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The Small Print

Photo Cliff Brunk

FROM THE EDITOR

Goodbye 2022!

Happy Holidays! What a way to end the year – massive ice storm followed by high winds and widespread power outages. My fingers are crossed for a better 2023 with lots of great car events!

I plan on using the down time this winter to clean and detail my cars – I just bought a brand new 4post lift for my garage. This makes it easy to get the car at the right height to clean and buff. I may even clean and protect the under carriage. While many of you may own 4 post lifts, it was all new to me – **thanks to AROO member Steve Hunker**, we were able to deliver and install it ourselves in my garage in just about 4 hours. If anyone has questions, just let me know.

Here's wishing everyone a very safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

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

Ja<u>mes Parker</u>

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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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

2022 Holiday Party – A Time to Celebrate

By Chris Bright



Steve Davis is presented the McGill Award by Cindy Banzer

The annual holiday cheer was in abundance on December 4th at Migration Brewing. Unfortunately, the snowy weather resulted in canceling the emerging tradition of the Jingle Drive, but that didn't slow anyone down.

It was great to see around 70 members in attendance, including several who made long drives in order to join us. Board member Lila Dale won the prize for the longest drive, having driven over the mountains from Sisters.

The warm staff at Migration took great care of us with appetizers, a couple of dozen pizzas, and delicious beverages to wash them down with. Thanks as always to John Killian for his creative decorations and handmade nametags – which have become an AROO tradition unto itself! (*Editor's note* – see more photos next page!)

The silent auction had books, lots of XL-sized Alfa Romeo clothing, even a set of 164 wheels! The bidding was spirited, and we ended up making more than \$850 on the evening. We appreciate all who donated an item.

Speaking of donations, the Christmas spirit moved many to donate a toy that will be delivered to the Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Many children and their families will have their days brightened by these wonderful gifts!

The main event was the presentation of the awards. The recognition started off by honoring the AROO Cup champions as well as the second and third-place finishers.

The first individual award was the President's Award that was given to Roger Dilts who unfortunately couldn't attend. Roger's efforts to build a new rally for the Northwest Classic was nothing short of Herculean. He created a fun and challenging event that graced some of the most beautiful backroads the Willamette Valley has to offer.

The McGill Award was selected by the 2021 recipient Cindy Banzer. She deservingly selected Steve Davis who put all the energy he could muster and more to revive the Northwest Classic Rally back to its original format. Steve led a group who brought it back and have put us on track to keep it going in 2023. It was an epic effort and exemplified the extraordinary efforts for which the McGill Award is meant to acknowledge.

It was a phenomenal way to jumpstart the holiday season. Thanks to all who made it happen, in particular, Cindy Banzer and Doug Zaitz!

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



Alfa Bits

Holiday Party Photos!

2022 Christmas Party





Photos by James Parker















November Meeting – 'Through the Looking Glass'

David LaBriere's 'Looking Glass'

By Chris Bright

If you weren't able to make the November General meeting on November 16th, then you missed out on a very special evening!

We gathered at the historic Winona Grange in the heart of downtown Tualatin. A group of 60-plus filled the downstairs for a Thai food buffet and beverages. We then headed upstairs to the main hall where David LaBriere gave us all a treat.

His show was a live performance of "Looking Glass," a multi-media show the like of which we may not experience again. The main component were a set of old carousel-type slide projectors. (In the digital age, they are on the edge of extinction!) David, who had last performed this show about 20 years prior, choreographed slides that captured another time since most of the photos were shot in the 70s and 80s. Even more unique was handmade aperture that allowed him to control the slides.

The show was embellished by a soundtrack of instrumental music that brought the images to life. We saw photos of cars, club events, family and the timeless beauty of Oregon. David was as immersed as any musician performing, and he delivered a virtuoso performance!

The warm crowd appreciated David's work and the meeting was quite different from our normal fare but made for a wonderful reminiscence of the past and we were thankful to have been able to see it again.







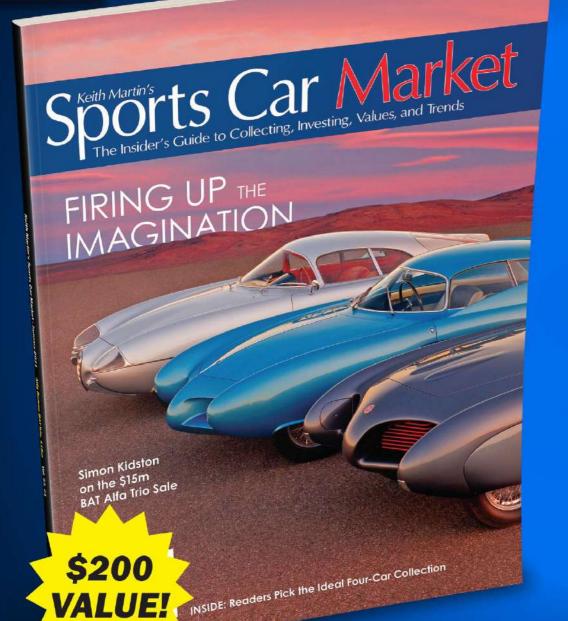
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The Martin family, along with SCM, have grown up with Alfas for the past 35 years.







Bradley Martin circa 2008, Alexandra Martin-Banzer circa 1992. Both in 1965 Giulia Spider Veloce, S/N 390290

Martin and his 1958 750E Sprint Veloce "Confortavole"

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It's Happening!

August 3rd - 6th, 2023

We are excited to announce the 2023 NW Classic Car Challenge* (*formerly known as the NW Classic Rally)

Presented by Vintage Underground

2023 is the year of expansion. Yes, that's right, we're changing things up. For the first time *modern cars* are invited into the rally and tour to expand our circle of fun. As always, we will host both a rally and a tour in 2023 and those of you out maneuvering others will receive awards!

Event Highlights

- See rare and vintage sport and touring cars
- Enjoy dinners and discussions with fellow enthusiasts
- Winery or Distillery tastings
- Always entertaining Sunday Awards brunch

The Route

Both the rally and tour follow a similar course of approximately 300 miles over two days through the beautiful, winding roads of Oregon. To makes things more exciting, the tour follows a similar route to the rally but not the same, and they have different instructions.

Schedule of Events

- Thursday evening, August 3rd we will gather together in Portland where registration packets will be handed out and we host
 a reception to warmly welcome both newcomers and veteran participants. This is a great opportunity stroll around all the
 wonderful cars and meet the teams before we hope to leave each other in the dust the next day.
- Friday morning, we head out from Portland to Eugene for day one of our drive through Oregon's vineyards, farmlands and forests ending at the <u>Valley River Inn</u> in Eugene. Friday evening, we will convene for a cocktail reception and dinner.

NEWCOMERS

For newcomers we suggest you participate in the tour to get an idea of the good times to be had. The tour is like the rally but without the pressure of competition. If you're up for a challenge right away, then the rally is for you.

For more information on rally life, check out our <u>website</u>.





NW Classic Car Challenge 2023

- On Saturday we head out from the hotel to complete day two of the courses and we will convene again for cocktails and dinner.
- Sunday is the Awards Brunch and fond farewell to our new and old friends until next year.

Committee Members

We have new Committee Members for the 2023 event. Our crew includes Paul Eklund and Julia Smolyansky who have already begun finding amazing routes. Julia is also handling awards and swag. Michael Hull and his team at Vintage Underground are planning marketing campaigns and creating great visuals. Chris Finks will be our marketing and sponsorship guru, finding those all-important dollars. Lila Dale is working on the online aspects, improving our social media presence, and updating the website.

Rounding out our crew; Doug Zaitz is handling registration, Cindy Banzer is our treasurer, Puff and Bob Stevens will participate as our all-important volunteer coordinators and Sue Halton is our food coordinator. Lastly Donald and I are the rally chairs, organizing it with the support of everyone. We hope you all will attend and have fun with us next August!

Save \$100 by Registering Early!

Registration will begin on November 1st 2022 so we will follow-up with an email once the link is live. If we do not have your email address please contact Doug Zaitz at doug.zaitz@alfaclub.org

- For those registering by March 1st, 2023 the entrance fee is \$750.
- After March 1st and until May 31st <u>2023</u> the fee is \$800.
- After May 31st the fee goes up to \$850.

So save the dates, August 3rd - 6th, and join us for the 2023 NW Classic Car Challenge rally and tour.









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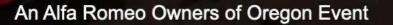
NW Classic Car Challenge 2023

Northwest Classic Car Challenge Rally & Tour

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UNDERGROUND

August 3rd - 6th, 2023







Questions: 503-421-9388 Donald & Leslie Jackson, Chairs



SAVE THE DATE!

Known for more than 34 years as the Northwest Classic Motor Rally, with its longtime presenting sponsor Monte Shelton, we have a new name: Northwest Classic Car Challenge. This year's event will continue to be a rally and tour with added automobile challenges and a new title sponsor, the renowned Vintage Underground.

Join your hosts, the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon, August 3 - 6 and enjoy a summer weekend of friends old and new, exceptional cars, stunning routes, awards, food and events! Starting in Portland, and winding through the Southern Willamette Valley, your team can drive one of the longest running TSD rally's in the US or take a more leisurely tour run. See you there!

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2022 Activities

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:

Board Meeting on Zoom at 7 PM Contact Chris Bright at chris.bright@alfaclub.org or 503-307-1261. 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 Patrick Iaboni
16 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
18-20 8th 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
31 PIR Swap Meet

<u>April</u>

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 44th Annual Old Spider Tour & Lunch, host Erik Roe
30 Portland Cars & Coffee Sherwood 7:30 AM

May

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

<u>June</u>

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

6 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
8-10 Rose Cup Races at PIR
15-17 SVRA Portland Vintage Racing Festival at PIR
16 Annual Summer Picnic and Wine Tour, host Russ Paine
17 Forest Grove Concours – Alfa Corral
20 General Meeting - Not Scheduled

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH: Monthly Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory 7

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>.

<u>August</u>

3 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
4-7 33rd Annual NW Classic Rally in Eugene
11 Shelby America Auto Club NW Track Day at PIR
17 August Evening Tour, host TBD, 6 PM
19-21 Summer Tour to Gold Beach & Ashland, host Tom McGirr
20 AROC Goes to Concorso Italiano in Seaside CA
20 Portland Yacht Club Classic Boats & Cars Show, host Chris Finks
28 Oswego Heritage Car Show, host Rick Warner

<u>September</u>

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 4th Annual Giro di Coupe Tour, host Dennis Howell
21 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
24 Annual Old Super Tour, host Bill Gillham
October

1-2 Maryhill Hill Climb (SOVREN) & Show
5 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
8 Postponed-Driving Tour & Lunch, host TBD
9 Postponed-AROO Dirty Rat TSD Rally, Wilsonville, 9 AM
15-16 Fall Tour to Bend, host Tom McGirr
19 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
20-24 Postponed-AROC Goes to F1 in Austin TX
30 Postponed-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 all AROO and non AROO activities.



New Members & Anniversaries

Welcome New Members & Congratulations to everyone with an anniversary. New Members Member Anniversaries

Jonathan Beaver, of Portland

Anniversaries and New Member list is prepared each month by Steve Davis. Thank you Steve.

November/December

Tom Gammons – 1 year Ron Federspiel – 1 year Mark Phillips – 2 years Stephen Nelson – 2 years Sean O'Halloren – 2 years John Killian – 3 years Tyler Mingst – 3 years Ian Lomax – 3 years John Strong – 4 years James Trofitter – 6 years Glenn Dolphin – 6 years Robert Piacintini – 6 years Paul Eklund – 7 years William Eastman – 13 years David Hickman – 14 years Mark Smoot – 14 years Chris Bright – 16 years Thomas Chelton – 21 years Giovanni Coletta – 22 years Laurence Fraser – 26 years Jeffrey McVannel – 28 years Douglas Hartman – 39 years! Lawrence Schick – 44 years!!

Thanks to moving to Club Express, I now have access to a lot more information about memberships in AROO. One of those tidbits of information is a list of "Associate" or "Secondary" members. These are memberships that are associated with a Primary member. For example, my wife, Tina, is a Secondary member on my membership. A Secondary member has all the membership privileges of the primary, although they share one vote in AROC matters. Having access to Secondary members allows me to include and recognize them in this monthly column! You can add a Secondary member easily by logging into the new AROC Club Express page: https://aroc-usa.clubexpress.com/ and then log in and click on your name in the upper left corner. You'll go to your profile info and you can update or add information.

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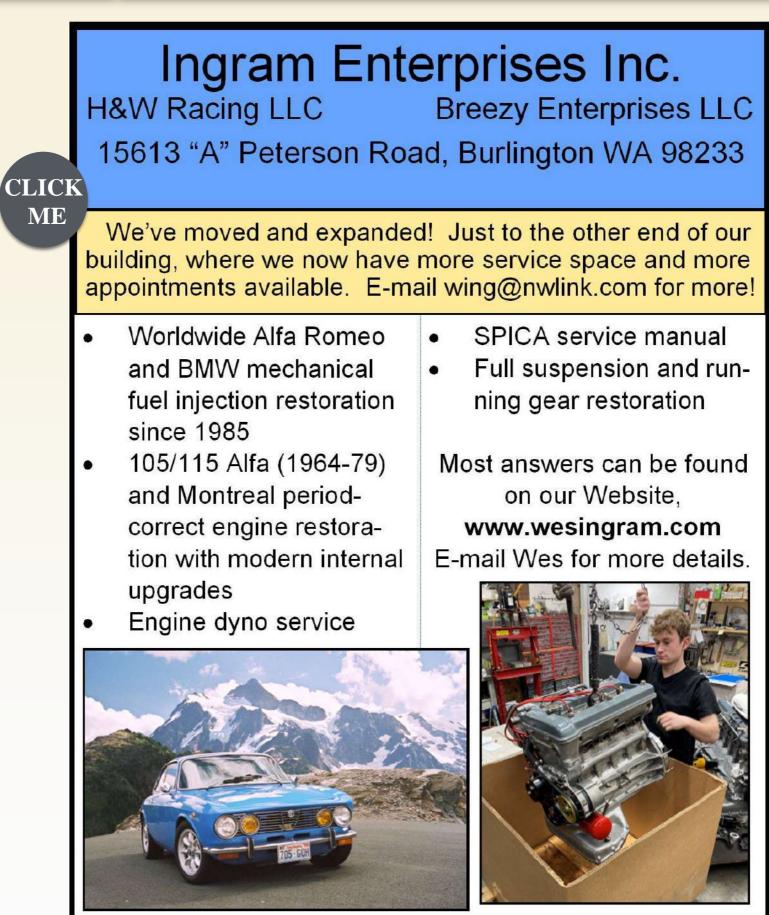




Board of Directors welcomes all members to attend our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month.

The Board meetings are now being held virtually via Zoom. If interested in attending, contact Chris Bright at (503) 307-1261 and chris.bright@alfaclub.org to receive the login information.

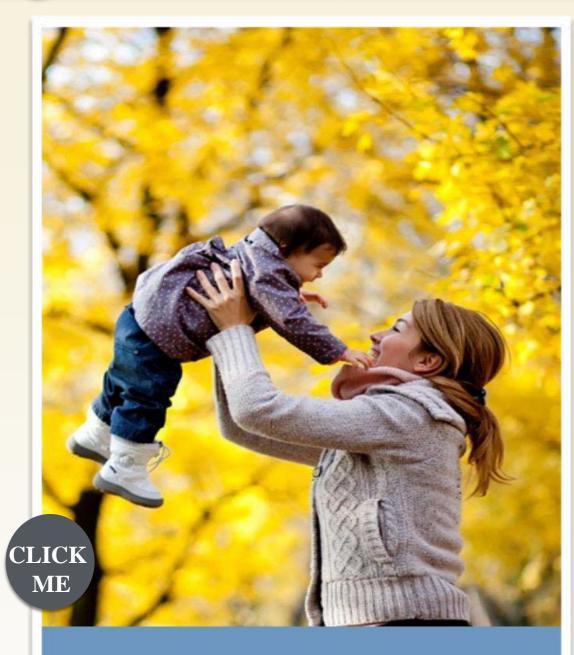








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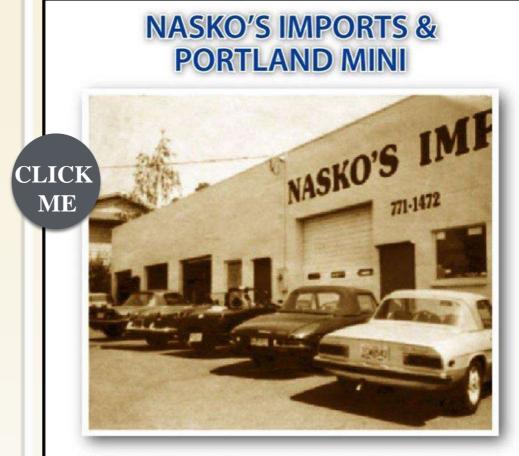




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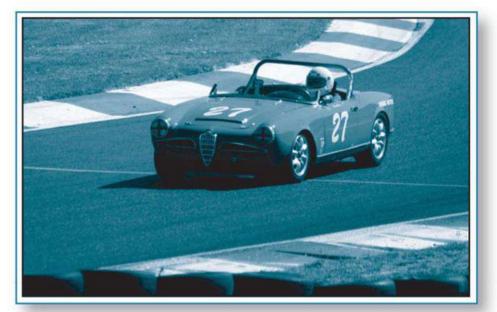
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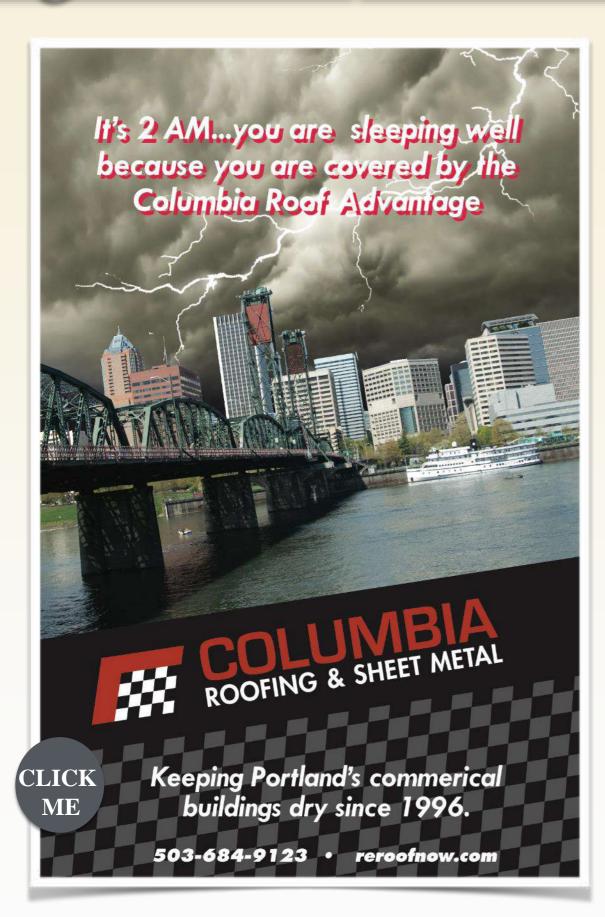




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