

Mostly Ramblings of Il Presidente

(taken from the May 2010 Alfacionada)

Our thanks to Fred and Tina Firschein for their creation of what should become a new annual event – a Chili Cook-off and family picnic. A wonderful turnout, some great and nearly great Chili, good Southern California weather, and a lovely venue for Alfisti, their families and pets. No prizes for the Silverman's but my grandson, who helped with the cooking managed 3 helpings before his papa fell ill.

On May 22nd, we will gather once again for a wine tasting and General Meeting at the Agua Dolce Winery. The winery will graciously let all AROSC members purchase wine at their club prices. Unfortunately, or not, Vincenzos' Pizzeria has closed and we will have to put our collective skills together and prepare our own individual picnics. If time and weather permits, we may take a brisk drive down Agua Dolce Canyon road and take in a bit of the geologic splendor of the Vasquez Rocks up-thrust.

The first weekend in June will be a challenge for this old guy as I try to compete in the Enduro Race at Buttonwillow on the 5th and get home that evening so we can ready the Spider for one of the nicest outings of the year – The Huntington Beach Concours Elegance on Sunday the 6th. We, AROSC, in addition to a multitude of awards from the HB Concours Judging, will be having our first official club Concorso of the year.

We're starting to shift into summer gear as the Spring Tour is almost upon us - June 19th & 20th, which is officially still spring. Though advised to RSVP by June 1st, I would suggest, based on good rumors, that earlier is better.

If any members are planning on attending the National Convention celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Alfa Romeo June 23rd to 27th, we would truly appreciate a first hand accounting of the event with photos for the July issue of Alfacionada.

We are prepped for our second annual Alfapalooza by Gladstones on the Long Beach Pier July 17th. This will be a great warm up for next year's return of Alfa II and its attempt at a new Trans Pacific record. Alfapalooza will be followed the next weekend with the AROSC summer party at Casa Gaylard within range of Huntington Beach's soft ocean breezes. This is a better than average 'Pot Luck' luncheon and it is advisable to RSVP to Phyllis Gaylard as early as possible so she can arrange for adequate tables and chairs. It would also be nice if you would advise her of what you're planning on bringing so we don't wind up with 40 or 50 asparagus quiches.

Time to start prepping for the Braille Rallye 2010 on Saturday August 7th. If you've never participate, it is the epitome of a feel-good day. This is a TSD Rallye, run by standard Rallye check points and timing, but your navigator will be a Braille or Large Print reader. They usually need 60 drivers and if you have any questions please contact Pat West at nseandwest@verizon.net. This is a true gift – you the driver giving the navigator an extraordinary life experience, while having one yourself.

Mark your calendars:

Dana Point Concours d'Elegance June 27th featuring Alfa Romeo Corral.

Summer Party at Casa Gaylard on July 25th.

Braille Rally August 7th

Monterey Historic, August 12th -15th featuring:

- **AROSC Annual Monterey Dinner** on the 12th (RSVP normanev@man.com)
- “Back to Concorso Italiano” with a **feature presentation from Alfa Romeo Factory** on August 13th and the
- **Historic Races honoring Dan Gurney** at Laguna Seca, August 14th -15th.

Alfa Romeo Anniversary Celebration at Ford / Mazda Cars & Coffee, Irvine on September 25th, followed by a **Visit to the Lyon Classic Car Collection**, 1-3 pm, Coto de Caza

2nd AROSC Concours, Paramount Ranch October 3rd

Wine Tour October 9th -10th

Keep the wheels side down

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