



# Alfa Bits

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*Dave Beach and Tom Burnett, 2017 Swap Meet  
Photo George. Kraus*



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2017 Old Swap meet. Photo George Kraus

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FROM THE EDITOR

Photo Cliff Brunk

I hope you had a chance to join us at the swap meet and garage tour at Stu and Shirley Moss's beautiful house last month. I think we had a record turnout. Stu has an incredible shop and lots of interesting projects. Thank you Stu and Shirley for hosting this annual event. I would also like to thank Tom Burnett for organizing the BBQ and Neil d'Autremont for taking over the chefs duties. I think there were others involved in planning and organizing the event, so a big thank you to all involved!

Also the "Mille Miglia Experiences" presented at the May general meeting was really interesting — great photos and stories. This month's general meeting is a tour organized by Tom Burnett. See further details on page 25.

I am always looking for content to fill these pages and encourage you to participate by submitting articles, photos, want-ads and paid advertising. Your content contributions and paid advertising will greatly improve and sustain the club.

Cheers,

*George Kraus*  
Editor

## ALFA BITS

Alfa Bits is the official newsletter of the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon. It is published 11 times per year in PDF format and is downloadable from the club's website, [www.alfaclub.org](http://www.alfaclub.org).

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## ABOUT AROO

In the late 1950s, two Giulietta Spider Veloce's came to Portland. They were featured on a local TV show to promote a sports car race, participating in a race which they dominated, winning converts in the growing sports car scene. As interest and knowledge of Alfas

grew, Alfa fans — known as "Alfisti" — began to gather at Rambo Motors, the new Alfa dealer in Portland, which trained mechanics and supported a racing team. In the early 1960s, Bob Rinde, Rambo's sales manager, joined the national Alfa Romeo Owners Club and others followed. By October 1968 there was enough local interest for Bob McGill to apply to start a chapter, making AROO the sixth AROC-US chapter.

## AROO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Although located in Oregon, AROO welcomes members from the Pacific Northwest and around the world. For the latest information check out our [website](#) page for events and published newsletters. The monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Ernesto's Italian Restaurant, 8544 SW Apple Way, Portland 97225. June, July and August are evening tours. Check the newsletter for details.

## President's Column – June 2017 – Doug Zaitz



Photo Doug Zaitz

So I find myself sitting here at home, twenty miles north of Spokane in early June, mostly recovered from this round of jet lag. No complaints of course, it's a badge of honor, as I just returned from almost a month in Italy. This Italian adventure was an interesting mix of all kinds of experiences, both good and not so good...

I consider myself to be a rather experienced traveler in Italy. I've spent two years of my life in that country: one as a student, and another as a tourist over the last fifteen years. I've never allowed myself to fall victim to the obvious perils of being a tourist in Italy (namely by pickpockets on trains and the metro, or in stations). I've learned to keep my spare credit and debit cards separately from my daily-use ones. I've learned to carry only that day's cash in my wallet, and keep all excess cash and emergency dollars in the hotel safe or another piece of luggage.

I hadn't even been in country 30 hours, when I found myself victim to the latest ploy against tourists. I was relieved of my wallet, cell phones, drivers license and passport during repair of a flat tire on my rental car. Suffice it to say, and unbeknownst to me, the flat tire was caused by a knife puncture from a motorcyclist, who shortly thereafter alerted me of a flat tire. Either he, or his accomplice later offered to help me repair the flat. Needless to say, I was completely unaware and unsuspecting of this ploy.

When I returned the car to the rental company, I was greeted with a surprised "Are you okay?" and "Were you robbed?" Apparently I was the second victim that afternoon; a Russian couple had the same thing happen to them only minutes before...

My resourcefulness was tested to its limits. Recalling that hotels frequently make photocopies of guest passports, I was able to get a cruddy photocopy of my stolen passport at the previous night's hotel. I was able to get a PDF file of a document stating I had a valid drivers license. I learned that one can make Skype phone calls to 800 numbers in the US, which are otherwise non-functional from overseas.

So in this trip I was able to further expand my working vocabulary in Italian to include interviews by the Carabinieri, cancellation of Italian cell phones (two of them), replacement of passport, and purchase of telephone and new SIM cards.

I got very good at explaining my situation while renting a car or checking into a hotel without photo ID. I had my replacement passport within two days (only taking 2-1/2 hours to procure at the US consulate in Milano – thank goodness the Donald hasn't yet cut the State Department budget...) Within two weeks, I had received my replacement credit and debit cards, and it was all a fading nightmare.

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Photo Doug Zaitz

**M**y words of wisdom – don't fall prey to such an incident. If you do have a flat tire, continue driving on to a manned gas station or tire shop, even if it means ruining the tire and/or wheel. Make sure you have other people around you, and the thieves will go and find easier prey elsewhere. Also, one of the newest ploys to get you to pull over is an obscured windshield – they are now throwing a raw egg onto your

windshield from a motorcycle, in an effort to get you to pull off of the road. Use your cell phone and call for help (112 in Europe); don't unlock and don't open the doors or windows!

Oh, I should say that the AROC Goes to Italy Tour was a phenomenal success! AROC hosted 46 members and guests over 10 days. If you have any interest in participating in next year's nearly identical tour, please go to the AROC-USA website and get your reservation in now. You don't have to spend any money now, and come September it will be a fully refundable \$1000 until December 1<sup>st</sup>, when the balance is due. The tour is almost fully subscribed – don't delay!

Next week I travel to Seattle – paybacks are due – as I owe our friend and neighboring NWARC President Fred Russell a big favor. He so graciously came to Portland in March and gave a fantastic slide show of his car experiences in his “new” job as curator for the Jon Shirley Car Collection. I will be giving a slide show of our AROC Goes to Italy tour to the Seattle chapter at their general meeting. You AROO folks will get similar at our general meeting in October – you've been forewarned!

Please join us on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> for an evening drive with Alfas and friends, followed by food and beverage – it's time for our annual June Evening Tour. Novice Tour-meister Tom Burnett, under the guidance of our veteran member David Beach, has written this year's tour. It will be a great tour followed by a brew-pub dinner if you choose. Details have gone out in our email blast, and can be found online as well.





Photos Doug Zaitz

## **EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:**

Board Meeting at Buster's Barbecue in Tigard at 7 PM  
Contact Doug Zaitz at [doug.zaitz@alfaclub.org](mailto:doug.zaitz@alfaclub.org) or  
509-768-4312.

## **THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:**

Monthly Meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM — September through  
May. Evening tours — June, July and August. Check the  
complete AROO calendar [HERE](#).

### January

4 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
18 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### February

1 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
12 AROO Valentine's Tour.  
15 AROO monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### March

1 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
11 AROO Rally School.  
12 AROO Cup Rally 1.  
15 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### April

2 AROO Cup Rally 2.  
5 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
19 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.  
29-30 Old Spider Tour.

### May

3 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
7 AROO Cup Rally 3.  
13 Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon - Annual Swap Meet & Garage Tour.  
17 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.  
29 2017 McGirr Alfa Wannabe Car Tour.

### June

7 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
11 AROO Cup Rally 4.  
21 AROO Evening Tour. This event is in place of the general meeting.

### July

5 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
15 AROO Summer Picnic.

### August

3-6 AROO Monti Shelton NW Classic Rally.  
4 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
16 AROO Evening Tour.  
24-27 McGirr AROO 2017 Summer Tour.

### September

6 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
16 AROO Old Super Tour.  
20 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.  
23-24 McGirr AROO Fall Tour.

### October

4 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
15 AROO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.  
18 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### November

1 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.  
15 AROO Monthly meeting at Ernesto's 7:30 PM.

### December

3 AROO Holiday Party.  
6 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 PM Buster's Barbecue, Tigard.

[Click HERE to see all AROO and non AROO activities.](#)

[Click HERE to see AROO and other AROC-US Chapter Events.](#)

Welcome all new members and congratulations everyone with an anniversary in June. You make the club. Thank you all.



## June Member Anniversaries

William and Karen Anderson	15 Years
Joseph Anderson	1 Year
Kevin Blount	7 Years
Donald Bouma	1 Year
Paul Kinville	7 Years
Jerry Lomas	1 Year
Rick Martin	14 Years
Keith Martin	24 Years
Thomas Nelson	40 Years
David Rice	46 Years
Richard Slusser	19 Years
Victor Storhok	23 Years

## New AROO Members in June 2017

Chris and Shirley Finks  
Jonathan Simons

# AROO Summer Wine Tour & Picnic

Saturday, July 15th, 2017

## A glass of wine, a purring Alfa, and thou

— with apologies to Omar Khayyam —

What could be nicer than a lovely Saturday morning drive with friends to visit two of Oregon's most outstanding wineries? Save the date, July 15th, to do exactly that at AROO's summer wine tasting and picnic.

### Schedule

**On or before July 10th** RSVP and order your sandwiches from Russ Paine, ([russ.paine@alfaclub.org](mailto:russ.paine@alfaclub.org)). See choices below.

### **On July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 - 9:00**

**Arrive at Carol and Russ Paine's home** for coffee, scones, and a short drivers' meeting. SW Firdale Road, Cornelius, OR 97113. (503-866-8870)

**10:00.**

**Leave for Hawks View Cellars.** The drive takes about 45 minutes. SW Cozelmann Road, Sherwood, OR 97140. (503-625-1591).

Be sure to try their delicious Pinot Noir and outstanding Pinot Gris.

**12:00.**

**Leave Hawks View Cellars** for Elizabeth Chambers Cellar in downtown McMinnville. NE Irvine Street, McMinnville, OR 97128. (503-412-9765).

**12:45**

**Arrive Elizabeth Chambers Cellar.** We will have lunch and taste more wine. The Elizabeth Chambers Pinot Noir single vineyard wines have been

scoring big points (91-94!) in the Wine Spectator and Wine Enthusiast magazines.

**2:00**

**Event concludes**...however...the Elizabeth Chambers Cellar has more food at 2 pm and music at 4 pm if you wish to stay and visit McMinnville for the afternoon.

*Lunch orders from Babica Hen – please email or call in your lunch order to [russ.paine@alfaclub.org](mailto:russ.paine@alfaclub.org) (503-866-8870) by Monday, July 10th. The sandwiches are generous so you may want to split one with your companion*

**Choices: Turkey and Avocado; BBQ Chicken; Garden Hen (veggie); and Tuna Melt.** Assorted cold beverages are also provided

### **Directions to Paines**

We are 0.9 miles off of 219 on the righthand side of Firdale Rd. Our driveway is beyond our house – you will see two newer homes serviced by this entryway, ours is the second one back as you approach with shop and more extensive landscaping. As a reference, if you come out Farmington Rd. until it “T’s” with 219, you would take a right then the first left is Firdale Rd (very short distance on 219 there is signage). If you are traveling south on 219, we are the last right before reaching Bald Peak Rd. and after passing Unger Rd. and Lukas Rd.

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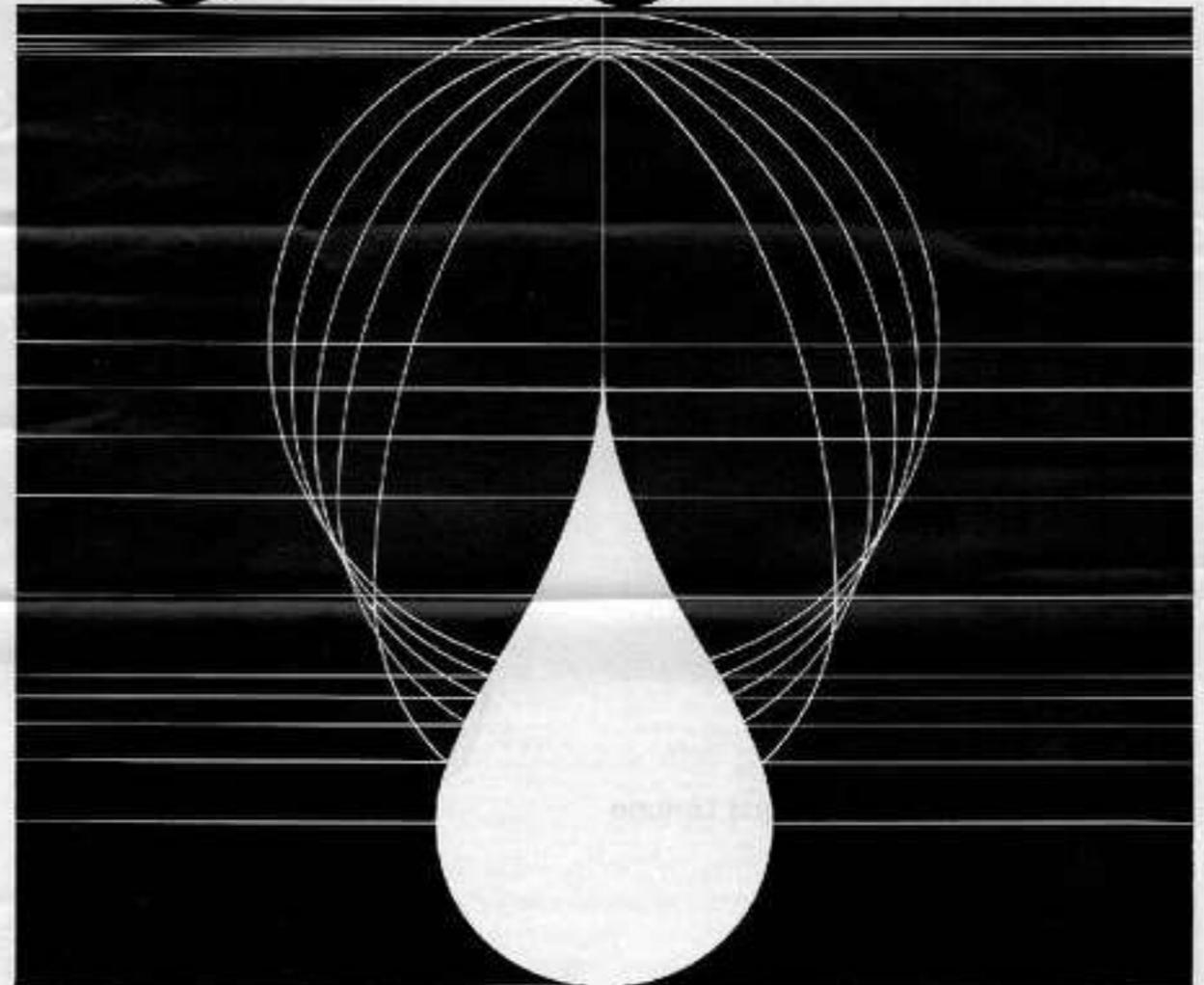
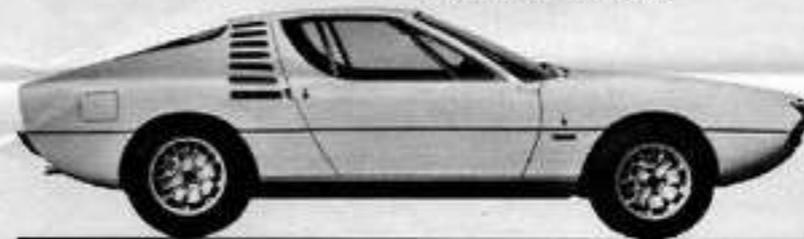
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May 3 2017 AROO Board Meeting Minutes

**Time: Meeting Called to Order by Doug Zaitz at 7:15 PM**

**Board Members Present at Busters:**

Chris Bright; Jim Gunter; Mark Carpenter; Bob Stevens; Dave Beach; Cindy Banzer; Sue Halton;

**Board Members Present Via Zoom:**

Douglas Zaitz; Bill Gillham; Tom Burnett

**AROO Members Present:**

Jeff Tunick, Advertising Chair

Liaison Reports**1. BOD Minutes (Dave Beach)**

**a. April 2017 Approved** (submitted for ALFABITS 5/5)

**2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer)**

Cindy submitted balances in the 3 Chase accounts:

AROO Main Checking	\$7246.91
AROO Savings Account	\$30,247.42
NW Classic Rally Account	\$33,042.95

**3. Past Events Reports:****a. April General Meeting (MarkC: RoseCups)**

presentation by PIR Gary Bachman; discussed need to send "Friend of PIR" flyer to AROO membership, a "cost-free" show of PIR support

**b. OldSpiderTour:** consensus great, well organized 2day tour by ErikRoe..as always. 37 cars max, 6 Giulietta/Guilia; photos by Scheyenne Tunick sent to ALFABITS editor

**4. Upcoming Event Reports:****a. AROO Cup Rallies:**

Rally#3 coming this weekend.

**b. May General Meeting:** (ChrisB; DaveB emcee)

EdG and RickW "MilleMiglia Experiences" presentation @ Ernesto's

**c. Swap Meet & Moss Garage Tour** (TomB, Stu Moss) Saturday, May 13 - Set up at 9:00 AM - Starts at 10:00; discussed food & need for tenting?

**f. June General Meeting (Evening Tour)** - (TomB) will organize with assistance from Dave Beach

**g. July Rose Cup Races and Portland Vintage Racing Festival - Collector Car Corrals** - decided not to make them "AROO events"

**h. July General Meeting (Summer Picnic/Tour)** - (Russ Paine, Sue Halton) - will tour 3 wineries; take-out or self-provided lunch

**i. August General Meeting (Evening tour)-** (BillG) begin French Prairie RA; end at "Flight Deck" in Salem; about 1.5hr drive

**j. August 21st Monday Solar Eclipse Tour** (DougZ joint with NWARC FredRussell); tour to Bend; overnight??

**k. Old Super Tour Saturday Sept16** (DaveB) first run with DickL May6th; roughed out 200miles, one day including North Bonneville and WAAAM in Hood River, ZigZag.

**l. September General Meeting** (??? BOD member) review MSNWCR 2017 photo show???

**m. Fall Tour to Seattle to visit Whitten & Shirley Museums, joint with NWARC** (DougZ; Neil d'Autremont) - Discussed an October Saturday(21?28?) day trip format, 3-4hr visit; possible charity donation for participation.

**n. Annual October Volunteer Dinner** (CindyB, SueH) Sunday Oct15

**o. 2017 NW Classic Rally** (JimG) - a. 75 TSD, 25 touring; need photographer b. need new sponsor and organizing leaders after next year 2018; if not, will need plan for dis-solution.

**5. AlfaBits Membership Report** (BobS) 165 members; sends new members welcome letters including upcoming events

**6. Merchandise/Apparel Report** (Jerry Lomas -absent) Postpone (again) to June??

**7. Competition & Track Events Report** (MarkC) a. Reminder to all organizers of all moving events- must use Naughton Insurance Form for all moving events b. link located on AROO website to AROC-US website, the form has been updated.

**8. AlfaBits/AROO Website Advertising Report** (Jeff Tunick): will work with ALFABITS editor to provide "hot links" in advertisers ads

**9. AROO Calendar, Website & Emailings Report** (DougZ): while trip to Italy most of May, will carry laptop for continued up to date emailings



May general meeting. Photo Dave Beach

**May 3 2017 AROO Board Meeting Minutes**  
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**10. AROO Liaison Report (Cindy Banzer)**

- a. Monterey/Pebble Beach-2017 – who from AROO is attending? AROO has initiated steps to begin developing a more visible presence on the peninsula during that week. It would be helpful to get some current information from regular attendees and, ideally, to secure some possible volunteers to assist at events like Concours Italiano, hosting a meet and greet, identifying potential block of lodging for 2018. Essentially, the next 4 years Alfa Romeo will be featured.
- b. AROO Board of Directors Election 2017 (GetOutTheVote)–The Chapter with the highest percentage (%) of members casting a ballot in this election will receive an award for the **#1 Chapter for Participation in 2017 AROO Elections** + a custom designed AROO iron-on decal or AROO refrigerator magnet + a featured article about your Chapter in the Alfa Owner as well as posted on the website.

- c. AROO Media Advertising Package: new advertising package for AROO's Alfa Owner and the new AROO website, including updating letterhead.
- d. AROO Membership Levels Increase – experiencing a net increase in members, both renewing members and new members. So far, three dealerships are gifting their customers with a year's AROO membership.

**New and Continuing Business**

1. after lengthy discussion and review of previous issues with Ernesto's Restaurant for General Meetings, decided to begin hunt for new General Meeting Location. Criteria for selection: Parking, Room size, Food service, Audio/Visio options, Geographical location

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM**

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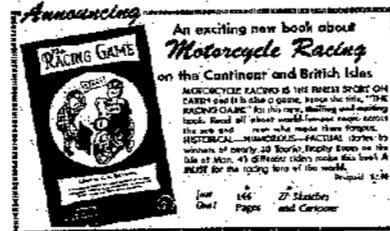
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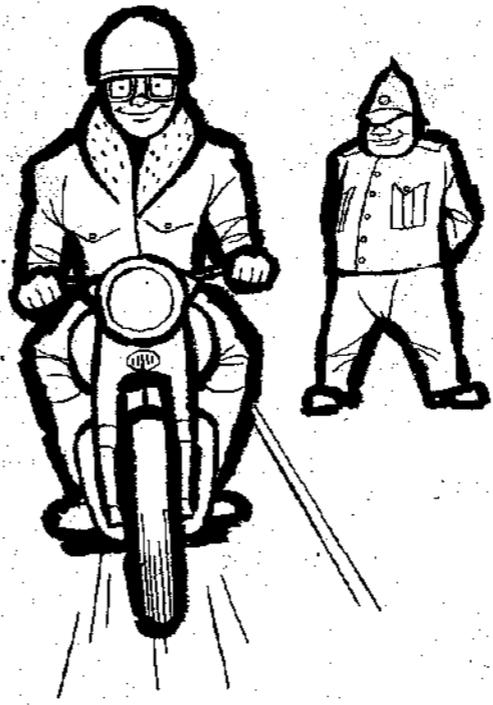
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## Manners for Motorcyclists

### *A Motorcycle Code of Conduct for Better Public Relations*

As things now stand in the United States, the motorcycle is disliked by many people. And because of this the motorcyclist is held in fear and some distrust by the general public. Everyone realizes that this is the way things are, and many individuals deserve praise for trying to do something to correct this unreasonable situation. There are two reasons why the motorcycle is held in such distaste by the majority of people in this country: one of these reasons is the motorcycle itself, and the other one is the rider.

Since the motorcycle rider is the only one who can do something to help change public opinion about the sport, it is to him that this book will be directed.

#### **CLOWNS AND HOOLIGANS READ NO FARTHER**

It is pretty well known among those connected with the sport that there are always a certain number of individuals riding motorcycles who are doing so just to impress people with their antics. These riders usually know just enough about a motorcycle to be able to zip their jackets and make their machines go forward. They revel in making the public angry and their machines and riding habits are specifically designed to cause the greatest amount of hatred among those who see them ride. These are the open muffler boobs, the riders who speed as much as possible (especially when a pillion passenger is aboard for a first motorcycle ride), the riders whose machines are kept purposely in the ugliest and greasiest possible condition. No amount of sermonizing on their bad effect on the sport will change these people. Their problem is mental, and unfortunately, one does not have to prove that he is sane in order to buy a motorcycle. To these people this book is not directed—they wouldn't read it anyway.

But to the rest of the riders, who feel that motorcycles count for more than just a means of demonstrating mental bankruptcy, this book might serve as some sort of spur in helping them to decide to work to improve motorcycling's status in the eyes of the public. As for the clowns and hooligans—they will eventually tire of showing off and sell their machines, or they will find out too late that a motorcycle is very unforgiving in the hands of an idiot.

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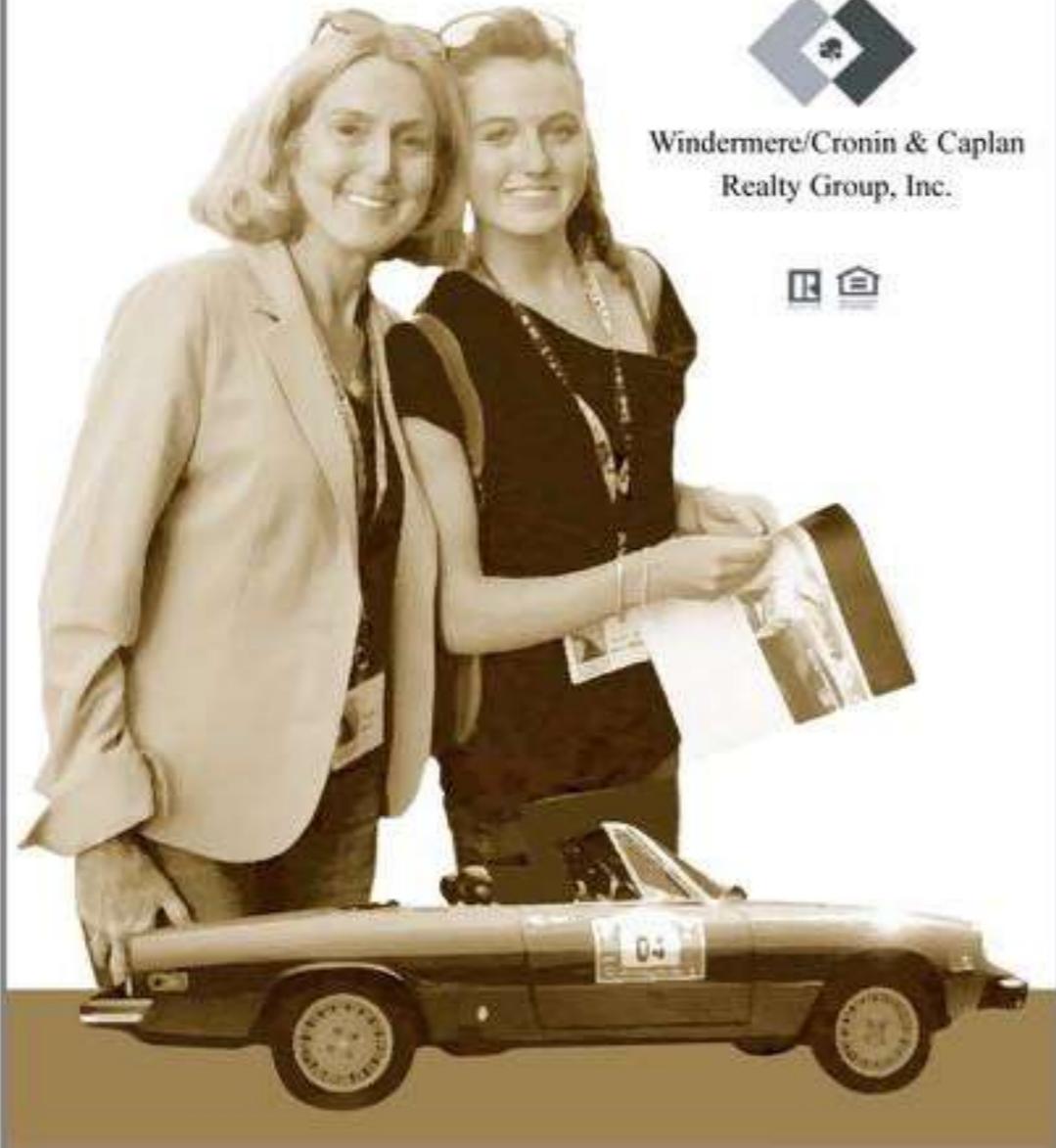
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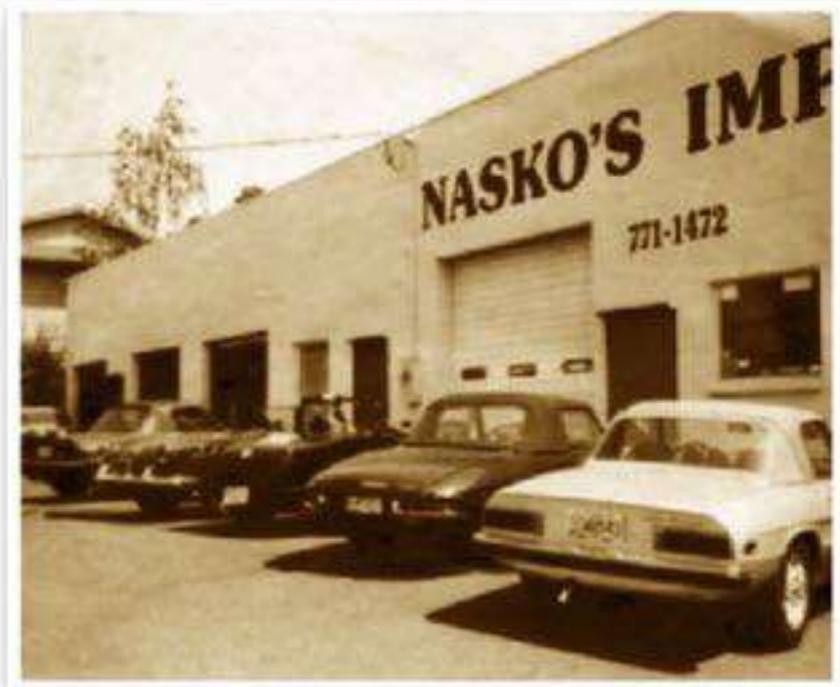


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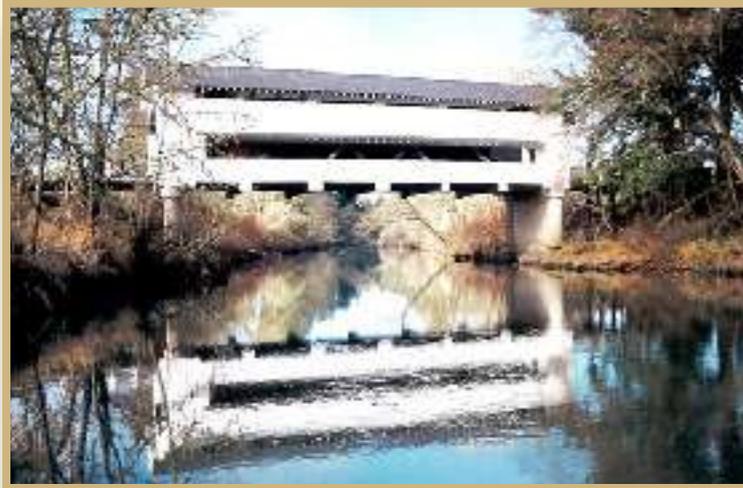
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# AROO COVERED BRIDGE TOUR

September 23-24



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*You can make your room reservations now by calling the Village Green and referencing Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon. Rate should be \$129. 541-942-2491 or 800-966-6490.*

*While designed to be a two day tour, day trippers are welcome as well. You can stick with us through lunch in Springfield or tour down to Cottage Grove and spring up I-5 home. However, do try to stay the night...great fellowship!*

*Questions? Call Tom McGirr at 503-983-3656.*

This year's two-day Fall tour will feature 23 covered bridges, fall leaf colors and a stay at the recently remodeled Village Green Resort in Cottage Grove.

The trip will begin in Silverton and take in 15 covered bridges and some great driving roads over a course of about 4 ½ hours. Included in your instructions will be a brief history of each bridge. Lunch is planned for Plank Town Brewery in Springfield. We will reach the Village Green in time to enjoy the pool, weather permitting, and wonder the beautiful gardens. This motel is now owned by Moonstone, the same folks who oversee the Oregon Gardens in Silverton.

I was able to negotiate a GREAT rate of \$129 for their DELUXE rooms which have a fireplace and a very nice patio facing out to the gardens.

I have not yet received the formal room block contract so not sure it is set up yet at the Village Green. When it is, you should reference Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon and make sure you are quoted the \$129 rate when you call. 800-966-6490.

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**AUGUST 3-6, 2017**

Dear NW Classic Rally Volunteer-to-be,

As the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon presents the 2017 edition of the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally, we are asking that you give us your time as a volunteer this year. With help from you and the other volunteers, the Northwest Classic Rally will continue to be the premier event of which we are all proud.

The 29th Northwest Classic Rally will be held August 3rd through 6th. We need your help to put on what is sure to be a fantastic event. Please take a few minutes to complete the attached/enclosed **Volunteer Participation Form** and **return it to me as noted, NLT May 1, 2017**. I will make every effort to match you to your selected tasks. I need you to complete and return the form **even if you have previously let me or someone else know that you are going to volunteer** (enabling me to get shirt sizes, meal counts, etc.) Please provide **complete** for **each person** volunteering. Be sure that your **email address is legible**. **All further correspondence will be by email**.

Rally volunteers will receive associated meals compliments of the Northwest Classic Rally, along with the "goody" bag, including this year's apparel. For planning and budgeting purposes, please be sure to note which meals you will be needing and your clothing size.

Our 2017 destination is The Resort at the Mountain, near Welches, Oregon, 503-622-3101, set aside as "Northwest Classic Motor Rally". We have 5 King or Double queen resort rooms available at \$168.00 and have 20 Fireside Kings (with extra sofa bed) for \$199. Volunteers must make their own lodging arrangements.

If you have any questions about volunteering, please email me at beachblueberry@gmail.com.

Thanks for volunteering,

**Dave Beach**

2017 MSNWCR Volunteer Coordinator

## Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally - Aug 3-6, 2017

### Volunteer Participation Form

Name:

Phone:

Address:

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State:

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Email (**please print clearly**):

Shirt size: Men's Small Med. Large XLarge XXLarge

Women's Small Med. Large XLarge XXLarge

#### **Jobs I want to do (Circle choices):**

Set-up / Tear-down - **Thursday** afternoon/evening

Traffic / Parking control - **Thursday** evening

Scrutineering - **Thursday** evening

Registration - **Thursday** evening

Set-up / cleanup - **Friday** morning

Traffic / Parking control - **Friday** morning

Starter helper - **Friday** morning

Anything needed - **Thursday - Friday - Saturday**

Lunch site setup / parking - **Friday** mid-day

Timing / Checkpoint worker - **Friday - morning - afternoon**

Hotel arrival crew - **Friday** afternoon

Start helper - **Saturday** morning

Lunch site setup / parking - **Saturday** mid-day

Timing / Checkpoint worker - **Saturday - morning - afternoon**

Car wash setup / teardown - **Saturday** afternoon

Barricade pickup and return - **Thursday and Friday, requires truck!**

**NOTE ON MEALS:** Meal(s) provided will be noted when you receive your assignment. Additional meals may be purchased at our cost if you wish.

Comments, additional information, etc:

Please return this **completed** form **NLT May 1, 2017** to Dave Beach, (**prefer scanned and attach to email** to beachblueberry@gmail.com)

**OR** US mail **completed** form to:

David Beach, 2017 MSNWCR Volunteer Coordinator  
10280 SW Bryton Ct., Wilsonville, OR 97070

# JUNE 21st, 2017 EVENING TOUR TO McMenamins Grand Lodge via Bald Peak!"

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, AROO Alfisti! Looking at your calendars, you will see the June 21st evening tour in place of the regularly programmed General Meeting.

This year's tour will start at the abandoned Albertsons parking lot in Wilsonville (located at 30299 SW Boones Ferry Rd.) and will occupy about 1-hr down (and up) pleasant Willamette Valley roads to the McMenamins Grand Lodge in Forest Grove.

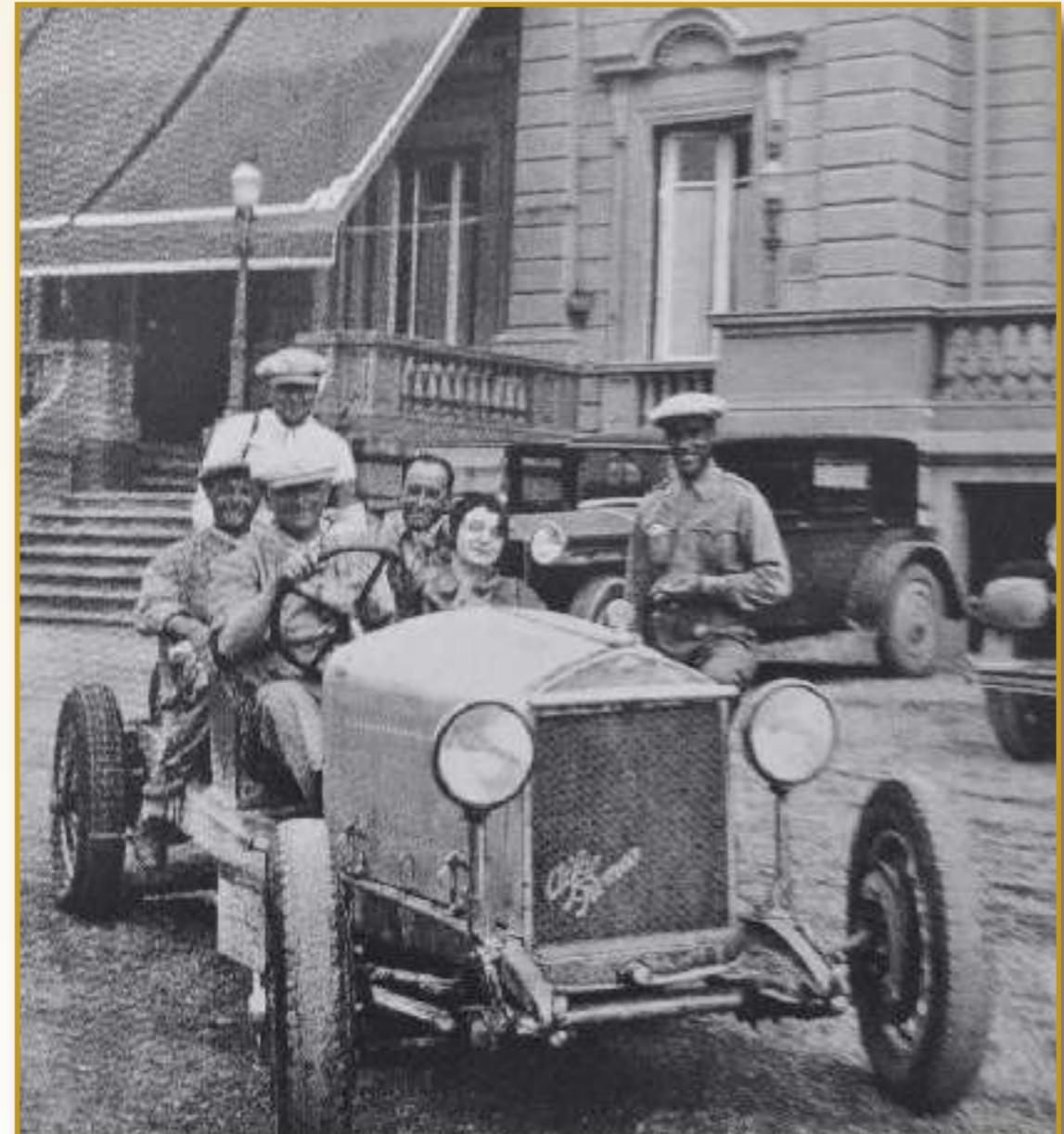
We will depart the Albertsons parking lot at at **6:00PM sharp** - meaning careful planning on your part to beat the traffic either by starting early, or devising a clever route to get to the starting location **on time**, please!

I will be handing out driving directions, which will include some trivia questions for alert navigators. Our route will be along those wonderful Willamette Valley roads just made for Alfa's.

The McMenamins Grand Lodge has a very nice outdoor patio if the weather cooperates with us, and if not, an indoor seating area for a group as large as 40+ people, with a wide menu selection for all sizes/types of appetites. I'll be reserving either the indoor or the outdoor area for us depending how the weather is looking the few days before the tour. Food and drinks look great... prices reasonable. (The meal is on you...)

If you feel you'd like to attend but might struggle to travel with the main group, email me NLT a day in advance and I will send you the directions for the tour. I promise great tops-down weather....as long as the weather-person does!

*Tour Meister-in-training.... Tom Burnett*



# AROO - Portland Vintage Racing Festival at PIR



Newly named – Vintage Racing Festival.

**July 28-30 (Friday-Sunday) – Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon (AROO) – Portland Vintage Racing Festival at PIR. Hosted by Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA), contact Kathy Swinford at [kathy@svra.com](mailto:kathy@svra.com) or 817-521-5158.**

**[www.svra.com/events/2017-portland-vintage-racing-festival/](http://www.svra.com/events/2017-portland-vintage-racing-festival/)**

A spectacular gathering of vintage and contemporary race cars will create the Portland Vintage Racing Festival at PIR. The flat yet challenging, 12-turn, 1.967 mile track offers a unique driving opportunity. Whether you're a driver, entrant in the Hagerty Show and Shine Car show, or fan there is a unique fun racing experience for you. This event offers three full days of racing for all SVRA race groups. The Portland Vintage Racing Festival embraces the return of Trans-Am to Oregon by hosting the third of four Trans Am West Coast Championship races. In 1975, Portland International hosted the Trans-Am Series, which was won by John Greenwood, driving a Chevrolet Corvette. Greenwood went on to win the 1975 Trans-Am Series Championship.

New to this event is the Mazda Miata Heritage Cup Series. This race will have its own distinct race with the group made up of first generation 1.6-liter spec Miatas of 1990 to 1993 vintage. This new race offers a new "entry point" to vintage racing.

Friday is an open test day and SVRA offers an optional Driver Orientation/Track Orientation Program (TOP/DOP) for drivers who have not previously competed at this track and/or for those who want to learn a few extra "go-fast" secrets of this road race circuit. Saturday evening will feature a party for drivers and crews.

PIR is built on the former location of Vanport, Oregon, which was destroyed in 1948, when a dike on the Columbia River broke and flooded the city. After the flood, all that remained were the paved streets and concrete foundations of destroyed buildings. In 1960, a time of growing interest in sports car and drag racing, the Portland Jaycees saw that the abandoned roads of Vanport had the potential to become a road race course. In 1961 the first Rose Cup auto race was held. The track has hosted Champ Car, IMSA, NASCAR and more. PIR is situated in North Portland, adjacent to hotels, restaurants, the shops that cater to PIR users.

Spectator tickets can be purchased online or at the gate.



## Rose Cup Races to Debut Drone Racing and Exhibitions Alongside Seven Classes of Racing

Tickets for the 57th running of the Rose Cup Races presented by George Morlan Plumbing Supply are on sale now at [RoseCup.com](http://RoseCup.com). Mark your calendar for the dates; this year's event will take place **July 7 through July 9** at PIR. Gates are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

A sanctioned event of the Portland Rose Festival, this year's Rose Cup will showcase seven classes of racing, including **Big Bore GT, Spec Miata, Vintage, Spec Racer Ford, Small Bore, BMW Pro 3, and the Great American Stockcar Series**. We're really excited to announce that the race weekend will feature, for the first time, drone racing from the **Professional Aerial League**, alongside freestyle exhibitions and drone education activities.

In addition to regular admission, we're offering a limited supply of two special tickets. The first is a **"Ride of Your Life" ticket for \$150**, which includes one three-day admission with parking, a souvenir hat, an exclusive tee shirt, a race day program, a scheduled ride for two laps in an exotic street car or racecar on Friday or Saturday evening, and a tax deductible receipt. The second is a **\$50 VIP ticket** that provides special access behind the scenes of the races and an entry to a drawing to win a ride in the Pace Car at lunchtime for either Saturday or Sunday; this VIP ticket also includes one three-day admission with parking, a souvenir hat and a race day program.

Friday, July 7, features **practice and qualifying for all seven classes**; Saturday, July 8, presents **two 20-minute races per class**; and Sunday morning, July 9, features **warm ups, last chance qualifying and a number of feature races**; Sunday afternoon presents **opening ceremonies, feature races, and the Rose Cup Winners Circle**. You can view the entire schedule, buy tickets, and learn more at [RoseCup.com](http://RoseCup.com).

See you at the races!



### ABOUT FOPIR

Friends of PIR is a non-profit service organization committed to the preservation and enhancement of PIR as a resource for those who use it, both participants and spectators alike; sustaining and expanding PIR's civic contribution as an institution in North Portland; providing guidance and support for the ongoing management of PIR in a manner that assures its ongoing value as a venue for motorsports, police training, bicycling, and other diverse forms of recreation and entertainment. [Friends of PIR Link](http://Friends of PIR Link).

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The summer tour will take place August 24-27, Thursday-Sunday. Tour departs from Salem with the first destination being Ashland. I have reserved Callahan's Lodge which can handle ONLY 19 couples. We will be having an early dinner at the Lodge then heading down to the Elizabethan Theatre to see Homer's epic play The Odyssey. I have secured 46 tickets thinking Callahan's would have 4 extra rooms ready, which will not be the case. It might be possible for you to get lodging down the hill at a later date. However, unless I hear from you soon, I will be releasing the surplus play tickets.

Friday we will enjoy some wine tasting at several nice wineries in the Applegate Valley. That evening, we will have dinner at Caldera Brewing Company, which is owned by my daughter and son-in-law. Those expecting pub food may be disappointed...this is a really nice place to eat and they set the bar, as far as I am concerned, for micro beers for both taste and variety (46 on tap at last count)!

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## MUST BE ANOTHER TOM MCGIRR AROO TOUR!

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Saturday will take us on a leisurely drive to Steamboat Inn on the Umpqua River. It is SO relaxing to sit on the decks overlooking the river and enjoying a nice glass of wine or beer! They do a fabulous job on dinner which also includes a pre-function in the library with wine and appetizers. Sunday will feature some nice back-roads back to civilization.

I originally reserved sufficient rooms for 23 couples at Steamboat. **Because Callahans is limited to 19 couples, I will be releasing the surplus rooms at Steamboat soon. The nearest lodging close to Steamboat is 17 miles away, so unless your reserve with me soon, or are super lucky to find they still have a room available, you will not be staying at Steamboat.**

A supplemental billing will be going out for meals, etc that will be pre-arranged.

This tour will be a 'sell out' as I have a number of Alfa Wannabe members who are licking their chops to snap up any openings.

Send me an e-mail c/o [tmcgirr@columbiatrustcompany.com](mailto:tmcgirr@columbiatrustcompany.com) if you want to reserve your spot. Deposits can be sent to Tom c/o 3420 Dogwood Dr. S, Salem OR 97302. Questions: Tom McGirr 503-983-3656





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