

Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente!

(taken from the August 2010 Alfacionada)

Putting a month of writer's block behind me, refreshing my vocabulary and gathering the appropriate energy, I will write 2 articles this month. Two of my 3 favorite topics are "all things AROSC" and "all things Petersen Museum" which I will cover in this issue. Time next month to regale about the wonderful time we will have had at the upcoming Monterey August weekend and my 3rd favorite thing, the "High Performance Driving Education" adventure which will be upon us in Mid October.

Lots of thanks are due for a wonderful July: Thanks to Jim and Elyse Barrett for organizing our 2nd annual Alfapalooza gathering on the Long Beach "Rainbow Harbor" pier hosted by the amiable John Sangmeister at Gladstone's Restaurant. As has become more than typical at our gatherings, the weather was superb and (as judged by the pics enclosed) the turnout was spectacular. In addition to running a busy establishment, John still managed time to go overboard (figuratively) with attentiveness to please everyone. Next year will be another history making event for Alfapalooza as Neville Crichton will be back to set a new Trans Pacific record by sailing his new Alfa Romeo from Long Beach to Hawaii in less than 5 days.

More than thanks to Phyllis Gaylard for hosting another great summer party. Food plentiful, ripe peaches plentiful, friends plentiful and weather magnificent. It's not an easy task to set up and host 40 to 50 people and Phyllis manages it with grace and warm hospitality.

Two weeks after returning from the Monterey Historic Weekend we will be gathering in the parking lot of the Petersen Automotive museum for our annual visit.

September will be mostly peaceful for us as we don't gather again until September 25th, when we will be the hosted Marque at Ford / Mazda Premier Auto "Cars and Coffee". That just starts the day. After "Cars and Coffee" is over, around 10:AM latest, we have been invited for brunch at the home of Chuck and Jan Cline. **RSVP IS REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 18th**, At 1:00 PM we are invited to the Gen William Lyon's collection in Coto de Casa . This collection is rarely open to public view and attendance is severely restricted. There are a few spots open and RSVPs will be listed in order received. We will be overbooked, but in the event of cancellations, selection will be made by date and time the RSVP's were made. Email to normanev@msn.com.

Wine tour planning has begun. We will base out of the Best Western "Peasoup Anderson" in Buellton and tour Los Olivos. The weekend is the 9th & 10th of October. The following weekend is High Performance Driver Education, Time Trials and Races at Willow Springs. A wonderful time of the year for the High Desert.

Keep the wheels side down

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