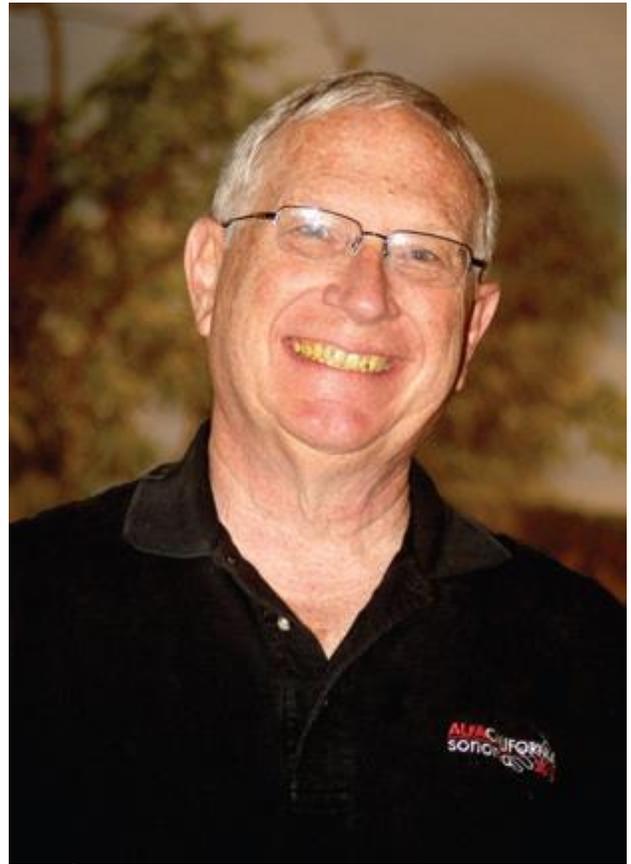


FROM THE TOP ... *the Word from Il Presidente*

(taken from the July 2015 *Alfacionada*)

We took the Sprint to the Highway Earth Classic Car Show at Franklin Canyon Park in Beverly Hills. Fortunately, we caught up to Chuck Forward and Tina Van Curen in their Giulia Super just in time to follow them through the hard-to-see turn onto Franklin Canyon Drive. The bustle of Coldwater Canyon slipped away as we headed downhill into the oak tree groves. This was a Club event and concours creator Evan Klein had arranged it so all the Alfas could park together. We ended up with 20 Alfas, actually 21, if you count the Alfa-powered Opel GT and a couple of Alfa owners we had not met before. The ladies set up in the shade under the trees, while Jeff and I, Norm and Jim, and Jay and Chuck (the three concours judging teams) set about giving each Alfa a close inspection. The concours results and a good sampling of pictures are in this issue, starting on page 12. Many more event pictures are posted at highwayearth.com. Many thanks to Evan, who also parked his Spider with our group. Next year I will try to find time to hike around the reservoir. Actually, reservoir is a bit of a misnomer – we drove around it at the end of the day and it looks more like a large pond, complete with cattails.



Il Prez, in his new Official Portrait by Ken Sizemore

Just about the time you receive your print version of *Alfacionada*, we will be heading out on the July 11th Ventura County Day Drive and Wine Tasting, which will end at our house in Camarillo. We've picked three great wineries, finalized the route, rented some tables and chairs and already have 25 people signed up. About 10 are staying overnight and most, if not all, will visit Herzog Winery on Sunday (they are closed Saturdays). Hopefully, you are already signed up.

Auctions America is holding an auction in Santa Monica on July 17- 18. I wouldn't give them a free plug, but there will be an unusually large number of Alfas on the block. Check out www.auctionsamerica.com/events/overview.cfm?SaleCode=CA15 and be sure to click on The Dioguardi Collection. A weekend pass is \$20 and you can get a free day pass at www.auctionsamerica.com/coupon/California/Admission%20Single%20Day.

August 2nd is the Summer Party hosted by Chuck and Jan Cline. This event draws a large turnout, including a number of seldom-seen members, and features relatively cool weather, a covered patio, a big

back yard and a hostess who is an excellent cook. We are planning on a parts and white elephant auction again this year, so take a look around the garage and find something to bring. I might mention that we will be auctioning off a pair of fairly nice 1967 GTV seats. Don't tell the GTV guys, but back in the day they were a popular retrofit into Giuliettas!

The Monterey Historics are August 12-17. I remember when the Historics and Pebble Beach were the only two events happening that week. However, in the last few years Chris and I have done everything except those events. Concorso Italiano on Saturday seems to be the main destination for Alfa people these days. We are big fans of the Little Car Show on Wednesday and I am a big fan of the Concours d'LeMons on Saturday. See page 19 for info on how to sign up for our traditional AROSC Loose Noodle dinner. And of course, there are several noteworthy auctions these days. Check for more info on the ARA's website, www.alfaromeoassociation.org . If you don't have a room yet, you might have a chance to secure one of those reserved by ARA in Salinas (info also [here](#)).

Last year, a few of us opted for a less-crowded, less-expensive alternative and went down to San Diego for the Coronado Speed Festival. This year it is September 19-20 and we have made it a Club event. If walking isn't your thing, the car club parking is right behind the grandstands. If you are up for more of a hike, the paddock area and various military exhibits are all well worthwhile. We will be staying at the same hotel as last year and will be going to dinner together ([details here](#)). Chris and I had a great time last year and hope you all can make it.

Even though October seems far off into the future, we have two activity date changes for this month and have revised our downloadable calendar on the website. Please note that the Bruce Meyer Collection tour is now Sunday, October 11 and our visit to the Vista Antique Gas and Steam Museum's fall meet is now Saturday, October 24. "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