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VALENTINE'S DAY TOUR!



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FROM THE EDITOR

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## We are Doing Stuff!

Big shout out to Brendan Pelk for stepping up and writing about his recent barn find – a 1984 GTV6. Read all about it and the start of its restoration in this issue! I hope he continues to share his car's journey back to health.

We also had our first tour of the year and even though the freak snow and ice storm delayed it, it was a huge success.

Be sure to check out Tom McGirr's upcoming tours as well as the AROO Cup Rally – all in this month's issue.

And, my apologies for not noting the photographer of the cover shot this month – I can't seem to locate the email.

If you want to contact me my email address is [james.parker@alfaclub.org](mailto: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](http://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 [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.



## March 2021– Doug Zaitz In the Driver's Seat



Hondas aren't supposed to do this....

So, have you ever had an oil sump drain plug “back out”?

Why, you may ask ~

I hadn't, in perhaps over 750,000 miles in more than two dozen cars and 45 years of driving, until last week – while driving in a new, “reliable” car, my 2014 Honda CRZ.

What turned out to be an innocent and well-needed “potty stop” was actually a hitting of the proverbial jackpot – I didn't win any money, but I sure saved a sack-full of it!

Following last Sunday's twice-postponed Valentine's Day tour and picnic, I was driving from Portland home to Spokanistan, late on Monday. The usual boring, predictable drive, made dozens of times in the last two and a half decades, seemed no different this time.

While taking the downhill, sweeping left-hand turn into the Hatton-Coulee rest area on Hwy 395 south of Ritzville, I saw a red warning indicator flicker once on my instrument panel. Hmm – I've never seen that one before in my 155k miles of trouble-free ownership ~

I parked the car, turned the engine off and shown my flashlight on the panel, noting that it was the oil pressure light – not good when it's 7 pm, dark, cold and windy, and you're 120 miles from home out in the middle of nowhere.

I opened the hood, donned my mask, and went to see if the newly (Wilsonville dealership) changed oil filter had come loose. There was a slight smell of burning engine oil, but that seems to happen with most “professional” oil changes. No loose filter and no obvious leaks to be found. I stepped back, and looked down at my feet – I was standing in a growing pool of engine oil... In disgust I went to the restroom!

Some four hours later we are unloading it at the Spokane Honda dealership, compliments of AAA, with their unmasked tow truck driver using a non-handsfree cell phone. At least he was driving the truck speed limit for the ninety-mile trip.

I left my keys in the overnight drop box, with a message of “No oil, don't start engine!” The next afternoon I was informed that the oil plug was missing-in-action. I now think the plug had been loose, dripping oil for several hundred miles, and with the parking of the car, it finally just dropped out, onto the parking lot, dumping the remaining quart or two of oil. I took a few photos of the oil slick, and I think I can see a steel plug there. But upon my return four days later, the oil slick was drying out and if there was a plug, it was gone ~

Luckily there was no damage to the engine, as it was not operated without oil, save for the short cavitation during the left turn. The dealership checked things out, replaced filter and oil, cleaned the underside, and sold me a new oil plug for \$14.95! I was back on the road for more adventures the next day.

To be continued with more Honda adventures next month – yes, there's more to my Honda story...

AROO's first tour of the new year – twice postponed – was a resounding success! We had 15 cars and nearly 30 members and guests participate, and most stayed on for the picnic and responsible socializing at our destination park – thank you to all who joined us!

AROO Cup Rally Season is upon us! Paul and Yulia are organizing the 2021 AROO Cup Rally Series, starting in mid-March and running through mid-June. We invite you to join us in this popular series of time-speed-distance rallies. They are conducted in a non-contact manner, following all recommendations and regulations to ensure that we can play with our cars in a safe and sane manner.

Now is the time to register for the Rally School and for the first of the four AROO Cup Rallies. School is to be held on Saturday March 13th, and the Rally #1 on Sunday March 14th. We will have a Zoom-based rally school, hosted by Roger Dilts with a surprise visit planned from Fred and Lisa McNabb, followed by four rallies, one each month, written by various rally illuminati!

The March General Meeting will be a Zoom presentation on Wednesday, March 17th. We are looking at some possible presentations that other chapters have produced. Last month's presentation on transmission overhaul was well received.

If you have an interesting new project, underway or completed, let us know the details and send some photos – we'd love to share your success with other club members! James can be contacted at [James.Parker@alfaclub.org](mailto:James.Parker@alfaclub.org) or from the AROO website Contacts page.



Valentine's Day Drive!

# A Journey Back To Greatness

## 1984 Alfa Romeo GTV6

By Brendan Pelk



About a decade ago I became the proud caretaker of a 1977 Alfetta GT. I was not in the market for an Alfa at the time, but when I saw that one for sale I just had to buy it. I purchased it from the original owner and for the whole time I owned it I absolutely loved it. Eventually, I decided to sell it and ever since I have really missed owning that car. That is what brings us to the car I will be talking with you about today.

As I said above I really loved that Alfetta and always wanted to own another one. That being said, while I loved the four cylinder I really wanted to give a GTV6 a try as those were another car I had always wanted. Over the last few years I have casually had my eye out for a suitable candidate, but nothing really caught my eye. A couple months ago that all changed. I was running some errands with my wife and oddly while we were driving around I mentioned to her that I really wanted to get a GTV6 or another GT. Literally ten minutes later as we were coming out of the bakery I saw a GTV6 across the street. Crazy how the world

works. I went across the street to take a look. It had obviously been sitting for quite a while judging by its appearance, but i was able to look past all the faded paint, dust, and cobwebs to see the potential of the car that lay beneath. It took me all of a minute to make up my mind. Through some research I was able to get in contact with the seller and after some brief negotiations it was mine. I had it towed home and started the slow process of making the car great again.

At this point I have just begun the process of getting the car to where I want it to be, but I thought I would share with you all what I bought, where it is at now, and what is to come.

So the car in question is a 1984 GTV6 in Red with Black leather interior. The man that I had purchased the car from had barely owned it a year and had bought it from the original owner. The car has been very well cared for over the years. The odometer

reads just over 30000 miles so I am guessing it is more like 130, but more research is needed to verify that. The body is completely straight except for one tiny ding in the driver's quarter panel. Along with the car I received every receipt, or at least a whole lot of them, for all the work that has been done to the car over the years. Also, all of the original owners manual, epa window tag, Pirelli brochure, the Alfa accessories catalog, and other service manuals etc. that would come with a new car is there. I even have the Alfa Romeo pre delivery inspection, original dealer receipt, and best of all a handwritten thank you note from the dealer. From what I gather the car has been sitting since 05 when the previous owner (also an AROO member, yep -I have his card) purchased a newer car. Below I will list the facts about the car as I know them. Then I will go over what is needed on the car and what its current state is.

*Continued...*



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## EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:

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

## January

- 13 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 15-17 8<sup>th</sup> Annual AROC Winter Retreat (postponed to 2022)
- 20 General Meeting, Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM

## February

- 3 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 17 General Meeting, Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM
- 28 Valentines Day Tour, host Doug Zaitz

## March

- 3 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 13 AROC Cup Rally School, Zoom Video Presentation, 10 AM
- 14 AROC Cup Rally #1, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 17 General Meeting, Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM
- 28 March Tour, host Doug Zaitz

## April

- 7 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 18 AROC Cup Rally #2, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 21 General Meeting, Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM
- 24 Annual Old Spider Tour, host Keith Martin

## May

- 5 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 16 AROC Cup Rally #3, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 19 General Meeting Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM
- TBD May Tour, host Patrick Iaboni

## June

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM
- 13 AROC Cup Rally #4, Wilsonville, 9 AM
- 16 June Evening Tour, host TBA, 6 PM
- 19 Summer Solstice Tour & BBQ, hosts Steve & Tina Davis
- 25-27 Alfa Wannabe Tour to Walla Walla, host Tom McGirr

## July

- 7 Board of Directors Meeting - Not Scheduled
- 9-11 Rose Cup Races at PIR

## 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 AROC calendar [HERE](#).

17 Annual Summer Picnic and Wine Tour, host Russ Paine

18 Postponed - 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Forest Grove Concours

21 General Meeting - Not Scheduled

22-25 SVRA Portland Vintage Racing Festival at PIR

30-31 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual NW Classic Rally

## August

4 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM

18 August Evening Tour, host TBA, 6 PM

13-15 Summer Tour to John Day & Ashland, host Tom McGirr

21 Portland Yacht Club Classic Boats & Cars Show, host Chris Finks

22 Lake Oswego Heritage Car Show, host Rick Warner

TBD Shelby America Auto Club NW Track Day at PIR

## September

1 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM

5-12 AROC National Convention, Colorado Springs

15 General Meeting - Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM

25 Annual Old Super Tour, host David Beach

## October

2 Annual Giro di Coupe Tour, host Dennis Howell

6 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM

9-10 Fall Tour to Oregon Coast, host Tom McGirr

17 AROC "Dirty Rat" TSD Rally, Wilsonville, 9 AM

20 General Meeting - Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM

24 Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, host Cindy Banzer

## November

3 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM

17 General Meeting - Zoom Video Presentation, 7 PM

## December

1 Board of Directors Meeting, Zoom Video Conference, 7 PM

5 Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction, host Cindy Banzer

15 General Meeting - Not Scheduled

## Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021

**Time:** 7:09 PM - 8:03 PM

**Location:** Zoom

Present: Cindy Banzer, Chris Bright, John Clemson, Steve Davis, Sue Halton and Doug Zaitz.

Excused: Ryan Coulson, Glen Dolphin.

Absent: Chris Finks

Guest: Paul Eklund

President Doug Zaitz opened the meeting at 7:09 PM.

**1. Minutes** (Sue Halton) The January 2021 Minutes were approved as emailed.

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

A. There were very few changes from 2020.

i.) Paul and Yulia's AROO Cup Rallies were the only source of revenue.

ii.) The Holiday party gift certificates cost \$261.40.

Eleven attendees used their \$25 gift certificates.

B. The Budget for the one-day Classic Rally substitute is based on the actual budget from 2019. In that way we will have all the place holders available, though the numbers will depend on what actually happens in 2021.

C. Cindy recommended continuing to waive billing AlfaBits advertisers until the economy opens up.

i. Chris Bright suggested we waive the billing for the entire year.

ii. John Clemson suggested we notify advertisers that we are waiving their bills this year.

iii. Doug volunteered to tell the advertisers we would waive their billing when he delivered their plaques from 2019.

D. Doug accepted the budgets for AROO and the NW Classic substitute as outlined.

### **3. Past Events Report**

A. Doug thanked Chris for putting together the interesting and successful January General Membership Meeting.

### **4. Upcoming Event Report**

A. Valentine's Day Tour (Doug Zaitz)

i.) Date: Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

ii.) Participants will be asked to bring their own lunch and chairs for a picnic in a Forest Grove park following the Tour.

B. February General Membership Meeting – Rebuilding transmissions/transaxles.

C. AROO Cup Rally School (Paul Eklund/Roger Dilts) - 10:30 - 1:00, March 13<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

D. AROO Cup Rally #1 (Eklund/Smolyansky) – March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

E. March General Membership Meeting – to be determined.

F. AROO Cup Rally #2 (Eklund/Smolyansky) – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

G. April General Membership Meeting – to Chris suggested featuring Alex Haugland of Eugene. Chris will call him.

H. AROO Cup Rally #3 (Eklund/Smolyansky) – May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

I. May General Membership Meeting, May 19, 2021 - Steve Davis will present "Chapter Two" of 'Death by 1,000 Pieces'.

J. AROO Cup Rally #4 (Eklund/Smolyansky) – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

K. Summer Solstice Tour and Barbeque (Tina and Steve Davis) – June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

L. Volunteer Dinner (if needed) – October 2021

M. Holiday Party - December

N. Pending – Doug has asked the following if they would consider organizing several events:

a. Keith Martin if he would like to work with Neil d'Autremont to coordinate the 2021 Old Spider Tour.

b. Summer Picnic and Wine Tour - Russ Paine

c. August Evening Tour

d. Yacht and Car Show – Chris Finks

e. Oswego Car Show – Rick Warner

f. A local tour in place of the cancelled Canada Tour – Tom McGirr

### **5. Northwest Classic Rally Update** - Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

A. Doug plans to call an organizing meeting soon.

### **6. AlfaBits** (James Parker) – No Report

### **7. Membership Chair** (Steve Davis)

A. We have 168 members.

### **8. Calendar(s)** (Doug Zaitz)

A. Doug is close to completion of the AROO and AROC 2021 Calendars.

### **9. AROC Liaison** (Cindy Banzer)

A. The AROC Board has two new members and four returning members. They will take their positions in September at the National Convention.

B. AROC National Convention in Colorado Springs.

i.) September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> – Preconvention Tour.

ii.) September 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> -Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

Sue Halton, Board Secretary



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

### New Members!

Jimmie Metteer of Poulsbo, WA

### Member Anniversaries

- John Draneas – 1 year
- James Parker – 2 years
- Jeff Roberts – 6 years
- John McDonald – 7 years
- Terry Frederickson – 11 years
- Robert Ames – 12 years
- Cindy Banzer – 15 years
- Edward Slavin – 17 years
- Steve Goldman – 20 years
- Glenn Vanselow – 20 years
- Joe Kollmann – 21 years
- Christina Kellogg-Gratchner – 22 years
- Mike Schroedl – 25 years
- Daniel Stanton – 25 years
- Mike Yates – 26 years
- ★ Gary Powers – 32 years !
- ★★ Steve Kendall – 40 years !!
- ★★ Ron Kruger – 42 years !!
- ★★ William Richards – 45 years !!
- ★★ Mark Carpenter – 47 years !!

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

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

AROO has 168 members! Here are some nifty tidbits of information about our membership:

- Five members are in Canada
- Members by State – 147 in Oregon, 26 in Washington, 1 in Arkansas, 3 in Arizona, 3 in California, 2 in Idaho, 1 in North Carolina, 1 in Ohio, and 1 in Wyoming.

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

## Valentine's Day Drive!

By Doug Zaitz

After two unsuccessful, weather-delayed tries, AROO's Annual Valentine's Day Tour and BYO Picnic Lunch was a success! With fifteen cars, mostly Alfas – new and old – and over 25 members and guests braved the sunshine and temperate weather on Sunday, February 28th to enjoy a 66-mile, 2-hour excursion through wine country in Yamhill and Washington Counties. The destination was a lovely city park in Hillsboro, which had just opened its covered picnic shelters to the public two days before. And while the restrooms were seasonally closed, the porta-potties were acceptable. Thanks to our National First Gentleman John Kilian for driving the route twice during development, and for driving sweep during the tour.



Photo by Doug Zaitz

Bob & Puff Stevens, Fred & Lisa McNabb, Dennis Howell & Claudia Reinhart, Joe Sweeney



Photo by Doug Zaitz

Rick Martin



Photo by Doug Zaitz

New Members! Frank Felice and Janos Jeszenszky



Photos by Dennis Howell



### Valentine's Day Drive!



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*Editor's Note: Sorry! I don't know who took these photos – let me know and I'll credit you next issue!*



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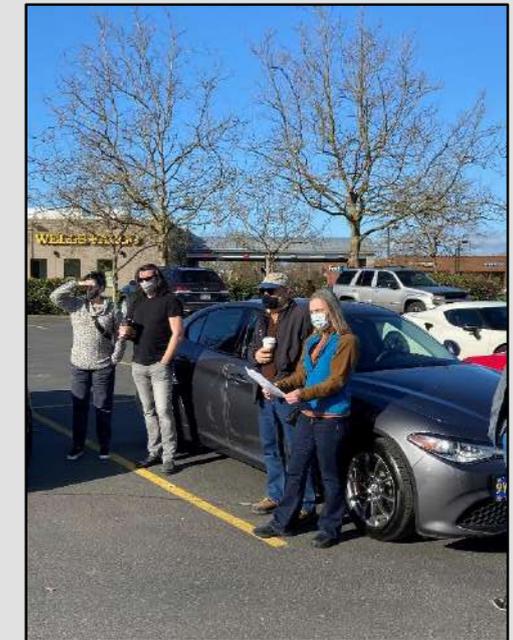


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# How to Have Fun at the NWC Rally!

By Paul Eklund, AROO Cup Rally Co-Chair

Many people like to spend a long summer weekend, cruising in their classic car on some choice roads. They hob-knob with friends they may only see a couple times a year, eat some good food, and maybe even clean their machine at a “beer wash” after a long day. Along the way, there is a rally going on with checkpoints and scores, and dash plaques and intrigue. The Northwest Classic Rally can fulfill this weekend dream and this year it is July 30-31, in the Portland Metro area.

Many people have done it for years on end. Others have considered entering, but are reluctant because the “rally portion” seems a bit daunting and the competitive side of their nature wants them to perform well.

Knowing the rules is of course key to any game, even those played in your car out on the road. Staying on course, and staying on time seems simple, but of course ends up being pretty tricky.

Enter the AROO Cup Rally School (3/13) and the AROO Cup Rally Series (3/14, 4/18, 5/16, 6/13). The school is coming up Saturday, March 13th and will be a Zoom Presentation 10:30 am. And it will teach you how to do well in the Northwest Classic Rally. And, HINT, HINT, it will be taught by the very same guy who is WRITING the Northwest Classic Rally this year (Roger Dilts).

So if you sign up for the school, I am sure you will hear important information on staying ON COURSE and staying ON TIME from the master himself. Visit [www.alfaclub.org/](http://www.alfaclub.org/) for details, under the “Activities” tab and click on the link for the “AROO Rally Cup Series”.

The next day Sunday, March 14th will be AROO Cup Rally #1 which is great practice for the NW Classic Rally and a good shakedown for your classic car. You can do either one or both, but best to shake off the cobwebs now.

Signing up for either or both is very easy – just send an email to the Rally Chairs: [paul.eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul.eklund@alfaclub.org) or [yulia.smolyansky@alfaclub.org](mailto:yulia.smolyansky@alfaclub.org) and then show up!



## School and Rally Dates!

Paul Eklund & Yulia Smolyanskyy, AROO Cup Rally Chairs

**AROO RALLY SCHOOL** Saturday March 13th, Zoom Presentation, room opens at 10:00 am, starts at 10:30 am, ends about 1:00 pm. Pre-register at [www.alfaclub.org](http://www.alfaclub.org) or email [paul eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul eklund@alfaclub.org) for details.

**1 AROO RALLY #1** Sunday March 14th, starts at southbound rest area on I-5 just south of Wilsonville (French Prairie Rest Area, at Mile Post 282) 9 am registration, meeting at 9:45 am and 10:01 am First Car Out (FCO), ends about 1 pm for lunch near Wilsonville. Rallymasters /Smolyanskyy. Easy rally, focusing on fundamentals of following the route. Pre-register at [www.alfaclub.org](http://www.alfaclub.org) or email [paul eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul eklund@alfaclub.org) for details. Cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 day of the event.

**2 AROO RALLY #2** Sunday April 18th, starts at southbound rest area on I-5 just south of Wilsonville (French Prairie Rest Area, at Mile Post 282) 9 am registration, meeting at 9:45 am and 10:01 am First Car Out (FCO), ends about 1 pm for lunch. Rallymaster Roger Dilts. Pre-register at [www.alfaclub.org](http://www.alfaclub.org) or email [paul eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul eklund@alfaclub.org) for details. Cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 cash day of the event.

**3 AROO RALLY #3** Sunday May 16th, starts at southbound rest area on I-5 just south of Wilsonville (French Prairie Rest Area, at Mile Post 282) 9 am registration, meeting at 9:45 am and 10:01 am First Car Out (FCO), ends about 1 pm for lunch. Rallymaster Simon Levear. Pre-register at [www.alfaclub.org](http://www.alfaclub.org) or email [paul eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul eklund@alfaclub.org) for details. Cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 cash/check day of the event.

**4 AROO RALLY #4** Sunday June 13th, starts at southbound rest area on I-5 just south of Wilsonville (French Prairie Rest Area, at Mile Post 282) 9 am registration, meeting at 9:45 am and 10:01 am First Car Out (FCO) ends about 1 pm for lunch. Rallymaster TBD. Pre-register at [www.alfaclub.org](http://www.alfaclub.org) or email [paul eklund@alfaclub.org](mailto:paul eklund@alfaclub.org) for details. Cost is \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 cash/check day of the event.



# Tom McGirr's Tours!

By Tom McGirr

## First up – Canadian Rockies!

Banff, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake and Hot Springs – September 9-18, 2021

This will be the Alfa Wannabe's third trip to Canada. First one featured hot spring resorts, snowcapped mountains and Prince of Wales Hotel in Alberta. In 2019, we spent a week exploring Vancouver Island. The 2020 and June 2021 scheduled trips were deferred due to Covic. With a little bit of luck, we explore Banff and Jasper National Parks and slip in a few more hot springs resorts in September of 2021!

This nine night-ten day tour will feature the beauty of the Canadian Rockies, soothing mineral waters of three different hot springs, *luxury* lakeside lodging on Lake Louise, great food and stellar scenery (and some very nice roads!). The tentative itinerary is below. You may have to copy and paste the links to see the websites.

Day 1: The trip will depart June 20th from Portland. The trip will feature back roads through the Palouse to Spokane and the Historic Davenport Hotel <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/gegak-the-historic-davenport-autograph-collection/>. This is a very classy elegant hotel that we have visited on past tours and all have really enjoyed.

Day 2: Destination is Fairmont Hot Springs Resort! <https://www.fairmonthotspots.com/hot-springs/> A leisurely 4 hour drive will get us to the resort early afternoon allowing for a long soak before dinner.



Fairmount Springs



Breakfast in Banff

Day 3: After entering Banff National park we will take in a number of 'wow' sights. Early afternoon, we will enjoy a soak in Upper Banff Hot Springs <https://www.hotspots.ca/> before checking into Irwins Mountain Resort. <https://irwainsmountaininn.com>



Irwin's Resort in Banff



Lake Louise



Lake Mailgne



Moraine Lake

Days 4-5 we stay in the famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Located in the high in the Canadian Rockies only a short distance from Banff, you will have the opportunity to enjoy high tea, explore several walking trails, paddle a canoe while you gaze at mountains and glaciers, or take the Lake Louise Tram to the top of the mountains with a good chance of seeing a grizzly bear! You may wish to join Tom and Paula as we enjoy a morning hike up Johnson Canyon, the top rated trail in the park system. One afternoon we will take chartered shuttles over to Lake Moraine and have the opportunity to enjoy perhaps even more spectacular sights. Check out the pics! Wow! <https://www.fairmont.com/lake-louise/> <https://www.fairmont.com/jasper/>

Day 6 has us heading to Jasper while we take in the many sights along the Ice Highway including mountain lakes, waterfalls, the Columbia Ice Fields, and a lot more. We stay in the Fairmont Jasper Lodge.

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# Tom McGirr's Tours!

## First up – Canadian Rockies!

Banff, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake and Hot Springs – September 9-18, 2021

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Fairmont Jasper Lodge



Johnson Canyon

Day 7: We take a leisurely scenic drive to Lake Maligne where we embark on a lake cruise taking in breathtaking views of the Canadian Rockies. We will return early afternoon to relax at the resort.

Day 8: Off to Sun Peaks near Kamloops, CA.



Sun Peaks Resort



Harrison Springs Resort

Day 9: A 5 hour drive will take us to Harrison Hot Springs Resort. We will arrive in time for a long leisurely soak before having our final dinner. Located on Lake Harrison, they have 5 different pools to enjoy.

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Day 10: Home bound we are. An informal lunch stop is planned on the way.

This will be one of those “Once in a life time” trips for most of us. The trip will not be cheap. The rooms at Lake Louise and Moraine Lake run \$950 to \$1,000 Canadian or \$713-\$790 US (but I got a group discount so got rooms down to \$610 US) but like I said, a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The only time Paula and I attempted to make it to Tea House at Lake Louise we were on a year delayed honeymoon tent camping in a park down the road. We decided to hike the trail from the main highway to Tea House. After only a mile or so, Paula slipped and broke her wrist. After surgery and a stay in the Banff Hospital, the drugs pretty much obliterated memory of the remainder of our ‘honeymoon’ trip. Hence, this trip will be special for us!

There is currently two openings (two rooms). If you are interested in joining us on a trully special trip, let me know asap.

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# Tom McGirr's Tours!

**Next – Alfa Romeo Summer Tour!**  
Central Oregon – August 13-15, 2021

I know we are ALL past ready to get in our Alfa's and DRIVE, DRIVE, DRIVE! While this tour is a way's off, you *can* put the dates on your calendar and start dreaming about the good times coming!

This will be a 3-day tour focusing on fun, twisty back roads in Central Oregon that most of us are familiar with. Departing from Silverton, we will head over Mt. Hood through Maupin, Antelope, Spray, Kimberly and down to John Day. Recommended lodging is the Best Western (that is where I have made my reservation), Dreamer's Lodge or America's Best Value Inn. I have NOT made room blocks at any of the hotels, so it is recommended you reserve a room ASAP with the ability to cancel at a later date (there are not a lot of options in John Day, and I suspect we will be competing with other car clubs). Dinner will be at 1188 Brewing Company. Paula and I ate there last summer when we did our solo Covid test drive last summer and the food was good and so was the beer!



Painted Hills



Hwy 66! Yippee!

Day two will have us heading down 395 to Lakeview for lunch, then using 140 and 66 (Greenspring's Hwy) to Ashland. Recommended lodging is Holiday Inn Express (this is where I am staying), Best Western or Ashland Hills. Dinner will be at Caldera Brewing, a very short walk from the Holiday Inn. My daughter and son-in-law own this place and I can vouch for the great food and outstanding beer!

While you can blast up I-5 on your own Sunday, if you wish to join us, we will be taking a back-road's route to Canyonville where the tour will officially end and from which we then join I-5.

Again, I suggest you make room reservations well in advance. I am not sure what will be happening in Ashland in terms of the Shakespeare festival but if it returns in full swing, lodging can be tight. As always, let me know if you are coming.

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# Tom McGirr's Tours!

## And Finally – Informal Alfa Wannabe Tour!

Sandy, Walla Walla, Spokane – June 25-27, 2021

Are you READY yet? I know I am ready for a good drive!

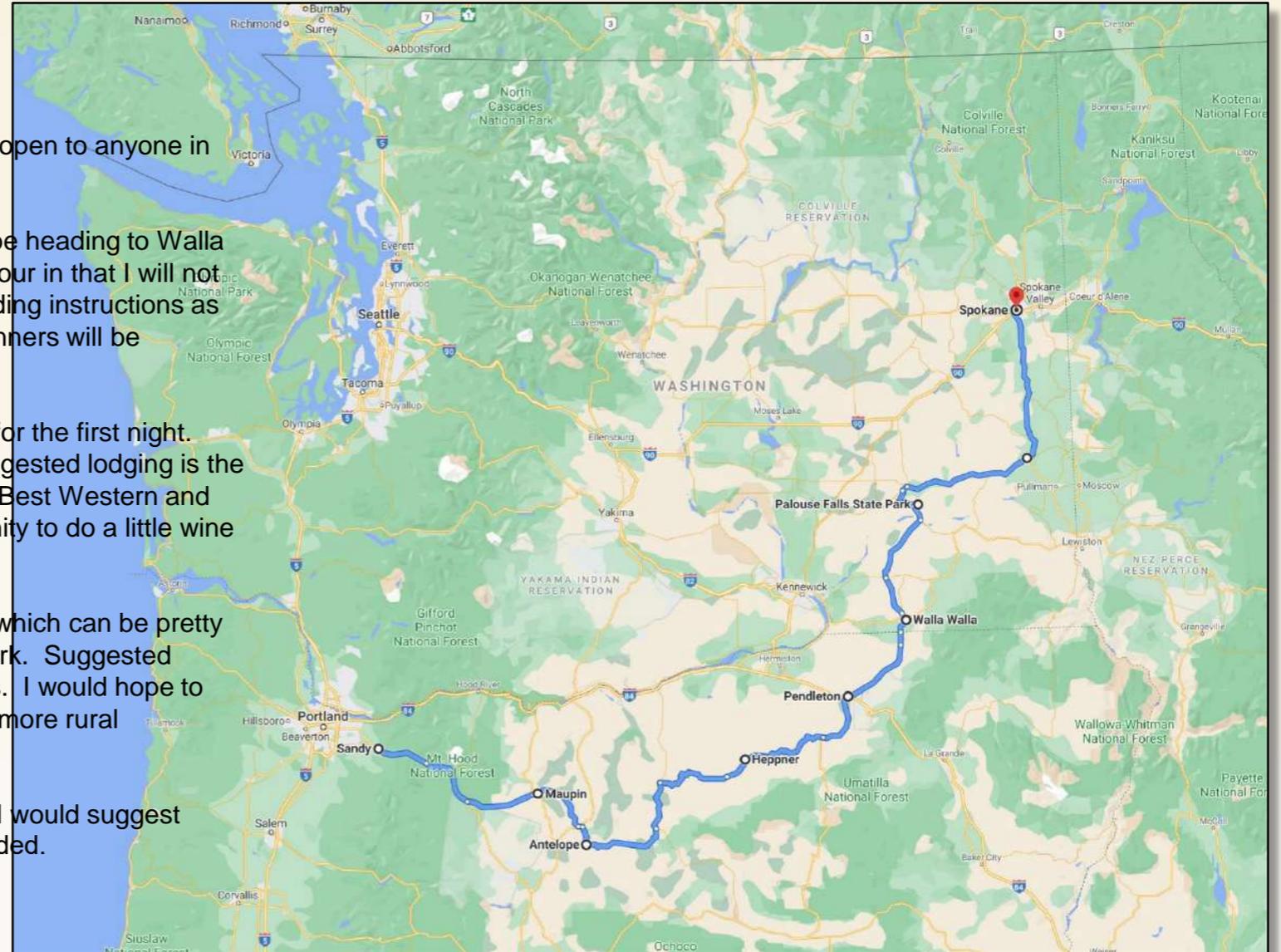
This tour is being planned on behalf of the Alfa Wannabe Car Club but is open to anyone in the Alfa Club that wishes to join us.

Assuming Covid is semi-under control and everyone is vaccinated, I will be heading to Walla Walla and Spokane via some great back roads. This will be an *informal* tour in that I will not be making formal meal and hotel arrangements. However, I will be providing instructions as well as lodging and dining suggestions. Yet to be determined if group dinners will be allowed.

This 3-day tour will depart from Sandy, Oregon and head to Walla Walla for the first night. Route will take us out to Maupin, Antelope, Heppner and Pendleton. Suggested lodging is the Marcus Whitman (we enjoy the old tower section) with alternatives being Best Western and Quality Inn which are located near the Marcus. There will be an opportunity to do a little wine tasting in several locations within walking distance of the hotel.

The next morning, we will head to Spokane with a stop at Palouse Falls, which can be pretty spectacular in June, then through Colfax and Steptoe Battlefield State Park. Suggested lodging is the *Historic* Davenport, but they have several other alternatives. I would hope to have dinner at a place overlooking Spokane Falls. The return trip will be more rural backroads ending up at Maryhill State Park near Biggs.

Let me know if you wish to join me. I have not made room blocks hence I would suggest making your reservation sooner than later...you can always cancel if needed.



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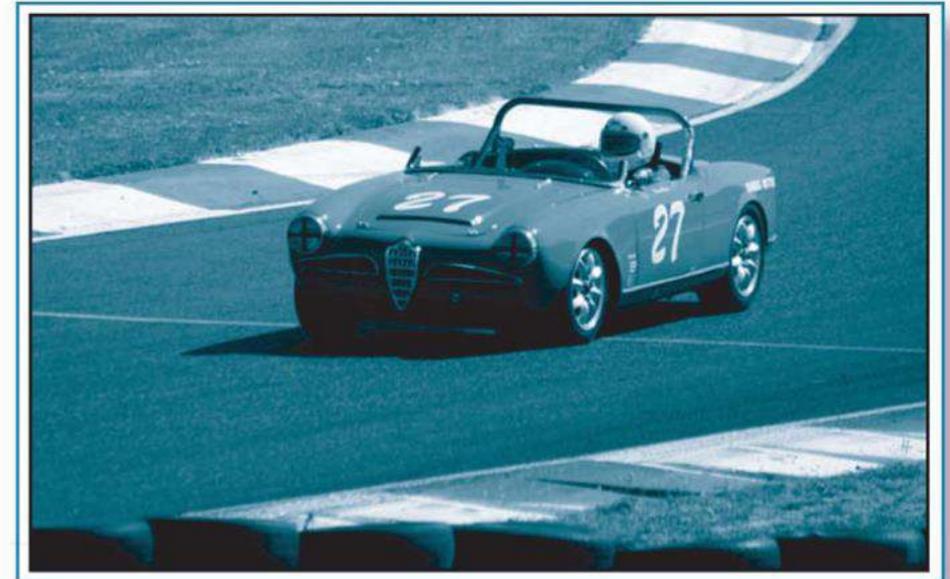
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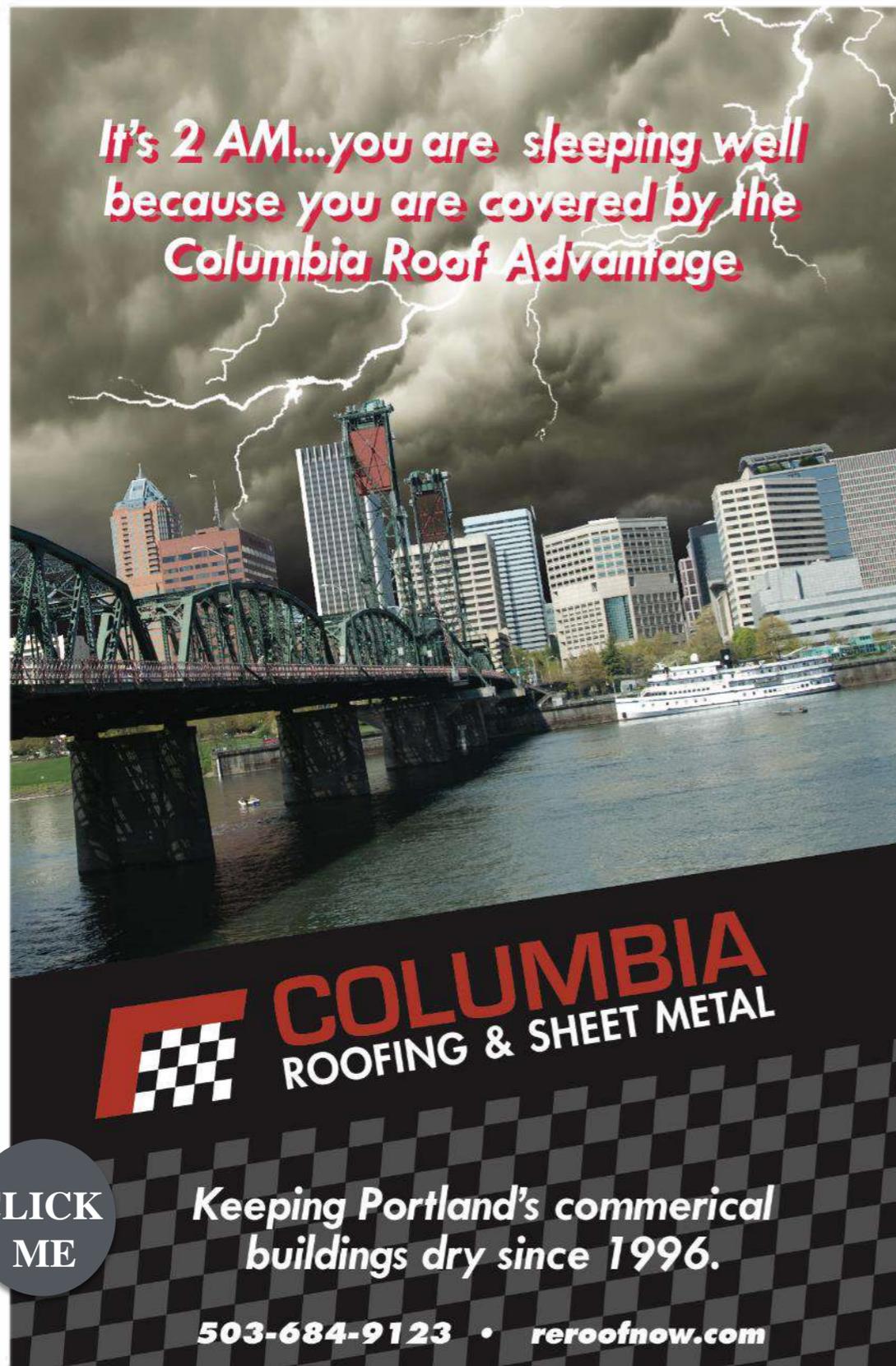
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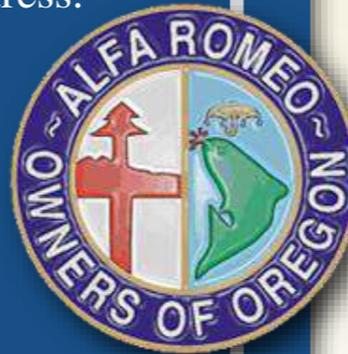
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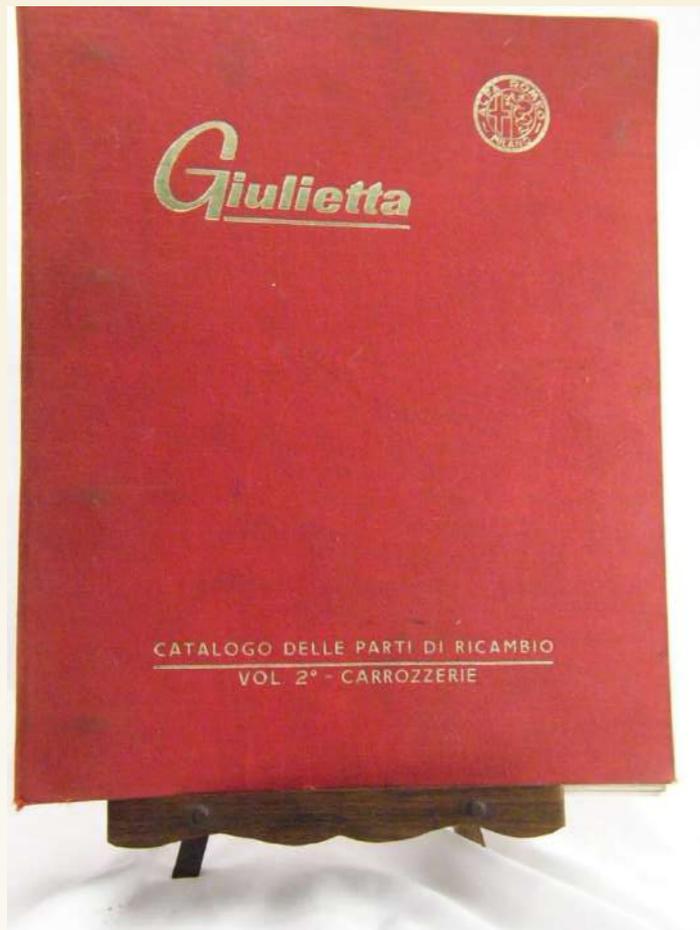
~102,000 mi, Silver exterior, Grey leather seat with Red/black interior carpet. Hard top in good condition. Soft top also in good condition (no rips/fading). Air Conditioning. I have owned it since about 2000. It has always been garaged. All maintenance was done by Veloce Motors (Dan Summers). I lived 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**

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### 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

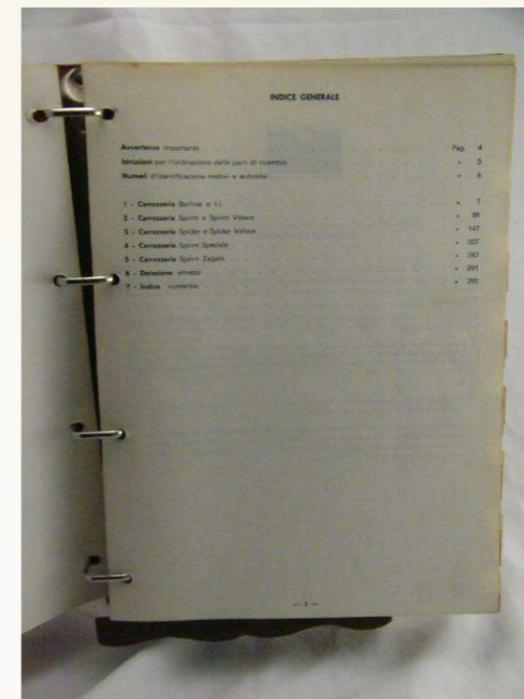


Selling an original dated 1964 factory-issued Alfa Romeo Giulietta parts catalog, printed in Italian. It is four-ring binder format in excellent condition. The cloth binding is intact with only a very slight wear on the corners. All pages are intact, with no oil or coffee smudges.

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## 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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## Used 1978 & 1984 Alfa Spider Parts

### 1978

- Car Body - Front & Rear End
- Doors/Hood/Trunk
- Windshield (small chip)
- Seats
- Sway Bars - Front & Rear
- Center Console
- Heater Core (2)
- All Exterior Chrome
- Radiator (2)
- Exhaust Manifold
- Fan Shroud
- Front/Side/Rear Lights
- Brake Master Cylinder (2)
- Clutch Master Cylinder
- Brake Booster Unit (3) with brake/clutch pedals
- Tachometer in Housing - Jaeger
- Water Temp Gauge
- Convertible Top Frame
- Dashboard (black)

### Misc.

- Set of 4 - Wheel Rims - Duetto/GTV
- Roll Bar

### 1984

- 2.0 L Engine & Transmission 61,000 miles, needs new cams
- Bosch Fuel Injection System EC Units (2), intake manifold
- Doors/Hood/ Trunk
- Windshield - No cracks, Radio wire antenna model
- Hard Top
- Seats
- Seat belts
- Complete Wiring Harness - Front
- Convertible Top snap-on cover
- Color Wiring Diagram - 2ft x 3ft
- Misc. Interior plastic pieces
- Front/Rear Lights
- Wheel Jack
- Exhaust Manifold
- Speedometer - Jaeger -
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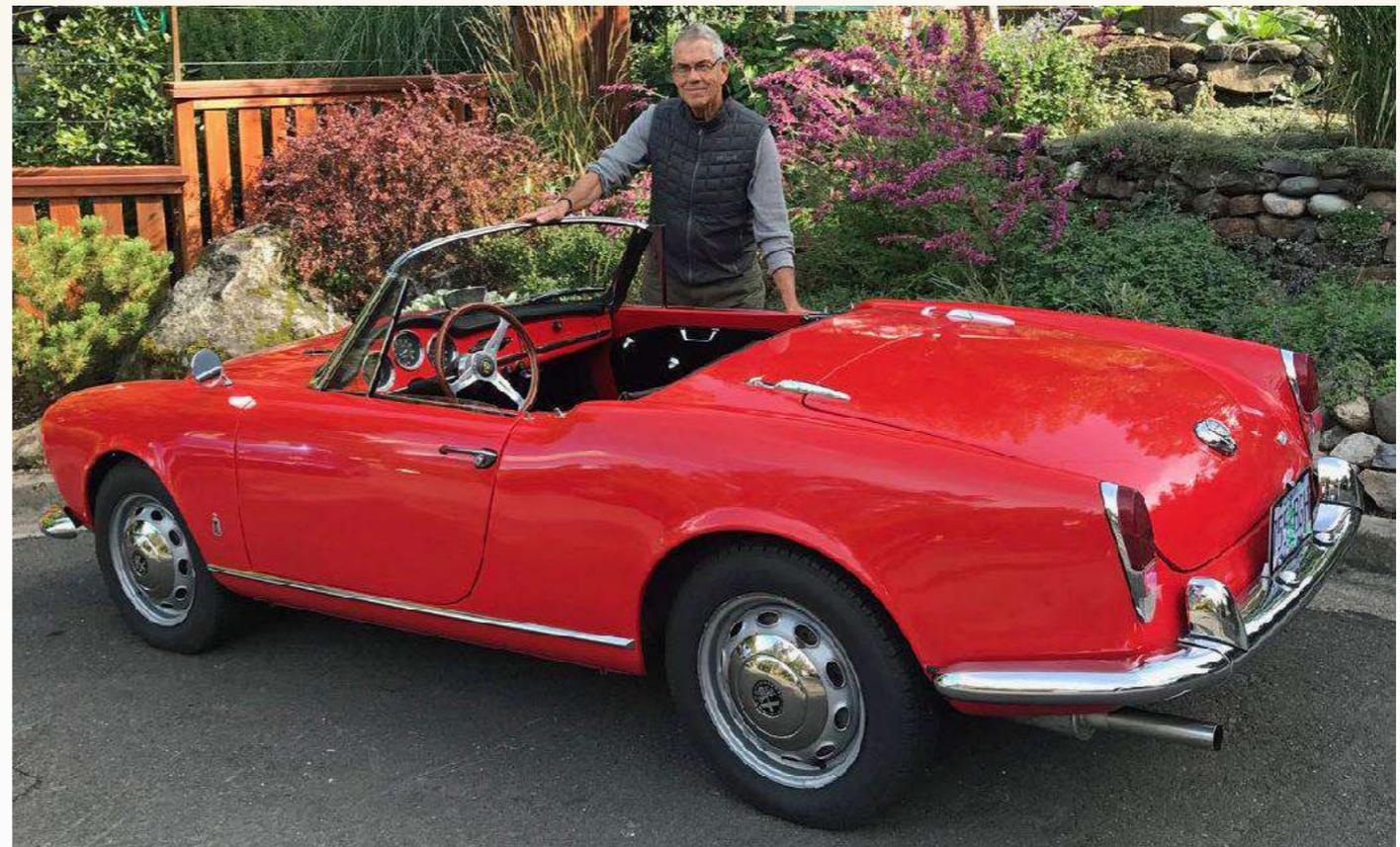
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## 1965 Giulia Spider



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. 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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