

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

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The AROSC outdid itself in October. We had a concorso, a wine country day drive, and an unofficial event at Huntington Beach High School. Don't know how our Editors are going to fit everything in this issue, but read and enjoy.

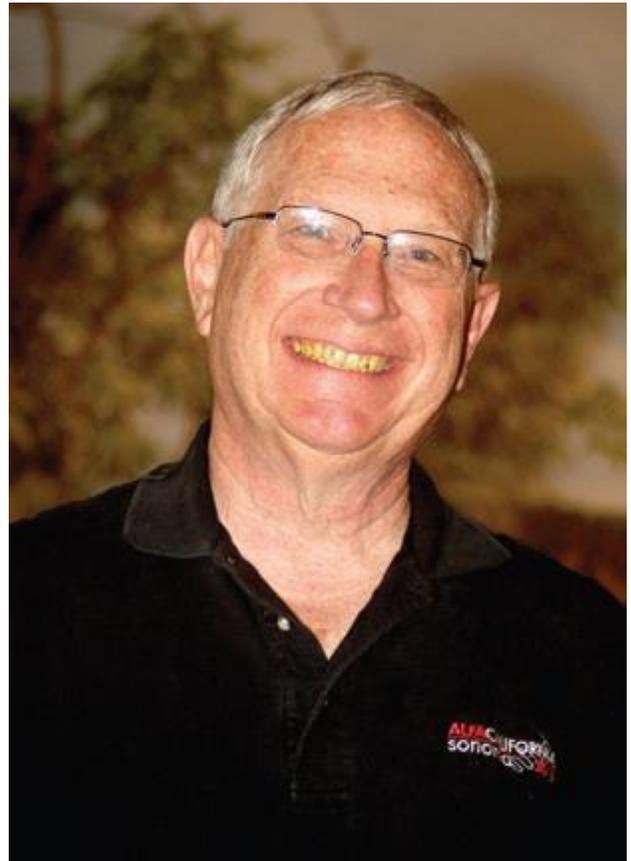
The Sprint was supposed to go to the concorso at the Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo, but it spit and sputtered so badly going up the Camarillo grade, that I turned around and drove it home. Later I checked the fuel flow to the carb and found it was sadly lacking. A new fuel filter did not solve the problem, so I ordered a new fuel pump. The old pump did all the right things except it just wouldn't put out a respectable volume anymore. I suspect there was a rubber diaphragm inside that had stiffened up over the years. I haven't been up the grade yet, but the new fuel pump is installed and everything looks good.

Chris and I got back from a lovely two-week cruise the night before the Best of France and Italy. We told everyone we would be jet lagged and wouldn't make it, but I woke up bright-eyed at 4AM and started thinking of going, and by 9AM I was clearly overdue for a nap. I understand lots and lots of Alfas were there and the factory brought a Giulia sedan. This is also the prime event for attracting new members.

Our Spider is back together, but is not running properly. It will start and run, but it will not idle. It doesn't sound like a mechanical problem. Some quick checking showed very low fuel level in the rear carb. Not a big deal, but packing for the cruise became our top priority.

Elections are over. We were able to recruit John Britton, or rather, John Britton graciously volunteered to run for office in 2017. Since we only had nine names on the ballot, it is no surprise that all nine candidates were elected. Our 2017 planning meeting was November 20, and we will be able to publish our calendar of events in the next issue of *Alfacionada*. For future reference, know that all members are welcome to attend this working meeting. Come if you would like to see how we put our annual calendar together, suggest an event, or give us your two cents' worth.

Have you marked your calendar for the Holiday Party on December 10th? It will again be hosted by MJ and Sheila Kutkus. Those who have been before know they have a lovely area out back, not to mention



Il Prez, in his new Official Portrait by Ken Sizemore

MJ does a great barbeque and Sheila is the world champion of raffle managers with plenty of fun prizes to hand out. If you have never been, you really should come and see what you are missing. This is a potluck of sides and desserts, so be sure and RSVP.

The Competition group has rented Laguna Seca at year-end, and a few of us non-racers have decided to go up and join them for the New Year's celebration. We'll watch them race at the most famous race track in the West, do a few parade laps at lunch, and party with them afterwards. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Laurel Inn in Salinas. I know it's a long drive, but it should be worth it.

Also, see the flyer on page 16 for our Annual Meeting in January. This is where we present our year-end concorso and race trophies. As a result, this luncheon is well attended by both concorso and race people. Who wins the overall trophy? Why, people who do both of course! Come and make some new friends. Who knows, you might catch the bug and want to sign up for a driver's school.

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