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James Parker photo

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FROM THE EDITOR

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## The Substitute Editor

While James Parker is off experiencing the wonders of Japan with his wife Joanne, you get the “B Team” for this issue of the *Bits*. I was glad to help out and take the load off of James so he could enjoy his travels. However, it was also a real eye-opener to take over the reins for just a month. Since I’ve been active in AROO, George Kraus and James Parker are the only two editors I’ve known.

Let me say this for the record: The amount of effort to put together an issue is impressive. We have been lucky to have these two gents handle it, as well as all who came before them. The *Alfa Bits* is a real asset that connects all of the members together. It brings together all of the varying activities, whether a concours, tour, rally, or presentation, all are represented here.

Show some love to James the next time you see him, or give him a hand by contributing an article or photo!

*Chris Bright*  
Alfa Bits Guest Editor

## ALFA BITS

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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 [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 [The Old Spaghetti Factory](#), 0715 SW Bancroft St., Portland, OR, 503-222-5375. June, July and August are evening tours. Check the newsletter for details.

# The 2023 Northwest Classic Car Challenge Has Something for Every Auto Enthusiast

By Paul Eklund, NWCC Chair

The entire rally committee and volunteer group would like to personally invite you to participate in the 2023 NW Classic Car Challenge held August 3-6<sup>th</sup> this year. In its 34<sup>th</sup> running, the rally holds close to its roots, honoring long-time supporter Monte Shelton with a special trophy for 10<sup>th</sup> place finisher, and Regularity #10 named a Monte for Monte. (A Monte Carlo leg has just 1 checkpoint and we tell you exactly where it is and what time to get there. What could be easier?)

But we have also made some changes to change with the times. First, you no longer need an old car to participate. We encourage our new Giulia, 4C, Stelvio, and heck Tonale owners to join! In fact, we will have special recognition planned for our new Alfa owners. But any suitable modern car can sign up. If you don't want to drive that finicky Spider, you can bring out your Mustang or BMW or...

Another change to encourage new, and younger participants was forged by our presenting sponsor, Vintage Underground. The tour can now be a traditional "follow-the-leader" format or on your own with a simplified route book. And for all tour participants, they have the option to take some pictures along the way, like their car going thru one of the 7 covered bridges. If they post the picture to Instagram or FaceBook with the event hash tag, they receive a raffle ticket for items to be raffled off during the awards brunch on Sunday. The goal is to encourage and engage tour participants and have something for them to look forward to on Sunday besides the people's choice "concoors and coffee".

Also added to Sunday is a classic, 1960's style gymkhana. No cost, can watch or participate or both (see details below in the comprehensive schedule)

Here are your 2023 Rally Committee members: Paul Eklund, Leslie Jackson, Doug Zaitz, Puff Stevens, Bob Stevens, Lila Dale, Yulia Smolyansky, Sue Halton, Dennis Howell, and Cindy Banzer. Contact Puff Stevens at [pbstevens@gmail.com](mailto:pbstevens@gmail.com) to volunteer!



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## NWCC Registration List (as of 4/9/23)

Participant 1	Participant 2	Year	Make	Model	Color
Douglas Zaitz	John Clemson	1972	Alfa Romeo	Montreal	Red
Ed Grayson	Jeff Gretz	1963	Jaguar	XKE	Black
Tracy Ringering	Simon Levear	1972	Fiat	124	Rosso
Allan Weaver	Joel Weinstein	1976	BMW	2002	Maderia
Ralph Inman		1957	Mercedes	300SL Roadster	Black
Alfred Nuttall	Bonnie Nuttall	2005	Morgan	Roadster	Garnet
Mark Wagner	Doug Lutz	1994	Acura	NSX	Red
John Sattenspiel					
Alex Haugland					
Anthony Raimondo			Toyota	Sun Chaser	Yellow
Chris Bright					
Paul Tedrow					
John Joyce	Patti Joyce		Porsche	914	
John Johnson	Maria Menor	1984	Porsche	911 Targa	Dark Silver
Sue Colisch	Bill Colisch	1973	BMW	3.0 csi	Silver
Ed Frank	Jo Su	1959	Austin Healey	Frogeye	Red
Dana Fraser	Bob Kaplan	1939	Jaguar	SS1	2-tone Cream
Bob Piacentini	Bill Daemke	1967	Lancia	Fulvia Zagato	Yellow
Daniel Schwartz	DeAnna Davis				
David Pollock	Shirley Pollock	1977	Ferrari	308 GTB	Resale Red
Joe Potter	Kyia Friesen		MGB	TC supercharged	
Duane Crandall	Syliva Archibald	2007	Aston Martin	DB9	Blue
Steve Poland	Kathleen Poland	1958	Jaguar	X150 OTS	White
Albert Zemke	Cheryle Bridge	1985	Ferrari	400i	Red
John Lucas	Susan Lucas	1988	BMW	M5	Black
Ryan Honein	Michael James-Long	1971	Alfa Romeo	1750 GTV	Plum
Joe Angel	Zach Angel				
Peter Angel	David Schwartz				
Alan Chockie	Antoinette Slavich	1992	BMW	325i Alpina	Beige
Jim Barrett	Elyse Barrett	2019	Alfa Romeo	Giulia	TBD
Cindy Banzer	Sue Halton	1978	Alfa Romeo	Spider 2000	Green
Bill Gillham					
Charles Fuller					

## NWCC Schedule 2023

### Thursday, August 3

- **5-9 p.m. – Scrutineering Party** at Ron Tonkin Alfa Romeo on Canyon Road in Beaverton. Everyone is invited to come out and see the cars.

### Friday, August 4

- **8 a.m. – Ceremonial Start** at Ron Tonkin Alfa Romeo with Scott Fisher as the announcer. There will be a Spectator Area for friends and family to take photos and cheer on the participants.
- **Catered Lunch** -Tour challenge pictures can be uploaded w/WiFi at the ZCBJ Hall in Scio.
- **4:30 p.m.** – End of Day 1 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. **Beer** in the parking lot.
- **6:30 p.m.** -- **Banquet** with slide show and KaHoots! trivia game.

### Saturday, August 5

- **8 a.m. – Day 2 start for Rally and Tour** from the Valley River Inn.
- **Catered Lunch – Traditional salmon lunch** in Cottage Grove.
- **4:30 p.m.** – End of Day 2 at Valley River Inn with a rose presented to each car. Cars are then escorted to a **Beer Wash** area where contestants are handed a bucket/sponge and fresh towels along with a beer and they wash their car.
- **5:45 p.m.** -- **Cocktail Hour** with slide show.
- **6:45 p.m.** – **Banquet Dinner** followed by a featured speaker.

### Sunday, August 6

- **7 a.m.** -- Coffee in the parking area which has overnight security. **Concours voting** takes place until 9 a.m.
- **9 a.m. – Awards Brunch** with trophies for Rallyists and Raffle Items for Tour Challenge contestants who gain tickets by doing well in the photography challenge.
- **10:30 a.m. – Concours winners** announced with special recognition for top Porsche on the Porsche Club stage, for top new Giulia and for top placing 4C.
- **11:15 a.m.** -- "**Funkhana**" is an optional, slow-speed driving event with challenges like stopping on a dime, tossing a rod, driving a slalom in reverse, hitting a blow-up clown while blindfolded, and finally hitting a giant soccer ball into a goal. No trophies, no cost, just good fun.



# Allen Stephens, Chair of the Forest Grove Concours Chair, Joins Us in April



We are fortunate to have Allen Stephens, the Chairman of the Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance, join us as our featured guest at the April General Meeting.

A life-long automobile enthusiast, Allen Stephens caught the car bug as a child riding in his father's Jaguar. He has owned a diverse selection of Mercedes-Benz automobiles, including a 250SL 5-speed, a 450SEL 6.9, and a 500E. His current ride is a 1972 Mercedes 350SL and a 1998 SL500. Allen works in Human Resources at Intel and helps organize the Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance, now in its 49th year.

Allen will join us to share the rich history of the most prestigious Concours in the Pacific Northwest, how we can be part of it, and where it's heading in the years to come.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Spaghetti Factory in the South Waterfront. Our meals will be served at 7 p.m. followed by the program at 7:30 p.m. The event will be available via Zoom.

The cost for the three-course meal is \$23/person. Please remember to bring cash.

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# AROO Goes to the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum

By Chris Bright

We are doing something special for our April Driving Tour on Saturday, April 22: we'll be visiting the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville! Even better is that our own Bob Hui will be leading us on the tour!

Bob has been a volunteer docent at the museum for two years and it will make this a special event! We are thankful for his helping arrange this for us. The entrance fee is at the Group Rate of \$15/person.

**Attendees must RSVP and pay the amount for their party by emailing Chris Bright at [chris.bright@alfaclub.org](mailto:chris.bright@alfaclub.org).**

On the way there, we will enjoy a 90-minute tour through Washington and Yamhill County, including a pit stop at Bald Beak.

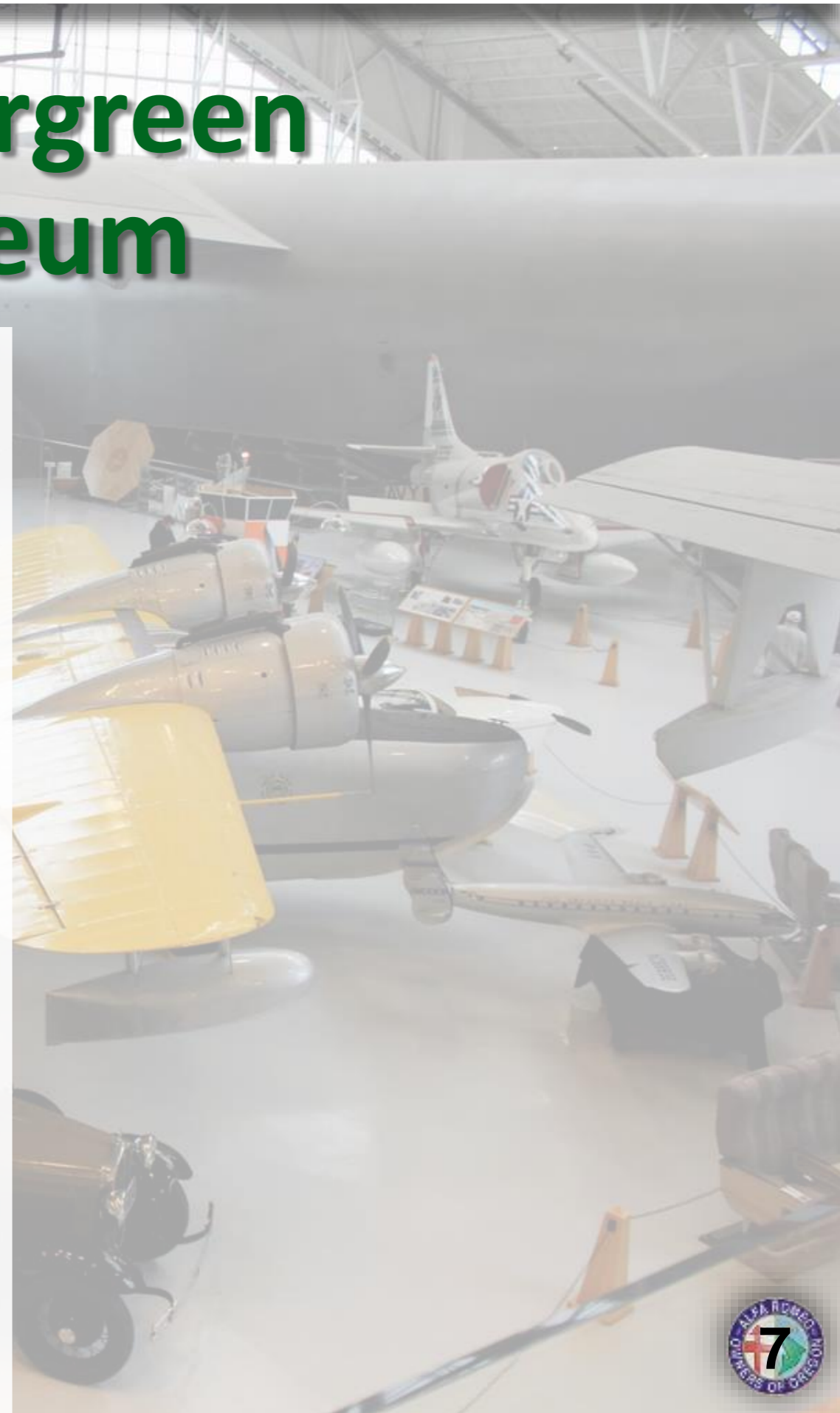
The Drive begins at 9 a.m. and the Evergreen Tour begins at 11 a.m. Afterwards, we will gather for a no-host lunch at the Golden Valley Brewpub in McMinnville, only a 5-minute drive from the museum.

**Starting Point:** Starbucks in Sherwood at intersection of Hwy 99 and Roy Rogers Road (16770 SW Edy Rd 115 Bldg C, Sherwood, OR 97140).

**Agenda:**

- 8:30 - Sign-in and Driver's Meeting
- 9:00 - Depart from starting location
- 10:45 - Arrive at Evergreen
- 11:00 - Tour Begins
- 1:00 - Lunch at Golden Valley Brewery in McMinnville

Attendees will be required to sign a waiver prior to departure.



# The Tradition Continues!

## The 45<sup>th</sup> Old Spider Tour Heads to Florence

By Bill Gillham

This year's event will be led by Bill and Marian Gillham driving their red 1960 Spider Veloce. The tour will start a 9:30 AM May 6th 2023 In the back parking lot of the South Bound I-5 Santiam Rest Area. (Between Salem and Albany). It will end in Old Town Florence Mid afternoon the same day. Please RSVP to Bill Gillham for printable tour instructions and to give us a proper head count.

### History:

The first Old Spider Birthday Tour was run in 1978 by Bob and Margaret McGill to Celebrate the 20th anniversary of his purchase of his 1958 Spider in 1958. The first Old Spider Tour had 5 Old Spiders and a number of lesser Alfas along. "Old Blue" performed perfectly. A wonderful time was had by all.

### The "Old Spider Challenge":

Marian and I participated in the first tour 45 years ago in our '63 Spider. We will mark the anniversary by leading this years tour in our '60 Spider Veloce. With luck we will be joined by a record number of other Old Spiders on our drive. In my reckoning the record turnout for Old Spiders was 12, (on the Spider Veloce Tour in 1992). Let's try to break the record. There enough 750 and 101 Spiders in Oregon to make it happen if we can get them all to show up!

### Participation Window Cling:

Keith Martin promises to give all participants a Window Cling to prove you were there.

### Weather Date and Other Details:

If the weather is threatening on May 6th, we have scheduled a weather date on May 20th. I will send a "Go - No Go" email to everyone who sends me an RSVP, (on the Friday before the tour).

For those of you who drive modern Alfas you are certainly welcome to drive along, I have written the tour so there are no ferry crossings that are challenging to very low Alfas like the 4C. There will be several Rest Area breaks on the tour and a Public Park stop perfect for a Picnic lunch, Please show up with a full tank and your lunch. (Gas will be available at several Stations along the way).

**Please RSVP via text to:  
Bill Gillham (541) 979 2210**

**Please include what car you will be driving and how many people will be in your group.**



# Old Spider Tour #45

## May 6, 2023

AROO's 45th - "Old Blue's Birthday Tour" 1978 - 2023





### AROO Cups #2 and #3 Dates Moved

Due to some conflicts with holidays and other events, the following AROO Cup Rally Series have been adjusted:

- **AROO Cup #2 is now April 16** – The original date of April 9 was Easter so it was shifted out of deference to this family holiday.
- **AROO Cup #3 is now May 21** – The original date of May 7 was the day after the Old Spider Tour which would have made it difficult for participants to do both.
- AROO Cup #4 will remain on June 11.

Please contact Paul Eklund at [paul.eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul.eklund@alfaclub.org) if you need additional details.



### Join AROO at Upcoming Portland Cars & Coffee

AROO is going to organize two gatherings at Portland Cars & Coffee this coming summer. This is a great way to expose new folks to the beauty of our cars and rich history of the marque. We will be sponsoring the following days:

- **Memorial Day Weekend on May 27th** – Welcome the summer season on the long weekend.
- **Italian Car Day on July 22nd** – One of the most popular events of the entire year at C&C, so naturally we have to be there!

We will get more details out soon. The general outline will be to meet up for coffee early, and then get in the queue together so that we can group our Alfas together. Mark your calendar!

## Rally Season Kicked Off with AROO Cup #1 on March 12

By Roger Dilts, Rally Master

Here's a quick recap of the March 2023 AROO Cup Rally #1.

We had a good competitive field out today. Thanks to everyone for coming out in spite of the weather. This was a pretty straightforward rally, with no real nasty bits, but certainly required the ability to apply the rules for the course following, particularly navigating through protection "traps," ONTO, and TOWARD. And you really needed a sharp eye (hopefully 4 of them) to watch for signs to keep you on course.

### St Paul Regularity

Getting through the first intersection after crossing 219 was the only real challenge here. You should have seen the backward-facing YIELD on the straight route out of the intersection, which forced you right by protection since there was no STOP or YIELD to the right. If you missed it, you saw the "Trucks" sign and got to auto correct, losing only time.

Then there was the Mission Rd chicane with multiple STOPS after the timing control. Same thing, getting those 2 backward facing STOPS in quick succession got you through. The "Observe San Salvatore landing" instruction was a call back in case you got lost in the chicane.

### Woodburn Regularity

Started off with "TOWARD WOODBURN." The two Observes for the speed changes did not undo this. There was actually an alert sign for the left turn to Woodburn on Davidson, then a sign at the intersection itself. So if you were working TOWARD correctly you did fine. The observe "Shipping/Receiving" was just a call back in case you missed the turn.

There was another sign for Woodburn that took you right on 219 by direction at the STOP, followed by a quick call back at the 31-mile marker. The straight at

*continued*



A group photo at the pizza parlor.



All smiles after the rally was run!



Ben Bradley, Simon Levear and Maria John enjoy post-rally refreshments.



Bill Collisch, Roger Dilts and Paul Eklund tallying results.

the Y at the SRIP "Woodburn 5" undid the TOWARD. If you highlighted your instructions, you made a very quick right on Mahony, which you followed all the way to River Rd. You turned left ONTO River Rd. This ONTO got you through the T intersection with French Prairie Rd (to the left) and River Rd (to the right) by direction, followed by a quick turn on Keene Rd. Then a left then a right at successive STOPS, with no mileages. But they were the first ones you came to, so no problem. (Now if you had misread or misapplied the left *on* KEENE as an ONTO, you would have turned right at the KEENE/Manning intersection and been all screwed up.) But you made it through the timing control to the break.

### ***pudding River Regularity***

Not much here, just follow the instructions and stay on CAST. One challenge was staying on time with those big pauses, totaling 2 minutes and burning those off (if needed) when you weren't given any more hard time references. But you have all the information needed to calculate a correct time at any of those points, so you should have been OK.

### ***Monitor Regularity***

Sharp eyes required on this one. TOWARD Monitor. You needed to see the sign for Monitor at the Y intersection at 0.69 miles, then another one at 3.67 that put you straight on Dominic Rd, go straight by default across Hwy 214 (which has no impact on the TOWARD), then left by direction at the sign for Monitor at the STOP on Meridian Rd. Whew. Then you actually made it to Monitor! (The R at T in downtown undid the TOWARD). The rest was just following instructions and staying on CAST. [Really sharp-eyed folks noticed that instruction #60 ("S on Elliot Prairie Rd") had a spelling error. Google maps shows ELLIOTT (2 Ts). So my bad, but in my defense the sign at the intersection in google street view from 2013 shows ELLIOT, although its ELLIOTT at the other end; I guess that has been fixed. SO lesson to me is be careful with road signs. (You'd think I would have learned that after last year's NWCR debacle at Mount Hope Loop). Thankfully it didn't mess anybody up since there was a hard mileage at the instruction.]

That's it. If you have any questions about any of this or course following in general, please feel free to contact me at [arcvolcon@gmail.com](mailto:arcvolcon@gmail.com) or text at 503.330.3715.

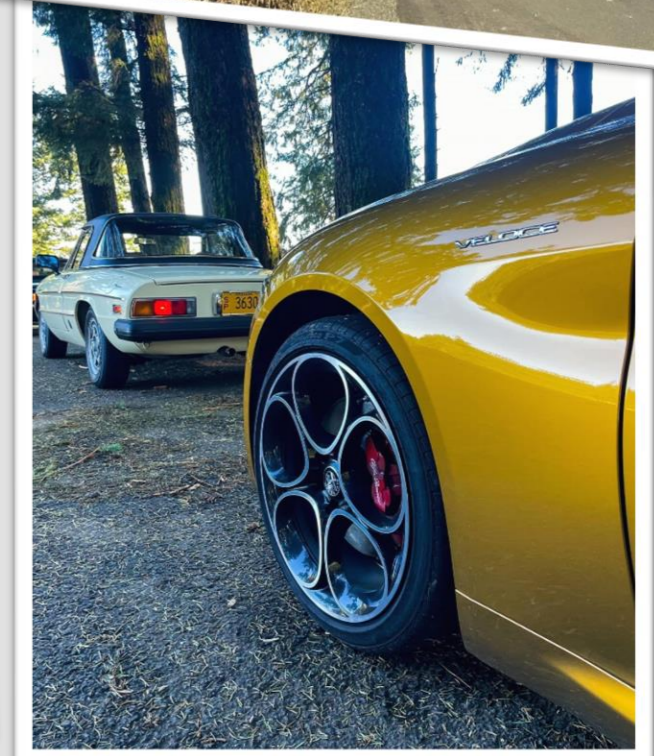


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2023 Valentine's  
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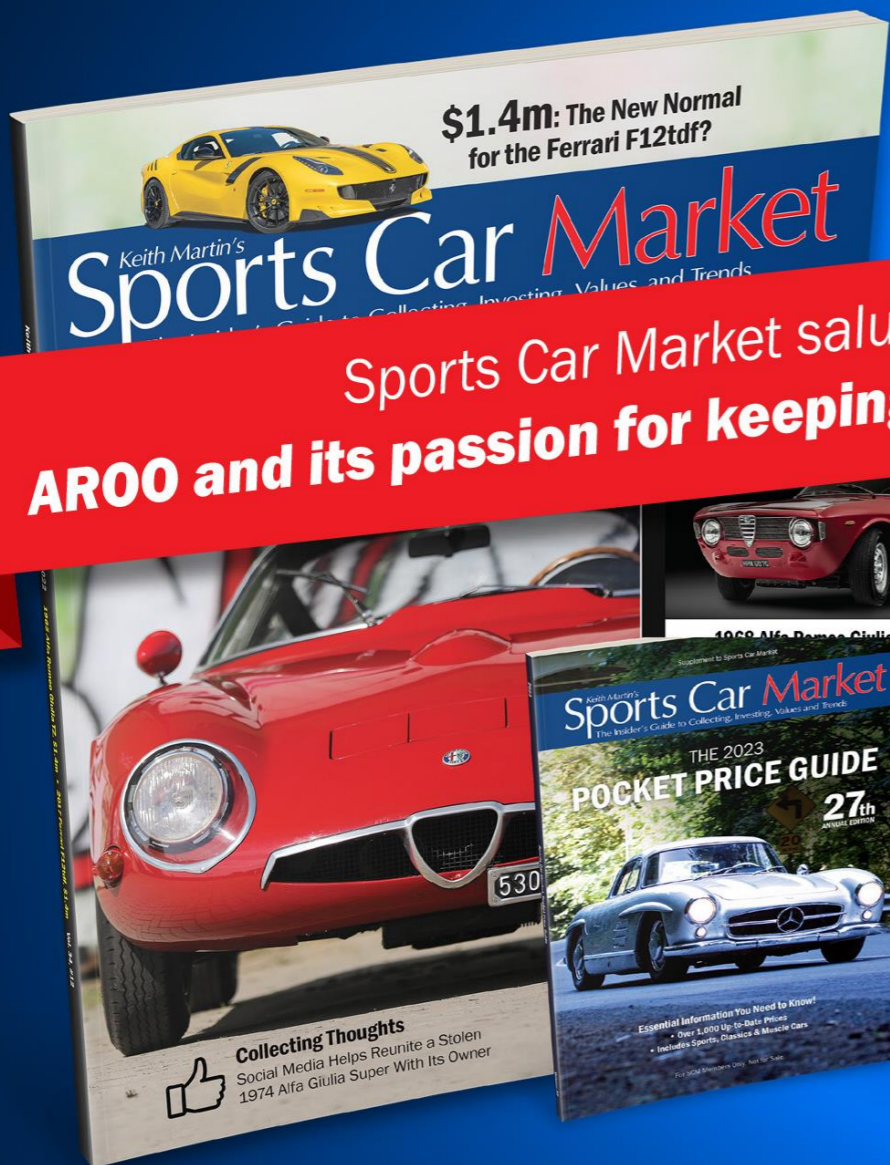
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# **AROO Summer Tour**

June 23-25, 2023

By Tom McGirr

The summer 3-day tour will take place on June 23-25 in hopes of avoiding another summer of forest fires. The tour will start in from Salem's Riverfront Park at 8 AM but Portland area folks can join us Lewis and Clark Park off I-84 at 9 AM.

Day 1 has us going up to Windy Ridge at St. Helens to see how the area has changed since the big blast in 1980. Paula and I hiked around St. Spirit Lake the summer of 1979 and we vividly remember the view from Windy Ridge of the old lodge sitting between the mountain and the lake. We visited Windy Ridge as soon as the area reopened and were in blown away by the total destruction. Bring a sack lunch as we will picnic at Windy Ridge.

From there we head into Yakima for our first night's stay. You can make reservations at Comfort Inn and Suites c/o 509-249-1900.

Day 2 will feature a lot of fast and twisty roads to Condon. We will stop at a restaurant in Pendleton for lunch. Once again we will stay at the Condon Hotel. I have done a room block for the entire hotel (18 rooms). I am working on getting a dinner catered to the hotel. Reservation # 541-384-4624. You may have to leave a message and follow on your reservation as they are not real prompt in responding. If they are full, you can call the Condon MOTEL. It is not fancy was reported as being clean. NOTE: Room block at Condon EXPIRES May 1.

Day 3 will include an informal route back to Salem. Optional late lunch at Giovanni's Mountain Pizza in Mill City (homemade pizza dough, great pizza and calzone).

I would recommend making your reservations sooner than later. Please let me know if you are coming as I need to arrange for dinner in Yakima and work with the caterer in Condon.

Tom McGirr

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# **AROO Fall Tour**

October 7-8, 2023

By Tom McGirr

The Fall Tour is heading to the beach! Tour departs from Wallace Marine Park in West Salem at 9 AM. We will stop at Dory Cove in Lincoln City for chowder and be in Yachats by 4 PM.

Suggested lodging is Adobe Motel. 541-547-3141. I strongly recommend making your reservations early as I tried to book a room at the Fireside and Overlook Motels, where we have stayed on earlier tours, and both had NO ROOMS!

Please let me know if you are coming so I can make lunch and dinner arrangements.

Tom McGirr

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## Historic Lodges Tour 2024

July 5-17, 2024

By Tom McGirr

The **2024** Alfa Wannabe Tour will take us to three National Parks and feature 6 old lodges and one very old hotel, all on the National Register of Historic Places. The tour will be 13 days in length.

The first night will feature Timberline Lodge (1937). After an early afternoon walk among the wildflowers and a soak in the outdoor hot tub, we enjoy libations in the Ram's Head bar and enjoy fellowship and dinner in the lodge.

Day 2 has us heading to Lake Quinault Lodge (1926) in the Olympic National Park. The lodge sits on the lake among huge fir trees. One will be able to choose among several short hikes in dense rain forest, see the world's largest Sitka tree and/or sit on the grounds behind the lodge and relax.

We next head to Lake Crescent Lodge (1915) also in the Olympic National Forest. A short walk in the Hoh Rain Forest is a must since we are in the area. Thereafter, we visit Ruby Beach, which I feel is one of the more scenic beaches in the NW. Finally, we stop

at the Makah Tribal Museum located on the NW tip of Washington. While not being a large facility, the museum has outstanding exhibits.

Days 4 and 5 are at Paradise Inn (1916) on Mt. Rainier. Along the way, we will drive up to Hurricane Ridge to bid farewell to the Olympic Mountains. If the snowpack cooperates, the wildflowers should be beautiful. Once in Rainier, we will take the scenic drive to Sunrise Point, one of the higher places one can drive to and have sufficient time to enjoy this beautiful setting.

The next destination is the Balch Hotel (1907) in the small town of Dufur. The hotel was built by Charles Balch, a rancher who relocated here from Massachusetts in the early 1900's. This hotel has been restored with loving care to retain much of its original glory.

Day 8 has us heading East to enjoy some open roads and the historic Wallowa Lake Lodge (1923). Along the way, we will enjoy the fabulous drive from

Lewiston, ID to Enterprise on Hwy 3 with a stop at St. Joseph Overlook for a grand view.

The next historic lodge is too far away to reach in a day. Hence, we will spend a night in Bend at the fun and funky St. Charles School McMenamins.

Thereafter, we are off to Crater Lake Lodge (1915) for two nights. In addition to making the Rim Drive, we will take a cruise around the lake and spend some time on Wizard Island.

Day 11 has us at what will be a newly refurbished Chateau at the Oregon Caves (1931). We will arrive early enough to take the cave tour, which is a must if you have not done it before.

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The following day we drive through the California Redwoods, stopping for a short hike among the biggest of the Redwoods in the Jedediah Smith Forest.

Our final destination is Yachats on the Oregon Coast. The plan is to stay at the Overleaf Motel, a very nice place directly on the beach. I hope to get us into ONO for dinner, which features excellent seafood.

The tour will be limited to 20 couples (only 8 left!), but I will maintain an alternate list as there are usually one or two cancellations. If you have interest in joining this tour, please let me know. Once it is possible to make reservations (I anticipate this will be in April or May) I will require a deposit *up to* \$3400 (depending on how much the advance deposits are) which represents the estimated first nights lodging at each location. My experience with the upcoming 2023 National Park Tour was the lodges required the first night's lodging be paid at time of booking.

To add your name to the tour list, let me know c/o [tomsredalfa@gmail.com](mailto:tomsredalfa@gmail.com). The 2023 tour reached capacity in just three weeks after the initial promo last April so best to let me know early if you wish to join us.

Tom McGirr  
503-362-8597





VINTAGE  
UNDERGROUND

## Northwest Classic Car Challenge

*Rally & Tour*

# August 3rd - 6th, 2023

An Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon Event



## 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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Questions: 503-421-9388

Donald & Leslie Jackson, Chairs



## EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:

Board Meeting on Zoom at 7 PM Contact Chris Bright at [chris.bright@alfaclub.org](mailto:chris.bright@alfaclub.org) or 503-307-1261. All are welcome!

### January

- 4 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 18 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM

### February

- 1 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 12 Valentines Day Tour, host Rick Martin
- 15 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM

### March

- 1 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 11 AROO Cup Rally School, Sherwood, 10 AM
- 12 AROO Cup Rally #1, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 15 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 30-31 PIR Swap Meet
- 31 Portland Expo Swap Meet

### April

- 1 PIR Swap Meet
- 1-2 Portland Expo Swap Meet
- 5 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 16 AROO Cup Rally #2, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 19 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 22 Driving Tour and No-Host Lunch, host TBD

### May

- 3 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7 PM
- 6 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Spider Tour & Lunch, host Bill Gillham
- 10-24 Alfa Wannabe Tour to Utah National Parks, host Tom McGirr
- 17 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 20 Driving Tour and No-Host Lunch, host TBD
- 21 AROO Cup Rally #3, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 27 AROO at Portland Cars & Coffee

### June

- 5-15 AROC Goes to Italy
- 7 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 11 AROO Cup Rally #4, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 17 Summer Solstice Drive & BBQ, hosts Steve & Tina Davis
- 21 June Evening Tour, host TBD, 6 PM
- 17-25 AROC National Convention & Pre-Tour, North Carolina
- 23-24 FIA Formula E World Championship Race at PIR
- 23-25 Summer Tour to Mt St Helens & Condon, host Tom McGirr

## 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 [HERE](#).

### July

- 5 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 7-9 Rose Cup Races at PIR
- 15 Annual Summer Picnic and Wine Tour, hosts Russ & Carol Paine
- 16 Forest Grove Concours - Alfa Corral, host TBD
- 21-23 SVRA Portland Vintage Racing Festival at PIR
- 22 AROO at Portland Cars & Coffee Italian Day

### August

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 3-6 34<sup>th</sup> Annual NW Classic Rally & Challenge in Eugene
- 11 Shelby America Auto Club NW Track Day at PIR
- 16 August Evening Tour, host TBD, 6 PM
- 19 Portland Yacht Club Classic Boats & Cars Show, host Chris Finks
- 19 AROC Goes to Concorso Italiano in Seaside CA
- 26 Driving Tour and No-Host Lunch, host TBD
- 27 Oswego Heritage Council Car & Boat Show, host Rick Warner

### September

- 6 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 8-10 Columbia River Classic at PIR
- 9 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Giro di Coupe Tour, host Dennis Howell
- 20 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 23 Annual Old Super Tour, host David Beach

### October

- 4 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 7-8 Fall Overnighter Tour to Yachats, host Tom McGirr
- 7-8 Maryhill Loops Road Hillclimb (SOVREN) & Show
- 14 Driving Tour and No-Host Lunch, host TBD
- 15 AROO Dirty Rat TSD Rally, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 18 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM
- 19-23 AROC Goes to USGP F1 in Austin TX
- 29 Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 5:30 PM

### November

- 1 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 General Meeting & Presentation, 6:30 PM

### December

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

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

### New Members

Jonathan Land, of Houston, Texas



### Member Anniversaries

#### March/April

Tom Gammons – 1 year  
Tom Catral – 1 year  
Steven Hunker & Jennifer Barker – 1 year  
Alvie Johnson – 1 year  
Yulia Smolyanski – 1 year  
Stephen Cook – 1 year  
Howard Wells – 2 years  
Gustav Alberthal – 2 years  
John Draneas – 3 years  
James Parker – 4 years  
Garry Keable – 4 years  
Don and Kathy Gilbert – 5 years  
Greg and Deborah Bufton – 5 years  
John McDonald – 9 years  
Thomas Burnett – 9 years  
Sue Halton – 10 years  
Robert Ames – 14 years  
Edward Slavin &  
Kimberly Lindstrand – 19 years  
Steve Goldman – 22 years

Glenn Vanselow – 22 years  
Bob and Jeanne Willis – 22 years  
Joe and Donna Kollmann – 23 years  
Christina Kellogg-Gratchner – 24 years  
Mike and Marilyn Schroedl – 27 years  
Daniel Stanton and Clara Conner –  
27 years  
Mike Yates – 27 years  
Chris Finks – 29 years  
★ Scott Griebel – 31 years  
★ Michael James-Long – 32 years  
★ Phil Edwards & Cheryl Braden Edwards –  
33 years  
★ Gary Powers – 34 years  
★ William King – 37 years  
★ ★ Jon and Betty Anderson – 41 years  
★ ★ Steve Kendall – 42 years  
★ ★ Ron Krueger – 44 years  
★ ★ William Richards – 47 years  
★ ★ Mark and Barbara Carpenter – 49 years

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

★ Members that have been with the club longer than 30 years.  
★ ★ Members that have been with the club longer than 40 years.

## Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, February 4, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:01

**Location:** Zoom

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

Guests: Leslie Jackson, James Parker, Yulia Smolmansky

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

### 1. Minutes (Sue Halton)

A. Doug Zaitz moved to approve the Minutes as edited for housekeeping corrections.

The motion was seconded and passed.

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

A. Treasurer Cindy Banzer presented the Treasurer's report. She reported that we have received four checks for the Rally.

### 3. Membership (Steve Davis)

The Club currently has 215 members. Club Express seems to send a "drop" notice when a membership is expiring. New memberships say, "Sign up."

### 4. Past Events (Chris Bright)

The January General Membership Meeting was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory. About 20 people attended. Fred Russell spoke on "Prototypes", his "LeMay" presentation, via Zoom. It was enthusiastically received.

### 5. Northwest Classic Challenge 2023 (Leslie Jackson)

A. Leslie sent out a recap of the last Committee meeting. She listed the attendees and major ideas discussed. She asked whether the Committee could choose the designated charity. Doug will send email blasts to several groups.

B. Chris Finks reported on the potential sponsorships

he has worked on. Some of the sponsors he has approached are: Vintage Underground, Columbia Roofing, American National Insurance, Advance, Packhouse, Umpqua Bank, Hagerty (may be a conflict with American National Insurance), Coquer Tire, Carson Wealth, Bull Run Distillery, Cindy Banzer, Migrations Brewery, Sports Car Market, Mercedes Benz of Wilsonville, Porche Beaverton, Dry Fly Distilling, Aviation Gen., Meyer Reid, ZGF, Greg Baldwin (deceased) of Sera.

i. Chris asked Board members to text him with other suggestions.

ii. Cindy suggested we also approach previous Sponsors. Dennis Howell would be a good person to help with this.

iii. Chris stated that both Doug Zaitz and Paul Eklund had suggested that we also offer smaller sponsorships for individuals.

D. Discussion followed. Major issues were:

i. Very few previous attendees have signed up. Have they not recognized the event because of the name change? On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 we had signed up 22 participants for the Rally and 8 for the Tour. (It is unclear whether the numbers referred to cars or people.)

ii. Are enough people willing to actually work on sponsorships?

iii. Chris B. suggested we set a goal of 30 participants by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

iv. How many of the people who signed up at the 2022 brunch (also known as 'Paul's list') have paid to date? Chris B. suggested we personally contact all of them this month.

### 6. Upcoming Events

A. Valentine's Day Tour (Rick Marten) – February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

B. General Membership Meeting – Mark Schultz will be the speaker. – February 15<sup>th</sup>.

C. AROO Cup School (Paul Eklund) – March 11, 2023.

D. AROO Cup #1 (Paul Eklund) – March 12, 2023.

E. General Membership Meeting – Jeff Zurschmeide will be the speaker. – March 15<sup>th</sup>.

F. AROO Cup #2 (Paul Eklund) – April 9, 2023.

G. Old Spider Tour (Bill Gilham) – Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>.

H. AROO Cup #3 (Paul Eklund) – May 7<sup>th</sup>.

I. AROO Cup #4 (Paul Eklund) – June 11, 2023

J. Summer Solstice Tour and Barbeque (Steve Davis) – June 17<sup>th</sup>.

K. June Evening Tour – Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

L. Summer Tour (Tom McGirr) – June 25-26, 2023

Sue Halton

Board Secretary

## Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Oregon

### Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, March 2, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:05 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

Present: Chris Bright, Cindy Banzer, Lila Dale, Steve Davis, Paul Eklund, Chris Finks, Sue Halton, Patrick Iaboni and Doug Zaitz

Guest: Leslie Jackson, Yulia Smolyansky

Excused: Glenn Dolphin

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

### 1. Minutes (Sue Halton)

Doug Zaitz moved to approve the Minutes after Chris Bright reads them for potential corrections and Chris Finks checks the spelling of potential sponsors names. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Treasurer Cindy Banzer presented the Treasurer's report. She reported that there have not been many changes in January or February for either the AROO or the Rally account.

### 3. Membership (Steve Davis)

The club currently has 221 members. We added four new members in January. The new system invites members to list the kind of cars they have. Cindy will send an email to chapter Presidents asking them to encourage their members to do so.

### 4. Past Events (Chris Bright)

A. Valentine's Day Tour (Rick Martin) – February 12, 2023. No report.

B. General Membership Meeting – February 15, 2023. Speaker Mark Scholtz, of Portland Cars and Coffee. The February General Membership Meeting was very poorly attended. There were only 9 or 10 people there.

### 5. Northwest Classic Challenge 2023 (Leslie Jackson)

#### A. Registrations

i. We have received 25 paid registrations, 17 through Club Express and 8 by mail.

ii. Registration now costs \$800.

a. Doug reported that Club Express allows two prices. He accidentally "lost" navigator and car information on 10 entries. If he cannot recover the information he will have to call each registrant to get it back.

b. Avants pricing: Avants members have access to a discount code for a credit of \$50, so they only pay \$750. This expires on July 1, 2023..

iii. Paul Eklund asked if we send acknowledgements to the registrants. Doug said we do if they register through Club Express. He plans to manually send an email to those who have registered by snail mail. Paul wants each entrant to get a Rally School program before the Rally.

#### B. Publicity

i. Leslie Jackson said she would like photos of the entry cars, but did not know how to get them. After discussion, Board members asked Doug to send an email to current Entrees requesting pictures of their cars.

#### C. Hotel

i. Doug reported that The Valley River Inn has had a fire. It looks serious.

#### D. Sponsorships (Chris Finks)

i. Leslie reported she has recently contacted some car club presidents and volunteered to make presentations to them about the event.

ii. Leslie, Chris F. and Chris B. said that they had discussed obtaining Sponsorships with Dennis Howell, who said he was happy to help as an advisor but otherwise was not interested

iii. Chris F. reported on potential sponsors he has contacted.

iv. Leslie is approaching previous advertisers.

### 6. Upcoming Events

A. AROO Cup School (Paul Eklund) The school will start at 9:00 am, March 11, 2023. It will be held at Langers in conjunction with Cars and Coffee. It will also be on Zoom.

B. AROO Cup #1 (Paul Eklund) – March 12, 2023. John Johnson and Maria Mentor will be there to start the Rally. Roger Dilts is the Rally Master.

C. March General Membership Meeting – March 15, 2023 at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Jeff Zurschmeide will be the speaker.

D. AROO Cup #2 (Paul Eklund) – April 9, 2023. Paul and Yulia Smolyansky are the Rally Masters.

E. April General Membership Meeting – April 19, 2023. Open.

F. AROO and Evergreen (Chris Bright) – April 22, 2023.

G. Old Spider Tour (Bill Gilham) – Saturday May 6, 2023. From the Santiam River Rest Area to Florence.

H. AROO Cup #3 (Paul Eklund) – May 7, 2023. Simon Levere is the Rally Master.

I. May General Membership Meeting – To be decided.

J. AROO Cup #4 (Paul Eklund) – June 11, 2023.

Nicolas Iaboni is the Rally Master.

K. Summer Solstice Tour and Barbeque (Steve Davis) – June 17, 2023.

L. June Evening Tour – Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

### 7. AROC

A. Remember to vote for Doug for the AROC Board.

B. The U.S. Grand Prix is fully booked.

C. There are four spaces left for Italy.

Sue Halton

Board Secretary

**Date:** Sunday, March 12, 2023

**Time:** 5:07 – 6:07 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

## **Attendees**

Present: Chris Bright, Steve Davis, Cindy Banzer, Lila Dale, Glenn Dolphin, Paul Eklund, and Patrick Iaboni.

Excused Absences: Sue Halton (proxy to Banzer),

Doug Zaitz (proxy to Banzer)

Guest(s): Yulia Smolyansky

## **1. Call to Order**

President Chris Bright called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. and declared that there was a quorum.

Bright called the Special Meeting in accordance with Article 5, Section 5 of the AROO bylaws. It was called with at least two days' written notice per Article 5, Section 6.

In the absence of Secretary Halton, Bright stated that he is recording the meeting and offered to prepare the minutes, which will be approved by the board.

## **2. Operation of the Meeting**

Treasurer Banzer and Zaitz, prior to the meeting, had asserted that the meeting was to be run by Robert's Rules of Order, specifically pointing out that the Chair could not offer motions. Bright, in response, said that that was not true, but the meeting would be run in an orderly manner.

## **3. Purpose of the Meeting**

Bright called this meeting to discuss the future of the Northwest Classic Challenge (NWCC). There will be a vote to agree on how to proceed with the NWCC.

## **4. Events of the Past Week**

Bright recapped the sequence of events in order to level-set all board members about what took place around the return of Dennis Howell to procure sponsorship for NWCC, the dismissal of Chris Finks as

Sponsorship Chair, the meeting that took place at the Banzer residence, the resignation of Leslie Jackson as NWCC Chair, and subsequent interactions prior to the Special Meeting, including written protests about postponing the meeting until all members could be present.

## **5. Current Financial Situation for NWCC**

Vice President Davis reported that the current commitment to the host hotel Valley River Inn is \$2,250. Banzer further noted that expenditures to date have been \$1,323.73.

Banzer reported entry fees to date are \$19,600 (compared to \$25,600 for 2022 total) and \$10,500 in sponsorships to date.

## **6. Discussion**

- Banzer was not supportive after 2022 performance but was encouraged by Vintage Underground's commitment. Registration and sponsorship were low in 2022. This year is looking better. More interest is being shown this year from participants. Sports Car Market has offered an e-blast to support the NWCC.
- Davis inquired about returns from 2022 and who is new. Eklund said that the majority appear to be returning participants.
- Eklund stated we have 26 registrations at this time. Expects more entrants this month. Believe we have a good base and momentum is building. Does not see a reason at this time to cancel an event that can be successful.
- Davis said that break-even for 2023 was built around 55 paid registrations and \$20,000 in sponsorship. This was paired with a stripped-down budget. The success of NWCC is dependent on new sign-ups and we have a gap.
- Davis said that the deadline for the next step in a commitment to the Valley River Inn is early May. He also added that he is confident that the hotel will be ready.
- Banzer added that Vintage Underground and Avants are promoting the event.

- Dolphin noted we are still in a window until the next commitment increase is due to VRI. This could provide an opportunity for the committee to make progress.
- Iaboni pointed out that we are down by two chairs and asked who remains to fill those positions. Concerned about not having enough people.
- Dale supports it but is concerned about the lack of a team. Strongly wants to do it, but thinks we have to be realistic.
- Bright said that we need to be responsible for the club's funds and the volunteer crew is thin. Rallying is a shrinking event as the "old guard" ages out. Bright also commented that the dismissal of Chris Finks was very poorly handled and decisions were being made without board consultation.
- Davis asked what percentage of AROO members are benefitting from this. Only 12-13 AROO members took part, only about 5% of our membership.

## **7. Vote on 2023 of NWCC**

Dolphin moved that the NWCC Committee have until May 1st to achieve at least 50 paid registrations and \$15,000 in sponsorship in order for the event to move forward. This will allow us to avoid an increase in hotel charges. This proposal has firm targets and timelines and does not increase our financial risk.

Davis noted that we will be driving registrations and have a potential for increasing disappointment should we cancel. Davis also noted there is an open issue around dinners for Friday and Saturday nights. He will contact the hotel for clarification.

Eklund seconded the motion put forth by Dolphin.

The motion passed with a vote of 7-2.

Yeas: Banzer, Dale, Davis, Dolphin, Eklund, Halton, Zaitz

Nays: Bright, Iaboni

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## **8. Vote for the Appointment of NWCC Chair**

Banzer moved that the board appoint Paul Eklund as the Chair of the 2023 Northwest Classic Challenge. Dolphin seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 7-2.

Yeas: Banzer, Bright, Dale, Dolphin, Eklund, Halton, Zaita

Nays: Davis, laboni

laboni asked for a list of volunteers and regular updates. Eklund affirmed that he would do so.

## **9. Adjournment**

The Special Meeting was adjourned by Bright at 6:07 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Chris Bright, President.



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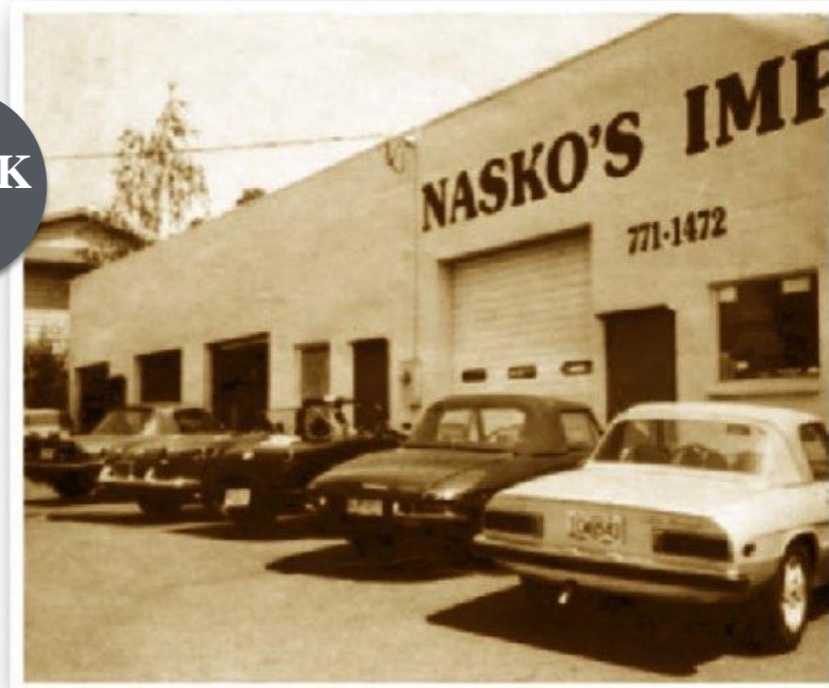
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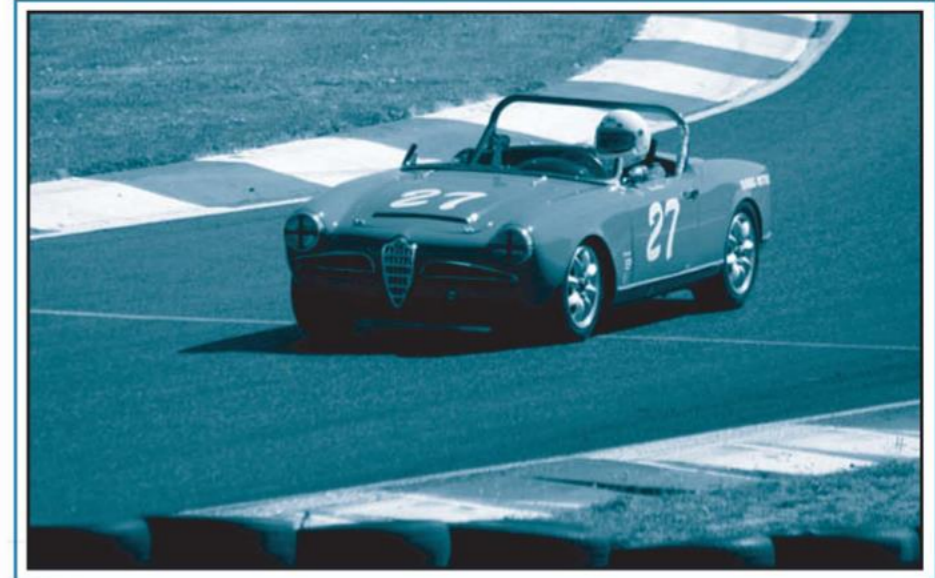
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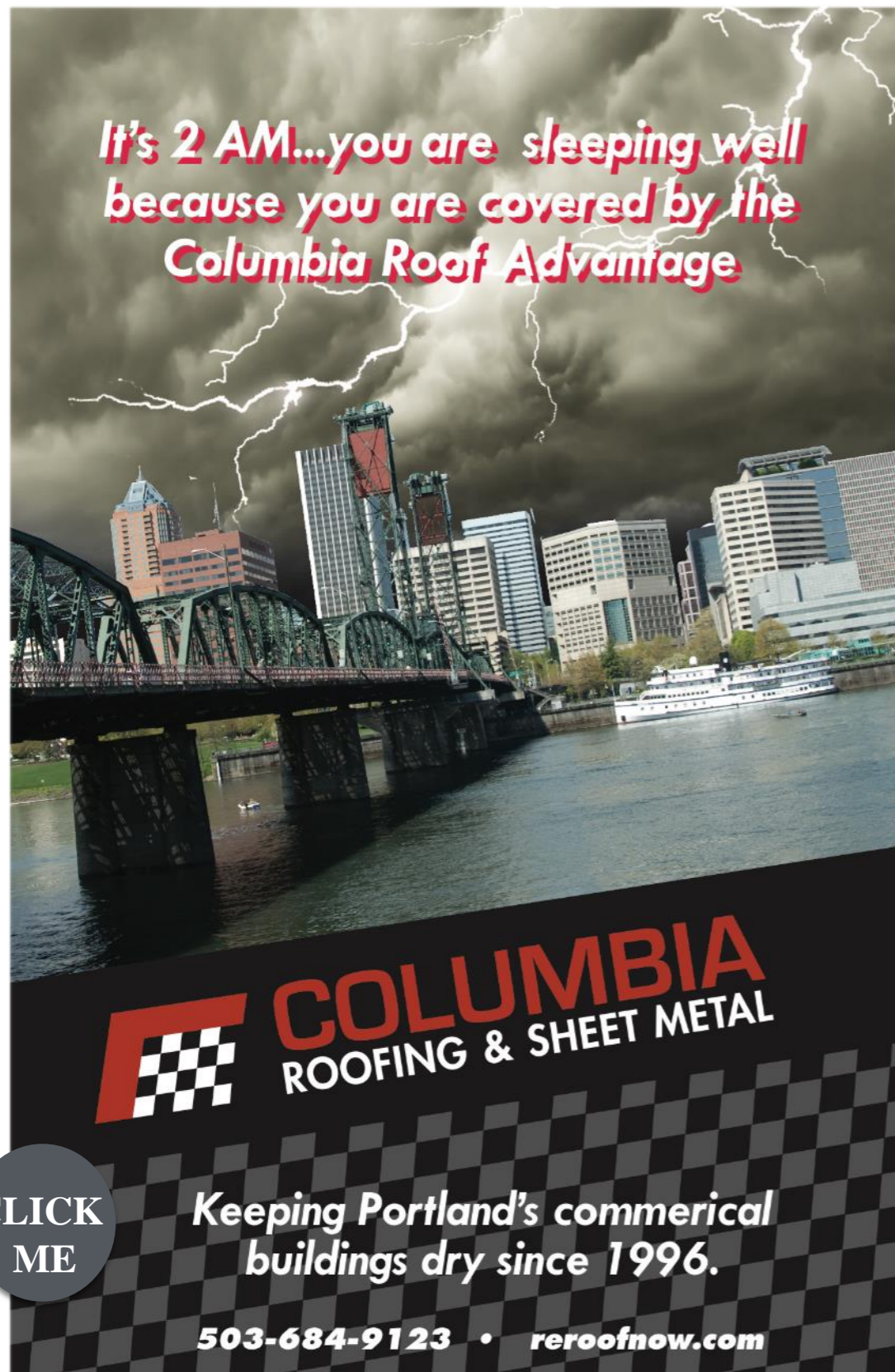
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