

# FROM THE TOP ... *the Word from Il Presidente*

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Production of the Alfa Romeo 4C is scheduled to start in May and it is starting to look like the 4C might actually be coming to the U.S. for real. The price for the Launch Edition is 60,000 Euros (that's \$78,000 US). Plenty of performance is on tap with a direct-injected turbocharged 1750 cc engine making 240 hp in a lightweight chassis. Then again, there's a rumor that Fiat might sell Alfa Romeo to Audi. Who knows?

This issue of *Alfacionada* is going to press as we take off on the Spring Day Drive, so the most I can promise is plenty of pictures in the June issue. Chris and I are leaving the Alfas at home and looking forward to a chance to let our MR-2 stretch its legs. We will let you know how it turns out!



*Il Presidente Mike and First Lady Chris*

Our next event is the Spaghetti Cookoff and Pool Party at the home of Susan and Erwin Perl. This event is a new challenge to all the cooks in the group. My secret ingredient will be a red sauce featuring home-grown tomatoes. I don't expect to win, the competition is just too stiff, but it should prove to be great fun and good eating. See event details elsewhere in this newsletter and note that the date has been changed to Saturday, May 18, so mark your calendar, again.

Our get-well wishes go out to Ken Sizemore who managed to literally "break a leg" during a recent power outage. He is at home and recovering nicely with the constant attention of his wife, Dicie, and their loving cats. Ken and Dicie are excellent photographers; you've seen their work frequently in the *Alfacionada*. Get well soon, Ken!

June, 'tis the season for car shows, and we have car shows aplenty. June 2 is the Huntington Beach Concours and our first Club Concours of the year. This is a very enjoyable event in a wonderful venue. Bring chairs and a picnic lunch. Then, after you have checked out the cars and vintage motorcycles, set up under the trees and stretch out.

Exactly one week later is the San Marino Motor Classic on June 9. This is a new event for us. Alfa Romeo is the featured marque, and longtime member Jerry Rosenstock has arranged for an Alfa Corral. I've never been to Lacy Park in San Marino, but Chris assures me that it is a wonderful place for a concours and quite beautiful.

Alfapalooza is off the calendar. We all need a little time to catch our breath before heading up to Sonoma for the Convention.

“Remember, if the women don’t find you handsome, they should at least find you handy. And don’t forget the duct tape, the handyman’s secret weapon.”

– *Mike & Chris*