do love the rest of the wild and wonderful cars from the Continent. Clockwise from top left: Chuck approving Pat's outstanding Citroën; a Lancia 023; Mark Vaughn's Appia thinks it's a Roma; that Bizzarini we next saw in DTLA at Macchinissima; a Ferrari with appropriate luxe leather interior, and these blue meanies: another very different Bizzarini and Renault Alpine A110.



Yes, it was a real adventure with sights we'd never seen, places we'd never been and new Alfa friends to meet.

Left: Setting up the group photo at Vermillion Cliffs. Bottom left: descending from Jacob Lake.

Utah's Bonneville Chapter did a masterful job organizing a medium-sized four-day regional tour weekend for AROC called Red Rock Adventure.

We cruised the Virgin River territory and Zion National Park, hiked a slot canyon, stopped at Lake Powell, Horseshoe Bend and the well-preserved ghost town of Grafton, while dipping in and

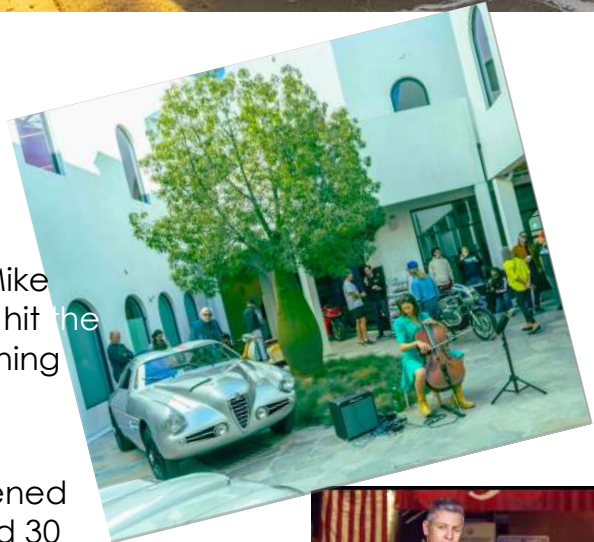
out of Navajo country, Escalante Grand Staircase and the Vermillion Cliffs monuments. In other words: loving lots of red rocks!

There is a strong possibility the event will be reprised. Watch your Alfa Owner and AROC eblasts.

Right: Mary Ann talks water management at Lk. Powell; Paul communes with ghosts in Grafton; Jim and Elyse do not hike down to Horseshoe Bend.



It's a New Day in L.A. Macchinissima is Here!



After two years of discussion and research, Mike Baum, Bronson Page and Dorian Valenzuela hit the ignition button and launched their next big thing for Italian automobiles in Southern California: Macchinissima.

This first show in mid-December 2023, was likened to "a Luftgekühlt for Italian marques", involved 30 invited cars and a half-dozen motorcycles, and welcomed exceptional drop-ins. Alfa Romeo played a role; as did AROSC. The Rimicci GTA race car, Dietrich 200 Touring, Vazquez GTAm, and Barrett GTV-6, were among the show cars.

The featured maker was Zagato, with several outstanding examples displayed in the piazza. The venue was a new retail space on Traction Ave. in the downtown Arts District, and the street itself. No admission was charged; they estimate 600-800 attendees over its 8 AM-noon run.

There will be a Macchinissima2 - in June. Stay tuned!




Clockwise from top: Traction Ave. with Hector's GTAm; the piazza display + cellist; our dream team: Mike, Bronson, Dorian; surprise drop-ins, Aurelia B20 and 6C 2600.

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The image is a promotional flyer for the 'Return of AROC Winter Retreat' in Coachella Valley, 2024. It features a photograph of several classic Alfa Romeo cars parked on a golf course. The cars include a red Alfa Romeo, a silver Alfa Romeo, and a gold Alfa Romeo. In the background, there are palm trees, a golf course, and mountains. The text is arranged in a structured layout with a blue header, a red date banner, a central title box, a list of activities, and a red footer with contact information. An Alfa Romeo Owners Club logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the photo area.



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The Members' Page

Welcome & Welcome Back

In Q4 we are pleased to end the year with the arrival of these new members who joined in the months of October and November: Sam Alam, Andrew McGowan, Andrew Minstein, Steven Nottingham, Iselin O'Donnell, and Rodney Wray.

Welcome, and come drive with us!

NOTICE

We are recruiting for the 2024 Concorso judging team. The esteemed volunteers listed below would like some friends with whom to share the fun. We thank them for their service and hope to see them again this year. Meanwhile, please reach out to Concorso Director Jeff Srinivasan at rogueman1@mac.com

Judges-In-Training

Hal Croulet, Jr.
Robert Jackson

Judges

David O'Donoghue
David Waelder
John Ireland



2023 Alfa Italia
People's Choice Winner !

Congratulations to the outstanding Sprint Speciale above, owned by Scott Leibow, upon its selection as the 2023 Alfa Italia Best of France & Italy People's Choice Best Alfa Romeo. Scott and his family are first-year Verde Family members who we were pleased to get to know better at the Holiday Party.

Mille Grazie to all of our member-contributors, whose stories and images make this January-February edition of *Alfacionada* an important part of our shared *Alfisti* life: David Waelder, Jeff Srinivasan, Steve Edelman, MJ Kutkus, Sheila Kutkus, Paul Blankenship, John Ireland, Evan Klein.

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My 11,580 Mile Journey In a 2018 Alfa Giulia



June - October 2023



5 Trips

June-July AROC Convention	6,100 mi
Sep Delta Sierra Crater Lake	1,600 mi
Sep AROCCC Santa Ynez	240 mi
Oct AROSC Angeles Crest	60 mi
Oct F1 TX & Red Rock AROB	3,580 mi

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It started as a 10,000-mile endurance experiment in a new-to-him 2018 Giulia, and his expectations were exceeded. Congratulations, Paul Blankenship, on some pretty smooth driving.



F1 Adventure in Las Vegas

As the inaugural F1 Las Vegas Grand Prix approached last October, one of AROC's Stellantis contacts forwarded a message from Alfa F1 that they had additional Team Stake suite tickets and could we make them available to members. The Club did, and AROSC's Giuseppe Greco got a ticket! He emailed the national office: "Just wanted to let you know that I took the offer for the F1 Las Vegas GP. It was a blast, and I've attached a couple of photos." Here is one. Fun in a glamorous place, and at the last Alfa F1 event in this country for a while.

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Still Looking for 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!*

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