

# 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! 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.

For those that are unfamiliar with the Alfa Wannabe Car Club, it originated from a Rotary Tour I did to Crater Lake many moons ago. Being a 'social event,' there was a menagerie of vehicles including a van and an old Buick! At the end of the trip, the true sportscar owners asked me to put on another tour the following year, but JUST for sportscars. That was well over 20 years ago and we are still going strong. I have always opened up these tours to the Alfa Club as long as everyone knows the tour speed is a *little* faster paced than traditional Alfa tours. With all my tours, there are stretch breaks every hour which allow everyone to easily catch up.

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 to 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 so I can put you on the tour mailing list. I have not made room blocks hence I would suggest making your reservation sooner than later...you can always cancel if needed.

