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# old Spider Tour!

Mid-1990's Photo from the Old Spider Tour



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### The Small Print

Photo Cliff Brunk

# Prepping for Summer!

Spring is here and summer around the corner. Time to get busy in the garage!

FROM THE EDITOR

I'm ordering a custom set of garage storage lockers, cabinets, and carts from NewAge. I had an online meeting with one of their design consultants who produced a 3D rendering of what my garage will look like with the new cabinets. It's really going to make my garage another room in the house instead of just a place to store cars and Christmas decorations. It will take 6-8 weeks from the order date to get it all delivered and I'll share the new look once it's done!

If anyone is interested, their website is <u>https://shopnewage.com/collections/garage</u>

If you want to contact me my email address is james.parker@alfaclub.org.

James Parker

Alfa Bits Editor

### ALFA BITS

Alfa Bits is the official newsletter of the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon. It is published about 11 times per year in PDF format and is downloadable from the club's website, www.alfaclub.org.

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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.

### 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

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 <u>website</u> page for events and published newsletters. The monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at <u>The Old</u> <u>Spaghetti Factory</u>, 0715 SW Bancroft St., Portland, OR, 503-222-5375. June, July and August are evening tours. Check the newsletter for details.





# President's Column

### March 2022 – Chris Bright In the Driver's Seat



#### Photo by Scheyenne

#### **Putting Monte Back Into the Rally**

I may be the least qualified person to speak about Monte Shelton. Our paths crossed a few times, and he was always generous with his time and unfailingly friendly. Just an all-around great guy who had a twinkle in his eye.

With the closure of his dealership, Monte was no longer sponsoring the Northwest Classic Rally so the two became disentangled. But the fact is, they are inextricably linked. Not just his commercial support, but his regular participation is a big reason that the Northwest Classic is the premier TSD rally in the U.S.

I am excited that Steve Davis, chair of the Northwest Classic Rally, with the full support of the AROO Board, is going to bring his name back by presenting the winner of the SOP category (unaided) with the newly minted **Monte Shelton Award**.

While we lost Monte in 2019, this will give us an opportunity to remember the man each year. I think we can all look at his life as one each of us would like to have. He was successful in every endeavor, never stopped living life to the very fullest, and, most of all, he was respected and beloved. We could all do with being a little more like Monte.

#### Spare a Thought for Ukraine

Sadly, the shadows of war have returned to Europe. Watching the tragic and unnecessary events unfold over recent weeks has been hard to take, of that there is no doubt. In spite of this, the Ukrainian citizens have exhibited courage, resolve, and compassion.

One of our members is living this terrible time with her country people. Yulia, we're all thinking about you and sending our support in our own way. Any way we can assist you and your Ukrainian citizens, your AROO friends will be there.

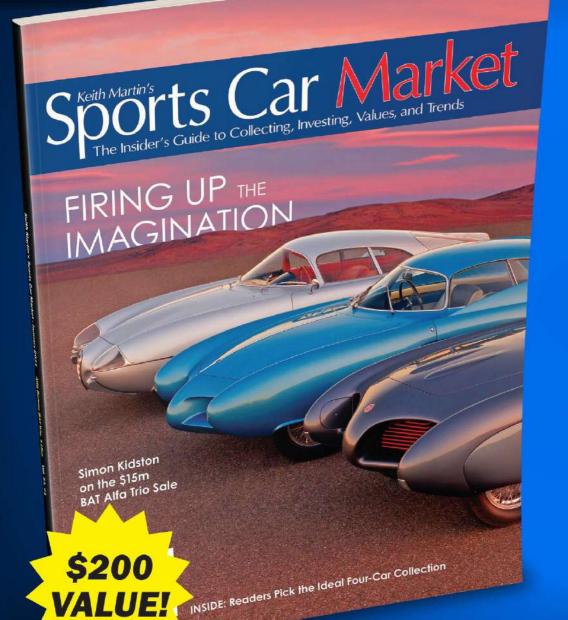
See you on the roads,

Chris

I welcome your suggestions and feedback! Contact me at chris.bright@alfaclub.org.



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Martin and his 1958 750E Sprint Veloce "Confortavole"

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### AROO Valentine's Day Tour

# **Valentine's Day Tour Recap!**

By Patrick Iaboni

It was a sunny morning when we gathered in Beaverton for the start of the AROO Valentine's Day tour. Alfas new and old gathered for the run to Camp 18 in the Cascade mountain range for lunch. Being Valentine's Day, roses were distributed, and after a brief meeting we set off on the route.

The first stop on the drive was Bald Peak Scenic Viewpoint. Here we regrouped, opened hoods, and socialized while admiring the spectacular view. After this it was a spirited run up to Camp 18 where we sat at one of their big tables as a group and enjoyed a very nice meal. I led the tour in my Milano which has been on many an AROO tour. Behind me was an enthusiastically driven Fiat Abarth, a Giulia Super, followed by a host of

Spiders, gtv6's, Stelvios, another Milano, and a 2600, among other fantastic club cars.

The roads were perfect. Even the pea gravel left over from the icy days of winter limited itself to the middle of the lane so we could keep up our fun pace. While the run up to Bald Peak is always a fun one, my vote has to go to Timber Road between Highway 6 and 26 as my favorite part of the route. The run down the hill into Laurelwood is short but sweet, and a great test of all the Alfa's systems that matter.

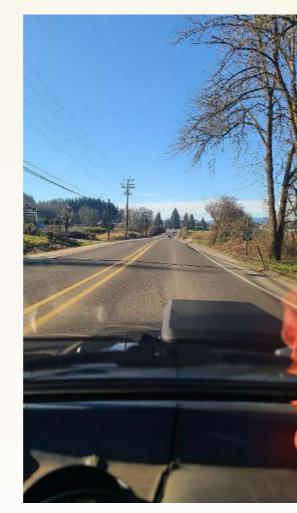
Being in the lead of a tour is always a challenge. Too fast? Too slow? For those of you who know me, I always err on the side of too fast. I wouldn't want anyone to be

bored in the group. In fact, my first speeding ticket in Oregon came on an AROO tour. 5 over on the straightaways and as fast as allowable before my codriver begins to glare at me is the limit. It's a strange thing, even while driving at speed and being focused on the road, I can always sense when I am on the receiving end of the glare. Sometimes I push it and the glare turns into a hand on the grab bar and an audible "okay", and it is at that point that I know I better ease off a bit (just enough to stop the tires from squealing).

Valentine's day or not, this was a worthwhile morning blast that I invite everyone to try next year. See you on the Old Spider Tour!













# AROO Valentine's Day Tour

# Valentine's Day Tour Recap!

Photos by Patrick Iaboni



















### AROO 2022 Rally Cup!

# **AROO Rally Cup and School!**

By Paul Eklund

Spring is fast approaching! Time to change the oil and dust off your collector car and get ready for a drive. It is also time to knock the cobwebs out of your head. One fun way to engage your brain, is to make plans to attend one or more of the upcoming AROO Cup rallies. Mark down these dates: March 13th, April 10th, May 15th and June 12th. They are all Sundays, and the rallies all start about 9:15am at the southbound French Prairie Rest Area, just south of Wilsonville from the rearmost parking area. Everyone is invited! especially those who have never gone on a rally before. Come on out!

To give a leg up for newbies and experts alike, we will host a RALLY SCHOOL on Saturday March 12th. We plan for it to be both LIVE (likely at Langer's Entertainment Center in Sherwood as part of Cars & Coffee) and on a ZOOM link to give best access for all. This school, and these 4 rallies will help you to prepare for a fun and successful NW Classic Rally which will take place Aug 5-7th heading down to Valley River Inn (Eugene) and written by Roger Dilts. It is back to the old 2.5 day format, with banquets and beer washes and maybe salmon at lunch... hopefully a concours as well.



The best way to be in the loop for details on the rallies and RALLY SCHOOL is to email either Yulia or myself at: paul.eklund@alfaclub.org or yulia.smolyansky@alfaclub.org or check the AROO Facebook page or website.

The March Rally will be written by Yulia and Paul. April is still available if anyone would like to learn to become a rallymaster. We can provide an old rally and all the help you need (Gretz? McNabb? Thompson?) Don't miss May, written by expert Simon Levear, and we saved the best for last, a new rally written by our own Patrick labone and Dave Beach – it should be a hoot!











### **Gimmick Rally at AROC Convention**

# **Gimmick Rally at National Convention**

By Paul Eklund

Believe it or not, it's now 2022, there WILL be an AROC National Convention in San Diego in mid-June, and it will kick off with a fun, little gimmick rally on Thursday. The definition of gim\*mick: something that tricks, deceives or confuses; but it can also be used as a VERB, as in "to alter or augment with an EXTRA device or feature." But you may not know that in the Philippines, it means "a night out with friends."

Co-rallymasters Yulia Smolyansky ('74 GTV) and Paul Eklund ('57 1900 Super) have gimmicked up a great drive that will take adventurous teams off of Coronado Island to beautiful and driver-friendly east county roads. You will want to sign up early to insure a spot on this Thursday mid-morning event.

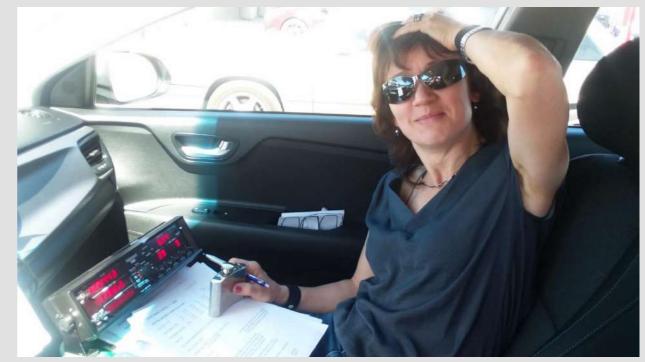
Contestants will receive a route book containing simple turn-by-turn instructions to follow this terrific jaunt from beginning to end. It will also include some questions to answer along the way. Familiar will be spotting signs, using Alfisti trivia to solve riddles and clues, while driving awesome roads. New will be photos in the route book that you have to match up to questions along the way. They may be LANDMARKS, historical buildings or signs, or even viewpoints. It will add a twist to your tour.



Be sure to sign up for the AROC convention and sign up for the gimmick rally!

Your faithful rallymasters, Yulia and Paul









### Welcome to 2022!

# **Upcoming AROO Events!**

#### Welcome to 2022!

It's time to look forward to new beginnings, and 2022 feels like that. We are looking forward to getting back together this year. As such, we are trying to get events on everyone's calendar sooner rather than later.

We'll keep an eye on safety guidance regarding COVID as in-person meetings, but we will plan for success! To ensure our safety, we ask that all members and guests in attendance be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Masks should be worn except when eating and drinking. Also, we will have most of our programs available by Zoom for those who are not able to attend in person.

#### PROGRAMS

AROO March 2022 Meeting featuring Logan Gray, Vintage Motorbooks Wednesday, March 16, 2022 6:30 p.m. doors open, meal at 7 p.m. Location TBD

**Our Featured Guest:** Logan Gray owns and operates <u>Vintage Motorbooks</u> which specializes in buying and selling automotive publications. Logan is a regular at West Coast car events where he sets up mouthwatering booths full of hard-to-find books. He is also a contributor to Sports Car Market and Automobilia magazines. Logan will tell us more about his 40 years in the automobile literature business, and also can share what you need to know if you are a book collector or if you want to sell some to clear some shelf space. Remember to bring \$20 for a meal, and no-host adult beverages are paid separately.

The program will be available remotely via Zoom.



By Chris Bright



### Welcome to 2022!

# **AROO Upcoming Driving Events**

2022 AROO Cup Rally Series co-chaired by Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky

- Rally School March 12 (virtual)
- #1 March 13
- #2 April 10
- #3 May 15
- #4 June 12

Each year, AROO conducts a series of short Time-Speed-Distance rallies for the coveted "AROO Cup". About two hours in duration, the rallies are conducted on Sunday mornings March-June. Members are welcome to participate in any car. Rallying offers an enjoyable, low-key form of motorsports competition. Please plan to join us for this fun and exciting activity!

#### 44th Annual Old Spider Tour

#### Saturday, April 23, 2022

#### 8:15 a.m. Drivers Meeting, 8:30a.m. Departure

Please join AROO for the 2022 Old Spider Tour! This tour was originally a "birthday tour" celebrating Bob McGill's birthday (4/18) and the purchase of his 1958 light blue Giulietta Spider (4/15) from Rambo Motors. He traded in his MG and never looked back! For about 10 years, Bob and his wife Margaret lead this tour, then, in the early 1990s, he got some help from Glenn Hertz and Erik Roe. Glenn always added zest to the tour by steering us towards new roads or interesting sites in Oregon. Erik drove his first "OST" with a driving learner's permit! This year Erik will lead you out east for smooth roads, sunshine and truly enjoyable touring.

This year, we will do a single day tour, allowing us to have a great tour, yet manage the pandemic if needed.

#### **Details:**

- Saturday April 23rd
- Arrive at the start with a full tank of fuel we will be driving some distance (225+) and there will not be stop and go traffic, but plenty of rest stops!
- Please arrive by 0815 for drivers meeting, first car out about 0830
- · Look for details on the start location and other details in March
- If you got one, bring your Giulia and Giulietta Spider or Sprint. All Alfas are welcome! The old cars get to lead.
- To insure a fun day, please get your old car out for a good long drive before the tour date. Maybe 50 to 100 miles.
- There will be free donuts at the start and the first stop, but you need to bring your own picnic lunch. There might be some birthday cake at lunch.

Feel free to email Erik Roe at erikroe@me.com with questions. RSVP is requested!









# 2022 Northwest Classic Rally!

### Welcome to the 2022 Northwest Classic Rally!

Steve Davis, Rally Chair

Folks, it's been a long, hard-fought last few years for the NWCR. After the cancellation in 2020, the team pulled it back together for a one-day rally extravaganza in 2021. For 2022, the rally is Back in Full Force, and we want you to all be a part of it!

Leading up to this article, I've been doing some research on TSD rallies in the US. I've learned that the NWCR is <u>not</u> the oldest TSD rally in the USA – there are two events older. However, I did learn that our own Northwest Classic Rally is the oldest, continuously-run\* Alfa Club event in the USA! And, while I can't be 100% sure, it may be the oldest Alfa event in the entire world. Since 1989, AROO has put on one of the most well-known and well-respected Time/Speed/Distance (TSD) rallies in America. For 2022, <u>we want YOU to join us August 4-7 for the 33<sup>rd</sup> running!</u>

#### **Hotel and Rally Route**

It's been a challenge finding the right hotel, the right route, and the right time for the Rally, but the organizing committee has come through. As you can see above, we've moved the event out a week, to the first weekend in August. This has actually made a lot of other stuff easier – it seems July shows up on all the hotels as "summer", but August doesn't. Speaking of hotels, we are back at the *Valley River Inn*, in Eugene. Those who participated in the 2018 rally may remember it – great hotel, great meeting spaces and great parking. Our Rally Master, Roger Dilts, has already mapped out a challenging route covering about 400 miles over the two days – Friday and Saturday.

#### **Competition and Classes**

New this year, we are expanding the classes and years in order to bring newer (not "new" however!) cars in. Our competitive cut-off is 2000, split between Vintage and Modern at 1988. As in the past, we will also have a Tour class, which is non-competitive, but run on the same route, open to all cars – so bring that 4C, Giulia or Stelvio out for everyone to ogle! We are continuing with our two competitive classes – SOP (for "Seat of the Pants"), allowing only a stopwatch and car gauges; and "Calc", where calculators and rally tables are allowed.

We are also really trying to get first-time TSD rallyists to participate. Your entry this year gains you access to the AROO Rally School, held in March, and put on by our resident super-rallyists, Paul and Yulia. AROO is known as a "Rally-centric Alfa Club" for good reason – no other AROC club holds more TSD rallies, or has taught more first-timers, than AROO. There's no better place to start!

#### Volunteers

Since AROO puts on the NWCR, there is a LOT to do, and our Volunteers are the key to our success. Our volunteers are the timers, starters, scorekeepers, checkpoint-ers, and more – the rally literally can't function without them! So, if you want to be involved in the rally, and want to hang out with the drivers and partake in the fun, without the driving part – we need you!

#### Join In the Fun!

Here's the thing – many of our members are involved in the Rally, and we know you truly enjoy the experience. For you, please join us again for our resurgence. For those of you who have yet to get involved – now is the time. The NWCR is AROO's biggest money-maker of the year, even after the split with our designated charitable organization (Alzheimer's Association for 2022). Our club is what makes this event possible for our own rallyists, as well as for entrants from all over the US and Canada.

It's four days of great roads, amazing cars, delicious food, and great camaraderie. Everything you want to know about the rally is on our website: <u>www.northwestclassicrally.org</u>. You can also scan the QR code in this article. Look for articles and information in every issue of the AlfaBits from now to July and be a part of it all!

\*OK, 2020 doesn't count...







Scan the QR Code for more info!





### 33rd Northwest Classic Rally



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### New Dates: Aug 4-7, 2022

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# NEW 2022 Activities!

#### **EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:**

Board Meeting at Buster's Barbecue in Tigard at 7 PM Contact Doug Zaitz at doug.zaitz@alfaclub.org or 509-768-4312. All are welcome!

#### **January**

5 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
26 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
29 Tour to LeMay Auto Museum, host Chris Bright, 8:30 AM

#### **February**

2 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
13 Valentines Day Tour, host TBD
16 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
18-20 8<sup>th</sup> Annual AROC Winter Retreat in Palm Desert March

2 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
12 AROO Cup Rally School, Portland, 10 AM
13 AROO Cup Rally #1, Wilsonville, 9 AM
16 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
April

1-3 Portland & PIR Swap Meets
6 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
10 AROO Cup Rally #2, Wilsonville, 9 AM
20 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
23 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Spider Tour & Lunch, host TBD

#### <u>May</u>

Portland Cars & Coffee Sherwood 7:30 AM
 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7 PM
 AROO Cup Rally #3, Wilsonville, 9 AM
 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
 May Driving Tour & Lunch, host TBD

#### <u>June</u>

1 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
12 AROO Cup Rally #4, Wilsonville, 9 AM
13-19 AROC National Convention, Coronado CA
15 June Evening Tour, host TBD, 6 PM
25 Summer Solstice Drive & BBQ, hosts Steve & Tina Davis
July
6 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM

8-10 Rose Cup Races at PIR

#### Click HERE to see all AROO and non AROO activities.

#### THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:

Monthly Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 7:00 PM — September through May. Evening tours — June, July and August. Check the complete AROO calendar <u>HERE</u>.

15-17 SVRA Portland Vintage Racing Festival at PIR
16 Annual Summer Picnic and Wine Tour, host Russ Paine
17 Forest Grove Concours
20 General Meeting - Not Scheduled

#### August

3 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
4-7 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual NW Classic Rally in Eugene
17 August Evening Tour, host TBD, 6 PM
20 AROC Goes to Concorso Italiano in Seaside CA
20 Portland Yacht Club Classic Boats & Cars Show, host Chris Finks
25 Shelby America Auto Club NW Track Day at PIR
28 Lake Oswego Heritage Car Show, host Rick Warner

#### September

4-5 Columbia River Classic at PIR
6-19 Alfa Wannabe Tour to the Rockies, host Tom McGirr
7 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
10 September Driving Tour & Lunch, host TBD
21 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
24 Annual Old Super Tour, host TBD
October

1-2 Maryhill Hill Climb (SOVREN)
2 AROO Dirty Rat TSD Rally, Wilsonville, 9 AM
5 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
8 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Giro di Coupe Tour, host Dennis Howell
19 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
20-24 AROC Goes to F1 in Austin TX
30 Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 5:30 PM

#### November

2 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM 16 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM December

4 Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction, 5:30 PM
7 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
21 General Meeting - Not Scheduled



#### Click HERE to see AROO and other AROC-US Chapter Events.



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### New Members & Anniversaries

# Welcome New Members & Congratulations to everyone with an anniversary.

### **New Members**

Sean Major of Portland Tom Gammons of Beaverton

### **Member Anniversaries**

Sierk Braam – 1 year John Draneas – 2 years James Parker – 3 years Jeff Roberts – 7 years John McDonald – 8 years Terry Friderickson – 12 years Robert Ames – 13 years Edward Slavin – 18 years Steve Goldman – 21 years Glenn Vanselow – 21 years Joe Kollmann – 22 years Christina Kellogg-Gratchner – 23 years Mike Schroedl – 26 years Mike Yates – 26 years

Gary Powers – 33 years ! Steve Kendall – 41 years !! Ron Krueger – 43 years !! William Richards – 46 years !! Mark Carpenter – 48 years !!

Anniversaries and New Member list is prepared each month by Steve Davis. Thank you Steve.  $\bigstar Members that have been with the club longer than 30 years.$  $\bigstar Members that have been with the club longer than 40 years.$ 





### **February Minutes**

#### <u>Minutes</u>

Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Location: Zoom

Present: Cindy Banzer, Chris Bright, Dylan Dale, Steve Davis, Glen Dolphin, Chris Finks, Sue Halton, Patrick Iaboni, and Doug Zaitz. Guests: Roger Dilts, Paul Eklund

President Chris Bright opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. Minutes (Sue Halton)

A. No report.

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

A. Cindy reviewed the AROO 2022 Budget.

i. Year-to-date income is \$2650 from dues.

ii. We contributed a \$1,000 sponsorship to the Welcome Reception of the Convention.

#### B. Rally

ii. We contributed a \$1,000 sponsorship to the Convention Gimmick Rally.

iii. Cindy transferred \$5,000 from AROO 'Savings' to the Rally account.

#### 3. Past Events Report

A. Hybrid General Membership Meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory had a good turnout both in-person and online.

i. Chris B. used his personal phone Hot Spot, but we need a more solid wi-fi solution.

ii. Chris B. gave a shout-out to Patrick for all his help with the 'AV stuff' and doing the 'Kahoot'. It was very well received.

B. 22 people traveled to the LeMay Museum.

i. Doug and Paul had cars in the display.

ii. Keith gave an interesting presentation on publishing in the digital age.

#### 4. Upcoming Event Report

A. Rally School (Paul Eklund)

i. Nothing new to report. May use the "Logger Room" at Langers in Sherwood

B. The General Membership Meeting on February 16th will feature Sheri Harbour de Vos, Portland Director of Avants.

Logan Ray will be featured in the March meeting.

- i. Chris B. asked for ideas for future speakers.
- C. Other potential upcoming events are the Lake Oswego
- Car Show, the Vintage Races, and Forest Grove Concours. D. Driving Events are:

i. February 13<sup>th</sup> (Valentine Day's Tour) will be written by Doug and ending at Camp 18. Patrick will probably lead it.

ii. Old Spider Tour needs a Chair.

iii. Giro de Coupe needs a new date, possibly September 3<sup>rd</sup> or October 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5. AlfaBits (James Parker)

A. Has an early deadline this month.

#### 6. AROC Liaison (Cindy Banzer).

A. Cindy was sad to announce that Alan Rossman, a Rally volunteer, passed away.

B. She suggested that Chris B. or Steve join the AROC

Chapter Presidents on the 9<sup>th</sup> to speak on the Rally. Chris B. said he was planning to do so.

C. An AROC Board member resigned and will be replaced by Joe Ferriday from the NW Chapter.

D. The AROC Winter retreat will be held on Presidents Day weekend.

E. The 2022 Convention in San Diego is proceeding well.

F. The 2023 Convention may be held in North Carolina.

#### 7. Northwest Classic Rally 2022 (Steve Davis)

- A. Marketing
- i. Web-site had 290 visitors in January, 11 so far in February.
- ii. Plan to send 'very visual' postcards.
- iii. Steve suggests encouraging "Club vs. Club" challenges
- and convoying as a club to the Rally.
- iv. Roger suggests all offer to speak at local Club programs.
- B. Registration

i. Requested that Cindy send names of new registrants to Dylan, Doug, Steve and Chris B.

ii. On-line registration will cost 3-7%.

- ii. We have 28 registrations. Only 5 are Alfas.
- C. Brainstorming of Clubs to receive emails followed: NW

Alfa, AROO, Spokane Italian Car Club, ARA and Delta Sierra have received emails. Others to consider are: Southern California, San Diego, Central California, Orange County, the Triumph Club and the Morgan Club. D. Roger announced that Thursday night registration and the Friday morning start will take place at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn.

E. Chris B. said that Kyle Francis of Hagerty is interested in being the title sponsor.

F. Volunteers (Glen Dolphin)

i. Glenn sent out an email and has 15 'sign-ups', including 5 of the 6 teams of Timers committed to both days.

He will put an article calling for volunteers in the March AlfaBits.

ii. Dylan will add their names to the Volunteer section of the website.

#### 8. New Business

A. Social Media Policy – Should we allow other
Clubs/Individuals to post their events? There was discussion of individuals, but no general policy was established.
B. Steve suggested we hold an Inter-Club Challenge.

#### C. Bylaws

i. Doug has the most recent copy. He will compare it to that of other clubs. Roger will help.

D. Lisa McNabb suggests having a "Model of the Year", that is each year pick a model and celebrate it. This would need a Chair to lead it.

E. Doug explained that emails listed on the web-site are not personal addresses but are forwarded to personal addresses. If you receive an email from one of them treat it with care since it may be from a scammer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Sue Halton Board Secretary



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# Alfa Take-Over at Cars & Coffee

By Steve Davis

Plan to shine up the car and head over to Portland Cars & Coffee on May 1! Normally, there are only 2-3 Alfas there, so let's change that! The Northwest Classic Rally organizers are putting up a pop-up, trying to get people signed up for the rally. We want people to know that AROO is all-in for the Rally, and there's no better way than to have lots of Alfas present. Plan on an incredible morning – a "Normal" C&C event is 300+ cars, and 400 (or more!) cars isn't an unusual turnout! In fact, Portland C&C is one of the largest regularly-scheduled car events on the West Coast.

Here's the plan... Cars & Coffee is a "first come, first parked" event, and there are no marque-specific corrals. The gates open at 8:00am, and there's usually a line. We'd like to have as many Alfas all together as possible. Therefore, we will be meeting at 7:30 across the street at the Old Spaghetti Factory, and then we will be driving over to the "line" as a group. This will allow us to park together. Plan on being there a few hours – you will need it to walk through all the incredible machinery – Street Rods to Ferraris, VW's to Military Vehicles, and everything in between.

The NWCR organizers will have brochures and registration forms, and we'd love to have you take a few and pass them out... then get them over to the booth to sign up!

There is a Panera next to the Old Spaghetti Factory that's open at 7:00am, so you can get coffee and sweets there (please get there earlier if you do - it will be busy!). There is coffee (of course) at C&C, should you decide to go there.

Chris Finks is a very regular attendee, with his son – both driving their Alfas to C&C. He's constantly being asked why there aren't more Alfa Romeo cars represented – people love to see our cars. Let's plan to turn out in numbers, support the Rally, and show C&C what a fantastic group of cars and people we are!



#### **Details At A Glance:**

When: Saturday, May 1 – 7:30am

Where: Meet at 7:30am at the Old Spaghetti Factory 21192 SW Langer Farms Parkway, Sherwood, OR 97140

C&C is at "Langers Entertainment Center" in Sherwood 21650 SW Langer Farms Parkway





# **AROO Summer Tour**

### Salem/Gold Beach/Ashland August 19-21

By Tom McGirr

This two night-three-day tour will depart from Salem's Waterfront Park next to the Carousal (opposite State Street). Back roads with a bare minimum of I-5. We will get to Gold Beach in time to walk the beach before happy hour and dinner.

Next day we head to Ashland passing through the California Redwoods. You will have the opportunity to walk thru the Redwoods on a trail I discovered last fall. We will visit one or two wineries as we near Ashland before checking into the hotel(s). Dinner will be at Caldera Brewing - Great food and excellent beer!

Trip home will take us up Dead Indian Road through Butte Falls and onto Hwy 138 to Roseburg where we will have lunch at McMenamins.

In that we are touring during the 'high' season on the coast as well as in Ashland (Shakespeare), *it will be* 

extremely important for you to make your hotel reservations ASAP. Room blocks are not feasible during this time period so YOU need to make your reservations now if you want to stay in the nicer places.

Here are my suggestions:

#### Gold Beach, August 19:

(First 3 are ocean front) Pacific Reef - 541-249-4398 (leader is staying here). Sure Stay Best Western - 541-247-7066 Beach Combers Inn - 541-247-6691 Motel 6 Wild Chinook Inn

#### Ashland, August 20:

All three are walking distance to dinner. Best Western Windsor - 541-488-2330 (leader is staying here) Ashland Hills - 541-293-0660 Holiday Inn Express - 541-201-0202 PLEASE SEND TOM MCGIRR AN E-MAIL ONCE YOU HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS. I need to make dinner reservations which will be a challenge for a large group.

tomsredalfa@gmail.com 503-362-8597 if you have any questions.



### 2022 AROO Fall Tour



By Tom McGirr

The Fall tour is heading to We should have Bend. some nice fall colors and hopefully the weather will still be dry! Day 1 will take us through country roads to Lebanon, then on Hwy 20 to Santiam Junction, then south to Sahalie Falls. After a break, we enjoy the Old McKenzie Hwy. We mid-Bend arrive in afternoon at Mt. Batchelor Village. An Italian themed dinner is planned.

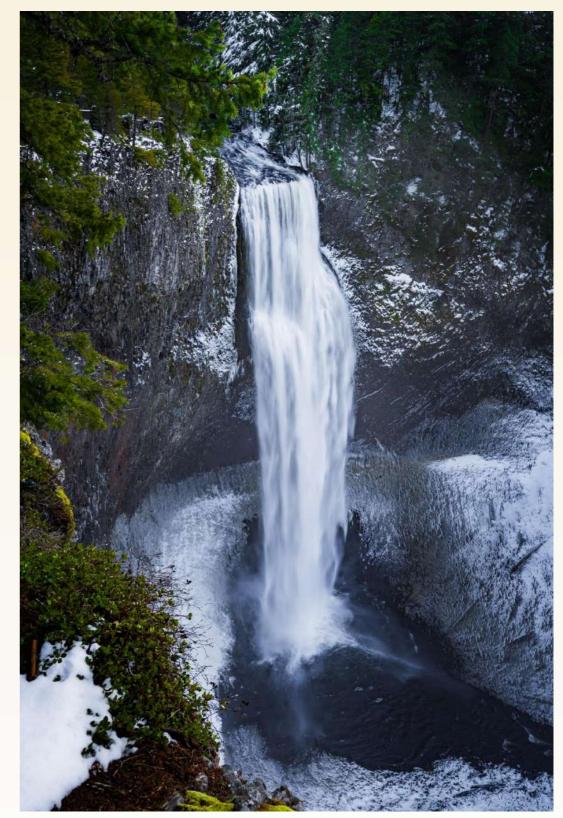
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Sunday, we will drive the Cascades Scenic Highway past Mt. Batchelor and the Three Sisters, head West on Hwy 58 with a stop at Salt Creek Falls and finish the tour in Brownsville at the local Brownsville Saloon for lunch. If open, you are invited to check out the Brownsville Museum. It is a real gem and worth a visit!

Suggested lodging is Hampton Inns and Suites located on Columbia Blvd. 541-388-3000. Alternate located close by: Town Place Suites on 13th Place. 541-382-5006

As always, let Tom know you are coming. Logistics for a large group meal are challenging so I need advance notice of who is coming. tomsredalfa@gmail.com.

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Salt Creek Falls. Photo by James Parker





Board of Directors welcomes all members to attend our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month.

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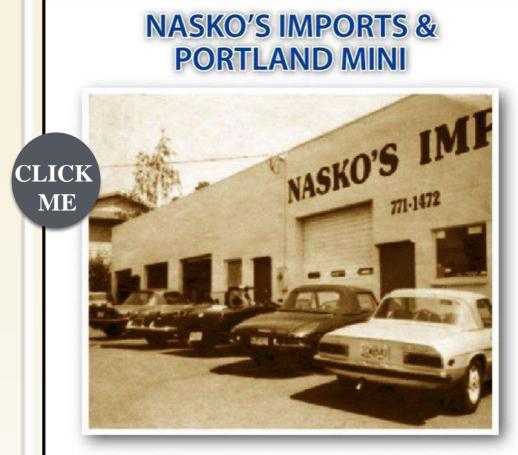




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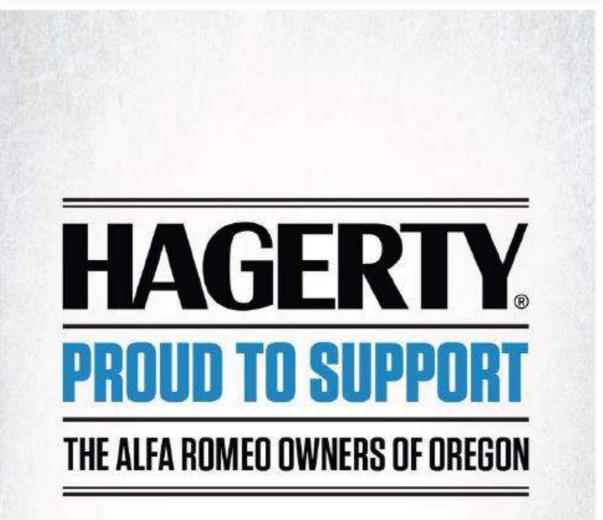
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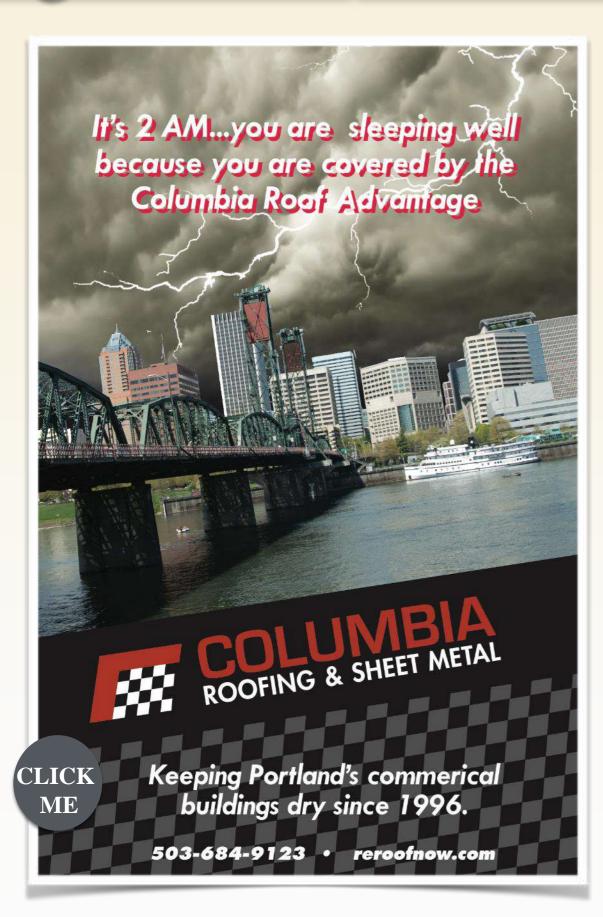
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### 1973 Spider Veloce \$5000

Current mileage: 182K\* miles ?

**Condition:** Very strong running car with body and interior and top in good, mostly original condition and parts. Re-painted five years ago and a long list of rehab projects were performed to the running gear, suspension, body, and interior (listed below) over the 25 years I have owned it.

**History:** I purchased the car in 1996 from a nephew who was moving up from San Francisco. To the best of my knowledge the car had spent its life up to that point in the bay area. It was a bit tired looking and a lot of maintenance had been deferred. But like me in mid-life it appeared worth saving. We bonded. It was a daily driver (five miles to my office) for about three years. Since then it has been used only for occasional Sunday drives and spent most of the time since it was painted and restored in a barn in Washington.

Here is a list of the major things I have done, mostly in chronological order: (Except for a few small things I did myself, all mechanical work was done by Nasko, in Portland,

Oregon.)

#### Mechanical

Rebuilt mechanical fuel injection pump Rebuilt transmission - synchro gears Clutch New heater core (under the dash) Wheel bearings Routine brakes U-joints Powder coated header pipes Complete mufflers and exhaust system refresh Rebuilt head with new valves, cams, etc. (purchased from International Auto) Electronic ignition upgrade Fuel pump and fuel lines and filters Complete brake rebuild - all wheels disks, rotors, drums, master cylinder Front suspension New radiator Gas tank removed, cleaned and repainted

#### Interior

Replaced drivers seat upholstery and cleaned up operating framework of both seats Doors rehabbed including window crank mechanisms, door handle operation, upholstery panels, replaced rubber seals all around

Cleaned up and replaced a couple cracked shrouding pieces around center console Cleaned up floor panels under original rubber mats (No rust here or other spots in the body) New StayFast top installed by Guy's Interior Restoration on refurbished frame Added convertible top boot Dash cover (dash is cracked in all the usual sun drenched places)

#### Body

At about 175K miles I took the car off the road and began a five-year project stripping down the paint which included rebuilding the interior working of both doors, hood and trunk latches, hinges, body trim, etc., and sanding the body panels nearly to the metal all around. I had the car painted off-site by a young man trained at Heitzman's in Beaverton (where my father worked as a body man for 40 years). I then reassembled the car including new window and door seals and some trim moldings. Camp. wheels with Pirelli tires at about 3,000 miles use.

\* Odometer reads 82,000. Actual is not verified.



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Link to Dropbox folder with more photos







# **1988 Spider Graduate Series** \$9000

57k miles, black, body is in excellent shape with no dents. New top and new battery. Pirelli tires have about 10k miles on them. After market wooden steering wheel and gear shift knob. Been garaged the past 8 years when not being driven. Needs some minor repairs (horn ((probably a fuse)), gas cap release cable, driver's seat worn) Original owner's manual as well as maintenance receipts available.

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# 1987 Alfa Romeo Spider Quadrifoglio



~102,000 mi, Silver exterior, Grey leather seat with Red/black interior carpet. Hard top in good condition. Soft top also in good condition (no rips/fading). Air Conditioning. I have owned it since about 2000. It has always been garaged. All maintenance was done by Veloce Motors (Dan Summers). I lived overseas for 5yrs and stored it with Dan. I drove for a few years as a second summer vehicle when I returned. It is currently stored and has been stored for the last 4 years. Looking for about \$9k. **Contact Greg at 503.333.6895** 

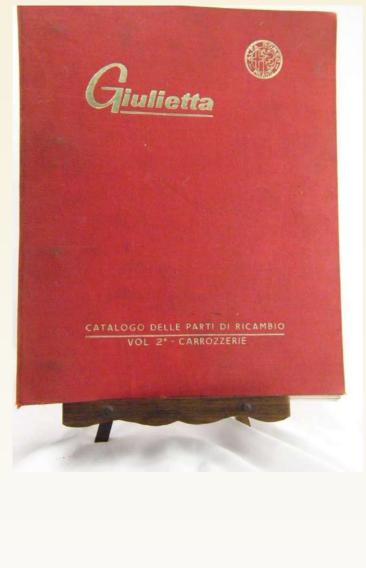
### Abandoned GTV – with engine and trans

I have an abandoned 73 or thereabouts GTV very rusty w/ motor & trans intact CHEAP (maybe free), seats & stock aluminum wheels, dash & gauges. Any interest please call Rollin Crago at 541-301-9752. In Medford, OR.





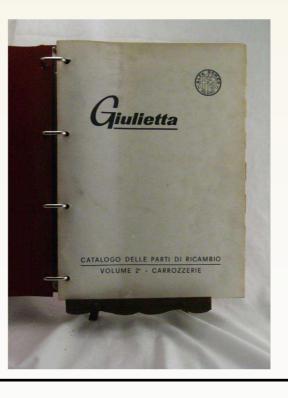
# **1964 Factory Alfa Romeo Parts Catalog**

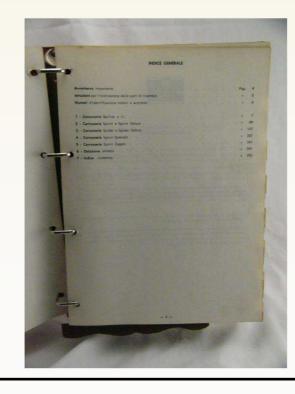


Selling an original dated 1964 factory-issued Alfa Romeo Giulietta parts catalog, printed in Italian. It is four-ring binder format in excellent condition. The cloth binding is intact with only a very slight wear on the corners. All pages are intact, with no oil or coffee smudges.

\$150 or a reasonable offer.

Glenn Scott gwendellscott@gmail.com









# Alfa Spider Bra for sale



### **Reduced Price!**

Seller had a pristine 1974 Alfa Spider until it was rear ended; the car was totaled but the bra was saved. The bra has been hardly used. It should work for years other than 1974. It was stored for several years in its carrying case. Wrinkles should fall out once in the sun.

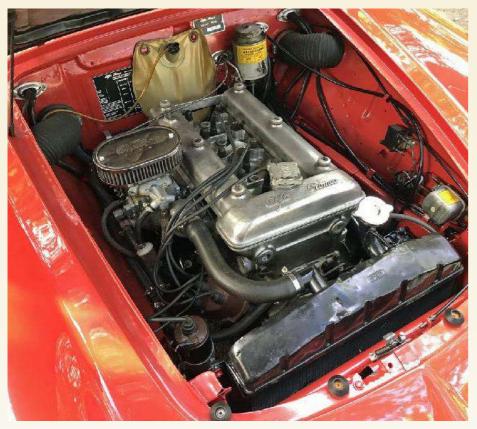
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# **1965 Giulia Spider**

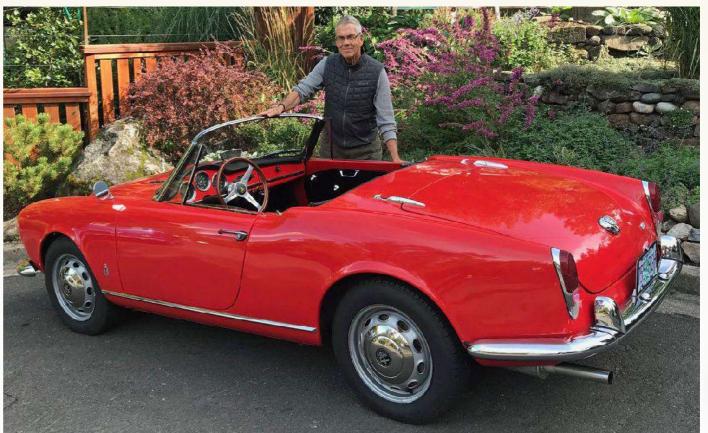




**Buy and Sell** 

I've decided, moving into my 80s, to part with my 1965 Giulia Spider. I bought this car from Dan Summers (Veloce Motors, Portland, Gervais) in 2000. Dan did the majority of the restoration on this rust-free, dent-free but pretty uncared for Alfa over a number of years. I took possession in 2004. The car is in Ashland and currently looked after by Dan Buckley (Sports Car Solutions in Ashland) The car is in fine condition, a strong runner and fully functional. I'm happy to talk about the car and Dan can talk about any technical/condition questions you may have. I'm seeking an offer in the \$50K area.

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# **OEM 9" 101 series tail light assembly restored**







OEM 9" 101 series tail light assembly restored. New tail light to body mounting gasket, a new lens gasket, all new SS hardware, and all new light bulbs. The lens is useable, though not pristine. One may notice that the signal portion of the lens isn't amber, it's red. It's the original stock lens.

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