

Homecoming at Willow Springs

Jubilee Weekend is Sept. 8-9 – You Are Invited!

On August 6, 1972, 32 entrants presented themselves and their shiny Alfas to the small drag strip raceway pre-grid at Orange County Raceway in Irvine, California. Twenty-seven male and five female drivers paid their \$20 entry fee. And so began Alfa Romeo Club Time Trials in Southern California.

On the weekend of September 8-9, 2012 we are gathering at Willow Springs Raceway to celebrate 40 years of race track competition at our regular race and time trial weekend. This has turned into a homecoming for former AROSC racers and the race enthusiasts of the Club are looking forward to a little nostalgia and a lot of great competition.

Special to this celebratory meeting will be the Alfa Cup Race and Time Trial. At press time we have more than 20 Alfa owners planning to race. More will time-trial. Alfisti from as far away as Washington state, Wisconsin and New Mexico will be there. You can be among them! OK, so you don't race your Alfa. Why drive way out in the desert, in the summer? Here are some reasons:

- See Alfa Romeos that are race prepared. See them race. We will have an Alfa Romeo paddock where you can look, hear and smell real race Alfas.
- Alfa Romeo corral parking area for all us other non-race car Alfas. • At lunch time all Alfa Romeos are welcome to do some laps on the track, with supervision.
- Saturday night at our host hotel we will have a banquet with some of the people from “back in the day” who started this whole thing in SoCal

OK, so now you want to come out. What are the details?

Willow Springs Raceway is in Rosamond, about 60 miles from where the I5/14 freeways meet. Take the 14 Fwy out past Lancaster, about 55 miles, to Rosamond Blvd. Head west about five miles. You can't miss the track. The track will take about \$10 from you and have you sign a release form. Drive right in and look for all the Alfas and find a space to park your Alfa.

If you just want to observe and enjoy, come out at any time. Saturday would be the best day. Early is better. But Sunday we will be racing all day.

If you want to drive your Alfa on the track at lunchtime Saturday, you **MUST** be at the track by 11AM. We will take another \$10 from you (racing is not cheap), register you, give you a wristband, and conduct a short class. Then at noon we will be on the track for about 30 hot minutes! Sorry no passengers. You do not need a helmet or a rollbar, spiders are OK. All Alfas are welcome.

The track has pretty good burgers, sandwiches and cold drinks in an air conditioned café. It will probably be a little warm/hot, so a picnic lunch may not be the best thing to bring along. But a cooler of water or drinks, a big hat and sunblock will make your day nicer.



Did I mention that it will probably be HOT at the track? Dogs and young children are not advised as you are walking around live pits with loud race cars buzzing around.

Saturday night we will have a banquet at The Palmdale Hotel. Kick back, have some dinner with us, and listen to some good stories. The details of “back in the day” have had 40 years of embellishment. It will be a colorful end to a fabulous day.

If you want to make it a whole weekend, book a room at The Palmdale Hotel, 14 Fwy at Palmdale Blvd. Call the hotel directly at 661-273-1200. Let them know you are with the Alfa Club. Our rate is \$69 a night for a single, a little more for a double; breakfast included. Go to their website to see how nice the place looks. We have a block of rooms till August 24 so book your room NOW.

Then Sunday morning you could drive back to the track (no additional fees required) and catch the next run sessions. Or you can take a long drive back home over your favorite routes and roads.

See you at the track!

*– Paul Blankenship,
AROSC 40th Anniversary Chair*

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